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A WORD FROM THE MAYOR

It is an honour to present the 2005 Annual Report of the Waratah-Wynyard Council, a year which saw the consolidation and completion of many projects. Council believes the completion of the Sisters Beach Sewerage Project, which was achieved under the projected budget target, will now allow the recommencement of development, deferred while the scheme was being built. The community appreciates the help of the Federal Government with \$1 for \$1 funding for this project and the environment will benefit from the works that have been done. Whilst the number of subdivisional applications has slowed, Council has initiated the rezoning of two large titles near the Seabrook Golf Course which, if approved by the Resource Planning and Development Commission, will lead to further residential land being available in this beautiful area of Wynyard.

Our commitment to tourism has not abated and as a result of Council being successful in securing both State and Federal Government grants to support its own contribution, the "Wonders of Wynyard" Exhibition/Visitor Information Centre has been commenced. The Kenworthy Stamper Mill at Waratah and the opening of the Table Cape Lighthouse to the public are two projects continuing to be pursued.

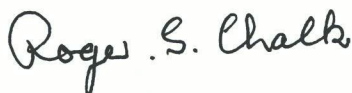
The Wynyard Wharf now has a long-term future for tourists and locals alike with new Wharf Special Committee in place and Council having taken over the lease that was previously held by the Yacht Club. Council has since expended considerable funds on maintenance works which has strengthened the integrity of the wharf structure.

The Skilled Wynyard Junior Sports Development Project received national recognition, a feat which we have not achieved before. We were also successful in winning the Premier's Inaugural Physical Activity Award for this project. In the area of risk management Council achieved state recognition with an Excellence Award "for improvement by a Council in recognition of sustained commitment, dedication and improvement to risk management principles and practices".

During this year there has been an extensive consultation process with guidance coming from our community, a sub-committee and consultants over plans to upgrade Wynyard's CBD. Plans have been commenced and work is to commence next financial year.

Although we were one of the later Councils in the State to sign a Partnership Agreement with the State, this became a reality during the year.

In closing, I wish to thank my fellow Councillors for their diligence and participation at all times. To our General Manager, Paul West, and his Managers I wish to thank them publicly for their professionalism. We should all be extremely proud of our Council's achievements.



ROGER G CHALK, AM
MAYOR

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

I am pleased to report that during the 2004/2005 financial year Council continued to pursue a number of projects and initiatives that will benefit the whole of the Waratah-Wynyard community for many years to come. Some of the more noteworthy projects undertaken were:

- Sisters Beach Sewerage Scheme – largely completed by Council utilising a mix of its own day-labour workforce and contractors. Council staff internally managed the project and the long-term benefits to the Sisters Beach community will be significant. Connection notices were issued to all property owners in late June 2005 and it is anticipated that the system will be fully operational by October 2005.
- Partnership Agreement – Council signed its first partnership agreement with the State Government which included strategies around economic development and tourism, transport, environment and land management, community health and safety, education, arts and culture, local and state development and effective financial arrangements between the parties.
- 'Wonders of Wynyard' Exhibition Centre – construction of the Centre in a central position at Wynyard commenced in May 2005 and is expected to be completed towards the end of October 2005. When complete the Exhibition Centre will house the veteran car collection owned by Francis and Elaine Ransley for which Council has negotiated a 20-year loan agreement. The Exhibition Centre will also house the relocated Visitor Information Centre and will include a small gallery space.
- Skilled Junior Sports Development Program – a partnership arrangement between Council, Skilled Engineering and Sport and Recreation Tasmania saw the commencement of the Skilled Junior Sports Development Pilot Program in February 2004. During the year Council received three (3) major awards as a result of this program including the inaugural Tasmanian Active Towns Award, the National Ausport Junior Sport Award and the 2005 Sport and Recreation Industry Award for Excellence.
- Children Services – Council's Children Services programs continued to prosper during the year with the opening of a new outside school hours service at Boat Harbour Primary School. Other programs offered as part of Children Services include long day care at Wynyard Child Care Centre and the Little Goldie Street Annex, an occasional care centre at Waratah, outside school hours care at Wynyard and Somerset, and a vacation care program in Wynyard. An upgrade program at the Wynyard Child Care Centre commenced during the year, which involves significant modifications being made to the 'baby' and 'toddler' areas.
- Kenworthy Stamper Mill – this project is moving closer to reality with a number of volunteers 'packing up' the Mill from its previous location and placing it in storage at Waratah. Plans have been completed and tenders will be called in the near future for the construction of a purpose built facility for the Mill to be relocated into at Waratah.
- Walking Track Development – construction of the walking track on the northern side of the Inglis River was completed during the year with a pedestrian footbridge constructed over the river at Flowerdale.

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- Risk Management Award – liability insurer Civic Mutual Plus presented Council with an award at the LGAT Annual Conference. The Award was in recognition of sustained commitment, dedication and improvement to Risk Management principles and practices.
- Railway Institute Hall – works continued on rehabilitation of the Hall. A committee made up of representatives of the Council, Education Department and potential users have worked together on this project, which has resulted in numerous volunteer hours being contributed to the rehabilitation. When completed the Railway Hall will be available for community use.
- Public Conveniences – new public toilets were constructed during the year in Wynyard and Somerset.
- Goldie Street Improvement Program – following a successful community meeting in August 2004 a 'Project Control Group' consisting of Council, business and community members progressed upgrade plans for the Wynyard CBD. Following extensive community consultation on the concept plans the Council determined to proceed with the works proposed. It is likely that they will be completed over a 2 – 3 year timeframe commencing in late 2005.

A broad outline of Council's achievements during the year in many other areas is provided later in the Annual Report.

The Financial Statement for the year ended 30 June 2005 is appended to this report. It is extremely pleasing to note that the Council has recorded an Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations (Operating Profit) of \$3,090,152. This figure compares with the budgeted amount of \$2,510,766 - a positive variation of \$579,386. Specific variations that contributed to this achievement were as follows:

Income	Budget Comparison	
	Additional \$	Less Than \$
Rates	305,703	
User Charges	561,363	
Interest	302,365	
Reimbursements	538,414	
Government Grants		95,818
Gross Proceeds from NCA Sold	62,949	
Other	18,930	
Expenses	Less Than \$	Additional \$
Employee Costs		41,582
Materials and Contracts		258,218
Depreciation	201,349	
Carrying Amount of NCA Sold		881,582
State Levies	9,537	
Borrowing Costs		1,879
Remissions and Discounts		103,299
Other		38,847
Sub-Total	2,000,610	1,421,225
Positive Variation		579,385
Total	\$ 2,000,610	\$ 2,000,610

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The following table 'Finance at a Glance' provides comparisons of this year's results with the previous years:

	2004/05	2003/04	Increase/ (Decrease)	% Change
Operational Income	16,559,916	15,928,217	631,699	3.96%
Operational Expenditure	13,469,764	13,088,103	381,661	2.91%
Net Increase from Ordinary Activities (Profit)	3,090,152	2,840,114	250,038	8.80%
Rate Revenue	8,550,175	8,037,575	512,600	6.37%
Government Grants	4,326,607	3,918,327	408,280	10.41%
User Charges	1,978,804	1,818,831	159,973	8.79%
Interest Income	487,928	309,263	178,665	57.77%
Employee Costs	3,488,122	3,056,908	431,214	14.10%
Borrowing Costs	242,218	224,126	18,092	8.07%
Remissions and Discounts	748,573	638,752	109,821	17.19%
Cash on Hand (incl. Investments)	6,054,700	5,034,083	1,020,617	20.27%
Receivables (current)	511,688	715,104	(203,416)	-39.75%
Payables	967,405	1,003,777	(36,372)	-3.75%
Outstanding Loans	4,172,931	4,405,888	(232,957)	-5.58%
Provisions	1,023,432	893,788	129,644	14.50%

Financial Indicator Comparisons		2004/05	2003/04	2002/03	2001/02
Current Ratio	Current Assets Current Liabilities	2.66:1	2.41:1	1.57:1	1.70:1
Quick Asset Ratio	<u>Cash + Liquid Debtors</u> Current Liabilities	2.55:1	2.31:1	1.48:1	1.58:1
Rate Coverage Ratio	<u>Rate Revenue</u> Operating Revenue	51.63%	50.46%	53.53%	60.12%
Outstanding Rate Debtors	<u>Rate Debtors</u> Rate Revenues	0.75%	0.94%	1.39%	1.19%
Expenditure per Capita	<u>Operating Expenditure</u> Population (13,887)	\$969.95	\$942.47	\$884.88	\$889.81
Grant Coverage Ratio	<u>Grant Revenue</u> Operating Revenue	26.13%	24.60%	28.59%	23.21%

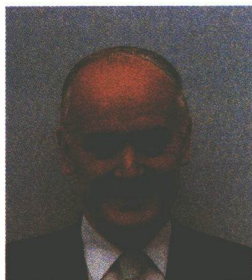
Whilst the information provided within this report highlights specific achievements during the year I would like to pay tribute to all Council staff for the effort they exhibit in ensuring that the every day services delivered to the community were done so in a timely and professional manner.



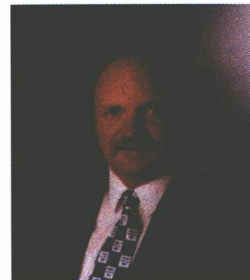
Paul West
GENERAL MANAGER

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COUNCILLORS



***Roger Chalk AM
Mayor***



***Kevin Hyland
Deputy Mayor***



***Gary Bramich
Councillor***



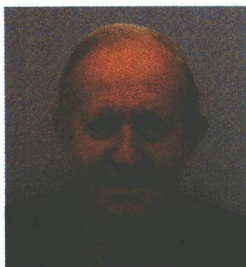
***Malcolm Fenton
Councillor***



***Colleen Dibley
Councillor***



***Darren Fairbrother
Councillor***



***W (Bill) French
Councillor***



***Alwyn Friedersdorff
Councillor***

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COUNCILLORS (continued)



David Moore
Councillor



A (Francis) Ransley OAM
Councillor

Section 72 (1) (cc) of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires Council to include in its Annual Report a statement of the attendance of each Councillor at meetings of Council and Council committees during the preceding financial year.

There were 12 Ordinary, 1 Special and 1 Annual General Meeting of Council conducted during the year and there were no meetings of Council committees.

The following table summarises the actual attendance by Councillors:

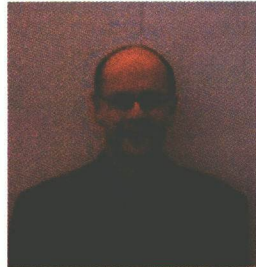
Councillor	Attendance	Councillor	Attendance
Mayor Chalk	12	Cr French	13
Cr Bramich	13	Cr Friedersdorff	13
Cr Dibley	14	Cr Hyland	14
Cr Fairbrother	14	Cr Moore	14
Cr Fenton	14	Cr Ransley	11

Section 72 (1) (cb) of the *Act* requires that a statement of the total allowances and expenses paid to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors be included within the Annual Report.

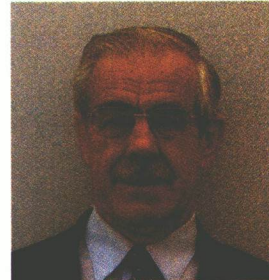
During the 2004/2005 financial year Council paid allowances and expenses to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors totalling \$114,897.05.

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SENIOR STAFF



Paul West
General Manager



John Stretton
Director Corporate Services



Gary Neil
Director Engineering Services



Paddy Kennedy
Director Development Services



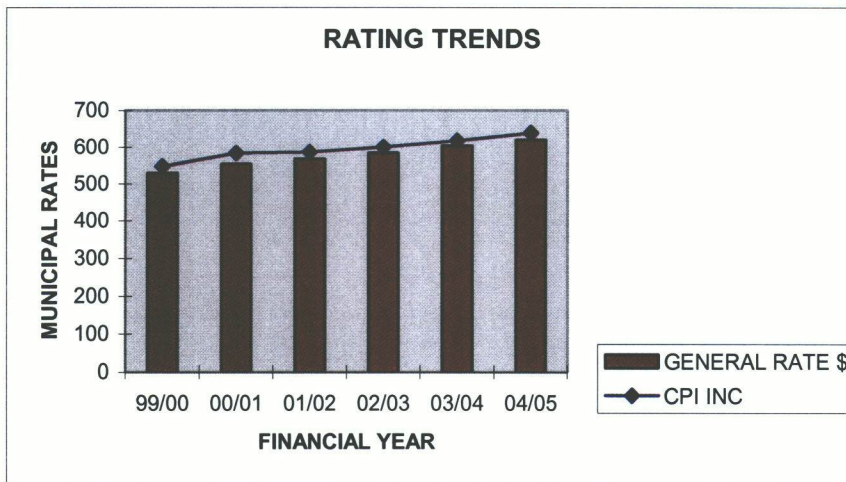
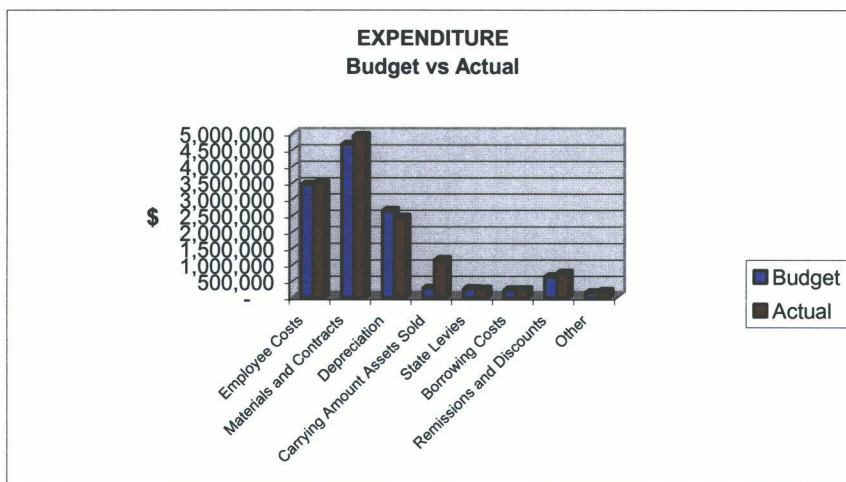
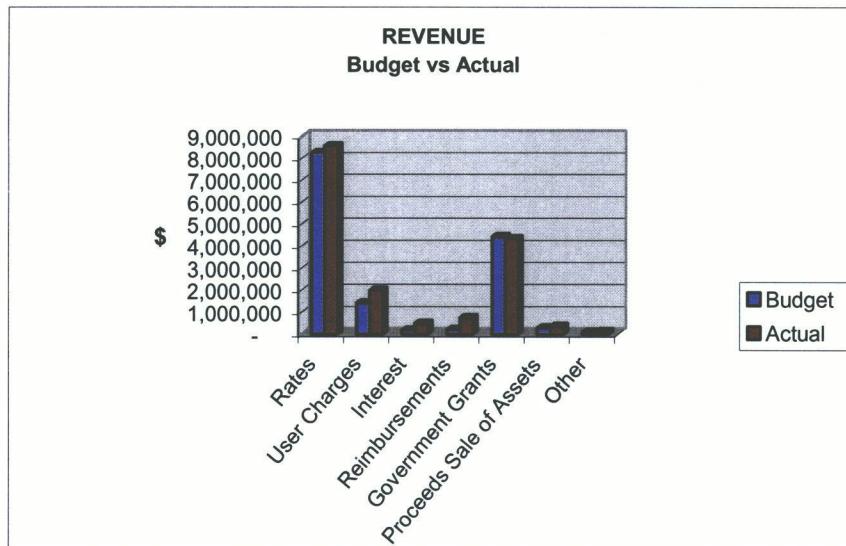
Lisa Dixon
Accountant

In accordance with Sections 72 (1) (cd), 72 (4) and 72 (5) of the *Local Government Act 1993* Council is to include within its Annual Report a statement relating to the total annual remuneration paid to employees of the Council who hold positions designated by it as being senior positions. Total annual remuneration includes the salary paid, contributions to superannuation, value of the use of any motor vehicle and any other allowances or benefits paid.

Annual Remuneration	No. of Employees
125,000 – 145,000	1
105,000 – 125,000	
85,000 – 105,000	3
65,000 – 85,000	1

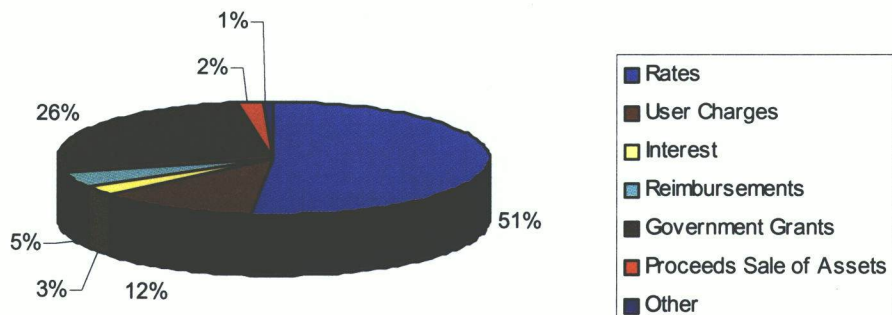
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PERFORMANCE TRENDS

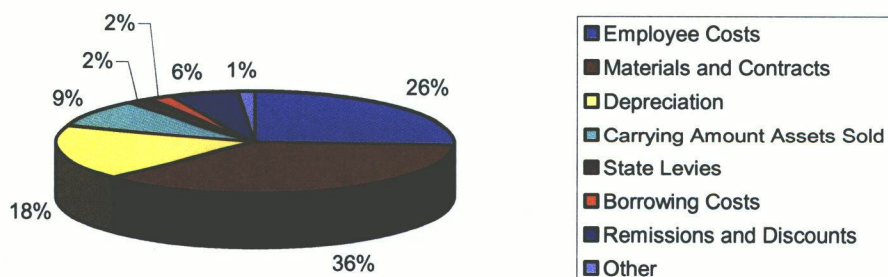


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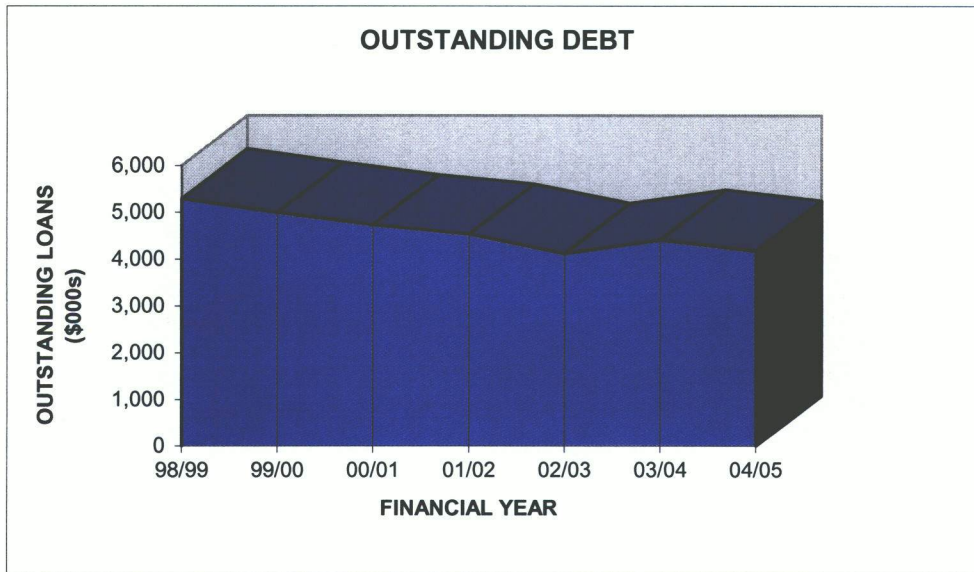
Where the money came from



... and where it went



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GOVERNANCE

Council

OBJECTIVES

To provide leadership and good local governance to the Waratah-Wynyard community, operating within the legislative framework established for local government in Tasmania.

PROJECT/ACTIVITY

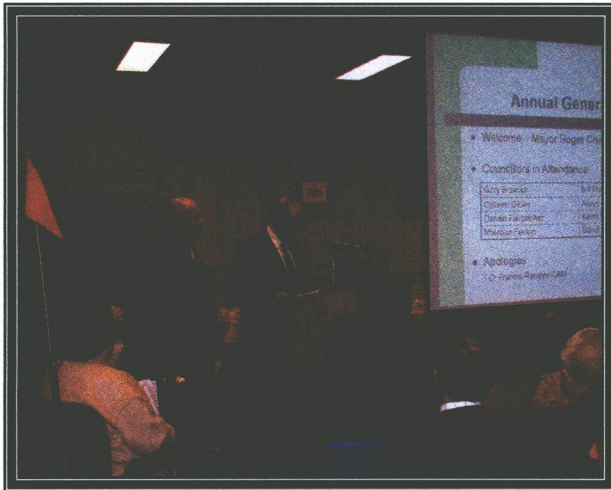
 Achieved	 In Progress	 Ongoing	 Not Achieved
Conduct 12 ordinary Council meetings for the year and one annual general meeting.			
Conduct Special Meetings of Council when necessary. Hold regular Group Discussions to assist Councillors in developing policies and procedures.			
Identify professional development opportunities including attendance at conferences and seminars that assist Councillors in fulfilling their roles.			 
Review the Strategic Plan for the development and management of the municipal area.			 
Pursue economic development and expansion opportunities that will be beneficial to the community.			
Encourage targeted development by promotion and incentive.			
Monitor, lobby and facilitate for retention and enhancement of health and medical services.			
Review usage of Council Reserves and Buildings in the context of the report of Council's Reserves Working Party.			
Undertake general revaluation of municipal area for rating purposes.			

OVERVIEW

On 7 October 2004 Council held its Annual General Meeting in the Council Chamber as part of an evening of civic celebration. As a result the Annual Report for 2003/04 was presented to an attendance of 160 people.

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The event was held as part of the town's Bloomin' Tulips Festival and provided an opportunity for Council to highlight its achievements as well as provide local groups with an arena in which to promote activities and showcase their cultural, artistic and musical talents to the community.



Annual General Meeting Presentation 2004.



History of Wynyard – A Pictorial Presentation.

Council conducted 12 Ordinary and 1 Special Meeting for the year, at which a total of 396 business items was considered.

At the local Australia Day 2005 ceremony, the Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Darrell Wilson in recognition of his contributions to the Wynyard Historical Society, Wynyard Probus Club and Spencer Park Homes Inc. and the Young Citizen Award went to Matthew Lehtinen for his contribution to the Wynyard Online Access Centre as a local youth representative on the initial steering committee and subsequently as a continuing management committee member and volunteer.

The Wynyard Agricultural and Pastoral Society received the Community Event of the Year for their 2004 Annual Agricultural Show.

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CORPORATE SERVICES

Administration

OBJECTIVE

To provide administrative services that are responsive and efficient in assisting the Council to undertake its functions and which create a cooperative link between the Council and the community.

PROJECT / ACTIVITY

 Achieved	 In Progress	 Ongoing	 Not Achieved
To produce Council and Committee meeting notices, agendas, minutes and correspondence in a timely manner and compliant with relevant legislation.			
To provide consistent and complete organisation of meetings.			
To maintain currency of Council's website.			
To develop and implement appropriate risk management strategies.			

OVERVIEW

The administrative aspects of Council's meetings held during the year were routinely completed without incident.

The Council's website was transferred to a new internet site and utilises a hosting service shared by many local government authorities throughout Tasmania, South Australia, the Northern Territory and, to a lesser extent, Victoria. The content management has been handled completely by Council staff, which has afforded instantaneous posting of material and a wider range of coverage. Usage statistics confirm that the site is receiving significantly wider exposure than the one it replaced.

Following the appointment last year of a Risk Management Officer, Council established a working group that has during the year steadily introduced improved risk management practices. The result is demonstrated by Council receiving at the 2005 Local Government Conference, the Civic Mutual Plus Award for the year as a consequence of improving its ranking in this area from 23rd in the state last year to 6th this year.

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Staff with Risk Management Award trophy.

Financial Services

OBJECTIVE

To provide responsible and accountable control of Council's financial resources and to create a co-operative link between the Council and the community.

PROJECT / ACTIVITY

 Achieved	 In Progress	 Ongoing	 Not Achieved
Prepare 2005/06 Budget Estimates, Capital Works Program, Annual Plan and set rates by 30 June 2005.			
Prepare for Council consideration an ongoing Financial Strategy incorporating policies relating to debt, future borrowing and rating.			
Ensure financial reporting is clear, meaningful, timely and meets the needs of elected members, management and operational staff of Council.			 
Implementation of an Executive Information System (Power EIS) to assist financial reporting.			
Introduce further efficiencies within Council through the use of electronic technologies.			
Implementation of debt collection policies and procedures.			 

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OVERVIEW

The provision of financial services for Council has been successfully achieved during the year with most targets set being met. The finalisation of the 2005/06 budget was slightly delayed due to the late receipt of the municipal wide revaluation data. The implementation of an executive information system was again deferred pending the outcome of the review of Council's financial computer systems.

With the introduction of International Financial Reporting Standards taking effect from 1 July 2005, it was necessary to revalue Council's road assets to fair value by 30 June 2005. In conjunction with Engineering Services staff this large task was successfully completed on time.










Children and Youth Services

OBJECTIVE

To efficiently and effectively deliver a range of children and youth programs that meet community aspirations and needs and to encourage the creation of additional programs to meet newly identified needs.

PROJECT / ACTIVITY

 Achieved	 In Progress	 Ongoing	 Not Achieved
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Operate efficient and effective Child Care Centres in Wynyard and Waratah.	
Effectively conduct an Annex at Wynyard Community Centre to support Wynyard Child Care Centre.	
Effectively conduct After School Hours and Vacation Care programs in Wynyard and Somerset as required.	 
Develop a Special Advisory Committee to provide guidance and support for the delivery of Children Services to the community.	
Conduct a "Learn to Swim" campaign during the Christmas/New Year school vacation period.	
Sponsor youth support programs.	
Partner with others in the Junior Sports Development Pilot Project.	
Provide financial support for retention of young people in education.	

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OVERVIEW

During the year the Wynyard and Waratah Child Care Centres were re-licensed and because of new guidelines, were approved for total places of 73 in Wynyard and 15 in Waratah. The National Childcare Accreditation Council reaccredited the Wynyard centre at its highest level and it is very pleasing to record that the parent survey rated service levels at the Centre at "Good Quality" or "High Quality" in all ten principles, which is testimony to the quality of care provided.

Council received the "Learning Together Award 2004 for Education Excellence" from Education Minister Paula Wriedt in recognition of its achievement in amalgamating all of children's services to provide high quality care from birth to 12 years.

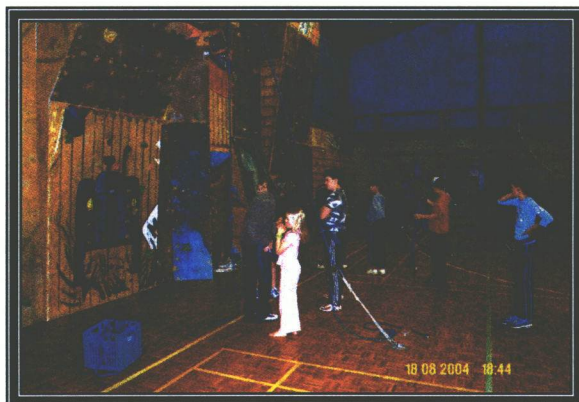
After School Hours Care programs were successfully run in Wynyard and Somerset and in February 2005 a new service at Boat Harbour Primary School came on board.

Council put in place the administrative mechanism for a new policy-based Children's Services Advisory Committee, but difficulty in attracting user representative nominations has delayed implementation of the Committee.

In January 2004, Council, in conjunction with co-sponsors Skilled Engineering Ltd. and Sport and Recreation Tasmania, initiated the Skilled Wynyard Junior Sports Development Project, which involved a project officer working with Grade 5/6 students from local pilot schools and volunteers from local sport and recreation clubs to encourage the students to become involved in new sport and recreation opportunities.

The project received state and national recognition, winning the inaugural Premier's Physical Activity Council Active Towns Award, the Junior Sport Award at the Australian Sports Commission Ausport Awards and the Premier's Physical Activity Award and the Minister's Award at the 2005 Sport and Recreation Industry Awards for Excellence.

As part of its initiative to encourage young people to remain in education, Council participated in the University of Tasmania's West North-West Bursary Program and provided a \$2,500 bursary, which was awarded to Lewis Newman of Wynyard who is studying for a Bachelor of Health Science/ Applied Science in Medical Imaging.



Skilled Wynyard Junior Sports Development Project in action.

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Other Community Services

OBJECTIVE

To deliver efficiently and effectively a range of programs that meet community aspirations and needs and to encourage creation of additional programs to meet newly identified needs.

PROJECT / ACTIVITY

✓ Achieved	🔄 In Progress	▶ Ongoing	✗ Not Achieved
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Explore options available for the future ownership of the Waratah units.



To support and maintain the building occupied by the Wynyard Senior Citizens Club.



OVERVIEW

Council has continued to support senior citizen activities by maintaining the Wynyard clubrooms in Jackson Street. Council will continue to review its involvement in public housing in Waratah.



Wynyard Senior Citizens Club.















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Tourism

OBJECTIVE

To investigate, develop and implement strategies for public promotion of the Waratah-Wynyard district to maximise economic benefit through tourism.

PROJECT / ACTIVITY

 Achieved	 In Progress	 Ongoing	 Not Achieved
Endorse and support a local tourism development plan.			
Encourage development of tourism opportunities including eco-based pursuits.			
Facilitate accommodation and dining options to meet market demands.			
Support development of Bloomin' Tulips Festival.			
To provide continued financial and administrative support to the Wynyard Visitor Information Centre.			
Establish the Waratah-Wynyard Visitor Exhibition Centre (subject to grant fund availability).			
Relocate, protect and promote the Kenworthy Stamper Mill as a visitor attraction in Waratah.			
Progress the establishment of Table Cape Lighthouse as a visitor attraction.			

OVERVIEW

During the year both the State and Commonwealth Governments announced funding support for the "Wonders of Wynyard" Exhibition Centre, the latter through the auspices of the Sustainable Regions program and on the recommendation of the Cradle Coast Authority.

As a result tenders were called for construction of the Centre, work commenced on site in early May 2005 and the building is expected to be completed towards the end of October 2005.

Through the efforts of volunteers, further progress has been made in dismantling and storing the Kenworthy Stamper Mill for re-erection in a purpose built building adjacent to the Athenaeum Hall in Waratah.

Further progress has also been made on the project to open the Table Cape Lighthouse to public tours, with architects completing working drawings which are currently being assessed by heritage authorities in view of the historic importance and significance of the structure.

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Promotion of the area has been achieved by participating in Cradle Coast Authority's stand at Agfest. Inter and intra state TV audiences have been reached through the featuring of local attractions on the travel Show 'All You Need'. A five minute promotional DVD of the area has also been produced.



Wonders of Wynyard Exhibition Centre construction at 30 June 2005.



Commencement of dismantling of Kenworthy Stamper Mill – Waratah.

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Public Halls

OBJECTIVE

To provide places of assembly for public and private use to meet the reasonable needs of the community.

PROJECT / ACTIVITY

 Achieved	 In Progress	 Ongoing	 Not Achieved
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Wynyard Railway Institute Hall. Supply Furniture and painting.



Undertake window replacement and exterior painting at Somerset Surf Club.



OVERVIEW

Renovation of the former Railway Institute Hall continued during the year under the guidance of a Council appointed Steering Committee. Council continues to maintain a number of public halls for community purposes. In 2001 Council determined to close the Athenaeum Hall in Waratah due to it not being of a sufficient standard to allow it to be licenced as a 'Place of Assembly'. Since that time there has been concern and mounting pressure within the community for the building to be restored and returned to public use.

Tasmanian author Nic Haygarth has promoted a tourism project whereby a Tasmanian Mining and Prospecting Hall of Fame be developed and housed in the Athenaeum Hall. Council at its meeting on 21 February 2005 agreed 'in principle' to the establishment of a Working Party made up of interested parties to assess the economic benefits of such a proposal and the financial costs of achieving them.

A structural and building code compliance assessment report was prepared by engineering consultants GH&D and has been referred to the Working Party for consideration.



Wynyard Railway Institute Hall upgrade nearing completion.





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Emergency Services

OBJECTIVE

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

PROJECT / ACTIVITY

 Achieved	 In Progress	 Ongoing	 Not Achieved
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Provide administrative and financial support for volunteer emergency service units at Wynyard and Waratah.



Purchase of Chainsaw, Generator and hand-held radio.



OVERVIEW

Council has continued to support the State Emergency Units at Wynyard and Waratah during the year.

Current unit membership numbers are twelve at Wynyard and nine at Waratah, which is a reflection on the increasing difficulty of attracting and retaining volunteers as a consequence of higher competency based training demands placed on individuals. Liability issues have led to the need for all those involved in emergency service assistance to the community to be properly qualified and trained in the fields to which they are exposed.

During the year Council entered into a partnership agreement with the State Emergency Service that provided a formal basis for sharing the responsibility of resourcing local units.

Council has pursued the development of a Municipal Recovery Plan aimed at meeting the community's needs in the wake of emergency incidents. A draft recovery plan is nearing completion and a Council officer has been appointed as Local Recovery Coordinator and has begun recovery management training through Emergency Management Australia.










Community Development

OBJECTIVE

To promote community awareness of and participation in local social, recreational and cultural activities and services.

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PROJECT / ACTIVITY

 Achieved	 In Progress	 Ongoing	 Not Achieved
Provide a financial and in-kind assistance grants scheme for local community groups.			
Maintain contact with local artistic and cultural organizations and provide advice where requested.			 
To seek appropriate funding including external grants to support programs to meet community needs.			 

OVERVIEW

Financial support was provided to a cross section of 36 Community groups from across the municipal area. Funds were remitted on evidence of expenditure/quotes being provided to Council.

Advice and support has been provided to Women of the World and Jan Marinos to undertake arts projects in the community. Council has auspiced grants (Women Tasmania) on behalf of both projects.

"Ten Days on the Island" activities were also supported in Wynyard with the Far Flung Flicks Show and Highway 1#2 public art installation beside the Post Office.



Highway 1#2 art installation in Goldie Street.

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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Animal Control

OBJECTIVE

To promote responsible dog ownership in a manner that fully recognizes and respects the rights of dog owners and others in the community.

PROJECT / ACTIVITY

 Achieved	 In Progress	 Ongoing	 Not Achieved
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Maintenance of Dog Management Policy.



Implement legislative control when required.



To provide education for dog owners as to responsibilities as required.



OVERVIEW

During the year 2,242 dogs were registered. There were 161 dogs impounded of which 100 were reclaimed, 32 were euthanised with the remainder being adopted. 23 licences to keep several dogs were issued. 4 infringement notices were issued for offences under the Act with legal action being prosecuted in 2 cases for offences under the Act.

In accordance with the Dog Management Policy the beach areas of Sisters Beach, Boat Harbour, East Wynyard and Somerset were closed to dog entry between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm from 1 December until 28 February with the areas being randomly patrolled to ensure compliance.

Dog education sessions were held at the local Primary Schools to highlight responsible ownership and management of dogs.





Building Control

OBJECTIVE

To determine building applications and conduct inspections of construction progress to achieve housing, commercial, and industrial building in the municipal area that is safe and compliant with legislative requirements.

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PROJECT / ACTIVITY

 Achieved	 In Progress	 Ongoing	 Not Achieved
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Process building applications as expeditiously as possible.



Apply building legislation.



OVERVIEW

Except where approvals from other Statutory Agencies were required, all building permits applied for over this period and accompanied by full documentation were issued within an average of 3.3 days of lodgement of the application.

219 permits were issued for buildings with a total value of \$18,715,961 including 77 dwellings valued at \$12,489,954.

A 24-unit development was approved for Boat Harbour Beach valued at \$4,773,596.





These figures represent an ongoing robust building and investment market over this period, with an upward trend in the number of new dwelling starts from 61 in 2003/2004 to 71 this year and a similar reflection in the value of the developments.

Environmental Health Services

OBJECTIVE

To provide for the community an environment free of health threatening risks particularly relating to air, water and food and to encourage and support healthy lifestyles.

PROJECT / ACTIVITY

 Achieved	 In Progress	 Ongoing	 Not Achieved
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Determine acceptable and achievable levels of environmental and public health by ongoing 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 potable water supplies are safe for human consumption.



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.



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OVERVIEW

101 Food Premises were registered during the year and 48 Temporary Food Licences were also issued.

During inspection and audits of food premises advice was given on appropriate handling practices and relevant changes to legislation with 167 recommendations being worked through with the operators.

29 Places of Assembly were registered with 4 Public Health Risk Premises, (eg ear piercing), being registered under the Act. 6 Regulated Systems, (eg cooling towers), were registered with 6 Private Water Suppliers being maintained on Council registers. 14 notifiable disease investigations were carried out and appropriate advice given to affected persons.

Sampling of recreational waters for bacterial levels was carried out over the summer period on a weekly basis. Sample points are located at the main bathing beaches of Sisters Beach, Boat Harbour Beach, Wynyard and Somerset. Results indicate compliance with the guidelines for recreational waters in all locations except Sisters Beach where elevated bacterial levels at the mouth of Sisters Creek necessitate the continued signposting of this location to advise the public of the pollution levels. It is envisaged that the completion of current sewerage works in this settlement will reduce the bacterial levels experienced at this location.

Monthly immunisation sessions were held at Wynyard with bi-monthly sessions being held at Waratah. A total of 578 vaccinations were administered, with school based Hepatitis B vaccinations being offered at the two High Schools in the area. Data from the National Childhood Immunisation Register continues to indicate high levels of children in the municipal area as having completed their primary vaccinations.

Potable waters from Cradle Coast Water and Council's systems at Yolla and Waratah were sampled throughout the year in accordance with the Guidelines for Drinking Water Quality. The level of compliance with the Guidelines is viewed as satisfactory with only one boil water notice being issued in respect of a minor plant malfunction at Waratah.





Town Planning

OBJECTIVE

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

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PROJECT / ACTIVITY

 Achieved	 In Progress	 Ongoing	 Not Achieved
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Review Planning Scheme for contemporaneity.



Process planning applications and requests for information in an efficient and timely manner.



Maintain a review of actual development approval timeframes to identify process change that potentially could reduce future approval timeframes.



Maintain progress towards integration and streamlining of approval processes.



OVERVIEW

242 development applications were submitted to Council with 207 being approved under delegation and 18 being approved by Council. Council refused 4 applications and the applicants withdrew a total of 8 applications. There were 5 applications pending a decision.

25 subdivision applications were submitted with 15 being approved under delegation and 3 being approved by Council. Council refused 6 applications with 1 application being withdrawn by the applicants.

A total of 6 planning appeals were lodged against Council determinations with 1 being withdrawn by the applicants, 2 appeals pending a determination through the appeal process, 2 were resolved through mediation and there was 1 unsuccessful appeal against Council.

A total of 5 Section 64 proceedings under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* were lodged including 4 initiated by Council and 1 against it. Council successfully defended the action taken against it and the other 4 matters are still pending.

The level of applications reflects robust economic activity within the municipal area. A decrease in development application numbers over last year is partly reflective of improved integration of planning and building control processes to streamline applications by incorporating further exemption provisions into the Waratah-Wynyard Planning Scheme 2000 which exempt works of a minor nature from the burden of requiring a planning permit.

Environmental Services

OBJECTIVE

To ensure that private and Council controlled land within the municipal area does not present a fire or weed threat to adjoining land.

To ensure the objectives of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994* are carried out to prevent or mitigate pollution within the municipal area.

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PROJECT / ACTIVITY

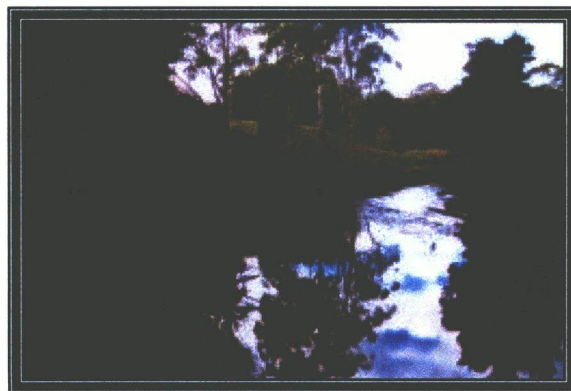
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Develop a natural resource inventory.	✗
To initiate timely action where necessary to achieve removal of potential fire hazards on private land.	✓
To support the Waratah-Wynyard Weed Management Strategy.	▶
To implement a monitoring program for control of willows within local river catchments.	✓ ▶
To investigate and take action on issues relating to pollution.	▶
Promotion of local natural resources.	✗

OVERVIEW

102 fire abatement notices were served with the majority of property owners affecting a clean up of the overgrowth. Council carried out an abatement of overgrowth on 26 properties and recovered costs from the landholders. This is consistent with previous years and may in the future expand depending on the uptake of subdivided land in the area.

The weed management strategy continues to be actively pursued with significant success in the control of ragwort, pampas grass and crack willow. An active programme of crack willow regrowth has been carried out with good success along waterways in the catchment. This programme is ongoing and will again be organised to pursue eradication of this weed.



Crack willow removal program.

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ENGINEERING SERVICES

Engineering Support Services

OBJECTIVE

To provide engineering services that facilitate efficient and cost effective completion of Council's asset management and capital works programmes and to maintain Council's built assets at an appropriate standard that complies with legislative requirements.

PROJECT / ACTIVITY

 Achieved	 In Progress	 Ongoing	 Not Achieved
Upgrade Wynyard Depot office block/staff amenities.			
Prepare an Integrated Asset Management Plan.			
Formalise Council's public request response system.			
Develop an operational policy including service level targets for Council's infrastructure assets.			
Undertake surveys of Council buildings as required.			

OVERVIEW

A significant quantity of capital works was undertaken during the year, with the Sisters Beach Sewerage scheme being the major challenge.

The continued development of the customer response system and service level documents is assisting the development of asset management systems, which will aid in the better management of the Council's infrastructure assets.

Building condition assessments have been carried out and a comprehensive forward program was developed.

The completion of the new office / amenities building at the Council depot has provided staff with a modern and functional work place.



New Depot building facilities.





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Solid Waste Management

OBJECTIVE

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

PROJECT / ACTIVITY

 Achieved	 In Progress	 Ongoing	 Not Achieved
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To ensure the effective collection and disposal of litter from streets and public reserves.



OVERVIEW

The transfer stations at Waratah and Wynyard have operated effectively over the past year.

An increase in refuse disposal was noted at the Wynyard facility and this is most likely related to the increase in building and renovation activity in the area.





There has been an increase in the quantity of recyclable materials recovered and it is anticipated that this aspect of the site operations will continue to improve.

Household Waste

OBJECTIVE

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

PROJECT / ACTIVITY

 Achieved	 In Progress	 Ongoing	 Not Achieved
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Ensure the efficient collection and disposal of household garbage.



Review waste management practices in developing an overall strategy for the municipal area.



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OVERVIEW

The kerb-side collection services operated effectively during the year.





Preliminary work has commenced on the development of a waste management strategy for Council.

Cemetery Operations

OBJECTIVE

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

PROJECT / ACTIVITY

 Achieved	 In Progress	 Ongoing	 Not Achieved
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Maintain cemeteries to an acceptable standard for the public.



OVERVIEW

During the year a total of 57 interments occurred in cemeteries under Council's control and there were 9 ashes placements in the memorial wall at the Wynyard Lawn Cemetery.

Public Conveniences

OBJECTIVE





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



New Somerset Toilets.

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PROJECT / ACTIVITY

 Achieved	 In Progress	 Ongoing	 Not Achieved
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Maintenance of public toilet facilities throughout the municipal area. 

Construct new public toilet facility in Somerset central business district. 

Construct new public toilet facility in Wynyard in Saunders Street car park. 

OVERVIEW

New toilet facilities have been constructed in Wynyard and Somerset with the old structures being demolished.



Servicing of all public conveniences has occurred on a regular basis throughout the year.

Roads

OBJECTIVE

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

PROJECT / ACTIVITY

 Achieved	 In Progress	 Ongoing	 Not Achieved
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Maintenance of Council's road network in a safe and presentable condition. 

Reconstruction and sealing of Port Road, Boat Harbour Beach. 

Stage 1 of Goldie Street Improvement Program. 

Surfacing without sealing of Coalmine Road, Petersons Lane and sections of Deaytons Lane, Deep Creek Road, Rulla Road, Lyons Road, West Takone Road and Beatties Road. 

Resealing of roads and streets as required. 

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✓ Achieved	🔄 In Progress	🚧 Ongoing	✗ Not Achieved
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Repair guardrails on Old Bass Highway bridge over Camp Creek.	✓
Reconstruct kerb crossings for wheelchair and pram access as required.	✓
Improvements to intersection of Seabrook Road and Village Lane (subject to Government Black Spot Grant).	✗
Improvements to intersection of Seabrook Road and Coopers Lane (subject to Government Black Spot Grant).	✗
Replace bridge on Guildford Road over Hellyer River (subject to private heavy vehicle user contribution).	✗
Replace bridge on Austins Road over Sisters Creek.	✓

OVERVIEW

The maintenance programs for the year were completed as were the majority of capital works projects.

The upgrade of Port Road was the major project undertaken during the year.

Progress has been made on the Goldie Street improvement program, with a concept plan for the street upgrade developed by a community project team. Implementation of the first stages of the project will occur during the 2005/06 financial year.



Port Road, Boat Harbour upgrade.



Councillors at on-site inspection.

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Parks and Reserves

OBJECTIVE

To maintain the existing network of public parks and reserves 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.

PROJECT / ACTIVITY

✓ Achieved	🔄 In Progress	▶ Ongoing	✗ Not Achieved
Maintain reserves in a safe and presentable condition in conformity with Council policy.		▶	
Upgrade Wynyard Wharf support structure.			✓
Completion of the Inglis River Walkway including construction of a pedestrian bridge over the Inglis River at Bass Highway, Flowerdale.			✓
Replace foreshore playground equipment at East Wynyard and Anzac Park, Somerset.			✓
Progress development of former BP site – Goldie Street for passive recreation purposes.			✗
Construct seating on foreshore at Somerset.			✓
Install bollards to control traffic at Cam River Reserve.			✓
Replace litter bins in reserves.			✓



Upgrade of Wynyard Wharf substructure.

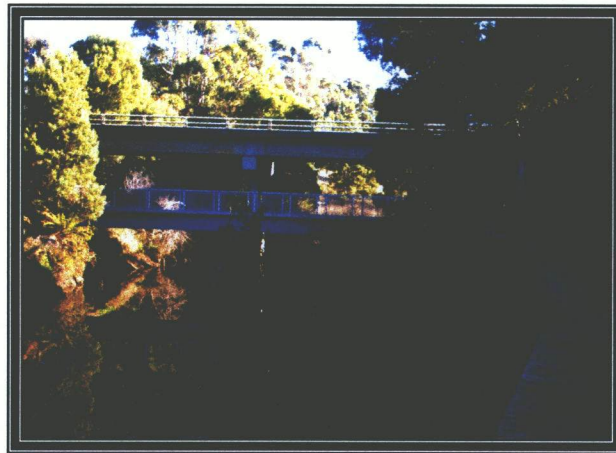
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OVERVIEW

Improvement works occurred in most of the Council parks and maintenance programs were satisfactorily implemented during the year.

The upgrading of the substructure of the Wynyard Wharf was carried out.

The completion of the Inglis River walking track and provision of a pedestrian footbridge over the Inglis River was achieved.



New Inglis River walkway and pedestrian footbridge.

Sporting Facilities

OBJECTIVE

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

PROJECT / ACTIVITY

 Achieved	 In Progress	 Ongoing	 Not Achieved
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Maintain sporting facilities in a safe and presentable condition in conformity with Council policy.



Install skylights in the Somerset Indoor Recreation Centre.



OVERVIEW

The various sports grounds have been maintained at a satisfactory condition over the past 12 months. Regular inspection regimes have been implemented to ensure the grounds were suitable for use by the various sporting bodies.

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Special Committees continue to manage the operation of the Somerset and Wynyard Sports Centres.

Following the resignation of the former cleaner/kiosk operators, the Somerset Amateur Basketball Association was awarded the contract for this service at the Somerset Indoor Recreation Centre.








The skylights at the Somerset Recreation Centre were replaced where necessary with and others being cleaned and appropriately restored.

Treated Water

OBJECTIVE

To provide reliable potable water supplies to the towns of Wynyard, Somerset and Yolla in accordance with Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

PROJECT / ACTIVITY

 Achieved	 In Progress	 Ongoing	 Not Achieved
Maintain reticulation system within budgetary allocation and minimise interruption to supply.			
Monitor and measure public water supplies against legislative standards.			
Overcome mains pressure fluctuation in Reservoir Drive area.			

OVERVIEW

The quality of the reticulated water delivered to residents has complied with the Australian Drinking Water guidelines.

The mains pressure fluctuation in Reservoir Drive has been investigated with Cradle Coast water providing technical expertise. A solution to the issue is being implemented.


Chlorinated Water Supply

OBJECTIVE

To provide a potable water supply to properties connected to the reticulation scheme at Waratah in accordance with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

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PROJECT / ACTIVITY

 Achieved	 In Progress	 Ongoing	 Not Achieved
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Monitor and measure public water supplies against legislative standards.



OVERVIEW

The quality of the reticulated water delivered to residents complied with the drinking water guidelines, with the exception of two tests.

A malfunction of the chlorine dosing system was the cause of the failures and this issue has been rectified.

Wynyard Sewerage

OBJECTIVE

To cost effectively operate and maintain an efficient sewerage scheme in Wynyard in accordance with licensing requirements and the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994*.

PROJECT / ACTIVITY

 Achieved	 In Progress	 Ongoing	 Not Achieved
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Maintain reticulation and treatment system within budgetary allocation.



Measurement of discharge waters for compliance with legislative standards.



Investigate upgrade of the wastewater treatment plant to meet emission guidelines for sewage treatment plants.



Improvements to rising main at East Wynyard.



OVERVIEW

Replacement of sections of the rising main to the East Wynyard treatment plant was completed.

Consultants were engaged to conduct an assessment of the upgrade requirements for the East Wynyard plant and the report provided will now form the basis for future improvement works.

Effluent discharge from the plant was regularly monitored in accordance with DPIWE license conditions.










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Somerset Sewerage

OBJECTIVE

To cost effectively operate and maintain an efficient sewerage scheme in Somerset in accordance with licensing requirements and the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994*.

PROJECT / ACTIVITY

 Achieved	 In Progress	 Ongoing	 Not Achieved
Maintain reticulation and treatment system within budgetary allocation.			
Measurement of discharge waters for compliance with legislative standards.			
Investigate upgrade of the wastewater treatment plant to meet emission guidelines for sewage treatment plants.			
Replacement of existing sewer in Lyons Street (Goat Track).			

OVERVIEW

Effluent discharge from the plant was regularly monitored in accordance with DPIWE license conditions.

The sewer line in Lyons Street was replaced.

The review work conducted for the upgrade requirements for the East Wynyard plant will assist in identifying improvement needs for the Somerset plant.

Waratah Sewerage

OBJECTIVE

To cost effectively operate and maintain an efficient sewerage scheme in Waratah in accordance with the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994*.

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PROJECT / ACTIVITY

 Achieved	 In Progress	 Ongoing	 Not Achieved
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Maintain reticulation and treatment system within budgetary allocation.



Measurement of discharge waters for compliance with legislative standards.



OVERVIEW

The scheme operated without incident during the year.

Boat Harbour Sewerage

OBJECTIVE

To cost effectively operate and maintain an efficient sewerage scheme at Boat Harbour Beach in accordance with licensing requirements and the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994*.

PROJECT / ACTIVITY

 Achieved	 In Progress	 Ongoing	 Not Achieved
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Maintain reticulation and treatment system within budgetary allocation.



Measurement of discharge waters for compliance with legislative standards.



OVERVIEW

The facility is being operated by the project contractor as part of the commissioning of the scheme. The scheme operated without incident during the year.

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Sisters Beach Sewerage

OBJECTIVE

To cost effectively develop, operate and maintain an efficient sewerage scheme at Sisters Beach in accordance with licensing requirements and the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994*.

PROJECT / ACTIVITY

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To maintain progress on construction of the sewerage scheme that will realistically permit completion prior to 30 June 2005 and Council access to the balance of Commonwealth Grant funding for this project.



OVERVIEW

The project was practically completed and property owners were formally advised to connect to the scheme prior to 30 June.



Treatment Plant and Control Building.




Wynyard Drainage

OBJECTIVE

To adequately discharge Council's responsibilities in relation to stormwater drainage within the Wynyard Drainage District.

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PROJECT / ACTIVITY

 Achieved	 In Progress	 Ongoing	 Not Achieved
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Maintain the reticulation system within budget.



OVERVIEW

Routine maintenance work occurred throughout the year.

Somerset Drainage

OBJECTIVE

To adequately discharge Council's responsibilities in relation to stormwater drainage within the Somerset Drainage District.

PROJECT / ACTIVITY

 Achieved	 In Progress	 Ongoing	 Not Achieved
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Maintain the reticulation system within budget.



Construct scheme improvements in Cardigan Street



OVERVIEW

Routine maintenance work occurred throughout the year.
Drainage improvement works were completed in Cardigan Street.

Contract Works

OBJECTIVE

To ensure that any contract works undertaken by Council are conducted efficiently, cost effectively and in the best interest of the overall community.

OPERATIONAL OVERVIEW

When requested, Council does undertake certain categories of construction or maintenance work on a commercial basis, utilising Council plant and equipment.

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OTHER STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Legislative and Policy Framework

The *Local Government Act 1993* provides that specific items are to be recorded with the Council's Annual Report.

77. Grants and benefits

- (2) The details of any grant made or benefit provided are to be included in the annual report of the council.

Organisation	Reason	Paid
Somerset Soccer Club	Community Assistance Grant	1,000
Wynyard Bowls Club	Community Assistance Grant	750
Wynyard Cricket Club	Community Assistance Grant	800
Wynyard Mini League	Community Assistance Grant	1,000
Wynyard Yacht Club	Community Assistance Grant	394
Yolla Football Club	Community Assistance Grant	500
Guides Australia – Wynyard Unit	Community Assistance Grant	500
Hellyer College	Community Assistance Grant	250
Somerset Guides Support Group	Community Assistance Grant	300
Somerset Puddleduck Playcentre	Community Assistance Grant	1,000
Waratah Primary School	Community Assistance Grant	100
Wynyard Leo Club	Community Assistance Grant	210
Wynyard Online Access Centre	Community Assistance Grant	200
Yolla District High School	Community Assistance Grant	300
Lions Club of Wynyard – Christmas Parade	Community Assistance Grant	500
Somerset Pageant Committee	Community Assistance Grant	500
Women of the World	Community Assistance Grant	332
Wynyard Garden Club	Community Assistance Grant	700
Wynyard Municipal Band	Community Assistance Grant	2,750
Cam-Somerset Neighbourhood Watch	Community Assistance Grant	100
Central Wynyard Neighbourhood Watch	Community Assistance Grant	100
Somerset Safety House Committee	Community Assistance Grant	300
Elliot District Association	Community Assistance Grant	200
Preolenna Mothers Group of TCA	Community Assistance Grant	450
Yolla Memorial Hall Committee	Community Assistance Grant	1,600
Australian Breastfeeding Association – Wynyard	Community Assistance Grant	176
Wynyard Carers Support Group	Community Assistance Grant	135
Coast FM Inc	Community Assistance Grant	750
Waratah Heritage and Progress Association	Community Assistance Grant	1,000
Wynyard Visitor Information Centre	Community Assistance Grant	3,436
Equity Into Work	Community Assistance Grant	2,000
Myrtle Park Homes Inc	Community Assistance Grant	850
Community Transport Services Inc.	Community Assistance Grant	500
Wynyard History Group	Community Assistance Grant	350
International Environmental Solutions	Tsunami Donation	14,000

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Organisation	Reason	Paid
<i>Vestas-Australia Wind Technologies</i>	<i>Rate Holiday</i>	15,890
<i>Gales Auto Service Pty Ltd</i>	<i>Rate Remission – 35 Goldie Street</i>	1,084
<i>RE Lohrey</i>	<i>Rate Remission</i>	89
<i>JB Cross</i>	<i>Conservation Covenant Rate Remission</i>	50
<i>GH & GH Sharman</i>	<i>Conservation Covenant Rate Remission</i>	80
<i>RD & ME Bradley</i>	<i>Conservation Covenant Rate Remission</i>	341
TOTAL		\$55,684

Water and Wastewater Charging

The view of the Government Pricing Oversight Commission on two-part tariff water and wastewater charging is that metered customers should pay a volumetric rate (part 1) equal to the long run marginal cost "LRMC" of the supply i.e. the cost of supplying an additional unit of output (e.g. litre of water) when capacity is variable (i.e. capacity can be increased to meet increased demand).

The fixed charge component (part 2) of a two-part tariff is to be independent of volume consumed and, to be efficient, is to be allocated across consumers so that each consumer's share of the fixed charge is less than his/her total benefit from water provision and does not influence his/her decision as to volume consumed.

It should be set to make up the shortfall between the revenue from marginal cost price charges and the revenue needed to cover total (average) costs.

Council bases the fixed charge component on connection size, which is not directly related to actual volume concerned but is directly related to a customer's potential demand for the water network, for example, capability to supply demand for fire fighting in an emergency situation.

Council's pricing for water and wastewater services is subject to reporting and review to assess the extent to which it is complying with obligations for cost recovery under the National Competition Policy water industry reform.

The guidelines for cost recovery are set out in the *Urban Water and Wastewater Pricing Guidelines* based on the ARMCANZ Guidelines developed as part of the Council of Australian Governments water reform process.

These Guidelines, which can be viewed on Council's website, establish Upper and Lower Limits for cost recovery.

The Lower Limit is the minimum level for business viability at which all operating costs are met, including a provision for asset refurbishment or replacement, but without allowing a return on capital other than interest costs incurred and dividends paid.

The Upper Limit is the maximum allowable revenue that avoids monopoly rents (i.e. excessive profits). This allows for an appropriate return on assets (currently assessed as 7 per cent real pre-tax), above which any excess returns are considered to be monopoly rents.

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The appropriate cost recovery under the Guidelines is achieved when revenue for the service lies between the Lower and Upper Limits.

The relevant reports for the 2004/05 financial year follow:

RATE OF RETURN REPORT - WATER

	\$'000		
Asset Valuation as at start of financial year	7,881		
Asset Valuation as at end of financial year	7,765		
Average asset valuation for year	7,823		

Cost Items	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Budget
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Operation and maintenance	246	246	315
Purchases of bulk water	1,049	1,049	1,091
Administration & overheads	262	262	195
Externalities	0	0	0
Taxes & Tax Equivalents (other than income tax)	2	2	0
Cost of asset consumption - Lower Limit	156		
Cost of asset consumption - Upper Limit		179	
Interest on debt	3		4
Dividends paid	0		0
Cost of capital		548	
TOTAL COST	1,718	2,285	1,605

Revenue Items	Actual	Budget
	\$'000	\$'000
Fixed rates & charges	1,360	1,322
Volume-based charges	559	455
Other fees & charges	13	13
Other revenue	0	0
CSO payments	33	37
Own use transfers	0	0
TOTAL REVENUE	1,965	1,827

Real rate of return on non-current assets

2.91%

Real rate of return = $\frac{\text{Earnings Before Interest and Income Tax}}{\text{Assets valued using DRC or DORC}}$

= $\frac{\text{Revenue} - (\text{O\&M, Bulk Water, A\&O, Externalities, Other Taxes, cost of Asset Consumption-Upper})}{\text{Assets valued using DRC or DORC}}$

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RATE OF RETURN REPORT – WASTE WATER

	\$'000		
Asset Valuation as at start of financial year	9,921		
Asset Valuation as at end of financial year	11,454		
Average asset valuation for year	10,688		

Cost Items	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Budget
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Operation and maintenance	1,168	1,168	649
Purchases of bulk water	0	0	0
Administration & overheads	183	183	164
Externalities	0	0	0
Taxes & Tax Equivalents (other than income tax)	2	2	0
Cost of asset consumption - Lower Limit	214		
Cost of asset consumption - Upper Limit		311	
Interest on debt	76		74
Dividends paid	0		0
Cost of capital		748	
TOTAL COST	1,643	2,412	887

Revenue Items	Actual	Budget
	\$'000	\$'000
Fixed rates & charges	1,141	1,128
Volume-based charges	0	0
Other fees & charges	147	103
Other revenue	693	1,000
CSO payments	0	0
Own use transfers	0	0
TOTAL REVENUE	1,981	2,232

Real rate of return on non-current assets

2.96%

Real rate of return = $\frac{\text{Earnings Before Interest and Income Tax}}{\text{Assets valued using DRC or DORC}}$

= $\frac{\text{Revenue} - (\text{O\&M, Bulk Water, A\&O, Externalities, Other Taxes, cost of Asset Consumption-Upper})}{\text{Assets valued using DRC or DORC}}$

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Tendering and Contracting

In accordance with part 3 of the Local Government (General Regulations) 2005 Council is to report within its annual report in relation to any contract for the supply or provision of goods or services valued at or above \$50,000 (excluding GST).

CONTRACT SCHEDULE - PURCHASES OVER \$50,000

Description	Period of Contract		Options for Extension	Contract Value	Invoiced 2004/05	Contractor	Business Address
	From	To					
Hire of Road Suction Sweeper	1/07/2004	30/06/2006		\$69/HR	100,480	DE & DR Dyke	PO Box 68, Penguin, 7316
Kerbside Recycling	1/02/2004	31/01/2011	01/02/11 - 31/01/13	680,918	97,274	Vincent Industries	PO Box 188, Wynyard, 7325
Waste Disposal - Transport	1/02/2004	31/01/2011	01/02/11 - 31/01/13	\$142.50/tonne	91,134	Vincent Industries	PO Box 188, Wynyard, 7326
Transfer Station Operation	1/02/2004	31/01/2001	01/02/11 - 31/01/13	484,750	69,250	Vincent Industries	PO Box 188, Wynyard, 7326
Household Garbage Collection	1/07/2000	30/06/2005	01/07/05 - 30/06/07	607,035	150,204	Kelly's Waste Management	77 Illoura Road, Burnie, 7320
Street Bins / Cleaning Public Toilets	1/01/2003	30/06/2006		374,500	109,627	Kelly's Waste Management	77 Illoura Road, Burnie, 7320
Roadside Slashing	1/07/2004	30/06/2006		\$80/HR	60,000	RW Flowers	PO Box 255, Smithton, 7330
Quarry Materials	1/07/2004	30/06/2006		Various/tonne	158,175	Brambles Industrial Services	PO Box 192, Clayfield, 4011
Gravel Crushing	1/03/2005			127,663		Fieldwicks Quarries	PO Box 131E, East Devonport, 7310
Truck Purchase	19/04/2005			184,631	183,531	Motors Pty Ltd	PO Box 412, Launceston, 7250
Truck Purchase	17/11/2004			117,493	117,493	Motors Pty Ltd	PO Box 412, Launceston, 7251
Truck Purchase	19/04/2005			132,518		Motors Pty Ltd	PO Box 412, Launceston, 7252
Wharf Upgrade	23/03/2005	30/06/2005		139,650	117,517	Dannor Engineering P/L	59 Broomhalls Road, Sisters Creek
Exhibition Centre - Construction	16/05/2005	30/08/2005		822,045	32,478	CDC Projects P/L	3 East Cam Road, Burnie, 7320
Exhibition Centre - Project Man.	31/10/2004	31/10/2005		107,400	66,935	Philip Lighton Architects	24 North Terrace, Burnie, 7320
Treatment Plant - Sisters Beach	28/09/2004	15/02/2005		436,800	419,866	Meade & Co	PO Box 349, Launceston, 7250
Ocean Outfall - Sisters Beach	1/04/2005	30/06/2005		150,000		Meade & Co	PO Box 36, Sorell, 7172
Electrical Systems - Sisters Beach	21/04/2005	16/06/2005		99,580	61,350	Russell Smith Electrical	16 Wellington Street, Burnie, 7320
Land Purchase	31/10/2005			124,208	124,208	DPIWE	GPO Box 44, Hobart, 7001
IT Services	1/07/2004	30/06/2005			211,109	Burnie City Council	PO Box 973, Burnie, 7320
Disposal of Waste	1/07/2004	30/06/2005		\$34/tonne	189,863	Circular Head Council	PO Box 348, Smithton, 7330

* Tenders were not called for the design and project management associated with the construction of the Wonders of Wynyard Exhibition Centre. Council at its meeting on 20 September 2004 determined that to call tenders for the architectural design of the Exhibition Centre had the potential to delay the project, may possibly have required the briefing of new architects and consideration of new concepts and ideas which did not coincide with the planning approval provided by Council. Calling tenders just to satisfy the requirements of the Act in a situation where Council had the full intention of appointing Philip Lighton to undertake the works would be unfair to other potential tenderers.

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Summarised Financial Report

Waratah-Wynyard Council Summarised Financial Report For the Year Ended 30 June 2005

Any person desiring a complete copy of the Financial Report for the year ended 30 June, 2005 should contact 6443 8311 or call at the Council Offices.

ACCOUNTING STATEMENT:

The accompanying financial information is an abridged version of the Council's formal accounts, a copy of which is available for inspection at the Council Offices.

The Summarised Financial Report has been prepared in accordance with the Statements of Accounting Concepts and applicable Accounting Standards, including the accrual basis of accounting and in particular, Australian Accounting Standard AAS27 – "Financial Reporting by Local Government" which contains accounting standards to be applied by all local governments in Australia.

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Functions/Activities of the Council For the year Ended 30 June, 2005

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

Transport

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

Development Services

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

Parks & Recreation Facilities

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

Community Services

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

Waste Management Services

Operation of Wynyard Waste Transfer Station and rubbish collection services.

Water Services

Construction and maintenance of Council's Water Works.

Sewerage Services

Construction and maintenance of Council's Sewerage Works

Drainage Services

Construction and maintenance of Council's Drainage Works.

Corporate Services

Operation and maintenance of Council Chambers, administration offices and depots. Items previously classified as 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 - have been reclassified as Corporate Service activities.

Fire Levy

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

Other - Not Attributable

This grouping recognises revenue and expenditure items which do not fall into any of the above functions/activities.

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Statement of Financial Performance (by Transaction Class) For the year Ended 30 June, 2005

	ACTUAL 2005 \$	BUDGET 2005 \$	ACTUAL 2004 \$
EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
Employee Costs	3,488,122	3,446,540	3,056,908
Materials and Contracts	4,928,029	4,669,812	5,477,972
Depreciation	2,445,656	2,647,005	2,526,616
Carrying Amount of Non-Current Assets Sold	1,163,564	281,982	587,744
State Levies	257,343	266,880	434,217
Borrowing Costs	242,218	240,339	224,126
Remissions and Discounts	748,573	645,274	638,752
Other	196,259	157,412	141,768
Total Expenses From Ordinary Activities	13,469,764	12,355,244	13,088,103
REVENUE FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
Rates	8,550,175	8,244,472	8,037,575
User Charges	1,978,804	1,417,441	1,818,831
Interest	487,928	185,563	309,263
Reimbursements/Contributions	750,666	212,252	886,605
Government Grants	4,326,607	4,422,425	3,918,327
Gross Proceeds from Non-Current Assets Sold	349,681	286,732	843,569
Other	116,055	97,125	114,047
Total Revenue From Ordinary Activities	16,559,916	14,866,010	15,928,217
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	3,090,152	2,510,766	2,840,114
Increase in Asset Revaluation Reserve Arising on Revaluation of Non-Current Assets	2,036,387	0	791,431
TOTAL CHANGES IN EQUITY	5,126,539	2,510,766	3,631,545

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Statement of Financial Performance (by Functional Activity) For the year Ended 30 June, 2005

	ACTUAL 2005 \$	BUDGET 2005 \$	ACTUAL 2004 \$
EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
Corporate Services	2,123,066	2,000,333	3,252,971
Transport	3,194,077	2,942,310	3,061,674
Development Services	654,233	708,934	607,071
Parks and Recreation Facilities	1,088,850	1,121,470	1,162,854
Community Services	1,543,861	1,221,413	1,224,221
Fire	223,445	231,880	221,463
Garbage	438,375	458,484	392,476
Water Services	1,738,562	1,848,273	1,669,206
Sewerage Services	1,738,944	1,169,130	898,750
Drainage Services	236,399	273,012	238,897
Other-Not Attributable	479,952	380,005	358,520
Total Expenses From Ordinary Activities	13,469,764	12,355,244	13,088,103
REVENUE FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
Corporate Services	1,933,299	1,371,360	2,545,605
Transport	1,515,886	1,555,931	1,270,581
Development Services	319,985	106,980	186,038
Parks and Recreation Facilities	67,580	55,583	162,280
Community Services	1,552,625	800,534	839,029
Fire	249,041	241,155	239,667
Garbage	461,917	458,445	450,361
Water Services	2,035,044	1,913,159	1,998,442
Sewerage Services	1,980,482	2,231,543	2,268,892
Drainage Services	351,447	331,580	336,268
Other-Not Attributable	6,092,610	5,799,740	5,631,054
Total Revenue From Ordinary Activities	16,559,916	14,866,010	15,928,217
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Statement of Financial Position For the year Ended 30 June, 2005

	ACTUAL 2005 \$	ACTUAL 2004 \$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	304,700	304,215
Receivables	511,688	715,104
Other Financial Assets	5,750,000	4,729,868
Inventories	158,656	137,790
Other	129,085	86,631
Total Current Assets	6,854,129	5,973,608
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, Plant and Equipment	77,826,324	73,811,307
Receivables	75,235	134,009
Other	5,505,372	5,355,282
Total Non Current Assets	83,406,931	79,300,598
Total Assets	90,261,060	85,274,206
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Payables	967,405	1,003,777
Interest-Bearing Liabilities	724,898	732,956
Provisions	881,865	741,463
Total Current Liabilities	2,574,168	2,478,196
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Interest-Bearing Liabilities	3,448,033	3,672,932
Provisions	141,567	152,325
Other	0	0
Total Non Current Liabilities	3,589,600	3,825,257
Total Liabilities	6,163,768	6,303,453
NET ASSETS	84,097,292	78,970,753
EQUITY		
Accumulated surplus	79,888,086	68,796,904
Reserves	4,209,206	10,173,849
TOTAL EQUITY	84,097,292	78,970,753

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Statement of Changes in Equity For the year Ended 30 June, 2005

	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS		RESERVES		TOTAL	
	2005 \$	2004 \$	2005 \$	2004 \$	2005 \$	2004 \$
Balance at the beginning of the financial year	68,796,904	65,956,790	10,173,849	9,382,418	78,970,753	75,339,208
Changes in net assets resulting from operations	3,090,152	2,840,114	0	0	3,090,152	2,840,114
Asset Revaluation Increment	0	0	2,036,387	791,431	2,036,387	791,431
Transfer to reserves	0	0	8,001,030	0	(8,001,030)	0
Transfers from reserves	8,001,030	0	0	0	8,001,030	0
Balance at the end of the financial year	79,888,086	68,796,904	4,209,206	10,173,849	84,097,292	78,970,753

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Statement of Cash Flows For the year Ended 30 June, 2005

	ACTUAL 2005 \$	ACTUAL 2004 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Payments		
Employee Costs	3,395,185	3,086,567
Materials and Contracts	5,058,743	5,725,106
State Levies	257,343	434,217
Interest	244,555	225,578
Remissions and Discounts	748,573	638,751
Other Expenses	196,259	141,845
GST Paid to Suppliers	752,687	891,403
	10,653,345	11,143,467
Receipts		
Rates	8,562,017	8,070,205
User Charges	2,220,800	1,504,448
Interest	448,592	320,047
Reimbursement of expenses incurred	347,367	886,605
Government Grants	4,326,607	3,918,327
Other Income	116,056	114,047
GST Collected from Customers	197,400	257,615
GST Recovered from ATO	555,287	633,788
	16,774,126	15,705,082
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	6,120,781	4,561,615
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Payments for		
Property, Plant and Equipment	5,216,888	4,173,610
Investment	0	1,929,868
	5,216,888	6,103,478
Proceeds from		
Sale of Assets	349,681	843,569
Investment	0	0
	349,681	843,569
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities	(4,867,207)	(5,259,909)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Payments for		
Interest Bearing Liabilities	732,957	709,083
Proceeds from		
Interest Bearing Liabilities	500,000	1,000,000
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities	(232,957)	290,917
	1,020,617	(407,377)
Cash at the beginning of the financial year	5,034,083	5,441,460
CASH AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	6,054,700	5,034,083

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STATEMENT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

In my opinion:

- (a) the financial report set out on pages 1 to 7 presents fairly the financial position of the Waratah-Wynyard Council as at 30 June, 2005; and
- (b) the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with Statement of Accounting Concepts and applicable Accounting Standards, and
- (c) the financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993.

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Paul West
General Manager

Date: 12 August 2005

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Tasmanian Audit Office

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the Councillors of the Waratah/Wynyard Council

Financial Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2005

I have audited the summarised financial report of the Waratah-Wynyard Council for the year ended 30 June 2005, comprising a Statement of Financial Performance (by Transaction Class), Statement of Financial Performance (by Functional Activity), Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows and a description of the Council's functions/activities in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

In my opinion the information reported in the summarised financial report is consistent with the annual financial report from which it is derived and upon which I expressed an unqualified audit opinion in my report dated 26 August 2005 to the Councillors. For a better understanding of the scope of the audit, this report should be read in conjunction with the audit report on the annual financial report.

TASMANIAN AUDIT OFFICE

D W R Baulch
DEPUTY AUDITOR-GENERAL
Delegate of the AUDITOR-GENERAL

HOBART
26 August 2005

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Waratah Falls - Winter 2005.



Story time at Childrens Services.



Signing of Partnership Agreement.



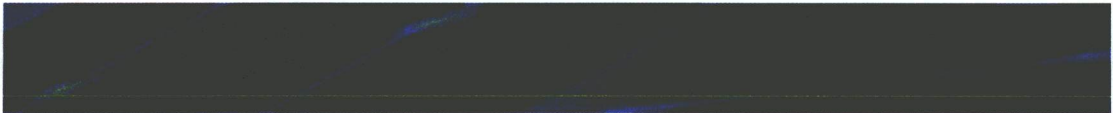
From the country to the sea.



*Wonders of Wynyard
Announcement.*



Youth Team at work.



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