

# ANNUAL REPORT



**2008/2009**



**Her Excellency the Governor-General Ms Quentin Bryce AC, Mayor Steve Baines and  
His Excellency Mr Michael Bryce AM AE  
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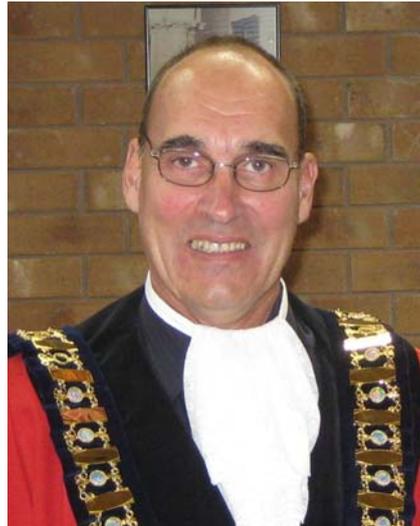
## **MAYOR'S ANNUAL REPORT**

This year has been one faced with many challenges. Just as mining activities were ramping up and expectations within our region were high we were confronted by the Global Economic Downturn which put all mining operations on hold. Although mining exploration continues around Coober Pedy, the prospect of any new mining operations starting in the immediate to short term seems remote at this time.

On the brighter side, the slowdown has given both the mining companies and our Council the opportunity to continue talks in an endeavour to be better placed when operations do continue.

Council was successful in obtaining further funding for the new airport terminal, bringing the total funding to \$1.3 million. Council engaged EnvironArc to undertake the design and project management of the new terminal. After much consultation a design was agreed upon and tender documents are being prepared. It is anticipated that the construction of the new terminal will be complete in April/May 2010.

Council was informed just prior to the end of this financial year that our Remote Areas Energy Supply (RAES) Subsidy will be reduced by \$1.0 million. Council has been trying to claw back some of the Council funds that we have expended over the past six years due to the increase in fuel prices, hire generators, and increased costs associated with the supply and generation of electricity to Coober Pedy. At this time Council has depleted all its cash reserves and is not in a position to fund any further shortfalls in the RAES subsidy. As



**Mayor Steve Baines**

Council moves forward with the preparation of the 2009/2010 budget we find that there is no alternative but to proceed with caution and place Council in “maintenance mode” for the next twelve months or until the amount of Council’s RAES subsidy is clarified. This will result in no capital works or community improvement projects being carried out in 2009/2010.

The Coober Pedy Senior Officers’ Group continues to be an effective means of communication between senior officers, service providers and agencies that provide services to Coober Pedy. The group still struggles to attract funding and extended services to the town in the areas such as the Mobile Assistance Patrol, Sobering Up Centre, Short Stay Accommodation, and various liquor licensing issues.

One of the highlights of this year was the visit to Coober Pedy by Her Excellency the Governor-General Ms Quinten Bryce and Mr Michael Bryce. Council held a civic reception for Her Excellency at which 100 community representatives attended. During their visit to Coober Pedy Ms Bryce and Mr Bryce took the opportunity to visit the

Breakaways with the local CFS and also spent some time with the students at the school, and elders and representatives from Umoona Tjutagku Health Centre and Umoona Community.



**Mayor Steve Baines presenting Dawn Jones with her Australian Citizenship Certificate**

Early this year I accompanied another ten people from Coober Pedy to Glengyle Station in Western Queensland to attend the ceremony at the gravesite of Willie Hutchison. The event was well attended with over 40 people including the Mayor, CEO, and Councillors from the Diamantina Shire Council, and members of the Hutchison family. I was able to deliver a speech on behalf of the people of Coober Pedy and pass on our Council's thanks to the Diamantina Council and the Hutchison family for recognising the importance of the gravesite to the people of Coober Pedy, and their efforts in producing a memorial at the site.

In September I had the pleasure of delivering the welcome address for the Regional Development South Australia Annual Conference. The conference was attended by approximately 140 people including State Government Ministers, Politicians, and Mayors from around South Australia, and gave us the opportunity to showcase Coober

Pedy and the region to those involved in regional development and mining.

An Industry Walkabout was held in Coober Pedy in March. The evening was sponsored by FROSAT, NRDB and OACDT, and sought to inform people about the various tourism businesses and products available in Coober Pedy and the Region. In excess of 50 people attended and many of the people travelled from the Flinders Ranges and Alice Springs for the event. The event was also attended by a range of media including the Adelaide Advertiser. I was able to explain to the audience how our council supported tourism by allocating over 14% of our total rate revenue to tourism events and products in order to attract tourists to Coober Pedy thus stimulating our economy. The event finished the following morning with breakfast at the Breakaways.

It was disappointing to hear of the decision to close the Coober Pedy Court on non-sitting days, and retrench or relocate the current staff. This appears to be another decision by the Government to reduce services to regional South Australia and can only result in a further decline in services and employment.

I am extremely pleased that in April a new employment contract was signed by the CEO and Council. The current contract is for a term of 3 years with a 2 year right of renewal. I believe this gives both Council and Trevor security in the knowledge of continuity of service and is in the best interest of both parties.

Council's Infrastructure improvement plan continued this year with the following projects undertaken:

- Extensions to the sewerage system
- Control system upgrade to the sewerage plant
- Upgrades to the bores and RO plants
- Renewal of Southern Cross water storage tank
- Refurbishment of the Snake Pit storage tank
- New toilet block at Oxiana Oval
- Additional solar lighting around the walking track
- Additional CCTV cameras in Hutchison Street
- Sealing of Roberts, Pierce, Miller and Reilly Streets
- Reseal of St Nicholas Street
- Electricity High Voltage Upgrade.



**Mayor Steve Baines welcomes Port Adelaide Football Club 'Bush Bashers'**

I take this opportunity to thank my Councillors, Senior Management and staff for the efforts that they have displayed this year. I now look forward to working again in the 2009/2010 financial year for the betterment of the Community and the broader region.

**Steve Baines JP**  
**Mayor**

## **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

The District Council of Coober Pedy local government area is a mere 77.6 square kilometres in area and sits astride the Stuart Highway, named after famous explorer John McDouall Stuart who travelled through this area in 1860 and gave his name to the low lying Stuart Ranges.

Coober Pedy sits amid 4,000 square kilometres of opal fields and proudly claims the title of "Opal Capital of the World". Our population is comprised of some 45 or so nationalities making up a very culturally diverse community of approximately 3,500. We struggle to gain formal recognition of this fact (population number) as the 2006 ABS Census indicated Coober Pedy's population at 1,913. This impacts significantly on Grants Commission funding, unemployment and crime rates, as well as those agencies whose funding is population based.

Throughout this year Council's financial position has been significantly under pressure mainly due to the fluctuating oil price and flow-on effect to the price of diesel associated with enGen's operation of the power station. Just prior to the end of this financial year the problem was further exacerbated when Council was advised by Energy Division, Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure, that its Remote Area Energy Supply (RAES) subsidy would be reduced by \$1 million. Council has been advised that this will be reviewed during the State Government's mid-year Budget Review in January 2010 however, in developing its budget for 2009/2010, Council has taken cognizance of this fact and adopted a 'maintenance mode'



**Chief Executive Officer Trevor McLeod**

budget that will be reviewed in January or February 2010 with the possibility of additional funds being made available through RAES.

Council's Airport Master Plan Review, prepared by Aerodrome Design Pty, was adopted in September 2008 and provides a framework for the future development and management of the Coober Pedy Airport. The plan places particular emphasis on sizing and costing a new passenger terminal, whilst also recognising the need for an upgrade of airside infrastructure associated with a new terminal.

The construction of the new Coober Pedy Airport terminal is a project that will not be affected by Council's financial position as detailed above. Total project funding is \$1.30 million following the South Australian Tourism Commission's allocation of \$200,000 and the Federal Government's Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program contribution of \$100,000. Consultants EnvironArc were engaged by Council to undertake the architectural design of the new terminal and project management of its construction. Completion and handover of the new terminal is scheduled for around April or May 2010.

In August 2008, Council commenced a review of its Elector Representation in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999. A Council is required to conduct a review of its representation or composition at least once every eight (8) years. A representation review is held to determine whether a council community would benefit from an alteration to its composition or ward structure (if applicable). The process involved preparation of a detailed Representation Options Paper, Representation Review Report, both of which were subject to community consultation, followed by the preparation of a final report to the Electoral Commissioner. Whilst that final report is yet to be forwarded Council is of the opinion that the status quo remain, that being a Mayor and eight (8) Councillors elected at large.



**Executive Assistant Judy Williams**

This year has seen the completion of the Urban Design Framework, the third and final stage of the Places for People Program, an initiative funded by the Minister for Urban Development and Planning. The purpose of the urban design framework, titled 'Coober Pedy Future Prospects – Urban Design Project' is to assist in developing a blue print for the future development of the Town Centre Precinct. The framework is a guide which coordinates physical and infrastructure development in association with

Council and community goals, objectives and strategies.

Whilst the urban design framework focuses on the physical character of the Town Centre Precinct – it is guided by the cultural and economic characteristics which are unique to Coober Pedy. An appreciation of the town's character and cultural framework is essential for a successful outcome.

In January of this year Council participated in the 'Out of the Ordinary' series, a television program featured on Channel 9 with the backing of the Local Government Association to showcase community endeavour in South Australia's Local Government regions. The storyline featured interviews with the Mayor, Chief Executive Officer, Youth Development Officer and some of the young people of Coober Pedy and concentrated on developments and initiatives for the young people, such as the Skate Park, Multi-Purpose Recreational Facility and the fulltime employment of the youth officer.

The Coober Pedy Senior Officers' Group, comprised of representatives of key agencies, service providers and stakeholders in Coober Pedy, meets on a monthly basis and endeavours to progress resolution of issues that impact on the town and its community. The group has been very supportive of the Mobile Assistance Patrol and Sobering-Up Centre in their pursuit of additional funding to expand their hours of operation but unfortunately neither has been successful to date. Additionally the frustrating delays in establishing a Short Stay Accommodation facility in Coober Pedy continue, with no immediate sign of moving forward.

Council continues to work at improving facilities at Oxiana Oval and has recently purchased and installed a new toilet facility adjacent to the Multi-Purpose Recreational Facility. This facility will only be used on special event occasions such as the Opal Festival, games of football or the like and makes for a welcome addition to the complex.

Native Title Negotiations have moved forward at a snails pace during the year. The main cause of this is that there are a number of Native Title Claims being dealt with by the National Native Title Tribunal in South Australia and funding for negotiation of these claims has been reduced. Another round of negotiations is scheduled in Coober Pedy in November 2009 and hopefully some progress will come out of that meeting.

The Global Financial Crisis has impacted to some degree on mining developments in the region, with the brakes being applied whilst financial and other administrative issues are addressed. Oz Mineral's Prominent Hill mine is now in full production following resolution of its financial issues. We look forward to a mutually beneficial relationship with those mining companies who have already invested in the region and those that propose to do so.

I take this opportunity to thank Mayor Steve Baines and Elected Members for their support during the year. The Senior Administration team continues to work closely with Council with the achievements of all clearly identified in the Mayor's Report. The efforts of all Council staff have been considerable during the year and I thank them for their contribution.

Council moves forward into 2009/2010 with a cautious approach, mindful of its responsibility to act with prudent financial restraint, positioning itself to be ready to act should additional funding be forthcoming following a resolution of the RAES subsidy in the second half of the year.

**Trevor McLeod**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

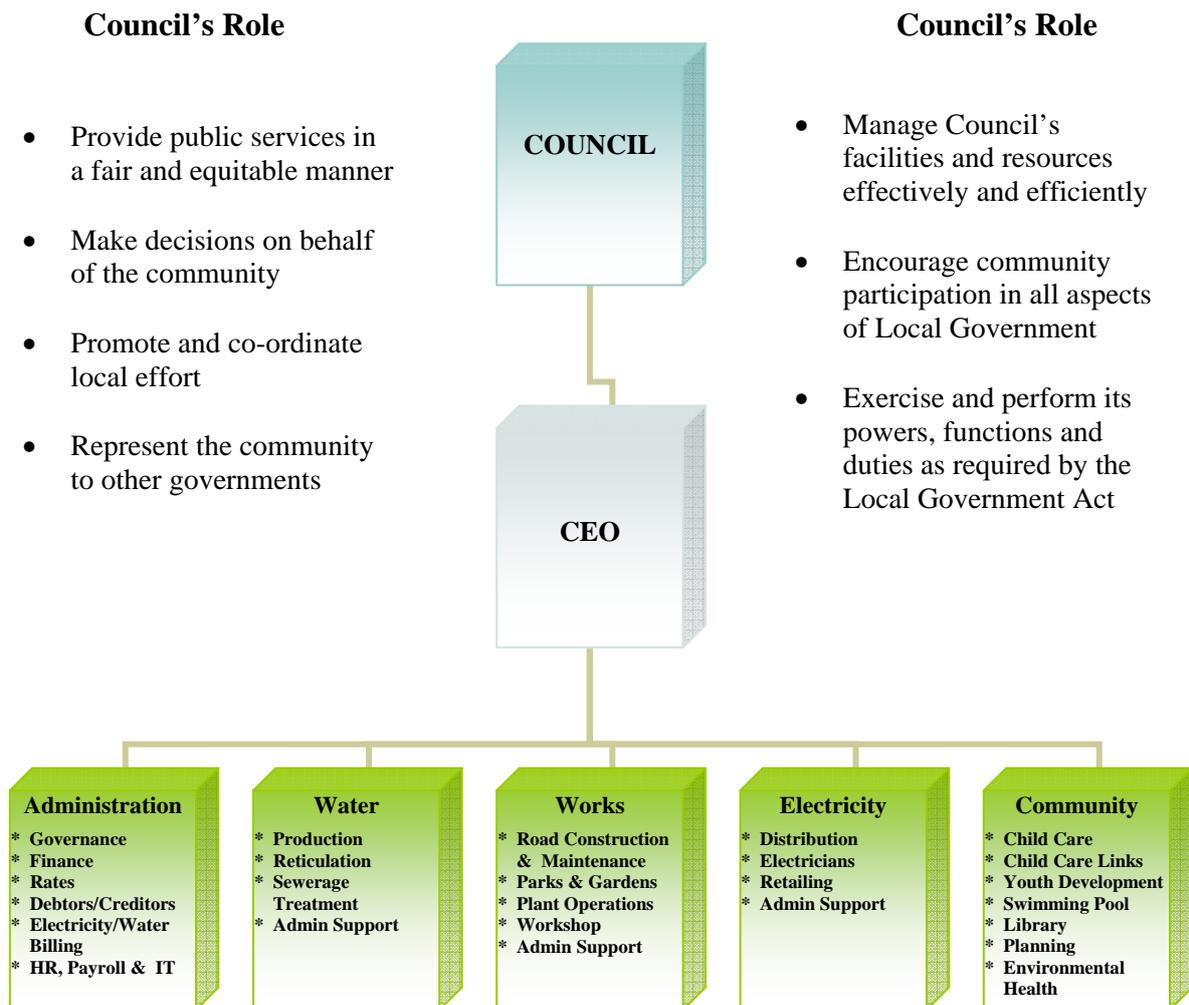
# WHAT IS COUNCIL AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

## COUNCIL STRUCTURE

The District Council of Coober Pedy elector representation is that of a Mayor and eight (8) Councillors. Following the election in November 2006, Council returned to that composition after serving the previous three years with a reduced representation by one following the early resignation of one of its elected members mid 2003. Council continues to function effectively, with all Elected Members contributing significantly and having a clear understanding of their role. Council is the policy and decision making body.

The Chief Executive Officer has the responsibility of implementing and administering these policies and decisions through the use of Council's human, physical and financial resources.

The Council provides a considerable range of services which are best detailed in the diagram below.



## **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

### **Overview**

Council continues to deal with financial issues on a day to day basis, meaning our budgets and financial performance are analysed quite heavily.

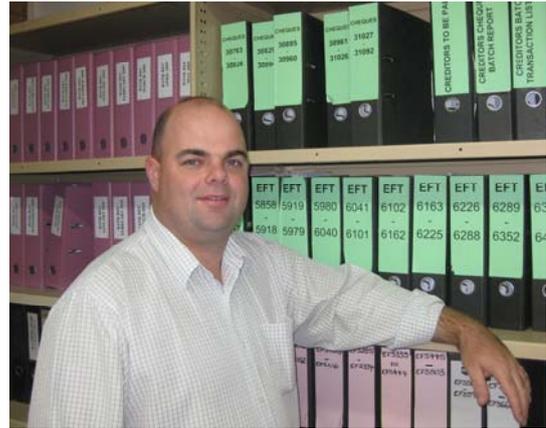
Council was pleased that the fuel price for the Power Station reduced to a point where we could start to catchup on the payment of debtors.

The other departments have done their best to cope with the added financial pressure we still have.

Council has been implementing the Long Term Financial Plan and Asset Management Plan. There are some issues that we are dealing with, the largest of which is the unpredictability of our funding from Department of Transport Energy & Infrastructure for the Electricity Supply. We are endeavouring to secure a reliable amount of funding for the upcoming years in order to make some long term decisions that are best for Council overall.

Council has continued to improve its IT infrastructure and started to implement and further develop its Disaster Recovery plans. Council has implemented a Virtual Server model. This has meant that we can better utilise our infrastructure and help to reduce power consumption over the life of the equipment.

Council is also moving towards an integrated IT model with Data, Phone (Voice), CCTV and PLC (Control System) all running off the same network infrastructure.



**Finance and Administration Manager Damien Clark**

There have been continuing changes and improvements in the Corporate Software that we use. This has meant that we can start to design more user friendly reports.

Council is committed to running its finances in an operating surplus on average over a period of 5 years. This recommendation came out of the Financial Sustainability Inquiry into the South Australian Local Government sector. Compliance is proving difficult due to the variations in the Electricity Budget. Council is subjected to the constant changes in the diesel fuel price, which in turn effects the price that it pays for electricity in Coober Pedy.

### **The Council figures at a glance:**

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Surplus before Depreciation: | \$0.249M |
| Depreciation:                | \$1.122M |
| Deficit after Depreciation:  | \$0.873M |
| Loan Balance @ 30/6/09       | \$2.723M |
| Cash Balance @ 30/6/09       | \$1.286M |
| Debtors Balance @ 30/6/09    | \$0.813M |
| Creditors Balance @ 30/6/09  | \$2.712M |

## **Staff Changes**

Council has seen minimal changes in its staff numbers this year. Kathy Kiosses and her family moved to Adelaide mid year and she has been replaced by Jayde Frew.

Tiffany Miller took up a position at the Barkley Council in the Northern Territory and was replaced by Khuram Saleem.



**New Accountant Khuram Saleem**

## **Collection of Debts**

Council is still trying to balance the need for customers to pay accounts on time while still understanding individual situations. We have been able to reduce our outstanding debts to a level that is more manageable. This can be attributed to administration staff dedication to their job.

Customers now have a number of options available to pay accounts and these include centrepay, internet, phone and in person.

We try to accommodate customers by offering payment plans when the need arises.

## **Many thanks**

Many thanks must go to Elected Members for feedback and support.

I would like to thank all of the staff under my supervision for the support they continue to provide.

Thanks also must go to Senior Management of Council for the diligence to their roles and helping me in my role.

**Damien Clark**  
**Finance & Administration Manager**

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

Ordinary meetings of Council are held monthly on the third Tuesday at 7.00 p.m.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and speak to Council during the public consultation section of the meetings between 8.00 pm and 8.30 pm.

The agenda is placed on public display on the Friday preceding the meeting. Minutes are available for inspection by the Friday after the meeting.

## SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY

Full Council makes decisions on policy issues relating to services that are provided to the community. These services currently include:

- Road construction and maintenance
- Litter bins
- Traffic control devices
- Public toilets
- Public cemeteries
- School Community Library
- Child Care
- Tree planting
- Planning and Building control
- Rubbish disposal site
- Tourist Information
- Fire hydrant systems & fire protection
- Parks & reserves
- Water supply
- Electricity supply
- Aged housing
- Aerodrome
  
- Plant and equipment hire
- Street cleaning and lighting
- Support for community groups
- Parking control
- Recreational & sporting facilities
- Quarry products
- Dog control & impoundment

Council is also required to carry out a number of policing services under various Acts, Regulations and By-Laws. These include control on –

- Environmental Health
- Land use
- Dogs
- Signs
- Land division
- Fire Hazards
- Traffic
- Buildings
- Litter
- Parking



Entrance to Oxiana Oval

Anyone contemplating undertaking property building development of any kind must obtain Council approval.

If you are unsure about a matter please phone Council by:

Phone: (08) 86 724 600

Fax: (08) 86 725 699 or email at

[dccp@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au](mailto:dccp@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au)

### Council By-laws are as follows:

- |           |                       |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| By-law 1: | Permits & Penalties   |
| By-law 2: | Moveable Signs        |
| By-law 3: | Local Government Land |
| By-law 4: | Streets & Roads       |
| By-law 5: | Nuisance              |
| By-law 6: | Dogs                  |

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

### **Council Meetings:**

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

- **Deputations:**

With the permission of the Mayor a member of the public can address the Council personally or on behalf of a group of residents.

- **Presentation to Council:**

Between 8.00 pm & 8:30 pm at each general meeting of Council any member of the public can address the Council for five (5) minutes on any issues relevant to Council.

- **Petitions:**

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

- **Written Requests:**

A member of the public can write to the Council on any Council policy, activity or service.

- **Elected Members:**

Members of the public can contact an Elected Member of Council to discuss any issue relevant to Council.

Council has adopted the following policies, codes and procedures that are also available for public inspection:

- Access to Council Meetings, Council Committees & Council Documents
- Elected Members' Allowances and Support Policy
- Elected Members' Code of Conduct
- Employees' Code of Conduct
- Internal Review of Council Decisions
- Making of Orders
- Public Consultation Policy
- Purchasing Policy
- Rating Policy
- Rate Rebate Policy
- Rates of Allowances for Members
- Register of Allowances and Benefits

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

## **ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS**

Council has a policy of making all documents available for public inspection except for those that are of a personal nature, relate to matters affecting staff or require some type of contractual confidentiality.

The following documents are available for public inspection at the Council Offices, free of charge:

Council Meeting Agenda, Council Minutes, Council Budget, Annual Report including Annual Financial Statements, Council By-Laws, Plan Amendment Report, Supplementary Development Plan, Planning Application Register, Building Application Register, Register of Elected Members' Allowances & Benefits, Register of Employees' Salaries, Wages & Benefits, Register of Public Streets & Roads, Register of Fees & Charges Levied, Assessment Book & Property Records

Members of the public may purchase copies of these documents for a fee declared by Council during annual budget deliberations.

## **Requests for Other Information**

Requests for other information not included above will be considered in accordance with the Freedom of Information provisions of the Local Government Act. Under this legislation an application and a search fee must be forwarded unless the applicant is granted an exemption.

## **Application of Competition Principles**

During 2008/2009, Council continued with a review of its policies with particular attention paid to the application of National Competition Policy and any possible restrictive aspects by-laws and policies may have on competition.

Council has, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999, adopted policies and procedures that govern tender and purchase practices for goods and service.



**Administration Staff (L to R):  
Jayde Frew, Melissa Rosewarne, Sherill Wood, Michelle Riha and Fevronia Simatos**



**School Holiday Program at the pool**



**Oxiana Oval playing surface**

## **HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT - *STAFFING OVERVIEW***

**During the year Council employed the following staff numbers:**

| <b>Function</b>                     | <b>Full-time</b> | <b>Casual</b> | <b>Part-time</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|
| <b>Governance</b>                   | <b>2</b>         | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>         | <b>2</b>     |
| <b>Finance &amp; Administration</b> | <b>8</b>         | <b>0</b>      | <b>1</b>         | <b>9</b>     |
| <b>Tourism</b>                      | <b>1</b>         | <b>0</b>      | <b>1</b>         | <b>2</b>     |
| <b>Works</b>                        | <b>13</b>        | <b>2</b>      | <b>1</b>         | <b>16</b>    |
| <b>Water Supply</b>                 | <b>5</b>         | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>         | <b>5</b>     |
| <b>Electricity Supply</b>           | <b>8</b>         | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>         | <b>8</b>     |
| <b>Library</b>                      | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>      | <b>1</b>         | <b>1</b>     |
| <b>Pool</b>                         | <b>1</b>         | <b>6</b>      | <b>0</b>         | <b>7</b>     |
| <b>Childcare</b>                    | <b>2</b>         | <b>6</b>      | <b>3</b>         | <b>11</b>    |
| <b>Childcare Links</b>              | <b>1</b>         | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>         | <b>1</b>     |
| <b>Youth Web</b>                    | <b>1</b>         | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>         | <b>1</b>     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>42</b>        | <b>14</b>     | <b>7</b>         | <b>63</b>    |

Total salaries expense for the year ending the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009 was \$3,156,000 which represents 22.97% of Council's total cash expenditure of \$13,737,000.

## STAFF TRAINING

Employee training and development is an investment. It can increase productivity by

- Increasing the skills of employees so that they are capable of operating more efficiently
- Creating a safer workplace
- Quickly and efficiently preparing employees to use new technology and deal with workplace changes
- Increasing employee morale

Council has delegated the responsibility of staff training to the Chief Executive Officer.

In the 2008/2009 year the following expenditure was incurred in training:

|                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| Administration   | \$ 14,721               |
| Electricity      | \$ 16,740               |
| Works            | \$ 21,515               |
| Water            | \$ 11,274               |
| Tourism          | \$ 503                  |
| Swimming Pool    | \$ 5,249                |
| Child Care Links | \$ 1,712                |
| Child Care       | \$ 5,121                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b><u>\$ 76,835</u></b> |

## EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The goals of council's Equal Employment Opportunity Program are to:

- Ensure that all staff or potential employees receive fair and equitable treatment.
- Engage or promote staff on a proper assessment of merit without discriminatory bias based on sex, sexuality, marital status, pregnancy, race, physical impairment, intellectual impairment or age.
- Involve and consult with staff on work practices and workplace change.
- Employ staff with skills best suited to the provision of Local Government services to the community.
- Give all staff equal access to training.

## **WORKS DEPARTMENT**

### **Roads**

The District Council of Coober Pedy road length total is 433 kilometres, including roads to the opal fields and the Breakaways Reserve. The total kilometer length is made up of sealed roads (29), formed roads (151), unformed roads (12) and natural surface roads (242). Grading of roads and driveways to most areas of the township is ongoing, with attention given to public requests for road and driveway maintenance where grading is prioritized. Repairs and re-sheeting of open surface roads were confined to maintenance issues, due to budgetary constraints. Watering of roads is constant to ease some of the dust problems the town suffers and extends the maintenance intervals to unsealed roads that carry high volume traffic.



**Bitumen sealing in Reilly Street**

The 'Roads to Recovery' program allowed Council to seal 5 short-length town streets, which were Reilly, Pierce, Roberts, Miller and Clarke Streets. Council also resealed St Nicolas Street, Seventeen Mile Road, a short section of Hutchison Street north of Seventeen Mile Road and the Council Chambers small car park. This year also saw the continuation of brick paving in the Hutchison Street CBD. This project is ongoing and will take a



**Works Manager Mark Hill**

a number of years to complete. Kerbing was commenced and saw 1,500 metres completed and reinstated by the end of the fiscal year.

### **Airport**

Coober Pedy airport was a busy place this financial year, particularly in the latter months, due mainly to the partial filling of Lake Eyre.

There were many, many light plane flights over the lake on a daily basis, with the airport being used as a base or fuel stop. This continued past the end June 2009. Alliance Airlines, flying Fokker 50's, is a common sight on the tarmac overnight or weekends, servicing Prominent Hill from Coober Pedy airport when the rain disallowed landing at the mine. Regional Express SAAB 340's continued to service the town with 6 flights weekly.

### **Workshop**

The Council depot workshop is well equipped with four air cooled bays and separate full length service pits for trucks and a hoist for smaller vehicles adjacent to the workshop. There is also a large wash down bay and collection pit at the rear of the workshop. This service depot is manned by 2 mechanics and one welder, kept busy by the demands of maintaining and servicing Council's fleet.

## **Works Depot**

The depot not only houses our construction equipment, depot office, workshop and store, but is also a sand and metal depot serving the needs of Council and the public. It is equipped with a washing plant for bitumen sealing aggregate, a concrete batching plant and the town's only weighbridge.

## **Parks and Gardens**

Coober Pedy has a number of reserves which include Keane, Hospital, Jewellers Shop, Cemetery and Triangle reserves, with the latter incorporating the Oxiana Oval and sports complex, skate park, playground, olive grove and walking track. All of these facilities require constant care due to the extreme weather and low rainfall, with the Triangle being irrigated by recycled treated effluent water incorporating an electronically controlled underground watering system.

## **Dog and Cat Management**

Council's General Inspector has a multi-faceted role as he is also an authorised Dog & Cat Management Officer and Meter Reader for the electricity and water supplies. His flexibility of duties allows him to switch between all roles when required. The inspector has encouraged tick and birth control injections and also encourages residents to surrender unwanted dogs and cats.

## **Waste Depot**

Council's landfill waste depot is licenced by the EPA and situated 4 kilometres north of Coober Pedy adjacent to the Oodnadatta road. It is now in stages 3 and 5 of a total of 9

stages. At current usage rates, stages 3 and 5 should be full in 3 years, leaving approximately 12 to 15 years to fill the remainder depot, after which a new site will be required. Dumping of household and other waste is free to rate payers. Council also conducts a commercial skip bin service at a nominal fee. Dumping elsewhere in the Coober Pedy district, including the opal fields, is illegal.

## **Rubbish Collection**

Daily residential curb side wheelie bin collection is carried out Monday to Friday. The town is divided into 5 areas and includes a commercial pickup, with many businesses requiring multiple collections weekly. Council contracts Bungala Aboriginal Corporation CDEP to empty street bins on a daily basis as well as clearing away paper and other litter in the CBD.

## **Aged Housing**

Council owns and maintains 4 above ground units in Van Brugge Street. Of the 4 dugout units in Harlequin Drive, also owned by Council, only 1 is occupied as the others have water damage and require extensive work some time in the future to make them habitable.



**Aged Care Units in Van Brugge Street**

These units are for the elderly and any interested person requiring occupancy

can contact the Community Health Sister at the Health Centre.

### **Training**

Council is committed to a high standard of training and this is conducted on an as needs basis; mainly consisting of operators tickets for plant and machinery, first aid, OHS&W, white cards, work zone traffic management, computer, fire and airport reporting officer training.

### **Staff**

There were a number of staff changes this last financial year, as is common to the area; the extreme weather conditions are quite trying and the mining industry is often inviting to experienced plant operators.

**Mark Hill**  
**Works Manager**

## **WATER SUPPLY DEPARTMENT**

The Coober Pedy Water Supply System, which consists of two bores, 26 kilometres of 225 mm pipeline, desalination plant, storage and town reticulation system, has been in operation now for 24 years. The sewerage treatment plant has been in operation for 15 years and the new Reverse Osmosis plant for 8 years. Some of the above infrastructure has had major upgrades with excellent results and success. Overall performance of operations is at a very high standard.

Staff changes have been minimal this year, with Richard moving on and Ronald Michie moving across from Parks and Gardens to fill a full-time position with the Water Supply Department.

### **Borefield**

The bore pump variable speed drives have been in operation now for over two years and have been very effective with little or no maintenance required to both VF drives and bore pumps.

The new telemetry and computer system for bore operations is also operating effectively. The addition of solar panels to recharge telemetry system batteries is planned for the new financial year which should see a decrease in battery charge issues.

The AC pipeline system continues to keep Water Supply staff busy with the number of breaks over the last year increasing to five. Early on there was an issue with defective pipe joiners however most of these have now been replaced. Bore line valves, air valves and scour valves are also beginning to wear and will require replacing in the near future.



**Water Supply Manager Phil Van Poorten**

Gas substitution is still employed on genset motors, which have seen some minor issues during the year and may also need upgrading in the near future. With fuel prices constantly increasing, gas substitution at the bore site is still viable.

One genset motor has required some maintenance to the injector pump, head valves and gaskets and should now see another few years of operation.

### **Reticulation System**

The town reticulation system is operating well, however occasional odour and discoloured water in some areas are evident due to the rusting of old ductile iron and cast fittings that are still in the system.

Water Supply staff continue to replace fittings in these areas as time and budgets permit and are also flushing these areas frequently. The reticulation pumps are also showing signs of age and plans to upgrade the pumps and control systems will begin this financial year.

The continuation of renewal of services lines and poly mains in the reticulation system has seen a further reduction in water loss on the ground, with the number of leaks in the past

year being further reduced to 42, although figures throughout the year show a higher percentage of water loss than the previous year. The total water loss for the year is approximately 17%, which is still marginally less than the previous year. With the continuation of mains and service renewals, Water Supply staff can hope to see further improvements in the reduction of water loss in the future.

Water Supply staff urge consumers to notify the Council of water quality irregularities and suspected system fractures (leaks) to enable prompt attention by staff.



**Laying mains service across 17 Mile Road**

Additional fire hydrants have been installed in the system and several mains valves have been replaced with new ones.

Storage tanks are in a good state and continue to hold water without any major issues. Electric actuators and level sensors have also been installed on all storage tanks. These can be monitored and operated by the computer system.

Maintenance to Southern Cross (SX 2) tank and the old EWS (snake pit) tank (which required renewal of sidewalls) has also been completed.

## **Water Treatment Plant**

The water treatment plants are operating quite efficiently with town demand being met easily during both summer and winter months. The new plant, which is now in its eighth year of operation, has still not seen a membrane change and continues to operate with good results from the old membranes. New membranes will be installed possibly in the near future when required.

The old plant has had a new upgraded computer system installed with new alarms and touch screen operation to automate further operations of the desalination plant. The results have been very successful and proven to be more efficient.

The new high pressure pumps, which were installed last financial year, have had several issues concerning the pump housing material and may not be suitable for this particular application and will require renewal with higher grade/quality pumps in the near future.

## **Water Quality**

The District Council of Coober Pedy Water Supply is committed to providing the highest achievable water quality as per guidelines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia (NHMRC) and the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG), which provide the basis for maintaining quality control.

Water samples that are collected from sampling points at selected areas in the town undergo stringent bacteriological and chemical analysis on a monthly basis. Results are received within a week should there be any test results that exceed limits. Water samples are

collected and sent via courier to the Australian Water Quality Centre at Bolivar. Daily tests are also carried out in-house to maintain quality.

### **Sewerage System**

The sewerage treatment scheme has also seen a major upgrade with the installation of a new computerised control system including touch screen operation, VF drives for aerator and mono pump operation with new alarm systems. These are monitored and operational via Ethernet and Citect programs on computer.

Treated effluent quality has been maintained to correct requirements as per Government statutory regulations. Inflow of effluent has decreased slightly, leaving a larger margin for the maximum intake.

Sewer mains extensions have taken place with a new pipeline installed in Aylett Place, allowing for eleven new connections to the sewer system which has provided for a slight increase to effluent inflow.

School and town oval usage continues to provide good outcomes as evidenced by the condition of lawns and trees, and the additional inflow of effluent will be welcomed.

The installation of a pumping chamber with a rising main to the town sewer system and the connection of a new toilet block at the Triangle (Oxiana Oval) will also add slightly to the inflow.

The vac truck operations are continuing to be a huge success with the service being required mostly at the Prominent Hill Mine on a regular basis. Maintenance and repairs to the truck have been less frequent and have been completed when necessary.

**Phil Van Poorten**  
**Water Supply Manager**

## **ELECTRICITY SUPPLY**

The Coober Pedy Power Station is situated in Potch Gully Road, on the outskirts of the town centre. There are eight self contained Deutz gensets with a separate building for the control room. Energy Generation Pty Ltd (enGen), with its head office situated in Canning Vale, Western Australia, monitor the gensets by computer 24 hours each day. If the town experiences any disturbances with the power, there is consultation between the Coober Pedy Power Station Operator and the relevant on-call Operations person in Western Australia to rectify any problems as soon as possible. The station area is kept clean and is surrounded by established trees, which are a credit to staff keeping up the maintenance and continually checking the watering dripper system.

During the year there was a total of seven (7) unplanned Generation Power Outages for a total of 5 hours 25 minutes.

Major rebuilds, repairs and maintenance was undertaken and completed by mechanics from Central Diesel, assisted by Geoff Ferguson, and consisted generally of routine and major generator servicing, electrical component checking and the annual electrical check of the station.

Twice each year enGen electrical technicians fly from Western Australia to Coober Pedy to check on all the electrical components of the station.

During August a max lift crane was hired by enGen to position the new alternator in the wind turbine. At this stage the alternator keeps cutting out at high speed and is still unable to run. enGen staff continue checking all the



**Distribution Supervisor Wally Norton with Linesmen Paul Leech and Geoff Smith**

systems in an endeavour to locate the problem.

### **Distribution**

The Distribution team is comprised of two qualified linesmen and one apprentice linesman, supported by contract staff from Electel in Adelaide.

### **Power Outages:**

*Planned outages* for the year totalled 2 with approximately 176 customers affected.

*Unplanned outages* for the year totalled 2 with approximately 150 customers affected, both occurring during adverse weather conditions.

Fourteen quotations were supplied during this year for customers requesting new installations; change from one to three phase supplies, underground connections, single phase SWER connections, additional meters or temporary supplies. Quotations are valid for three months and temporary supplies are to be made permanent twelve months after the meter has been installed.

Outlined below lists some of the workload completed by the *distribution* section:

- Removal of communication dishes from Council Chambers
- Assisted with the installation and maintenance of the CCTV security cameras along Hutchison Street
- Alternator was unpacked and repositioned at Wind Turbine
- Repaired street lights and installed lamp heads at Umoona Community
- Staff had a refresher run through on installing and removing circuit breakers at the power station
- Terminated supply for septic chamber pumps at the Oval change rooms
- Replaced network transmitter at Airport
- Installed solar lights in Hutchison Street and at the Triangle walking track
- Every two months a night patrol of public lighting is completed by staff to monitor lights not working and these are repaired or replaced as soon as possible
- Boring holes and erecting Stobie poles where required for new line work or relocations
- Set up Poly Logger on Stobie poles to monitor the electricity voltage on properties
- Work completed at Oxiana Oval included installing solar lights around the walking track, installation of fibre optic cables and service pits, erecting and assembling light towers, fitting light heads to columns and fabricating pole guards for HV run.



Erecting light tower at Oxiana Oval

### **Electrician**

Council employs one permanent electrician and two apprentice electricians (at varying stages of their apprenticeships). This year they have undertaken a considerable amount of work, some of which is detailed below:

- Installed reconditioned charge alternator for Gen # 12 at Water Supply Bore
- Organised wiring and installation of UPS in Works Depot crib room
- Repaired temperature sensor on genset # 13 at the bore
- Connected flow switch in transfer shed at the RO1
- Wired head pressure switches and installed phone speaker at the bore
- Upgraded float junctions at STP due to UV damage
- Installed lights at oval pumping station
- Wiring of cabinets for oval lighting system

Council are currently installing hard wired meters as part of their 5 – 10 year plan, which will accommodate the town meters being digitally read in the future.

The Palfinger Crane was driven to Adelaide in November for the annual mandatory inspection. OSH&W training included White Card, Use of Hazardous Substances, High Voltage Switching, updating CPR and fire extinguisher use. A register has been compiled to collate all Material Safety Data Sheets for Hazardous Substances and is updated on a regular basis.



**(L-R) Administration Assistant April Grava with Administration Officer Vonnie Ferguson**

It is pleasing to report that Council's Electricity Supply staff remains unchanged from last year, continues to gain experience and provided employment opportunities for the young people of our town.

**Graeme Norton  
Distribution Supervisor**



This year has been extremely busy, addressing various changes within the centre, accreditation, changes to child care and Government management systems. The centre has been preparing for upcoming changes to Licensing standards and regulations and the introduction to a new programming framework for early childhood, which will be consistent on a national basis.

Mini Gems transitioned to the National Child Care Management System, meaning our day to day management software was upgraded to an online system, reporting on a daily basis to Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations in Canberra. The new system allows our reporting to be more transparent and accurate.

Mini Gems successfully passed our National Child Care Accreditation with a High Quality Rating. The process involved a Validator arriving unannounced to assess our service on all levels, including interaction with children, parents and staff, as well as educational programming for children, management and Occupational Health and Safety. It is a credit to the service and the staff for achieving such a high rating.

We also had the pleasure of an unannounced Licensing & Standards representative visit for a staffing and facilities audit. Mini Gems passed the audit with minor recommendations on how to improve the centre.



**Mini Gems Director Melissa Borrett with Erin Pryce and William Clifton**

Mini Gems is preparing for the upcoming changes to the Licensing & Standards; with the major changes being the reduction of staff to child ratios and qualification requirements of staff.

We have had many staff changeovers in the past 12 months with the departure of Nicole Harms and Kym Harris. Cassandra Holland joined our team early in the year to work in the Under 2's section and has also enrolled in the Certificate 3 for Children's Services. Jessica Weaver and Shai Burns also joined our team. Tegan Jones is continuing her traineeship for the Diploma in Children's Services. We are hoping to work closely with Coober Pedy Area School in 2010 to secure a School-based Traineeship.

On a weekly basis our children attend Baby Bounce, Playgym and Musical Child.

Baby Bounce is a reading and singing program for children Under 5 years, held at the Coober Pedy Area School Library. Playgym is a physical development program for children Under 5 years at Coober Pedy Area School and is organised by Tanya Lauder, Child Care Links. Musical Child is a music program with the

children singing, playing musical instruments and dancing. Musical Child is funded through Child Care Links and run by Claire Hinge.

Mini Gems supported the Families SA Child Protection Week celebration. The day highlighted child protection and the support services available to the community.



**Lots of activities in a safe environment**

In general the children's program has included excursions to different community events and venues within Coober Pedy. It has also involved a celebration of cultures, awareness of safety and educational based activities in preparation for transition to the Over 2's section and to Kindy.

In 2010 all Early Childhood services will transition to the new national curriculum -Being, Belonging, Becoming. We are proud to say we are ahead of most services and will be using the new program in 2010 in the Over 2's Section. Many thanks to Kristina Seekamp and her knowledge of educational based programming.

**Melissa Borrett**  
**Director**

## **CHILD CARE LINKS**

Throughout the year Child Care Links has staged a number of events, activities, playgroups and provided parenting advice through various mediums.

The main events that Links has coordinated and/or funded for the community are:

- The Silly Billies – coordinated and funded a free Children’s Variety Show sing-a-long and dance-a-long
- Father’s Day – coordinated and funded a Family Fun Day, free kite for every child, obstacle course, races, competitions and free spit
- Brain Development Parenting Talk – organised two sessions presented by Penny Kelly from Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service
- Promoting Speech & Language training – funded a parent and staff training session presented by Gowrie and Child Health Team of Flinders and Far North Community Health Service
- Kid’s Fun Tent – marquee at Opal Festival consisting of fruit, water, playpen, breast feeding area, kid’s activities and horse riding
- Mother’s Day Event – funded and organised a family fun day, free scones, kids’ activities and free children’s musical puppet show.

Events that Child Care Links has assisted with or helped coordinate are; as follows:

Kid’s Day – an event to promote Child Protection Week, various children’s activities presented by community and government services of Coober Pedy



**Tanya Lauder, Child Care Links Officer**

- Kids’ Activity Day – helped organise activities for a school pupil day
- Christmas School Holiday Program – assisted with supervision and donated material for activities
- Baby Bounce and Rhyme & Toddler Story Time – held by the Library on Wednesdays between 10am & 10.30am. Child Care Links acts as a reliever for the facilitator

Child Care Links is also a facilitator or helps fund 6 playgroups throughout the week:

- Tiny Tackers Playgroup – for parents with young children aged 0 to 18 months, Friday Mornings at Community Health Building (Facilitator)
- Tjitji Tjutja Inkanyini Pukulpa Playgroup – an Aboriginal Playgroup, held 11-1pm Tuesdays at Home Makers – Umoona Community, for parents with children aged 0 to 5 (Joint Facilitator)
- Play Gym – Mondays 9am -10am, an active playgroup for both child care centres and kindergarten to attend (Facilitator)
- Play Gym – Sundays 2.30pm - 4.30pm, an active playgroup for parents with children aged 0 to 5 (Facilitator)

- Little Musicians – a musical playgroup for 3-5 year olds Thursdays at 1.30 at the school music room
- Offered a mum's walking group which did not take off



**Horse riding at Kid's Day  
Child Protection Week**

#### Other Initiatives

- Family Matters -fortnightly page in the local newspaper to promote early childhood development
- Continues to raise funds for a new community Playground
- Continuing to offer the community a discount nappy service

**The project aims to: *Improve the health and wellbeing of young children by strengthening the resilience of their caregivers, using early childhood and other community services to foster development of child-friendly communities.***

**Tanya Lauder  
Child Care Links Officer**

## **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

In order for the Youth Development Officer to effectively and efficiently implement the variety of programs introduced during the year, I have undertaken considerable training which has included the following:

- Mandated Notification training
- Mental Health First Aid Course
- Senior First Aid Course
- Certificate III in Youth Work
- Media Workshop
- Currently in training for Certificate IV in Youth Work

To achieve effective delivery of programs it is crucial that key stakeholders and service providers in Coober Pedy are able to work together for a common purpose. To this end it is extremely satisfying to have worked with the following organisations dedicated to youth development in Coober Pedy.

- Aboriginal Family Support Services (AFSS)
- Families SA
- Uniting Care Wesley
- Community Health
- Flinders & Far North Division of General Practice
- Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)
- Sports & Recreation Officer
- Umoona Tjutagku Health Services Inc.
- Umoona Council
- Australian Red Cross
- Stride Foundation
- Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia
- South Australian Aboriginal Sports Training Academy
- Coober Pedy Area School
- SAPOL



**Youth Development Officer Paul Maduro**

- Teen Challenge South Australia
- Child Care Links

The Youth Development Officer works predominantly with 3 groupings which are as follows:

### **Boys Group**

The aim of this group is to engage in a variety of activities that promote self-esteem, positive behaviour, tolerance and being a valued member of the community.

### **Active Girls Group**

The aim of this group is to promote health and fitness through involvement in sport and healthy cooking, providing the girls with information on physical, mental and sexual health, as well as allowing them to be independent and take control of their own futures.

### **Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)**

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC's) are groups of young people aged between 12 and 25 years who work in partnership with Local Councils to provide advice on decisions that affect their lives.

YAC's are in charge of delivering events such as:

**National Youth Week** - an opportunity for young people to take centre stage, express their ideas and views, raise issues of concern to them and showcase the positive contribution that young people make to society.

**Clean Up Australia Day** – working with the community for a cleaner town

**Bluelight Disco's** – working with SAPOL and the kids

YAC has been very supportive in its involvement with all community events, particularly when it comes to promotion and being a part of the program.

The Youth Development Officer is also involved in a range of After School Hours Activities programs, a lot of which focus on recreational activities, the School Holiday Program, coordinated by AFSS, and the construction of the BMX track by Council.



**Paul Maduro with Umoona Anangu Youth Development Officer Rose Temple**

Supporting community events has been a great way of getting young people involved and working with their peers. There are many great role models in the community who give freely of their time to assist in the development of our young people. Examples of these community events are the Opal Festival, ANZAC Day, Mothers' and

Fathers' Day activities, Drug and Alcohol Week and Australia Day.

The Youth Centre is based at the Multi-Purpose Recreational Facility at Oxiana Oval and provides a safe and friendly environment for all. There are a range of activities for kids such as computing, musical instruments, board games, Nintendo and Wii games and so on.

This year Council's increased budgetary allocation for Youth Development has seen the position evolve from part-time to permanent fulltime. This reflects the need for such involvement with the youth of the town and we look forward next year being bigger, brighter and more active.

**Paul Maduro**  
**Youth Development Officer**

## **VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE**

During 2008/2009 the Visitor Information Centre has seen a steady flow of visitors from all parts of Australia and around the world. Coober Pedy obviously remains a fascinating stopover for a night or 2 or more. Leah Henderson is Council's Visitor Information Officer, ably supported by John Holdrich on weekends.



**Visitor Information Centre  
(full of local and regional information)**

The Visitor Information Centre focuses on the provision of unbiased and valuable information for the travelling public. The VIC also sends out countless information packages to potential visitors and to many children undertaking school projects.

The attractive Centre invites many positive comments and we are pleased to continue providing a venue from which the Coober Pedy Historical Society can display fascinating information, updated on a regular basis, about the town's history and development.

Council also owns and maintains the superb tourist information website at [www.opalcapitaloftheworld.com.au](http://www.opalcapitaloftheworld.com.au) which is full of information about Coober Pedy, opal mining and processing, history, accommodation and tours etc. There are also numerous

links to other tourism related products and organisations in Coober Pedy and the region.

The Visitor Information Officer also provides invaluable assistance, support and logistics for the annual Opal Festival, as does Council and its Works staff in particular.

Tourism is a very integral part of the Coober Pedy economy. Council acknowledges its significance to the town by its annual allocation of funding for a range of tourism initiatives and events, such as the Opal Festival, Gem Trade Show and Annual Race Weekend. High standards are required to maintain VIC accreditation as well as ensuring the South Australian Tourism Commission continues to provide funding assistance.

The community pool is still the number one spot during the warmer months, with Manager Barry Daniell and staff looking after the many locals and visitors taking the opportunity to cool off.



**Manager Barry Daniell giving some tips to youngsters at the pool**

The pool is a great asset for service providers, particularly for school holiday programs, when affordable access and use of the pool plays a significant role in the program's success.

**Leah Henderson  
Visitor Information Officer**

### Schedule of Community Donations

During the financial year the following community donations were allocated:

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Coober Pedy Miners Association                                  | \$8,500         |
| Coober Pedy Shooters Club                                       | \$4,500         |
| Coober Pedy Area School – Out of School Hours Care (4 Projects) | \$3,705         |
| Coober Pedy Junior Football                                     | \$3,000         |
| Coober Pedy Amateur Racing Club Inc.                            | \$1,570         |
| Coober Pedy Motor Club (in-kind)                                | \$1,500         |
| Carols By Candlelight   | \$1,000         |
| Australia Day @ the Old Timers Mine                             | \$ 500          |
| Social Netball/Volleyball Competition                           | \$ 425          |
| Coober Pedy ‘Big Afternoon Tea’                                 | \$ 300          |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>   | <b>\$25,000</b> |

#### Census 2006 (2006 ABS Census Summary) Coober Pedy (DC) (Local Area)

| Language Spoken at Home  | Selected Region | % of total persons in Region | Australia  | % of total persons in Australia |
|--|-----------------|------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| English only spoken at home  | 1,117           | 58.4%                        | 15,581,333 | 78.5%                           |
| Greek  | 136             | 7.1%                         | 252,220    | 1.3%                            |
| Croatian   | 51              | 2.7%                         | 63,611     | 0.3%                            |
| German   | 46              | 2.4%                         | 75,636     | 0.4%                            |
| Serbian  | 42              | 2.2%                         | 52,536     | 0.3%                            |
| Hungarian  | 25              | 1.3%                         | 21,564     | 0.1%                            |
| <p>In the 2006 Census, English was stated as the only language spoken at home by 58.4% of persons usually resident in Coober Pedy (DC)(Local Government Area). The most common languages other than English spoken at home were: Greek 7.1%, Croatian 2.7%, German 2.4%, Serbian 2.2% and Hungarian 1.3%</p> |                 |                              |            |                                 |

| Family Characteristics   | Selected Region | % of total persons in Region | Australia | % of total persons in Australia |
|--|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| Total families   | 378             | -                            | 5,219,165 | -                               |
| Couple families with children  | 135             | 35.7%                        | 2,362,582 | 45.3%                           |
| Couple families without children   | 187             | 49.5%                        | 1,943,643 | 37.2%                           |
| One parent families  | 51              | 13.5%                        | 823,254   | 15.8%                           |
| Other families   | 5               | 1.3%                         | 89,686    | 1.7%                            |
| <p>In the 2006 Census, there were 378 families in Coober Pedy (DC)(Local Government Area): 35.7% were couple families with children, 49.5% were couple families without children, 13.5% were one parent families and 1.3% were other families.</p> |                 |                              |           |                                 |

Council maintains the town’s population is approximately 3,500 contrary to the Census 2006 figure of 1,913 so the above information should be tempered by that reality.

## ELECTED MEMBERS



Mayor Steve **BAINES** Ph: 0418 890 710



Deputy Mayor Michael **MAYLIN** Ph: 0417 803 542



Councillor Paul **ATHANASIADIS** Ph: 0886 725 179



Councillor Tina **DOULGERIS** Ph: 0419 416 824



Councillor Alex **MORGAN** Ph: 0886 725 762



Councillor Boro **RAPAIC** Ph: 0886 725 068



Councillor Beverly **STAINES** Ph: 0886 723 438



Councillor Geoffrey **SYKES** Ph: 0419 301 559



Councillor Kevin **WOON** Ph: 0886 723 519

## ELECTED MEMBERS MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

| Name                     | Ordinary | Attended | Special | Attended |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| <b>Mayor S Baines</b>    | 12       | 11       | 7       | 7        |
| <b>Cr M Maylin</b>       | 12       | 10       | 7       | 7        |
| <b>Cr P Athanasiadis</b> | 12       | 9        | 7       | 4        |
| <b>Cr T Doulgeris</b>    | 12       | 11       | 7       | 6        |
| <b>Cr A Morgan</b>       | 12       | 12       | 7       | 7        |
| <b>Cr B Rapaic</b>       | 12       | 8        | 7       | 3        |
| <b>Cr B Staines</b>      | 12       | 7        | 7       | 4        |
| <b>Cr G Sykes</b>        | 12       | 9        | 7       | 6        |
| <b>Cr K Woon</b>         | 12       | 10       | 7       | 5        |

### SENIOR ADMINISTRATION

|                                  |                          |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Chief Executive Officer          | <b>McLeod, Trevor</b>    | 86 725 408   |
| Finance & Administration Manager | <b>Clark, Damien</b>     | 86 723 828   |
| Manager Water Supply             | <b>Van Poorten, Phil</b> | 86 725 595   |
| Manager Works                    | <b>Hill, Mark</b>        | 86 725 069   |
| Distribution Supervisor          | <b>Norton, Graeme</b>    | 0417 814 617 |

## **SELECTED STATISTICS FOR 12 MONTHS TO 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2009**

| <u><b>Properties</b></u>  | <u><b>No</b></u>    | <u><b>Valuation</b></u>   |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Crown Land (non-rateable) | 354                 | 13,220,548                |
| Vacant                    | 252                 | 4,119,206                 |
| Residential               | 1,185               | 110,447,151               |
| Commercial & Industrial   | 139                 | 31,396,620                |
| Other non-rateable        | 0                   | 0                         |
| Primary                   | <u>0</u>            | <u>0</u>                  |
| <b><u>Total</u></b>       | <b><u>1,930</u></b> | <b><u>159,183,525</u></b> |
| Development Applications  | 58                  |                           |
| Land Divisions            | 3                   |                           |

### **Water Supply Department**

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Raw water pumped from bore field           | 438,035 kl   |
| Potable water produced                     | 276,751 kl   |
| Desalination operating hours               | 9,570.10 hrs |
| Number of customers                        | 1,566        |
| New connections for 12 months to 30.6.2009 | 5            |
| Services removed                           | 1            |
| Sewerage Scheme intake                     | 42,540 kl    |
| Treated Effluent Recovery Rate             | 88.52%       |
| Irrigation (grey) water                    | 37,659 kl    |
| Highest recorded daily water demand        | 1,193 kl     |

### **Electricity Supply Department**

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| (Energy Generation Pty Ltd (enGen) data)                         |                  |
| Kilowatt hours of electricity generated (including Wind Turbine) | 12,215,591 kWh   |
| Town Consumption   | 12,191,606 kWh   |
| Fuel consumed (diesel litres)                                    | 3,210,407 litres |

### **Works Department**

**Roads** – Council road lengths at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009 (includes roads to mining fields)

| Lengths at end of year     | <u>Sealed</u>       | <u>Formed</u>        | <u>Unformed</u>  | <u>Natural<br/>surface</u> | <u>Total</u>         |
|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| In built-up areas (km)     | 26.50               | 39.30                |                  |                            | 65.80                |
| In non built-up areas (km) | 2.00                | 112.00               | <u>12</u>        | <u>242</u>                 | <u>368.00</u>        |
| <b>Total Road Lengths</b>  | <b><u>28.50</u></b> | <b><u>151.30</u></b> | <b><u>12</u></b> | <b><u>242</u></b>          | <b><u>433.80</u></b> |

# **District Council of Coober Pedy**



**Financial Statements**

**For Year Ended 30 June 2009**

# District Council Of Coober Pedy

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## General Purpose Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2009

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**INCOME STATEMENT**  
for the year ended 30 June 2009

|  | Notes | 2009<br>\$'000      | 2008<br>\$'000      |
|--|-------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>  |       |                     |                     |
| Rates  | 2     | 1,311               | 1,257               |
| Statutory charges  | 2     | 18                  | 25                  |
| User charges   | 2     | 4,214               | 4,488               |
| Grants, subsidies and contributions                      | 2     | 5,762               | 5,709               |
| Investment income  | 2     | 9                   | 50                  |
| Reimbursements   | 2     | 282                 | 260                 |
| Other income   | 2     | 106                 | 124                 |
| <b>Total Income</b>                                      |       | <u>11,702</u>       | <u>11,913</u>       |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>  |       |                     |                     |
| Employee costs   | 3     | 3,156               | 2,942               |
| Materials, contracts & other expenses                    | 3     | 9,398               | 8,458               |
| Finance Cost   |       | 61                  | 54                  |
| Depreciation, amortisation & impairment                  | 3     | 1,122               | 1,089               |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                                    |       | <u>13,737</u>       | <u>12,544</u>       |
| <b>OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>                     |       | <b>(2,035)</b>      | <b>(631)</b>        |
| Net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets     | 4     | (34)                | (6)                 |
| Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets | 2     | 1,196               | 39                  |
| <b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>                           |       | <u><b>(873)</b></u> | <u><b>(598)</b></u> |

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

**District Council of Coober Pedy**

**BALANCE SHEET  
as at 30 June 2009**

|  |       | 2009                 | 2008                 |
|--|-------|----------------------|----------------------|
|  | Notes | \$'000               | \$'000               |
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |       |                      |                      |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                                    |       |                      |                      |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                | 5     | 1,286                | 508                  |
| Trade & other receivables                                | 5     | 813                  | 1,146                |
| Inventories  | 5     | 803                  | 1,095                |
|  |       | <b>2,902</b>         | <b>2,749</b>         |
| Non-current Assets held for Sale                         |       |                      |                      |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>                              |       | <u><b>2,902</b></u>  | <u><b>2,749</b></u>  |
| <b>Non-current Assets</b>                                |       |                      |                      |
| Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment              | 6     | 19,273               | 19,449               |
| <b>Total Non-current Assets</b>                          |       | <u><b>19,273</b></u> | <u><b>19,449</b></u> |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                                      |       | <u><b>22,175</b></u> | <u><b>22,198</b></u> |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                                       |       |                      |                      |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>                               |       |                      |                      |
| Trade & Other Payable                                    | 7     | 2,712                | 1,693                |
| Borrowings   | 7     | 2,037                | 2,035                |
| Provisions   | 7     | 48                   | 52                   |
| Other Current Liabilities                                | 7     |                      |                      |
|  |       | <u><b>4,797</b></u>  | <u><b>3,780</b></u>  |
| Liabilities relating to Non-current Assets held for Sale |       |                      |                      |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>                         |       | <u><b>4,797</b></u>  | <u><b>3,780</b></u>  |
| <b>Non-current Liabilities</b>                           |       |                      |                      |
| Borrowings   | 7     | 686                  | 904                  |
| Provisions   | 7     | 167                  | 116                  |
| Other Non-current Liabilities                            |       |                      |                      |
| <b>Total Non-current Liabilities</b>                     |       | <u><b>853</b></u>    | <u><b>1,020</b></u>  |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                                 |       | <u><b>5,650</b></u>  | <u><b>4,800</b></u>  |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>  |       | <u><b>16,525</b></u> | <u><b>17,398</b></u> |
| <b>EQUITY</b>  |       |                      |                      |
| Accumulated Surplus                                      |       | 12,022               | 12,895               |
| Asset Revaluation Reserve                                | 8     | 4,478                | 4,478                |
| Other Reserves   | 8     | 25                   | 25                   |
| <b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>                                      |       | <u><b>16,525</b></u> | <u><b>17,398</b></u> |

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

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
for the year ended 30 June 2009**

|  | 2009<br>\$'000 | 2008<br>\$'000 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
|  | Notes          |                |
| <b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS</b>                     |                |                |
| Balance at end of previous reporting period    | 12,895         | 13,493         |
| Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year               | <u>(873)</u>   | <u>(598)</u>   |
| <b>Balance at end of period</b>                | <u>12,022</u>  | <u>12,895</u>  |
| <br><b>ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE</b>           |                |                |
|  | 8              |                |
| Balance at end of previous reporting period    | <u>4,478</u>   | <u>4,478</u>   |
| <b>Balance at end of period</b>                | <u>4,478</u>   | <u>4,478</u>   |
| <br><b>OTHER RESERVES</b>                      |                |                |
|  | 8              |                |
| Balance at end of previous reporting period    | <u>25</u>      | <u>25</u>      |
| <b>Balance at end of period</b>                | <u>25</u>      | <u>25</u>      |
| <b>TOTAL EQUITY AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD</b> | <u>16,525</u>  | <u>17,398</u>  |

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**District Council of Coober Pedy**

**CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
for the year ended 30 June 2009**

|   | Notes | 2009<br>\$'000 | 2008<br>\$'000 |
|---|-------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>                   |       |                |                |
| <u>Receipts</u>   |       |                |                |
| Operating receipts  |       | 13,181         | 12,654         |
| Investment receipts   |       | 9              | 51             |
| <u>Payments</u>   |       |                |                |
| Operating payments to suppliers & employees                   |       | (12,351)       | (12,404)       |
| Finance payments  |       | (61)           | (47)           |
| <b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities</b> |       | <u>778</u>     | <u>254</u>     |
| <br><b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>               |       |                |                |
| <u>RAES</u>   |       |                |                |
| Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets               |       | 1,196          | 39             |
| Sale of replaced assets                                       |       | 29             | 97             |
| <u>Payments</u>   |       |                |                |
| Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets                  |       | (345)          | (819)          |
| Expenditure on new/upgraded assets                            |       | (664)          | (861)          |
| <b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities</b> |       | <u>216</u>     | <u>(1,547)</u> |
| <br><b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>               |       |                |                |
| <u>Receipts</u>   |       |                |                |
| Proceeds from Borrowings                                      |       | -              | 1,665          |
| <u>Payments</u>   |       |                |                |
| Repayments of Borrowings                                      |       | (216)          | -              |
| <b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities</b> |       | <u>(216)</u>   | <u>1,665</u>   |
| <b>Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held</b>                   |       | <u>778</u>     | <u>372</u>     |
| <br>Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period            | 10    | <u>508</u>     | 136            |
| <b>Cash &amp; cash equivalents at end of period</b>           | 10    | <u>1,286</u>   | <u>508</u>     |

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

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
For the year ended 30 June 2009**

**Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

**1 Basis of Preparation**

**1.1 Compliance with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards**

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

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

**1.2 Historical Cost Convention**

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

**1.3 Critical Accounting Estimates**

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

**1.4 Rounding**

All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$'000).

**2 The Local Government Reporting Entity**

DCCP is incorporated under the SA Local Government Act 1999 and has its principal place of business at Lot 773 Hutchison Street, Coober Pedy, 5723. These financial statements include the consolidated fund and all entities through which Council controls resources to carry on its functions. In the process of reporting on the Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between activity areas and controlled entities have been eliminated.

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

**3 Income recognition**

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

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
For the year ended 30 June 2009**

**Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)**

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

**4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments**

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

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

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

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

**5 Inventories**

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

**5.1 Other Real Estate held for resale**

Properties not acquired for development, but which Council has decided to sell as surplus to requirements, are recognised at the carrying value at the time of that decision.

Certain properties, auctioned for non-payment of rates in accordance with the Local Government Act but which failed to meet the reserve set by Council and are available for sale by private treaty, are recorded at the lower of the unpaid rates and charges at the time of auction or the reserve set by Council. Holding costs in relation to these properties are recognised as an expense when incurred.

**6 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment**

**6.1 Transitional Provisions**

Council has elected not to recognise land under roads in accordance with the deferral arrangements available under AASB 1045 which expire 30 June 2009. As at 1 July 2009, Council has elected not to recognise any values for land under roads acquired before the commencement of AASB 1051 *Land Under Roads*.

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



**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
For the year ended 30 June 2009**

**Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)**

**6.2 Initial Recognition**

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

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

**6.3 Materiality**

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

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

**6.4 Subsequent Recognition**

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

**6.5 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets**

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

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

|                                      |                 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Plant, Furniture & Equipment         |                 |
| Office Equipment                     | 5 to 10 years   |
| Office Furniture                     | 10 to 20 years  |
| Vehicles and Road-making Equip       | 5 to 8 years    |
| Other Plant & Equipment              | 5 to 15 years   |
| Building & Other Structures          |                 |
| Buildings – masonry                  | 50 to 100 years |
| Buildings – other construction       | 20 to 40 years  |
| Park Structures – masonry            | 50 to 100 years |
| Park Structures – other construction | 20 to 40 years  |

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
For the year ended 30 June 2009**

**Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)**

|                |                                   |                 |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
|                | Playground equipment              | 5 to 15 years   |
|                | Benches, seats, etc               | 10 to 20 years  |
| Infrastructure |                                   |                 |
|                | Sealed Roads – Surface            | 15 to 25 years  |
|                | Sealed Roads – Structure          | 20 to 50 years  |
|                | Unsealed Roads                    | 10 to 20 years  |
|                | Bridges – Concrete                | 80 to 100 years |
|                | Paving & Footpaths, Kerb & Gutter | 80 to 100 years |
|                | Bores                             | 20 to 40 years  |
|                | Reticulation Pipes – PVC          | 70 to 80 years  |
|                | Reticulation Pipes – other        | 25 to 75 years  |
|                | Pumps & Telemetry                 | 15 to 25 years  |
|                | Electricity Distribution          | 25 to 50 years  |
| Other Assets   |                                   |                 |
|                | Library Books                     | 10 to 15 years  |

**6.6 Impairment**

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

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

**6.7 Borrowing Costs**

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

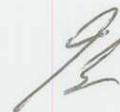
**7 Payables**

**7.1 Goods & Services**

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

**7.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits**

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



**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
For the year ended 30 June 2009**

**Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)**

**8 Borrowings**

Loans are carried at their principal amounts which represent the present value of future cash flows associated with servicing the debt. Interest is accrued over the period to which it relates, and is recorded as part of "Payables".

**9 Employee Benefits**

**9.1 Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences**

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

Liabilities for employees benefit not expected to be paid or settled within 12 months are measured using a shorthand method which produces a result not materially different from the liability measured using the present value of expected future cash outflows method.

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

**9.2 Superannuation**

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme. The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. No Changes in accounting policy have occurred during either the current or previous reporting periods. Details of the accounting policies applied and Council's involvement with the schemes are reported in Note 17.

**10 Construction Contracts**

Construction works undertaken by Council for third parties are generally on an agency basis where the third party reimburses Council for actual costs incurred, and usually do not extend beyond the reporting period. As there is no profit component, such works are treated as 100% completed. Reimbursements not received are recognised as receivables and reimbursements received in advance are recognised as "payments received in advance".

**11 GST Implications**

In accordance with UIG Abstract 1031 "Accounting for the Goods & Services Tax"

- Receivables and Creditors include GST receivable and payable.
- Except in relation to input taxed activities, revenues and operating expenditures exclude GST receivable and payable.
- Non-current assets and capital expenditures include GST net of any recoupment.
- Amounts included in the Statement of Cash Flows are disclosed on a gross basis.

**12 Comparative Information**

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

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2009**

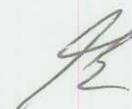
**Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)**

**13 New Accounting Standards**

Certain new accounting standards and UIG interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2009 reporting period.

- AASB 3 *Business Combinations*
- AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*
- AASB 123 *Borrowing Costs*
- AASB 127 *Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements*
- AASB 2007-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB-123.
- AASB 2007-8 & AASB 2007-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 101
- AASB 2008-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards Puttable Financial Instrument and Obligations arising on Liquidation
- AASB 2008-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 3 and AASB 127
- AASB 2008-5 & AASB 2008-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Annual Improvements Projects
- AASB 2008-7 Amendment to Australian Accounting Standards – Cost of an Investment in a Subsidiary, Jointly Controlled Entity or Associate
- AASB 2008-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Eligible Hedged Items
- AASB 2008-9 Amendments to AASB 1049 for Consistency with AASB 101
- AASB 2008-11 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards Business Combinations Among Not-for-Profit Entities
- AASB 2008-12 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards Reclassification of Financial Assets – Effective Date and Transition
- AASB 2008-13 Amendments to Australian Standards arising from AASB Interpretation 17 – Distributions of Non-cash Assets to Owners
- Interpretation 15 Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate
- Interpretation 16 Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation
- Interpretation 17 Distribution of Non-cash Assets to Owners
- Interpretation 18 Transfers of Assets from Customers
- (Standards not affecting Local government have been excluded for the above list)

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



**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended 30 June 2009**

**Note 2 - INCOME**

|  | Notes | 2009<br>\$'000 | 2008<br>\$'000 |
|--|-------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>RATES REVENUES</b>                                |       |                |                |
| <u>General Rates</u>                                 |       | 903            | 870            |
| Less: Mandatory rebates                              |       |                |                |
| Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs |       | (4)            | (1)            |
|  |       | 899            | 869            |
| <u>Other Rates</u> (including service charges)       |       |                |                |
| Natural Resource Management levy                     |       |                |                |
| Waste collection                                     |       | 135            | 120            |
| Water supply   |       | 241            | 236            |
| Community wastewater management systems              |       |                |                |
|  |       | 376            | 356            |
| <u>Other Charges</u>                                 |       |                |                |
| Penalties for late payment                           |       | 19             | 27             |
| Legal & other costs recovered                        |       | 17             | 5              |
|  |       | 36             | 32             |
| Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs |       |                |                |
|  |       | 1,311          | 1,257          |
| <br><b>STATUTORY CHARGES</b>                         |       |                |                |
| Development Act fees                                 |       | 11             | 16             |
| Animal registration fees & fines                     |       | 7              | 9              |
|  |       | 18             | 25             |
| <br><b>USER CHARGES</b>                              |       |                |                |
| Cemetery/crematoria fees                             |       | 2              | 3              |
| Electricity Sales                                    |       | 2,396          | 2,742          |
| Water Sales  |       | 802            | 1,015          |
| Waste Water Fees                                     |       | 205            | 173            |
| Works  |       | 47             | 81             |
| Childcare Fees                                       |       | 119            | 66             |
| Commercial Bin Pickup                                |       | 51             | 58             |
| Swimming Pools Fess                                  |       | 21             | 18             |
| Landing Fees   |       | 88             | 87             |
| Sundry   |       | 483            | 245            |
|  |       | 4,214          | 4,488          |
| <br><b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>                         |       |                |                |
| Interest on investments                              |       |                |                |
| Local Government Finance Authority                   |       | 9              | 50             |
|  |       | 9              | 50             |



NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended 30 June 2009

NOTE 2 - INCOME (continued)

|  | Notes     | 2009<br>\$'000 | 2008<br>\$'000 |
|--|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>REIMBURSEMENTS</b>  |           |                |                |
| Workers Comp Rebate  |           | 31             |                |
| Private Works  |           | 245            | 260            |
| - other  |           | 6              |                |
|  |           | <u>282</u>     | <u>260</u>     |
| <b>OTHER INCOME</b>  |           |                |                |
| Sundry   |           | 106            | 124            |
|  |           | <u>106</u>     | <u>124</u>     |
| <b>GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS</b>                                |           |                |                |
| Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets               |           | 1,196          | 39             |
| Other grants, subsidies and contributions                              |           | 5,553          | 5,709          |
| Individually significant item - additional Grants Commission payment   | see below | 209            |                |
|  |           | <u>6,958</u>   | <u>5,748</u>   |
| <i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 2.</i> |           |                |                |
| <b>Sources of grants</b>   |           |                |                |
| Commonwealth government  |           | 982            | 1,846          |
| State government   |           | 5,976          | 3,690          |
| Other  |           | 0              | 212            |
|  |           | <u>6,958</u>   | <u>5,748</u>   |

**Individually Significant Item**

On 26 June 2009, Council received payment of the first quarter instalment of the 2009/10 Grant Commission (FAG) grant. This represents a significant increase in income from this source for 2008/09, with an equivalent reduction in 2009/10.

|  |            |          |
|--|------------|----------|
|  | <u>209</u> | <u>0</u> |
|--|------------|----------|

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**NOTE 2 - INCOME (continued)**

|  | Notes | 2009<br>\$'000 | 2008<br>\$'000 |
|--|-------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Conditions over grants &amp; contributions</b>  |       |                |                |
| <i>Grants and contributions which were obtained on the condition that they be expended for specified purposes or in a future period, but which are not yet expended in accordance with those conditions, are as follows:</i> |       |                |                |
| <i>Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period</i>  |       | 56             | 175            |
| <i>Less: expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods</i>   |       |                |                |
| <i>Roads Infrastructure</i>  |       |                |                |
| <i>Heritage &amp; Cultural Services</i>  |       |                |                |
| <i>Subtotal</i>  |       | 206            | 119            |
| <i>Plus: amounts recognised as revenues in this reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions</i>  |       |                |                |
| <i>Roads Infrastructure</i>  |       |                |                |
| <i>Heritage &amp; Cultural Services</i>  |       |                |                |
| <i>Subtotal</i>  |       | 641            |                |
| <i>Unexpended at the close of this reporting period</i>  |       | 903            | 56             |
| <i>Net increase (decrease) in assets subject to conditions in the current reporting period</i>   |       | 847            | 56             |

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**Note 3 - EXPENSES**

|  | Notes | 2009<br>\$'000 | 2008<br>\$'000 |
|--|-------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>EMPLOYEE COSTS</b>                                    |       |                |                |
| Salaries and Wages                                       |       | 2,326          | 2,249          |
| Employee leave expense                                   |       | 380            | 325            |
| Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions | 18    | 106            | 98             |
| Superannuation - defined benefit plan contributions      | 18    | 136            | 127            |
| Workers' Compensation Insurance                          |       | 208            | 143            |
| <b>Total Operating Employee Costs</b>                    |       | <b>3,156</b>   | <b>2,942</b>   |
| <br>   |       |                |                |
| <b>Total Number of Employees</b>                         |       | <b>60</b>      | <b>61</b>      |
| <i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i> |       |                |                |
| <br>   |       |                |                |
| <b>MATERIALS, CONTRACTS &amp; OTHER EXPENSES</b>         |       |                |                |
| <u>Prescribed Expenses</u>                               |       |                |                |
| Auditor's Remuneration                                   |       |                |                |
| - Auditing the financial reports                         |       | 8              | 9              |
| Elected member's expense                                 |       | 43             | 48             |
| Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses                           |       | <u>51</u>      | <u>57</u>      |
| <br>   |       |                |                |
| <u>Other Materials, Contracts &amp; Expenses</u>         |       |                |                |
| Contractors  |       | 6,292          | 5,274          |
| Legal Expenses   |       | 41             | 19             |
| Parts, accessories & consumables                         |       | 1,137          | 1,219          |
| Professional services                                    |       | 1,877          | 1,912          |
| Sundry   |       |                |                |
| Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses         |       | <u>9,347</u>   | <u>8,424</u>   |
|  |       | <u>9,398</u>   | <u>8,481</u>   |

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**Note 3 - EXPENSES (cont)**

|  | Notes | 2009<br>\$'000 | 2008<br>\$'000 |
|--|-------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FINANCE COSTS</b>                               |       |                |                |
| Interest on Loans                                  |       | <u>61</u>      | <u>54</u>      |
|  |       | <b>61</b>      | <b>54</b>      |
| <b>DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION &amp; IMPAIRMENT</b> |       |                |                |
| <b>Depreciation</b>                                |       |                |                |
| Infrastructure                                     |       | 71             | 63             |
| Water  |       | 161            | 165            |
| Electricity  |       | 309            | 355            |
| Stormwater Drain                                   |       | 3              | 3              |
| Buildings  |       | 77             | 81             |
| Furniture  |       | 47             | 50             |
| Plant & Equipment                                  |       | 347            | 278            |
| Land   |       | -              | -              |
| Waste Water  |       | 16             | 15             |
| Roads  |       | <u>91</u>      | <u>79</u>      |
|  |       | <b>1,122</b>   | <b>1,089</b>   |

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Note 4 - ASSET DISPOSAL & FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

|   | Notes | 2009<br>\$'000 | 2008<br>\$'000 |
|---|-------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>          |       |                |                |
| <i>Assets renewed or directly replaced</i>                      |       |                |                |
| Proceeds from disposal  |       | 29             | 97             |
| Less: Carrying amount of assets sold                            |       | 63             | 103            |
| <b>Gain (Loss) on disposal</b>                                  |       | <u>(34)</u>    | <u>(6)</u>     |
| <b>NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION<br/>OF ASSETS</b> |       | <u>(34)</u>    | <u>(6)</u>     |

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Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS

|                                      | Notes | 2009<br>\$'000 | 2008<br>\$'000 |
|--------------------------------------|-------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>CASH &amp; EQUIVALENT ASSETS</b>  |       |                |                |
| Cash on Hand and at Bank             |       | 1,060          | 498            |
| Deposits at Call                     |       | 226            | 10             |
|                                      |       | <u>1,286</u>   | <u>508</u>     |
| <b>TRADE &amp; OTHER RECEIVABLES</b> |       |                |                |
| Rates - General & Other              |       | 136            | 116            |
| Debtors - general                    |       | 120            | 178            |
| Debtors - Elec                       |       | 321            | 511            |
| Debtors - Water                      |       | 133            | 171            |
| Debtors - Sundry                     |       | 20             | 9              |
| GST Recoupment                       |       | 67             | 88             |
| Prepayments                          |       | 76             | 136            |
| Total                                |       | <u>873</u>     | <u>1,209</u>   |
| Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts   |       | <u>60</u>      | <u>63</u>      |
|                                      |       | <u>813</u>     | <u>1,146</u>   |
| <b>INVENTORIES</b>                   |       |                |                |
| Stock-Works                          |       | 127            | 205            |
| Stock-Electricity                    |       | 470            | 403            |
| Stock-Water                          |       | 206            | 487            |
|                                      |       | <u>803</u>     | <u>1,095</u>   |

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|  | 2008             |              | 2009             |               | ACCUM<br>DEPN  | CARRYING<br>AMOUNT | AT FAIR<br>VALUE | AT COST        | ACCUM<br>DEPN | CARRYING<br>AMOUNT |
|--|------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------|
|  | AT FAIR<br>VALUE | AT COST      | AT FAIR<br>VALUE | AT COST       |                |                    |                  |                |               |                    |
| Infrastructure                                   | 797              | 557          | 1,202            | 797           | (152)          | 1,202              | 797              | (152)          | 1,333         |                    |
| Water  | 5,735            | 125          | 5,351            | 5,735         | (509)          | 5,351              | 5,735            | (670)          | 5,190         |                    |
| Electricity                                      | 3,560            | 94           | 2,373            | 3,560         | (1,281)        | 2,373              | 3,560            | (1,590)        | 2,064         |                    |
| Stormwater Drain                                 | 166              | -            | 157              | 166           | (9)            | 157                | 166              | (12)           | 154           |                    |
| Building   | 3,625            | 318          | 3,711            | 3,625         | (232)          | 3,711              | 3,625            | (309)          | 3,811         |                    |
| Furniture  | 306              | 139          | 303              | 306           | (142)          | 303                | 306              | (189)          | 269           |                    |
| Plant & Equipment                                | 2,426            | 1,098        | 2,637            | 2,343         | (884)          | 2,637              | 2,343            | (1,231)        | 2,452         |                    |
| Land & Land Improvements                         | 663              | -            | 663              | 663           | -              | 663                | 663              | -              | 663           |                    |
| Wastewater                                       | 495              | 31           | 481              | 495           | (45)           | 481                | 495              | (61)           | 513           |                    |
| Roads  | 2,327            | 466          | 2,571            | 2,327         | (222)          | 2,571              | 2,327            | (313)          | 2,824         |                    |
| <b>TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT &amp;<br/>EQUIPMENT</b> | <b>20,100</b>    | <b>2,828</b> | <b>19,449</b>    | <b>20,017</b> | <b>(3,476)</b> | <b>19,449</b>      | <b>20,017</b>    | <b>(4,598)</b> | <b>19,273</b> |                    |
|  |                  |              |                  | <b>20,100</b> |                | <b>2,828</b>       | <b>20,100</b>    | <b>(3,476)</b> | <b>19,449</b> |                    |

2008 Totals

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|  | 2008<br>\$'000 | CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR<br>\$'000 |             |            |             |                |              |            | 2009<br>\$'000 |          |                    |
|--|----------------|---|-------------|------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|------------|----------------|----------|--------------------|
|  |                | CARRYING<br>AMOUNT                              | New/Upgrade | Additions  | Renewals    | Disposals      | Depreciation | Impairment |                | Blank    | Net<br>Revaluation |
| Infrastructure   | 1,202          |   | 202         | -          | -           | -              | (71)         | -          | -              | -        | 1,333              |
| Water  | 5,351          |   | -           | -          | -           | -              | (161)        | -          | -              | -        | 5,190              |
| Electricity  | 2,373          |   | -           | -          | -           | -              | (309)        | -          | -              | -        | 2,064              |
| Stormwater Drain   | 157            |   | -           | -          | -           | -              | (3)          | -          | -              | -        | 154                |
| Building   | 3,711          |   | 177         | -          | -           | -              | (77)         | -          | -              | -        | 3,811              |
| Furniture  | 303            |   | 13          | -          | -           | -              | (47)         | -          | -              | -        | 269                |
| Plant & Equipment  | 2,637          |   | 33          | 192        | (63)        | (347)          | -            | (3)        | -              | -        | 2,452              |
| Land & Land Improvements   | 663            |   | -           | -          | -           | -              | -            | -          | -              | -        | 663                |
| Waste Water  | 481            |   | 48          | -          | -           | -              | (16)         | -          | -              | -        | 513                |
| Road   | 2,571          |   | 191         | 153        | -           | -              | (91)         | -          | -              | -        | 2,824              |
| <b>TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE,<br/>PROPERTY, PLANT &amp;<br/>EQUIPMENT</b> | <b>19,449</b>  |   | <b>664</b>  | <b>345</b> | <b>(63)</b> | <b>(1,122)</b> | <b>(3)</b>   | <b>(3)</b> | <b>-</b>       | <b>-</b> | <b>19,273</b>      |

**2008 Totals**

This Note continues on the following pages.

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**Note 6 (cont) – INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT**

**Valuation of Assets**

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

**Plant, Furniture & Equipment**

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

**Land & Land Improvements**

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

Land improvements, including bulk earthworks with an assessed unlimited useful life, are recognised on the cost basis, originally deriving from a valuation at 30 June 2000 at current replacement cost. Additions are recognised at cost.

Estimated future costs of reinstatement of land, capitalised in accordance with AASB 119.16(c), are reviewed annually (see Note 1) and depreciated over the estimated remaining life of the relevant asset.

**Buildings & Other Structures**

Buildings and Other Structure assets were valued by Maloney Field Services at written down current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June 2005 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

**Infrastructure**

Transportation assets were valued by Maloney Field Services at written down current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June 2005 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

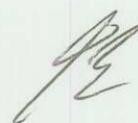
Stormwater drainage infrastructure assets were valued by Maloney Field Services at written down current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June 2005 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Electricity Distribution assets were valued by Maloney Field Services at written down current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June 2005 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Water Assets were valued by Maloney Field Services at written down current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June 2005 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

**All other assets**

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



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**Note 7 - LIABILITIES**

|  | Notes | 2009<br>\$'000 |             | 2008<br>\$'000 |             |
|--|-------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
|  |       | Current        | Non-current | Current        | Non-current |
| <b>TRADE &amp; OTHER PAYABLES</b>  |       |                |             |                |             |
| Goods & Services   |       | 2,252          |             | 1,362          |             |
| Accrued expenses - employee entitlements   |       | 442            |             | 301            |             |
| Accrued expenses - other   |       | 18             |             | 30             |             |
|  |       | <u>2,712</u>   | -           | <u>1,693</u>   | -           |
| <b>BORROWINGS</b>  |       |                |             |                |             |
| Loans  |       | 1,950          | 686         | 1,935          | 904         |
| Other  |       | 87             |             | 100            |             |
|  |       | <u>2,037</u>   | <u>686</u>  | <u>2,035</u>   | <u>904</u>  |
| <i>All interest bearing liabilities are secured over the future revenues of the Council.</i> |       |                |             |                |             |
| <b>PROVISIONS</b>  |       |                |             |                |             |
| Employee entitlements (including oncosts)  |       | 48             | 167         | 52             | 116         |
|  |       | <u>48</u>      | <u>167</u>  | <u>52</u>      | <u>116</u>  |

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**Note 8 - RESERVES**

| <b>ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE</b>                                 | 1/07/2008    | Net Increments<br>(Decrements) | Transfers on<br>Sale | 30/06/2009   |
|--|--------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Notes  | \$'000       | \$'000                         | \$'000               | \$'000       |
| Asset Revaluation Reserve  | 4,478        |                                |                      | 4,478        |
| <b>Total Infrastructure, Property, Plant<br/>&amp; Equipment</b> | <b>4,478</b> |                                |                      | <b>4,478</b> |
| Available for Sale Investments                                   |              |                                |                      |              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>4,478</b> |                                |                      | <b>4,478</b> |
| <b>2008 Totals</b>   | <b>4,478</b> |                                |                      | <b>4,478</b> |

| <b>OTHER RESERVES</b>       | 1/07/2008 | Transfers to<br>Reserve | Transfers from<br>Reserve | 30/06/2009 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Breakaways Pass             | 25        |                         |                           | 25         |
| <b>TOTAL OTHER RESERVES</b> | <b>25</b> |                         |                           | <b>25</b>  |
| <b>2008 Totals</b>          | <b>25</b> |                         |                           | <b>25</b>  |

**PURPOSES OF RESERVES**

**Asset Revaluation Reserve**

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



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**Note 9 - ASSETS SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS**

The uses of the following assets are restricted, wholly or partially, by legislation or other externally imposed requirements. The assets are required to be utilised for the purposes for which control was transferred to Council, or for which the revenues were originally obtained.

|  | Notes | 2009<br>\$'000 | 2008<br>\$'000 |
|--|-------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>CASH &amp; FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>                             |       |                |                |
| Unexpended amounts received from Federal Government & State    |       |                |                |
| Airport Building Terminal                                      |       | 903            | 0              |
|  |       | <u>903</u>     | <u>0</u>       |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS SUBJECT TO EXTERNALLY IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS</b> |       | <u>903</u>     | <u>0</u>       |

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**Note 10 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

**(a) Reconciliation of Cash**

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

|                                  | Notes | 2009<br>\$'000 | 2008<br>\$'000 |
|----------------------------------|-------|----------------|----------------|
| Total cash & equivalent assets   | 5     | <u>1,286</u>   | <u>508</u>     |
| Balances per Cash Flow Statement |       | <u>1,286</u>   | <u>508</u>     |

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

|   |  |                   |                   |
|---|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Net Surplus ( Deficit )                                       |  | (873)             | (598)             |
| Non-cash items in Income Statement                            |  |                   |                   |
| Depreciation, amortisation & impairment                       |  | 1,122             | 1,089             |
| Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits           |  | 188               | 51                |
| Change in allowances for under-recovery                       |  | (3)               | (2)               |
| Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity |  | (1,196)           | (39)              |
| Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals                                  |  | <u>34</u>         | <u>6</u>          |
|   |  | (728)             | 507               |
| Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets                     |  |                   |                   |
| Net (increase) decrease in receivables                        |  | 336               | 49                |
| Net (increase) decrease in inventories                        |  | 292               | (241)             |
| Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables             |  | <u>878</u>        | <u>(61)</u>       |
| <b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations</b>           |  | <u><u>778</u></u> | <u><u>254</u></u> |

**(c) Financing Arrangements**

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

|                        |  |          |          |
|------------------------|--|----------|----------|
| Corporate Credit Cards |  | <u>9</u> | <u>9</u> |
|------------------------|--|----------|----------|

The bank overdraft facilities may be drawn at any time and may be terminated by the bank without notice. Council also has immediate access to a short-term draw-down facility, and variable interest rate borrowings under a cash advance facility, both from the Local Government Finance Authority of SA.



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**Note 11 - FUNCTIONS**

INCOMES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

|                | INCOME             |                    | EXPENSES           |                    | OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT) |                    | GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME |              | TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT & NON-CURRENT) |               |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------|---|---------------|
|                | ACTUAL 2009 \$'000 | ACTUAL 2008 \$'000 | ACTUAL 2009 \$'000 | ACTUAL 2008 \$'000 | ACTUAL 2009 \$'000          | ACTUAL 2008 \$'000 | 2009 \$'000               | 2008 \$'000  | 2009 \$'000                               | 2008 \$'000   |
| Administration | 2,679              | 2,429              | 1,492              | 942                | 1,187                       | 1,487              | 922                       | 716          | 263                                       | 536           |
| Community      | 610                | 538                | 1,211              | 1,070              | (600)                       | (532)              | 429                       | 403          |   |               |
| Water          | 1,019              | 1,399              | 1,334              | 1,152              | (315)                       | 248                | -                         | -            | 5,853                                     | 6,114         |
| Waste          | 382                | 293                | 249                | 263                | 133                         | 31                 | 42                        | 42           | 668                                       | 467           |
| Works          | 1,333              | 1,054              | 2,712              | 2,576              | (1,379)                     | (1,555)            | 318                       | 42           | 9,092                                     | 8,626         |
| Electricity    | 6,805              | 7,546              | 7,867              | 7,856              | (1,062)                     | (310)              | 4,051                     | 4,548        | 3,398                                     | 3,540         |
| <b>TOTALS</b>  | <b>12,829</b>      | <b>13,260</b>      | <b>14,865</b>      | <b>13,859</b>      | <b>(2,035)</b>              | <b>(631)</b>       | <b>5,762</b>              | <b>5,709</b> | <b>19,274</b>                             | <b>19,283</b> |

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

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**Note 11 (cont) - COMPONENTS OF FUNCTIONS**

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

**Electricity Supply**

Provide retail Billing, Distribution and Generation of Electricity Supply to the township of Coober Pedy.

**Water Supply**

Provides the water Supply to the township of Coober Pedy through a Reverse Osmosis reticulation system

**Waste Water**

Processing sewerage through the current sewerage scheme and providing processes water to the town and school ovals.

**Works**

Provides services such as road and infrastructure maintenance, dog control, aerodrome maintenance, parks & garden maintenance and town drainage

**Administration**

Governance, Administration n.e.c, Elected members, Organisational, support services, Accounting /Finance, Payroll, Housing for Council Employees, Human Resources Information Technology, Communication, Rates Administration, Records, Occupancy, Contracts Management, Customers services, other support services, Revenues, LGGC-General Purpose and Separate and Special rates.

**Community**

Provides services to community such as swimming pool, library, economic development, tourism services, childcare services and youth services



**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**Note 12 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

**Recognised Financial Instruments**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits</b>  | <p><b>Accounting Policy:</b> Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned.</p> <p><b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 3% and 4% (2008: 6% and 7%). Short term deposits have an average maturity of One day and an average interest rates of 7% (2008: 30 days, 7%).</p> <p><b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.</p>  |
| <b>Receivables - Rates &amp; Associated Charges (including legals &amp; penalties for late payment)</b> | <p><b>Accounting Policy:</b> Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p><b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 11.28% (2008: 9.75%) Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the State.</p> <p><b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p> |
| <b>Receivables - Fees &amp; other charges</b>   | <p><b>Accounting Policy:</b> Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p><b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries.</p> <p><b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>   |
| <b>Receivables - other levels of government</b>   | <p><b>Accounting Policy:</b> Carried at nominal value.</p> <p><b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. All amounts are due by Departments and Agencies of the Governments of the Commonwealth &amp; State.</p> <p><b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value.</p>  |
| <b>Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals</b>   | <p><b>Accounting Policy:</b> Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Council.</p> <p><b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.</p> <p><b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value.</p>  |
| <b>Liabilities - Interest Bearing Loans</b>   | <p><b>Accounting Policy:</b> Carried at the principal amounts. Interest is charged as an expense as it accrues.</p> <p><b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> secured over future revenues, borrowings are repayable (describe basis); interest is charged at fixed (or variable - describe) rates between 6.55% and 7.55% (2008: 6.55% and 8.25%)</p> <p><b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value.</p>   |
| <b>Liabilities - Finance Leases</b>   | <p><b>Accounting Policy:</b> accounted for in accordance with AASB 117.</p>  |

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**Note 12 (cont) - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

**Liquidity Analysis**

| 2009                         | Due < 1 year | Due > 1 year;<br>≤ 5 years | Due > 5 years | Total<br>Contractual<br>Cash Flows | Carrying<br>Values |
|------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
|                              | \$'000       | \$'000                     | \$'000        | \$'000                             | \$'000             |
| <b>Financial Liabilities</b> |              |                            |               |                                    |                    |
| Payables                     | 2,252        |                            |               | 2,252                              | 2,252              |
| Current Borrowings           | 87           |                            |               | 87                                 | 87                 |
| Non-Current Borrowings       | 1,950        | 541                        | 145           | 2,636                              | 2,636              |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>4,289</b> | <b>541</b>                 | <b>145</b>    | <b>4,975</b>                       | <b>4,975</b>       |

| 2008                         | Due < 1 year | Due > 1 year;<br>≤ 5 years | Due > 5 years | Total<br>Contractual<br>Cash Flows | Carrying<br>Values |
|------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
|                              | \$'000       | \$'000                     | \$'000        | \$'000                             | \$'000             |
| <b>Financial Liabilities</b> |              |                            |               |                                    |                    |
| Payables                     | 1,367        |                            |               | 1,367                              | 1,367              |
| Current Borrowings           | 100          |                            |               | 100                                | 100                |
| Non-Current Borrowings       | 1,859        | 804                        | 176           | 2,839                              | 2,839              |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>3,326</b> | <b>804</b>                 | <b>176</b>    | <b>4,306</b>                       | <b>4,306</b>       |

The following interest rates were applicable to Council's borrowings at balance date:

|                      | 30 June 2009                              |                          | 30 June 2008                              |                          |
|----------------------|---|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
|                      | Weighted<br>Average Interest<br>Rate<br>% | Carrying Value<br>\$'000 | Weighted<br>Average Interest<br>Rate<br>% | Carrying Value<br>\$'000 |
| Overdraft            |   | -                        |   | -                        |
| Other Variable Rates | 4.6                                       | 1,818                    | 8.25                                      | 1,831                    |
| Fixed Interest Rates | 6.95                                      | 905                      | 6.97                                      | 1,108                    |
|                      |   | <u>2,723</u>             |   | <u>2,939</u>             |

**Net Fair Value**

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

**Risk Exposures**

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

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

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

Interest Rate Risk is the risk that future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Council has a balance of both fixed and variable interest rate borrowings and investments. Cash flow fluctuations are managed holistically in seeking to minimise interest costs over the longer term in a risk averse manner.



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**Note 13 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE**

|  | <u>Notes</u> | 2009<br>\$'000 | 2008<br>\$'000 |
|--|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Other Expenditure Commitments</b>   |              |                |                |
| Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:                       |              |                |                |
| Audit Services   |              | 9              | 9              |
| Employee Remuneration Contracts  |              | 1,005          | 862            |
| Others   |              | 1,150          | 140            |
|  |              | <b>2,164</b>   | <b>1,011</b>   |
| These expenditures are payable:  |              |                |                |
| Not later than one year  |              | 1,535          | 510            |
| Later than one year and not later than 5 years   |              | 629            | 501            |
| Later than 5 years   |              | <b>2,164</b>   | <b>1,011</b>   |
| <b>Electricity Expenditure Commitments</b>   |              |                |                |
| Other expenditure committed for (excluding inventories) at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities: |              |                |                |
| Fixed Price  |              | 7,566          | 8,550          |
| Operating Price  |              | 6,190          | 7,061          |
| Fuel Price   |              | 53,651         | 58,980         |
| Other  |              | <b>67,407</b>  | <b>74,591</b>  |
| These expenditures are payable:  |              |                |                |
| Not later than one year  |              | 5,880          | 5,660          |
| Later than one year and not later than 5 years   |              | 25,338         | 24,560         |
| Later than 5 years   |              | <b>36,189</b>  | <b>44,371</b>  |
|  |              | <b>67,407</b>  | <b>74,591</b>  |

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**Note 14 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS**

|  | 2009    | 2008  | 2007  |
|--|---------|-------|-------|
| <p>These Financial Indicators have been calculated in accordance with <i>Information Paper 9 - Local Government Financial Indicators</i> prepared as part of the LGA Financial Sustainability Program for the Local Government Association of South Australia. Detailed methods of calculation are set out in the SA Model Statements.</p> |         |       |       |
| <b>Operating Surplus</b>   | (2,035) | (631) | (152) |
| Operating Surplus (Without FAG grant prepayment)   | (2,244) | N/A   | N/A   |
| <i>Being the operating surplus (deficit) before capital amounts.</i>   |         |       |       |
| <b>Operating Surplus Ratio</b>   |         |       |       |
| <u>Operating Surplus</u>   | (155%)  | (50%) | (13%) |
| Operating Surplus Ratio (Without FAG grant prepayment)   | (173%)  | N/A   | N/A   |
| <i>This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of general and other rates, net of NRM levy.</i>   |         |       |       |
| <b>Net Financial Liabilities</b>   | 3,551   | 3,146 | 1,816 |
| Net Financial liabilities (without FAG grant prepayment)   | 3,760   | 3,146 | 1,816 |
| <i>Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets (excluding equity accounted investments in Council businesses).</i>  |         |       |       |
| <b>Net Financial Liabilities Ratio</b>   |         |       |       |
| <u>Net Financial Liabilities</u>   | 30%     | 26%   | 15%   |
| Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy  |         |       |       |
| Net Financial liabilities Ratio (without FAG grant prepayment)   | 31%     | N/A   | N/A   |
| <b>Interest Cover Ratio</b>  |         |       |       |
| <u>Net Interest Expense</u>  | 0.4%    | 0.0%  | 0.4%  |
| Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy less Investment Income   |         |       |       |
| <b>Asset Sustainability Ratio</b>  |         |       |       |
| <u>Net Asset Renewals</u>  | 28%     | 66%   | 76%   |
| Depreciation Expense   |         |       |       |
| <i>Net asset renewals expenditure is defined as net capital expenditure on the renewal and replacement of existing assets, and excludes new capital expenditure on the acquisition of additional assets.</i>   |         |       |       |
| <b>Asset Consumption Ratio</b>   |         |       |       |
| <u>Carrying value of depreciable assets</u>  | 80%     | 84%   | 87%   |
| Gross value of depreciable assets  |         |       |       |
| <i>Total carrying value of depreciable assets divided by total reported value of depreciable assets before accumulated depreciation.</i>   |         |       |       |

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**Note 15 - UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES**

The following is a high level summary of both operating and capital investment activities of the Council prepared on a uniform and consistent basis. The uniform presentation represents a simplified version of reporting under the Government Finance Statistics (GFS) framework of the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

All Councils in South Australia voluntarily have agreed to summarise annual budgets and long-term financial plans on the same basis.

The arrangements ensure that all Councils provide a common 'core' of financial information, which enables meaningful comparisons of each Council's finances

|   | 2009<br>\$'000      | 2008<br>\$'000        |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Operating Revenues  | 11,702              | 11,913                |
| <i>less Operating Expense</i>   | <u>(13,737)</u>     | <u>(12,544)</u>       |
| Operating Surplus / (Deficit)   | (2,035)             | (631)                 |
| <b>Less net Outlays on Existing Assets</b>  |                     |                       |
| Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets   | 345                 | 819                   |
| <i>less Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment</i>   | (1,122)             | (1,089)               |
| <i>Less Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets</i>   | (28)                | (97)                  |
|   | <u>(805)</u>        | <u>(367)</u>          |
| <b>Less net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets</b>  |                     |                       |
| Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets<br><i>(including investment property &amp; real estate developments)</i> | 664                 | 861                   |
| <i>less Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets</i>   | (1,196)             | (39)                  |
| <i>less Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets<br/>(including investment property and real estate developments)</i>       | -                   |                       |
|   | <u>(532)</u>        | <u>822</u>            |
| <b>Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year</b>   | <u><b>(698)</b></u> | <u><b>(1,086)</b></u> |

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**Note 16 - CONTINGENCIES & ASSETS & LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED  
IN THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

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

**POTENTIAL INSURANCE LOSSES**

Council is a multi-purpose organisation providing a large range of building, parks, infrastructure, playgrounds and other facilities accessible to the public. At any time, it is likely that claims will have been made against Council that remain unsettled.

Council insures against all known insurable risks using a range of insurance policies, each of which is subject to a deductible "insurance excess", the amount of which varies according to the class of insurance.

Council has recognised the potential losses arising from claims known at reporting date based on average historical net cost (including insurance excess) of similar types of claims. Other potential claims not reported to Council may have existed at reporting date.

**LAND UNDER ROADS**

As reported elsewhere in these Statements, Council is of the opinion that it is not possible to attribute a value sufficiently reliably for these assets to qualify for recognition, and accordingly land under roads has not been recognised in these reports. Land acquired for road purposes during the year is initially recognised at cost, but transferred to fair value at reporting date, effectively writing off the expenditure.

At reporting date, Council controlled 421 km of road reserves of average width of 7.2 meters

**BANK GUARANTEES**

Council has not guaranteed certain loans and other banking facilities advanced to community organisations and sporting bodies

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

**LEGAL EXPENSES**

Council is the planning consent authority for its area under the Development Act 1993 (as amended). Pursuant to that Act, certain persons aggrieved by a planning decision of the Council may appeal. It is normal practice that parties bear their own legal costs. At the date of these reports, Council had notice of ZERO appeals against planning decisions made prior to reporting date. All known costs have been recognised, but the amount of further costs cannot be known until the appeals are determined.

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**Note 17 – SUPERANNUATION**

The Council makes employer superannuation contribution in respect of its employees to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme. The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. Permanent and contract employees of the South Australian Government sector have the option to contribute to Marketlink and/or Salarylink. All other employees (including casuals) have all contributions allocated to Marketlink.

**Marketlink (Accumulation Fund) Members**

Marketlink receives both employer contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are based on a fixed percentage of employee earnings in accordance with superannuation (9% in 2008/09 for Marketlink members and 3% for Salarylink members; 9% and 3% respectively in 2007/08). No further liability accrues to the employer as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the fund.

**Salarylink (Defined Benefit) Members**

Salarylink is a defined benefit scheme where the benefit payable is based on a formula determined by the member's contribution rate, number of years of contribution and final average salary. Council makes employer contribution to Salarylink as determined by the Scheme's Trustee based on advice from the Scheme's Actuary. The rate is currently 6% (6% in 2007/2008) of "superannuation" salary. Given that Employer contributions are based on the fixed percentage of employee earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation, the remaining 3% for Salarylink members is allocated to their Marketlink account. Employees also make member contribution to the fund. As such, assets accumulate in the Fund to meet the member's benefits, as defined in the Trust Deed, as they accrue.

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

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**Working Paper - RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT GRANTS**

This schedule records all amounts received from other levels of Government, whether described as grants, subsidies or otherwise. (Amounts shown as negative are awaiting reimbursement to Council.)

| <b>GRANTS</b>                                   | <u>Notes</u>       | Opening<br>Balance 1<br>July 2008<br>\$'000 | Movements<br>Received/<br>Receivable<br>\$'000 | Expended<br>\$'000 | Closing<br>Balance 30<br>June 2009<br>\$'000 |
|---|--------------------|---|--|--------------------|--|
| <b>GENERAL PURPOSE</b>                          |                    |   |  |                    |  |
| Grants Commission Grant - general purpose       |                    | N/A   | 910  | 910                | N/A  |
| Grants Commission Grant - roads funding         |                    | N/A   | 43   | 43                 | N/A  |
|   |                    | N/A   |  |                    | N/A  |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                                 |                    | 0   | 953  | 953                | 0  |
| <b>SPECIFIC PURPOSE</b>                         |                    |   |  |                    |  |
| Roads to Recovery                               |                    |   | 123  | 123                |  |
| RAES  |                    |   | 2,999  | 2,999              |  |
| Fuel Excise                                     |                    |   | 1,374  | 1,374              |  |
| Childcare                                       |                    |   | 251  | 251                |  |
| Childcare Links                                 |                    |   | 98   | 98                 |  |
| Places for People                               |                    | 56  |  | 56                 |  |
| Airport   |                    |   | 1,056  | 153                | 903  |
| Arts & Youth                                    |                    |   | 58   | 58                 |  |
| Road  |                    |   | 17   | 17                 |  |
| Tourism, Library & Trainee                      |                    |   | 29   | 29                 |  |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                                 |                    | 56  | 6,005  | 5,158              | 903  |
| <b>TOTAL OTHER GRANTS</b>                       |                    | 56  | 6,958  | 6,111              | 903  |
|   | <b>2008 Totals</b> |   |  |                    | 56   |
| Recognised as revenue in advance of expenditure |                    |   | (455)  |                    | 582  |
| Current receivable - Other levels of Government | 5                  |   | 511  |                    | 321  |
|   |                    |   | 56   |                    | 903  |

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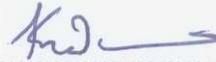
**CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE**

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of District Council of Coober Pedy for the year ended 30 June 2009, the Council's Auditor, John D Ewen & Associates has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* made under that Act.

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



.....  
Trevor McLeod  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



.....  
Kevin Woon  
**PRESIDING MEMBER  
AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Date:8/12/2009



**District Council of Coober Pedy**

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**STATEMENT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

I, Trevor McLeod, the person for the time being occupying the position of Chief Executive Officer of District Council of Coober Pedy, do hereby state that the Financial Statements of the Council for the year ended 30 June 2009 are to the best of my knowledge presented fairly, and in accordance with accounting procedures which have been maintained in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* made under that Act.



Trevor McLeod

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2009

**ADOPTION STATEMENT**

Laid before the District Council of Coober Pedy and adopted on the 15<sup>TH</sup> day of DECEMBER 2009.



Steve Baines

**MAYOR**





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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF COOBER PEDY

We have audited the accompanying Financial Report of the District Council of Coober Pedy which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2009 and the income statement, cash flow statement and statement of changes in equity for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the Chief Executive Officer's declaration as set out on pages 1 – 33 .

### **THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

### **AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY**

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

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

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

### **AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**

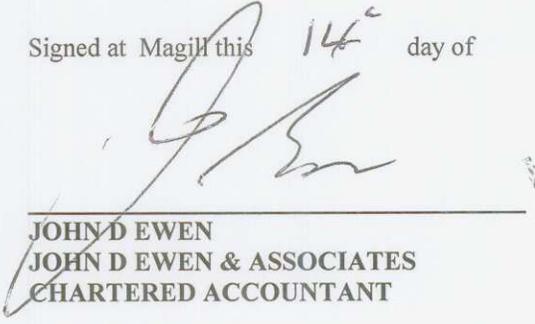
In conducting our audit we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* and the Australian professional accounting bodies.

## AUDIT OPINION

In our opinion the financial report of the District Council of Coober Pedy is properly drawn up:

- a) To give a true and fair view of :
  - i) the Council's state of affairs as at 30 June 2009 and changes in equity resulting from operations and cashflows for the year ended on that date.
  - ii) the other matters required by the Local Government Act 1999 to be dealt with in the financial statements.
- b) According to the Local Government Act 1999, together with the Local Government Act 1999 (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 made under that Act; and
- c) According to Australian Accounting Standards and mandatory professional reporting requirements.

Signed at Magill this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2009.

  
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JOHN D EWEN  
JOHN D EWEN & ASSOCIATES  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

## AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

**Auditor's Independence Declaration Under Section 16A of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 to The Members of the District Council of Coober Pedy.**

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of the District Council of Coober Pedy for the year ended 30 June 2009, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Section 290, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* made under that Act.

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

Signed at Magill this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2009.

  
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JOHN D EWEN  
JOHN D EWEN & ASSOCIATES  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT