



City of Whyalla

Annual Report 2007/2008

Whyalla: Where the Outback meets the Sea!



A city on the move.

City of Whyalla

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Ramsay Street – 8649 3000.

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(At Civic Library) – 8645 1955.

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Lincoln Highway – 8645 7900.

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Whyalla Landfill

Iron Knob Road – 8645 5016.

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*FRONT COVER **Top:** The city's youngsters and toddlers are always to the fore on National Tree Day. **Middle:** Whyalla's version of a bottomless boat race at Council's 2008 Australia Day celebrations. **Bottom:** Old bricks and masonry ready for crushing as road base. At the 2008 Easter Australian Snapper Championship.*

About this report!

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From our Mayor and Chief Executive Officer

Welcome to the City of Whyalla, which finds itself well positioned to take advantage of the State's resources resurgence.

BHP Billiton at Roxby Downs, Oxiana at Prominent Hill and a host of other economic opportunities in the resource industry abound. In fact they are "mind blowing" in terms of their potential.

The future is beckoning with a myriad of promise in our region resulting in a very high level of activity in Whyalla during the past three years and in particular during the 12 months to June 30, 2008.

This has seen a revival of building development continue, lifting the value of approvals for the year to some \$54million. Valuations for residential properties have increased by an average 63 percent and up to 100 percent for commercial properties.

Tenders have been let for the construction of infrastructure at Stage One of Council's \$10million Whyalla Industrial Estate, with work expected to start in September 2008.

Meanwhile, the upgrade of Council's Civic Building, which had been spread over two years, was almost completed leaving just a handful of aspects to be finished in the early part of 2008/2009.

This has created a valuable asset for the community and a much improved workplace for our dedicated staff, who maintained all Council services while being shifted around the building as section by section was re-developed.

In consultation with our community and after a long process of public meetings, focus groups and surveys, Council adopted a new community plan "Whyalla Vision Towards 2022" in June. This has seen Council and the community develop a shared vision as to where we see Whyalla during the next 15 years. Residents also had input into the creation of three action plans which address economic prosperity, environmental care and community wellbeing.

An important issue facing Council and one that will occupy a significant amount of its time over the coming year is the future possible industrialisation of some part of the Point Lowly Peninsula. Council is committed to a full pro-active community engagement process to ensure a well-researched decision is made for the entire community.

We trust that all readers of this publication find it a useful account of the City of Whyalla activities during 2007/2008 and a guide as to the city's exciting prospects for 2008/2009.



Jim N Pollock
MAYOR



Phil Cameron
CHIEF EXECUTIVE



TOP: Whyalla's iconic welcome – a stylised inverted rudder from its shipbuilding past emblazoned with today's city logo. RIGHT: The newly re-developed Civic Building.

Our City

The City of Whyalla is indeed a city of contrasts – from the Outback to the sea, from green parks and gardens to massive industrial operations, from new housing estates to well established historic neighbourhoods, and from the traditional corner store to multi million-dollar shopping centres.

It's situated on the western shore of upper Spencer Gulf, around 394kms northwest of Adelaide by road and 240kms by air. It averages 300 days of sunshine every year with an annual rainfall around 270mms. It is indeed a city of the past, present and future!

Whyalla is divided into five "suburbs" with three postcodes primarily for the purpose of postal services - Whyalla and Whyalla Playford 5600, Whyalla Norrie and Whyalla Stuart 5608, and Whyalla Jenkins 5609.

With a population of around 22,500, Whyalla is often referred to as the "Education City." Facilities include Whyalla campuses of the University of SA and TAFE SA, public and private primary and secondary schools, and a special school for students with intellectual disabilities.

The Corporation of the City of Whyalla, generally referred to more simply as Whyalla City Council or even just Whyalla Council, was established in 1970 when it replaced the City of Whyalla Town Commission. This was an unusual form of local government comprising both elected and appointed representatives of the community and BHP.

Whyalla Council has one of the most diverse operations of any local government. It operates an airport,

two public libraries, child care centre, crematorium, visitor information centre, maritime museum, lighthouse, waste landfill site, marina and boat ramps.

Council also owns the city's leisure centre and is responsible for all major development like the foreshore, wetlands, water saving and harvesting initiatives, public works, and innovative environmental projects.

Whyalla's major industries include OneSteel Whyalla Steelworks, Santos producing crude oil and LPG, industrial fabrication companies, national contractors to heavy and engineering industries, commercial salt production, production of beta-carotene for the food and vitamin industries, aquaculture, tourism and major events.

The city has also established itself as a regional shopping hub with many recognisable national and international brands, including such names as Coles, Foodland, Harris Scarfe, Target, Woolworths, Hungry Jacks, McDonalds, KFC, Pizza Hut, Pizza Haven, Harvey Norman, Spotlight, Cheap As Chips, Home Hardware, Go Lo and more.

Whyalla Council continues to preside over an unprecedented period of growth. In 2005/2006 Council was exceptionally pleased that a record amount of \$20.5million in development approvals was achieved, double the previous year. Little did it realise at the time that it was just the start of things to come – \$40million worth of approvals in 2006/2007 and \$54million during the past year.

At a social and community level, Whyalla has an extensive range of active and committed community groups with hundreds of proud volunteers working for the betterment of the city and their fellow residents every day of the year.

And, getting to Whyalla from the State's capital city, Adelaide, is no problem – a four to five-hour drive by car, up to five return air services daily with a flight time of around 35 to 45 minutes, and up to five return bus services daily. When in Whyalla there is a 24-hour taxi service and a 5-1/2 day public bus service.

WHYALLA:
Where the Outback meets the Sea. Gateway to Eyre Peninsula!

WHYALLA COUNCIL:
*Proudly serving its community.
A city on the move!*



Whyalla's famous Point Lowly Lighthouse landmark – now owned and operated by the City of Whyalla

One Council... Two visions!

During the period of this report, Whyalla Council was in the unusual position of being subjected to two strategic plans. At the start of the financial year, July 1, 2007, Council's strategic plan followed a format created in previous years, outcomes of which are fully reported on in this publication.

However, by the end of the year, June 30, 2008, Council, in consultation with residents, had adopted a new community plan "A Whyalla Vision Towards 2022" which replaced the previous strategic plan.

An outline of the new plan, which forms a blueprint upon which the 2008/2009 annual report will address Council's performance for the year, is also included in this document.

Our Original Strategic Plan

Our Mission

"To improve the total quality of life in Whyalla"

Our Visions

ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION

- *The City of Whyalla has a diverse economic base.*
- *There is an emergence of many vibrant small to medium enterprises.*
- *Shopping, education, health, recreation and cultural facilities are known throughout the region, drawing many visitors and tourists.*
- *Aged care and health facilities are significant employers.*

POPULATION

- *Population decline will be arrested and reversed by encouraging and facilitating economic growth.*

TRANSPORT

- *Improvements in general transport will develop Whyalla as a regional freight and transport hub.*

SERVICE DELIVERY OF THE COUNCIL

- *Long-term infrastructure and associated plans are maintained and development plans implemented.*
- *Services and facilities provided by Council reflect community needs and are accessible to all persons.*
- *Major infrastructure projects are undertaken to enhance the environment and quality of life for residents.*



TOP: Council provides around 12 free public BBQs throughout Whyalla. RIGHT: Council maintains a youth facility "Riskit Park" which was originally developed in conjunction with the city's youth.

ENVIRONMENT

- *The City of Whyalla has a sustainable natural and urban environment.*
- *Effluent and stormwater recycling programs are expanded, reducing reliance on the River Murray.*
- *There is increased community involvement in waste recycling.*
- *The use of renewable energy sources is encouraged.*
- *Council continues to facilitate development of the Whyalla Core Site.*
- *The City of Whyalla will have clean air.*

POLITICAL INFLUENCE

- *Council ensures that external decisions do not adversely affect the City of Whyalla.*
- *External decision makers consult with the community so they are aware of impacts of decisions on the city.*
- *Key projects and services are developed or retained in the city.*

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- *The strong sense of community pride is further enhanced.*
- *There is increased and active participation of individuals in self governance and involvement in organisations improving the quality of life in Whyalla.*
- *Avenues are provided for people wishing to become involved in issues of national importance.*

Our Goals

GOAL 1

Encourage the creation of additional sustainable jobs and take a proactive role in enterprise development.

GOAL 2

Ensure the needs of the community are met through the maintenance and improvement of infrastructure, services and facilities.

GOAL 3

Manage all aspects of the local environment (natural and built) in an ecologically sustainable way.

GOAL 4

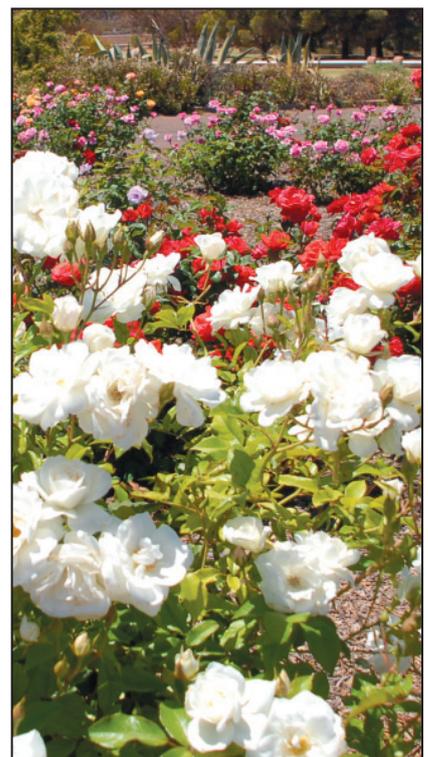
Foster a sense of community and community participation and involvement.

GOAL 5

Be an advocate for the community in dealing with other organisations including other levels of government, business and industry.

GOAL 6

Provide good governance to the community.



*TOP: Council ensures the city's heritage is preserved through its strong relationship with the Mount Laura Homestead Museum operated by the National Trust.
RIGHT: Whyalla may have an arid climate, but it can still grow roses.*

One Council... Two visions!

A special foreword from our Mayor

The City of Whyalla is a SA regional jewel comprised partly of vast outback landscapes as well as an attractive coastal area. A city, born and bred of heavy manufacture, it is now ideally placed to provide a launch pad for a 21st Century resources and industry renaissance within the northern region of the State.

It is these physical and social elements that define Whyalla as a city with industrial muscle and know how, poised geographically to contribute significantly to SA's buoyant economy and exciting growth prospects.

As a city that has faced heavy industry restructuring over the past several decades, it is essential that we capitalise on opportunities as they arise, and indeed work hard together as a community to open up new and different avenues for growth and prosperity. In this way we will again recast our history as SA's industrial diamond in the north.

"A Whyalla Vision Towards 2022" is a plan that has life and flexibility in this exciting new economic environment. It highlights what is important to us as a community both now and into the future. It maps a way forward for us to ensure that we achieve our collective vision and that it provides a framework for an integrated approach for community development and economic growth, but one which also recognises the need for financial and environmental sustainability in the delivery of our services, stewardship of our assets and Council decision making.

Vision 2022 is a base that will be used by community members, stakeholder groups, employees and Council members. It will be refreshed each year as we consider external and internal forces affecting our growth, monitor our targets and their achievement, and continually correct our course to stay on track to attain our community's shared vision over the next 15 years.

In this way, our Vision 2022 plan and its measures of success enables Council to report on progress and continuing alignment to our Whyalla vision.

The plan marks the beginning of an exciting era for our community that will see us engage with one another and our stakeholders to move forward together and strongly influence our future prosperity, while continuing to recognise the many strengths we have as a community, our past heritage, and unique economic environment for the benefit of future generations.

It is with great pride and pleasure that I commend to you this strategic plan for our Whyalla community – our vision for 2022.

Jim N Pollock
Mayor of Whyalla
June 2008

Our new Strategic and Community Plans

Our Mission

"To improve the total quality of life in Whyalla"

Our Vision

"Our aim is to be a vibrant, growing city offering people a diverse range of sustainable economic, environmental and community opportunities. Our community is to have access to quality services and facilities, capitalising on (while also protecting) our attractive coastal and outback landscape. Our city is to be home to an energetic, harmonious, integrated community actively involved in shaping Whyalla for current and future generations."

The Council-maintained Whyalla Foreshore is a popular place for residents and visitors with its lawns, free BBQs, playground and relaxation.



Our Goals

COMMUNITY WELLBEING

“Our vision is for a culturally diverse, socially rich, healthy, harmonious and engaged community with access to a relevant range of services and facilities.”

Our community is made up of friends, colleagues, neighbours, community groups, local enterprises, agencies and service providers.

We seek a mix of people of all ages and from varying walks of life and that they be supportive of one another, creating a sense of community spirit and a sense of being part of Whyalla’s social fabric.

Our community will be one tolerant of differences, welcoming of newcomers that enjoy participation, involvement, life-long learning, a sense of well being, and good health.

Our desired outcome: Quality, sustainable and integrated community facilities. Access to a range of quality, sustainable learning, health, support and leisure centres and facilities, which are of high quality and cost effective.

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

“Our vision is of a vibrant, growing city with a sound and sustainable economic base, and an equitable, prosperous and wealthy community.”

Our desired outcome: Our strategic direction is to develop, integrate and maintain our infrastructure, living and enterprise spaces in a sustainable manner; to meet our diverse current and future needs; and position our city to play a key part in the State’s and region’s economic growth.

ENVIRONMENTAL CARE

“Our vision is that our natural and built environment meets the needs of population and industry that is environmentally sustainable and attractive.”

“Our strategic direction is to protect and conserve our natural and built environment, living in harmony with it to ensure future generations can also experience what we appreciate so highly today.”

Our desired outcome: Our natural environment and coastal areas are protected and conserved. All aspects of the natural and built environment are managed and maintained in an ecologically sustained way.

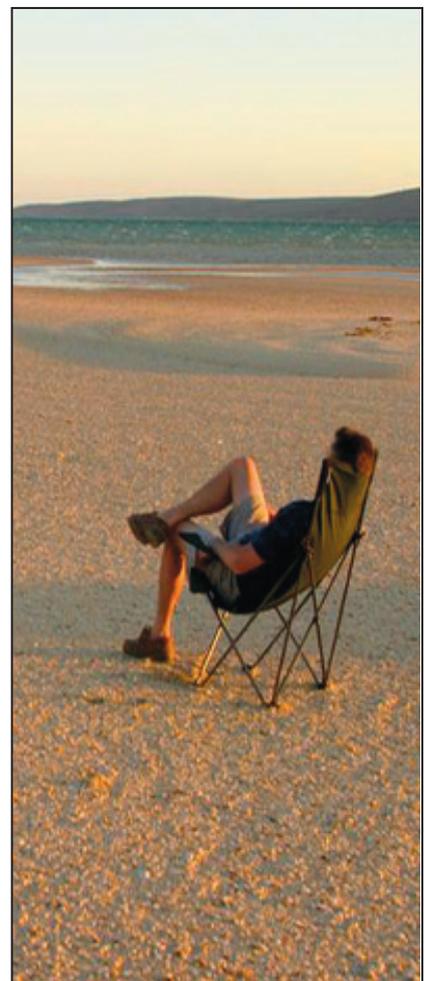
COUNCIL

“Our vision is for a community actively involved in, and with confidence in, Council.”

Council includes the mayor, elected members and the administration that governs this city.

Our strategic direction is for Council to govern in the interests of all members of this diverse Whyalla community, for Council to be approachable, to listen and be representative of our views, and to act on behalf and in our best interest.

To ensure that Council is able to achieve this, it must continue being open and transparent, a learning organisation, and at the forefront of local government best practice and financially sustainable.



*TOP: Plenty of spots to find one of the city’s famous snapper or King George whiting.
RIGHT: Opportunities abound along the scenic coastline to also find your own secluded spot.*

Our achievements at a glance

Awarded a waste management and resource recovery award at the 30th KESAB Tidy Towns presentation, December 2007, which recognised Council's significant efforts in establishing new waste and recycling services.

Staged a hugely successful Australia Day celebration on January 26, 2008, at Whyalla Foreshore, catering for thousands of families.

Council implemented a major upgrade of its landfill site after it resumed control and introduced a third kerbside wheelie bin for green waste, with an overall focus of recycle, recovery and reuse, incorporating the implementation of a waste strategy.

Whyalla Council released the Whyalla Family Services Directory for 2007/2008.

Council announced that the first stage of the \$10million Whyalla Industrial Estate was expected to generate almost \$16million in land sales.

Around \$500,000 to be spent on parks and reserves in the eastern section of Whyalla following the sale of surplus land.

The long awaited use of treated effluent to irrigate Whyalla's central parks and reserves started in early 2008 with Council receiving up to 1.4 megalitres daily from SA Water.

A two-year upgrade of Council's Civic Building was significantly completed. Council continued to operate with staff relocating internally to temporary accommodation as section by section was re-developed.

More than \$1.5million was spent on four major road projects, \$220,000 on the annual concrete footpath program, and \$90,000 for kerb works.

Re-development of the City Plaza shopping precinct was completed with new landscaping, a return to two-way traffic, re-surfacing of the roads and new footpath paving.

A secure car park was constructed at the airport, supplementing other short-term and long-term car parks.

Mount Laura Conservation Reserve and environment unit was created.

A successful Whyalla Foreshore sand replenishment project was undertaken.

A city master plan, and a sport and recreation needs audit were both started.

New library concept plans were completed.

The quarterly *Whyalla Council News* tabloid newspaper was further developed to provide an even greater amount of easily read information for residents.

The Council-operated child care centre – which provides a service to 68 children, weekdays, 50 weeks of the year through seven full-time and five part-time staff, supported by eight casuals – achieved an average 75 percent occupancy throughout the year. This is regarded as an excellent result, taking into account sickness and last-minute cancellations. The centre is fully licensed and maintains a high quality accreditation level.

Council received a grant's commission funding increase of \$36,714, a 27 percent OHS&W rebate, a \$37,409 risk management rebate, and achieved a \$209,341 productivity saving.

The City of Whyalla is proud to organise significant Australia Day celebrations with an emphasis on free amusements, entertainment, and range of activities including the Aussie Day Dummy Spitting Championship for the whole community.

Council successfully completed its new Community Plan, remote disaster recovery facility, revised ten-year long-term financial plan, ten-year asset management plans, extensive policy review, and introduced a pool of trainee positions to counter a 16 percent staff turnover.

A boundary extension DPA (Development Planning Amendment) and a District Centre zone DPA were approved, a general and coastal DAP was under consultation, \$54 million of building works were approved (representing a 25 percent increase on the previous year), and 90 percent of land was sold in Stage One of the Whyalla Industrial Estate.

Another successful Australian Snapper Championship was held at Easter attracting visitors from almost every Mainland State, while a national campervan and motorhome rally was secured for April 2009.



Our performance at a glance

The City of Whyalla again participated in an independent local government performance survey during the period and was pleased to exceed the State average in every Key Performance Index category.

The results are regarded as having been achieved through a concerted effort and commitment by the entire organisation to provide the best possible service to residents.

However, further improvements are to be made and initiatives introduced, which Council believes will see it striving to raise the community's satisfaction to an even higher level.

Categories		SA 2008	Why 2008	Why 2006	Why 2002
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES					
Aware of Council's Strategic Objectives KPI – 100 = Satisfaction	Yes	34% 82.24	46% 94.38	60% 100.34	39% 85.52
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION					
Aware that Council has a public consultation policy KPI – 100 = Satisfaction	Yes	46% 83.37	55% 88.39	53% 83.49	32% 86.28
COUNCIL SERVICES					
KPI – 100 = Satisfaction		102.84	107.59	107.63	104.24
QUALITY OF LIFE					
KPI – 100 = Satisfaction		90.29	99.12	104.08	90.87
PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION					
Aware of Council's Code of Practice on public access to information KPI – 100 = Satisfaction	Yes	56% 88.42	61% 93.44	66% 98.38	49% 91.10
ASSET/INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT					
KPI – 100 = Satisfaction		104.57	104.79	107.46	107.31
SAFETY & SECURITY					
KPI – 100 = Satisfaction		91.13	95.90	104.70	96.96
OVERALL PERFORMANCE					
In providing services and facilities for the community (Mean out of 10)		6.77	6.88	6.89	6.74

Mayor Jim Pollock proudly displays the 2007 KESAB waste management and recovery award won by the City of Whyalla in 2007, flanked by CEO Phil Cameron holding 2007 and 2006 Council works program awards, and community representative John Sowerby with the previous year's major water conservation award, plus members of the then waste management working party.



Our Elected Members



Mayor
Jim N Pollock



Deputy Mayor
Cr Eddie Hughes



Cr Colin Carter



Cr Natasha Free



Cr Merton Hodge



Cr Bruce Ledo



Cr Ruby McGinnis



Cr Rick Santucci



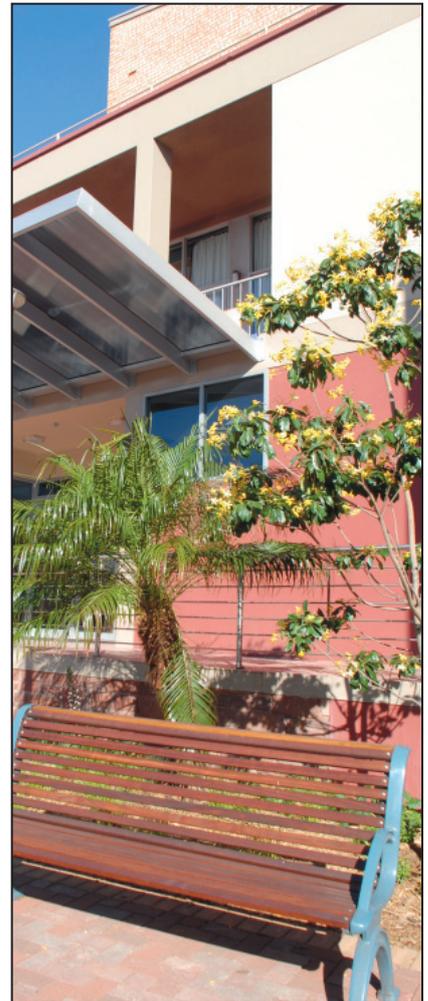
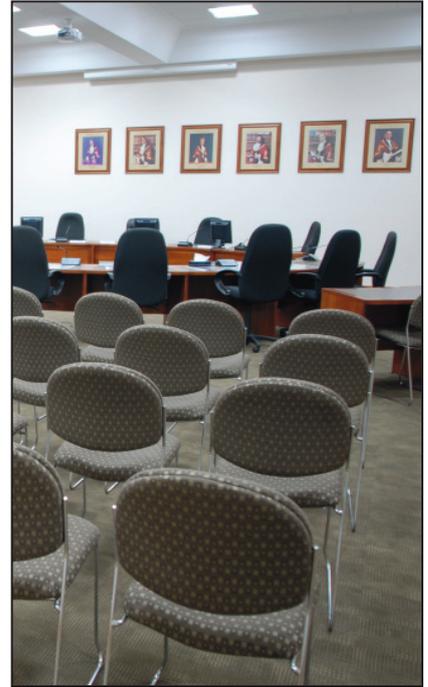
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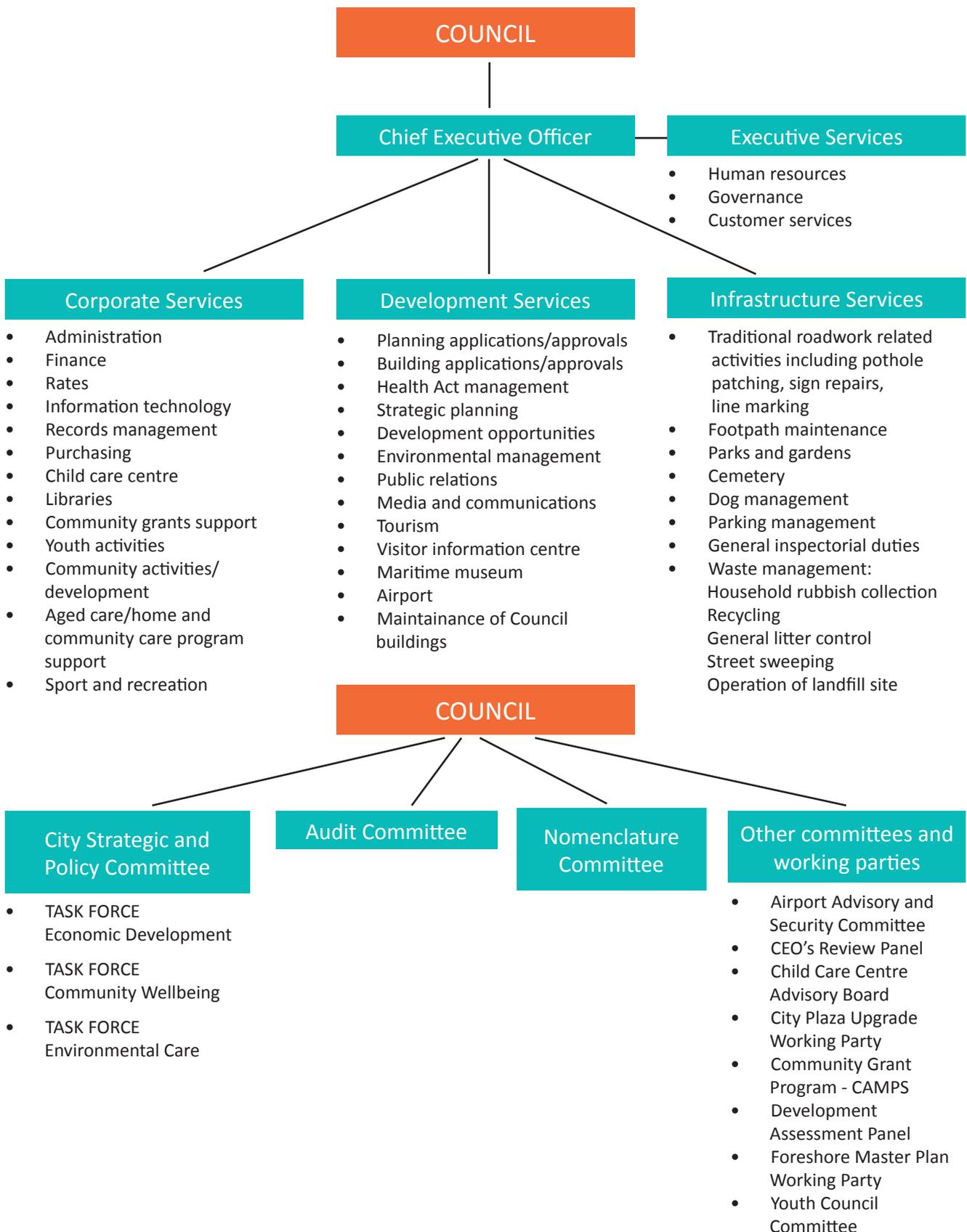


Cr Joanne Waters



*TOP: Inside the new Council Chamber.
RIGHT: The new customer services entrance to
the re-developed Civic Building.*

Our Organisational structure



Our annual Business Plan

The City of Whyalla is a culturally diverse regional community and is home to around 22,500 people.

It has a well established industry and retail base, strong community spirit, and its residents enjoy a comfortable lifestyle with plenty of amenities, events and activities.

The City Business Plan is Council's key management document reflecting the work that Council needs to undertake to meet its strategic plan goals and objectives within constraints of its 10-year long-term plan.

The annual business plan forms part of Council's strategic management planning obligations as set out in Section 122 of the 1999 Local Government Act.

A copy of both the 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 business plans can be accessed via Council's website.

Items in the plan included:

Strategic and Community Plans

As flagged in the 2006/2007 annual Business Plan, Council undertook a major revision of its strategic plan which involved significant community engagement over a 12-month period in planning for the city's future.

Ten-Year Financial Plan

This plan balances the level of funding required to achieve the city's outcomes and becomes the basis for preparation of the annual budget. It was recently updated from a three to 10-year financial plan. A major component is a focus on financial sustainability, accrual accounting and effective management of Council's assets.

Annual Budget

Council's annual budget was developed in conjunction with financial and business planning documents, in the light of finances reasonably available, and with a view to long-term organisational sustainability.

Service Profiles

These articulate Council's service delivery mix, implement Council strategy, and promote transparency in financial reporting.

Capital Improvement Program

The Capital Improvement Program ensures Council's assets are protected, developed and maintained in a timely fashion. This is achieved by linking the program to Council's strategic plan, 10-year financial plan, and a long-term asset renewal plan. An asset management committee identifies and implements improvements in the efficient and effective management of Council assets.

Key Financial Indicators

In accordance with Section 122 of the Local Government (Financial Management and Rating) Amendment Act 2005, Council is required to introduce measures to assess its performance over the financial year. The City of Whyalla was also involved in a Comparative Performance Management project undertaken by the Local Government Association of SA.

Corporate Business Plan

Departmental business plans were developed taking into account early feedback on Whyalla Council's Vision Towards 2022.



TOP: Children confined to a wheelchair can enjoy the fun of a playground swing with the installation of a special Liberty Swing pictured at Whyalla Foreshore with Mayor Jim Pollock. RIGHT: Whyalla's youngsters have another new playground to enjoy following the re-development of a Civic Park facility. Previous equipment was removed due to safety issues as replacement parts were either unavailable or uneconomical.

Our financial sustainability

A Statement by the Chief Executive officer

A major focus during the past four years has been to reduce Council's annual operating deficit (before capital revenue) in order to cover the annual depreciation cost of around \$4million, and to reduce a significant asset management backlog.

The City of Whyalla resolved to achieve financial sustainability while maintaining all existing services through a 10-year long-term financial plan.

In 2007 Council's operating deficit (before capital revenue) was maintained at around \$300,000 to \$400,000.

This was despite significant increased spending on developing and maintaining assets.

The outcome has been achieved by focusing on comprehensive long-term strategic and financial planning.

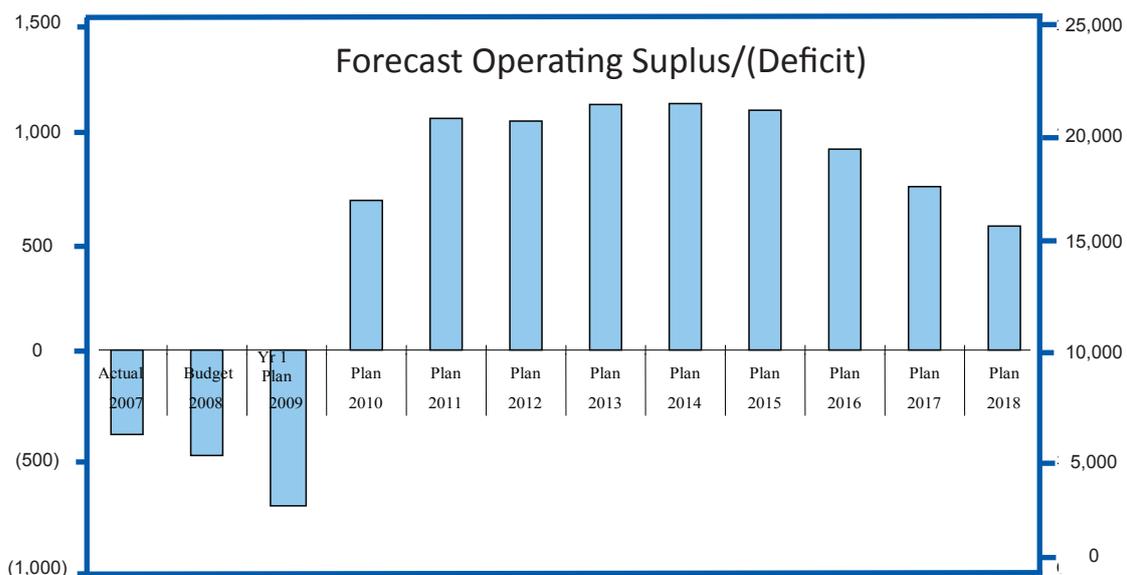
The initial financial turnaround has been successful, but nonetheless there is still work to be done. If Council maintains its current approach to financial management, it will be able to fully maintain all existing services and assets by 2010.

Council's newly established audit committee will help facilitate the preparation and revision of long-term

financial and asset management plans, which will be coupled to financial targets in relation to the future sustainability of the City of Whyalla.

I am confident that if we maintain our current approach to financial management, continue to engage our community, and promote an understanding of the long-term sustainability of Council services, the City of Whyalla will be financially sustainable in our target year of 2010.

Phil Cameron
Chief Executive Officer



This graph shows expected progress towards the City of Whyalla's financial sustainability. Council resolved in 2006 to achieve an operating surplus within five years.

Sustainability Indicators								
	Operating Surplus / (Deficit) (\$000)	General Rates and Fixed Charge	Operating Surplus Ratio (%)	Net Financial Liabilities (\$000)	Total Operating Revenue (\$000)	Net Financial Liabilities Ratio (%)	Interest Cover Ration (%)	Asset Sustainability Ratio (%)
2006/07 Actuals	(389)	8,899	(4)	(181)	18,233	(1.0)	(1.2)	103
2007/08 Forecast	(548)	10,124	(6)	(319)	20,152	(2)	(0.6)	65
2008/09 Budget	(756)	10,970	(7)	4,150	21,364	19.8	0.8	94

Our year in review

The activities of the City of Whyalla have been matched against key result areas of our initial Strategic Plan to form the 2007/2008 Annual Report. This format will change for the 2008/2009 report which will address the new direction Whyalla Strategic and Community Plan, which was adopted by Council just prior to the close of 2007/2008.

GOAL 1:

To encourage the creation of additional sustainable jobs and take a proactive role in enterprise development.

Objective 1.1: To create the legislative and regulatory framework to encourage small to medium enterprise development.

AIRPORT: Council continued to examine options for the future of the Whyalla Airport. During 2007/2008 it entered into negotiations with a third party concerning the airport's on-going operation. Council wishes to ensure that the airport can be developed to its full potential for the benefit of the city by tapping into best practice and a higher level of management expertise which may be needed should expanded operations, larger aircraft, and more stringent security be required. While initial moves were made during the year, a resolution of how the airport might operate into the future will be determined during 2009.

DEVELOPMENT PLANS: Council undertook extensive work to prepare a complete revision of its Development Plan. A Coastal and General Plan Amendment was exhibited and presented to Council for approval. Council has also worked with Planning SA to prepare a master plan to guide the city's growth for the next 25 years. This document was developed to draft stages during 2007/2008, to be released for public comment in the latter part of 2008. The master plan will incorporate the Section 30 development plan review process and direct preparation of further Development Plan Amendments.

PLANNING STAFF: Council has increased its complement of planning and building assessment staff to ensure it maintains reasonable turn around times in the processing of applications. Three staff have been undertaking university studies in building and planning assessment, while an experienced planning manager was recruited from a metropolitan council to head up Council's assessment team. Council met its statutory obligations in assessment times despite an almost fourfold increase in development approval values and significantly increased numbers of applications.

Objective 1.2: To support the actions of Whyalla Economic Development Board (WEDB) to create economic development.

WEDB: Council continued to provide relevant assistance to targeted business activities with the potential to generate employment and economic diversity. A good example is the assistance to Wizard Power for a solar thermal power project at Whyalla Industrial Estate where Council is providing land at peppercorn rental to allow for the development and operation of a proposed demonstration plant due to be constructed in early 2009.

Council maintained a strong partnership with WEDB on a range of projects, resulting in both organisations working together with major investors seeking to bring projects to Whyalla, including commercial, industrial and residential.



Council continued to provide financial assistance to WEDB through an annual contribution with a new agreement presented and endorsed by Council at its May meeting securing ongoing funding for the organisation, in partnership with the State Government.

Council continued to find suitable development sites and provide assistance through approval processes.

NEW INDUSTRIAL ESTATE: Council developed Whyalla Industrial Estate to provide necessary land for new industry seeking to establish in the city. In 2007/2008, Council sold the majority of land within the estate, obtained planning and native vegetation approvals, undertook engineering design, and oversaw development of three sites within the estate. During 2008/2009, services will be installed and further major development is expected to occur.

DEFENCE FUTURE: Determining long-term plans of the Army as to facility development in the region to subsequently develop suitable strategies to encourage further development of defence facilities has been difficult for the city to address. While seeking benefits from the expansion of the Cultana Training Area, Council also sees a considerable threat to lifestyle and development opportunities as a result of proposed massive expansion. Council had a number of meetings with defence and SA government officers and placed a strong case to exclude some areas of the proposed range for development purposes.

Objective 1.3: To establish economic activity based on renewable energy and sustainable development principles.

SOLAR THERMAL: In seeking to attract industries that might be able to utilise Whyalla's climatic advantages, the city was chosen as the site for a solar thermal demonstration project being developed by Wizard Power with funding assistance from the Federal Government. Council provided certainty to project proponents through availability of land. The project has been located in Whyalla because of Council's long-term strategy of promoting the city's "solar city" credentials.

SUSTAINABILITY CENTRE:

UniSA established the Regional Sustainability Centre with assistance from Council as a centre for research and development of technologies for sustainable living in arid and remote areas. Council's Deputy Mayor, Cr Eddie Hughes, was appointed chair of the centre.

WIND ENERGY: A previous strategy of Council to promote wind energy test results to attract a potential wind farm developer has not been successful. No further action was taken as wind, while still a good resource, was not considered to be sufficient to encourage development of a wind farm at this stage, given better wind resources elsewhere. However, with the new Federal Government providing greater emphasis on renewable energy, a Whyalla based wind farm may still be developed.

Objective 1.4: To support local business.

BUY LOCAL: Council maintained a "buy locally" policy in accordance with national competition guidelines, while assisting Whyalla Economic Development Board to develop skills to enable contracts to be won by local service providers.

RETAIL POTENTIAL: In seeking to attract major retail development to assist current business owners in major centres, Council met with major retail development proponents. Plans for one major redevelopment proposal were lodged with Council, while a second proposal was being actively pursued.

Objective 1.5: To achieve major sustainable benefits to Whyalla through tourism and visitation.

TOURISM REVIEW: Council commenced a review of its tourism operations during the latter part of 2007/2008, looking at each facet of Council's tourism and marketing operation, including the maritime museum, visitor information centre, Tourism Eyre Peninsula contribution and funding of its Whyalla based marketing officer, funding for Events Whyalla, and the organisation and running of the annual Australian Snapper Championship. Findings of the report are expected to be released to Council for its consideration in late 2008.

TOURISM MARKETING: Assistance to Whyalla Economic Development Board and Tourism Eyre Peninsula to implement a tourism marketing plan, while preparing a tourist infrastructure blueprint for the city to prioritise development of major assets and to provide a basis for ongoing planning and funding, was deferred pending the outcome of Council's tourism review.

CUTTLEFISH: Council actively promoted the annual cuttlefish aggregation phenomenon through joint marketing campaigns, its visitor centre, and private enterprise.

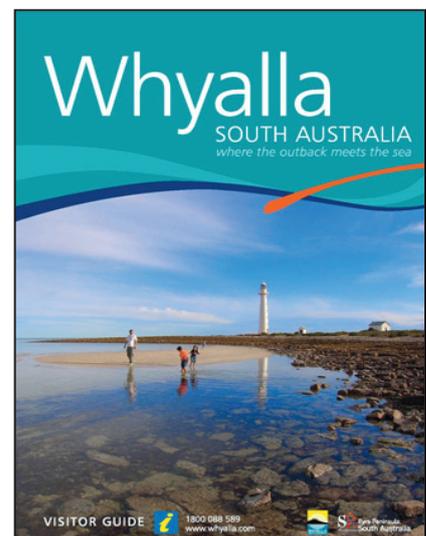
POINT LOWLY TOURISM: Little activity occurred to establish tourism operators, initiatives and better facilities at Point Lowly due to other pressures and priorities during the period. A site was previously identified for a caravan/cabin park and there are other opportunities in the area, but it was not possible to devote sufficient resources to achieve appropriate outcomes.

EVENTS: Council continued to provide funding to Events Whyalla to pursue a range of major events. The biggest coup was the securing of a national campervan and motorhome rally expected to attract up to 1,000 motor homes over an up to 10-day period in March/April, 2009.

Objective 1.6: To build on Whyalla's importance as a regional education centre and promote the Whyalla Education Precinct.

LANDSCAPING: A landscape plan brief was prepared as part of a review of the Education and Cultural (Nicolson) Precinct infrastructure upgrade, with funding secured in the 2008/2009 budget.

Front cover of the Whyalla Visitor Guide produced by Council's visitor centre.



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Objective 1.7: To enhance sporting, recreational and cultural facilities and events, and to enhance their appeal to participants in the region and State.

DONATIONS: Council maintained its grant and donation budget allocations with various community groups supported during the year. This included \$25,000 in the regular six-monthly community and performing art grants to 25 applicants.

SPORT FACILITIES MASTER PLAN: Council commenced a significant study aimed at rationalising current sporting facilities and encouraging development of multiuse facilities. A final draft master plan will be released later in 2008.

SNAPPER FISHING: Council has been the prime organising body for the annual Australian Snapper Championship since the first event in 1991 and ensured another successful Easter event in 2008. It will again organise and support the competition in 2009. However, as part of its tourism review a number of options for its future operation will be considered during 2008/2009.

The championship generates hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Whyalla economy at Easter and at other times of the year through repeat visitation and the attraction of new visitors as a result of the extensive publicity of Whyalla achieved by the event.

ART GALLERY: Council has been a major promoter for the need of a local art gallery for several years and was successful in receiving a \$400,000 grant from the State Government.

Objective 1.8: To maintain and seek to increase the number of aged/retired persons living in Whyalla.

LAND AVAILABILITY: Council continued to promote land availability and lifestyle benefits to the commercial property market.

RETIREMENT VILLAGE: Council earmarked the Magill Park site (former soccer grounds) as suitable for the development of a retirement village. It undertook various community land revocation processes and commenced negotiations with occupying clubs to determine alternative sites for their activities. Council will call for expressions of interest from developers in 2009 to build a retirement village.

Objective 1.9: To actively support the development of a viable and sustainable aquaculture industry in the Whyalla district.

Some work occurred on the development of a purpose built commercial harbour for the aquaculture and other industries at Fitzgerald Bay, but continued delays frustrated actual construction. With the takeover of SA Aquaculture Management by Clean Seas Tuna, a review of harbour requirements was undertaken and new harbour design costed, which was considerably more expensive than the original approved project.

Therefore, further funding was needed from industry and government with the Federal Government agreeing to additional funding, but the State Government declined a new submission. As a result of budget shortfalls, Council will further revise the project during 2008/2009 while examining alternate sites for the development.

The annual snapper championship organised by the City of Whyalla is not just about fishing, but education and awareness of preserving fish stocks.

The ability of Council to assist Whyalla Economic Development Board secure major funding for the development of the new commercial harbour, while developing supporting infrastructure including roads, power and water, is contingent upon the success of the above item.

Council entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with aquaculture industry proponents to set out the scope of assistance to be provided. It determined to cap its level of assistance and seek repayment of any ratepayer funds expended on providing infrastructure for the industry through lease and user charges for the proposed harbour.

Council has been invited onto a task force of the Department of Primary Industry, which is overseeing the development of the harbour project, to maintain good communications with PIRSA, the industry and the Whyalla community to ensure that issues related to fish farms in local waters are addressed promptly with factual information.

Development policy in the recent Coastal and General DPA was modified to allow for a harbour at an alternative site.



GOAL 2:

To ensure the needs of the community are met through maintenance and improvement of infrastructure, services and facilities.

Objective 2.1: To provide adequate funding and resources to ensure Council's infrastructure is well maintained, ensuring financial assets, liabilities and cash flows are sustained in the long term.

ASSETS: Council continued to develop an asset management strategy involving the creation of an assets database, and policies and procedure, for the viable future management of assets. An asset plan will be completed by the end of 2008.

FUNDING: Council has provided adequate funding for its ongoing maintenance of community assets and future sustainability through its 10-year financial plan. It will review its rate structure in 2008/2009.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE:

A revised organisational structure within the Infrastructure Department saw core teams responsible for specific ongoing service delivery:

- Horticultural team: Maintenance and upkeep of parks, gardens and reserves.
- Arbour team: Responsible for trees on Council controlled and owned land.
- Civil team: Construction and maintenance of sealed and unsealed roads, storm water and footpaths.
- Maintenance team: Responsible for mechanical maintenance of machinery and building maintenance to Council owned assets.

RATIONALISATION: Machinery was rationalised as part of an ongoing improvement program to ensure the community received value for money through the use of only equipment that was necessary, reliable and relatively maintenance free.

FOOTPATHS & KERBING: The annual footpath and kerbing program continued with a budget of \$220,000. This has been an exceptionally long-term and ongoing program, which is under review in line with Council's sustainability focus.

ROADS: Resealing and rehabilitation of the Whyalla road network was also ongoing as part of a 10-year program. Most of Whyalla's major roads have been upgraded, so work will commence on revitalising the residential and lower priority road network.

CRUSHING: Council undertook a number of crushing contracts and saved the community money on road base materials through recycling crushed concrete for unsealed roads. This is expected to continue into the future, resulting in more road works for the same budget funds.

FORESHORE: Tenders for the first phase of a major upgrade of the Whyalla Foreshore were released.

BOAT RAMPS: Additional concrete ramp sections were installed at the Point Lowly boat ramp to extend access to deeper water.

SAND REPLENISHMENT: Sand at the Whyalla Foreshore was relocated from the marina end of the beach to replenish the entire beachfront. This work is expected to continue periodically during the next two years.

Objective 2.2: To ensure the internal operations of Council are efficient and effective.

SERVICE DELIVERY: Council quantified the effectiveness and efficiency of its service delivery by surveying a group of clients through the LGA community survey in May. Any improvements that are identified as beneficial will be implemented in conjunction with continuous improvement programs.

DEPARTMENTAL PLANS:

Council continued to implement departmental plans based on Council's strategic plan, ensuring that staff were familiar with the plan, while maintaining the highest level of standards and procedures to ensure that Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare of employees was protected and enhanced. Ongoing attention was paid to improve risk management systems while implementing industry best practice standards.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT: An ongoing records management project was maintained, ensuring that continuous and substantial improvements were made in Council's record keeping practices, while assisting Council to reach compliance with various standards issued by State Records.

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RECORDS (Continued):

Highlights:

- Created a new three-year Records Management Plan 2007-2010.
- Updated all records management procedures, associated plans, and programs focusing on continuous improvement.
- A new records management area was specifically constructed and outfitted to meet State Record requirements as part of the Civic Building upgrade – eg fire proofed, gas suppression unit installed, minimal natural light and restricted access.
- Provided training to all officers in the use of record management software, Synergy Soft.
- Jan Lawrence and Associates (archiving specialist) continued with an archiving project involving inactive records located in secondary storage. Archiving of inactive records was also undertaken in individual officer's offices as they relocated to new accommodation.
- Development of a new filing index based upon the Thesaurus for Local Government and the General Disposal Schedule (GDS20) commenced.
- Council's records reference library was centralised.

PURCHASING: In conjunction with Strategic E-commerce, Council maintained an online purchasing system with businesses and suppliers, allowing orders for goods and services to be placed electronically or via a fax gateway. This enabled an auto-update of committal costings to the financial database.

Similarly, a centralised supply function incorporating a best practice system was maintained, giving Council access to the SA Government's tender and contract system for placement of tenders online.

Objective 2.3: To ensure that Council services, facilities and infrastructure are responsive to, and meet, community needs.

CUSTOMER SERVICES CHARTER: As part of the process to both maintain and improve customer service standards, a periodic review of Council's Customer Services Charter commenced, due for completion later in 2008.

NEW LIBRARY: Community engagement, consultation and preparation of concept drawings and costs were undertaken and completed on the establishment of a new, central state-of-the-art public library. This was well reported to all residents in the winter edition of *Whyalla Council News*. However, the project has been delayed while Council addresses various site options and funding, and construction may now not start until 2009/2010.

RECREATION CENTRE: The Council owned Whyalla Leisure Centre was placed under the management of private company Leisure Co for the next three years after the previous lessees ceased trading in August 2007. As part of the management arrangement, Leisure Co commenced a thorough review of the centre's operation and will be addressing its future and ongoing operation.

LANDSCAPING: As part of an annual funding allocation specifically towards the achievement of outcomes for a city-wide landscaping plan, several projects were completed while others will be budgeted for in 2008/2009.

BICYCLE PLAN: A revised strategic bicycle plan was presented to Council in June 2008 for future consideration and implementation.

CHILD CARE CENTRE: Council's child care centre benefited from an annual maintenance program. The staffroom kitchenette, nursery, laundry and couches were upgraded. Further rubber matting was installed in the two to five years outside play area to complete the outdoor upgrade to meet new licensing requirements. Sandpits were replaced and replenished.

All policies, procedures and short/long-term goals were reviewed and updated as per the annual requirement. A surprise audit was carried out by Licensing and Standards regarding records management. Staff were trained in the areas of communicating with families, food handling, promoting cultural inclusion, senior first aid, SIDS and manual handling.



Whyalla Child Care Centre, owned and operated by the City of Whyalla, has been providing quality services for more than 30 years.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES: The Whyalla Public Library through its two branches – Alex Ramsay and Civic – again provided a significant range of services and outcomes:

- 711 new borrowers bringing total membership to 12,258.
- 2,288 babies and young children attended the children’s program – up around 80 percent over the past three years.
- 142,664 items borrowed.
- 10,553 Internet sessions booked.
- Why-Pen-It: The fourth creative writing competition with 73 entries and nine winners from poetry and short story sections.
- School holiday programs: Children undertook mosaics, basket weaving, cartoon drawing, created masks and attended a masquerade party, and participated in the State summer reading club based on superheroes. They made fish windsocks, paper bag kites and more involved diamond shaped kites after which they were tested on a school oval.
- Children’s programs: Pre-school storytime children entered a montage of aliens at the Whyalla Show, winning first and second prizes; the library participated in a national simultaneous storytime event where *The Magic Hat* by Mem Fox was read with other libraries at the same time around the nation; free scrapbooks were given to children up to five years as part of the Little Vegemite Aussie reader program in conjunction with the Little Big Book Club; 424 babies and toddlers attended Weeny Boppers and Giggle Pots sessions; and 1,513 pre-schoolers attended story reading and craft activities.

- Kindergarten and class visits: The children’s librarian visited the child care centre and Win Newby Kindergarten for singing and story telling sessions. Classes from Samaritan College, Whyalla Stuart Kindergarten and Whyalla Town Primary School regularly visited the library.
- Grandparents Day: As part of the Little Big Book Club, Mayor Jim Pollock was invited to read stories to the children about grandparents, supported by various activities, with morning tea for visiting grandparents who joined their grandchildren for pre-school storytime attended by 50 children.
- Books in the Sky (BiTS) project: An “audio navigator” was used to download pre-recorded books for vision impaired home-bound borrowers and members of the Royal Society for the Blind.
- Library notices go electronic: Notices to users such as notification of reservations and overdue loans were sent successfully by a mixture of email, SMS and printed mail. In 2007/2008, mail still accounted for the majority at 68% with 23% by email and 9% by SMS, but the electronic methods are expected to increase over time.
- Book sale: A very successful book sale was held in April and was so popular that the public were lining up waiting for the doors to open. The sale provided an opportunity to dispose of old, worn out and unused stock, with profits used to provide new books.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: The Community Development role of Council, which exists to develop and implement community activities and projects, was combined with the appointment in November of a *be active* field officer with a dual title of Whyalla Council’s *be active* Community and Recreation Field Officer.

Highlights:

- Funded the bi-annual Whyalla Art Prize.
- Completed the upgrade of a community courtyard, including the refurbishment of a public art work, in the City Plaza shopping precinct.
- Facilitated the update and printing of the annual Family Services Directory.
- Worked closely with D’faces of Youth Arts in supporting local youth programs.
- Supported the Whyalla Christmas Pageant and Christmas Carols through financial sponsorship, in kind assistance and physical participation.
- Continued to provide financial grants to groups – supporting the performing arts, sporting groups, service clubs, community organisations, charities and events. This grants’ program ensures that groups can be supported in their endeavours and that the community continues to benefit from the results.
- Worked with the indigenous community in the refurbishment of their historic Seven Sisters site.
- Received funding of \$400,000 to enable the establishment of an art gallery for the city.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Continued):

- Completed community art projects at Civic Park with the soundshell and toilet block painted by local youth with help from an Adelaide artist.
- Supported local initiatives for celebrating senior's week.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT: This role was outsourced to Centacare – an organisation that provides a co-ordination role to the city's Youth Council, ensures participation in local government and other organisations, and provides decision-making processes.

Highlights:

- Ongoing consultation and development of youth activities.
- Ongoing consultation on Whyalla youth issues with local State and Federal Government bodies.
- Supported youth week activities through funding and other help.
- Participated in a regional health planning day.
- Continued evaluation and planning of Youth Council incentives.
- Involved in community events such as the Easter Fishy Fringe festival, local football grand final and Whyalla Gift athletics event.



RECREATION & SPORT: Council's *be active* Field Officer role, funded for three years by the Office of Recreation and Sport, is designed to develop the importance and value of sport played in local communities, while also to educate and support local sporting organisations to ensure their continued future. As already reported, the position has been combined with the Community Development Officer role.

Highlights:

- Continued to work with local sporting associations and clubs to assist business plan improvement strategies, supporting applications for grants and facility development.
- Commenced a sport and recreation master plan in conjunction with OneEighty Sport and Leisure Solutions with a view to create multi-user facilities. A draft is expected to be released to the community later in 2008.
- Worked in conjunction with Whyalla Community Health on the Heart Foundation walking program.
- Liaised with local clubs on their infrastructure and its ongoing future.
- Assisted Plaza Youth with a sporting program by running lessons on different sports.
- Provided detailed information to the Whyalla Sport Network from the Office for Recreation and Sport.
- Gained funding to assist with training more tai chi instructors and to create a sport and recreation website.
- Hosted a regional *be active* field officers conference.
- Co-ordinated a reception for a visit by the World Harmony Run team.

Community art projects continue in conjunction with the city's youth to brighten some of Council's older facilities and public toilets.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

Council's Information Technology Services, again staffed by three officers, serviced a computer network of 15 servers, more than 120 desktop work stations and laptops, for approximately 120 users in 12 locations throughout the city, involving around 20 different major software applications plus others solely for network support and maintenance.

Highlights:

- Continued significant involvement during the Civic Building upgrade, maintaining communications and connections to Corporate Services staff temporarily relocated during reconstruction and then to new permanent office space.
- Civic Building's PABX phone system was replaced in early 2008 with Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) capabilities and, in conjunction with planned PABX replacements at other Council sites in 2008/2009, will result in all calls between Council's offices being carried on its own network at no cost.
- Thirty-five new NextG capable Nokia mobile phones were introduced with the closure of Telstra's CDMA network.
- A permanent screen, data projector, DVD player and small PA system were installed at Council's infrastructure depot due to the high level of training across a range of disciplines.
- A new A0-sized scanner and plotter was purchased to enable infrastructure staff to convert Council's old paper plan collection to computer documents which can be retrieved and viewed by staff using their desktop computers.
- Two webcams were installed on Council's communications tower giving southerly and westerly views of the city. Pictures are viewable on www.whyalla.com/goto/webcams.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (Continued):

- A Disaster Recovery Centre was established at the infrastructure depot as a traditional off-site back-up for the recovery of accidentally deleted or corrupted data, while also having the ability to ensure Council's day-to-day business is maintained in the event of damage to the Civic Building's server room.
- A wireless link to Council's landfill site was established, enabling staff to access the network.

VISITOR CENTRE & MARITIME

MUSEUM: Council's visitor information centre and maritime museum complex continued to provide a valuable and important service for both visitors and local residents.

- Visitor centre highlights included: Production of another excellent annual visitor's guide, national accreditation maintained, provision of a seven-day-a-week service and promotional facility for Whyalla, and development of an unequalled range of souvenirs to meet consumer demand. A total of 27,527 people visited the visitor centre in 2007/2008, which represented a 15.2 percent growth over the five years from 2003/2004 with 23,334 users.



- Maritime museum highlights included: Establishment of three new exhibits/exhibitions, display of a travelling exhibition relating to the 1967 referendum, restoration of a small wooden fishing vessel exhibit Valkyrie, celebration of 20 years of operation, hosting of several prestigious corporate functions, and ongoing status as a major SA tourist attraction. A total of 13,549 patrons passed through the turnstile in 2007/2008, which included around 5,000 admissions for a one-off OneSteel Christmas Party and 20th anniversary public open day. It has been a more difficult task to progressively increase general numbers into the museum over the past five years (excluding special functions) with 8,897 visiting in 2003/2004.

Objective 2.4: To ensure that all facilities and services provided by Council are available to the maximum number of persons.

Council maintained references to the Disability Discrimination Act action plan within the text and body of Council's strategic plan.

Objective 2.5: To protect and advance the health and well-being of those who live in the Whyalla community (Environmental Health Management Plan.)

Council continued to identify and advocate reducing factors in the environment which adversely impacted on community health; provided adequate services to ensure maximum health and well being; and promoted and maintained a proper standard of public health and safety.

The first stop for visitors in Whyalla must be the Whyalla Visitor Centre and Maritime Museum featuring the nation's largest landlocked ex-warship two kms inland and two metres above ground – you actually walk under it!

Objective 2.6: To develop an organisational culture, which acknowledges and rewards innovation, risk taking, enterprise and hard work.

Council continued to recognise and implement the establishment and cultivation of networks of individuals and organisations to assist in the achievement of Council's goals.

It established relationships at senior management level with a small number of like centres to foster best practice in local government management and operation.

Council's Senior Management Team and Elected Members undertook training to improve innovation, creativity and lateral thinking to enable the development of viable solutions to issues.

Council commenced the establishment of inter-departmental teams to work, as required, on projects of strategic importance.

Objective 2.7: To capitalise upon the opportunities for development of the Whyalla Airport to maximise benefit to the community.

Council implemented the current management plan for the airport.

In regards to an investigation of the sale or outsourcing of the airport's operation, this is referred to under Goal 1, objective 1.1.

Council continued lobbying the Department of Defence concerning use of the airport for its operations, while continuing to promote the airport to persons, companies or groups interested in undertaking development.

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GOAL 3:

To manage all aspects of the local environment (natural and built) in an ecologically sustainable way.

Objective 3.1: Implement sustainable land management practices in coastal and other non urban areas of Whyalla.

Council maintained membership of the regional Natural Resources Management Committee to promote sound land management practices including the reduction of pest plants and animals. A community member was also appointed.

Council continued to assess development in coastal zones in accordance with relevant Development Plan provisions which promoted environmental protection.

The Whyalla Coastcare Committee commenced the process of re-establishment.

Objective 3.2: Operate waste management services in a way which encourages waste reduction, recycling and reuse.

Waste management responsibilities continued as a major focus of Council services to the community, including hard waste collection, general litter control, recycling, household waste collection, landfill site operation and development, street sweeping and co-ordination of the annual Clean Up Australia Day.

Highlights:

- Successful introduction of a third kerbside bin pick-up for green organic materials.
- Council now has approximately 10,000 wheelie bin pick-ups within Whyalla, while shack coastal areas are serviced with large mini skips positioned at strategic locations.

- Council resumed control and operation of the Mount Laura landfill site as the most cost-effective, sustainable solution.
- Council gained a composting licence as part of its green organic waste recycling program with the first compost production, for resale and to be used in public open spaces, due in early 2008/2009.
- Establishment of a transfer station and salvage facilities commenced, due to be fully completed in 2008/2009.
- A waste education centre will be established at the site in 2008/2009 to serve both the local community and region.
- Council continued to ensure ongoing compliance with EPA licence conditions at the landfill site, in conjunction with implementation of its landfill environment management plan.
- As part of Council's footpath and kerbing replacement program, in conjunction with any general demolition works, old concrete and bricks were stored for crushing, crushed and recycled.

Objective 3.3: Promote increased energy efficiency and use of renewable energy in Council operations and the community.

Council changed its passenger car fleet to four-cylinder, diesel powered vehicles which are more efficient than equivalent petrol models and generate less greenhouse gas emissions. Opportunities to use green fuels were investigated, but supply issues resulted in Council discontinuing the use of such fuels by its heavy vehicle fleet.

Council undertook further implementation of its strategic bicycle plan with a successful funding application being submitted to provide for additional bike routes, as part of its commitment to encourage greater bicycle use in the city.

Council promoted and continued to operate its solar hot water rebate scheme. With higher levels of housing development, the solar hot water rebate scheme was expanded to meet demand. Whyalla is understood to be the only council in SA to provide a rebate for the installation of solar water heaters.

Council unsuccessfully applied to the government to amend its Development Plan to make solar water heaters mandatory within the Council area, but it was noted that new requirements for energy efficient water heaters were to be introduced through building code amendments from July 1, 2008.

Council promoted its environmental initiatives and encouraged community involvement in, and understanding of, living more sustainably through the media, special interest groups and its website.

A full audit of Council's operations was commissioned to determine its carbon footprint with the long-term aim of becoming carbon neutral, although work proceeded slowly through the company acting on Council's behalf. Council further investigated full conversion to green power, but the cost of conversion was identified as prohibitive at this time and a longer-term conversion program would be required in conjunction with energy efficiency measures.

Objective 3.4: Maximise water reuse and recycling.

Council continued to install water saving devices, including sub surface irrigation, as part of an upgrade to Council owned parks, gardens and ovals. A practice of spreading mulch on medium strips, in reserves, and on bare ground was maintained to reduce evaporation of ground moisture for existing plants.

The harvest and treatment of effluent by SA Water's new plant came on line in 2007 after undergoing extensive trials, with Council purchasing 300 megalitres annually for its parks, reserves and ovals. Other sporting and education organisations also use the recycled treated effluent.

Council continued to use water from the Aquifer Storage Recovery project for trees in public open space (including street median strips) and road construction. The current facility has a capacity of 35 megalitres, but a review of the system will likely result in the future construction of another dam to capture surface water runoff west of the site.

Objective 3.5: To assist Housing SA (formerly SA Housing Trust) in the provision of housing which has good amenity and comprises viable neighbourhoods.

Council maintained contact with Housing SA over future urban renewal projects with streetscape upgrades and ongoing marketing.



Objective 3.6: To facilitate the development of the geographical centre of Whyalla in a way that is sustainable.

A range of projects is in place to reinforce the geographical centre of the city including seeking a key parcel of land for development of a proposed new central library and other development opportunities. A structure plan has been prepared to be incorporated into the Whyalla Master Plan indicating long-term development opportunities for the area. This plan will be published and placed on exhibition in late 2008.

Council provided ongoing support to potential developers to obtain projects in the central zone.

Objective 3.7: To ensure that planning policy is consistent with economic development goals and sustainable development principles.

Council maintained currency of its Development Plan through a recent upgrade which will be endorsed later in 2008.

Objective 3.8: To create a clean, green and attractive city.

Council used its landscape plan as a basis for ongoing development of public open space and to prepare an annual works program to enable implementation of the plan.

Installation of high quality tourist information signs has been planned, but the project has been deferred due to internal resourcing difficulties and will be implemented as funds permit during the next year.

Discarded scrap timber awaits conversion into mulch at the City of Whyalla's recycle centre under development at its landfill site which has also seen a major upgrade.

Objective 3.9: Develop the town/foreshore in a manner which recognises this area as the city's most significant asset and maximises investment in private development and enhances public infrastructure.

Council continued to encourage development of new shopping facilities in the City Plaza while completing, in the main, its own upgrade development of Whyalla's Civic Building.

Work continued on an environmental amenity project, Whitehead Street Reserve, but was delayed for various reasons. However it is expected to be completed during 2008/2009 and includes restoration of the city's original Girl Guide Hall and nearby early BHP pay office.

Traffic flow in the City Plaza area was improved with the re-introduction of two-way traffic through the conversion of Patterson and Forsyth Streets, which involved community consultation. The change, after more than 25 years as a one-way street, has operated generally without incident. In conjunction with new and/or improved access to off street car parks, the change has resulted in greater street traffic flow.

Objective 3.10: To promote Point Lowly and environs to cater for multiple users including visitors, recreational boaters, residential and commercial business operators, and to facilitate additional suitable development to meet potential user needs.

Council was unable to allocate appropriate resources to develop more suitable caravan and mobile home parking facilities, but nevertheless, improved some existing and new facilities. It still hopes to be able to continue developing facilities and to encourage the development of additional tourist accommodation.

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GOAL 4:

Foster a sense of community, and community participation and involvement.

Objective 4.1: To enhance the level of services and facilities provided by Council to young people in the city.

Council maintained its support of Whyalla's Youth Council and Youth Advisory Committee which meet regularly and provide Council with minutes, updates and input.

Ongoing youth activities such as Youth Week and Out of the Shed projects were provided.

Support was provided to Mission SA to ensure enhancement of youth recreation. Other support was provided for the Youth Network.

An annual regional youth forum was hoped to be held to discuss youth issues, but this could not be resolved and is not likely to be rescheduled.

Council continued to source funding through local agencies and the State Government to support youth development.

Objective 4.2: To provide activities which encourage community involvement and provide a focus for community pride.

COMMUNICATION: Council maintained regular communication with the broader community, also encouraging community involvement and input, through:

- Council and Whyalla websites.
- Quarterly editions of its household letterboxed tabloid newspaper *Whyalla Council News*.
- A special edition *Whyalla Council News* relating to the creation of the new community plan.
- Weekly 30-minute segments on community radio.

- Regular issuing of media releases to local and regional media (newspaper, TV and radio.)
- Supportive advertising in local and regional media relating to specific Council campaigns seeking community input or participation.
- A monthly Council column in local newspaper *Whyalla News*.

CHILD CARE CENTRE: At Council's child care centre, staff, children and parents participated in fundraising events such as Hairlarious Day, Red Nose Day and Jeans for Genes Day. The centre was promoted in a number of local activities including a children's display at the Whyalla Show, Christmas display at Westland Shopping Centre, and through the entry of a float at the OneSteel Whyalla Christmas Pageant.

The fundraising committee continued to organise activities supported by parents and the community, including family portraits, toy drives, raffles, and the most popular – a family and community Christmas barbecue. Funds raised are used to purchase toys and equipment.

OTHER FUNDING SOURCES: Council accessed funding sources to assist in the design and implementation of community projects including arts projects and physical programs for varying age groups – from Whyalla's youth to the mature aged community sector, while providing ongoing support for a range of organisations

OTHER COUNCIL SUPPORT: Council continued to support, financially and in-kind, community arts projects and events related to cultural development, eg D'faces of Youth, Mission Australia and Whyalla Art Group.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Incentive awards were provided to encourage community participation in the city's annual Christmas pageant. Council maintained its support of the pageant as a major stakeholder.

AUSTRALIA DAY: Council continued to conduct community events such as Australia Day to also encourage community participation. In 2007/2008, a record crowd attended twilight celebrations at the Whyalla Foreshore with particular emphasis on a free entertainment and amusements program targeted at families so they can enjoy a low-cost fun day out at the beach. Council also administered the annual Australia Day awards and its own program of Australia Day community service awards.

Objective 4.3: To assist in empowering individuals and groups to achieve their goals for the broader community benefit.

Council provided relevant assistance to groups and individuals in the community, maintained funding and in-kind support for the Advancing Whyalla organisation, and provided assistance and advice to human service agencies requiring support.

Objective 4.4: To facilitate the community's broader issues of national governance and cultural identity.

Council was unable to progress this objective to any high degree due to lack of opportunities and resources. It provided funds and support where possible and continued to support Whyalla's Aboriginal networks.

GOAL 5:

Be an advocate for the community in dealing with other organisations including other levels of government, business and industry.

Objective 5.1: To represent the interests of Whyalla strongly at the regional, State and Federal level to influence positive outcomes for the city.

Council undertook a raft of actions to:

- Lobby Federal and State Government to support the establishment, relocation, or growth of business activities in the region.
- Encourage best possible outcomes for Whyalla from regional associations, Provincial Cities Association, Murray Darling Association, Flinders Regional Areas Consultative Committee, Upper Spencer Gulf Common Purpose Group and Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association.

- Lobby tiers of government to ensure retention of government employees in the community.
- Continue to work with SA Water to expand effluent re-use initiatives.
- Support efforts of the LGA to highlight inequities in funding of local government and highlighting cost shifting.
- Ensure Whyalla's interests are well promoted in dealings with relevant government agencies.

Council maintained regional partnerships through representation on various committees and boards to foster good working relationships with regional councils, Local Government Association and other government agencies. This was particularly evident in waste and environmental issues.



Heritage protected at Hummock Hill Lookout,

GOAL 6:

Provide good governance to the community.

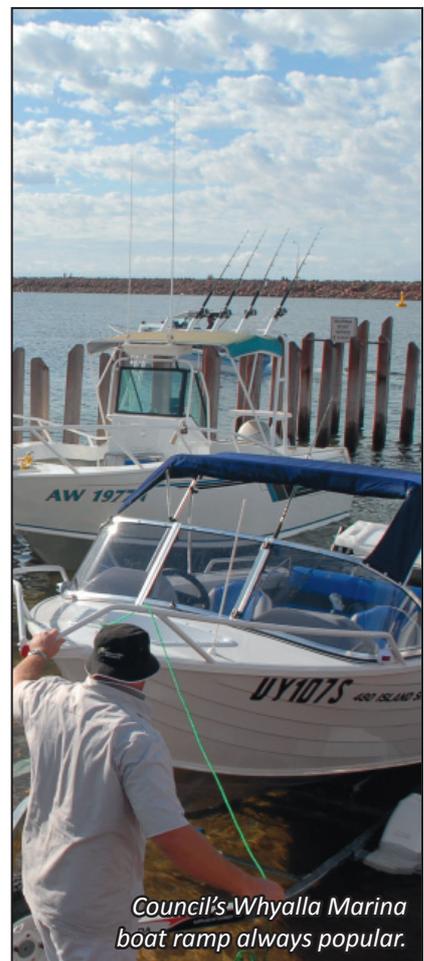
Objective 6.1: To administer relevant legislation effectively and fairly to enhance urban life for residents.

PLANNING SERVICES: Council continued to provide building and planning services, with several internal departmental staff changes as a result of a significantly higher level of activity, to ensure the urban environment and building structures were sound and safe and complied with all legislative codes.

COMPLAINTS: Council maintained and publicised its general Council-wide complaints handling procedure.

PARKING CONTROLS: Council continued to provide and enforce effective parking controls to maximise space turnover in shopping areas, and ensure accessible footpath areas and appropriate use of parking spaces for people with disabilities. Several campaigns were run during the year through the general media, and Council's own quarterly publication *Whyalla Council News*.

DOG AND CAT CONTROL: Council carried out its responsibilities relating to dog and cat control, including a pro-active initiative with a microchipping day to encourage responsible pet owners to have their pet microchipped for half price.



Council's Whyalla Marina boat ramp always popular.

Our year in review

NEW BY-LAWS: In 2006/2007 Council undertook extensive work to prepare a set of model by-laws, which included an extensive period of community consultation.

The following were adopted by Council during 2007/2008:

- **Permits and Penalties:** To provide for a permit system and continuing penalties in Council by-laws, to clarify the construction of such by-laws, and to repeal by-laws.
- **Local Government Land:** For management of all land vested in or under the control of Council.
- **Roads:** For management of roads vested in or under the control of Council.
- **Moveable Signs:** To set standards for moveable signs on roads and to provide conditions for and placement of such signs.
- **Dogs:** To regulate activities of dogs within the Council area and to limit the number of dogs kept on premises.
- **Cats:** For the control and management of cats.
- **Caravans and Camping:** To regulate, control and prohibit use of caravans, vehicles and tents as places of habitation; and regulate camping on Council land.
- **Boat Harbours and Facilities:** To regulate use of boat ramps and harbours within the Council area which are under the control of Council.
- **Foreshore:** For the management of local government land comprising the beach and foreshore under the control of Council.
- **Waste Management:** To regulate and control the removal of household waste, for prevention and suppression of nuisances, and for regulating management of Council property.

Objective 6.2: Provide effective means for the community to be involved in local government decision making.

Council maintained an adherence to its consultation policy to ensure that people affected by Council decisions had an opportunity to be heard – examples being the process undertaken to develop a new central library facility to replace the two existing libraries, and development of a future community plan for Whyalla.

Council maintained good communication of its decisions with the community through its open meeting procedures and adherence of Local Government Act guidelines in regards to confidentiality. All decisions were accessible via Council's website while many were reported through the general media – newspaper, radio and TV.

Council, either through its own initiative or upon specific requests, provided the media with a broad range of information to enable them to inform the public about Council decisions. This often resulted in further interviews with appropriate officers or members to support the various stories. Council enjoyed a continuing good relationship with most media and always endeavoured to respond to individual requests with appropriate information by deadline requests.

Council continued to enhance the publication of its quarterly *Whyalla Council News* as a very important resource in its regular communication with the public – advising of decisions, providing background to stories the general media are unable to elaborate upon, and creating greater awareness of Council services and how to interact with Council on all manner of matters.

Whyalla Council News alternated between 12 and 16 pages, but during 2008/2009 will increase to 16 pages for every issue. Community response to the publication has been exceptionally positive.

Objective 6.3: Maintain procedures and policies which promote confidence in the conduct of local government affairs.

Council maintained fair and transparent policies in regards to the sale of assets and procurement processes, all of which were well documented. It also maintained an "open door" attitude towards any of its dealings in the event of public questions or enquiries.

All planning decisions where Council had an interest in the development of land were referred to the relevant State Government authority in accordance with correct policies and procedures.

Council continued to develop and adopt policies and procedures, ensuring that staff were fully aware of their responsibilities and day-to-day safety to themselves and the public.

Objective 6.4: To provide strategic directions for Council and the community which are well publicised and allow for community input.

Council developed a fully integrated suite of plans, including community, annual business, 10-year financial, departmental business plans with KPIs, and monthly and annual reports. The community plan was adopted in June, 2008. The 2008/2009 business plan, which was prepared during the year under review, was to be adopted by Council at its July 2008 meeting.

A rolling four-year strategic plan and rolling 10-year financial plan was reviewed and adopted at the June 2008 Council meeting.

Council provided various means for public involvement in the community planning process accompanied by extensive advertising and promotion encouraging community participation. The community was kept well briefed on Council's strategic planning directions through the media in general, supported by a special edition of *Whyalla Council News*.

Community attitudes towards Council activities, plans and key issues were gauged through a State-wide survey carried out by the SA Local Government Association in May 2008.

Council maintained its commitment to community consultation in regard to its budget process, but again, despite significant media publicity - few residents participated.

Objective 6.5: To increase active community participation and involvement in local government.

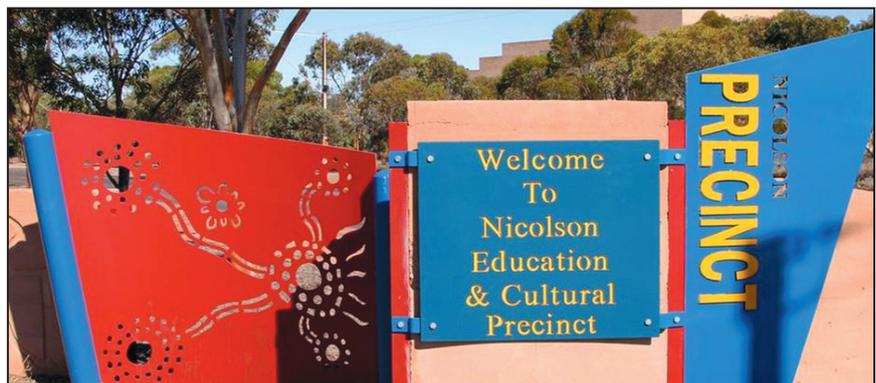
An updated Community Consultation Policy was completed, to be reviewed as required. Consideration has been given to how Council's website may be enhanced to include online community consultation, an aspect that will be further addressed during 2008/2009.

Council ensured consistent advertising of meetings through its website, information board at the Westland Shopping Centre, and in the same position of every quarterly *Whyalla Council News* (page 2, bottom left-hand corner).

Council ensured that appropriate acknowledgement occurred as a result of community consultation through media releases, correspondence to specific groups, and promoting outcomes of such consultation.



*RIGHT: Public consultation at work.
BELOW: Public art work makes a statement. LEFT: Council's leisure centre.*



Our Council and corporate governance

Elector representation review

Section 12(4) of the Local Government Act 1999 requires a council to conduct an Elector Representation Review at least once every eight years.

The last review for Whyalla Council was certified on May 16, 2002, when it abolished one position and the previous ward structure in favour of one mayor and 10 area councillors all representing the whole city.

Council will conduct a full review in accordance with the Act during 2008/2009. Submissions from the public will be invited.

Electoral representation

The table below provides a comparison of the electoral representation quota for councils of a similar size and type to Whyalla with a ratio of Elected Members to electors.

Council	Electors	Elected Members	Ratio
Barossa	17,211	14	1: 1,229
Gawler	16,119	11	1: 1,465
Mt Barker	22,561	11	1: 2,051
Mount Gambier	19,300	11	1: 1,754
Prospect	16,619	11	1: 1,510
Port Pirie	13,307	13	1: 1,209
Whyalla	15,324	11	1: 1,393

Elected Member allowances and support

Annual allowances payable to Elected Members were:

Mayor	\$39,998
Deputy Mayor	\$12,500
Other Councillors	\$10,000

In addition, all Elected Members were provided with a laptop computer and e-mail facilities to assist them to undertake their role.

The Mayor has access to a vehicle for Council business and civic duties. Office space and administrative support is also provided.

Elected Members are also entitled to receive reimbursement for travelling within the Council area and dependent care expenses associated with attendance at Council and committee meetings, and receive reimbursement for expenses actually and necessarily incurred in travelling to a function or activity of Council (conditions apply.)

In accordance with its Elected Members' Allowances and Support Policy, Council makes available some facilities and support to members to assist them in performing and discharging official Council functions and duties.

Other payments:

Development Approval Panel:

Comprises five members – an independent chairperson who receives \$80 per sitting, two independent members who receive \$50, and two Elected Members. The panel meets as required.

Audit committee: Comprises 10 members – one community member who receives \$100 per sitting, four Elected Members, four Council officers, and one independent expert who receives \$1,000 and air flights per sitting. The committee meets twice a year.

Elected Member training

Throughout the year Elected Members were given the opportunity to attend specific training sessions, seminars, conferences and information briefings on matters relevant to Council business.

Representatives attended:

- Australian Business Council for Sustainable Energy
- Climate Change Summit
- Community Engagement Seminar
- Council Member's Residential Seminar, Part 1 and Part 2
- Elected Members Code of Conduct Workshop
- Elected Members Meeting Code of Practice Workshop
- LGA Governance Program for Council Members
- LGA Showcase
- National General Assembly of Local Government
- Planning for Walking and Cycling Workshop
- Renewable Energy Conference
- SA Housing forum
- Regional Tourism Conference
- Solar Cities Congress

Executive Management Team

The executive management (otherwise referred to as the senior management team) structure comprised Chief Executive Officer and three Group Managers – Corporate Services, Development Services and Infrastructure.

Salary packages include the provision of a fully maintained vehicle or equivalent, which also recognises out of hours work in lieu of overtime payments.

Award classes of the positions are:

Chief Executive Officer:
Contract.

Group Manager Corporate Services:
ASU Senior Officer Level 5-2.

Group Manager Development Services:
ASU Senior Officer Level 5-2.

Group Manager Infrastructure Services:
ASU Senior Officer Level 5-2.

Workforce salaries 2007/2008

The table below provides a spread of direct salaries paid to all staff:

\$ From	\$ To	No.
10,001	20,000	7
20,001	30,000	11
30,001	40,000	37
40,001	50,000	61
50,001	60,000	28
60,001	70,000	3
70,001	80,000	3
80,001	90,000	1
90,001	100,000	4
100,001	110,000	-
110,001	120,000	1
		156

Just a small section of Council's plant required to provide a wide range of infrastructure services.

Our people

Labour Force (full time equivalent)

	2008	2007	2006
Executive Services	2.0	2.0	2.0
Customer service	4.0	4.2	5.9
Organisational development	2.0	1.6	1.6
	8.0	7.8	9.5
Corporate Services			
Administration	2.0	2.0	0
Finance	8.0	6.0	5.5
Information technology	3.0	3.0	2.0
Purchasing	2.0	2.0	2.0
Records management	3.0	2.6	1.8
Asset management	1.0	1.0	1.0
Child care centre	13.2	16.2	14.7
Libraries	7.4	7.2	10.0
Community services	1.0	0	1.0
	40.6	40.0	38.0
Infrastructure			
Supervisors	6.0	6.6	6.6
Administrative/technical	6.1	5.6	5.6
Land fill and environment	7.0	0	0
Tradespersons	5.0	10.0	11.0
Labourers/operators	34.0	35.4	35.0
	58.1	56.2	58.2
Development Services	12.6	12.2	11.5
Tourism/media	7.4	7.8	7.8
	20.0	20.0	19.3
Sub-total FTEs	126.7	124.0	125.6
Traineeships	6.0	0	3.9
Externally funded	0	1.0	1.8
Total FTE's	132.7	125.0	130.7



Our Council and corporate governance

Human resource management

The human resource function at the City of Whyalla exists to enhance organisational performance by increasing employee's opportunities to be productive and effective.

Furthermore, it develops and implements high quality human resource initiatives and practices which support Council's business objectives and enables managers to maximise the quality and contributions of their people, such as:

- Maintaining the right mix of people with the knowledge, skills and abilities to accomplish the work required.
- Providing fair and consistent treatment for all employees.
- Fostering an organisational culture that supports and motivates employees.
- Introducing initiatives to aid with the retention of effective employees.
- Providing employees with on-going feedback in relation to their performance.

In the current social and economic climate, a high level of flexibility is required to keep up with changing legislation and best practice benchmarks in areas such as industrial relations; occupational health, safety and welfare; employee selection and training; fair treatment; and continuous improvement.

Achievements and highlights in these regards during 2007/2008 are outlined under the relevant headings.

Industrial Relations

The final year of Council's current 5th Enterprise Bargaining Agreement expires in December 2008. Negotiations commenced between the Australian Services Union, the Australian Workers Union and Council for a 6th Enterprise Bargaining Agreement.

The Occupational Health and Safety bonus was paid to all employees in December 2007, for achieving productivity savings for the year of an estimated \$250,000. These savings were in excess of the required 1% of recurrent budget. Payment of this bonus is made in line with Clause 34 of Council's Enterprise Bargaining Agreement.

Staffing

The year saw an increase in recruitment across most of Council's functions. A total of 39 job advertisements were placed with 44 applicants gaining positions, either through the filling of new or vacant positions, or as a result of redeployment.

Further attention was given to increasing the numbers of traineeships and school-based apprenticeships to allow for skills shortage issues and succession planning. This resulted in a total of 11 trainees and two school-based apprentices gaining employment across a number of Council's functions.

Council is also proud to be associated with the Goal 100 program each year and recognises the importance and contribution of such initiatives within the Whyalla community.

Council has utilised the Australian Local Government branding initiative in its recruitment strategies, which now sees all Council job vacancies being advertised using the "Local Government – Shape Your World" template.

Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare Management

Considerable effort has again been made to ensure that Council retains WorkCover Level 3 Exempt Employer status as a self-insurer. Substantial work has been undertaken to ensure that chemicals used and/or stored at all Council worksites have appropriate, up-to-date data in place. Policies and procedures have been reviewed as required, and include:

- OHSW consultation policy.
- OHSW and Injury management policy.
- OHSW and injury management procedure.
- OHSW management of workplace substances procedure.
- OHSW confined spaces – Arranging of work procedure.
- OHSW first aid box – Maintenance procedure.
- OHSW accident/incident investigation procedure.
- OHSW plant management policy.
- OHSW electrical safety policy.
- OHSW testing and tagging of electrical equipment policy.
- OHSW electrical cables and equipment; Working on or near procedure.
- OHSW tagging of plant and equipment procedure.
- OHSW employee assistance program policy.
- OHSW eye protection policy.
- OHSW eye protection procedure.
- OHSW supply of prescription glasses procedure.

The following Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare training was provided to staff:

- Workstation assessments.
- Asbestos register.
- Senior first aid.
- Occupational noise management.
- Audiometric testing.
- Vision training.
- Health and safety representatives level 1.
- SafeWork SA information sessions.
- Effective resolution of OH&S problems.
- OH&S Act and Regulations.
- OH&S training for managers and supervisors.
- OH&S training for committee members.
- Manual handling training.
- Telstra accredited cable location training.
- Mandatory training for all employees every four months on Council's OHSW policies and procedures.

In terms of injury prevention and management, Council has improved again on its previous performance and received a bonus from the insurers of approximately \$96,000.

Insurance claims were again kept within tolerance and as such a premium reduction of \$37,500 was received.

Participation in both of the above Local Government schemes enables Whyalla Council to save many thousands of dollars in premiums each financial year. All employees are commended for their ongoing commitment to Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare and risk management.

Performance management

Whyalla Council is committed to the development of employee skills, knowledge and experience as it

relates to the work they do and to assist employees to develop a career path within Local Government.

As such, Council, under the terms of its Enterprise Agreement, Clause 32, is committed to having a formal employee development and performance review annually.

This process was conducted in 2007/2008 and some 103 employees were appraised. In terms of ratings, of these, 33.01% have been rated exceptionally competent, 58.25% fully competent, 2.91% improvement required, and 5.83% as developing (employees in this category are either new to the organisation or recently deployed into a different role).

This process assists the organisation to manage both effective and ineffective job performance, to identify employee developmental potential and to ensure that skills and competencies are continuing to be developed in a dynamic work environment. It is important that the formal employee assessment process sets appropriate job performance standards aligned to the organisation's strategic objectives.

Training

Training continues to be relevant and important to the organisation, which is able to justify its activities and costs in terms of resulting organisational benefits and improved business performance.

Council seeks to achieve equity in its application of training across a range of factors including outdoor employees' training against that of indoor staff, across departments and in accord with age and gender attendance balance also across the various work sites.

\$93,000 was expended on training in 2007/2008, which resulted in some 5,205 hours of formal training.

More than 260 training programs were undertaken, each being attended by one or more employees. A small sample of the program includes:

- Certificate III in horticulture.
- Turf and irrigation conference.
- Asset management.
- Environmental risk management.
- Records management.
- State history conference.
- Public library building balance conference.
- Greencard attainment.
- SA infrastructure conference.
- Word processing.
- Australian Institute of Building State Conference.
- Waste water seminar.
- Native vegetation clearance accreditation workshop.
- Operate and maintain chainsaws.
- Affordable housing.
- Paveliner.
- Freedom of Information.
- Planning Institute of Australia 2008 National Congress.

Equal employment opportunity

The City of Whyalla is committed to providing an equitable working environment free of any form of discrimination, harassment or workplace bullying.

This equal employment commitment is linked with the organisation's occupational health and safety provisions to ensure no staff member is placed under unreasonable stress or is subject to any unfair treatment in the workplace.

Fair treatment policies and procedures are in place and are supported by trained Fair Treatment Contact Officers. Council continues to raise awareness of its fair treatment provisions with ongoing staff training on the relevant policies and procedures.

Our Council and corporate governance

Structure and functions

FULL COUNCIL

Comprising a mayor and 10 councillors, the full Council is the decision-making body on all policy matters. Ordinary meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 5.30pm (except public holidays when meetings are held on the following evening.) Members of the public are welcome to attend during the general section of the meeting.

COMMITTEES

A review of Council's meeting structure was held in late 2007.

As a result, the three standing committees – economic development, corporate and community services, and environmental services and infrastructure – were disbanded and replaced by a City Strategic and Policy Committee which meets bi-monthly.

The committee's main role is to focus on Council's new community plan. Three task force groups were formed to report to this committee covering the areas of:

- Community wellbeing.
- Economic development.
- Environmental care.

Other working parties, groups and committees comprising elected members, staff and in some cases members of the public, addressed specific issues. They are:

Airport Advisory and Security Committee
Audit Committee
CEO's Review Panel
Child Care Centre Advisory Board
City Plaza Upgrade Working Party
Community Grant Program – CAMPS Development Assessment Panel
Foreshore Master Plan Working Party
Nomenclature committee
Youth Council committee

AGENDA AND MINUTES

Agenda of all full Council, committee and working party meetings are placed on public display no less than three days prior to the meetings, with minutes displayed, including on the internet, within five days of a meeting.

A full review of Council's agenda and minutes system, including committees, was conducted in late 2007 and is being trialled for a 12-month period.

Minutes of the meetings of committees and working parties are included in the agenda for the meetings of the full Council (or appropriate committee).

WHYALLA COUNCIL IS REPRESENTED ON:

Advancing Whyalla
Eyre Peninsula LG Association
Murray Darling Association
Naval Association of Australia (SA)
Northwest Neighbourhood Watch
Combined Co-ordinator's Committee
Northern and Far Western Regional Health Service – Mental Health Planning Project
OneSteel Environmental Consultative Group
Provincial Cities Association
Tourism Eyre Peninsula
University of Whyalla Campus Advisory Committee
Upper Spencer Gulf Business Incubator Network
Upper Spencer Gulf Common Purpose Group
Whyalla Aged Care
Whyalla Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Whyalla Economic Development Board
Whyalla Hospital Board
Whyalla Marine Sports Association
Whyalla Youth Workers Network Committee

DELEGATIONS

The Chief Executive and other officers have delegated authority from Council to make decisions on a number of specified administrative and policy matters. These delegations are listed in Council's policy manual and are reviewed annually in keeping with legislative requirements.

A major review of Council delegation, in line with the Local Government Association template system, has been undertaken.

Council makes decisions which direct and/or determine its activities and functions. Such decisions include the approval of works and services to be undertaken, and the resources which are to be made available to undertake such works and services.

Decisions are also made to determine whether approvals are to be granted for applications from residents for various forms of development.



Services for the community

Council makes decisions on policy issues relating to services that are provided for the public and include:

Aged Care
Airport
Australia Day celebrations
Boat ramps
Bus shelters
Car parks
Child care
Citizenship ceremonies
Civic and environmental education
Clean air controls
Clean Up Australia Day
Community halls and centres
Cycle tracks
Dog control
Environmental health matters
Fishing jetty and marina
Foreshore facilities
Foreshore kiosk
Garbage collection
Grants and donations
Immunisation programs
Information service
Litter bins
Maritime museum
Parking bays and street closures
Parking controls
Parks and reserves
Planning controls
Playground equipment
Point Lowly Lighthouse
Public cemetery
Public libraries
Public seating
Public toilets
Public transport
Recreational and sporting facilities
Roads, footpaths and kerbing
Stormwater and drainage
Street lighting and sweeping
Street tree planting
Tourism
Traffic control devices
Traffic lights and school crossings
War memorials
World Wide Web site

Public participation

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Members of the public have a number of opportunities to put forward their views on particular issues before Council.

These are:

Deputations: With approval of the committee chairman or mayor, a member of the public can address a committee or Council personally, or on behalf of a group of residents.

Public question time: A member of the public can ask questions of Council during public question time as listed in its agenda for those meetings. Forms are available from the Civic Building or Council website.

Petitions: Written petitions can be addressed to Council on any issue within Council's jurisdiction.

Written requests: A member of the public can write to Council on any Council policy, activity or service. Information can also be sourced by e-mailing Council at council@whyalla.sa.gov.au or via www.whyalla.sa.gov.au.

Elected members: Members of the public can contact any elected member of Council, including the mayor, to discuss any issue relevant to Council.

Community consultation

Whyalla City Council consulted with local residents on particular issues that affect their neighbourhood or Whyalla generally.

Some examples include:

- A 30-minute weekly information show was conducted by Council officers on community radio station 5YYY.

- Residents are notified of Category 2 and 3 development applications requiring approval of Council. Category 1 applications are exempted from public notification by the Development Act. When an application is publicly notified, residents have the opportunity to write to Council expressing their view of the application, and if they make a formal submission they may personally address Council before a decision is made.
- Council issued various media releases to local and regional media (newspaper, TV and radio) and produced quarterly, 12 to 16-page tabloid size *Whyalla Council News* newspapers which were letterboxed free to residents.
- In accordance with S50 of the Local Government Act, Council has a public consultation policy which sets out steps that Council will take to establish partnerships and encourage community involvement in planning and in decisions about the services Council provide.
- Council officers provided and attended information displays at significant public events – eg, as part of the community plan engagement process at last August's Whyalla Show.
- Information was regularly maintained and updated on Council's web site at www.whyalla.sa.gov.au.

Payments to auditor

In 2007/2008 a total of \$11,227 was paid to Council's auditors for work performed during the year.

Our Council and corporate governance

Freedom of Information statement

The City of Whyalla produces an Information Statement annually in accordance with Section 9 (1a) of the FOI Act. Copies are available at the Council office, Civic and Alex Ramsay Libraries, and Council’s web site. A summary of the statement is also printed in local newspaper *Whyalla News*.

Information included in the statement is contained within the “Council and Corporate Governance” section of this Annual Report.

Requests for other information not included under “Access to Council documents” will be considered in accordance with the Freedom of Information provisions of the Local Government Act and the Freedom of Information Regulations.

Under this legislation, an application fee of \$26.75 and a search fee must be forwarded with the completed request form unless the applicant is granted an exemption.

Applications will be responded to as soon as possible within the statutory 30 days of Council receiving the properly completed Freedom of Information request form, together with the application and search fees.

Requests under the FOI Act during 2007/2008:

Two requests for information under the Act were received – one related to building works while the other related to the sale of Council land. One request was granted in full while the other was partially released.

This compares with two requests in both the previous two years. Approximately 50 hours was spent processing the two applications.

Confidentiality

Under the local Government and Development Acts, Council and Special Council meetings may discuss matters of a confidential nature in a closed session. However, the City of Whyalla continues to ensure its commitment to open and transparent decision making through minimising the number of decisions it makes in confidence.

The table below provides an overview of the number of times the public were excluded from governance meetings and when documents were maintained as confidential:

Council meeting	12
Special Council meeting	6
Total	18

Number of items including reports, minutes and/or attachments kept in confidential for a specific period:

Council meeting	11
Special Council meeting	5
Total	16

Number of resolutions

A total of 238 recommendations were actioned by Council in the 12-month period.

Review for request to review a Council decision

There were no requests during the year for a review of a Council decision.

Amendment of records

A member or the public may gain access to Council documents to make amendments concerning their personal affairs by making a request under the Local Government Act. The person may then request a correction to any information about themselves that is incomplete, incorrect, misleading or out of date.

Access to Council documents

Documents listed below are available for public inspection at the Council office, while some are available at both public libraries.

Members of the public may obtain copies of these documents through the fee structure as outlined.

DOCUMENT	FEE
Council and committee agenda	Free
Council and committee minutes	Free
Policy manual	\$22
Strategic plan	Free
Budget statement	Free
Annual report	Free
Council by-laws	20c per page
Annual financial statements	Free
Supplementary development plans previously on exhibition	Free
Planning applications by consent	20c per page
Planning application register	20c per page
Building application register	20c per page
Development application search (Archive prior to June 30 1994)	\$15 per page
Development application search (Archive after June 30 1994)	\$5 per page
Rates search fee	\$10
Land agent search	\$30
Land agent search (Urgent within 24 hours)	\$40
Register of elected members’ allowances, benefits	20c per page
Register of employees’ salaries, wages and benefits	20c per page
Assessment book	20c per page
Register of public streets and roads	20c per page
Local environment plan	\$10
Individual Council policies	Free

Local Government Acts: Mandatory registers, codes, policies

The City of Whyalla maintains the following registers and codes of conduct/practice as required under the appropriate Local Government Acts:

REGISTERS

- Chapter 5, Part 4, Section 68:
Members' register of interests.
- Chapter 5, Part 5, Section 79:
Members' register of allowances and benefits.
- Chapter 7, Part 2, Section 105:
Officers' register of remuneration, salaries & benefits.
- Chapter 7, Part 4, Section 116:
Officers' register of interest.
- Chapter 11, Part 1, Section 107: Community land.
- Chapter 11, Part 1, Section 231: Public roads.
- Chapter 12, Part 1, Section 252: By-laws.

CODES

- Chapter 5, Part 4, Section 63: Members' code of conduct.
- Chapter 6, Part 5, Section 92:
Code of practice for access to meetings & documents.
- Chapter 7, Part 4, Section 110:
Employees code of conduct

MANDATORY POLICIES

- Chapter 4, Part 4, Section 49: Contract and tender policies.
- Chapter 4, Part 5, Section 50: Public consultation policies.
- Chapter 8, Part 3, Section 125: Internal control policies.
- Chapter 12, Part 2, Section 259: Policy on order making.

Local Government (Elections) Act 1999

- Part 14, Section 81:
Campaign donation returns prepared by candidates.

Freedom of Information Act

- Part 2, Section 9: Information statement.

Community land management plans

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999, Council had previously classified all of its land (excluding roads) as either community land or non community land (operational land). This process commenced with an audit which identified the parcels of land for which Council was responsible and was completed in November 2006.

The Local Government Act 1999 also requires Council to prepare Community Land Management Plans for all community land parcels, which must undergo a public consultation process prior to adoption.

Council has adopted land management plans through this process. It is currently reviewing all existing land management plans to be completed by June 30, 2009.

Adopted community land management plans are available for inspection at the Council Office.

National Competition Policy

Service delivery:

Activities of Council that have been subjected to competitive tender or other measures to ensure services are delivered cost effectively include:

- Waste management*
- Bitumen work*
- Concrete footpaths*
- Brick paving*
- Road construction*
- Cleaning offices and toilet blocks*
- Stationery supply*
- Motor vehicles*
- Banking services*
- Audit services*
- Debt collection*
- Various infrastructure recurrent activities*
- Electrical work*
- Line-marking*
- Quarry crushing*
- Sanitary disposal*
- Security of Council buildings*

Council's procurement policy aims to achieve a responsive Local Government, quality services, and best value for money for service users and ratepayers, through the promotion of fair and open competition. The policy includes reference to Council's "buy local" procedures. It can be viewed on Council's web site and at the Civic Building and public libraries.

Revised Clause 7 statement:

The application of competition principals to Whyalla Council under the competition principles agreement are:

Significant business activities

Category 1	Business activities	Nil
Category 2	Business activities	Nil

Cost reflective pricing or market price are the key principles employed by Council to achieve competitive neutrality. Council will ensure that all complaints are processed in accordance with its adopted complaints process.

Our Council and corporate governance

Our General Policies

Listed below are policies retained by the City of Whyalla.

Animal management

Dog management

Community relations

Australia Day awards

Cake stalls

Complaints and public grievance handling

Letters to the editor

Media releases

Development control

Building inspection

Council reserve land (freeholding)

Development conditions (standards)

Enforcement and compliance

Middleback Park Estate development (standards)

Soil test, engineering calculations (foundation assessment)

Economic development

Business support and incentive

Competition (complaints mechanism)

Environment management

Environment

Financial management

Financial internal control

Lease rental and licence review

Rate capping, rebate

Rates – Remission of fines

Supply

Governance

Code of conduct for Council employees

Code of conduct for elected members

Code of conduct for elected members – Executive summary

Committing a new Council to expenditure

Council and committee meeting procedures

Council meeting policies – Code of Practice (access)

Council meeting policies – Conducting meetings

Council policies policy

Delegation manual

Elected members – Allowances and benefits

Elected members (deputy mayor)

Elected members (recognition on retirement)

Elected members training and development (elections)

Elections

Mayor (member on committees)

Mayoral invitation

Public consultation

Government relations

Education (schools closing)

Human resource management

Fair treatment – Display

Non employment relationships

Non employment relationships – Non volunteer

Non employment relationships – Volunteers

Information management

Council photographs

Infrastructure

Bus shelter

Driveway construction

Footpath – Asphalt

Footpath – Concrete

Nature strips (development by residents)

Nomenclature

Service lane sealing

Street tree planting and removal

Weeds (removal by residents)

Legal provisions

Brand name usage

Council logo

Legal actions (authority to act)

Property management

Airport – contractor responsibilities

Airport – management

Asset management

Cemetery administration

Cemetery operating

Hall hire

Hire and use (sports grounds and reserves)

Parks – Lighting

Trees and shrubs (supplied to organisations)

Wilson Park flags

Social, cultural and community services

Child Care Centre

Accidents, incidents or injury
Age range
Asthma
Biting
Cancelling care
Child access areas and supervisory practices
Child and youth protection
Clothing
Collection of children – Habitual lateness
Collection of children – Lateness
Collection of children – Non-collection
Collection of children – Parents in an unfit state
Collection of children
Confidentiality
Creativity
Dental hygiene
Development and training
Disaster plan and fire
Discipline and guidance
Distressed children
Drug and alcohol
Enrolment of children
Exclusion and suspension
Excursion
Family communication
Family involvement
Fees
Food handling and nutrition
Grievance
Hourly care
Hygiene
Illness and sick children
Immunisation – Children
Items from home
Laundry
Maintenance – Facilities and yard equipment
Medication
Meetings – Committee
Multiculturalism, Inclusion and anti bias
Planning programs
Programming
Progress records
Safe sleeping
Safety
Staff ratio
Student
Sun protection
Television, video and DVD
Volunteer

Donations (trophies for community bodies)
Financial aid (development of sporting grounds)
Library internet
Loans to community groups (self supporting)
Maritime museum (collection management)
Schools (annual awards)
Volunteers on committees and working parties

Strategic management

Demolition and building work
Disaster management
Privatisation of services
Provision of safe environment
Quality
Risk management
Use of recycled water

Traffic management

Parking area (mayor)
Outdoor café
Signage



The City of Whyalla introduced a third kerbside bin for green waste – adding to its household waste and recycling bins.

A glimpse into 2008/2009

An overview of proposed highlights

Almost \$23million is proposed to be spent on the City of Whyalla's capital improvement program based on:

- Maintaining infrastructure assets at a responsible standard ensuring financial provision to enable rejuvenation works at least equal to the level of depreciation in accordance with Council's Strategic and 10-Year Financial Plan.
- Maintaining the net stock of community assets at a sufficient level to adequately service the amenity and functionality required by a modern diverse community.
- An audit of Council's infrastructure which identified that it needs to allocate 19 percent of its budget toward community assets.
- Taking into account ongoing recommendations from Council's asset management working party.

More than \$2million has been budgeted for Stage One of the Whyalla Foreshore Master Plan re-development including the foreshore building (includes more than \$1,085,00 in grants.)

\$1.65million has been allocated towards construction of the aquaculture harbour (includes \$465,000 in grants.)



The Whyalla Airport terminal is programmed to be upgraded through \$800,000 from the airport reserve account, while \$295,000 has been budgeted for security cameras at the airport and beach.

\$3.6million has been allocated for the construction of a new, central public library to replace both current branches – Alex Ramsey and Civic.

Council's focus on important environmental matters will continue with more than \$1million budgeted to construct a new cell and a recycle centre at the city's landfill site.

Community development will see:

- More public art projects at Jubilee Park, Appleyard Reserve and Whitehead Street.
- A booklet on services for Whyalla's Seniors will be completed, while celebrations hosted by the mayor will be held in October for Seniors Week at both local libraries.
- A volunteers training program will be held, a home visit program will be established for senior community members, and Council will continue as a major supporting stakeholder in the annual Christmas and carols events.
- Completion of a sport and recreation master plan, continuance of support to sporting clubs with information from the Office for recreation and Sport, further promotion of healthy living participation in sport and physical activity, and ensure a stand alone sport and recreation website is up and running.
- The Whyalla Child Care Centre undertake its accreditation review and re-accreditation processes

Whyalla Council is a major supporter of many community events throughout the year. It ensures Father Christmas and his sleigh arrives on time and safely as the drawcard of the city's annual Christmas pageant.

for its Sunsafes program and asthma management, upgrade various areas and facilities to meet either manual handling or occupational health and safety requirements.

The records management area, in addition to its many ongoing programs, will:

- Develop and implement adequate reporting mechanisms to senior management.
- Prepare for an independent audit scheduled in June 2009.
- Provide training for officers in the use of the Office Integration system to allow easy registration of records from Outlook, Word and Excel.
- Identify Council's vital records and flag them on SynergySoft, revise SynergySoft user manuals, and create a long-term plan for the storage of all records.

The 2008/2009 year will be another challenging time for the City of Whyalla as funding constraints, increased accountability and community expectations combine to produce an environment where resources will continue to be stretched by competing priorities.

The 2008/2009 Budget

Consistent with Council's commitment to community information and consultation, an annual budget forum was conducted in June to allow public comment. Despite a significant publicity campaign, few residents took the opportunity to attend the forum or provide other feedback.

The City of Whyalla adopted a balanced budget for the 2008/2009 financial year.

General rate income will rise by six percent which includes a three percent Consumer Price Index allowance plus a further three percent.

Major features of budget strategy are:

To increase rate revenue available for capital works in order to commit the amount required to maintain existing infrastructure.

The 2008/2009 budget allocates 47 percent or \$23,725,407 for capital expenditure compared with 42.5 percent during 2007/2008. A recent inquiry into financial sustainability identified the infrastructure gap (back-log) as a major issue for most SA councils that have not been allocating enough funds to capital expenditure to maintain assets.

Council's annual capital financial performance is sustainable if capital expenditure on the renewal or replacement of existing assets approximates the level of Council's annual depreciation expense.

Any shortfall of such capital expenditure against annual depreciation expense would involve future ratepayers being left with an excessive burden when it comes to replacing or renewing Council's non-financial assets.

This long-term financial plan incorporates an increase in capital spending in order to maintain Council's asset base and eliminate the infrastructure gap.

To ensure recurrent expenditure growth is within annual CPI increases.

Council has increased its recurrent costs from 2007/2008 levels by 13.6 percent.

To ensure Council loans are under the set benchmark of 20 percent of rate revenue.

Debt payments for 2008/2009 are 12.57 percent of rate revenue. Council's debt servicing costs are well below the state average.

To devise a budget which takes into account the strategies of Council's long-term financial plan.

Key principles in Council's adopted "Ten-Year Long-Term Financial Plan" have been incorporated into the 2008/2009 budget. Some of these main themes are:

- Annual expenses on rehabilitation and/or replacement of existing assets should at least equal total annual depreciation.
- Additional rate income and expense reductions be used to work towards an operating surplus.
- Reserve funds are used to fund capital works in the first instance and loan funds used in the second instance to reduce interest costs.

Budget Summary

EXPENDITURE

Recurrent budget (incl. depreciation)	\$17,991,392
Capital works	\$23,725,407
Loan principal repayment	\$ 1,751,498
Allocation to reserves	\$ 5,167,186
Total	\$48,635,483

INCOME

Cash for projects brought forward	\$ 2,605,024
Rates and charges	\$10,407,814
Capital works (including loan)	\$ 3,454,275
Transfer from reserves	\$ 6,475,994
Land sales	\$14,800,000
Grants Commission	
general purpose grants	\$ 4,271,546
Other recurrent income	\$ 6,698,494
Total	\$48,713,147

TOP: Aquaculture is a growing industry, with the City of Whyalla working towards the construction of a new harbour at Fitzgerald Bay. RIGHT: The Council owned airport also expecting a terminal upgrade.



A glimpse into 2008/2009

Challenges ahead

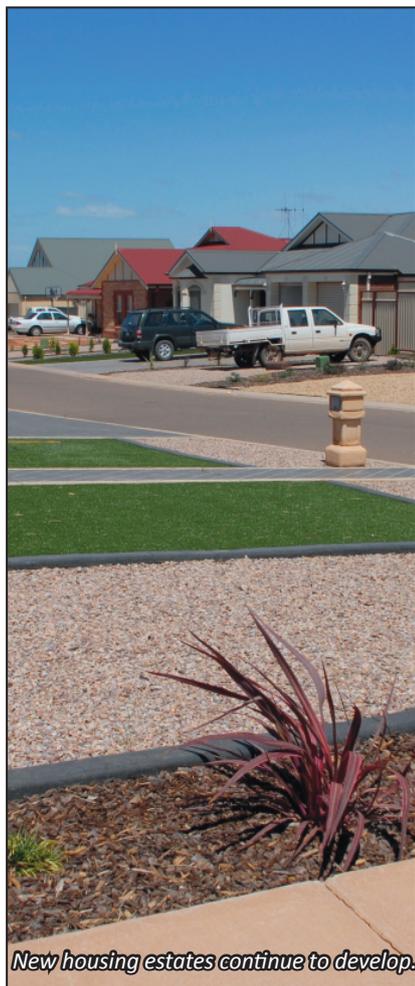
A prioritised continuous improvement framework has been established as part of a flexible and ongoing review process, which will be challenging and require a total commitment to ensure success.

The outcome will consolidate the position of Whyalla Council as a pro-active, forward focused council, which provides relevant and cost effective services to the community.

Council will:

- Continue to undertake a full strategic plan review with senior staff, elected members and the community.
- Revise the 10-year forward financial plan.
- Revise the three to five-year capital improvement program.

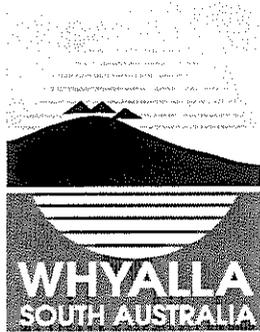
- Review strategic planning priorities (ie. Continue to identify Council's core and non-core activities.)
- Continue to implement a centralised records management program.
- Continue to implement a corporate governance program.
- Identify future property development opportunities.
- Review Council's financial progress in light of the inquiry into the sustainability of local government.
- Continue to review recurrent costs via the balanced scorecard programs.
- Look at entrepreneurial opportunities and how marketing might improve the viability of various operations.
- Continue to review all Council assets through a step-by-step working party.
- Continue to implement key performance indicators and comparative indicators.
- Undertake an annual project planning timeline.
- Revise the corporate management plan.
- Revise departmental business plans.
- Implement new legislative requirements in relation to Council budget and rating systems.
- Continue to implement Council's waste management strategy.



New housing estates continue to develop.

Management Indicators

	2008/09	2007/08
POPULATION	22,400	21,614
OUR FINANCES	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Operating results (,000)		
Operating expenditure	22,120	20,700
Operating expenditure (excluding depreciation)	17,992	16,847
Operating revenue (excluding capital expenditure)	21,364	20,152
Operating surplus/deficit (before capital revenues)	(756)	(548)
Capital expenditure (,000)		
Net of capital revenues (total capital grant)	17,254	1,905
Revenue profile (,000)		
Rates		
General	9,347	8,398
Other	1,818	1,925
Statutory charges	438	492
User charges	3,069	2,572
Operating grants and subsidies	4,975	5,276
Investment income	210	373
Reimbursements	131	134
Other	1,376	982
	21,364	20,152
Expenditure profile (,000)		
Employee costs	7,633	6,834
Contractual services	3,406	2,595
Materials and other	1,843	2,163
Finance charges	439	236
Depreciation	4,128	3,852
	22,120	20,700



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GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

The Corporation of the City of Whyalla

General Purpose Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2008

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INCOME STATEMENT
for the year ended 30 June 2008

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
INCOME			
Rates	2	10,123,749	8,898,936
Statutory charges	2	491,782	483,412
User charges	2	2,572,064	1,391,796
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	5,276,303	5,904,903
Investment income	2	373,429	455,049
Reimbursements	2	134,673	233,540
Other income	2	1,180,120	865,831
Total Income		20,152,119	18,233,467
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	3	6,833,846	7,063,910
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	9,777,081	7,160,734
Finance costs	3	236,341	246,628
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	3,852,726	4,150,567
Total Expenses		20,699,994	18,621,839
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(547,874)	(388,372)
Net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets	4	(28,381)	113,103
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2	1,905,375	833,852
Physical resources received free of charge	2	495,000	165,000
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		1,824,120	723,583

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes.

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BALANCE SHEET
as at 30 June 2008

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	3,163,296	4,922,630
Trade & other receivables	5	2,326,503	2,044,770
Inventories	5	200,806	202,208
		<u>5,690,605</u>	<u>7,169,608</u>
Non-current Assets held for Sale			
Total Current Assets		<u>5,690,605</u>	<u>7,169,608</u>
Non-current Assets			
Financial Assets	6	370,780	441,778
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	7	156,347,008	154,021,133
Total Non-current Assets		<u>156,717,788</u>	<u>154,462,911</u>
Total Assets		<u>162,408,393</u>	<u>161,632,519</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	8	1,573,664	1,041,593
Borrowings	8	1,222,883	2,295,977
Provisions	8	953,320	846,346
Total Current Liabilities		<u>3,749,867</u>	<u>4,183,916</u>
Non-current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	8	-	-
Borrowings	8	2,384,734	2,886,232
Provisions	8	45,204	157,903
Total Non-current Liabilities		<u>2,429,938</u>	<u>3,044,135</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>6,179,805</u>	<u>7,228,051</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>156,228,588</u>	<u>154,404,468</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		10,660,499	6,560,919
Asset Revaluation Reserve	9	141,502,617	141,502,617
Other Reserves	9	4,065,472	6,340,932
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>156,228,588</u>	<u>154,404,468</u>

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The Corporation of the City of Whyalla

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the year ended 30 June 2008

	2008 \$	2007 \$
	Notes	
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS		
Balance at end of previous reporting period	6,560,919	4,540,854
Adjustment to give effect to changed accounting policies		
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year	1,824,120	723,583
Transfers to Other Reserves	(4,065,472)	(6,340,932)
Transfers from Other Reserves	<u>6,340,932</u>	<u>7,637,414</u>
Balance at end of period	<u>10,660,499</u>	<u>6,560,919</u>
ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE		
Balance at end of previous reporting period	141,502,617	110,483,835
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	9 -	31,018,782
Balance at end of period	<u>141,502,617</u>	<u>141,502,617</u>
OTHER RESERVES		
Balance at end of previous reporting period	6,340,932	7,637,414
Transfers from Accumulated Surplus	4,065,472	6,340,932
Transfers to Accumulated Surplus	<u>(6,340,932)</u>	<u>(7,637,414)</u>
Balance at end of period	<u>4,065,472</u>	<u>6,340,932</u>
TOTAL EQUITY AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD	<u>156,228,588</u>	<u>154,404,468</u>
<i>Total of all revenues recognised directly in Equity</i>	-	31,018,782
<i>Total of all expenses recognised directly in Equity</i>	-	-
NET CHANGE IN EQUITY	<u>-</u>	<u>31,018,782</u>

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes

The Corporation of the City of Whyalla

CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 30 June 2008

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Operating receipts		20,698,350	18,455,899
Investment receipts		413,756	421,893
<u>Payments</u>			
Operating payments to suppliers & employees		(17,448,168)	(15,656,454)
Finance payments		(184,741)	(241,581)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities		3,479,198	2,979,757
 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		1,905,375	833,852
Sale of replaced assets		396,657	65,827
Sale of surplus assets		681,818	850,000
Net disposal of investment securities		-	1,755,535
Repayments of loans by community groups		142,667	107,525
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(2,948,626)	(4,354,968)
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		(3,841,831)	(3,732,167)
Loans made to community groups		-	(125,000)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(3,663,940)	(4,599,396)
 CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from Borrowings			1,792,539
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of Borrowings		(1,572,902)	(533,050)
Repayment of Finance Lease Liabilities		(1,690)	(19,427)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		(1,574,592)	1,240,062
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		(1,759,334)	(379,577)
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period		<u>4,922,630</u>	<u>5,302,207</u>
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period		<u>3,163,296</u>	<u>4,922,630</u>

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes

The Corporation of the City of Whyalla

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2008

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial report are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

1 Basis of Preparation

1.1 Compliance with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards

This general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS) as they apply to not-for-profit entities, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations (UIGs) and relevant South Australian legislation.

The financial report was authorised for issue by certificate under clause 11 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999*.

1.2 Historical Cost Convention

Except where stated below, these financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

1.3 Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with AIFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates, and requires management to exercise its judgement in applying Council's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are specifically referred to in the relevant sections of this Note.

2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

The Corporation of the City of Whyalla is incorporated under the SA Local Government Act 1999 and has its principal place of business at Darling Terrace Whyalla. These financial statements include the consolidated fund and all entities through which Council controls resources to carry on its functions. In the process of reporting on the Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between activity areas and controlled entities have been eliminated.

Trust monies and property held by Council but subject to the control of other persons have been excluded from these reports. A separate statement of moneys held in the Trust Fund is available for inspection at the Council Office by any person free of charge.

3 Income recognition

Income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Income is recognised when the Council obtains control over the assets comprising the income, or when the amount due constitutes an enforceable debt, whichever first occurs.

Where grants, contributions and donations recognised as incomes during the reporting period were obtained on the condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period, and those conditions were undischarged as at the reporting date, the amounts subject to those undischarged conditions are disclosed in these notes. Also disclosed is the amount of grants, contributions and receivables recognised as incomes in a previous reporting period which were obtained in respect of the Council's operations for the current reporting period.

The Corporation of the City of Whyalla

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2008

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

Cash Assets include all amounts readily convertible to cash on hand at Council's option with an insignificant risk of changes in value with a maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Receivables for rates and annual charges are secured over the subject land, and bear interest at rates determined in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999. Other receivables are generally unsecured and do not bear interest.

All receivables are reviewed as at the reporting date and adequate allowance made for amounts the receipt of which is considered doubtful.

All financial instruments are recognised at fair value at the date of recognition. A detailed statement of the accounting policies applied to financial instruments forms part of Note 13.

5 Inventories

Inventories held in respect of stores have been valued by using the weighted average cost on a continual basis, after adjustment for loss of service potential. Inventories held in respect of business undertakings have been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

6 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

6.1 Transitional Provisions

Council has elected not to recognise land under roads in accordance with the deferral arrangements available under AASB 1045 which expire 30 June 2008. As at 1 July 2008, Council has elected not to recognise any values for land under roads acquired before the commencement of AASB 1051 *Land Under Roads*.

All non-current assets purchased or constructed are capitalised as the expenditure is incurred and depreciated as soon as the asset is held "ready for use".

6.2 Initial Recognition

All assets are initially recognised at cost. Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition, including architects' fees and engineering design fees and all other costs incurred. For assets acquired at no cost or for nominal consideration, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition. The cost of non-current assets constructed by the Council includes the cost of all materials used in construction, direct labour on the project and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overhead.

Capital works still in progress at balance date are recognised as other non-current assets and transferred to *infrastructure, property, plant & equipment* when completed ready for use.

6.3 Materiality

Assets with an economic life in excess of one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds established by Council for each type of asset. In determining (and in annually reviewing) such thresholds, regard is had to the nature of the asset and its estimated service life. Examples of capitalisation thresholds applied during the year are as follows. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

Office Furniture & Equipment	\$1,000
Other Plant & Equipment	\$1,000
Buildings - new construction/extensions	\$10,000
Park & Playground Furniture & Equipment	\$2,000
Road construction & reconstruction	\$10,000
Paving & footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	\$2,000
Drains & Culverts	\$5,000
Reticulation extensions	\$5,000

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2008

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

Sidelines & household connections	\$5,000
Artworks	\$5,000

6.4 Subsequent Recognition

Certain asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. For infrastructure and other asset classes where no active market exists, fair value is determined to be the current replacement cost of an asset less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation calculated on the basis of such cost to reflect the already consumed or expired future economic benefits of the asset. Further detail of existing valuations, methods and valuers are provided at Note 8.

6.5 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

Other than land, all infrastructure, property, plant and equipment assets recognised are systematically depreciated over their useful lives in a manner which reflects the consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets.

Depreciation is recognised on a straight-line basis. Major depreciation periods for each class of asset are shown below. Depreciation periods for infrastructure assets have been estimated based on the best information available to Council, but appropriate records covering the entire life cycle of these assets are not available, and extreme care should be used in interpreting financial information based on these estimates.

Plant, Furniture & Equipment	
Office Equipment	5 to 10 years
Office Furniture	10 to 20 years
Vehicles and Road-making Equip	5 to 8 years
Other Plant & Equipment	5 to 15 years
Building & Other Structures	
Buildings – masonry	50 to 100 years
Buildings – other construction	20 to 40 years
Park Structures – masonry	50 to 100 years
Park Structures – other construction	20 to 40 years
Playground equipment	5 to 15 years
Benches, seats, etc	10 to 20 years
Infrastructure	
Sealed Roads – Surface	15 to 25 years
Sealed Roads – Structure	20 to 60 years
Unsealed Roads	10 to 20 years
Bridges – Concrete	80 to 100 years
Paving & Footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	80 to 100 years
Drains	80 to 100 years
Culverts	50 to 75 years
Flood Control Structures	80 to 100 years
Dams and Reservoirs	80 to 100 years
Bores	20 to 40 years
Reticulation Pipes – PVC	70 to 80 years
Reticulation Pipes – other	25 to 75 years
Pumps & Telemetry	15 to 25 years
Other Assets	
Library Books	10 to 15 years
Artworks	indefinite

6.6 Impairment

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to depreciation and are reviewed annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to depreciation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount (which is the higher of the present value of future cash outflows or value in use).

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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

For assets whose future economic benefits are not dependent on the ability to generate cash flows, and where the future economic benefits would be replaced if Council were deprived thereof, the value in use is the depreciated replacement cost. In assessing impairment for these assets, a rebuttable assumption is made that the current replacement cost exceeds the original cost of acquisition.

6.7 Borrowing Costs

Borrowing costs in relation to qualifying assets (net of offsetting investment revenue) have been capitalised in accordance with the allowed alternative treatment in AASB 1023 "Borrowing Costs". The amounts of borrowing costs recognised as an expense or as part of the carrying amount of qualifying assets are disclosed in Note 3, and the amount (if any) of interest revenue offset against borrowing costs in Note 2.

7 Payables

7.1 Goods & Services

Creditors are amounts due to external parties for the supply of goods and services and are recognised as liabilities when the goods and services are received. Creditors are normally paid 30 days after the month of invoice. No interest is payable on these amounts.

7.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

Amounts received from external parties in advance of service delivery, and security deposits held against possible damage to Council assets, are recognised as liabilities until the service is delivered or damage reinstated, or the amount is refunded as the case may be.

8 Borrowings

Loans are carried at their principal amounts which represent the present value of future cash flows associated with servicing the debt. Interest is accrued over the period to which it relates, and is recorded as part of "Payables". Interest free loans are carried at their nominal amounts; interest revenues foregone by the lender effectively being a reduction of interest expense in the period to which it relates.

9 Employee Benefits

9.1 Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences

Liabilities for employees' entitlements to salaries, wages and compensated absences expected to be paid or settled within 12 months of reporting date are accrued at nominal amounts (including payroll based oncosts) measured in accordance with AASB 119.

Liabilities for employee benefits not expected to be paid or settled within 12 months are measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows (including payroll based oncosts) to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Present values are calculated using government guaranteed securities rates with similar maturity terms.

No accrual is made for sick leave as Council experience indicates that, on average, sick leave taken in each reporting period is less than the entitlement accruing in that period, and this experience is expected to recur in future reporting periods. Council does not make payment for untaken sick leave.

9.2 Superannuation

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme. The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently.

Accumulation Fund Members

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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

14 Comparative Information

Comparative information has been reclassified to be consistent with the current year disclosure of equivalent information in accordance with AIFRS.

15 New Accounting Standards

Certain new accounting standards and UIG interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2008 reporting period.

- AASB 8 *Operating Segments*
- AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*
- AASB 123 *Borrowing Costs*
- AASB 1004 *Contributions*
- AASB 1050 *Administered Items*
- AASB 1051 *Land Under Roads*
- AASB 1052 *Disaggregated Disclosures*
- AASB 2007-3 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 8 [AASB 5, AASB 6, AASB 102, AASB 107, AASB 119, AASB 127, AASB 134, AASB 136, AASB 1023 & AASB 1038]*
- AASB 2007-6 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 123 [AASB 1, AASB 101, AASB 107, AASB 111, AASB 116 & AASB 138 and Interpretations 1 & 12]*
- AASB 2007-8 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards [AASB 1, AASB 2, AASB 4, AASB 5, AASB 107 & AASB 128]*
- AASB 2007-9 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Review of AASs 27, 29 and 31 [AASB 3, AASB 5, AASB 8, AASB 101, AASB 114, AASB 116, AASB 127 & AASB 137]*
- *Interpretation 4* *Determination whether an Arrangement contains a Lease*
- *Interpretation 13* *Customer Loyalty Programmes*
- *Interpretation 14* *AASB 119 – The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction*
- *Interpretation 129* *Disclosure – Service Concession Arrangements*
- *Interpretation 1038* *Contributions by Owners Made to Wholly-Owned Public Sector Entities*

Council is of the view that none of the above new standards or interpretations will affect any of the amounts recognised in the financial statements, but that they may impact certain information otherwise disclosed.

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Note 2 - INCOME

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
RATES REVENUES			
<u>General Rates</u>		8,459,352	7,838,405
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs		(61,328)	(85,924)
		8,398,024	7,752,481
<u>Other Rates</u> (including service charges)			
Natural Resource Management levy		385,061	22,662
Waste collection		1,539,575	1,211,261
		1,924,636	1,233,923
<u>Other Charges</u>			
Penalties for late payment		48,574	39,743
		48,574	39,743
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs		(247,484)	(127,211)
		10,123,749	8,898,936
STATUTORY CHARGES			
Development Act fees		173,224	184,797
Town planning fees		106,042	79,267
Animal registration fees & fines		183,259	187,533
Parking fines / expiation fees		21,112	30,775
Other registration fees		1,470	-
Other fines, penalties & expiations		939	-
Sundry		5,735	1,040
		491,782	483,412
USER CHARGES			
Cemetery/crematoria fees		196,574	165,678
Airport Charges		577,069	529,131
Marina Fees		59,835	57,146
Child Care Fees		339,725	325,342
Hall & equipment hire		52,764	66,675
Waste Fees		559,783	-
Sales - general		526,483	-
Sundry		259,832	247,824
		2,572,064	1,391,796
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Interest on investments			
Local Government Finance Authority		103,546	128,011
Banks & other		245,938	308,380
Loans to community groups		23,945	18,658
		373,429	455,049

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NOTE 2 - INCOME (continued)

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
REIMBURSEMENTS			
- for roadworks		3,608	3,500
- for private works		36,537	21,263
- other		<u>94,528</u>	<u>208,777</u>
		<u>134,673</u>	<u>233,540</u>
 OTHER INCOME			
Insurance & other recoupments - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		96,691	94,722
Rebates received		586,636	550,000
Sundry		<u>496,792</u>	<u>221,109</u>
		<u>1,180,120</u>	<u>865,831</u>
 GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS			
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets		1,905,375	833,852
Other grants, subsidies and contributions		<u>5,276,303</u>	<u>5,904,903</u>
		<u>7,181,678</u>	<u>6,738,755</u>
 <i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 12.</i>			
 Sources of grants			
Commonwealth government		308,208	1,119,623
State government		4,968,095	5,492,765
Other		<u>1,905,375</u>	<u>126,367</u>
		<u>7,181,678</u>	<u>6,738,755</u>

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NOTE 2 - INCOME (continued)

	2008	2007
Notes	\$	\$
Conditions over grants & contributions		
<i>Grants and contributions which were obtained on the condition that they be expended for specified purposes or in a future period, but which are not yet expended in accordance with those conditions, are as follows:</i>		
<i>Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period</i>	<i>1,600,794</i>	<i>1,521,459</i>
<i>Less: expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods</i>		
<i>Roads Infrastructure</i>	<i>(254,554)</i>	<i>(100,000)</i>
<i>Heritage & Cultural Services</i>		<i>(587,660)</i>
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>(254,554)</i>	<i>(687,660)</i>
<i>Plus: amounts recognised as revenues in this reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions</i>		
<i>Roads Infrastructure</i>	<i>309,968</i>	<i>254,554</i>
<i>Heritage & Cultural Services</i>		<i>512,441</i>
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>309,968</i>	<i>766,995</i>
<i>Unexpended at the close of this reporting period and</i>	<i>1,656,208</i>	<i>1,600,794</i>
 <i>Net increase (decrease) in assets subject to conditions in the current reporting period</i>	 <i>55,414</i>	 <i>79,335</i>
 PHYSICAL RESOURCES RECEIVED FREE OF CHARGE		
Land & Improvements	<i>495,000</i>	<i>165,000</i>
TOTAL PHYSICAL RESOURCES RECEIVED	495,000	165,000

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Note 3 - EXPENSES

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Salaries and Wages		6,039,338	6,268,393
Employee leave expense		47,884	163,616
Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions	20	289,852	525,906
Superannuation - defined benefit plan contributions	20	248,962	-
Workers' Compensation Insurance		289,425	281,095
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		<u>(81,615)</u>	<u>(175,100)</u>
Total Operating Employee Costs		<u>6,833,846</u>	<u>7,063,910</u>
 Total Number of Employees		 132	 125
<i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i>			
 MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES			
<u>Prescribed Expenses</u>			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the financial reports		11,227	10,909
- Other Services		-	-
Bad and Doubtful Debts		51,031	-
Elected members' expenses		169,089	137,486
Election expenses		4,634	34,858
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		<u>235,981</u>	<u>183,253</u>
 <u>Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses</u>			
Contractors		2,595,368	1,801,671
Energy		577,990	582,590
Legal Expenses		62,946	32,856
Levies paid to government - NRM levy		383,872	22,693
- Other Levies		33,670	29,167
Parts, accessories & consumables/Water		2,163,405	414,195
Professional services/Waste Disposal		1,664,075	1,290,427
Sundry		2,059,774	2,803,882
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		<u>9,541,100</u>	<u>6,977,481</u>
		<u>9,777,081</u>	<u>7,160,734</u>

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Note 3 - EXPENSES (cont)

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
FINANCE COSTS			
Interest on overdraft and drawdown		-	6,675
Interest on Loans		<u>236,341</u>	<u>239,953</u>
		<u>236,341</u>	<u>246,628</u>
DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT			
Depreciation			
Buildings & Other Structures		183,786	166,004
Infrastructure		2,912,451	3,285,157
Plant & Equipment		394,942	354,281
Furniture & Fittings		192,718	138,245
Other		222,288	206,880
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		<u>(53,459)</u>	-
		<u>3,852,726</u>	<u>4,150,567</u>

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Note 4 - ASSET DISPOSAL & FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

	2008	2007
Notes	\$	\$
INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
<i>Assets renewed or directly replaced</i>		
Proceeds from disposal	396,656	941,948
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold	281,855	828,845
Gain (Loss) on disposal	114,801	113,103
 <i>Assets surplus to requirements</i>		
Proceeds from disposal	681,818	-
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold	825,000	-
Gain (Loss) on disposal	(143,182)	-
 NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION OF ASSETS		
	(28,381)	113,103

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Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS

		2008	2007
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS	Notes	\$	\$
Cash on Hand and at Bank		6,440	2,820
Short Term Deposits & Bills, etc		<u>3,156,856</u>	<u>4,919,810</u>
		<u>3,163,296</u>	<u>4,922,630</u>
 TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES			
Rates - General & Other		384,954	278,561
Accrued Revenues		721,570	887,326
Debtors - general		1,144,942	510,218
Prepayments		47,997	242,608
Loans to community organisations		86,791	139,057
Total		<u>2,386,254</u>	<u>2,057,770</u>
 Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts		<u>59,751</u>	<u>13,000</u>
		<u>2,326,503</u>	<u>2,044,770</u>
 INVENTORIES			
Stores & Materials		200,806	109,723
Trading Stock			55,211
Real Estate Developments		-	-
Other			<u>37,274</u>
		<u>200,806</u>	<u>202,208</u>

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Note 6 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS

FINANCIAL ASSETS	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
Receivables			
Rates & General			
Prepayments			
Loans to community organisations		351,377	441,778
Aged Care Facility Deposits			
Other		<u>19,403</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>370,780</u>	<u>441,778</u>
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts			
		<u>370,780</u>	<u>441,778</u>
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS		<u>370,780</u>	<u>441,778</u>

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Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	2007					2008					
	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT	AT COST	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT
Land	35,914,519	-	-	35,914,519	35,089,519	495,000	-	35,584,519	-	-	-
Land Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buildings & Other Structures	10,638,055	1,698,468	(166,004)	12,170,519	12,336,522	766,136	(349,789)	12,752,869	766,136	(349,789)	12,752,869
Infrastructure	169,859,655	1,834,590	(69,405,113)	102,289,132	171,694,248	4,098,654	(72,317,567)	103,475,335	4,098,654	(72,317,567)	103,475,335
Plant & Equipment	-	3,582,437	(2,060,633)	1,521,804	170,531	3,796,050	(2,034,278)	1,932,303	3,796,050	(2,034,278)	1,932,303
Furniture & Fittings	-	2,432,278	(1,247,594)	1,184,684	240,428	2,432,278	(1,438,377)	1,234,329	2,432,278	(1,438,377)	1,234,329
Other assets	971,320	1,558,220	(1,589,065)	940,475	1,619,202	1,558,220	(1,809,769)	1,367,653	1,558,220	(1,809,769)	1,367,653
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	217,383,549	11,105,993	(74,468,409)	154,021,133	221,150,450	13,146,338	(77,949,780)	156,347,008	13,146,338	(77,949,780)	156,347,008
2007 Totals	205,264,088	15,670,998	(101,231,579)	119,703,507	217,383,549	11,105,993	(74,468,409)	154,021,133	11,105,993	(74,468,409)	154,021,133

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Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR						2008
	2007						\$
	CARRYING AMOUNT	Additions		Disposals	Depreciation	Net Revaluation	CARRYING AMOUNT
	New/Upgrade	Renewals					
Land	35,914,519	495,000	-	(825,000)	-	-	35,584,519
Buildings & Other Structures	12,170,519	635,010	131,126	-	(183,786)	-	12,752,869
Infrastructure	102,289,132	1,818,616	2,280,038	-	(2,912,451)	-	103,475,335
Plant & Equipment	1,521,804	-	1,068,827	(263,386)	(394,942)	-	1,932,303
Furniture & Fittings	1,184,684	-	260,833	(18,470)	(192,718)	-	1,234,329
Other assets	940,475	-	649,466	-	(222,288)	-	1,367,653
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	154,021,133	2,948,626	4,390,290	(1,106,856)	(3,906,185)	-	156,347,008
2007 Totals	119,703,507	8,278,255		(828,844)	(4,150,567)	31,018,782	154,021,133

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Note 7 (cont) – INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Valuation of Assets

At 1 July 2004 upon the transition to AIFRS, Council elected pursuant to AASB 1.19 to retain a previously established deemed cost under GAAP as its deemed cost for the purposes of AIFRS.

Plant, Furniture & Equipment

Pursuant to Council's election, these assets are recognised on the cost basis.

Land & Land Improvements

Pursuant to Council's election, freehold land and land over which Council has control, but does not have title, is recognised on the cost basis. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

Land improvements, including bulk earthworks with an assessed unlimited useful life, are recognised on the cost basis, originally deriving from a valuation at 30 June 2006 at current replacement cost. Additions are recognised at cost.

Buildings & Other Structures

Pursuant to Council's election, buildings and other structures are recognised on the cost basis.

Infrastructure

Transportation assets were valued by Council officers at written down current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June 2008 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Stormwater drainage infrastructure was valued by Council officers as at 30 June 2002 at written down current replacement cost, based on actual costs incurred during the reporting period ended 30 June 2002 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

All other assets

Pursuant to Council's election, these assets are recognised on the cost basis. Library books and other lending materials are capitalised in bulk, and written out when fully depreciated.

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Note 8 - LIABILITIES

	Notes	2008		2007	
		Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES					
Goods & Services		529,686		325,947	
Payments received in advance		53,975		161,280	
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements		635,585		550,360	
Accrued expenses - other		350,393		-	
Other		4,025		4,006	
		<u>1,573,664</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,041,593</u>	<u>-</u>
BORROWINGS					
Bank Overdraft		221,385		292,539	
Short term draw down facility		500,000		1,500,000	
Loans		501,498	2,384,734	501,748	2,886,232
Finance Leases		-	-	1,690	
Other				-	
		<u>1,222,883</u>	<u>2,384,734</u>	<u>2,295,977</u>	<u>2,886,232</u>
<i>All interest bearing liabilities are secured over the future revenues of the Council.</i>					
PROVISIONS					
Employee entitlements (including oncosts)		953,320	45,204	846,346	157,903
		<u>953,320</u>	<u>45,204</u>	<u>846,346</u>	<u>157,903</u>

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Note 9 - RESERVES

ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	1/07/2007	Net Increments (Decrements)	Transfers on Sale	30/06/2008
Notes	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land	141,502,617			141,502,617
Total Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	141,502,617			141,502,617
Available for Sale Investments				
TOTAL	141,502,617			141,502,617
2007 Totals	110,483,835	31,018,782		141,502,617

OTHER RESERVES	1/07/2007	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/06/2008
Committed Funds Reserve	6,340,932	4,065,472	(6,340,932)	4,065,472
TOTAL OTHER RESERVES	6,340,932	4,065,472	(6,340,932)	4,065,472
2007 Totals	7,637,414	6,340,932	(7,637,414)	6,340,932

PURPOSES OF RESERVES

Asset Revaluation Reserve

The asset revaluation reserve is used to record increments and decrements arising from changes in fair value of non-current assets and available-for-sale financial assets.

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2008

Note 10 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

Cash Assets comprise highly liquid investments with short periods to maturity subject to insignificant risk of changes of value. Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the Cash Flow Statement is reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
Total cash & equivalent assets per BS	5	3,163,296	4,922,630
Less: Short-term borrowings	8	<u>(721,385)</u>	<u>(1,792,539)</u>
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		<u>2,441,911</u>	<u>3,130,091</u>

**(b) Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Cash
from Operating Activities**

Net Surplus (Deficit)	1,824,120	723,583
Non-cash items in Income Statement		
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3,852,726	4,150,567
Fair value adjustments	-	-
Equity movements in equity accounted investments (increase) decrease	-	-
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits	79,500	168,077
Premiums & discounts recognised & unwound	-	-
Change in allowances for under-recovery	-	-
Non-cash asset acquisitions	(495,000)	(165,000)
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity	(1,905,375)	(833,852)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals	<u>28,381</u>	<u>(113,103)</u>
	3,384,352	3,930,272
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets		
Net (increase) decrease in receivables	(353,402)	(675,436)
Net (increase) decrease in inventories	1,402	(44,205)
Net (increase) decrease in other current assets	-	-
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables	446,846	(230,874)
Net increase (decrease) in other provisions	-	-
Net increase (decrease) in other liabilities	-	-
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations	<u>3,479,198</u>	<u>2,979,757</u>

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2008

Note 13 (cont) - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
(c) Non-Cash Financing and Investing Activities			
Acquisition of assets by means of:			
- Physical resources received free of charge	3	<u>495,000</u>	<u>165,000</u>
<i>Amounts recognised in Income Statement</i>		<u>495,000</u>	<u>165,000</u>
		<u>495,000</u>	<u>165,000</u>

(d) Financing Arrangements

Unrestricted access was available at balance date to the following lines of credit:

Bank Overdrafts	1,750,000	250,000
Corporate Credit Cards	37,000	26,000

The bank overdraft facilities may be drawn at any time and may be terminated by the bank without notice.

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Note 11 - FUNCTIONS

INCOMES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES											
	INCOME		EXPENSES		OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT) Before Capital		GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME		TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT & NON-CURRENT)		
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	2008	2007	2008	2007	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	\$	\$	\$	\$	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$					
Council Administration	15,621,741	14,510,692	3,943,513	-	11,678,229	14,510,692	4,288,696	4,250,089	13,802,195	9,946,739	
Public Order & Safety	185,695	188,049	201,516	269,772	(15,820)	(81,723)	-	-	-	67,200	
Health	37,202	27,612	112,434	145,109	(75,233)	(117,497)	33,162	19,102	-	10,459	
Social Security & Welfare	716,702	739,539	1,068,201	1,729,847	(351,499)	(990,308)	356,008	384,148	-	396,353	
Housing & Community Amenities	869,785	658,407	4,551,592	4,264,993	(3,681,806)	(3,606,586)	787,774	224,230	39,784,892	28,332,214	
Protection of the Environment	8,405	16,832	164,583	278,669	(156,478)	(261,837)	25,000	8,000	-	1,037,999	
Sport & Recreation	725,466	416,670	3,168,580	3,545,835	(2,443,114)	(3,129,165)	160,865	286,493	2,214,590	7,563,824	
Agriculture	-	-	38,770	28,280	(38,770)	(28,280)	-	-	-	-	
Mining & Manufacture	221,520	248,293	397,338	641,887	(175,819)	(393,594)	-	-	-	-	
Transport & Communication	1,224,311	1,738,907	4,305,909	5,471,864	(3,081,598)	(4,731,809)	428,814	1,059,394	70,066,030	71,519,332	
Economic Affairs	166,939	505,038	576,988	896,228	(410,049)	(391,190)	6,008	369,636	410,000	1,281,093	
Other Purposes	374,354	295,383	2,170,571	1,349,355	(1,796,217)	(1,167,075)	1,095,351	137,663	36,130,686	41,477,396	
TOTALS	20,152,119	19,345,422	20,699,994	18,621,839	(547,875)	(388,372)	7,181,678	6,738,755	162,408,393	161,632,519	

Excludes net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets, net gain (loss) from joint ventures & associated entities, amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets and physical resources received free of charge.

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Note 11 (cont) - COMPONENTS OF FUNCTIONS

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

Business Undertakings

Gravel Pits/Quarries, Development of Land for Resale, Marinas/Boat Havens, Private Works, and Other – please specify.

Community Services

Public Order and Safety, Crime Prevention, Emergency Services, Other Fire Protection, Other Public Order and Safety, Health Services, Pest Control – Health, Immunisation, Preventive Health Services, Other Health Services, Community Support, Home Assistance Scheme, Child Care Centres, Children and youth Services, community Assistance, Family and Neighbourhood Support, Other Community Support, Community Amenities, Bus Shelters, Cemeteries/Crematoria, public Conveniences, Car Parking –

Culture

Library Services, Mobile Libraries and Housebound Services, Static Libraries, Other Library Services, Cultural Services, Cultural Venues, Heritage, Museums and Art Galleries, and Other Cultural Services.

Economic Development

Employment Creation Programs, Regional Development, Support to Local Businesses, Tourism, and Other Economic Development.

Environment

Agricultural Services, Agricultural Water, Animal/Plant Boards, Landcare, Other Agricultural Services, Waste Management, Domestic Waste, Green Waste, Recycling, Transfer Stations, Waste Disposal Facility, Other Waste Management, Other Environment, Coastal Protection, Stormwater and Drainage, Street Cleaning, Street Lighting, Streetscaping, Natural Resource Management Levy, and Other Environment.

Recreation

Jetties, Other Marine Facilities, Parks and Gardens, Sports Facilities – Indoor, Sports Facilities – Outdoor, Swimming Centres – Indoor, Swimming Centres – Outdoor, and Other Recreation.

Regulatory Services

Dog and Cat Control, Building Control, Town Planning, Clean Air/Pollution Control, Litter Control, Health Inspection, Parking Control, and Other Regulatory Services.

Transport

Aerodrome, Bridges, Bus Service, Footpaths and Kerbing, Roads – sealed, Roads – formed, Roads – natural formed, Roads – unformed, Traffic Management, LGGC – roads (formula funded), and Other Transport.

Plant Hire & Depot

Unclassified Activities

Council Administration

Governance, Administration n.e.c., Elected Members, Organisational, Support Services, Accounting/Finance, Payroll, Housing for Council Employees, Human Resources, Information Technology, Communication, Rates Administration, Records, Occupancy, Contract Management, Customer Service, Other Support Services, Revenues, LGGC – General Purpose, and Separate and Special Rates.

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2008

Note 12 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Change these if necessary to reflect recent adoptions.

Recognised Financial Instruments

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 6.75% and 8% (2007: 6.05% and 6.4%). Short term deposits have an average maturity of 90 days and an average interest rates of 7.22% (2006: 90 days, 6.37%).</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.</p>
Receivables - Rates & Associated Charges (including legals & penalties for late payment)	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 2% for the first month then 9.4% each month until paid(2007: 2% for the first month then 8.5% each month until paid) Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
Receivables - Fees & other charges	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
Receivables - other levels of government	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal value.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. All amounts are due by Departments and Agencies of the Governments of the Commonwealth & State.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals	<p>Accounting Policy: Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Council.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Interest Bearing Loans	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at the principal amounts. Interest is charged as an expense as it accrues.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: secured over future revenues, loans are repayable by equal 6 monthly instalments; interest is charged at fixed rates between 6.3% and 7.98% (2007: 5.35% and 7.98%)</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Finance Leases	<p>Accounting Policy: accounted for in accordance with AASB 117.</p>

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Note 12 (cont) - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Liquidity Analysis

2008	Floating Interest Rate \$	Fixed interest maturing in			Non- interest bearing \$	Total \$
		≤ 1 year \$	> 1 year ≤ 5 years \$	> 5 years \$		
Financial Assets						
Fair Value through P&L						
Cash Assets		3,163,296			-	3,163,296
Loans & Receivables						
Receivables		86,791	370,780		1,470,145	1,927,716
Held to Maturity Investments						
Other Financial Assets						-
Total		3,250,087	370,780		1,470,145	5,091,012
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	<i>6.71%</i>	<i>6.71%</i>	<i>6.57%</i>			
Financial Liabilities						
Payables					587,686	587,686
Current Borrowings	721,385					721,385
Non-Current Borrowings		501,498	2,384,734		-	2,886,232
Total	721,385	501,498	2,384,734		587,686	4,195,303
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	<i>6.93%</i>	<i>6.93%</i>	<i>6.82%</i>	<i>6.51%</i>		
EXCESS OF FINANCIAL ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES		(721,385)	2,748,589	(2,013,954)	-	882,459

2007	Floating Interest Rate \$	Fixed interest maturing in			Non- interest bearing \$	Total \$
		≤ 1 year \$	> 1 year ≤ 5 years \$	> 5 years \$		
Financial Assets						
Fair Value through P&L						
Cash Assets	813,318	2,567,428			1,541,884	4,922,630
Other Financial Assets		1,539,064			(1,539,064)	-
Loans & Receivables						
Receivables		129,146	451,689		775,779	1,356,614
Total	813,318	4,235,638	451,689		778,599	6,279,244
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	<i>6.00%</i>	<i>6.53%</i>	<i>6.53%</i>			
Financial Liabilities						
Payables					491,233	491,233
Current Borrowings	1,792,539					1,792,539
Non-Current Borrowings		503,438	2,886,232		-	3,389,670
Total	1,792,539	503,438	2,886,232		491,233	5,673,442
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	<i>6.78%</i>	<i>6.79%</i>	<i>6.79%</i>			
EXCESS OF FINANCIAL ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES		(979,221)	3,732,200	(2,434,543)	-	287,366

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2008

Note 12 (cont) - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Net Fair Value

All carrying values approximate fair value for all recognised financial instruments. There is no recognised market for the financial assets of the Council.

Risk Exposures

Credit Risk represents the loss that would be recognised if counterparties fail to perform as contracted. The maximum credit risk on financial assets of the Council is the carrying amount, net of any provision for doubtful debts. All Council investments are made with the SA Local Government Finance Authority and are guaranteed by the SA Government. Except as detailed in Notes 5 & 6 in relation to individual classes of receivables, exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries, and there is no material exposure to any individual debtor.

Market Risk is the risk that fair values of financial assets will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices. All of Council's financial assets are denominated in Australian dollars and are not traded on any market, and hence neither market risk nor currency risk apply.

Liquidity Risk is the risk that Council will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations with financial liabilities. In accordance with the model Treasury Policy (LGA Information Paper 15), liabilities have a range of maturity dates based on cash inflows. Council also has available a range of bank overdraft and short-term draw down facilities that it can access.

Interest Rate Risk is the risk that future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Most of Council's financial instruments - both assets and liabilities - are at fixed rates. Any such variations in future cash flows will not be material in effect on either Council incomes or expenditures.

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2008

Note 13 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

	2008	2007
<u>Notes</u>	\$	\$
Capital Commitments		
Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial Statements as liabilities:		
Land		
Buildings		410,000
Plant & Equipment	-	410,000
These expenditures are payable:		
Not later than one year		410,000
Later than one year and not later than 5 years		
Later than 5 years	-	410,000
Other Expenditure Commitments		
Other expenditure committed for (excluding inventories) at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:		
Audit Services	11,227	11,236
Waste Management Services	1,126,414	978,765
Employee Remuneration Contracts		
Investment Property maintenance contracts		
Other	1,137,641	990,001
These expenditures are payable:		
Not later than one year	1,137,641	990,001
Later than one year and not later than 5 years		
Later than 5 years	1,137,641	990,001
Finance Lease Commitments		
Council leases various plant and equipment with a carrying amount of \$89,999 (2007 - \$103,812) under finance leases expiring within 1 to 4 years. At expiry, Council may re-lease, or return or acquire the leased assets.		
Some leases provide for the payment of contingent rentals depending on actual use of the equipment. Contingent rental payments made are disclosed in Note 4.		
Commitments under finance leases at the reporting date are as follows:		
Not later than one year		1,690
Later than one year and not later than 5 years		
Later than 5 years		
Minimum lease payments	-	1,690
Less: future finance charges		
Net Lease Liability	-	1,690
Representing lease liabilities:		
Current	9	1,690
Non-Current	10	-
	-	1,690

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2008

Note 14 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

2008 2007 2006

These Financial Indicators have been calculated in accordance with *Information Paper 9 - Local Government Financial Indicators* prepared as part of the LGA Financial Sustainability Program for the Local Government Association of South Australia. Detailed methods of calculation are set out in the SA Model Statements.

Operating Surplus	(547,874)	(388,372)	(339,167)
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Being the operating surplus (deficit) before capital amounts .

Operating Surplus Ratio			
<u>Operating Surplus</u>	(6%)	(4%)	(4%)
Rates - general & other less NRM levy			

This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of general and other rates, net of NRM levy.

Net Financial Liabilities	319,226	(181,127)	(2,800,593)
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Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets (excluding equity accounted investments in Council businesses).

Net Financial Liabilities Ratio			
<u>Net Financial Liabilities</u>	2%	-1%	-17%
Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy			

Interest Cover Ratio			
<u>Net Interest Expense</u>	(0.6%)	(1.1%)	(1.1%)
Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy less Investment Income			

Asset Sustainability Ratio			
<u>Net Asset Renewals</u>	65%	103%	73%
Depreciation Expense			

Net asset renewals expenditure is defined as net capital expenditure on the renewal and replacement of existing assets, and excludes new capital expenditure on the acquisition of additional assets.

Asset Consumption Ratio			
<u>Carrying value of depreciable assets</u>	61%	61%	54%
Gross value of depreciable assets			

Total carrying value of depreciable assets divided by total reported value of depreciable assets before accumulated depreciation.

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2008

Note 16 – SUPERANNUATION

Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme (the Scheme). The Scheme has two categories of membership, each of which is funded differently.

The Scheme's accumulation category, Local Super, receives both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are normally based on a fixed percentage of employee earnings (9% required under Superannuation Guarantee Legislation). No further liability accrues to the employer as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the Scheme.

The Scheme's Defined Benefit Plan is a multi-employer sponsored plan. As the Scheme's assets and liabilities are pooled and are not allocated by employer, the Actuary is unable allocate benefit liabilities, assets and costs between employers. As provided under AASB 119.32(b), Council does not use defined benefit accounting for these contributions.

Council makes employer contributions to the defined benefit category of the Scheme at rates determined by the Trustee on the advice of the Scheme's Actuary. On the basis of the results of the most recent full actuarial investigation conducted by the Scheme's actuary, L C Brett, BSc., FIA, FIAA, of Brett and Watson Pty Ltd as at 30 June 2005, the Trustee has determined that the current funding arrangements are adequate for the expected Defined Benefit Plan liabilities.

The Corporation of the City of Whyalla

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2008

Note 17 - CONTINGENCIES & ASSETS & LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED IN THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

The following assets and liabilities do not qualify for recognition in the Statement of Financial Position but knowledge of those items is considered relevant to user of the financial report in making and evaluating decisions about the allocation of scarce resources.

BANK GUARANTEES

Council has guaranteed certain loans and other banking facilities advanced to community organisations and sporting bodies, amounting to \$438,668 (2007: \$580,835) at reporting date.

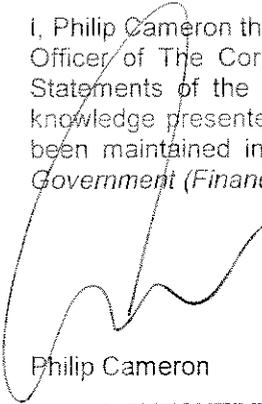
Council does not expect to incur any loss arising from these guarantees.

The Corporation of the City of Whyalla

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2008

STATEMENT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I, Philip Cameron the person for the time being occupying the position of Chief Executive Officer of The Corporation of the City of Whyalla do hereby state that the Financial Statements of the Council for the year ended 30 June 2008 are to the best of my knowledge presented fairly, and in accordance with accounting procedures which have been maintained in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* made under that Act.



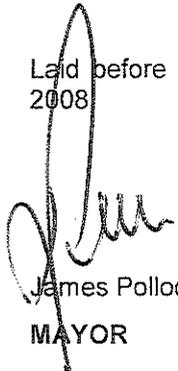
Philip Cameron

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dated this 29th day of October 2008

ADOPTION STATEMENT

Laid before the Corporation of the City of Whyalla and adopted on the 17th day of NOVEMBER 2008



James Pollock

MAYOR

DEAN NEWBERY & PARTNERS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

ABN 30 164 612 890

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF WHYALLA

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of The City of Whyalla which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2008, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity, cash flow statement, a summary of the significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the Chief Executive Officer's Statement for the year ended on that date.

Chief Executive Officer's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Chief Executive Officer of The City of Whyalla is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud and error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Chief Executive Officer, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for an audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999, provided to the Chief Executive Officer on 30 June 2008, would be in the same terms if provided to the Chief Executive Officer as at the date of this auditor's report.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion:

The financial report of The City of Whyalla is in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of The City of Whyalla financial position as at 30 June 2008 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations); and
- (c) complying with Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999; and
- (d) where applicable, in accordance with the provisions relating to subsidiaries (and regional subsidiaries) of the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999.

**DEAN NEWBERY & PARTNERS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**



**DON VENN
PARTNER**

Signed on the 30 day of October 2008,
at 214 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide, South Australia 5006.

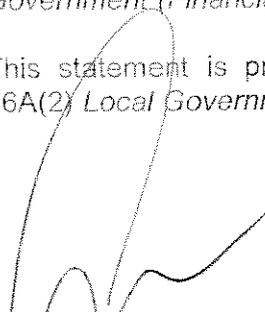
The Corporation of the City of Whyalla

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CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of the Corporation of the City of Whyalla for the year ended 30 June 2008, the Council's Auditor, Dean Newbery & Associates, has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 16A(2) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999*.



Philip Cameron
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PRESIDING MEMBER
AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: 17 NOVEMBER 2008

ANNUAL REPORT



2007/2008



Forward by President, Mayor Jim Pollock

As always, the 2007/08 year has been a fairly full one for Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association.

Throughout the year, we have grappled with a new Charter that is now close to being finalised and is out of our hands. As part of this process, members have endorsed a more tightly aligned role in keeping with our core business as local government providers. This has involved a review of our Executive Officer position, the reduction in hours for the next year and the narrowing of the focus for the role. In addition, we have a draft strategic plan that should be adopted early in 2008/09 and will reflect our targeted focus.

On the lobbying front, our biggest challenge has been the draft legislation associated with the state's strategic plan targets in relation to Marine Parks. Lead by Mayor Allan Suter, District Council of Ceduna, we were able to clearly voice our objections to the draft legislation and expect to have further interest as the new legislation is implemented.

Many Member Council continue to be involved with the emerging mining interests on Eyre Peninsula and this has involved a look at the infrastructure requirements, especially in relation to wharf facilities and associated freight corridors. In addition, water supplies are a challenge and all Members await the EP Long Term water Plan, as well as looking at solutions locally.

Our major event, the Annual Conference, was hosted this year by District Council of Kimba and was another most successful event. Their efforts, in conjunction with many organisations in their community, were certainly appreciated by all who attended and they are to be congratulated for the excellent event. During the conference, major sponsors, Norman Waterhouse, informed us that they were making available 20 tickets to the Disney High School Musical on Ice performance at the Entertainment Centre. We offered those tickets to schools on Eyre Peninsula with Karcultably and Wudinna Area Schools using them. The students were greatly appreciative of the opportunity they were given; some even reporting it was their first time seeing ice-skating and for many, the first time seeing a major show. Norman Waterhouse was very generous in making the tickets available to us.

Later in the year, we were advised of the resignation of two of our long-serving CEOs in John Rumbelow (Streaky Bay) and Peter Aird (Lower Eyre Peninsula.) All Members would join me in thanking John for his commitment to local government in general and our organisation in particular, and wish him well for his well-earned retirement. No doubt much fishing will be involved. Peter has taken on the role of Airport Manager at Lower Eyre Peninsula and we certainly hope for continued involvement with him. His efforts over the years have also been considerable and we thank him sincerely for his contribution as CEO, to both his Council and to EPLGA.

To Senior Vice President, Julie Low, a big thank you for your efforts in many areas over the year, and also to Jr Vice President Eddie Elleway. It's always good to know

that there is a good team round you in any organisation. In that light, thanks must also go to Sonya Young for her very capable administrative role, especially in relation to meeting minutes and organisation. Finally, too, to Diana Laube for her work as Executive Officer in this, her first year.

In concluding, I must also give a big thank you to all members for your co-operation and commitment throughout the year. We look forward to the year ahead knowing it will have its own challenges, but also knowing that, by working together, we can achieve much for Eyre Peninsula.



Mayor Jim Pollock, Corporation of the City of Whyalla

REPORT AGAINST BUSINESS PLAN 2007/08

PRELIMINARY:

Last Year's Business Plan was drafted after only 2 weeks in the position so attempted to set the strategic agenda based on "unfinished business" predominantly resulting from the 2005 Review done by Collins Anderson. The Plan aimed at the following:

- 1 EPLGA Reform (both structural and charter)**
- 2 High priority strategic projects of significance to Eyre Peninsula Councils.**

EPLGA REFORMS.

KPIs [Key performance Indicators] for 2007/08:

Number	Key Performance Indicator	Outcome
<i>KPI 1</i>	<i>The interim SSU becomes an operational aspect of the EPLGA and its reporting protocols are evident in the Agenda papers</i>	Abandoned. Endorsed by December 2007 meeting

KPI 2	Benefits achievable through shared services provision are quantified	This is to remain as an item on our Strategic Plan
KPI 3	Service Agreements are prepared and scheduled	No further action
KPI 4	The Charter is amended and Gazetted	Charter amended and currently awaiting the gazettal.

PERFORMANCE REPORT.

Of the four (4) KPIs identified above, only one is on track to be achieved - the amendment of the Charter. At time of writing, we are awaiting the final processes and the documentation currently sits with the Office of State/Local Government Relations.

To enable a more solid legal framework, the advice from Wallmans was that our Charter should start from scratch. Initially, the difficulty for Wallmans was our request that we needed a document that would enable EPLGA to run a Business Unit in order to allow the delivery of some shared services directly from EPLGA. This was outlined, and endorsed by members, as part of the Structural Review presented by Collins Anderson Management in 2005.

However, under the direction from the September 2007 meeting, the CEOs met to identify a preferred draft of the Charter to present to members, with Wallmans lawyer, Mark Sallis, also present. At that meeting, it was clear that amongst CEOs, there was a preference to:

- Abandon all consideration of running a Shared Services business unit through EPLGA. There was a belief that, to do so, would duplicate governance requirements already in place in Councils.
- Return EPLGA to its core function of local government, tightly aligned to promoting issues of concern for Members.

Following that meeting, the draft Charter was amended by Wallmans in line with the CEOs direction, and this version was only amended in a minor way before all Councils were able to sign off the new direction.

However, there was a request from CEOs that the issues of discussion about opportunities under shared services delivery could best take place at EPLGA and an interest in ensuring this remains on our Strategic Plans as an item.

PRIORITY PROJECTS.

The Business Plan suggested that a number of key projects under the following broad categories would possible involve EPLGA action:

- **Regional Infrastructure development.**
- **Regional Planning**
- **EPLGA Corporate/PR**

KPI Targets for 2007/08:

KPI 5	Quality road data is included with our regional strategy and priorities identified	Road review carried out by Tonkin Engineering with revised priority listing endorsed by Members (Feb 2008.) Furthermore, members suggested the next review 2010 with a meeting to discuss methodology for that review to take place in 2009.
KPI 6	There is a reduction in the volume of solid waste going to landfill on Eyre Peninsula	Councils continuing dialogue on Waste issues and recycling, through quarterly meeting coordinated through EPLGA. Jointly seeking co-operative opportunities and continued exchange of ideas between Councils.Reduction in waste volume happening due to Council efforts.
KPI 7	A Regional Recreation & Sport Infrastructure Strategy is written and adopted by member Councils	Position paper written and endorsed by Members, May 2008.
KPI 8	A regional succession strategy is written and implemented	Still on the agenda. Wendy Campana has requested meeting with Rob Wallace and CEOs during Septemebr 2008 meeting.
KPI 9	The Bushfire Co-ordination and Collaboration project findings are disseminated	Back with Councils for use in their planning.
KPI 10	The new Strategic Plan is adopted.	On the table and due to be picked up at July 4 th meeting, 2008. Delay has been as a result of changed focus from December 2007 meeting plus review of Executive Officer position endorsed May 2008.
KPI 11	The website has been upgraded	Finalised January 2008
KPI 12	The newsletter is printed and circulated each month	Instigated June 2007

PERFORMANCE REPORT.

The identified KPIs from this section of the Business Plan have been met to a satisfactory degree with the delays identified in the table above.

In addition to that, there were a few key issues that arose for EPLGA action including:

- **New Marine Parks legislation.** EPLGA lobbying, along with other sectors of industry, was key to achieving certain amendments to the initial draft of the Bill tabled by Minister Gail Gago. Our chief concerns were in relation to the community consultation processes and the level of Economic Impact Statements that the state government was prepared to demand as part of the process. This will require on-going monitoring and the most recent SAROC meetings have heard concerns voiced, based especially on the poor economic impact studies prepared in relation to the state government's shared services reform. The response from treasury is that it isn't possible to prepare regional impact studies.
- **Roads.** A number of issues were discussed including dealing with freight ESA counts during drought periods, passing lanes on the Lincoln Highway, changes associated with freight routes and heavy vehicles, risk at railway crossings. Following the most recent drought year, road conditions have obviously continued to be a priority issue for all District Councils.
- **EPNRM and RDB issues.** The issue of the levy amount and levy collection for EPNRM has now been taken up as a state-wide issue and is largely being moved forward by LGA. In addition, EPNRM is undergoing a review of its entire structure and the May meeting of EPLGA heard from Chairperson Mr Brian Foster, that it is likely that future budgets will be less ambitious than the inaugural one. EPLGA should continue to seek ways to better engage with EPNRM which has had a huge workload over its first few years of operation. For those Members who co-fund the Eyre Regional development Board, many issues associated with the funding agreements have been discussed at EPLGA level although little can be resolved as each Council adds its own signature to the agreement. The 2008/09 year is likely to be the year that those Members look to the state government to increase their funding of the Boards. Currently, many RDBs around the state are calling on funding from their local Councils well in excess of the initial 1:3 formula that was agreed to.

what they want from the organization. For 2008/09, the mandate is for an organisation that limits itself to local government issues and in promoting joint concerns of Members. It sees the return to an Executive Officer working 3 days per week although some flexibility is available should major issues arise.

Diana Laube
Executive Officer

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE, 1981-2020.

The following schedule is currently being followed for the hosting of the annual conference of the EPLGA:

1981	DC Tumby Bay	2001	DC Cleve
1982	Whyalla CC	2002	DC Streaky Bay
1983	DC Ceduna	2003	DC Elliston
1984	DC Lower Eyre Peninsula	2004	DC Tumby Bay
1985	DC Kimba	2005	Whyalla CC
1986	Port Lincoln CC	2006	DC Ceduna
1987	DC Le Hunte	2007	DC Lower Eyre Peninsula
1988	DC Franklin Harbour	2008	DC Kimba
1989	DC Cleve	2009	DC Wudinna
1990	DC Streaky Bay	2010	DC Franklin Harbour
1991	Port Augusta CC	2011	DC Cleve
1992	DC Elliston	2012	DC Streaky Bay
1993	DC Tumby Bay	2013	DC Elliston
1994	Whyalla CC	2014	DC Tumby Bay
1995	DC Ceduna	2015	Whyalla CC
1996	DC Lower Eyre Peninsula	2016	DC Ceduna
1997	Dc Kimba	2017	DC Lower Eyre Peninsula
1998	Port Lincoln CC	2018	Port Lincoln CC
1999	DC Le Hunte	2019	DC Kimba
2000	DC Franklin Harbour	2020	DC Wudinna

OVERALL STATEMENT.

The 2007/08 year was one that began with a new Executive Officer and that saw members re-consider

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

We have audited the accompanying Financial Report of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2008 and the income statement and statement of changes in equity for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the Chief Executive Officer's declaration as set out on pages 1 – 5.

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL REPORT

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999*. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Association, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

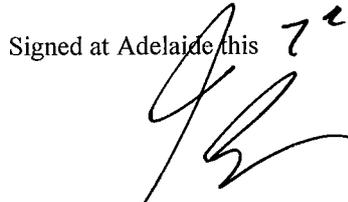
In conducting our audit we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* and the Australian professional accounting bodies.

AUDIT OPINION

In our opinion the financial report of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association is properly drawn up:

- a) To give a true and fair view of :
 - i) the Association's state of affairs as at 30 June 2008 and changes in equity resulting from operations and cashflows for the year ended on that date.
 - ii) the other matters required by the Local Government Act 1999 to be dealt with in the financial statements.
- b) According to the Local Government Act 1999, together with the Local Government Act 1999 (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 made under that Act; and
- c) According to Australian Accounting Standards and mandatory professional reporting requirements.

Signed at Adelaide this 7th day of October 2008



JOHN D EWEN
JOHN D EWEN & ASSOCIATES
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

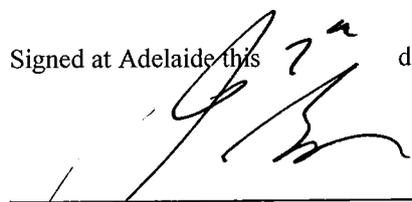
AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

Auditor's Independence Declaration Under Section 16A of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 to The Members of Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association for the year ended 30 June 2008, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Section 290, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 16A (4) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999*.

Signed at Adelaide this 7th day of October 2008



JOHN D EWEN
JOHN D EWEN & ASSOCIATES
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

INCOME STATEMENT

For the year ended 30th June 2008

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
INCOME			
Interest Received		12,703	9,994
Membership Fees	3	121,000	118,460
Reimbursable Expenses		1,080	1,178
Project Management Fees		4,305	3,000
		<u>139,088</u>	<u>132,632</u>
EXPENSES			
Administration		8,189	13,229
Audit Fees		850	800
Bank Charges		47	75
Computer Expenses		454	298
Employee Expenses		63,924	58,190
Legal Fees		6,113	200
Insurance		918	894
Marketing Promotion		-	45
Meeting Expenses		3,497	1,059
Motor Vehicle Expenses		11,085	11,021
President's Expenses		750	750
Project Expenses		6,000	-
Secretarial Service		15,485	15,485
Telephone		328	
Travel Expenses		3,309	3,037
		<u>120,949</u>	<u>105,083</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		<u>18,139</u>	<u>27,549</u>

EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET

As at 30th June 2008

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents		142,322	133,318
Receivables – GST		3,736	4,346
Prepaid Expenses		2,455	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>148,513</u>	<u>137,664</u>
LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	4	9,227	4,827
Unspent Grants	2	<u>67,265</u>	<u>78,956</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>76,492</u>	<u>83,783</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>72,021</u></u>	<u><u>53,882</u></u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Balance brought forward		53,882	26,333
Change in Financial Position Resulting from Operations		18,139	27,549
ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		<u>72,021</u>	<u>53,882</u>

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 30 June 2008

1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Local Government Act 1999.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 and the following Australian Accounting Standards.

AASB 1031 Materiality
AASB 110 Events after the Balance Sheet Date
AASB 119 Employee Benefits
AASB 107 Cash and Cash Equivalents.

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting standards Board have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

(a) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs. Liabilities for employee benefits not expected to be paid or settled within 12 months are measured using a shorthand method which produces a result not materially different from the liability measured using the present value of expected future cash outflows method.

(b) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 30th June 2008**

2. PROJECTS

	1/7/2007 Brought Forward	Income	Expenditure	Unspent
Regional Capacity Building	40,806	31,487	30,740	41,553
Bushfire Collaboration	18,198	19,636	37,834	-
EP Coastal Development Strategy	25,952	-	240	25,712
Active Communities	-	50,000	50,000	-
Marketing/PR Manual	(6,000)	6,000	-	-
	<u>78,956</u>	<u>107,123</u>	<u>118,814</u>	<u>67,265</u>

3. MEMBERSHIP FEES

	2008 \$	2007 \$
District Council of Ceduna	11,752	13,273
District Council of Cleve	8,802	10,201
District Council of Elliston	7,457	9,044
District Council of Franklin Harbour	7,712	9,513
District Council of Kimba	7,429	9,196
District Council of Le Hunte	7,777	9,438
District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula	13,212	14,441
District Council of Streaky Bay	9,027	10,479
District Council of Tumby Bay	9,937	11,326
City of Whyalla	21,955	21,549
City of Port Lincoln	15,940	-
	<u>121,000</u>	<u>118,460</u>

4. TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES

Accrued Expenses – employee entitlements	4,079	1,934
Trade Creditors	2,706	42
Payroll Liabilities	2,442	2,851
	<u>9,227</u>	<u>4,827</u>

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S STATEMENT

I, DIANA LAUBE the person for the time being occupying the position of CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER of EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION do hereby state that the Financial Statements of the Association for the 30 June 2008 financial year are to the best of my knowledge presented fairly and in accordance with accounting procedures which have been maintained in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999*, and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* made under that Act.



Signed

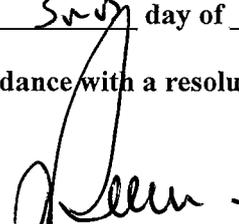
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STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEMBERS

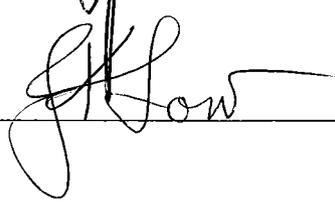
In the opinion of the Board of Management of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association the accompanying Financial Report attached hereto, are drawn up so as to present fairly the results of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2008, and the state of affairs of the Association as at 30 June 2008, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Signed 3rd day of OCTOBER 2008

in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Management



Member



Member