

Making life easier at Campaspe - with the LG Solutions LTFP



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Partners in Council's financial data

Ailsa Box is Finance Manager at Campaspe Shire Council

Q - Can you tell us what system or tool you were using to prepare your Long-Term Financial Plan before implementing the LG Solutions LTFP?

Ailsa - It was a convoluted spreadsheet; I think it was something that had been built in house.

Q- What was it about the previous LTFP that prompted you to look for a replacement?

Ailsa - The reason for changing was the complexity of a spreadsheet that was linked to several other spreadsheets for both inputs & outputs.

The staff who understood it left the organization & due to the complexity & lack of knowledge of current users, there was no confidence in the output.

Q – When you decided to make the change, was there a few non-negotiable features you were looking for?

Ailsa - We were looking for:

- *an easy to use solution designed for local government & used widely*
- *features such as Model Statement outputs, multiple drivers, scenario functionality, comprehensive checklist*
- *a supported application*
- *the functionality to include quarterly budget reviews*

Q - Did you find the LGS LTP implementation process was well set out, manageable & supported?

Ailsa - the implementation was not difficult, but after using the product it has made me realise that the way we set it up was not necessarily the best, but it is not difficult to make changes to the coding.

The support was good & the process manageable; it may have been beneficial to have spoken to someone who used the product to perhaps have gained a better understanding of the coding & outputs.

Q – Now that the implementation is complete, do you find the system simpler to use than the previous LTFP?

Ailsa – Absolutely. It is easy to upload the new budget or multiple year budgets; it is not difficult to adjust if needed. There is functionality that we do not use now but will in the future.

Q – Has the LGS LTFP made the preparation of the LTFP a better process?

Ailsa –Yes

- *it's less onerous, easier to maintain*
- *we have more confidence in outputs with the in-built integrity checks*
- *we need to spend more time really refining it, especially for capital.*

Q – Do the system outputs provide Council the required information?

Ailsa – Yes, we need to get better at setting the parameters of the outputs so we can use these for presentations to Councillors.

We can easily get:

- *Outputs by whole of Council, functional structures & organisational structures*
- *Graphical outputs of key financial ratios, KPI's, against targets*
- *Model Statements outputs*

Q – Lastly, are you glad that Council made the move to implement the LGS LTFP?

Ailsa – Yes, we are very happy with the product, it is value for money, the support is exceptional, & the product does all we need & more. Hope the cloud version is coming soon.

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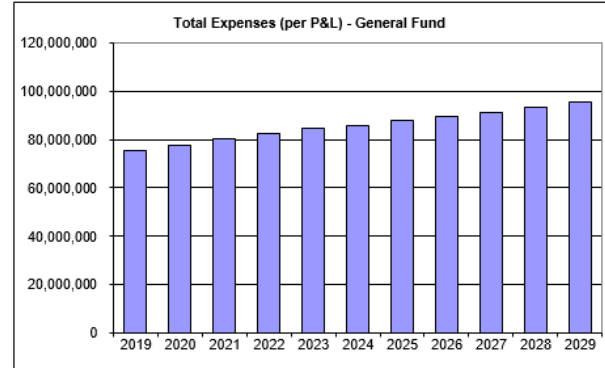
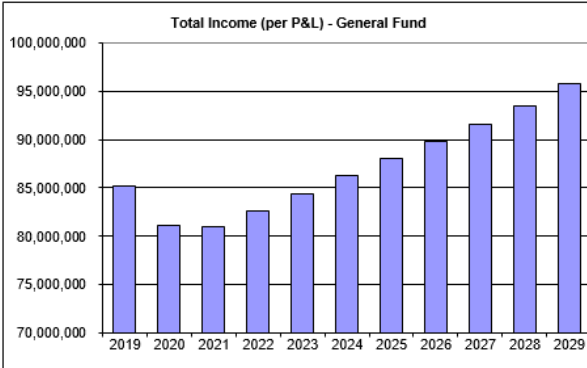
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Example charts

Campaspe Shire Council
 10 Year Financial Plan for the Years ending 30 June 2029
 CHARTS - GENERAL FUND
 Scenario: Budget 2019-2020

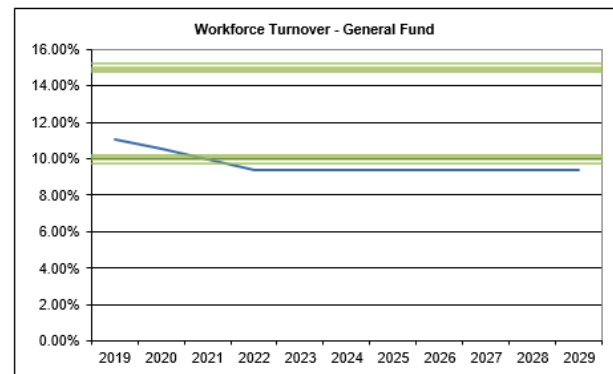
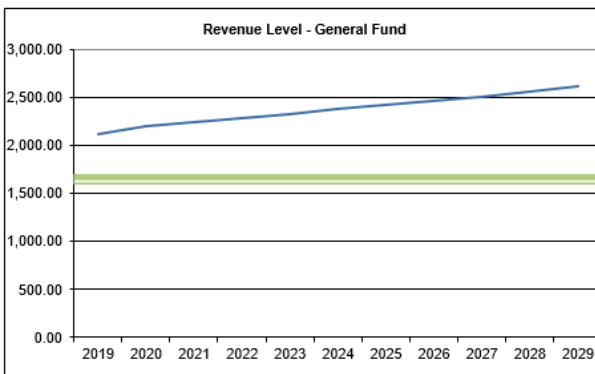
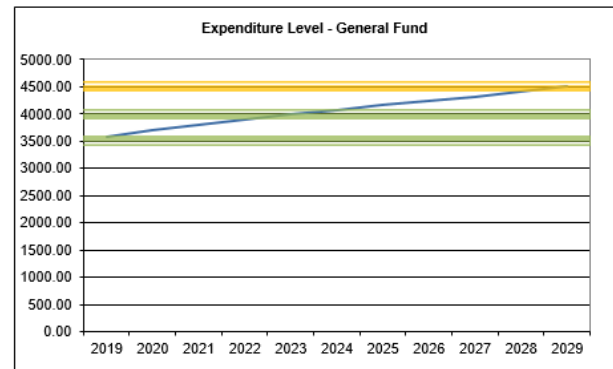
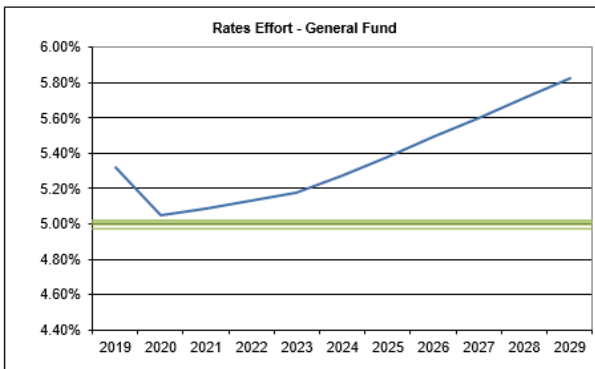
Income Statement Charts



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Financial Performance Indicators (continued)



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