

ITEM 9 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT - NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2023

This report provides an overview of Council's investment portfolio performance for the reporting periods November and December 2023.

Council had an average weighted return for November 2023 of 0.30% (marginally below the benchmark return of 0.35%) and for December 2023, 0.66% (above the benchmark return of 0.37%). The November 2023 result was primarily due to positive valuations of the consolidated Floating Rate Notes and NSW TCorp investments, offset by performance of some long-term deposits purchased at comparatively lower rates during the COVID period. The December 2023 results resulted from positive valuations on the Floating Rate Notes and the NSW TCorp funds. Council's portfolio continues to provide a high degree of credit quality and liquidity.

RECOMMENDATION

Council receive the Statement of Investment for November and December 2023.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Brian Jenkins, Chief Financial Officer

Authorised by: Renee Campbell, Director Corporate Services - Connected + Engaged City

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Statements of Investment November and December 2024
- 2 Investment Income Compared to Budget 2023-2024

BACKGROUND

Council is mandated to invest surplus funds in accordance with the Ministerial Investment Order and Office of Local Government guidelines. The Order reflects a conservative investment approach and restricts investment types available to Council. In compliance with the Order and Office of Local Government guidelines Council adopted an Investment Policy on 12 December 2022. The Investment Policy provides a framework for Council to manage investment credit quality, institutional diversification and maturity constraints. Council's investment portfolio was controlled by Council's Finance Division during the period to ensure compliance with the Investment Policy. Council's Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee's (ARIC) provides oversight of the review of Council's Investment Policy and the Management Investment Strategy.

Council's Responsible Accounting Officer is required to sign the complying Statement of Investment contained within the report, certifying that all investments were made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government Regulation 2005.

Council's investment holdings at 24 November 2023 were \$181,227,612 (Statement of Investment attached) [25 November 2022 \$149,170,810] and 29 December 2023 were \$183,859,463 (Statement of Investment attached) [30 December 2022 \$157,209,070]. These figures include Council's interest in CivicRisk Mutual Ltd recognised at fair value as at 30 June 2023.

Council had an average weighted return for November 2023 of 0.30% (marginally below the benchmark return of 0.35%) and for December 2023, 0.66% (above the benchmark return of 0.37%). The November 2023 result was primarily due to positive valuations of the consolidated Floating Rate Notes and NSW TCorp investments, offset by performance of some long-term deposits purchased at comparatively lower rates during the COVID period. The December 2023 results were due to the positive valuations on the Floating Rate Notes and the NSW TCorp funds. Council's portfolio continues to provide a high degree of credit quality and liquidity. The global markets are still experiencing high levels of instability and volatility in interest rates, driven by the persistent ongoing inflation issues. Australia's sticky inflation is still tracking higher by international comparison and is providing levels of uncertainty in rates of return for the foreseeable future.

At 29 December 2023, year to date interest and investment revenue of \$4,382,088 was recognised compared to the year to date budget of \$2,481,695.



Council's 23 floating rate notes had a net increase in value of \$120,488 for November 2023, and a net increase in value of \$92,088 for December 2023.

Council holds two Mortgaged Backed Securities (MBS) that recorded a net decrease in value of \$16,317 for November 2023 and a net increase in value of \$13,818 for December 2023. The market value of this security takes into account the extended term of the security along with the limited liquidity and the coupon margin reflects pre-Global Financial Crisis (GFC) pricing. While the maturity dates are outside Council's control, the investment advisors had previously indicated capital is not at risk at that stage and recommended a hold strategy due to the illiquid nature of the investment.

Council holds two investments within the NSW TCorp Hour Glass Facility; Long-Term Growth Fund and Medium-Term Growth Fund. The Long-Term Growth recorded a net increase in value of \$144,727 in November 2023 and a net increase of \$129,256 in December 2023. The Medium-Term Growth Fund recorded a net increase in value of \$91,569 in November 2023, and a net increase of \$145,900 in December 2023. The fluctuations in both the Long-Term Growth and Medium-Term Growth Funds are a reflection of the current share market volatility both domestically and internationally and is diversified across a number of different asset classes with differing risk and return characteristics.

At their December 2023 meeting, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) decided to hold the official cash rate at 4.35%. The Board remains resolute in its determination to return inflation to target of 2–3% and will do what is necessary to achieve that outcome. The RBA will continue to monitor uncertainties regarding the global economy, trends in demand, developments and adjust policy as needed as based on the data and evolving assessment of risks.

The current Investment Policy sets a 40% maximum exposure limit to individual institutions within the AAA category. This limit is currently considered to include funds held within the Commonwealth Bank (CBA), savings account which holds Council's operating cash balances. Through the banking services contract with the CBA, that includes a fixed margin over the current cash rate, Council's savings account provides a higher return than alternate short- to medium-term investments available to Council. At the end of December 2023, the exposure to CBA was 20.89%, which is below the 25% target set in the Investment Strategy.

The current investment portfolio complies with Council's Investment Policy which was endorsed by Council on 12 December 2022. Council's Responsible Accounting Officer has signed the Statement of Investment contained within the report, certifying all investments were made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government Regulation 2005.

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong Our Future 2032 Goal 4 "We are a connected and engaged community". It specifically delivers on the following:

	Community Strategic Plan 2032	Delivery Program 2022-2026		
	Strategy	Service		
4.8	Council's resources are managed effectively to ensure long term financial sustainability.	Financial Services		

CONCLUSION

The investments for November 2023 recorded an average weighted return that was marginally below the AusBondBank Bill Index Benchmark and in December 2023 recorded an average weighted return above the benchmark, due to positive market valuations reflecting the continuing volatility in the market. The portfolio performed favourably when compared to the year-to-date budget.



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WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT								
24 November 2023								
IRECT INVESTMENTS								
Investment Body	Rating	Purchase Price \$	Fair Value of Holding \$	Security	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Interest / Coupon Rate	
CBA Business Online Saver	A1+	-	33,771,835	BOS A/c	24/11/2023	24/11/2023	4.609	
CBA General Fund A/c	A1+	-	1,525,742	General A/c	24/11/2023	24/11/2023	4.609	
NAB General Fund A/c	A1+	-	31,843	General A/c	24/11/2023	24/11/2023		
Bank of Queensland Ltd	Moodys A3	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	25/11/2021	27/11/2023	1.159	
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	5,000,000	5,000,000	T/Deposit	2/12/2021	4/12/2023	1.219	
Bank of Sydney Ltd	Unrated ST UR	250,000	250,000	T/Deposit	16/03/2023	11/12/2023	4.75%	
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	5,000,000	5,000,000	T/Deposit	23/12/2020	22/12/2023	0.609	
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	Moodys ST P-2	3,000,000	3,000,000	T/Deposit	16/03/2023	16/01/2024	4.509	
Australian Unity Bank (BPSS20)	S&P ST A2 S&P AA-	3,000,000	3,000,000	T/Deposit	16/03/2023	16/02/2024	4.509 5.129	
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd		2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	6/03/2019	6/03/2024		
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	Moodys ST P-2	3,000,000	3,000,000	T/Deposit	16/03/2023	15/03/2024	4.509 4.519	
	Moodys Baa1	3,000,000	3,000,000	T/Deposit	28/03/2023	26/04/2024		
Bank of Queensland Ltd	Moodys A3	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	23/05/2023	24/06/2024	5.119	
Australian Unity Bank (BPSS20)	S&P ST A2	750,000	750,000	T/Deposit	10/07/2023	9/07/2024	5.759	
Bank of Queensland Ltd	Moodys A3	3,000,000	3,000,000	T/Deposit	16/08/2023	16/08/2024	5.059	
Judo Bank	S&P BBB-	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	17/09/2021	17/09/2024	1.209	
Auswide Bank Limited	Moodys ST P-2	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	9/11/2023	8/11/2024	5.50%	
Bank of Queensland Ltd	Moodys A3	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	9/06/2023	11/11/2024	5.509	
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	2/12/2021	2/12/2024	1.639	
Bank of Queensland Ltd	Moodys A3	4,000,000	4,000,000	T/Deposit	2/06/2023	2/12/2024	5.259	
Coastline Credit Union Ltd	Moodys Baa3	250,000	250,000	T/Deposit	5/06/2023	5/12/2024	5.259	
Judo Bank	S&P BBB-	2,200,000	2,200,000	T/Deposit	7/03/2022	11/03/2025	2.309	
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	5,000,000	5,000,000	T/Deposit	7/03/2022	13/03/2025	2.039	
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	Moodys A3	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	9/06/2023	9/05/2025	5.459	
Bank of Queensland Ltd	Moodys A3	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	30/06/2023	30/06/2025	5.509	
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	30/06/2023	30/06/2025	5.359	
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	3,000,000	3,000,000	T/Deposit	25/11/2022	25/11/2025	4.59%	
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	30/06/2023	30/06/2026	5.19%	
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	30/06/2023	30/06/2027	5.09%	
Total			99,779,420					

WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT

Bond and Floating Rate Note Securities

Interest / **Purchase** Investment Body Rating Purchase Price \$ Fair Value of Holding \$ **Maturity Date** Date 6/12/2018 ANZ Banking Group Ltd 2,000,000 6/12/2023 2,022,620 ational Australia Bank Ltd S&P AA-2.000.000 2.024.080 FRN 19/06/2019 19/06/2024 5.059 luswide Bank Limited Moodys Baa2 S&P A+ 3,001,470 2,007,860 22/08/2023 12/02/2020 23/08/2024 12/02/2025 3,000,000 FRN 5.359 2,000,000 FRN Macquarie Bank 5.269 Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd Moodys A3 1,700,000 1,701,190 FRN 2/12/2020 2/12/2025 4.649 Macquarie Bank Suncorp-Metway Ltd Moodys A2 S&P A+ 6,500,000 2,100,000 6,522,360 2,079,105 FRN FRN 11/03/2022 24/02/2021 9/12/2025 24/02/2026 4.61% 4.83% Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd ANZ Banking Group Ltd Teachers Mutual Bank Ltd 4,960,350 2,525,725 1,089,737 S&P BBB 5,000,000 FRN FRN 4/03/2021 4/03/2026 4.769 Moodys Aa3 Moodys Baa1 31/03/2023 16/06/2021 31/03/2026 16/06/2026 2 500 000 4.809 1,100,000 ANZ Banking Group Ltd Macquarie Bank Suncorp-Metway Ltd S&P AA-2,500,000 2,524,425 FRN 11/09/2023 11/09/2026 4.889 S&P A+ S&P A+ 4,000,000 3,750,000 4,036,080 3,732,150 14/09/2023 15/09/2021 14/09/2026 15/09/2026 4.97% OPCU LTD t/a OBANK S&P BBB-2.000.000 2.017.760 FRN 18/09/2023 18/09/2026 5.779 awarra Credit Union Ltd ncorp-Metway Ltd S&P BBB-S&P A+ 2,500,000 1,500,000 20/09/2023 11/03/2022 21/09/2026 25/01/2027 5.84% ANZ Banking Group Ltd Mondys Aa3 3.500.000 3,521,525 FRN 12/05/2022 12/05/2027 5.399 3,000,000 FRN 24/11/2023 24/05/2027 5.489 uncorp-Metway Ltd S&P A+ 3,002,790 S&P A+ 2,500,000 2.530.325 FRN 19/01/2023 19/01/2028 5.409 ANZ Banking Group Ltd Moodys Aa3 2.500.000 2.534.850 FRN 31/03/2023 31/03/2028 5.20% NZ Banking Group Ltd 2,100,000 2,121,294 11/09/2028 5.069 Vestpac Banking Corporation Ltd S&P AA-3,500,000 3,529,960 FRN 19/09/2023 19/09/2028 5.069 16/11/2023 16/11/2028 5.409 S&P AA-FRN tional Australia Bank Ltd 4,000,000 4,016,200 Cooperatieve Rabobank U.A Australia Branch S&P A+ 3,000,000 3,015,510 FRN 21/11/2023 21/11/2028 5.719 merald Reverse Mortgage Trust Unrated UR 376,024 300,970 MBS 17/07/2006 21/08/2051 4.839 17/07/2006 21/08/205 Emerald Reverse Mortgage Trust Unrated UR 2,000,000 1,300,840 MBS 5.139 70,139,831

Managed Funds & Other

MANAGED FUNDS							
Investment Body	Rating	Purchase Price \$	Fair Value of Holding \$	Purchase Date	Monthly Return (Actual)	FYTD (Actual)	
Tcorp Long Term Growth Facility Fund	N/A		3,834,000	13/06/2007	3.77%	1.42%	
Tcorp Medium Term Growth Facility Fund	N/A		4,944,361	26/10/2021	2.34%	1.49%	
Total			8,778,361				

Membership interest in Investment Body Fair Value of Holding \$						
CivicRisk Mutual Limited	N/A			2,530,000		
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS		\$	181,227,612		

^{*} The maturity date provided is the weighted-average life of the security. This is the average amount of time that will elapse from the date of security's issuance until each dollar is repaid based on an actuarial assessment. Assessments are carried out on a regular basis which can potentially extend the life of the investment. Current assessments anticipate an extension of life of the investment.

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CBA Business Online Saver	A1+	-	37,776,246	BOS A/c	29/12/2023	29/12/2023		
CBA General Fund A/c	A1+	-	1,546,606	General A/c	29/12/2023	29/12/2023		
NAB General Fund A/c	A1+	-	19,476	General A/c	29/12/2023	29/12/2023		
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	Moodys ST P-2	3,000,000	3,000,000	T/Deposit	16/03/2023	16/01/2024		
Australian Unity Bank (BPSS20)	S&P ST A2	3,000,000	3,000,000	T/Deposit	16/03/2023	16/02/2024		
Southern Cross CU	Unrated ST UR	250,000	250,000	T/Deposit	5/12/2023	4/03/2024	5.15%	
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	6/03/2019	6/03/2024		
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	Moodys ST P-2	3,000,000	3,000,000	T/Deposit	16/03/2023	15/03/2024		
IMB Ltd	Moodys Baa1	3,000,000	3,000,000	T/Deposit	28/03/2023	26/04/2024		
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd Bank of Queensland Ltd	S&P ST A1+	2,000,000	2,000,000 2,000,000	T/Deposit	4/12/2023	6/05/2024		
	Moodys A3 S&P ST A2	2,000,000	2,000,000 750.000	T/Deposit	23/05/2023	24/06/2024 9/07/2024		
Australian Unity Bank (BPSS20)		750,000		T/Deposit	10/07/2023			
Bank of Queensland Ltd	Moodys A3	3,000,000	3,000,000	T/Deposit	16/08/2023	16/08/2024		
Judo Bank	S&P BBB-	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	17/09/2021	17/09/2024		
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P ST A1+	1,000,000	1,000,000	T/Deposit	4/12/2023	4/10/2024		
Auswide Bank Limited	Moodys ST P-2	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	9/11/2023	8/11/2024		
Bank of Queensland Ltd	Moodys A3	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	9/06/2023	11/11/2024		
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	2/12/2021	2/12/2024		
Bank of Queensland Ltd	Moodys A3	4,000,000	4,000,000	T/Deposit	2/06/2023	2/12/2024		
Coastline Credit Union Ltd	Moodys Baa3	250,000	250,000	T/Deposit	5/06/2023	5/12/2024		
Bank of Sydney Ltd	Unrated UR	250,000	250,000	T/Deposit	11/12/2023	11/12/2024		
Bank of Queensland Ltd	Moodys A3	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	27/11/2023	28/01/2025		
Judo Bank	S&P BBB-	2,200,000	2,200,000	T/Deposit	7/03/2022	11/03/2025		
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	5,000,000	5,000,000	T/Deposit	7/03/2022	13/03/2025		
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	4/12/2023	4/04/2025		
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	Moodys A3	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	9/06/2023	9/05/2025	5.45%	
Bank of Queensland Ltd	Moodys A3	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	30/06/2023	30/06/2025		
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	30/06/2023	30/06/2025	5.35%	
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	3,000,000	3,000,000	T/Deposit	25/11/2022	25/11/2025	4.59%	
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	30/06/2023	30/06/2026	5.19%	
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	30/06/2023	30/06/2027	5.09%	
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	5,000,000	5,000,000	T/Deposit	22/12/2023	22/12/2028	4.90%	
Total			104,042,327					

Bond and Floating Rate Note Securities

DIRECT INVESTMENTS								
Investment Body	Rating	Purchase Price \$	Fair Value of Holding \$	Security	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Interest / Coupon Rate	
National Australia Bank Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,008,140	FRN	19/06/2019	19/06/2024	5.299	
Auswide Bank Limited	Moodys Baa2	3,000,000	3,017,370	FRN	22/08/2023	23/08/2024	5.359	
Macquarie Bank	S&P A+	2,000,000	2,018,420	FRN	12/02/2020	12/02/2025	5.269	
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	Moodys A3	1,700,000	1,691,415	FRN	2/12/2020	2/12/2025	4.649	
Macquarie Bank	Moodys A2	6,500,000	6,483,100	FRN	11/03/2022	9/12/2025	4.619	
Suncorp-Metway Ltd	S&P A+	2,100,000	2,091,369	FRN	24/02/2021	24/02/2026	4.839	
Newcastle Greater Mutual Group Ltd	S&P BBB	5,000,000	4,933,400	FRN	4/03/2021	4/03/2026	4.769	
ANZ Banking Group Ltd	Moodys Aa3	2,500,000	2,509,025	FRN	31/03/2023	31/03/2026	4.979	
Teachers Mutual Bank Ltd	Moodys Baa1	1,100,000	1,083,973	FRN	16/06/2021	16/06/2026	4.809	
ANZ Banking Group Ltd	S&P AA-	2,500,000	2,508,225	FRN	11/09/2023	11/09/2026		
Macquarie Bank	S&P A+	4,000,000	4,010,560	FRN	14/09/2023	14/09/2026	4.979	
Suncorp-Metway Ltd	S&P A+	3,750,000	3,712,388	FRN	15/09/2021	15/09/2026		
QPCU LTD t/a QBANK	S&P BBB-	2,000,000	2,007,160	FRN	18/09/2023	18/09/2026	5.779	
Illawarra Credit Union Ltd	S&P BBB-	2,500,000	2,503,350	FRN	20/09/2023	21/09/2026	5.849	
Suncorp-Metway Ltd	S&P A+	1,500,000	1,504,335	FRN	11/03/2022	25/01/2027	5.029	
ANZ Banking Group Ltd	Moodys Aa3	3,500,000	3,543,610	FRN	12/05/2022	12/05/2027	5.399	
Suncorp-Metway Ltd	S&P A+	3,000,000	3,023,370	FRN	24/11/2023	24/05/2027	5.489	
Cooperatieve Rabobank U.A Australia Branch	S&P A+	2,500,000	2,542,475	FRN	19/01/2023	19/01/2028	5.409	
ANZ Banking Group Ltd	Moodys Aa3	2,500,000	2,519,100	FRN	31/03/2023	31/03/2028	5.209	
ANZ Banking Group Ltd	S&P AA-	2,100,000	2,109,009	FRN	11/09/2023	11/09/2028	5.069	
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	3,500,000	3,508,085	FRN	19/09/2023	19/09/2028	5.069	
National Australia Bank Ltd	S&P AA-	4,000,000	4,168,120	FRN	16/11/2023	16/11/2028	5.409	
Cooperatieve Rabobank U.A Australia Branch	S&P A+	3,000,000	3,124,230	FRN	21/11/2023	21/11/2028	5.719	
Emerald Reverse Mortgage Trust	Unrated UR	376,024	302,711	MBS	17/07/2006	21/08/2051	4.839	
Emerald Reverse Mortgage Trust	Unrated UR	2,000,000	1,310,680	MBS	17/07/2006	21/08/2056	5.139	
Total			68,233,619	·	·	·		

Managed Funds & Other

MANAGED FUNDS							
Investment Body	Rating	Purchase Price \$	Fair Value of Holding \$	Purchase Date	Monthly Return (Actual)	FYTD (Actual)	
Tcorp Long Term Growth Facility Fund	N/A		3,963,256	13/06/2007	3.08%	4.54%	
Tcorp Medium Term Growth Facility Fund	N/A		5,090,260	26/10/2021	2.48%	4.01%	
Total			9,053,516				

Membership interest in Investment Body	Fair Value of Holding \$		
CivicRisk Mutual Limited	N/A		2,530,000
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TOTAL INVESTMENTS 183,859,463

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