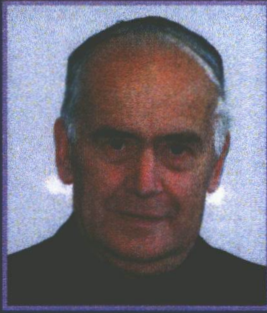


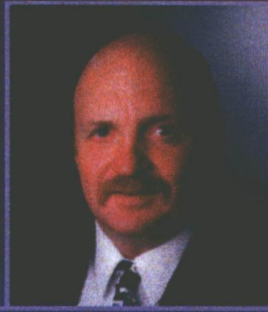
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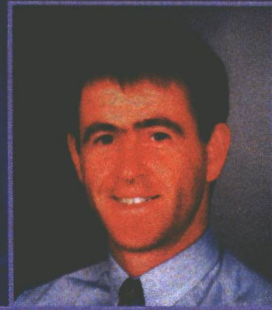
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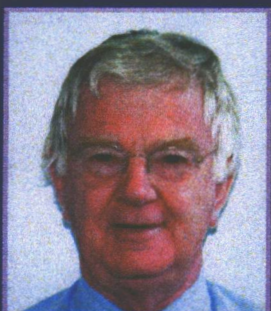
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GARY BRAMICH



JOHN GIBSON - General Manager



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A Word from the Mayor



It is my pleasure to present the Annual Report of the Waratah-Wynyard Council for 2000-2001. This would have been without a doubt one of the most active years politically that I can recall.

In mid-February when the caution signs were erected on Boat Harbour Beach it was difficult to see a quick resolution to the pollution problem that had become evident. Although there is still some way to go, there are some very tangible steps being taken. The community, Council and State Government have embarked on system design, the last phase before the possible declaring of a sewerage district and then ultimately construction of a sewerage scheme. Council are progressing this issue positively as we wish this tourist area to regain maximum exposure as quickly as possible.

Sisters Beach which had traditionally been one of the main areas of development in the municipal area, has suffered from two distinct problems. These are both associated with State Government policies. Council have conducted a programme of water sampling in the district and this should give us a picture as to how we should address the issue in future. The other concern is regarding development on the frontal dunes.

The National initiative "Roads to Recovery Programme" has given a much needed capital injection into our road maintenance programme. The \$370,000 granted for the first of four years will be targeted to some 17.31 kilometres of worn out roads. Our Council has maintenance responsibility for 280 km of unsealed roads. The important aspect here will be to seek to retain this continued level of National input in future years.

With this being the International Year of the Volunteer, Waratah-Wynyard would have to be one of the best examples of what volunteers can do for a community. There have been now 10 very successful Tulip Festivals held, all with a huge amount of volunteer support. But what our 2 service clubs (Rotary and Lions) along with Council and the youth of our community have achieved this year with building our Skate Park will not only satisfy a need, but will remain a monument for decades to come of what can be achieved by a community that has a strong vibrant component of volunteers.

The Honour Roll that was unveiled in the Council Office has attracted a huge amount of interest. This is a complete list of men and women from the Wynyard District who enrolled in the conflicts from the World War I through to Vietnam.

For some considerable time there has been a committee comprising residents of Somerset, Council and a Transport Planning Officer from the State Government to assess strategies for improving transport in Somerset. The first tangible results we have are the traffic lights at the Falmouth Street/Bass Highway junction which appear to be very effective.

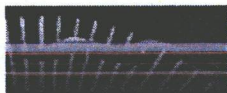
Somerset also featured in the Tidy Towns Competition this year, winning its category.

To my fellow Councillors I would like to express my personal thanks in what has been a very challenging year. There have been very few free Monday nights but it has always been my endeavour to keep every Councillor aware of the issues. My personal thanks to each and every one for your contribution.

The issues that Council had to deal with has been reflected in the work that has had to be dealt with by our staff. My sincere appreciation goes to our General Manager, John Gibson, and all the departmental heads for their contribution. Our office staff and all our outdoor workforce have all participated in a team of which I am very proud.

ROGER G. CHALK, AM

Waratah-Wynyard Council Profile



MAYOR

ROGER CHALK, AM

Cr. Roger Chalk was first elected to the Wynyard Council in March 1976 and to Waratah-Wynyard Council on its formation in 1993. He held the positions of Treasurer for two years and Warden for nine years. Cr. Chalk, who resides at Flowerdale, is a semi retired dairy and beef farmer.

He was a member of the Executive Committee of the Municipal Association of Tasmania for 10 years and served four years as President of the Association. For five years he was Tasmania's representative on the Australian Local Government Association. In 1994 he received an Advance Australia Award for his service to local government and in 1996 was awarded membership of the Order of Australia.

He retired from Council in 1997 and was subsequently appointed to the Local Government Board of Tasmania which conducted the 1998 review of Tasmanian Local Government. Cr. Chalk was elected to rejoin Council in April, 1999 and as Mayor in October 2000.



DEPUTY MAYOR

KEVIN HYLAND

Cr. Kevin Hyland, in his first term with Waratah-Wynyard Council, is a self employed truck driver who is involved in a number of community organisations. He is a member and past President of the Wynyard Lions Club, Past President of the Yolla Football Club and is currently President of the North West Bird Club, a position he has held for the past 8 years.

Cr. Hyland, who was elected as Deputy Mayor in October 2000, is also a member of the Wynyard Tulip Festival Committee and is a Council Representative on the Wynyard Sports Centre and Wynyard Playcentre Committees. His recreational interests including fishing and keeping/breeding Australian native and exotic finches and parrots.



COUNCILLORS

GARY BRAMICH

Cr. Gary Bramich joined Waratah-Wynyard Council as a result of the 1999 municipal election. Cr. Bramich operates a local liquid waste pumping contract business. He currently represents Council on the Wynyard Community Centre Management Committee.

DOROTHY CALVERT

Cr. Dorothy Calvert was elected to Council in February 2001 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Cr. Andrew Beswick. She currently represents Council on the Somerset Recreation Centre Management Committee.

Cr. Calvert has lived in the Wynyard/Somerset area for 20 years, where she and her husband run a business and a small farm. This involvement has stimulated her interest in rural and small sector concerns. Cr. Calvert has been involved in the CWA and Tas Women in Agriculture as well as other community organisations.

DARREN FAIRBROTHER

Cr. Darren Fairbrother was first elected to Waratah-Wynyard Council on 28 October 1996 and has since represented Council on a number of community committees. A foundation member of the Boat Harbour Beach Surf Life Saving Club, Cr. Fairbrother has a strong interest in the Boat Harbour Beach Progress Association.

Cr. Fairbrother is self employed and derives great enjoyment from his young family and has a keen interest in gardening and athletics.

Waratah-Wynyard Council Profile

BILL FRENCH

Cr. Bill French was first elected to the Wynyard Council in April 1967 and subsequently to the Waratah-Wynyard Council when it was formed in 1993. He was Warden from 1977 until 1984 and has also served a total of nine years as Deputy Warden.

A dairy/crop farmer at Mount Hicks, Cr. French is also Chairman of the Board of Directors of Betta Milk Co-Op. Society Ltd. and a Past President and a foundation member of the Lions Club of Wynyard.

MALCOLM FENTON

Cr. Malcolm Fenton was first elected to Wynyard Council in 1990 and to Waratah-Wynyard Council in 1993. He was Deputy Mayor between 1997 and 1999 and held the office of Mayor between April 1999 and November 2000 and continues to represent Council on the Northern Combined Planning Authority. He also represented Council on the Board of Cradle Coast Water.

Cr. Fenton has had considerable community involvement, being a Past President of the St. Brigid's Parents and Friends Association, Vice President of the Marist Regional College Parents and Friends Association and Past President of the Wynyard Chamber of Commerce. He is currently a Board Member of FM 106.1 and a member of the Wynyard Rotary Club, Wynyard Cricket Club and Wynyard Chamber of Commerce. Cr. Fenton is also a Past President of the Bus Proprietors Association of Tasmania.

DAVID MOORE

Elected to Wynyard Council in March, 1985 until the pressure of business forced him to resign in January, 1993 just prior to completion of the statewide municipal modernisation programme. Treasurer for a term. On various Council committees. Elected to Waratah-Wynyard Council in October, 2000 for a 4 year term – on various committees.

Previously paper mill chemist at old APPM Ltd for 17 years, then service station operator for 7 years. On Board of Management Burnie TAFE College (8 years). Past President Tasmanian Nurseryman's Association and long-term member. Wynyard Garden Club member. Past long-time Apexian – Wynyard and Emu Bay Club, Charter President Rotary Club of Somerset 1980 –81 – Paul Harris Fellow. President, Secretary of Somerset Promotions Group. Chairman Somerset Traders. Inaugural area co-ordinator (6 years) Cam-Somerset Neighbourhood Watch. Founder – Chairman of Wynyard Tourism Association – helped to develop West North West Tourism. Inaugural committee Wynyard Tulip Festival. Chairman of the rejuvenated Wynyard Chamber of Commerce.

Self-employed garden centre owner for 22 years. Justice of the Peace 15 years. Interests – family (3 sons, 4 grandchildren), bushwalking, travel, food and wine, gardening and politics.

DENISE RUSHWORTH

Cr. Denise Rushworth was elected to Waratah-Wynyard Council in October, 1996. A partner in an automotive repair business in Yolla, Cr. Rushworth is a member of the Management Committee of Myrtle Park Retirement Homes in that community.

Cr. Rushworth is currently Chairperson of the Wynyard Childcare Centre Management Committee, Frenchs Road Nature Reserve Committee and on the management committee of the Wynyard Sports Centre.

SUE WALSH

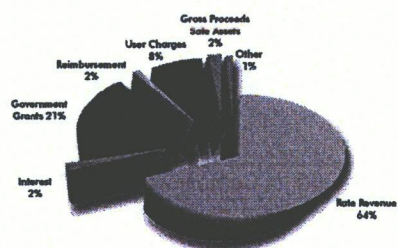
Cr. Sue Walsh was born in Hobart in 1952, married to Graeme in 1976 and has one son Clay. She lived in Ulverstone until 1970, and has been a resident of Waratah since 1970.

Cr. Walsh worked for Waratah Council for 13 years and had been a Councillor since 1984, losing her seat in 1999 but was re-elected towards the end of 2000 following Cr. G. Allen's resignation, to finish his term in 2002. Her main Council interests include Tourism, Finance and keeping our towns tidy and welcoming.

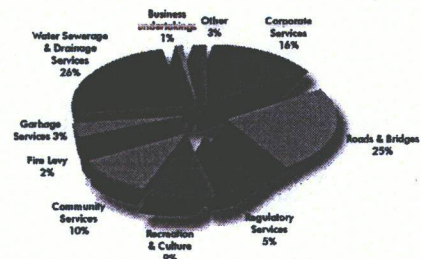
Cr. Walsh's personal interests include watching Cricket, Genealogy and helping as a volunteer at the Visitor Information Centre at Wynyard and the Museum at Waratah.

Performance Trends

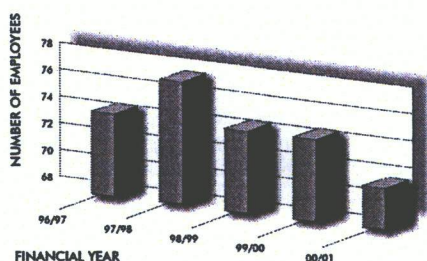
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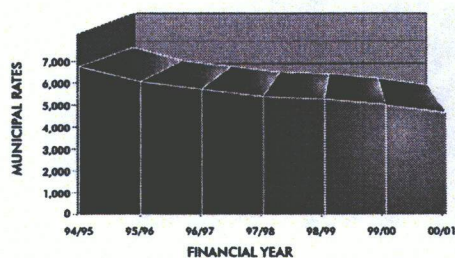
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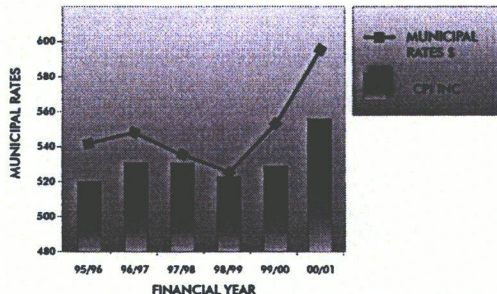
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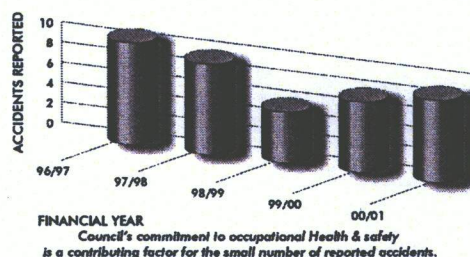
OUTSTANDING DEBT



RATING TRENDS



SAFETY RECORD



FINANCE AT A GLANCE

KEY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Assets Managed (Gross Valuation)	\$ 142,736,130
Rate Revenue	\$ 7,582,828
Total Revenue	\$ 11,779,445
Total Operating Expenditure	\$ 12,360,380
Capital Expenditure	\$ 2,289,275
Total Debt	\$ 4,769,095

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Current Ratio:	To assess Council's capacity to meet current commitments from its current assets as and when they fall due.
Current Assets : Current Liabilities	1.9 : 1 (2000 1.7 : 1)
Borrowing Costs to Operating Revenue:	To assess the degree to which revenue is committed to borrowing costs.
Borrowing Costs / Operating Revenue	3.0% (2000 : 3.0%)
Rate Collection Ratio:	Represents Council's rates at 30 June.
Rates Outstanding / Rate Income	2.0% (2000 : 2.0%)

General Manager's Report

This Annual Report for the year 30th June, 2001 contains details of the financial statements for 2000/2001 together with a copy of the audit opinion in relation thereto. The Operating Statement for the year shows a deficit of \$580,936 compared with a budgeted surplus of \$45,901. This represents a total negative variation against budget of \$626,837.

The specific variations were recorded as follows:-

Income	Budget Comparison	
	Additional \$	Less than \$
Rates	35,046	
User Charges	180,976	
Interest	82,774	
Reimbursement	50,939	
Grants	415,962	
Other		90,613
Expenditure	Budget Comparison	
	Less than \$	Additional \$
Wages	37,976	
Materials & Contracts		390,478
Depreciation		642,215
Loss on Disposals		282,276
State Levies	16,551	
Interest		11,202
Remissions & Discounts		11,679
Other		8,598
	820,224	1,447,061
2000/2001 negative turnaround against Budget	626,837	
	1,447,061	1,447,061

The main contributing factor to the operational deficit was the increase in depreciation over budget by an amount of \$642,215. In a recent report compiled by the Auditor-General some typical ranges for economic lives of road assets were established, with particular emphasis on separating the various components that make up a road; for example, the seal component of a road has a shorter life than the pavement section.

The economic life range for gravel pavement was determined to be between five and forty years, whereas the previous practice of Council was to depreciate unsealed roads over an economic life of 75 years. The restatement of depreciation to comply with the Auditor-General's report (45 year life) resulted in an increased depreciation charge in the vicinity of \$167,000.

Under the new guidelines, it was identified that our previous practice of not separating out the sealed component from the flexible pavement component of sealed roads was not appropriate. The Auditor-General's typical range of economic life for seals and flexible pavements are 15 to 26 years respectively. In our case, seals were determined at 30% and flexible pavement 70% of the combined pavement classification. The change has resulted in an increased depreciation component of \$432,437.

Under legislative requirements, the Council is required to provide a summary of the Operational Plan for the year indicating performance in respect of targets set for the period.

General Manager's Report

The 2000/2001 Operational Plan Appraisal is included throughout the "2000-2001 In Review" section of this Report where the status of major projects / activities is shown by the use of the following symbols:-

STATUS LEGEND

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Achieved	⇒	Ongoing
Ⓟ	In Progress	⊗	Not Achieved

The Key Performance Indicator statewide project has reached reality and will provide a valuable comparison of the cost of relative functions and services provided within Tasmania.

Investigations are continuing with adjoining Councils regarding resource sharing opportunities. A project to assess the potential of integrating the outdoor workforces of Waratah-Wynyard and Burnie City Council has received funding approval under the Local Government Incentive Programme 2000-2001, and is scheduled for completion in 2001/2002.

The Strategic Plan review has been delayed by the consideration of the new performance based planning scheme and the infrastructure needs of Boat Harbour Beach and Sisters Beach coastal village areas.

During the year plans were finalised for the establishment of our website, and with it's implementation, community access is now available to details of council services and community activities on the internet.

I would extend my appreciation to Councillors for their support in advancing the municipal cause during the year, in many instances, under most difficult circumstances.

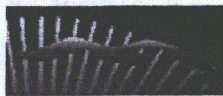
To all the staff, I would express my thanks for their dedication and support with a particular thank you to the Director of Administration, John Stretton who carried the responsibility for Finance following the resignation of Narelle McAllister, Director of Engineering D.G. (Jack) Riddiford, Director of Health & Building Paddy Kennedy, who took over from Renzo Turale after his 28 years of service, and the Director of Planning & Development David Derrick.

Information regarding Grants to Organisations provided by the Council during the year is contained in the Community Services section of the "2000-2001 In Review" (see page 16)

The Council would be pleased to receive representations from the community in respect of any matter covered by this report.

John Gibson,

GENERAL MANAGER



ADMINISTRATION - Area Promotion

Program Objective

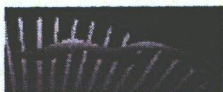
Investigate, develop and implement strategies for public promotion of the Waratah-Wynyard district to maximise economic benefit through tourism and other sustainable enterprise investment and employment opportunities.

STATUS	PROJECT / ACTIVITY
<input type="radio"/>	Participate in implementation of elements of the Cape Country (Far North West Tasmania) Tourism Development Plan).
<input type="radio"/>	Identify and market the strengths of each town and village in the municipal area.
<input type="radio"/>	Give emphasis to the heritage aspect of Waratah in promoting tourist visitation to the area.
<input type="radio"/>	Investigate options to secure and display Kenworthy's Stamper Mill in Waratah and implement the selected course.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prepare an economic data base of the Waratah-Wynyard area.
<input type="radio"/>	Continue financial and in-kind assistance to conduct the Wynyard Tulip Festival
<input type="radio"/>	Continue assistance to development and operation of the Wynyard Visitor Information Centre.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Improve destination and directional signage throughout the municipal area for visitors and motorists generally.

Overview

It is pleasing to note that during the year the Cradle Coast Authority completed the establishment of its operations and is now opening dialogue with the State Government with a view to developing a bilateral partnership agreement that should, amongst other things, assist tourism in our region. As a result of the Council's Tourism Advisory Group's efforts, destination and directional signage in the municipal area has been upgraded significantly. The group is also liaising with the Waratah community to explore the possibility of creating historic displays featuring the old Power Station and the Kenworthy Stamper Mill. These discussions will continue into the new financial year.

Council has also continued to support the Wynyard Visitor Information Centre and the Wynyard Tulip Festival Committee and both bodies have enjoyed another successful year of operation.



ADMINISTRATION - Civic Representation

Program Objective

Provide policy direction to the Corporation consistent with the Strategic Plan and the clear needs of the Waratah-Wynyard community.

Maintain effective two-way communication with all communities within the Council area.

Responsibly represent the community at state and local level.

Hold regular meetings of the Council.

STATUS	PROJECT / ACTIVITY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prepare and adopt the 1999/2000 Annual Report.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Review the adopted Strategic Plan and modify where appropriate.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Organise appropriate recognition of civic occasions, including Australia Day, Anzac Day and Tasmania Day.

2000-2001 In Review

Overview

The 1999/2000 Annual Report was presented to the Council's Annual General Meeting held on 7 December 2000. There were seventeen Ordinary and two Special Council Meetings held during the year at which 712 business items were considered.

The Australia Day Citizenship Award in 2001 was presented to Alwyn Friedersdorff who was nominated for her fifteen years service as a life-skills trainer for intellectually handicapped people and for her considerable contribution to the Wynyard Tulip Festival organising committee, which she currently chairs.

There were seven citizenship ceremonies conducted during the year, which were private at the request of applicants.



ADMINISTRATION - *Administrative & Engineering Services*

Program Objective

To provide a comprehensive range of administrative, financial and secretarial services which are responsive and efficient and which create a cooperative link between the Council and the community.

To provide engineering services which facilitate efficient and cost effective completion of Council's asset management and capital works programmes.

STATUS	PROJECT / ACTIVITY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Produce an indexed reference manual of the Council's operational policies and precedent decisions to assist future decision making and response to public enquiries.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Implement a computerised management system for customer requests and complaints.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Investigate options and implement a comprehensive Human Resources Plan.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Undertake a strategic assessment of the use of Council properties.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prepare 2001-2002 Capital Works Program, adopt Budget Estimates and Operational Plan and set rates by 30 June, 2001.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prepare for Council consideration a three year Financial Plan, incorporating policies relating to debt, borrowing and rating.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prepare for Council consideration a corporate debt reduction strategy.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prepare for Council consideration a report on alternative and innovative methods of infrastructure funding.
⇒	Ensure financial reporting is clear, meaningful, timely and meets the needs of elected members.
⇒	Review and modify the existing records management system where necessary to facilitate and maximise the benefit of an upgraded computer system.
⇒	Keep under review the process of property certificate compilation to maintain or improve turnaround.
⇒	Maintain production of a fortnightly bulletin to assist corporate communication.
Ⓟ	Provide information sheets on Council services to assist response to public enquiries.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Investigate options available for provision of a resource library.
Ⓟ	Council and the General Manager to review responsibilities to determine possible delegations to improve customer service and prompt decision making.
⇒	Maintain a reliable plant and equipment resource that provides maximum availability and cost effectiveness.
⇒	Operate an efficient stores/purchasing system which provides timely and cost effective supply of materials and equipment.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prompt issue of permits for plumbing work required by plumbing contractors.
⇒	Provide engineering design plans and specifications for the development/construction of the projects listed in the Capital Works Programme.
Ⓟ	Maintain a reliable and up to date asset register for all the Council assets.

2000-2001 In Review

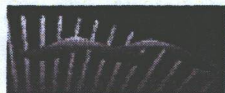
Overview

Unfortunately, it was again not possible to significantly advance a number of the large strategic projects during the year, primarily because of resource limitations. Whilst good progress was made on file creation and consolidation in the records management area, the additional staff member was effectively unavailable for half the year because of relief duties requirements arising from the permanent loss of a secretarial position whilst its replacement by a development control position was implemented.

This restructure allowed coordination of administrative arrangements for development, building and plumbing approval applications, creating a "one-stop shop" for clients of these services. The change became essential once the decision was made that all development proposals (including permitted uses) would have to undergo planning assessment.

It has become increasingly clear, however, that the larger strategic projects referred to earlier will require resources beyond those permanently available.

The production of an extended financial plan and corporate debt reduction strategy are dependent on a firm Council decision on forward Capital Works Programs.



TRANSPORT SERVICES – Roads and Streets

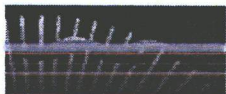
Program Objective

To maintain Council's roads and bridges cost effectively in a safe and presentable condition for users.

STATUS	PROJECT / ACTIVITY
Ⓟ	Prepare an updated Capital Works rolling program which identifies planned road works for the ensuing five year period.
☑	Complete the preparation of urban streetscape plans and nominate streets for priority consideration. Reseal the following:
☑	Country Roads - Sections of Smarts Road, Deep Creek Road, Mt. Hicks Road, Village Lane and East Yolla Road.
☑	Town Streets - Church Street, Gibbons Street, Hales Street, Jenner Street, Jackson Street, Simpson Street, Pelissier Street and Delacey Street. Reconstruction and sealing of the following town streets: Irby Boulevard (unsealed section) at Sisters Beach Wragg Street (completion works) Spencer Hospital Site Redevelopment Access Road.
☑	Reconstruction and sealing of a section of Broomhalls Road
☑	Complete pavement surfacing work in Hawleys Road, Elphinstones Road, Deep Creek Road, Buggs Lane and West Calder Road.
☑	Complete the replacement of the following timber bridges:- Over Sisters Creek on Sawards Road; Over Unnamed Creek on Takone Road; Over Smarts Creek on Smarts Road; and Over Gamers Creek on Coal Mine Road.
☑	Construct concrete footpaths in Simpson Street, Pelissier Street, Bowick Street and Park Street.
☑	Purchase land in Wragg Street for car park and public toilet.

Overview

Virtually all projects included in the Capital Works Programme were completed satisfactorily. The purchase of land in Wragg Street is still to be negotiated and will be pursued in the coming year. Progress was made on a traffic management study for Somerset during the year. The Council also completed resheeting work on Takone Road and Woolleys Road, being the first roads to benefit from the Federal Government's 4 year commitment to the "Roads to Recovery" upgrading programme.



REGULATORY SERVICES – *Animals & By-Law Control*

Program Objective

Register all dogs in the municipal area. Maintain streets, roads and other public places free of straying animals. Implement By-Law control and enforcement where required.

STATUS	PROJECT / ACTIVITY
⇒	Conduct specific area house to house surveys of unregistered dogs and effect immediate registration where appropriate.
⇒	Patrol all public areas and impound straying dogs present. After hours and occasional weekends included.
☑	Respond quickly to reports of animals at large.

Overview

During the year 1783 dog registrations were issued. There were 136 dogs impounded of which 72 were claimed, 18 adopted through the Tasmanian Canine Defence League and 46 destroyed.

Five prosecutions were successfully executed for breaches of the Dog Control Act 1987.

From late December to mid March the beach areas of Sisters Beach, Boat Harbour Beach, East Wynyard and Somerset were closed to dog entry between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm daily and the areas were patrolled daily to ensure compliance.

Selected foreshore areas known to be penguin rookeries were also closed to dogs to protect the habitat and breeding grounds of fairy penguins.



REGULATORY SERVICES – *Building Control*

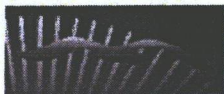
Program Objective

Process building applications as expeditiously as possible. Apply building legislative requirements. Carry out statutory inspections as and when required.

STATUS	PROJECT / ACTIVITY
⇒	Issue of building permits.
⇒	Apply the provisions of the Building Code of Australia and other standards.
⇒	Carry out site inspections.

Overview

Except where approvals from other Statutory Agencies were required, all building permits applied for during the year and accompanied by complete documentation were issued within an average of 5 days of lodgement of the application. 193 permits were issued for buildings valued at \$5,197,896, including 26 dwellings valued at \$3,111,500. Receipt of application fees totalled \$21,369. These figures were reduced from the previous reporting period by approximately 16% which reflects the downturn in the building industry over this period.



REGULATORY SERVICES – *Health Services*

Program Objective

Determine acceptable and achievable levels of environmental and public health by on-going monitoring, inspection, education and, where necessary by applying corrective measures by mutual consent or application of legislation. Ensure safe standards of food offered for sale are maintained. Ensure water supplies are safe for human consumption and recreation. Encourage vaccination of children and adults against diseases. Provide the community with a safe and healthy environment in which to reside, work and enjoy recreation.

STATUS

PROJECT / ACTIVITY

- ⇒ Conduct regular inspections of food premises, advise/educate on food handling practices and ensure appropriate registration and licensing provisions are met.
- ⇒ Carry out food sampling programmes.
- ⇒ Carry out monitoring of water quality and ensure registration of private water supplies.
- ⇒ Carry out sampling of water used for domestic and/or recreational purposes.
- ⇒ Conduct an immunisation program as approved by the Director of Public Health.
- ⇒ Carry out investigations as required for the prevention and control of notifiable diseases.
- ⇒ Ensure all public health risk activities are regularly inspected and licensed.
- ⇒ Ensure regulated systems for air and water are monitored and appropriately registered.
- ⇒ Ensure all places of assembly are inspected and registered.
- ⇒ Apply the provisions of Food, Public Health and Environmental Legislation.

Overview

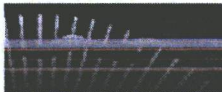
Sixty food premises were registered and operators licensed. 120 inspections were made at which time advice was given on food handling practices and relevant changes to Food Legislation. Food sampling was carried out as part of a statewide food sampling programme run by the Department of Health and Human Services. Six premises were registered to carry out public health risk activities, eg ear piercing. Twenty one places of assembly were licensed for operation. Six regulated systems (cooling towers) were registered. Three private water suppliers were registered.

An extensive environmental sampling programme was commenced at the coastal settlements of Sisters Beach and Boat Harbour. This ongoing programme has identified significant pollution issues within these areas with the public being advised through public hearings and sign posting of the polluted area.

Sampling of recreational waters for bacterial content was carried out weekly during the summer season. Sample points include Sisters Creek, Sisters Beach, Boat Harbour Beach, Wynyard, Somerset and Cam River. Results indicate compliance with guidelines for recreational waters except for the mouth of Sisters Creek. This area was signposted to advise the public of the elevated bacterial levels and is now included in an ongoing environmental programme.

Monthly immunisation sessions were held at Wynyard with bi-monthly sessions at Waratah. A total of 335 vaccines were administered, although this is a reduction from the previous year. Data from the National Childhood Immunisation Register indicates a high level of children having completed their primary vaccinations.

Potable water supplies from Cradle Coast Water and Council's Yolla and Waratah systems were sampled throughout the year and found to comply with the Guidelines for Drinking Water Quality.



REGULATORY SERVICES – Town Planning

Program Objective

To identify and plan for the community's needs and the sustainable use of its resources by providing a framework which will encourage development within the municipal area in accordance with the principles of the State's Resource Management and Planning System.

STATUS	PROJECT / ACTIVITY
⇒	Substantially advance the approval of an integrated Planning Scheme to cover the entire Municipal Area.
☑	Process planning applications and requests for information in an efficient and timely manner.
⇒	Maintain a review of actual development approval time frames to identify process changes that potentially can reduce future approval time frames.
	In association with the Engineering Department:-
⇒	Continue development of the Geographic Information System as an information resource available to all relevant staff;
⇒	investigate methods of integrating and streamlining approval processes;
Ⓟ	Investigate ways of funding and implementing the Boat Harbour Beach Environmental and Infrastructure Plan.

Overview

The following occurred during the year:

Schemes Amendments

S.46 Wynyard Ordinance - 1/2001 - clarification: residential based uses in Coastal Village Zone - RPDC approved 5/03/01.

Wynyard Planning Scheme 1966 - 1/2000 - rezoning Public Purposes to Residential (Kamarah Hostel) - RPDC approved 1/3/01.

Somerset Planning Scheme 1966 - 1/2000 - rezoning Public Open Space to Residential (Lyons/Simpson Streets, Somerset) - RPDC approved 1/3/01

S.46 Waratah ordinance - 1/2000 - clarification: tourist operation - RPDC approved 29/1/01.

Development Applications

120 lodged

84 approved under delegated authority

25 approved by Council

6 refused by Council

2 withdrawn

3 pending a decision (extensions of time or clock stopped on applications)

Subdivision Applications

20 lodged

9 approved under delegated authority

10 approved by Council

1 pending a decision (clock stopped on application)

Planning Appeals

One subdivision and four development appeals were lodged against Council determinations, one was resolved by consent agreement, and four were withdrawn by the appellants.

Waratah-Wynyard Draft Planning Scheme 2000

The draft document was finalised during 2000 and received certification from the Resource Planning and Development Commission for public display. The document was then advertised and many comments were received to the contents of the scheme.

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The comments were then assessed and Council considered what changes were required to the draft scheme to address their concerns. Many of the provisions were clarified, with others added to address additional issues. This process was in preparation for the public hearings, to be held later in 2001 by the Commission.

The Commission is to hold additional hearings during December, with final approval expected during the first half of 2002.



RECREATION CULTURE & SPORT

Program Objective

To maintain the existing network of public parks and gardens efficiently and cost-effectively to a standard which meets community expectations and which complements or contributes positively to the natural landscape of the municipal area.

To foster and maintain recreational facilities which are appropriate to the needs of the community.

STATUS	PROJECT / ACTIVITY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	To commence development of a walkway / cycleway on the Somerset foreshore.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	To complete development of a walkway on the foreshore at East Wynyard.
<input type="checkbox"/>	To investigate land exchange at Sisters Beach to improve community recreational facilities.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	To commence redevelopment of the former BP Service Station site, Goldie Street, Wynyard
<input type="checkbox"/>	To repair boat ramps in the Inglis and Cam Rivers (in conjunction with Marine and Safety Tasmania)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	To construct a walkway at Fossil Bluff as a Coastcare project.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	To install protective fencing at Frederick Street Reserve to prevent unauthorised vehicular access.
<input type="checkbox"/>	To continue replacement of children's' playground equipment in parks and reserves.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	To upgrade the Gutteridge Gardens power supply for public events.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	To install paving and seating at Wynyard Wharf.
<input type="checkbox"/>	To rehabilitate the former Gibbons Street tip site for use as a reserve.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	To install signage in Council's public walkway network..
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	To commence development of a skateboard facility at the Wynyard Community Centre.
<input type="checkbox"/>	To improve security measures at the Wynyard Band Room and the Yolla Recreation Ground
<input type="checkbox"/>	To consider Council's Reserves Working Party report in relation to the provision, maintenance and pricing of sporting facilities in the municipal area.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	To review the role of management committees responsible for sporting and recreational facilities.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	To resurface the Wynyard Tennis Courts.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	To design an extension to the Somerset Indoor Recreation Centre to accommodate indoor bowls usage.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	To purchase the Wynyard Railway Institute Hall property for use for community purposes.

Overview

During the year the walkway at East Wynyard foreshore was completed as a joint project involving Council, the Rotary Club of Wynyard and the St. Vincent de Paul Society "Work for the Dole" team. The Somerset foreshore walkway is still awaiting resolution of issues associated with the Somerset Traffic Study which was significantly advanced during the year.

Redevelopment of the former BP Service Station site in Goldie Street has been delayed until decontamination work has been completed. BP undertook major work towards this objective during the year and further testing is needed to ascertain the outcome.

Boat ramp extensions were carried out in the Cam River and works in the Inglis River were deferred because extensive sand build-up rendered them unnecessary at the moment.

Security measures at the Wynyard Band Room were completed and the adjacent tennis courts were resurfaced.

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New signage was installed in the public walkway network to make these facilities more convenient for visitor usage.

Council also secured the former Wynyard Railway Institute Hall and has made some progress towards obtaining land at Sisters Beach both of these acquisitions being for future community use purposes.

The major achievement for the year was the completion of the Wynyard Skatepark. This was a fantastic cooperative effort by Council, the Rotary Club of Wynyard and the Lions Club of Wynyard, and the youth of the community. The result is a facility now recognised as one of the best of its type in the country; a credit to all concerned.

Council commenced to address the Reserves Working Party report on sporting facilities by holding community meetings at Sisters Creek in relation to the future of the Myalla Recreation Ground. A local committee has been offered an opportunity to lease the ground for 10 years and has until December 2001 to complete the negotiations for the ground's transfer.



COMMUNITY SERVICES - *Cemeteries*

Program Objective

To cost effectively maintain cemeteries under Council's control to a standard acceptable to the community.

STATUS

PROJECT / ACTIVITY



Continue to establish the developed area of the new lawn cemetery site at Gibbons Street, Wynyard.

Overview

The condition of the newly developed section of the Wynyard Lawn Cemetery has continued to improve as the grass surface becomes established.

During the year there were 65 burials conducted in the lawn cemetery and 6 ashes were placed in the memorial wall. A further 6 burials occurred under existing rights in other public cemeteries in the municipal area.



COMMUNITY SERVICES – *Services for Children, Youth, Elderly and Disadvantaged*

Program Objective

Efficiently and effectively deliver a range of programs that reflect community aspirations and needs and to encourage the creation of additional programs to meet identified needs.

STATUS

PROJECT / ACTIVITY



Maintain a watching brief on the regional delivery of community health services and raise issues of concern to the community.



Compile and maintain registers of local community organisations, of organisations that utilise volunteers and of community members providing or interested in providing volunteer services.



Monitor availability and provision of youth services in the community.



Sponsor and provide financial assistance for the operation of a Youth Resource Centre in Wynyard.



Compile a register of local artistic and cultural organisations, maintain contact and consult with them on unfilled requirements for cultural facilities.



Provide a financial and in-kind assistance grants scheme for local community groups.



Operate efficient and effective childcare centres in Wynyard and Waratah.

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- ⇒ Conduct an effective Year-round care program including an annual "Learn to Swim" campaign.
- ⇒ Effectively conduct a Children's Playgroup at the Wynyard Community Centre.

Overview

Council has continued to provide throughout the year an extensive range of community services catering for different age and interest groups. These include childcare, playgroups, outside school hours care, learn to swim, support for youth services and community transport.

The Council approved community assistance grants under its annual programme, totalling \$30,900; as follows: 1st Wynyard Scout Group \$2,250, Boat Harbour Beach Surf Life Saving Club \$1,000, Cam Somerset Neighbourhood Watch \$500, Cape Country Horseriders Inc. \$350, Central Wynyard Neighbourhood Watch \$500, Elliott District Association \$200, Elma Fagan Community Centre Association Inc. \$400, Mountain Vista Golf Club \$1,033, RSPCA \$500, Somerset Football Club \$1,000, Somerset Guide Support Group \$300, Somerset Puddleduck Playcentre \$2,667, Somerset Soccer Club Inc. \$450, St. John Ambulance - Community Care \$1,000, Waratah Primary School \$50, Wynyard Child Health Association \$500, Wynyard Cricket Club \$1,200, Wynyard Football Club "Cat Legends" \$500, Wynyard Garden Club \$250, Wynyard Historical Society \$350, Wynyard Junior Soccer Club \$300, Wynyard Mini League \$650, Wynyard Municipal Band \$2,500, Wynyard Squash Racquets Association \$300, Wynyard Tulip Festival \$5,650, Wynyard Visitor Information Centre \$3,000, Wynyard Yacht Club \$1,000, Yolla District High Cattle Handling Team \$500, Yolla Football Club \$1,000, Yolla Skatepark Facility \$1,000.



COMMUNITY SERVICES – *Emergency Management*

Program Objective

To maintain an efficient emergency management capability covering the whole municipal area.

STATUS

PROJECT / ACTIVITY



To provide a level of financial and administrative support which is adequate to maintain efficient and dedicated volunteer emergency service units at Wynyard and Waratah.

Overview

The maintenance of volunteer numbers continues to be a problem for the local State Emergency Services squad. The task of development of a Waratah-Wynyard Risk Management Plan that complies with the new risk management policy adopted by the State Government has commenced, with the formation of a local subcommittee that has held its initial meeting.

This project will see a change in community focus from reliance on emergency volunteers' response to incidents to a greater ongoing management and mitigation of risk in the community, aimed at reducing the number of those incidents. The task of the subcommittee will continue into the next financial year.



COMMUNITY SERVICES – *Environment Protection*

Program Objective

To assess vacant town lots for fire hazard potential and take action for abatement where necessary. To maintain foreshore reserves in an unspoilt condition.

STATUS

PROJECT / ACTIVITY



Coordinate establishment of a local committee to develop and implement weed management strategies for the municipal area in accordance with new State legislation.



Assess fire hazards, serve notices and arrange for clearance of hazards where required.

2000-2001 In Review

- Ⓟ Seek to identify feasible courses of action open to Council to influence legislative or judicial change that results in effective nuisance abatement outcomes.
- ⇒ Contract supervision of litter clearance from foreshore areas.

Overview

Four weed management workshops were held throughout the municipal area during March to gain community input into a weed management plan scheduled for adoption by Council in the next reporting period.

107 Fire Hazard Abatement notices were served to property owners. The overgrowth on these properties was removed to reduce fire risk to neighbouring properties.



COMMUNITY SERVICES – *Public Convenience Management*

Program Objective

To provide public convenience facilities which meet community expectation in standards of presentation and hygiene.

STATUS	PROJECT / ACTIVITY
⇒	Supervision of contracts covering the cleaning of public conveniences.
ⓧ	Construct new public toilet in Somerset CBD.

Overview

The contractor's performance of this function has been regularly monitored throughout the year and found to be completely satisfactory. Construction of a new toilet block in Somerset CBD has been delayed because of the potential site tenure charges involving the owner of the car park area, Gunns Ltd. Further negotiations will be pursued with the company.



COMMUNITY SERVICES – *Solid Waste Management*

Program Objective

To minimise and dispose of solid waste in a manner which is environmentally responsible and cost effective.

STATUS	PROJECT / ACTIVITY
⇒	Supervision of contracts in relation to household garbage collection, litter bin clearance, Solid Waste Transfer Station operation and transport of waste to the Port Latta Regional Waste Disposal Facility. Supervision of collection at Waratah and transport to the Burnie Refuse Disposal Site.

Overview

Solid waste management activities have not changed significantly from last year. The household collection service has been operated reliably and the disposal at the transfer station continues to be managed to a high standard, with an emphasis on recycling. A Drummuster chemical container recycling depot has been established and has just commenced regular use.



WATER SUPPLY & RETICULATION

Program Objective

Provide potable water supplies to the towns of Wynyard, Somerset, Yolla and Waratah efficiently and cost effectively and plan for supplies for other communities.

STATUS	PROJECT / ACTIVITY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Develop policy applicable to future supply connections in Waratah.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Declaration of water district at Boat Harbour Beach.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Identify source and supply design options for Boat Harbour Beach and Sisters Beach and provide cost estimates.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carry out water reticulation main upgrading in Inglis Street and Back Cam Road and upgrade valves and hydrants in Wynyard and Somerset.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Install Telemetry equipment at reservoirs.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Upgrade Waratah treatment plant.

Overview

All planned construction work was completed satisfactorily, although the Waratah Treatment Plant upgrade will require some additional work in the next financial year.

During the year the geotechnical study of the Boat Harbour Beach area, jointly sponsored by Council and the Crown Land Services Division of the Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment was completed and presented to the community. The community meeting at which the report was discussed gave a clear indication to Council that it had support to further progress the issue of infrastructure provision. Accordingly Council invited expressions of interest from engineering firms for the design of infrastructure for the beach area. The Council expects to engage an engineering firm to undertake this work early in the 2001/2002 year.



SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Program Objective

Cost effectively operate and maintain efficient sewerage schemes in Wynyard, Somerset and Waratah.

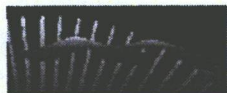
STATUS	PROJECT / ACTIVITY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Develop policy applicable to future service connections in Waratah.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Identify design options for Boat Harbour Beach and Sisters Beach and provide cost estimates.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Undertake assessment of compliance of sewerage schemes' effluent disposal with relevant State standards.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Declaration of sewerage district at Boat Harbour Beach.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mains installation at Tom Moore's Road, Wynyard.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Undertake stormwater infiltration surveys at Wynyard and Somerset.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Install telemetry alarms and extensions at Wynyard and Somerset and treatment plant security at Somerset.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Install treatment plant control equipment at Wynyard.

Overview

All planned construction work was completed satisfactorily. During the year the geotechnical study of the Boat Harbour Beach area, jointly sponsored by Council and the Crown Land Services Division of the Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment was completed and presented to the community. The community meeting at which the report was discussed gave a clear indication to Council that it had support to further progress

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the issue of infrastructure provision. Accordingly Council invited expressions of interest from engineering firms in the design of infrastructure for the beach area. The Council expects to engage an engineering firm to undertake this work early in the 2001/2002 year.



STORM WATER DRAINAGE

Program Objective

Adequately discharge Council's responsibilities in relation to stormwater drainage including cost effective maintenance of drainage systems in the Wynyard and Somerset Drainage Districts and plan for drainage works in other developing communities.

STATUS	PROJECT / ACTIVITY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Undertake assessment of compliance of Council stormwater drainage systems' effluent with relevant State standards.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Construction of Cotton Street drainage connection to Austin Street and other Cotton Street Main Drain feeders
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Install trash rack Cotton Street Main Drain.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Upgrade catchpits in Wynyard.

Overview

All planned construction work was completed satisfactorily, apart from the proposed trash rack on the Cotton Street Main drain, which it was determined was not now required.



BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS

Program Objective

To ensure that all Council activities classified as business undertakings are conducted efficiently, cost effectively and in the best interest of the overall community.

STATUS	PROJECT / ACTIVITY
⇒	To provide an efficient and cost effective postal service to the Waratah district.
⇒	To operate the Waratah Camping Ground effectively and to a standard satisfactory to users.
Ⓟ	To sell, at appropriate market value, the lots in the subdivision of Council owned land at Walker Street, East Wynyard and Hales Street, Wynyard
⇒	To ensure completion of all private work to customer requirement and appropriate cost recovery.

Overview

A further two blocks in the Walker Street subdivision were sold during the year. Council has received no interest in the Hales Street blocks to this point.



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Statement of Financial Performance
For the year Ended 30 June, 2001

	NOTES	ACTUAL 2001 \$	BUDGET 2001 \$	ACTUAL 2000 \$
EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES				
Employee Costs	3	3,143,612	3,181,588	3,087,981
Materials and Contracts		4,222,790	3,832,312	3,918,182
Depreciation	4	3,087,938	2,435,724	2,310,821
Carrying Amount of Non-Current Assets Sold	5	432,813	373,492	437,877
State Levies		395,693	412,244	407,631
Borrowing Costs	6	324,107	312,905	330,923
Remissions and Discounts		598,616	586,937	574,617
Other	7	154,811	146,213	700,939
Total Expenses From Ordinary Activities		12,360,380	11,281,415	11,768,971
REVENUE FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES				
Rates		7,582,828	7,547,782	7,347,730
User Charges		883,723	702,747	858,450
Interest		267,775	185,001	231,550
Reimbursements of expenses incurred		232,588	181,648	152,520
Government Grants	8	2,457,720	2,041,758	2,003,071
Gross Proceeds from Non-Current Assets Sold	5	234,425	457,380	398,955
Other	9	120,386	211,000	5,027,674
Total Revenue From Ordinary Activities		11,779,445	11,327,316	16,019,950
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES				
		(580,935)	45,901	4,250,979
Increase in Asset Revaluation Reserve Arising on Revaluation of Non-Current Assets				
		0	0	1,595,894
TOTAL CHANGES IN EQUITY		(580,935)	45,901	5,846,873

The above statement of financial performance should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Statement of Financial Position
For the year Ended 30 June, 2001

	NOTES	ACTUAL 2001 \$	ACTUAL 2000 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	10	850,967	866,820
Receivables	11	557,659	329,031
Other Financial Assets	12	2,500,000	2,046,688
Inventories	13	254,170	297,753
Other	14	97,297	86,287
Total Current Assets	2(b)	4,260,093	3,626,579
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	15	668,088	654,729
Interest-Bearing Liabilities	16	736,265	725,369
Provisions	17	873,874	761,812
Total Current Liabilities		2,278,227	2,141,910
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant and Equipment	18	70,674,993	72,002,114
Receivables	19	43,698	40,966
Other	20	4,604,549	4,645,247
Total Non Current Assets	2(b)	75,323,240	76,688,327
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Interest-Bearing Liabilities	21	4,032,830	4,271,657
Provisions	22	126,952	134,382
Other	23	40,698	81,396
Total Non Current Liabilities		4,200,480	4,487,435
NET ASSETS		73,104,626	73,685,561
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus		63,722,208	64,303,143
Reserves	24	9,382,418	9,382,418
TOTAL EQUITY		73,104,626	73,685,561
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The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

**Statement of Changes in Equity
For the year Ended 30 June, 2001**

	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS		RESERVES		TOTAL	
	2001 \$	2000 \$	2001 \$	2000 \$	2001 \$	2000 \$
Balance at the beginning of the financial year	64,303,143	60,052,164	9,382,418	7,786,524	73,685,561	67,838,688
Changes in net assets resulting from operations	(580,935)	4,250,979	0	0	(580,935)	4,250,979
Asset Revaluation Increment	0	0	0	1,595,894	0	1,595,894
Transfer to reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers from reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0
Balance at the end of the financial year	63,722,208	64,303,143	9,382,418	9,382,418	73,104,626	73,685,561

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Statement of Cash Flows
For the year Ended 30 June, 2001

	NOTES	ACTUAL 2001 \$	ACTUAL 2000 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Payments			
Employee Costs		3,040,455	2,929,170
Materials and Contracts		4,170,314	3,696,705
State Levies		395,693	407,631
Interest		326,619	337,686
Remissions and Discounts		598,616	574,617
Other Expenses		154,812	125,379
GST Paid to Suppliers		489,464	1,047
		9,175,973	8,072,235
Receipts			
Rates		7,583,454	7,351,520
User Charges		669,064	899,803
Interest		267,775	231,550
Reimbursement of expenses incurred		232,588	152,520
Government Grants		2,457,720	2,003,071
Other Income		120,387	82,947
GST Collected from Customers		120,640	18
GST Recovered from ATO		365,999	0
		11,817,627	10,721,429
Net cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities	25	2,641,654	2,649,194
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for			
Property, Plant and Equipment		2,210,690	2,810,411
Investment		453,311	46,688
		2,664,001	2,857,099
Proceeds from			
Sale of Assets		234,425	398,955
		234,425	398,955
Net cash outflow from investing activities		(2,429,576)	(2,458,144)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for			
Interest Bearing Liabilities		727,931	689,800
Proceeds from			
Interest Bearing Liabilities		500,000	400,000
Net cash outflow from financing activities		(227,931)	(289,800)
		(15,853)	(98,750)
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		866,820	965,570
CASH AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	10	850,967	866,820
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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant policies which have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report are:

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with Statements of Accounting Concepts, applicable Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views and the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended).

It has been prepared on the basis of historical costs and except where stated, does not take into account changing money values or fair values of non-current assets. These accounting policies have been consistently applied and except where there is a change in accounting policy, are consistent with those of the previous year.

Certain assets acquired before 1 July, 1993 have not been recognised in the statement of financial position because there are significant problems in determining a reliable measure of the carrying amount for those assets. The assets in question are Land Under Roads. These assets will be recognised as soon as the problems with reliable measurement are overcome.

(b) The Local Government Reporting Entity

All Funds through which Council controls resources to carry on its functions have been included in the financial statements of the Council.

In the process of reporting for the Waratah-Wynyard Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between Council and special committees (e.g. loans and transfers) have been eliminated. The recording of transactions and balances for internal borrowing have also been eliminated.

Special Committees

Wynyard Sports Centre Committee	Revenue	8,158
	Expenses	19,881
Somerset Recreation Centre Management Committee	Revenue	11,644
	Expenses	24,802
Wynyard Community Centre Management Committee	Revenue	1,979
	Expenses	14,920

(c) Trust Funds

Amounts received as tender deposits and retention amounts controlled by Council are included in the amount disclosed as "Creditors" within current liabilities until they are refunded or forfeited.

(d) Assets

i) Major Classes of Assets

The Major classes of assets are:

- Land
- Buildings
- Land Improvements
- Furniture and Fittings
- Plant and Equipment
- Bridges
- Water Assets
- Sewerage Assets
- Drainage Assets
- Roads

(d) **Assets (Cont)**

ii) **Acquisition of Assets**

The cost method of accounting is used for the initial recording of all acquisitions of assets. Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition including architectural fees and engineering design fees and all other costs incurred in getting the assets ready for use.

Non-monetary assets received in the form of grants and donations are recognised as assets and revenues at their fair value at the date of receipt.

iii) **Non-Current Assets constructed by Council**

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 overheads.

Such assets are recognised as "Work in Progress" until they become available for service.

iv) **Revaluation of Non-Current Assets**

Change in Accounting Policy

The Council has applied the revised July 2001 version of AAS38 "Revaluation of Non-Current Assets" for the first time from 1 July 2000. The standard requires each class of non-current asset to be measured on either the cost or fair value basis.

Council has applied AAS38 as follows:-

Land, Land Improvements, Buildings, Roads, Bridges, Water, Sewerage, Drainage and Investment in Cradle Coast Water.

The Council has adopted a cost basis for Land, Land Improvements, Buildings, Roads, Bridges, Water, Sewerage, Drainage and Investment in Cradle Coast Water and has deemed the cost of these assets to be equal to the carrying value of these assets as at 1 July 2000 as disclosed in the comparative figures at Note 18. The change in accounting policy has no financial effect in the current or prior financial years.

As a consequence of making this election on adoption of AAS38 the balance of the asset revaluation reserve at 1 July 2000 related to these assets, which is no longer available for asset write-downs is \$8,001,030.

Other Non-Current Assets

Council has continued to apply the cash basis for other Non-Current Assets such as Receivables, Deferred Expenses, Land Held for Resale, Furniture and Fittings and Plant and Equipment.

v) **Capitalisation of Expenditure**

Expenditure is capitalised where the life of the future benefit can be accurately estimated and where the expenditure is above the following limits:

	\$		\$
Land	0	Bridges	1,000
Buildings	1,000	Water Assets	2,000
Land Improvements	1,000	Sewerage Assets	2,000
Furniture and Fittings	500	Drainage Assets	2,000
Plant and Equipment	500	Roads	1,000

(d) **Assets (Cont)**

vi) **Depreciation of Non-Current Assets**

All duly recognised non-current assets having a limited useful life are systematically depreciated over their useful lives in a manner which reflects the consumption of the service potential in those assets. Land is not a depreciable asset.

Depreciation is recognised on a straight-line basis, using rates which are reviewed each reporting period.

Main depreciation periods are:

Buildings	10 to 50 years
Plant	5 to 10 years
Motor Vehicles	2 years
Office Equipment & Furniture	3 to 5 years
Water Systems	20 to 60 years
Sewerage Systems	15 to 75 years
Stormwater/Drainage Systems	50 to 80 years
Roads	7 to 65 years
Bridges & Culverts	20 to 65 years

During the year Council reassessed the useful lives of Road Assets. As a result the range of useful lives used was changed from 50 to 75 years to 7 to 65 years. The change was made to better reflect the useful lives of individual components of Road Assets. This change was made with effect from 1 July 2000 and has increased depreciation expense by \$599,432 in the current year and is expected to increase depreciation expense by a similar amount in future years.

vii) **Recoverable amount of Non-Current Assets valued on a cost basis**

The Council is a not for profit entity and does not generally hold Non-Current Assets for the purpose of generating cash flows. In accordance with AAS10 the recoverable amount test does not apply to Non-Current Assets where the future economic benefits comprising these assets are not primarily dependant on the assets ability to generate net cash inflows.

Non-Current Assets which are primarily held to generate net cash inflows are reviewed to determine whether they are in excess of their recoverable amount. If the carrying amount of a Non-Current Asset exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is written down to the lower amount. The write down is recognised as an expense in the Statement of Financial Performance in the reporting period in which it occurs.

In assessing recoverable amounts of Non-Current Assets the relevant cash flows have not been discounted to their present value, except where specifically stated.

e) **Employee Entitlements**

i) **Wages & Salaries:**

The amount of wages and salaries earned but not paid at balance date is recognised and brought to account as an accrual at current rates of pay.

ii) **Annual Leave:**

The amount of annual leave which is owing to employees at balance date is recognised and brought to account as a current liability at current rates of pay. On costs have been recognised as part of these provisions.

e) Employee Entitlements (Cont)

iii) Long Service Leave:

Liabilities for other employee entitlements, which are not expected to be settled within 12 months of balance date, are accrued as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to balance date. Consideration is given, when assessing future payments, to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using the appropriate indicative mid-rates on selected Commonwealth Government Securities. On costs have been included in these provisions.

iv) Superannuation:

The superannuation expense for the reporting period is the amount of the statutory contribution the local government makes to the superannuation plan which provides benefits to its employees. Details of those arrangements are set out in Note 28.

v) Sick Leave:

No amount is shown for non-vested sick leave as experience indicates that, on average, sick leave taken for each reporting period is less than the entitlement accruing in that period, and this experience is expected to recur in future reporting periods.

(f) Provision for Gravel Pit Rehabilitation

Provisions made for Gravel Pit Rehabilitation and Restoration on an incremental basis during the course of the life of the Pit.

(g) Rates, Grants, Donations and Other Contributions

Rates, grants, donations and other contributions are recognised as revenues when the local government obtains control over the assets comprising the contributions. Control over assets acquired from rates is obtained at the commencement of the rating period or, where earlier, upon receipt of the rates. Control over granted assets is normally obtained upon their receipt or upon prior notification that a grant has been secured.

In respect of uncollected rates, provision has been made for amounts outstanding which are considered unlikely to be collectable.

Where contributions recognised as revenues 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 discharged as at the reporting date, the nature of and amounts pertaining to those undischarged conditions are disclosed in Note 8. That note also discloses the amount of contributions, if any, recognised as revenues in a previous reporting period which were obtained in respect of the local government's operations for the current reporting period.

(h) Investments

Investments are recognised at cost. Interest revenues are recognised in the period to which they relate. Credit risk is minimised by utilising financial institutions with suitable credit ratings. The investment in Cradle Coast Water is recorded at the fair value of the Council's share of the underlying assets at recognition date (refer Note 20). The Council considers that the carrying amount of investments approximate their net fair value.

(i) Joint Ventures

Council had no interest in joint ventures at the reporting date.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont)

(j) Cash and Short Term Deposits

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash deposits which are readily convertible to cash on hand and which are used in the cash management function on a day to day basis, net of outstanding bank overdraft.

Cash and short term deposits are carried at face value of the amounts deposited. The carrying amounts of cash and short term deposits approximate net fair value. Interest revenue is accrued at the market or contracted rates and is receivable monthly.

(k) Receivables

i) Settlement Terms

Debtors of Council are required to settle their accounts within specified terms including:

Rate Debtors

Either by 2 equal instalments or alternatively within 30 days of demand which provides a discount of 10%. The discount provided is shown as an expense of the entity in its Statement of Financial Performance. Should amounts remain unpaid outside of the adopted payment options, Council will instigate collection proceedings in accordance with provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993 (as amended)*.

Sundry Debtors

Within 30 days of issue of the account. Should amounts remain unpaid beyond 30 days Council instigates collection proceedings in accordance with provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993 (as amended)*.

ii) Credit Risk

The Council does not have a significant exposure to any individual customers or counterparty.

iii) Net Fair Value

The Council considers that the carrying amount of receivables approximate their net fair value.

(l) Payables

Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods or services received, whether or not billed to the company. Trade accounts payable are normally settled within 30 days. The carrying amount of accounts payable approximates net fair value.

(m) Bank Loans

Bank loans are carried on the balance sheet at their principal amount. The carrying amounts of the bank loans approximate their net fair value. Interest expense is accrued at the contracted rate and included in "Creditors".

(n) Inventories

Inventories represent materials and store items intended for use by the Council. They are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs have been assigned to inventory quantities on hand at balance date on the basis of average cost.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont)

(o) Comparative Information

Where necessary comparative figures have been amended to conform with changes in presentation in the current year.

(p) Significant Business Activities

Under section 84(2)(da) Council is required to report operating capital and competitive neutrality costs in respect of each significant business activity undertaken by Council. Council disclosure is recorded in Note 32.

Council has determined, based upon materiality, that Transport Infrastructure, Sewage Disposal, Water Reticulation, Drainage and Parks and Sporting Facilities as defined in Note 2(c) are considered Council's significant business activities.

In preparing the information disclosed in relation to significant business activities, the following assumptions have been applied:-

- The notional opportunity cost of capital was calculated by applying an interest rate of 9% which Council has determined as an appropriate interest rate adjusted for a risk margin.
- Taxation equivalents were calculated by an applicable taxation rate of 34% applied to the activities notional accounting profit before abnormal items.
- Notional council rates and land tax have been calculated using actual rates and charges set by Council and Government for the current financial period.
- Loan guarantee fees were calculated on the average loan outstanding for each activity multiplied by the loan guarantee fee rate of 0.45% which is determined by Treasury.
- The impact of fringe benefits tax credits, stamp duty, debits tax and financial institutions duty were determined to be immaterial and have not been included.

(q) Goods & Services Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office (ATO). In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as a current asset or liability in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are classified as operating cash flows.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont)

(r) Reclassification of Financial Information

Some line items and sub-totals reported in the previous financial year have been reclassified and repositioned in the financial statements as a result of the first time application on 1 July 2000 of the revised standards AAS1 Statement of Financial Performance, AAS37 Financial Report Presentation and Disclosures and the new AAS36 Statement of Financial Position.

Adoption of these standards has resulted in the reclassification of financial information as follows:-

- Inventories amounting to \$297,753 as at 30 June 2000 have been transferred from Other Current Assets to Inventories on the Statement of Financial Position.
- Land Held for Resale amounting to \$26,283 as at 30 June 2000 has been transferred from Other Current Assets to Property, Plant and Equipment.
- Non-Current Investments amounting to \$4,563,851 as at 30 June 2000 have been transferred from Investments to Other Non-Current Assets.
- Other Non-Current Assets amounting to \$138,658 as at 30 June 2000 have been transferred from Other Non-Current Assets to Receivables \$40,966 and Property, Plant and Equipment \$97,692.
- Revenue and Expense items previously disclosed as Abnormal have now been reclassified as either Other Revenue (Refer Note 9) or Other Expense (Refer Note 7). These items are no longer identified separately on the face of the Statement of Financial Performance.

Note 2(c): Expenses, Revenues and Assets have been attributed to the following functions/activities, descriptions of which are set out in note 2(c).

2001 ACTUAL	CORPORATE SERVICES	TRANSPORT	REGULATORY SERVICES	RECREATION AND CULTURE	COMM. SERVICES	FIRE LEVY	GARBAGE SERVICES	WATER SERVICES	SEWERAGE SERVICES	DRAINAGE SERVICES	BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS	OTHER-NOT ATTRIBUTABLE	TOTAL
EXPENSES \$	1,928,566	3,501,806	824,375	1,109,871	1,143,478	211,839	357,345	1,777,164	982,984	361,370	63,877	317,086	12,360,380
%	15.6	28.3	5.1	9.0	9.3	1.7	2.9	14.4	7.8	2.9	0.5	2.5	100.0
REVENUES \$	121,869	1,019,855	700	38,665	293,192	0	0	0	0	0	0	983,839	2,457,720
GRANTS	588,744	39,092	78,495	119,972	313,113	219,700	365,762	1,855,702	1,170,508	315,637	82,374	4,172,628	9,321,725
OTHER	710,413	1,058,747	79,195	158,637	606,305	219,700	365,762	1,855,702	1,170,508	315,637	82,374	5,156,465	11,779,445
TOTAL	1,928,566	3,501,806	824,375	1,109,871	1,143,478	211,839	357,345	1,777,164	982,984	361,370	63,877	317,086	12,360,380
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	6.0	9.0	0.7	1.3	5.1	1.9	3.1	15.8	9.9	2.7	0.7	43.8	100.0
	(580,935)												
ASSETS (Note 2(b))	8,126,466	29,037,355	12,565	11,322,998	2,355,616	0	0	12,864,516	7,401,308	8,048,109	414,409	0	79,583,333
2001 BUDGET	CORPORATE SERVICES	TRANSPORT	REGULATORY SERVICES	RECREATION AND CULTURE	COMM. SERVICES	FIRE LEVY	GARBAGE SERVICES	WATER SERVICES	SEWERAGE SERVICES	DRAINAGE SERVICES	BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS	OTHER-NOT ATTRIBUTABLE	TOTAL
EXPENSES \$	1,928,273	2,756,691	828,596	1,144,723	1,136,054	210,938	357,858	1,741,228	779,303	194,231	71,413	331,108	11,281,415
%	17.1	24.4	5.6	10.1	10.1	1.9	3.2	15.4	6.9	1.7	0.6	3.0	100.0
REVENUES \$	0	862,000	800	0	228,958	0	0	0	0	0	0	960,000	2,041,758
GRANTS	590,080	24,320	76,000	97,400	344,961	211,182	365,490	1,837,345	1,137,158	314,189	143,458	4,141,975	9,285,558
OTHER	590,080	886,320	76,800	97,400	573,919	211,182	365,490	1,837,345	1,137,158	314,189	143,458	5,091,975	11,327,316
TOTAL	1,928,273	2,756,691	828,596	1,144,723	1,136,054	210,938	357,858	1,741,228	779,303	194,231	71,413	331,108	11,281,415
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	5.2	7.8	0.7	0.9	5.1	1.9	3.2	16.2	10.0	2.8	1.3	44.9	100.0
	(45,901)												
2000 ACTUAL	CORPORATE SERVICES	TRANSPORT	REGULATORY SERVICES	RECREATION AND CULTURE	COMM. SERVICES	FIRE LEVY	GARBAGE SERVICES	WATER SERVICES	SEWERAGE SERVICES	DRAINAGE SERVICES	BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS	OTHER-NOT ATTRIBUTABLE	TOTAL
EXPENSES \$	1,689,933	2,870,340	617,699	1,113,261	1,106,685	208,199	391,677	1,683,555	751,473	194,669	64,884	312,041	10,794,456
%	15.5	24.7	5.7	10.3	10.3	1.9	3.6	15.7	7.0	1.8	0.6	2.9	100.0
REVENUES \$	31,500	795,312	804	17,567	216,991	0	0	0	0	0	0	940,897	2,003,071
GRANTS	368,441	2,402	76,346	85,723	336,333	208,096	363,982	1,717,853	1,141,703	313,292	107,487	3,948,539	8,673,197
OTHER	399,941	797,714	77,160	103,290	555,324	208,096	363,982	1,717,853	1,141,703	313,292	107,487	4,889,436	10,676,268
TOTAL	1,689,933	2,870,340	617,699	1,113,261	1,106,685	208,199	391,677	1,683,555	751,473	194,669	64,884	312,041	10,794,456
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	3.7	7.5	0.7	1.0	5.2	2.0	3.4	16.1	10.7	2.9	1.0	45.8	100.0
	(118,188)												
ASSETS (Note 2(b))	7,700,636	29,844,100	17,747	11,375,981	2,365,077	0	0	12,982,644	7,442,369	8,810,638	435,684	0	80,314,906

2. FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES OF COUNCIL

2(b) Total assets shown in Note 2(a) are reconciled with the amounts shown for assets in the statement of financial position as follows:-

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Current Assets	4,260,093	3,652,862
Non-Current Assets	75,323,240	76,662,044
	79,583,333	80,314,906

2(c) Component Functions/Activities

The activities relating to the Local Government's components reported at 2(a) are as follows:-

Transport

Construction, maintenance and cleaning of roads, footpaths, bridges and traffic signs. It also covers gravel pits and municipal car parks.

Regulatory Services

Administration of various by-laws, animal control, health and building regulation and town planning and development services.

Recreation and Culture

Operation and maintenance of halls, recreation centres and various reserves.

Community Services

Operation of various children and elderly citizen services, operation of refuse disposal sites, state emergency services, public conveniences and cemeteries.

Garbage Services

Operation of rubbish collection services.

Water, Sewerage and Drainage Services

Construction and maintenance of Council's Water, Sewerage and Drainage Works.

Corporate Services

Operation and maintenance of Council Chambers, administration offices and depots.

Fire Levy

Collected on behalf of the State Government for statewide fire services.

Business Undertakings

Operation of self-funded activities including the Waratah Post Office, rental of Council owned property at commercial rates and subdivision and sale of Council land.

3. EMPLOYEE COSTS

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Wages, Salaries and Allowances	2,267,869	2,247,343
Workers Compensation	155,576	198,388
Superannuation Expenses	295,563	302,363
Annual, Sick and Long Service Leave	413,040	408,222
Other Employee Expenses	116,389	103,658
Total Direct Employee Costs	3,248,437	3,259,974
Less Amounts Capitalised	104,825	171,993
Net Employee Costs	3,143,612	3,087,981

4. DEPRECIATION EXPENSE

	Actual 2001 \$	Budget 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Depreciation			
Land Improvements	69,463	74,309	69,067
Buildings	286,057	303,400	277,172
Furniture and Fittings	63,783	91,532	72,461
Plant and Equipment	165,240	198,393	202,937
Roads	1,813,244	1,233,326	1,163,787
Bridges	104,534	96,362	95,419
Water, Sewerage and Drainage Works	585,617	429,405	420,981
Other Infrastructure	0	8,997	8,997
	3,087,938	2,435,724	2,310,821

5. LOSS (PROFIT) ON DISPOSAL OF NON-CURRENT ASSETS

	Actual 2001 \$	Budget 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Carrying Amount of Assets Disposed	432,813	373,492	437,877
Proceeds from Disposal	234,425	457,380	398,955
	198,388	(83,888)	38,922

6. BORROWING COSTS

	Actual 2001 \$	Budget 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Interest	324,107	312,905	330,923

Public Bodies Assistance Act Loans

Interest partially or fully subsidised by State Government has not been recognised as a Council expense.

	Actual 2001 \$	Budget 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Gross Amount of Interest	59,623	59,623	31,501
Less Amount subsidised	(59,139)	(59,139)	(30,437)
Amount paid by Council (included in Interest)	484	484	1,064

7. OTHER EXPENSES

Other Expenses includes:-

	Actual 2001 \$	Budget 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Auditors Remuneration:			
Audit Services	12,642	12,000	11,995
Other Services	0	0	0
Community Assistance Grants	26,835	26,900	21,865
Councillors Emoluments	68,837	58,250	43,491
Restatement of Revaluation of Water, Sewerage and Drainage assets in a prior year	0	0	575,560

8. GOVERNMENT GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES REVENUE

Grants were received in respect of the following:

	Actual 2001 \$	Budget 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Corporate Services			
Training Subsidy	20,107	0	29,500
Honour Roll	0	0	2,000
Black Spot TV Funding	1,562	0	0
Local Government Improvement Project	100,000	0	0
	121,669	0	31,500
Roads			
State Government Road Grants	529,806	510,000	506,699
State Government Bridge Funding	242,870	240,000	232,248
Local Road Toll Funding	20,174	20,000	19,792
Black Spot Funding	0	92,000	3,573
Highway Access	0	0	33,000
Roads to Recovery	226,805	0	0
	1,019,655	862,000	795,312
Community Services			
Children's Services	291,101	226,458	214,741
Other	2,091	2,500	2,250
	293,192	228,958	216,991
Regulatory Services			
Federal Immunisation Subsidy	700	800	804
Recreation and Culture			
Other	38,665	0	17,567
Grants to Council as a Whole			
Tax Sharing Grants	983,839	950,000	940,897
Total Grants Revenues	2,457,720	2,041,758	2,003,071

Government funds received in relation to pensioner rates of \$391,396 (2000 \$379,826) were treated in the Statement of Financial Performance as rate revenue.

Grants recognised as revenue during the reporting period which were obtained on the condition that they be applied in a specified manner but had yet to be totally expended in that manner as at the report date were \$248,254 (2000 : nil).

9. OTHER REVENUE

	Actual 2001 \$	Budget 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Dividend	41,871	100,000	0
Equity Interest in Cradle Coast Water	0	0	4,563,851
Recognition Water, Sewerage & Drainage Assets	0	0	244,272
Restatement of prior year Roads and Bridges	0	0	136,604
Other	78,515	111,000	82,947
	120,386	211,000	5,027,674

10. CURRENT ASSETS - CASH

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Cash	2,932	2,931
Trading Account	843,667	859,483
Road Accident - Trust Account	4,368	4,406
	850,967	866,820

11. CURRENT ASSETS - RECEIVABLES

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Rates and Charges	112,887	115,491
Other Debtors	444,772	213,540
	557,659	329,031

12. CURRENT ASSETS - OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Term Deposits	2,500,000	2,046,688

13. CURRENT ASSETS - INVENTORIES

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Stores and Material	252,124	296,164
Post Office Stock	2,046	1,589
	254,170	297,753

14. CURRENT ASSETS - OTHER

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Accrued Income	27,214	16,888
Prepayments	29,385	28,701
Deferred Expenses - Valuation Fees	40,698	40,698
	97,297	86,287

15. CURRENT LIABILITIES - PAYABLES

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Trade Creditors	551,048	491,892
Accrued Expenses	65,789	70,317
Prepaid Income	15,260	63,145
Trust Deposits	35,991	29,375
	668,088	654,729

16. CURRENT LIABILITIES - INTEREST BEARING LIABILITIES

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Secured		
Bank Loans	736,265	725,369
	736,265	725,369

Details of security relating to each of the secured liabilities are set out in Note 21.

Public Bodies Assistance Act Loans

Loans partially or fully subsidised by State Government have not been recognised as a Council liability.

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Gross Amount of Loans	26,696	20,453
Less Amount subsidised	(26,493)	(19,150)
Amount owing by Council (included in liabilities)	203	1,303

17 CURRENT LIABILITIES - PROVISIONS

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Provisions for Annual Leave	343,187	336,330
Provision for Long Service Leave	507,394	425,482
Provision for Doubtful Debts	23,293	0
	873,874	761,812

18. NON CURRENT ASSETS - PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Land		
At independent valuation	0	4,940,501
At cost	4,922,501	0
	4,922,501	4,940,501

The independent valuation was carried out effective 30 June 2000 on the basis of the open market values for existing use.

Land under roads has not been brought to account due to significant practical problems with determining a reliable measure.

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Land Improvements		
At Council Valuation	0	29,400
At cost	1,715,204	1,461,537
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(426,738)	(364,761)
Less Work in Progress	2,380	48,083
	1,290,846	1,174,259

The Council valuation was carried out as at 1 July 1993 based on current replacement cost.

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Land Held for Resale		
At Cost	106,915	123,975
Land Held for Resale Comprises:		
Cost of Acquisition	74,316	88,158
Development Costs Capitalised	35,599	35,817
	106,915	123,975

18. NON CURRENT ASSETS - PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Cont)

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Buildings		
At Independent Valuation	0	18,540,000
At cost	18,620,336	0
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(8,221,558)	(7,935,500)
Work in Progress	26,925	2,725
	10,425,703	10,607,225

The independent valuation was carried out effective 30 June 2000 on the basis of the written down replacement cost.

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Furniture and Fittings		
At Cost	783,990	855,922
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(566,776)	(662,589)
Work in progress	0	0
	217,214	193,333

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Plant and Equipment		
At Cost	2,980,712	2,913,318
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(1,311,405)	(1,248,394)
Work in progress	0	0
	1,597,307	1,664,924

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Roads		
At Council Valuation	0	54,539,214
At Cost	60,486,300	5,015,489
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(35,091,780)	(33,278,536)
Work in progress	4,890	0
	25,399,410	26,276,167

The Council valuation was carried out as at 1 July, 1993 based on current replacement cost. The cost of earthworks and the value of land under roads has not been included in the value of the asset.

18. NON CURRENT ASSETS - PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Cont)

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Bridges		
At Council Valuation	0	4,478,036
At Cost	5,056,638	465,536
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(1,807,322)	(1,757,694)
	3,249,316	3,185,878

The Council valuation was carried out as at 1 July 1997 based on current replacement cost.

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Water		
At Council Valuation	0	12,595,625
At Cost	12,647,612	33,357
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(4,544,981)	(4,371,924)
Work in progress	0	10,687
	8,102,631	8,267,745

The Council valuation was carried out as at 1 July 1998 based on current replacement cost.

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Sewerage		
At Council Valuation	0	13,873,870
At Cost	14,131,775	105,595
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(6,816,734)	(6,591,996)
Work in progress	0	0
	7,315,041	7,387,469

The Council valuation was carried out as at 1 July, 1998 based on current replacement cost.

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Drainage		
At Council Valuation	0	12,317,827
At Cost	12,413,612	36,046
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(4,365,503)	(4,235,207)
Work in progress	0	61,972
	8,048,109	8,180,638

The Council valuation was carried out as at 1 July 1998 based on current replacement cost

18. NON CURRENT ASSETS - PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Cont)

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	70,674,993	72,002,114
Reconciliations:		
	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Land		
Carrying amount at beginning of year	4,940,501	4,416,292
Additions	0	0
Disposals	(18,000)	0
Adjustments due to revaluation	0	524,209
Carrying amount at end of year	4,922,501	4,940,501
Land Improvements		
Carrying amount at beginning of year	1,174,259	1,156,989
Additions	143,901	86,337
Transfer from capital works in progress	45,703	0
Disposals	(3,554)	0
Depreciation	(69,463)	(69,067)
Carrying amount at end of year	1,290,846	1,174,259
Land Held for Resale		
Carrying amount at beginning of year	123,975	150,257
Additions	0	0
Disposals	(17,060)	(26,282)
Carrying amount at end of year	106,915	123,975
Buildings		
Carrying amount at beginning of year	10,607,225	9,496,921
Additions	101,810	315,791
Transfer from capital works in progress	2,725	0
Disposals	0	0
Depreciation	(286,057)	(277,172)
Adjustments due to Revaluation	0	1,071,685
Carrying amount at end of year	10,425,703	10,607,225
Furniture and Fittings		
Carrying amount at beginning of year	193,333	110,163
Additions	95,892	149,381
Transfer from capital works in progress	0	6,250
Disposals	(8,228)	0
Depreciation	(63,783)	(72,461)
Carrying amount at end of year	217,214	193,333

18. NON CURRENT ASSETS - PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Cont)

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Plant and Equipment		
Carrying amount at beginning of year	1,664,924	1,683,140
Additions	360,293	585,455
Transfer from capital works in progress	0	0
Disposals	(262,670)	(391,737)
Depreciation	(165,240)	(211,934)
Carrying amount at end of year	1,597,307	1,664,924
Roads		
Carrying amount at beginning of year	26,276,167	26,207,127
Additions	936,487	1,096,350
Transfer from Capital Works in progress	0	168,876
Disposals	0	(33,678)
Depreciation	(1,813,244)	(1,163,787)
Other Movements (Refer Note 9)	0	1,279
Carrying amount at end of year	25,399,410	26,276,167
Bridges		
Carrying amount at beginning of year	3,185,878	2,997,855
Additions	177,053	0
Transfer from capital works in progress	0	160,581
Disposals	(9,081)	(12,464)
Depreciation	(104,534)	(95,419)
Other Movements (Refer Note 9)	0	135,325
Carrying amount at end of year	3,249,316	3,185,878
Water		
Carrying amount at beginning of year	8,267,745	8,589,429
Additions	21,495	33,357
Transfer from capital works in progress	0	4,430
Disposals	(9,662)	0
Depreciation	(176,947)	(168,268)
Other Movements (Refer Note 9)	0	(191,203)
Carrying amount at end of year	8,102,631	8,267,745
Sewerage		
Carrying amount at beginning of year	7,387,469	7,343,862
Additions	196,185	105,595
Transfer from Capital Works in progress	0	0
Disposals	(12,920)	0
Depreciation	(255,693)	(144,915)
Other Movements (Refer Note 9)	0	82,927
Carrying amount at end of year	7,315,041	7,387,469

18. NON CURRENT ASSETS - PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Cont)

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Drainage		
Carrying amount at beginning of year	8,180,638	8,413,430
Additions	129,145	98,018
Transfer from capital works in progress	0	0
Disposals	(108,697)	0
Depreciation	(152,977)	(107,798)
Other Movements (Refer Note 9)	0	(223,012)
Carrying amount at end of year	8,048,109	8,180,638

19. NON CURRENT ASSETS - RECEIVABLES

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Rates and Charges - Long Term	35,678	32,181
Debtors - Long Term	8,020	8,785
	43,698	40,966

20. NON CURRENT ASSETS - OTHER

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Cradle Coast Water	4,563,851	4,563,851
Deferred Expenses - Valuation Fees	40,698	81,396
	4,604,549	4,645,247

Creation of Cradle Coast Water (formerly North West Water Authority)

Cradle Coast Water was established by the Minister for Local Government on 10 August, 1999 as a joint authority of the Circular Head Council, Central Coast Council, Devonport City Council, Latrobe Council, Kentish Council and Waratah-Wynyard Council under Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Cradle Coast Water operates under the trading name of "Cradle Coast Water" and is administered by a four-person Board of Management comprising business professionals. Cradle Coast Water sells water to the six participating Councils.

As a result of these arrangements the participating Councils each acquired an interest in Cradle Coast Water. There is no prescribed shareholding by each Council, but the Authority Rules specify that dividends payable to Councils and amounts due on winding up of Cradle Coast Water are to be shared based on a ratio of water purchases made by the Councils.

Waratah-Wynyard Council's share of the 10 August 1999 net assets of Cradle Coast Water has accordingly been assessed to have a value of \$4,563,851.

21. NON CURRENT LIABILITIES – INTEREST BEARING LIABILITIES

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Secured		
Bank Loans	4,032,830	4,271,657
	4,032,830	4,271,657

Public Bodies Assistance Act Loans

Loans partially or fully subsidised by State Government have not been recognised as a Council liability.

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Gross Amount of Loans	349,542	397,110
Less Amount Subsidised	(346,811)	(390,140)
Amount owing by Council (included in Liabilities)	2,731	6,970

Security for Borrowings

The bank loans are secured over the general rates of the Council.

Financing Arrangements

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

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Total facilities		
Bank Overdraft	0	250,000
Used at reporting date		
Bank Overdraft	0	0
Available at reporting date		
Bank Overdraft	0	250,000

22. NON CURRENT LIABILITIES - PROVISIONS

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Provision for Long Service Leave	92,578	107,631
Provision for Gravel Pit Rehabilitation	34,374	26,751
	126,952	134,382

23. NON CURRENT LIABILITIES – OTHER

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Deferred Expenses - Valuation Fees	40,968	81,396

24. RESERVES

Composition:

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Asset Acquisition	653,925	653,925
Road Resealing	556,459	556,459
Water Reserve	149,942	149,942
Public Open Space	21,062	21,062
Asset Revaluation	8,001,030	8,001,030
	9,382,418	9,382,418

Movements:

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Asset Acquisition		
Balance at the beginning of the financial year	653,925	653,925
Amount transferred from accumulated surplus	0	0
Amount transferred to accumulated surplus	0	0
Balance at the end of the financial year	653,925	653,925
Road Sealing		
Balance at the beginning of the financial year	556,459	556,459
Amount transferred from accumulated surplus	0	0
Amount transferred to accumulated surplus	0	0
Balance at the end of the financial year	556,459	556,459
Water		
Balance at the beginning of the financial year	149,942	149,942
Amount transferred from accumulated surplus	0	0
Amount transferred to accumulated surplus	0	0
Balance at the end of the financial year	149,942	149,942
Public Open Space		
Balance at the beginning of the financial year	21,062	21,062
Amount transferred from accumulated surplus	0	0
Amount transferred to accumulated surplus	0	0
Balance at the end of the financial year	21,062	21,062

24. RESERVES (Cont)

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Asset Revaluation		
Balance at the beginning of the financial year	8,001,030	6,405,136
Revaluation of land and buildings	0	1,595,894
Amount transferred to accumulated surplus	0	0
Balance at the end of the financial year	8,001,030	8,001,030

Nature and Purpose of Reserves:

Asset Acquisition Reserve

The amount standing to the credit of the Asset Acquisition Reserve resulted from prior period allocation of accumulated surplus for the purpose of identifying the surplus set aside for specific works to be conducted in future years. The reserve will be released to accumulated surplus when the specific works are undertaken.

Road Sealing Reserve

The amount standing to the credit of the Road Sealing Reserve resulted from prior period allocation of accumulated surplus for the purpose of identifying the surplus set aside for specific works to be conducted in future years. The reserve will be released to accumulated surplus when the specific works are undertaken.

Water Reserve

The amount standing to the credit of the Water Reserve resulted from prior period allocation of accumulated surplus for the purpose of identifying the surplus set aside for specific works to be conducted in future years. The reserve will be released to accumulated surplus when the specific works are undertaken.

Public Open Space Reserve

The amount standing to the credit of the Public Open Space Reserve resulted from prior period allocation of accumulated surplus for the purpose of identifying the surplus set aside for specific works to be conducted in future years. The reserve will be released to accumulated surplus when the specific works are undertaken.

Asset Revaluation Reserve

The Asset Revaluation Reserve is not available for future asset write-downs as a result of using the deemed cost election for Property Plant and Equipment when adopting AAS38.

25. RECONCILIATION OF INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Ordinary Activities	(580,935)	4,250,979
<i>Items not involving Cash</i>		
Depreciation expense	3,087,938	2,310,821
Items classified as abnormal in prior year	0	(4,369,167)
	3,087,938	(2,058,346)
<i>Change in Operating Assets and Liabilities</i>		
Receivables and other Assets	(242,370)	75,770
Payables	13,359	190,976
Provisions	104,632	142,851
Inventories	60,642	8,042
	(63,737)	417,639
<i>Investing Activity</i>		
Loss on disposal of Non-Current Assets	198,388	38,922
Cash flows from Operating Activities	2,641,654	2,649,194

Reconciliation of Cash:

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows cash includes cash on hand and cash at bank

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Cash on Hand and at Bank	850,967	866,820

26. CONTINGENCY

26a There is a possibility of claims against Council arising from development and building application decisions. Council is not aware of the possible extent or number of such claims.

26b Council holds bank guarantees for the following:

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Building, frontage, landscaping/subdivision	14,858	14,858
	14,858	14,858

These guarantees have not been recognised as assets as it is uncertain, and unlikely, that Council will require these funds.

27. COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

(a) Capital Commitments

There are no material capital commitments at the reporting date.

(b) Finance Lease Commitments

Council held no finance lease commitments as at 30 June 2001.

(c) Operating Lease Commitments

Commitments under non-cancellable operating leases at the reporting date are payable as follows:-

	2001 \$	2000 \$
Not later than one year	62,635	46,603
Later than one year and not later than five years	93,952	23,302

Council leases equipment under non-cancellable operating leases expiring in 5 years. Leases generally provide Council with a right of renewal. Lease payments do not include any contingent rentals.

(d) Other Commitments

There is an ongoing commitment to pay Circular Head Council \$28,452 p.a. to offset debt servicing costs for the Port Latta Tip.

28. SUPERANNUATION

The Waratah-Wynyard Council contributes in respect of its employees to accumulation or defined benefits superannuation plans established in respect of all local governments in the State. In accordance with statutory requirements, Council contributes to the Quadrant Superannuation Fund amounts determined by the Plan's actuary. As such, assets accumulate in the Fund to meet members' benefits as they accrue. If the assets of the Fund were insufficient to satisfy benefits payable to beneficiaries, the Council would be required to meet its share of the deficiency. The audited general purpose financial report of the Plan as at 30 June 2001 which was not subject to any audit qualification, indicates that the assets of the Plan are sufficient to meet the accrued benefits. No liability of the Council has been recognised as at the reporting date in respect of superannuation benefits for its employees.

The general purpose financial report of the Plan discloses that the most recent actuarial assessment of the Fund was undertaken as at 30th June 1999 by Bendzulla Tasmania Pty. Ltd. (Consulting Actuaries), and that the actuary indicated that without improvements to benefit conditions, or other unanticipated events, current contribution rates would be sufficient to meet members' benefits as they accrue.

The actuarial report as at 30th June 1999 reveals the following in relation to the fund:

	\$'000
Fund Assets at Net Market Value	120,777
Accrued Benefits	101,114
Surplus of Funds Assets over Accrued Benefits	19,663
Vested Benefits	97,571

The amount of contributions paid by the Council to the Quadrant Superannuation Fund during the reporting period was \$273,962 (\$284,879 in 2000).

Council also contributes to Tasplan and Synergy for its employees, however neither fund is a defined benefits superannuation plan and therefore Council is not responsible for any deficiencies that may occur. Council contributions paid to Tasplan was \$14,701 (\$11,986 in 2000) and to Synergy \$5,671 (\$5,498 in 2000).

29. JOINT VENTURES

Waratah-Wynyard Council has no interests in any un-incorporated joint ventures.

30. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURE

	2001 \$	2000 \$
a) Allowances	68,837	43,491

b) Register of Interests – 2000/2001

Interests of Councillors notified to the General Manager in respect of any body or organisation with which the Council has significant financial dealings.

Cr. Roger Chalk (Mayor)	No Interest Declared
Cr. Kevin Hyland (Deputy Mayor)	No Interest Declared
Cr. Dorothy Calvert	No Interest Declared
Cr. Gary Bramich	No Interest Declared
Cr. Sue Walsh	No Interest Declared
Cr. Bill French	No Interest Declared
Cr. Denise Rushworth	No Interest Declared
Cr. Darren Fairbrother	No Interest Declared
Cr. David Moore	No Interest Declared
Cr. Malcolm Fenton	No Interest Declared

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Report
For the Year Ended 30 June, 2001

31. INTEREST RATE RISK

The Council's exposure to interest rate risk, repricing maturities and the effective interest rates on financial instruments at balance date are:

	WAEIR \$	Floating Interest rate \$	1 year or less \$	1 to 5 years \$	Over 5 years \$	Non interest bearing \$	Total \$
Assets							
Cash	4.50%	848,035				2,932	850,967
Receivables:							
Rate						112,887	112,887
Sundry						444,773	444,773
Other Financial Assets:							
Term Deposits	5.05%	2,500,000					2,500,000
Total Financial 2001		3,348,035	0	0	0	560,592	3,908,627
Assets 2000		2,910,577	0	0	0	4,895,813	7,806,390
Liabilities							
Employee Entitlements						943,159	943,159
Payables						668,088	668,088
Bank Loans	5.73%		735,660	2,453,954	1,579,481		4,769,095
Total Financial 2001		0	735,660	2,453,954	1,579,481	1,611,247	6,380,342
Assets 2000		0	724,461	2,487,686	1,784,881	1,524,172	6,521,200
Net Financial Assets/ 2001 (Liabilities) 2000		3,348,035	(735,660)	(2,453,954)	(1,579,481)	(1,050,655)	(2,471,715)
		2,910,577	(724,461)	(2,487,686)	(1,784,881)	3,371,641	1,285,190

Comparative WAEIR for 2000 were:

Cash	4.85%
Term Deposits	6.28%
Bank Loans	6.03%

The Council considers that the carrying value of its debenture liabilities approximates net fair value as the majority of the loans are reviewed every two years.

WAEIR – weighted average effective interest rate.

Credit Risk

The carrying amounts of financial assets represents the Council's maximum exposure to credit risk in relation to these assets.

32. SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

2001	Water Reticulation	Sewage Disposal	Drainage	Transport	Parks and Sporting Facilities
REVENUE					
Direct					
Rates	1,475,261	1,044,545	313,371	0	0
User Charges	324,465	93,143	2,265	0	64,875
Contributions	14,105	32,820	0	39,092	52,376
Government					
Grants	0	0	0	1,019,655	38,665
Other	41,871	0	0	0	464
	1,855,702	1,170,508	315,636	1,058,747	156,380
EXPENDITURE					
Direct					
Employee Costs	113,957	134,329	30,421	340,262	330,249
Materials and					
Contracts	1,337,655	380,036	23,270	1,072,331	306,351
Interest	5,553	74,246	8,899	124,542	22,775
Other	217,293	261,051	55,038	9,082	9,124
	1,674,458	849,662	117,628	1,546,217	668,499
Indirect					
Corporate					
Service Income/ (Expenditure)	(92,185)	(78,908)	(74,895)	2,119,445	608,812
Capital Costs					
Depreciation	177,034	156,432	255,693	1,929,927	242,909
Opportunity					
Costs of					
Capital	729,363	658,759	724,330	2,656,353	1,016,604
	906,397	815,191	980,023	4,586,280	1,259,513
Competitive Neutrality Costs	10,457	33,264	2,332	121,208	76,802

2. SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS ACTIVITIES (Cont)

2000	Water Reticulation	Sewage Disposal	Drainage	Transport	Parks and Sporting Facilities
REVENUE					
Direct					
Rates	1,470,011	1,043,944	312,157	0	0
User Charges	233,451	97,519	1,135	0	55,060
Contributions	13,378	0	0	0	0
Government					
Grants	0	0	0	795,312	17,567
Other	1,013	240	0	2,402	24,267
	1,717,853	1,141,703	313,292	797,714	96,894
EXPENDITURE					
Direct					
Employee Costs	73,944	96,125	25,565	313,445	358,090
Materials and					
Contracts	71,934	288,980	12,404	551,846	208,251
Interest	5,849	82,605	10,324	109,186	28,201
Other	1,251,981	44,895	13,628	387,998	124,697
	1,403,708	512,605	61,921	1,362,475	719,239
Indirect					
Corporate					
Service Income/ (Expenditure)	(139,830)	(98,388)	(78,607)	1,853,190	577,093
Capital Costs					
Depreciation	169,129	152,463	107,798	1,271,898	210,425
Opportunity					
Costs of					
Capital	744,231	665,588	736,257	2,676,696	1,021,925
	913,360	818,051	844,055	3,948,594	1,232,350
Competitive Neutrality Costs	10,398	139,892	23,317	52,759	111,482

33. EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS

	Actual 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
Aggregate Liability for Employee Entitlements, Including On Costs		
Current	850,581	761,812
Non-Current	92,578	107,631
	943,159	869,443

The present values of employee entitlements not expected to be settled within twelve months of balance date have been calculated using the following weighted averages:

	Actual 2001	Actual 2000
Assumed rate of increase in wage and salary rates	3.5%	3.0%
Discount rate	5.5%	5.5%
Settlement term (years)	10	10
Number of employees at year end	71	74



STATEMENT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

In my opinion:

- (a) the financial report set out on pages 20 to 55 presents fairly the financial position of the Waratah-Wynyard Council as at 30 June, 2001 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with Statement of Accounting Concepts and applicable Accounting Standards, and
- (b) the financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993.

JOHN GIBSON
General Manager

Dated: 28 September 2001

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the Councillors of the Waratah-Wynyard Council

Scope

I have audited the financial report of the Waratah-Wynyard Council comprising Financial Performance, Financial Position, Changes in Equity and Cash Flows Statements and notes thereto, for the year ended 30 June 2001. The General Manager of the Council is responsible for the financial report. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the Councillors.

The audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the financial position of the Waratah-Wynyard Council, the results of its operations and its cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements, the financial position of the Waratah-Wynyard Council as at 30 June 2001 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.



**D W R Baulch
ACTING AUDITOR-GENERAL**

10 October 2001

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