Waratah-Wynyard Council



# Annual Report 2006





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# A WORD FROM THE MAYOR

I am very pleased to be able to contribute my inaugural introductory comments to Council's Annual Report.

The 2006 Annual Report reflects on an interesting year that not only presented me with a steep learning curve in my new role as Mayor, but also saw continuing growth and Council achievement across the wide range of services and issues that local government provides to its community.

In relation to tourism, which figures very prominently in Council's current activities, given the high priority accorded to this by the local community when determining Council's 2004-09 Strategic Plan, the major achievement for the year came in December 2005 when Council's new Wonders of Wynyard Exhibition Centre was officially opened by the Premier.

The new centre provides an impressive showcase and focal point for visitor information services, local arts and crafts and the Ransley Veteran Car Collection and its success is demonstrated by total monthly visitor numbers having doubled, and in some cases trebled, to the corresponding period totals in the previous year.

It is to be hoped this trend continues in future years as the centre's reputation spreads through word of mouth references from those interstate visitors who have already enjoyed the experience and used the excellent state-wide booking facilities service now on offer.

At Waratah, the old Kenworthy ore stamper mill was dismantled from its Mount Bischoff site by a band of willing volunteers and, at year's end, is in the process of being reassembled in its new purpose-built shed built in the town centre funded by Council.

During the year, Council participated in preliminary discussions about development of tourism in the Tarkine wilderness area, following the signing of the Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement, which added over 30,000 hectares of land to Tasmania's reserve system. We are hopeful that the Waratah area can play a significant role as an entry point to the reserve for visitors.

A good start has been made on the Wynyard CBD redevelopment with the first sections of new footpaths being laid in Goldie Street. Alternating sections of aggregate and smooth finish on the footpaths provide an attractive contrast of texture and the replacement of raised flower boxes with ground level planting creates an overall impression of openness. The completed section gives the public an insight into how the finished streetscape will appear and I am confident the new look will meet with universal approval.

Other roadworks included reconstruction of 2.3 kilometres of Preolenna Road at Flowerdale and Moorleah to replace failed sections and our program of resurfacing unsealed roads from Commonwealth "Roads to Recovery" funding continued. It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the benefit Council has gained from this direct Commonwealth infrastructure program, without which many of our unsealed roads would still be in a less than satisfactory state.

On the subject of acknowledgements, I wish to close these comments by publicly thanking my fellow Councillors for the ready cooperation they have given me and for their enthusiastic participation in our municipal affairs. Similarly I thank our General Manager, Paul West, his Managers and indeed the whole complement of Council's indoor staff and outdoor workforce for the professionalism and diligence they have demonstrated in their duties.

Kevin W Hyland MAYOR

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# **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

The 2005/06 financial year saw the continued implementation of Council's Strategic Plan which it adopted following an extensive community consultation process in May 2004.

The theme "Waratah-Wynyard the Heart of Tasmania's beautiful North-West" and Council's vision – "Waratah-Wynyard – Shaping our direction – through People, Produce and Progress" have been instrumental in driving the organisation during the past 12 months.

Council determined that it would actively work with the community to identify, protect and enhance our local advantages and promote future opportunities. The values outlined in the Strategic Plan have been consistently maintained during the year and continue to have a high degree of impact on Council operations and policy development.

#### Those values are:

- Consistent and committed leadership and decision-making.
- Openness and honesty in communication and processes.
- Quality customer services.
- Effectiveness and efficiency in allocation of Council's resources.
- Team development and support in an inclusive organisational environment.
- Protection of our heritage and natural environment.

The Strategic Plan has six (6) distinct and separate program areas, each with their own goal, objectives, strategies and performance measures. I provide a brief comment on the major achievement for each program during the 2005/06 year in meeting the objectives of the Plan.

#### 1. Tourism

Goal: Waratah-Wynyard area will capitalise on the increased tourism activity in the State. Council will focus on working with the Tourism sector to build the 'visitor experiences' available within the Waratah-Wynyard area through promotion, marketing and encouragement.

The 'Wonders of Wynyard' Exhibition Centre which encompasses the Visitor Information Centre, the Ransley veteran car collection and a small public gallery space was officially opened by the Premier of Tasmania, Hon Paul Lennon on 13 December 2005. Since opening the Centre the visitor numbers accessing the services of the Information Centre have more than doubled. There has also been strong interest in the veteran car collection with more that 3,000 people going through the Exhibition Hall up to 30 June 2006.

#### 2. Economic Development

Goal: Council will be proactive in encouraging economic development initiatives that focus on providing employment, training opportunities and growth within the community, with a particular emphasis on youth career options.

As part of its partnership agreement with the State Government Council has been actively involved in a Strategic Land Use Working Group representing the Central Coast, Burnie City and Waratah-Wynyard Councils. This Group has worked collaboratively to discuss opportunities for industrial development in the sub-region. The Group also included representatives of State agencies including Economic Development, DIER and DPIWE. A study prepared as part of this process indicates that Waratah-Wynyard is well placed to be the industrial hub of this area.



# 3. Lifestyle

<u>Goal</u>: Council recognises the importance of a 'balanced lifestyle' for our residents and will take every opportunity to ensure that it is maintained and enhanced.

Council continued to support a diverse range of community services during the 2005/06 year. The childcare services provided to the community have continued to meet with a high level of demand. The Child Care Centre was renamed "The Link – Early Learning Centre" reflecting its location on Exhibition Link and its role as the place from where all Council's children services are managed.

Council, in partnership with B&E Ltd and the Wynyard Chamber of Commerce, launched the inaugural Customer Service Excellence and Dob-in-a-Volunteer Awards. The inaugural winners of these awards will be announced as part of Council's Civic Celebration during Tulip Festival week.

#### 4. Natural Resources

Goal: Council will work together with the community to capitalise on the potential of our abundant natural resources, whilst at the same time protecting the environment in which we live.

Council continued its support for natural resource management projects during the 2005/06 year, in particular funding ongoing stream maintenance and monitoring under the crack willow removal program originally completed by Wynyard Landcare.

Council reviewed its Weed Management Strategy and actively works within the rural area to address and reduce weed infestations.

# 5. Residential Development

<u>Goal</u>: Council will work to ensure that our area continues to grow by achieving quality residential development that meets with market demand and has community support.

A number of subdivision developments approved by Council are now complete and houses are being constructed. During the year, land previously zoned as primary industries was rezoned as residential. The rezoning of this land will provide for future significant residential growth within the Wynyard area.

Council owned land at Irby Boulevard, Sisters Beach was subdivided into 3 residential blocks, all of which have been sold. A subdivision of 32 blocks was also approved at Irby Circus and works on the development of the subdivision will be undertaken during the 2006/07 financial year.

Council continues to review its planning scheme and recently approved a number of proposed amendments to keep it in conformity with development objectives for the municipal area.

#### 6. Council Services

Goal: Council will provide services that consistently deliver community requirements.

The Council has pursued its aim to provide the community with services that meet normal expected requirements and, to assist this process, has regularly used community consultation to gauge external views and gather valuable input across a range of projects, including planning scheme reviews, central business district upgrading, infrastructure development at Boat Harbour Beach and public hall maintenance at Waratah.



A broader outline of Council's achievements during the year is provided throughout this Report.

The Financial Statement for the year ended 30 June 2006 is appended to the Report. It is extremely pleasing to note that the Council has recorded an Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Ordinary Activities (Operating Profit) of \$1,913,021. This figure compares with the budgeted amount of \$788,091 - a positive variation of \$1,124,930. Specific variations that contributed to this achievement were as follows:

Income		Budget Comparison		
		Additional	Less Than	
	\$	\$		
Rates		128,798		
User Charges		253,760		
Interest		191,831		
Reimbursements		308,155		
Government Grants		621,577		
Other		158,398		
Expenses		Less Than	Additional	
Employee Costs		192,674		
Materials and Contracts			622,912	
Depreciation		137,942		
Net loss/(gain on disposal of NCA			232,311	
State Levies		4,527		
Borrowing Costs		15,892		
Remissions and Discounts			21,374	
Other			12,027	
Sub-Total		2,013,554	888,624	
Positive Variation			1,124,930	
Total		\$ 2,013,554	\$ 2,013,554	

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

	2005/06	2004/05	Increase/
	1.5		(Decrease)
Operational Income	15,501,881	16,268,623	(766,742)
Operational Expenditure	13,558,860	13,120,083	438,777
Net Increase from Ordinary Activities (Profit)	1,913,021	3,148,540	(1,235,519)
Rate Revenue	8,909,662	8,550,175	359,487
Government Grants	3,320,783	4,326,607	(1,005,824)
User Charges	2,146,996	1,978,804	168,192
Interest Income	476,617	487,928	(11,311)
Employee Costs	3,615,617	3,488,122	127,495
Borrowing Costs	230,336	242,218	(11,882)
Remissions and Discounts	785,735	748,573	37,162
Cash on Hand (incl. Investments)	5,524,457	6,054,700	(530,243)
Receivables (current)	532,215	511,688	20,527
Payables	1,214,314	967,405	246,909
Outstanding Loans	3,448,032	4,172,931	(724,899)
Provisions	1,008,965	1,023,432	(14,467)



<b>Financial Indicator Comp</b>	arisons	2005/06	2004/05	2003/04
Current Ratio	Current Assets Current Liabilities	2:37:1	2.66:1	2.41:1
Quick Asset Ratio	<u>Cash + Liquid Debtors</u> Current Liabilities	2.21:1	2.55:1	2.31:1
Rate Coverage Ratio	Rate Revenue Operating Revenue	57.47%	51.63%	50.46%
Outstanding Rate Debtors	Rate Debtors Rate Revenues	0.86%	0.75%	0.94%
Expenditure per Capita	Operating Expenditure Population (13,887)	\$978.53	\$969.95	\$942.47
Grant Coverage Ratio	Grant Revenue Operating Revenue	21.42%	26.13%	24.60%

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Paul West GENERAL MANAGER



# **COUNCILLORS**



Kevin Hyland Mayor



Darren Fairbrother Deputy Mayor



Gary Bramich Councillor



Roger Chalk AM Councillor



Mary Duniam Councillor (from October 2005)



Malcolm Fenton Councillor



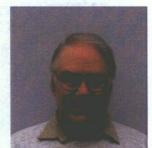
Alwyn Friedersdorff Councillor



David Moore Councillor



# **COUNCILLORS** (continued)



A (Francis) Ransley OAM
Councillor



Robby Walsh Councillor (from October 2005)



Colleen Dibley Councillor (to October 2005)



W (Bill) French Councillor (to October 2005)

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, 3 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
Cr Bramich	16	Cr French	7
Cr Chalk	14	Cr Friedersdorff	13
Cr Dibley	6	Cr Hyland	16
Cr Duniam	8	Cr Moore	15
Cr Fairbrother	15	Cr Ransley	15
Cr Fenton	16	Cr Walsh	9

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 2005/2006 financial year Council paid allowances and expenses to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors totalling \$118,875.



# **SENIOR STAFF**



Paul West General Manager



John Stretton
Director Corporate Services



Gary Neil
Director Engineering Services



Paddy Kennedy
Director Development Services



Lisa Dixon Accountant (to March 2006)



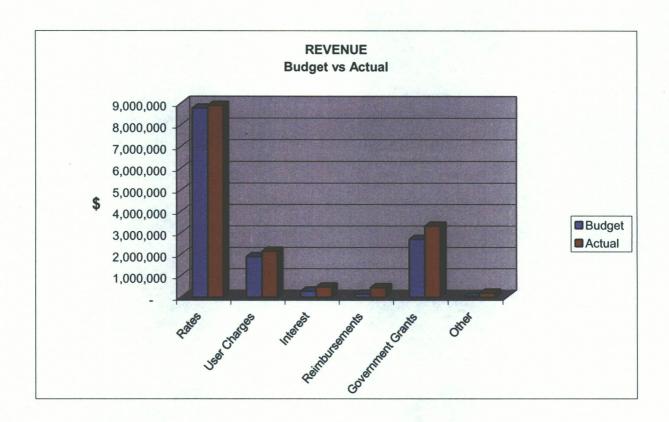
Stephen Imms Acting Accountant (from March 2006)

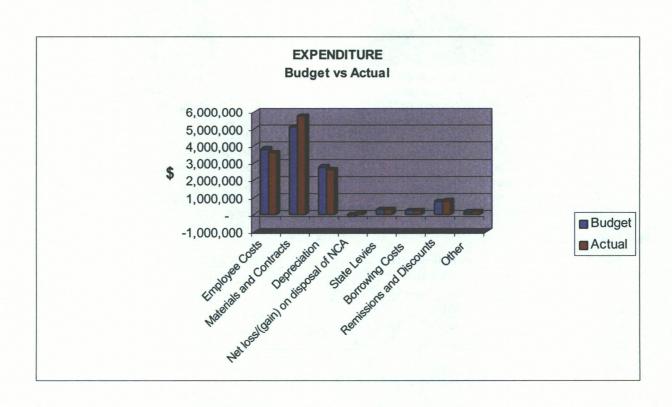
In accordance with Sections 72 (1) (cd), 72 (4) and 72 (5) of the *Local Government Act 1993* Council is to include within its Annual Report a statement relating to the total annual remuneration paid to employees of the Council who hold positions designated by it as being senior positions. Total annual 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
140,000 - 160,000	1
120,000 - 140,000	
100,000 - 120,000	2
80,000 - 100,000	1
60,000 - 80,000	1

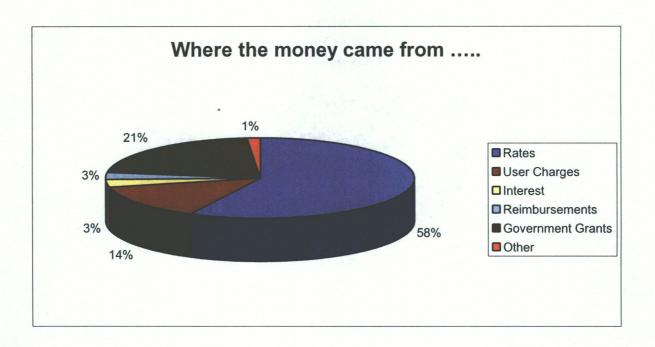


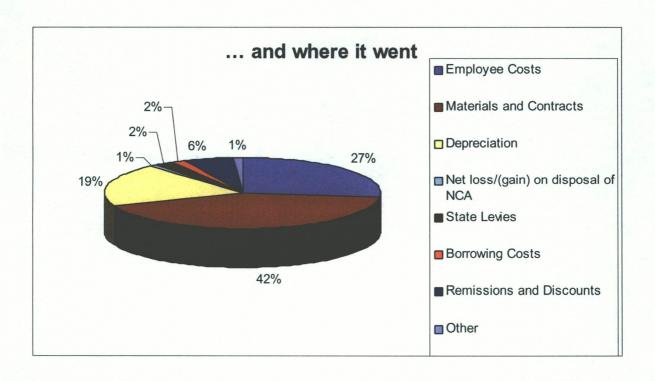
# **PERFORMANCE TRENDS**



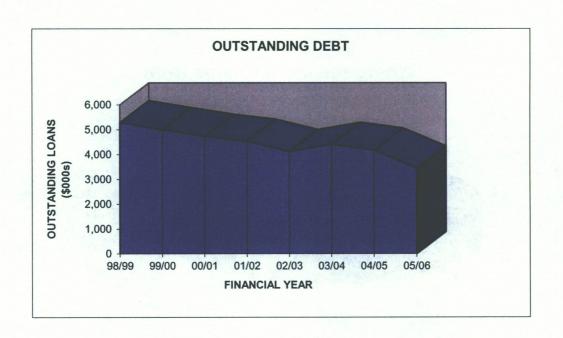


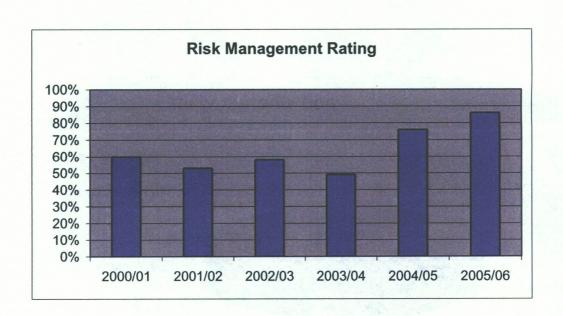












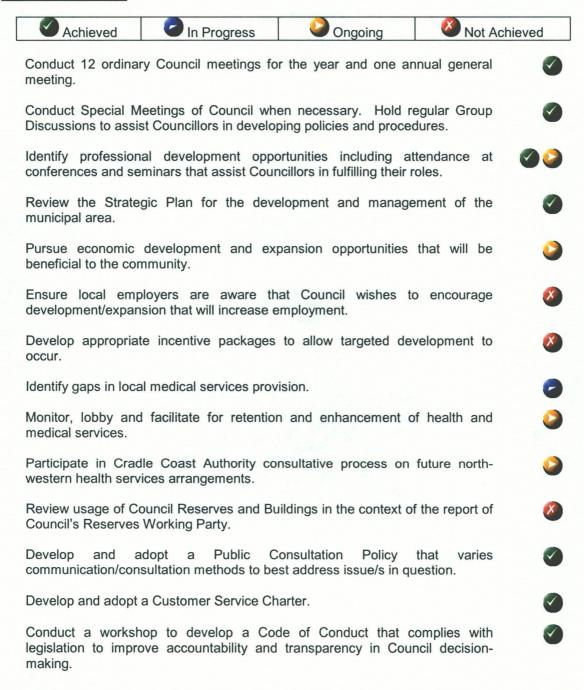


# **GOVERNANCE**

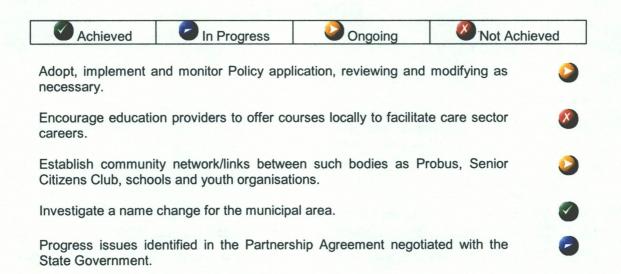
#### Council

#### **OBJECTIVES**

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







On 6 October 2005 Council held its Annual General Meeting in the Railway Institute Hall as part of an evening of civic celebration. As a result the Annual Report for 2004/05 was presented to an attendance of 192 people.

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 2005.

Council conducted 12 Ordinary and 3 Special Meetings for the year, at which a total of 424 business items were considered.

At the local Australia Day 2006 ceremony, the Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Trevor Duniam in recognition of his contribution over many years to the local Returned Servicemen's Club, other community-based and rural interest organisations. The Young Citizen Award went to Tim MacMichael for his contribution to the Wynyard Football Club and to junior sport, particularly coaching and encouragement of local underage football teams. The Preolenna Mothers' Group received the Community Event of the Year for their 2005 Preolenna Festival.



An elector poll was conducted in conjunction with the 2005 local government elections on the question of support for changing the name of the council and municipal area to Table Cape Council and municipal area. Of the 6676 votes cast, 1180 (17.99%) supported the change and 5379 (82.01%) opposed it. There were 117 informal votes cast in the poll. As a result of the poll Council has since determined to take this issue no further.

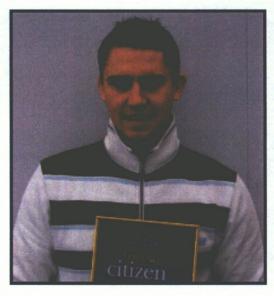
During the year the State Government introduced the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 that prescribed in detail the matters Councils were to address and include in the Code of Conduct for Councillors and Customer Service Charter they were required to implement as a result of changes to the Local Government Act 1993. This unfortunately effectively ruled out significant Council and community consultation and autonomy in the process of developing these instruments, which was nonetheless completed by the required implementation dates.

Council signed its first Partnership Agreement with the State Government in April 2004. The life of the Agreement is three (3) years and provides strategies for enhancing economic development opportunities, collaborating with Tourism Tasmania and Cradle Coast Authority to develop a comprehensive tourism development plan, consultation on land use planning matters, a number of transport issues, the rationalisation of crown land within the municipal area and a number of matters relating to the health and well being of the community.

After a slow start there has been considerable progress on a number of the strategies included within the Partnership Agreement during the past year and Council looks forward to continuing to progress a number of initiatives during the next 12 months. The Partnership Agreement focuses on seven key areas including economic development and tourism, transport, environmental and land management, community health and safety, education, arts and culture, local and state development and effective financial arrangements. A full copy of the Partnership Agreement can be accessed on Council's website at <a href="https://www.warwyn.tas.gov.au">www.warwyn.tas.gov.au</a> or by visiting the Council offices.



Mayor Hyland, Trevor Duniam & Janelle Penna



Tim MacMichael



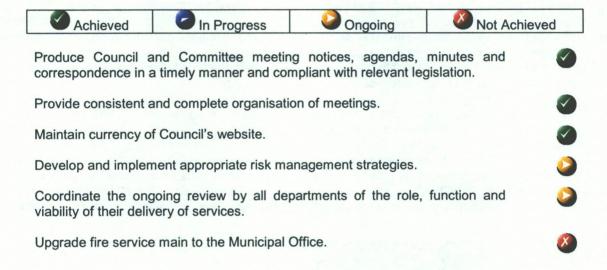
# **CORPORATE SERVICES**

# 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



#### **OVERVIEW**

Administratively, Council's meeting schedule for the year was completed efficiently and effectively. It was necessary to conduct three Special Meetings during the year to enable Council to complete three items of Planning Authority business that it had been unable to finalise at Ordinary Meetings.

The Council's website was regularly maintained by Council's staff, providing current information at all times and facilitating public access to Council services, documentation and decision making. From informal feedback it is clear the website is being widely used to access information, particularly Council meeting agendas and minutes, which can be downloaded by interested persons. As the large file size of agenda attachment documents makes them impracticable for downloading by other than broadband users, they are not posted on the website but are accessible by the public at Council's offices.

There was further progress made in improving risk management practices, with the relevant working group and Council's Risk Management Officer meeting regularly to identify and implement new procedures and to widen coverage across Council's operations. Their success is evidenced by Council improving its statewide risk management ranking amongst all councils from 6<sup>th</sup> last year to 2<sup>nd</sup> this year. This is a remarkable achievement, particularly when seen in the context of Council's ranking as 23<sup>rd</sup> of the 29 Tasmanian councils a little over two years ago.

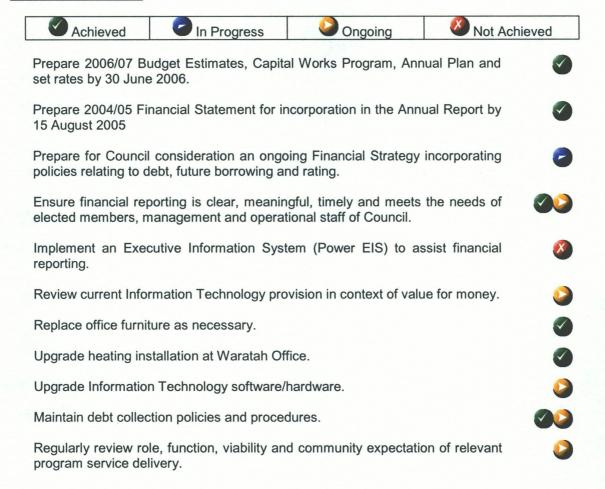


# Financial Services

#### **OBJECTIVE**

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

# PROJECT / ACTIVITY



# **OVERVIEW**

The provision of financial services for Council has been successfully achieved during the year with most targets set being met. The 2006/07 budget was adopted by Council at its meeting on 19 June 2006. The implementation of an executive information system was again deferred pending the implementation of Council's new Civica financial computer systems. The Civica system is due to "go live" on 1 October 2006 and is provided to Council through a Service Level Agreement with Burnie City Council.

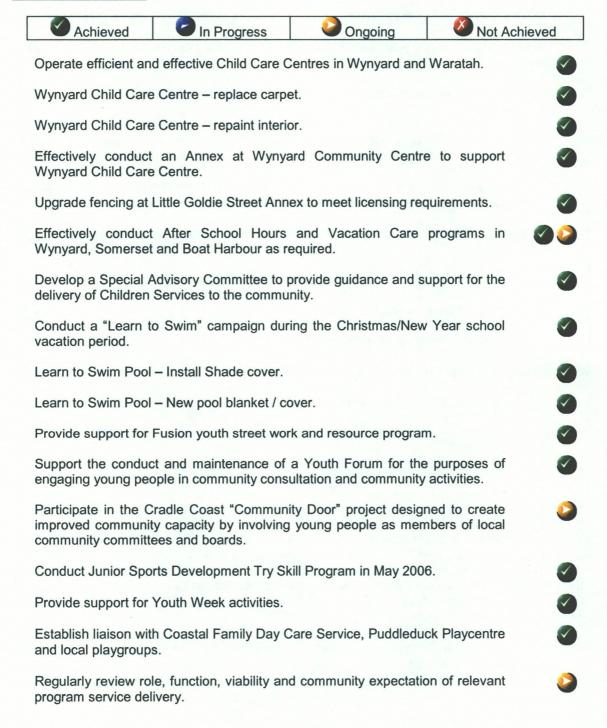
End of year financial reporting was completed on time and the abridged version of the report is included within this document.



# 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.





The year was effectively one of consolidation for Council's children's services, in terms of infrastructure provision and service delivery. Capital projects included completion of upgrading of facilities, in the baby/toddler rooms at Wynyard Child Care Centre, construction of a play deck off the baby room to facilitate outdoor activity, relocation and enlargements of sand pits and the erection of a large outdoor fort structure at Waratah Child Care Centre, courtesy of "Playground Blitz" government grant funding.

Administratively, new telephone facilities were provided at Wynyard Child Care Centre and Little Goldie Street Annex and new promotional signage highlighting the Early Learning "Link" aspect and the integration of children's services was installed at the Wynyard Child Care Centre.

Council decided to discontinue funding for the street work program conducted by Fusion and to keep under review possible alternative support strategies for local youth.

An active youth forum has been maintained and supported throughout the year with representatives from all local schools regularly participating in local government related activities.

The second recipient of Council's annual \$2,500 bursary, awarded as part of its initiative to encourage young people to remain in education, was Katrina Hyland of Mount Hicks who is studying at the University of Tasmania for a Bachelor Degree in Health Science/ Medical Radiation Science.



Scholarship Recipient - Katrina Hyland

# **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		
Waratah residential	Waratah residential units – Replace decks and access ramps.				
Waratah Dwelling, painting	William Street - Mair	ntenance to roof and	gutters and		
Support and maint Club.	ain the building occupion	ed by the Wynyard Se	nior Citizens		
Support "No Dole" I	Program in local schools	3.	•		
Support local mente	oring program.		•		
Support Stronger L	earning Pathways.		<b>(2)</b>		
Provide an education	on scholarship program.		•		
Maintain an effective	e link with education pro	oviders.	8		
Identify relevant even	ents for inclusion in loca	l Events Calendar.	0		
Publish an Events	Calendar web page.		•		
Maintain "Events Billboards" in suitable well-exposed locations.					
Appropriate recognition of volunteers serving the community.					
Maintain a web pag	ge directory of local arts/	crafts.	<b>&amp;</b>		

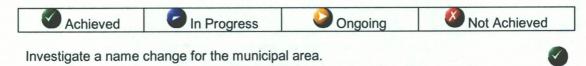
# **OVERVIEW**

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.

# **Tourism**

# **OBJECTIVE**

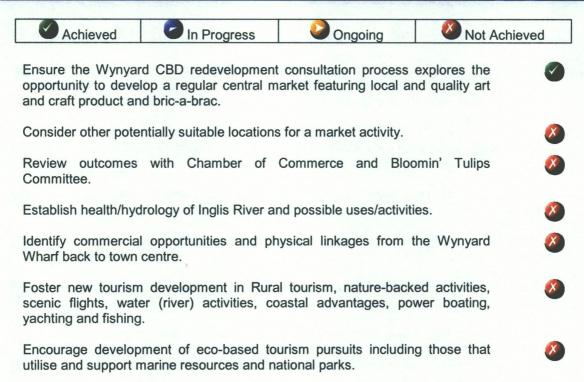
To investigate, develop and implement strategies for public promotion of the Waratah-Wynyard district to maximise economic benefit through tourism.





Achieved	In Progress	Ongoing	Not Achieved		
Review, endorse an	nd support a local touris	m development plan.	•		
	Formalise links with Cradle Coast Authority, Tourism Tasmania and local Tourism Advisory Group.				
Maintain local adverguide.	rtising and editorial con	tent in current Cradle C	Coast Touring		
Participate in "All promotional DVD.	You Need" television	promotion and produ	uce an area		
Facilitate increased demands.	d accommodation and	d dining options to I	meet market		
Ensure Wynyard C options.	BD redevelopment add	dresses the need for o	utdoor dining		
Liaise on dining opt	ions with Chamber of C	commerce/business ope	erators.		
Showcase local Arts	s and Crafts in the Wyn	yard Exhibition Centre.			
Promote and facili Wynyard Exhibition	tate relocation of the Centre.	Visitor Information se	ervice to the		
Provide continued information Centre.	financial and administra	ative support to the Wy	ynyard Visitor 🕜 🔕		
Relocate and prote attraction in Warata	ect the Kenworthy Stan h.	nper Mill and develop	it as a visitor		
Establish linkage of	Waratah history and he	eritage with West Coas	t Mining Trail.		
Address Waratah accommodation.	accommodation issues	e.g. Camping Grour	nd and other		
Progress the esta attraction.	blishment of Table C	ape Lighthouse tours	as a visitor		
Improve route signa	age on road network.		•		
Display Rural Addre	ess ranges on road nam	ne signs.	0		
	town entrance signation to the signature of the signature		nerset, Yolla,		
Review options an Tulips! Festival eve	nd opportunities for ex	panding and/or reloca	ting Bloomin'		
Determine extent of	f Council financial/in kin	d resource commitmen	t to Festival.		
Promote an Eve signboards.	nts Calendar through	n web site, advertis	sements and		
Review Tulip Festiv	al Car Boot Sale venue	<b>).</b>			





In December 2005, the Premier officially opened the Wonders of Wynyard Exhibition Centre, incorporating the Wynyard Visitor Centre. The new facility has given added dimension to the area's reputation, with the Visitor Centre now being regarded within the tourism industry as being on a par with, if not itself, the finest in the state. The expanded merchandising capability has resulted in boosted revenue generation and promotion of local art and craft products.

The number of visitors to the centre has at least doubled the results of the corresponding period in the previous year and the addition of permanent staff to supplement the excellent volunteer service has allowed the centre to introduce a booking service for visitors, assisting them to plan their travels state wide.





Official opening of the Wonders of Wynyard Exhibition Centre - December 2005.

The proposal to introduce access to the Table Cape Lighthouse for guided inspection tours is advancing slowly. There is support at State Government level for the principle and heritage approvals have been obtained for the building work necessary to allow safe public access but the protocols between Federal and State authorities are taking longer to negotiate than expected because of resource and priority determinations by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority, which operates the navigational aspects of the light station.

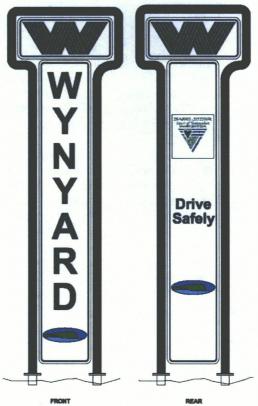


The Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement was signed during the year. It recognises the cool temperate rainforest by establishing a new formal reserve of 31,000 hectares that will consolidate the Savage River and Donaldson wilderness areas. This agreement will offer tourism development opportunities, particularly in relation to the Tarkine area, for which Waratah provides an obvious point of entry.

There was significant work done on the Kenworthy Stamper Mill project and the new building to house the mill was substantially constructed during the latter part of the year, clearing the way for volunteers to reassemble the equipment on its new site.

New thematic town entrance signage has been developed for Wynyard, Somerset and Waratah. Welcome to Waratah-Wynyard signage has also been developed which promoting the heart of Tasmania's beautiful North West.





Example of new town entrance signage



Bloomin' Tulips! moved from being an incorporated committee to a Special Committee of Council during the year. Changes to the program following a review of the 2005 event will see Sunday dropped in favour of a greater focus on Friday night celebration/activities in Goldie Street in future festivals.

Consideration was given to relocation of the regular car boot sales, the festival's major fundraising activity, it being concluded that no change should be made in the absence of an equally attractive alternative site being identified.

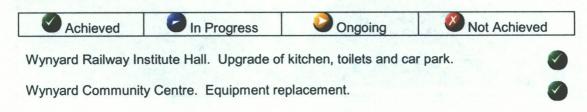
Inter and intra state TV audiences have been reached through the featuring of local attractions on the travel show 'All You Need'. A five minute promotional DVD of the area has also been produced.

# **Public Halls**

#### **OBJECTIVE**

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

#### PROJECT / ACTIVITY



#### **OVERVIEW**

Council continues to maintain a number of public halls for community purposes.

Renovation of the former Railway Institute Hall continued during the year under the guidance of a Council appointed Steering Committee. Most of the renovation was completed early in the financial year, enabling Council to conduct the civic celebration and its Annual General Meeting in the venue on 6 October 2005.

The future of the Athenaeum Hall in Waratah also received further consideration during the year. The Working Party promoting a tourism project to develop and house a Tasmanian Mining and Prospecting Hall of Fame in the hall presented its business case to Council, which showed that considerable investment on Council's part would most likely be needed to allow this project to proceed.

Council formally decided that it would be prepared to lease the hall to any entity able to upgrade it to meet current public assembly requirements and that in the event the Waratah community was unable to identify a viable future use for the hall by 1 July 2008, it would consider allocating funds in the 2008/09 budget to cover the cost of demolishing the building.

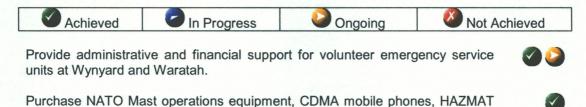


# **Emergency Services**

#### **OBJECTIVE**

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

# PROJECT / ACTIVITY



storage units and Truck Light Bar and Ladder rack.

#### **OVERVIEW**

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

Current unit membership numbers are fifteen at Wynyard, an increase of three over last year and six at Waratah, down from nine last year. This indicates the continuing difficulty of recruiting new 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.

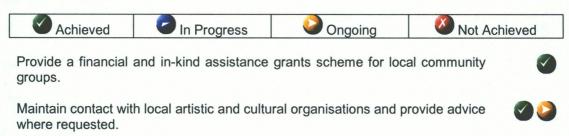
During the year the partnership agreement between Council and the State Emergency Service proved to be effective and operated to the benefit of stakeholders in resourcing local units.

The Municipal Recovery Plan was completed and is ready for distribution. Consideration is now being given to the establishment of a recovery committee as per the plan.

# **Community Development**

# **OBJECTIVE**

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







To seek appropriate funding including external grants to support programs to meet community needs.



Regularly review role, function, viability and community expectation of relevant program service delivery.



# **OVERVIEW**

Financial support was provided to a cross section of 43 community groups from across the municipal area. Funds were remitted on evidence of expenditure/quotes being provided to Council.

Council administered the Lighthouse Cluster of Schools project to provide a home and garden maintenance service to local residents on a needs basis. The Tasmanian Community Fund contributed \$15,000 toward the capital cost of establishing this project.

Support has been provided to the Wynyard Arts Centre, which now provides a forum and venue for 25 local artists in the former Visitor Information Centre building in Goldie Street.

In kind and financial support has been provided to the establishment of the Lighthouse Film Society. Their initial film evening was held in the old Wynyard Theatre in July 2006.

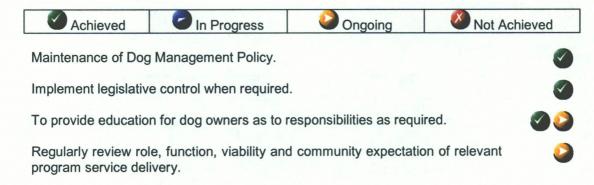
In partnership with B&E Ltd, the Wynyard Chamber of Commerce and Council the inaugural Customer Service Excellence and Dob-in-a-Volunteer Awards program was launched. The presentation of awards will be held in conjunction with the 2006 Civic Celebration and Council Annual General Meeting.

# **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.





During the year 1863 dogs were registered. There were 150 dogs impounded of which 76 were reclaimed, 67 were euthanised with the remainder being adopted. 23 licences to keep several dogs were issued. 16 infringement notices were issued for offences under the *Act* with legal action being prosecuted in 5 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.

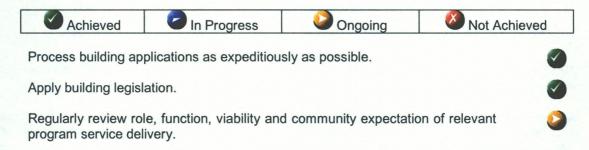
Dog education sessions were held at the local Primary Schools to highlight responsible ownership and management of dogs.

# **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.

# PROJECT / ACTIVITY



# **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 days of lodgement of the application.

233 permits were issued for buildings with a total value of \$19,935,679 including 69 dwellings valued at \$12,276,558. A 14-accommodation cabin development was approved for Corinna valued at \$650,000.

These figures represent a steady building and investment market over this period, with an upward trend in the value of the developments.

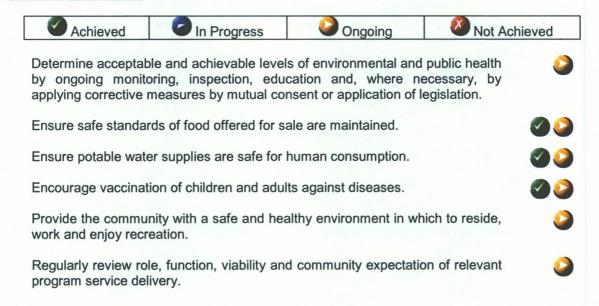


# **Environmental Health Services**

#### **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



#### **OVERVIEW**

100 Food Premises were registered during the year and 50 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 153 recommendations being worked through with the operators. 32 Places of Assembly and 5 Public Health Risk Premises, (eg ear piercing), were registered under the Act. 2 Regulated Systems, (eg cooling towers), were registered and 8 Private Water Suppliers were maintained on Council registers. 1 notifiable disease investigation was carried out and appropriate advice given to the affected person. It is noted that a significant drop in notifiable disease investigation has resulted from the bulk of this work now being undertaken by the Department of Health and Human Services with only one case being referred to Council for follow-up.

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 bacterial levels at the mouth of Sisters Creek still require signposting to advise the public of the pollution levels. The levels at this location are reducing as the effects of the recent installation of the Sister Beach Sewerage system impact on the pollution levels entering the waterway. Continued monitoring is expected to confirm this trend in reducing levels of pollution.



Monthly immunisation sessions were held at Wynyard with bi-monthly sessions being held at Waratah. A total of 288 vaccinations were administered, of which 266 were administered through a Hep B school programme. 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.

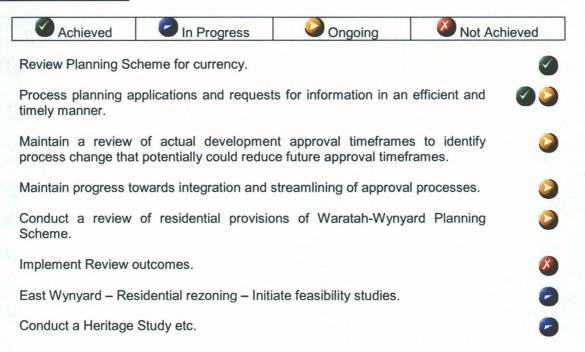
Council allocates 1.83 full time equivalent employees to meeting its obligations in relation to public health.

# **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.

#### PROJECT / ACTIVITY



# **OVERVIEW**

242 development applications were submitted to Council with 200 being approved under delegation and 14 being approved by Council. Council refused 4 applications and the applicants withdrew a total of 6 applications. There were 18 applications pending a decision. 32 subdivision applications were submitted with 24 being approved under delegation and 5 being approved by Council. 2 applications were withdrawn by the applicants. A total of 8 planning appeals were lodged against Council determinations with 2 being withdrawn by the applicants, 2 were resolved through mediation and there were 4 unsuccessful appeals against Council's decisions.



Council lodged a total of 6 Section 64 proceedings under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, of which it successfully prosecuted 1 application, resolved 1 through mediation and the other 4 matters are still pending.

The level of applications shows continued strong economic activity within the municipal area. Development application numbers do not include a significant number of applications which fall within the exemption provisions of the Waratah-Wynyard Planning Scheme 2000. The Scheme does 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.

Achieved	In Progress	Ongoing	Not Achieved
Initiate timely actio		achieve removal of p	ootential fire
Implement a monito willow within local riv		ram to reduce the preser	nce of crack
Investigate and take	action on issues relation	ng to pollution.	<b>(</b>
Promote local natura	al resources.		×
Utilise Cradle Coast	Natural Resource Man	agement Strategy.	<b>(</b>
Develop Council inv	entory or local Rivers a	nd other Water.	<b>(2)</b>
Continually monitor	inventory to protect nat	ural resources.	<b>(</b>
Display Natural Res	ource Inventory on Cou	ıncil web site.	×
Issue media release	es to highlight and public	cise inventory changes.	×
Maintain internal aw	rareness of natural reso	ource protection.	<b>(2)</b>
Protect Natural Res	ources through Plannin	g Scheme compliance.	<b>(</b>
Ensure decision-ma	king is consistent with	State Policies.	<b>(</b>
Develop and adopt	an Environmental Polic	y.	•
Implement/review w	eed management strate	egy.	•
Ensure infrastructure	e asset management p	ractices protect natural re	esources.



75 fire abatement notices were served with significant property owners affecting a clean up of the overgrowth. Council carried out an abatement of overgrowth on 37 properties and recovered costs from the landholders. This represents a reduction of fire abatement action over recent years and may be reflective of increased building activity on land in the area.

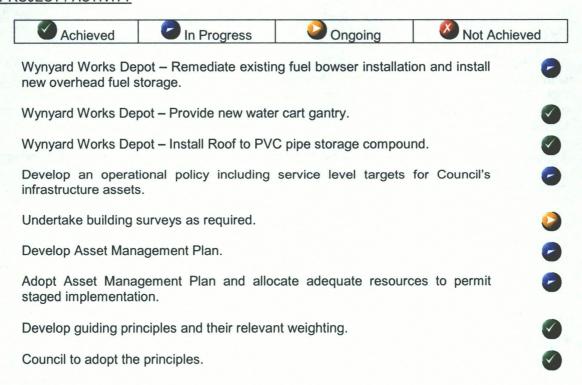
The weed management strategy continues to be actively pursued with significant success in the control of ragwort, pampas grass and crack willow. 4 Requirement Notices were issued to property owners under the Weed Management Act 1999 for infestations of ragwort. Legal action for non-compliance with a Notice is currently being processed against one landholder. 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.

# **ENGINEERING SERVICES**

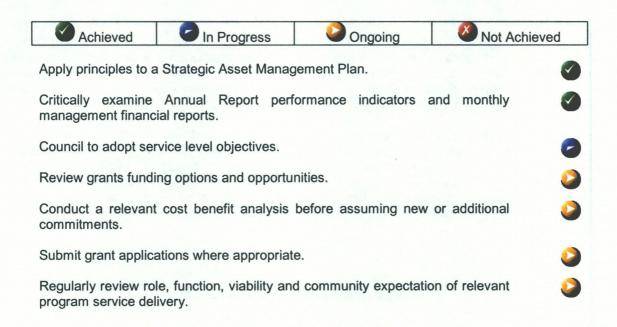
# **Engineering Support Services**

#### **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.







The Capital Works Program for the past year has been quite extensive and presented many challenges to staff.

Significant building projects have been undertaken with the construction of the Wynyard Visitor Information and Exhibition Centre, new toilets at Sisters Beach and the building of a structure to house the former Kenworthy Ore Stamping Mill at Waratah.

The upgrading of Goldie Street, Wynyard commenced and this will continue to be a project of significance for Council into the next financial year.

Asset management has been a focus for the section and involvement in the Tasmanian Asset Management Improvement Program (TAMI) has led to the development of a number of planning tools for Council, including draft forward capital works programs, service level documents, a transport asset management plan and a capital works assessment process. This will be an area for continued attention.

A grant of \$307,500 from the Australian Government was secured for the conduct of drainage improvement works in Sisters Beach and this will permit many of the current stormwater issues to be addressed.



The development of an Infrastructure Master Plan for the Boat Harbour Beach community was commenced and through the engagement of a consultant firm, a community consultation process was carried out to assist in developing a future vision for the provision of community infrastructure at Boat Harbour Beach.



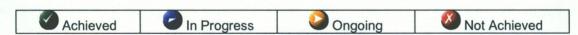
New Sisters Beach Public Toilets and Changerooms.

# Solid Waste Management

# **OBJECTIVE**

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

# PROJECT / ACTIVITY



Ensure the effective collection and disposal of litter from streets and public reserves.



# **OVERVIEW**

Council is participating in the "Don't Waste Tasmania" campaign. New bins to support the campaign have been installed in Wynyard and Somerset and signage promoting the initiative erected at five strategic locations around the Council area.

A formal contract arrangement with the Circular Head Council, for the disposal of refuse from the Waratah-Wynyard community to the Port Latta landfill, was negotiated and this now provides surety for the longer term waste disposal needs of the community.



The street and reserve litter bin collection contract expired this year and tenders were sought from interested parties. Kelly's Waste Management was successful in securing the contract for a further term.

The Wynyard and Waratah Transfer Stations operated effectively over the last year.

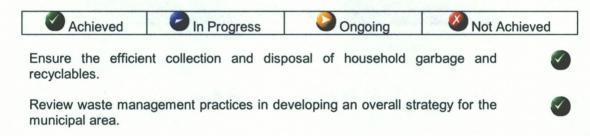
Increased focus on resource recovery has led to more scrap metals being diverted away from the waste streams at both Transfer Stations. Resource recovery and removal of recyclables from the waste stream has also increased at the manned site at Wynyard.

# Household Waste

#### **OBJECTIVE**

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

# PROJECT / ACTIVITY



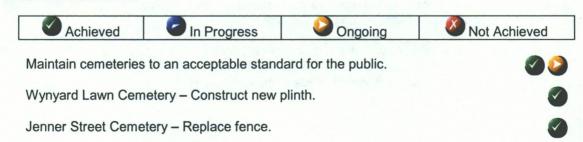
#### **OVERVIEW**

The household garbage and recycling collection is contracted out by Council. Both services were provided in an effective manner during the year.

# **Cemetery Operations**

# **OBJECTIVE**

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





The contract for the provision of grave digging services was tendered during the year and the existing contractor was successful in this process.

During the year a total of fifty one (51) internments occurred in cemeteries under Council control.

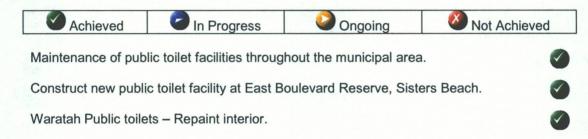
Regular management of the Council cemeteries occurred over the past year.

# **Public Conveniences**

# **OBJECTIVE**

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

# PROJECT / ACTIVITY



# **OVERVIEW**

A new toilet/change room building commenced construction on the East Boulevard Reserve at Sisters Beach. The former facility will be demolished following the commissioning of the new facility.

The contract for the servicing of public toilets was tendered during the year. All public conveniences were regularly maintained and serviced during 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
Maintain Council's	road network in a safe	and presentable condition	on.
Reconstruct and se	eal Preolenna road (2.3	km) at Flowerdale/Moor	leah.
Complete Stage 1	of Goldie Street Improv	ement Program.	0
	y, Gordon Street to Danannel and drainage.	art Street - Reconstru	ct, seal and
	ealing of Aldersons Roa ists Lane, Franks Lane Scotts Road.		
	n on Old Bass Highw reet, Wragg Street and nce.		
Resealing of roads	and streets as determi	ned.	
Improve intersect Government Black	ion of Seabrook Roa Spot Grant).	ad and Village Lane	(subject to
Improve intersection	on of Seabrook Road ar	nd Coopers Lane.	•
Install guard rail in	Port Road, Boat Harbo	ur Beach – east of Hep	ples Road.
Replace bridge on	Guildford Road over He	ellyer River.	
Replace bridge on	Scotts Road over Flow	erdale River.	
Replace bridge on	Back Cam Link Road o	ver Maldon Creek.	
Install improved ro	ute signage.		0
Display Rural Add	ressing ranges on road	signs.	<b>(2)</b>
Install street signa	ge in Waratah.		
Construct paveme Reece Court.	nt and kerb & channel	improvement in Fairlan	ds Drive and
Improve traffic arra	angements in Exhibition	Link.	•
Install subsurface Streets.	drainage in Frederick	Street between Goldi	e and Inglis

#### **OVERVIEW**

Regular maintenance was conducted on the local road network over the year and the majority of road related capital works were completed.



The upgrading of Goldie Street in Wynyard was commenced and this project will continue over the forthcoming financial year.

Preolenna Road was the major rural road project undertaken and significant improvement in the road alignment was achieved.

Three bridges were replaced during the year and this furthers Council program of developing a network of long-life bridge structures.





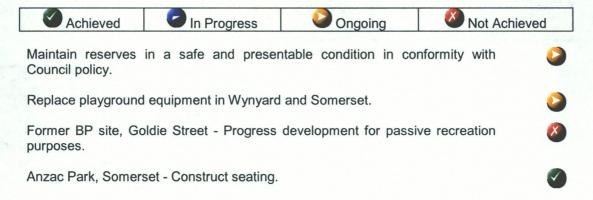
Goldie Street Upgrade

#### 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
Gutteridge Gardens –	Install pathway lighting	g.	
Boat Harbour Beach -	Bitumen seal walkwa	y.	
Boat Harbour Beach -	Install beach access	steps.	•
Sisters Beach - Provid	le barbecues and sea	ting.	<b>(</b>
Sisters Beach - Repai	r steps over fore dune	in beach access wall	kways.
Walking Tracks - Insta	all information signage		•
Waratah – Provide stre	eet trees.		•

#### **OVERVIEW**

The majority of Capital Works Programs associated with Parks and Reserves were completed, with regular maintenance of the various facilities also occurring during the year.

Council's continued program of upgrading playground equipment continued with the replacement of equipment in parks at Wynyard and Somerset.



New Barbecues at Sisters Beach



Bitumen seal walkway – Boat Harbour

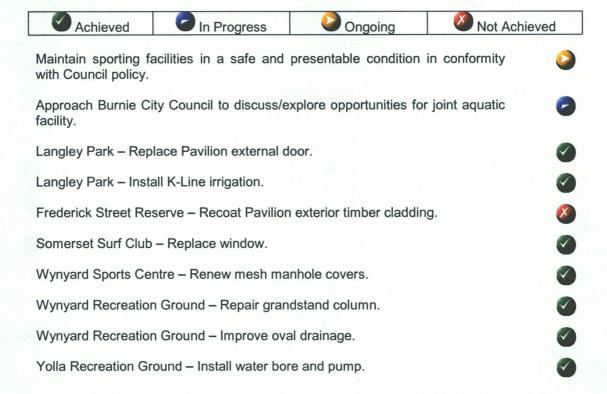


#### Sporting Facilities

#### **OBJECTIVE**

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

#### PROJECT / ACTIVITY



#### **OVERVIEW**

The sports grounds and facilities were regularly inspected during the year and periodic maintenance works carried out in accordance with established programs.

A bore has been installed at the Yolla Football Ground and this will reduce reliance on the town water supply.

Drainage improvement works were carried out at the Somerset Soccer Ground and Wynyard Recreation Ground.

A K-line irrigation system was provided for the Langley Park Recreation Ground.

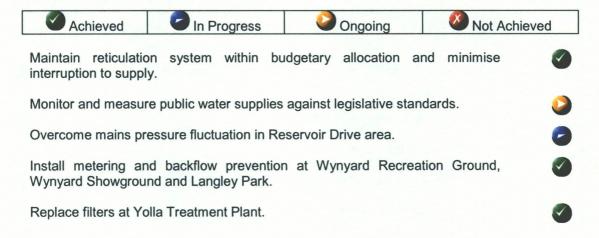


#### **Treated Water**

#### **OBJECTIVE**

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

#### PROJECT / ACTIVITY



#### **OVERVIEW**

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

Council determined to pass control of the Yolla Water Treatment Plant to Cradle Coast Water and this transfer occurred on 1 July 2006. Cradle Coast Water is investigating works to improve the efficiency of the plant operation.

The installation of a surge tank at the Fonterra (Bonlac) cheese factory in Wynyard will address pressure and surge issues in the supply main serving this business and address community concerns.

All properties receiving treated water are fitted with meters and are required to pay for all water consumed on a 'user-pays' basis.

#### **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.

#### PROJECT / ACTIVITY



Monitor and measure public water supplies against legislative standards.



#### **OVERVIEW**

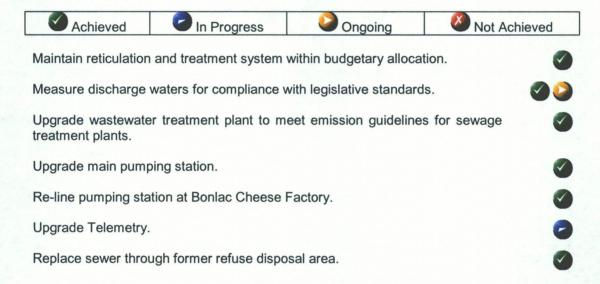
The quality of water delivered to residents complied with the drinking water guidelines with the exception of four (4) testing failures. The failures were as a result of a malfunction of the chlorine dosing system and was rectified as soon as noted.

#### 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



#### **OVERVIEW**

The Nurse's Retreat Pumping Station at East Wynyard was relined to extend the life of the facility.

De-sludging of the sludge lagoon at Wynyard Waste Water Treatment Plant is in progress and this work will extend the life of the lagoon and assist in the operation of the treatment processes.

A section of the sewer line though the former landfill site in Gibbons Street was relined to extend the life of the main. The continuation of this project is proposed for the forthcoming financial year.

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

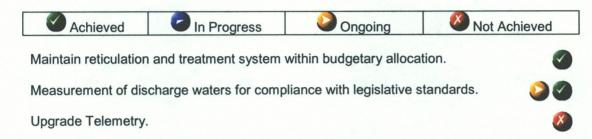


#### Somerset Sewerage

#### **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



#### **OVERVIEW**

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

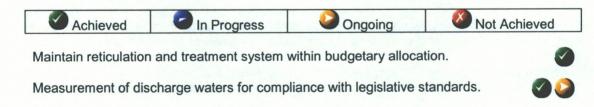
No issues of concern arose in the management of the sewerage system in Somerset during the year.

#### 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*.

#### PROJECT / ACTIVITY



#### **OVERVIEW**

The scheme operated without incident during the year

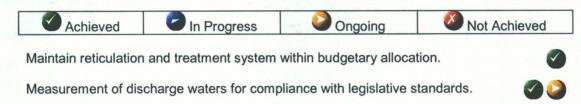


#### **Boat Harbour Sewerage**

#### **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



#### **OVERVIEW**

The facility continued to operate with input from the contractor as part of the longer term commissioning of the facility.

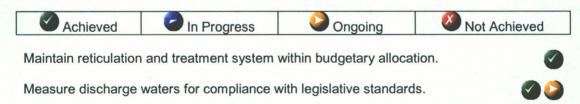
Effluent discharged from the plant was regularly monitored in accordance with DPIWE license conditions. The scheme operated without incident over the past year.

#### 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



#### **OVERVIEW**

The system is in operation and the community is progressively connecting to the reticulation network.

Effluent discharged from the plant was regularly monitored in accordance with DPIWE license conditions. The scheme operated without incident over the past year.



#### Wynyard Drainage

#### **OBJECTIVE**

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

#### PROJECT / ACTIVITY



#### **OVERVIEW**

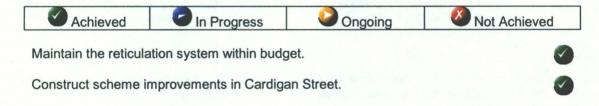
Routine maintenance of the drainage infrastructure occurred during the year.

#### Somerset Drainage

#### **OBJECTIVE**

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

#### PROJECT / ACTIVITY



#### **OVERVIEW**

Routine maintenance of the drainage infrastructure occurred during the year.

#### **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.



#### 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
Boat Harbour Beach Surf Life Saving Club	Community Assistance Grant	1,000
Inglis Pony Club	Community Assistance Grant	750
Wynyard Bowls Club Inc	Community Assistance Grant	500
Wynyard Cricket Club Inc	Community Assistance Grant	1,000
Wynyard Mini Football League Inc	Community Assistance Grant	500
Wynyard Softball Club Inc	Community Assistance Grant	500
Somerset Soccer Club	Community Assistance Grant	400
Guides Australia – Wynyard Unit	Community Assistance Grant	399
Hellyer College	Community Assistance Grant	500
Somerset Guides Support Group	Community Assistance Grant	300
Waratah Primary School	Community Assistance Grant	100
Wynyard Leo Club	Community Assistance Grant	200
Elliott District Association	Community Assistance Grant	200
Preolenna Mothers Group of Timber Communities	Community Assistance Grant	220
Scouts Australia - Somerset Group	Community Assistance Grant	1,500
Wynyard Garden Club	Community Assistance Grant	500
Australian Breastfeeding Association Wynyard Branch	Community Assistance Grant	176
Australian Red Cross Wynyard Branch	Community Assistance Grant	330
GROW in Tasmania Wynyard Branch	Community Assistance Grant	720
Women of the World	Community Assistance Grant	60
Wynyard Carers Support Group	Community Assistance Grant	300
Boat Harbour Fire Brigade	Community Assistance Grant	320
Cam-Somerset Neighbourhood Watch	Community Assistance Grant	200
Central Wynyard Neighbourhood Watch	Community Assistance Grant	100
Somerset Safety House Committee	Community Assistance Grant	300
Wynyard Fire Brigade Social Club	Community Assistance Grant	1,000
Sounds of Wynyard – Band, Choral and Ferals	Community Assistance Grant	900
Somerset Pageant Committee	Community Assistance Grant	500
Lions Club of Wynyard	Community Assistance Grant	500
Wynyard Garden Club Municipal Garden Competition	Community Assistance Grant	700
Wynyard Municipal Band	Community Assistance Grant	3,000
Wynyard Working Sheep Dog Club	Community Assistance Grant	154
Coast FM Radio	Community Assistance Grant	1,400
Crimestoppers	Community Assistance Grant	500
Wynyard Ladies Probus	Community Assistance Grant	100
Wynyard Chamber of Commerce	Community Assistance Grant	1,000
Sisters Beach Community Association Environment Team	Community Assistance Grant	220
Lighthouses Cluster of Schools	Community Assistance Grant	2,500



Organisation	Reason	Paid
Western Division Indoor Bias Bowls Inc.	Community Assistance Grant	153
Somerset Lai Taekwon-Do - Amy Phillips	Community Assistance Grant	500
Wynyard Group - Australian Breastfeeding Association	Community Assistance Grant	200
Wynyard On Sale Contribution	Community Assistance Grant	900
Vestas-Australia Wind Technologies	Rate Holiday	12,041
Gales Auto Services Pty Ltd	Rate Remission – 35 Goldie St.	1,450
RE Lohrey	Rate Remission	323
JB Cross	Conservation Covenant Rate Remission	52
GH & GH Sharman		80
RD & ME Bradley		341
Reg Pease Builders Pty Ltd	Rate Holiday - Inglisdale Mews	15,017
TOTAL		\$54,606

#### Land donated by Council under section 177

Council did not during the year donate any land under the provisions of section 177 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

#### 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 pretax), above which any excess returns are considered to be monopoly rents.



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 2006/07 financial year follow:

#### **RATE OF RETURN REPORT - WATER**

	\$'000
Asset valuation as at start of financial year	7,765
Asset valuation as at end of financial year	8,023
Average asset valuation for year	7,894

Cost items	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Budget
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Operation and maintenance	257	257	326
Purchases of bulk water	1,001	1,001	1,105
Administration & overheads	197	197	244
Externalities	0	0	0
Taxes & tax equivalents (other than income tax)	0	0	0
Cost of asset consumption - Lower Limit	158		
Cost of asset consumption - Upper Limit		179	
Interest on Debt	3		3
Dividends Paid	0		0
Cost of capital		553	
TOTAL COST	1,616	2,187	1,678

	Actual	Budget
Revenue items	\$,000	\$,000
Fixed rates & charges	1,390	1,373
Volume-based charges	449	1,373 526
Other fees and charges	13	13
Other revenue	0	0
CSO payments	33	37
Own use transfers	0	0
TOTAL REVENUE	1,885	1,949

Real rate of return on non-current assets

3.18% (Calculated automatically)

Real rate of return = <u>Earnings Before Interest and Income Tax</u>
Assets valued using DRC or DORC

= Revenue - (O&M, Bulk Water, A&O, Externalities, Other Taxes, Cost of Asset Consumption-Upper)
Assets valued using DRC or DORC

#### **RATE OF RETURN REPORT - WASTEWATER**

	\$'000
Asset valuation as at start of financial year	11,454
Asset valuation as at end of financial year	11,432
Average asset valuation for year	11,443

Cost items	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Budget
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Operation and maintenance	1,014	1,014	682
Purchases of bulk water	0	0	0
Administration & overheads	167	167	181
Externalities	0	0	0
Taxes & tax equivalents (other than income tax)	0	0	0
Cost of asset consumption - Lower Limit	229		
Cost of asset consumption - Upper Limit		378	
Interest on Debt	94		110
Dividends Paid	0		0
Cost of capital		801	
TOTAL COST	1,504	2,360	973

	Actual	Budget	
Revenue items	\$'000	\$'000	
Fixed rates & charges	1,475	1,451	
Volume-based charges	0	0	
Other fees and charges	241	132	
Other revenue	107	0	
CSO payments	0	0	
Own use transfers	0	0	
TOTAL REVENUE	1,823	1,583	

Real rate of return on non-current assets

2.31% (Calculated automatically)

Real rate of return = <u>Earnings Before Interest and Income Tax</u>

Assets valued using DRC or DORC

<sup>=</sup> Revenue - (O&M, Bulk Water, A&O, Externalities, Other Taxes, Cost of Asset Consumption-Upper)
Assets valued using DRC or DORC



### Tendering and Contracting

The Local Government (General Regulations) 2005 requires that Council reports in its Annual Report any contract for the supply or provision of goods and services valued at or above \$50,000 (excluding GST) during the financial year.

Description of Contract	Period of Contract	Period of any options to extend the contract	Contract value (ex GST)	Business name of contractor	Business address of contractor
Disposal of Municipal Waste - Port Latta Bitumen Surfacing Works - Spray, Asphalt & Pavement Bitumen Surfacing Works - Slurry Surfacing JCB 3CX 4WD Backhoe Bridge Replacement - Guildford Road Bridge Replacement - Guildford Road Bridge Replacement - Back Cam Link Road Construction - Building for Kenworthy Stamper Mill Sewer Reline Works - Gibbons Street Wymyard Ready Mixed Concrete - Wynyard CBD Project Construction/Demolition Sisters Beach Public Toilets Supply of Ecutrical Services - Warlous projects Supply of Electrical Services - Warlah Hire of Track Excavator 18-22 tonne Hire of Track Excavator 18-22 tonne Emptying Street/Reserve Bin/Cleaning Public Toilets Supply Reinforced Concrete Pipe-Sisters Beach Hire of Tractor and Arm Mounted Slasher	01/07/2005 - 30/06/2010 17/10/2005 - 30/06/2006 17/10/2005 - 30/06/2006 17/10/2005 21/11/2005 21/11/2005 21/11/2005 21/11/2005 23/01/2006 23/01/2006 23/01/2006 - 30/06/2008 01/07/2006 - 30/06/2008	2 year 2 year	\$30.90/tonne Circular H \$19,695 Emoleum \$129,310 JF Machin \$129,310 JF Machin \$196,145 Van Ek C \$222,273 Van Ek C \$105,340 Tas Span \$125,454 Carter an \$195,340 Tas Span \$125,454 Carter an \$195,500 Stubbs Co \$130,500 Stubbs Co \$10,500 Stu	\$30.90/tonne	PO Box 348, Smithton, 7330 PO Box 283, Burnie, 7320 PO Box 468, Wodonga, 3690 PO Box 62, Invermay, 7248 PO Box 812, Ulverstone, 7315 PO Box 812, Ulverstone, 7315 PO Box 812, Ulverstone, 7315 PO Box 814, Wynyard, 7325 PO Box 1153, Sandy Bay, 7006 2 Austin Street, Wynyard PO Box 573, Burnie, 7320 PO Box 573, Burnie, 7320 PO Box 507, Wynyard PO Box 507, Wynyard PO Box 507, Wynyard PO Box 507, Wynyard PO Box 166, wynyard, 7325 PO Box 166, wynyard, 7325 PO Box 166, wynyard, 7325 PO Box 165, Wynyard, 7320 PO Box 255, Smithton, QLD, 4064 PO Box 255, Smithton, 7330



#### **Summarised Financial Report**

## Waratah-Wynyard Council Summarised Financial Report For the Year Ended 30 June 2006

Any person desiring a complete copy of the Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2006 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 Australian Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations 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.



## Functions/Activities of the Council For the year Ended 30 June 2006

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.



#### Income Statement (by Transaction Class) For the year Ended 30 June 2006

REVENUE FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	NOTES	ACTUAL 2006 \$	BUDGET 2006 \$	ACTUAL 2005 \$
REVENUE FROM ORDINART ACTIVITIES				
Rates User Charges Interest Reimbursements/Contributions Government Grants Other Share of profit(losses)of Associates accounted for		8,909,662 2,146,996 476,617 452,300 3,320,783 33,297 162,226	8,780,864 1,893,236 284,786 144,145 2,699,206 37,125	8,550,175 1,978,804 487,928 750,666 4,326,607 33,297 141,146
by the equity method		45 504 004	42 020 262	46 260 622
Total Revenue From Ordinary Activities		15,501,881	13,839,362	16,268,623
EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES				
Employee Costs		3,615,617	3,808,291	3,488,122
Materials and Contracts		5,752,881	5,129,969	4,928,029
Depreciation		2,623,502	2,761,444	2,445,656
Net loss/(gain) on disposal of Non Current Assets		134,293	(98,018)	813,883
State Levies		286,969	291,496	257,343
Borrowing Costs		230,336	246,228	242,218
Remissions and Discounts		785,735	764,361	748,573
Other		159,527	147,500	196,259
Total Expenses From Ordinary Activities		13,588,860	13,051,271	13,120,083
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM ORDINARY				
ACTIVITIES		1,913,021	788,091	3,148,540
Donated Assets		1,693,674	1,000,000	0
SURPLUS FOR THE PERIOD		3,606,695	1,788,091	3,148,540



# Income Statement (by Functional Activity) For the year Ended 30 June 2006

	ACTUAL 2006 \$	BUDGET 2006 \$	ACTUAL 2005 \$
EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
Corporate Services	1,926,436	1,479,927	1,351,040
Transport	3,389,801	3,133,264	3,194,077
Development Services	652,025	755,502	654,233
Parks and Recreation Facilities	960,426	1,133,331	1,088,850
Community Services	1,606,615	1,328,029	1,543,861
Fire	243,987	261,496	223,445
Garbage	820,961	913,777	860,720
Water Services	1,637,880	1,957,398	1,738,562
Sewerage Services	1,738,944	1,428,813	1,738,944
Drainage Services	247,285	296,541	236,399
Other-Not Attributable	449,128	363,193	479,952
Total Expenses From Ordinary Activities	13,588,860	13,051,271	13,120,083
REVENUE FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
Corporate Services	641,098	441,081	1,169,576
Transport	1,814,124	1,304,038	1,515,886
Development Services	320,829	221,820	319,985
Parks and Recreation Facilities	224,189	57,456	67,580
Community Services	1,238,398	1,108,432	1,552,625
Fire	274,311	249,041	249,041
Garbage	610,119	566,736	934,347
Water Services	2,047,104	1,949,006	2,035,044
Sewerage Services	1,823,042	1,583,620	1,980,482
Drainage Services	333,880	348,863	351,447
Other-Not Attributable	6,174,787	6,009,269	6,092,610
Total Revenue From Ordinary Activities	15,501,881	13,839,362	16,268,623
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM ORDINARY			
ACTIVITIES	1,913,021	788,091	3,148,540
Donated Assets	1,693,674	1,000,000	0
SURPLUS FOR THE PERIOD	3,606,695	1,788,091	3,148,540



#### Balance Sheet For the year Ended 30 June 2006

	ACTUAL 2006 \$	ACTUAL 2005 \$
CURRENT ASSETS	5,524,457	6,054,700
Cash and cash equivalents Receivables	532.215	511,688
Inventories	302.655	158.656
Other	146,062	129,085
Othor	,	,
Total Current Assets	6,505,389	6,854,129
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, Plant and Equipment	81,237,447	77,826,324
Receivables	64.142	75,235
Investment in Associates	6,062,944	6,067,599
Total Non Current Assets	87,364,533	83,969,158
Total Assets	93,869,922	90,823,287
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Payables	1,214,314	967,405
Financial Liabilities	680,064	724,898
Provisions	843,062	881,865
Total Current Liabilities	2,737,440	2,574,168
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Financial Liabilities	2.767.968	3,448,033
Provisions	165,903	141,567
Total Non Current Liabilities	2,933,871	3,589,600
Total Liabilities	5,671,311	6,163,768
NET ASSETS	88,198,611	84,659,519
EQUITY		
Accumulated surplus	81,542,214	77,935,519
Reserves	6,656,397	6,724,000
TOTAL EQUITY	88,198,611	84,659,519
Contingency Commitments for Expenditure		



# Statement of Changes in Equity For the year Ended 30 June 2006

	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS		RESERVES		TOTAL	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
Balance at the beginning of the financial year	77,935,519	68,796,904	6,724,000	10,173,849	84,659,519	78,970,753
Changes in net assets resulting from operations	3,606,695	3,148,540	0	0	3,606,695	3,148,540
Asset Revaluation Increment -Council	0	0	0	2,036,387	0	2,036,387
Asset Revaluation Increment -Associate	0	0	(67,603)	3,896,181	(67,603)	3,896,181
Transfer to reserves	0	(3,392,342)	0	0	0	(3,392,342)
Transfers from reserves	0	9,382,417	0	(9,382,417)	0	0
Balance at the end of the financial year	81,542,214	77,935,519	6,656,397	6,724,000	88,198,611	84,659,519



#### Cash Flow Statement For the year Ended 30 June 2006

	NOTES	ACTUAL 2006	ACTUAL 2005
		\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Payments		0.000.070	2 205 405
Employee Costs		3,626,376	3,395,185
Materials and Contracts		5,626,741	5,058,743
State Levies		286,970	257,343
Interest		232,176	244,555
Remissions and Discounts		785,735	748,573
Other Expenses		159,527	196,259
GST Paid to Suppliers		817,243 11,534,768	752,687 <b>10,653,345</b>
Receipts		0.000.404	0.500.047
Rates		8,896,194	8,562,017
User Charges		2,152,922	2,220,800
Interest		474,423	448,592
Reimbursement of expenses incurred		452,300	347,367
Government Grants		3,320,783	4,326,607
Other Income		132,578	116,056
GST Collected from Customers		128,570	197,400
GST Recovered from ATO		676,908	555,287
		16,234,678	16,774,126
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities		4,699,910	6,120,781
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Payments for			
Property, Plant and Equipment		4,819,170	5,216,888
		4,819,170	5,216,888
Proceeds from			
Sale of Assets		313,916	349,681
		313,916	349,681
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities		(4,505,254)	(4,867,207)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for			
Interest Bearing Liabilities		724,899	732,957
Proceeds from			
Financial Liabilities		0	500,000
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities		(724,899)	(232,957)
		(530,243)	1,020,617
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		6,054,700	5,034,083
CASH AT THE END OF THE			
FINANCIAL YEAR		5,524,457	6,054,700
FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS			



#### 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, 2006; and
- (b) the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, and Urgent Issues Group Interpretations, 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: 25 August 2006

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

#### To the Councillors of the Waratah-Wynyard Council

Financial Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2006

I have audited the summarised financial report of the Waratah-Wynyard Council for the year ended 30 June 2006, comprising a income statement (by Transaction Class), income statement (by Functional Activity), balance sheet, statement of changes in equity, cash flow statement and a description of 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 15 September 2006 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** 

E R De Santi

**DEPUTY AUDITOR-GENERAL** 

**Delegate of the Auditor-General** 

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15 September 2006

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