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FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2014

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PART A - ACTION

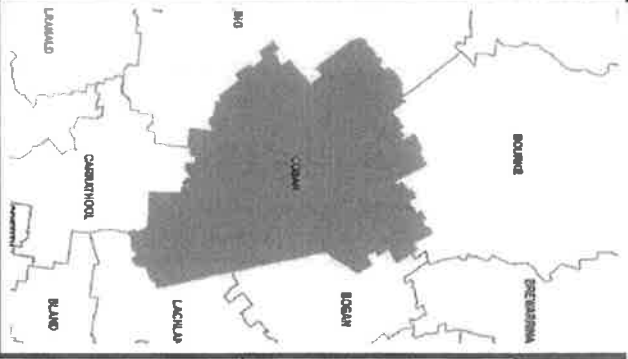
Report 1A – Comparative Information on NSW Councils 2012/201317-18

PART B – INFORMATION

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Strengthening Local Government

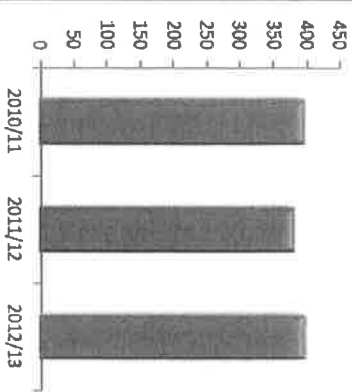
Cobar Shire Council



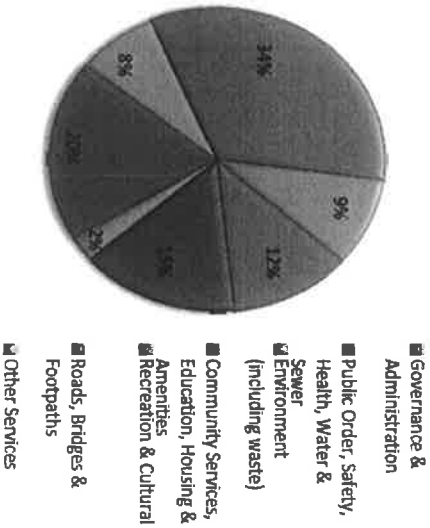
Cobar Shire has an area of approximately 45,604.8 km² with a population of 4,800. Located at the crossroads of the Barrier Highway, Kdman Way and the Wool Track. The Shire is reliant on mining and pastoral industries and is a stop over point for tourists with a strong manufacturing and trades base.

	LGA	Group Avg	Your Council	LGA	Group Avg
Your Local Population					
Five year population change (%)	-2.8	1.7	Councillors (No.)	12	9
Population aged 19 or less (%)	28.5	25.9	Population per Councillor (No.)	408	835
Population aged between 20 & 59 (%)	54.6	47.4	Equivalent Full Time Staff (EFT) (No.)	131	108
Population aged above 60 (%)	16.9	26.7	2012/13 Revenue (\$'000)	24,065	23,296
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders (%)	12.9	7.9	2012/13 Expenses (\$'000)	23,557	22,483
Language Spoken Other than English (%)	3.2	2.6	Residential Pensioner Rebates (%)	13	25
Socio-Economic Index Rank (1 low, 152 high)	60	n/a	Population Density (residents per km ²)	0.11	1.80
Your Local Economy			Your Public Facilities		
SALM Unemployment Rate (%)	3.3	5.5	Public Swimming Pool Complexes (incl rock pools) (No.)	1	2
Avg Taxable Income (\$)	47,349	34,729	Public Halls (No.)	4	7
Avg Household Family Size (No.)	3.0	2.9	Public Libraries (No.)	3	2
Largest Industry Employer	Mining		Open Public Space (ha)	121	151
Value of DAs determined (\$'000)	4,182	10,612	Total Road Length (km)	2,320.0	1606.1
Active Businesses in LGA (No.)	413	851	Access to Internet at Home (%)	62.2	61.4

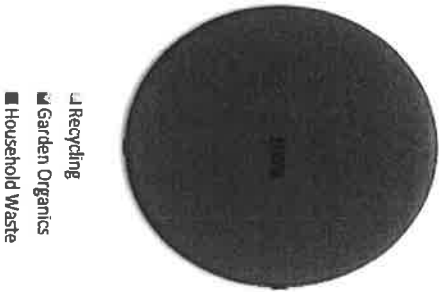
Average Residential Ordinary Rates



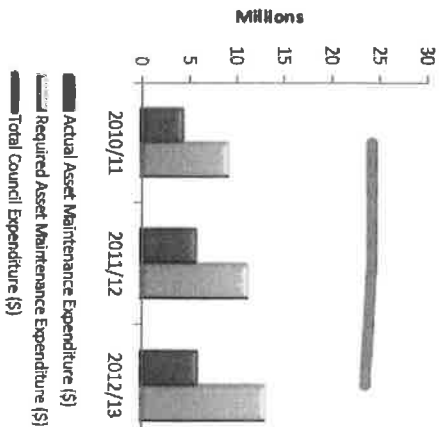
Expenditure on Services



Council's Waste Services



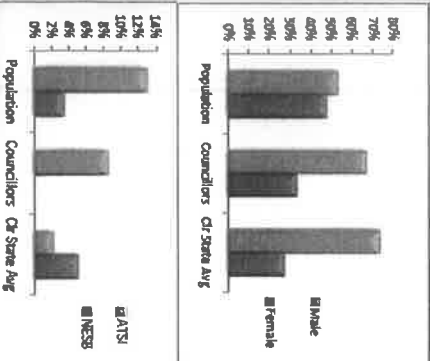
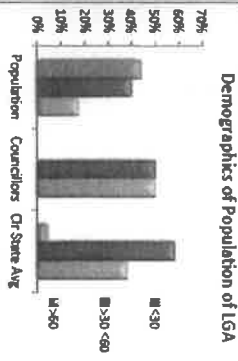
Council's Spending on Assets



In 2013 TCorp assessed your Council's current Financial Sustainability Rating as Weak with a Negative outlook.

In 2013 the Infrastructure Audit assessed Council's infrastructure management to be Very Weak.

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Your Council's Finances	LGA	Group Avg
Avg Ordinary Residential Rate (\$)	396.78	516.82
Avg Ordinary Business Rate (\$)	906.90	1,196.86
Avg Ordinary/Farmland Rate (\$)	1,203.98	2,257.70
Avg Ordinary Mining Rate (\$)	41,038.46	89,571.68
Total Land Value / Total Rate Revenue (\$)	61.95	179.29
Typical Residential Water and Sewer Bill (including usage) (\$)	960	1,067
Avg Domestic Waste Charge (\$)	229.87	270.75
Own Source Revenue (%) (TCorp Benchmark 60%)	54	49
Grants & Contributions Revenue (%)	45	44
Operating Performance Ratio (%) (TCorp Benchmark > -4.0%)	-4.7	-6.8
Unrestricted Current Ratio	2.4	5.1
Outstanding Rates & Annual Charges (%)	3.9	9.2
Debt Service Cover Ratio (TCorp Benchmark > 2.0)	9.3	26.5
Cash Expense Cover Ratio (Mths) (TCorp Benchmark > 3 mths)	4.4	6.3

Your Council's Services	LGA	Group Avg
Governance & Administration Expenditure per capita (\$)	545.71	416.68
Environmental Expenditure (including waste) per capita	117.35	218.44
Water & Sewer Services Expenditure per capita (\$)	607.35	377.40
Community Services, Education, Housing, Amenities Expenditure per capita (\$)	945.51	319.06
Recreational & Culture Expenditure per capita (\$)*	374.29	279.50
Public Order, Safety & Health Expenditure per capita (\$)	134.69	142.68
Other Services Expenditure per capita (\$)	456.94	414.94
Library Services Expenditure per capita (\$)	64.49	45.73
Library/Circulation per capita (Items)	5	5
Domestic waste not going to land fill (%)	11	31
Development Applications (mean gross days)	28	58
Development Applications determined (No.)	42	88
Companion Animals microchipped (No.)	2,419	3,107
Companion Animals microchipped and registered (%)	49	53

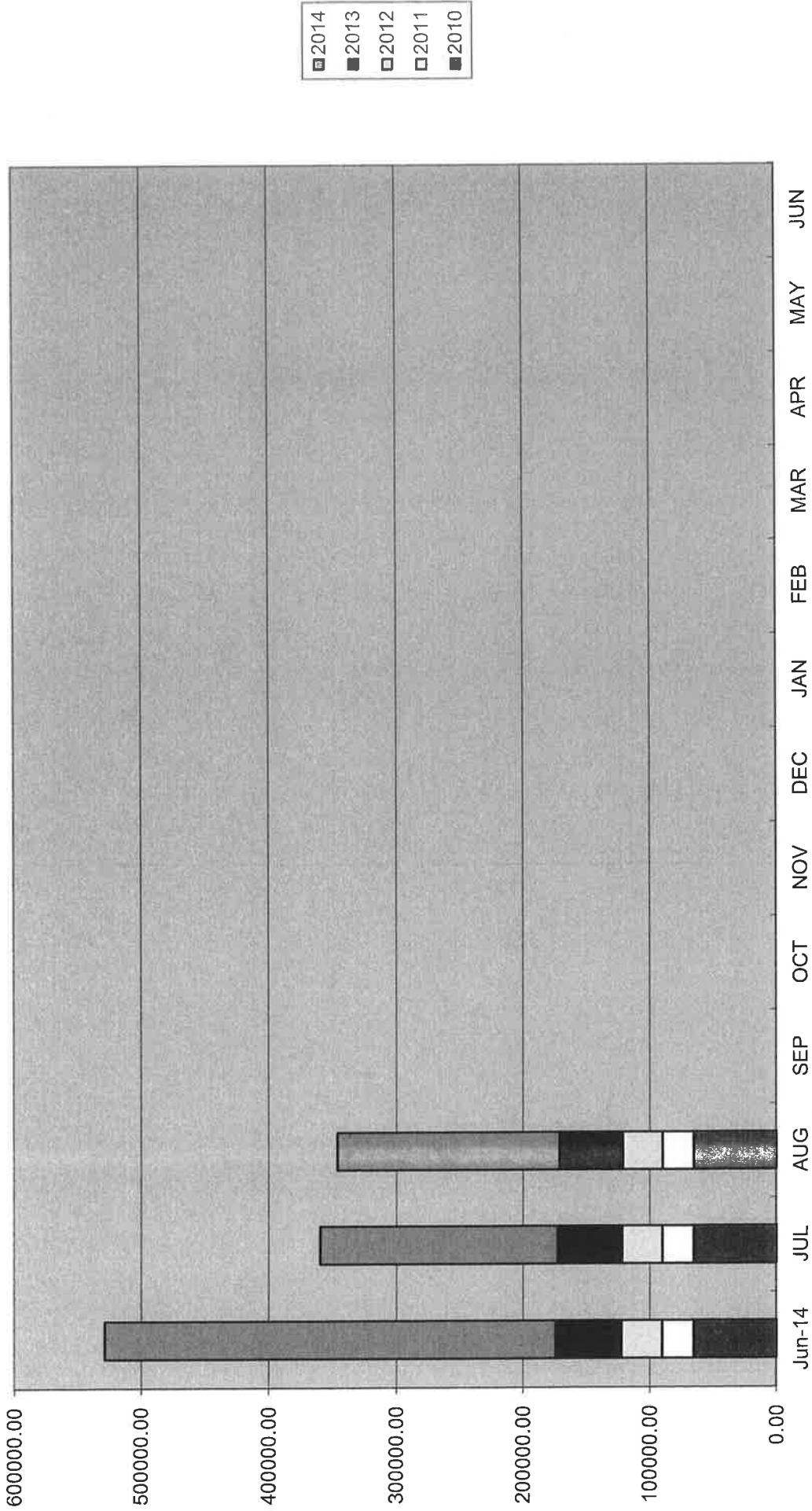
Your Council's Community Leadership	LGA	Group Avg
Development Applications determined by Councilors (%)	2	5
Audited Financial Reports submitted by due date (Y/N)	Y	n/a
Code of Conduct Complaints (No.)	2	1
Complaints investigated requiring action (No.)	1	0
Cost of dealing with Code of Conduct Complaints (\$)	5,000	2,417
Population per EFT Staff (No.)	37	71

Your Council's Assets	LGA	Group Avg
Roads, Bridges and Footpath expenditure per capita (\$)	1,625.71	1,039.65
Building & Infrastructure Renewal Ratio (%)	51.2	79.0
Infrastructure Backlog Ratio (%) (TCorp Benchmark < 20%)	52.6	16.6
Road Length per 1000 capita (metre)	473.5	234.2
Asset Maintenance Ratio (TCorp Benchmark > 1.0)	0.5	0.9

See Appendix 1 for definitions, calculations & benchmarks See Appendix 3 for Council Groups

Comparative Information on NSW Local Government
 Measuring Local Government Performance 2012-13
 Office of NSW Local Government

Rate Arrears 2014-2015
General Rates, Water Access, Sewer, Domestic Waste, Interest & Legal Costs



Total Rates Outstanding
General Rates, Water Access, Water Usage, Sewer Access, Domestic Waste, Legal Costs, Interest

