

## **OpenGov Transparency Hub Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **Why OpenGov?**

OpenGov is a platform which is designed to enhance Council's ability to display financial information to the public. The OpenGov platform has been used by a number of other Councils around the world but more recently by Ipswich City Council here in Queensland.

Increased openness and transparency of the organisation was identified as a priority of the 2020 elected Gympie Regional Council. OpenGov is a step towards this vision.

### **What are the preferred browsers for OpenGov?**

OpenGov works best with the Google Chrome and Microsoft Edge browsers.

### **How up to date is the information on the Website?**

New and up-to-date information is uploaded to the Transparency Hub monthly.

### **Why is the website only now being created/released to the public?**

The Council elected in 2020 wanted to make sure information was accessible to residents and ratepayers.

### **How often are the figures updated?**

Figures are updated the week of every Council Ordinary Meeting. Figures and data will be uploaded then.

### **Why are we only showing contracts over \$200,000 ex GST?**

This is because of privacy reasons and, as such, we are unable to publish this information at this stage.

### **How is the Budget allocated/decided?**

The Budget is worked on and decided by the elected Councillors and is adopted each year.

### **How much are Councillors paid individually?**

Councillor remuneration is disclosed on an individual basis in Council's Annual Report.

### **Where do I go for help navigating the site?**

If you need assistance in finding information on how to navigate this OpenGov site, contact council on 1300 307 800.