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Opening Day – new Coober Pedy Airport Terminal

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MAYOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

This year saw Council face many challenges, mainly due to Council's continuing fragile financial position caused by the problems associated with the past and present funding of the electricity supply. Thankfully as a result of a budget review undertaken in January by DTEI Energy Division, we were able to procure additional RAES funding.

This funding did enable Council to undertake some capital works programs but unfortunately only gave us five months to undertake the work due to timing issues. The RAES funding and the way it is now administered continue to cause concerns for our Council and this problem needs to be rectified as soon as possible. Council is still endeavouring to claw back funds expended from cash reserves in 2003 when the power station failed and temporary hire generators had to be used. Council's fragile financial position will continue until such time as this is resolved.

Mining and exploration continue around Coober Pedy and is providing employment opportunities for our residents. IMX have now sourced finance for their Cairn Hill Mine and are aiming for production in the first half of next year. The proposed mining camp for IMX and Exact workers is back on track and a development application is expected within the next few months.

OzMinerals' Prominent Hill mine is again in full production and also continues to provide opportunities to the residents of Coober Pedy.

Discussions continue between Council, Western Plains Resources and Altona



Mayor Steve Baines

Resources in an effort to maximise the benefits to Coober Pedy and the region, if and when these companies start their operations.

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. After many years of lobbying and working together it now appears that both the infrastructure funding and the recurrent funding have been procured for the proposed Short Stay Accommodation Centre.

The Senior Officers Group is currently working with Housing SA to identify a suitable site for this facility. Other projects that the Senior Officers Group is involved in are extended operating hours for the Mobile Assistance Patrol and the Sobering Up Centre, and liquor licensing issues.

The highlight of the year was the construction of our new airport terminal building. The \$1.3 million airport terminal was designed and project managed by Environ Arc and built by Tagara Constructions. Council is extremely proud of the new airport terminal and is now hopeful that we can attract a Regular Passenger

Transport service from Alice Springs via Ayers Rock. The terminal building will be officially opened in September by Ms Lyn Breuer MP, Member for Giles, and myself.



Mayor Steve Baines and Ms Lyn Breuer MP, Member for Giles, following the formal opening of the new Airport Terminal

This year has been extremely busy for our tourism operators with Lake Eyre becoming a major drawcard once again. Tourism numbers have exceeded all expectations and most accommodation providers in Coober Pedy have reported the best tourist season for many years. Lake Eyre tours have been operating both by road and air from Coober Pedy and have made the Coober Pedy airport a very busy place.

Native Title negotiations continued throughout the year and some progress was made. Council is hopeful that an agreement can be reached between the parties by the end of 2010. The inability to freehold property in Coober Pedy continues to be a source of frustration, with many developments on hold until such time as suitable freehold land can be procured. This issue continues to restrict growth in Coober Pedy and is now affecting the ability of some Government departments to attract staff due to lack of suitable accommodation.

This year Council did lodge a grant funding application under the Federal Government's Regional and Local

Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP) for a much needed town hall/community centre. Unfortunately Council was advised in June that our application was unsuccessful. This was a great disappointment but Council will continue to apply for grant funding for this much needed infrastructure.

Council's Infrastructure Improvement Plan continued this year with the following projects undertaken:

- Upgrade and renewal of Water Supply Reticulation Pumps
- New Airport Terminal Building
- Airport Carpark and fencing
- New RO1 High Pressure Pump
- New RO2 Membranes
- Hutchison Street Paving
- Reseal of Flinders Street

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 2010/2011 for the betterment of the community and the broader region.

Steve Baines JP
Mayor

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The town of Coober Pedy is the major service centre in Outback South Australia. The number of State Government agencies involved in the delivery of services to the local and regional communities in this vast area increases gradually as the need for a specific service is identified.

Sitting amid the famous Coober Pedy Precious Stones Field, some 4,000 square kilometres in area, the local government area of Coober Pedy is comprised of only 77.6 square kilometers and boasts a very proud and multi-cultural population of what is generally accepted as being in the region of 3,500. The 2006 Census indicated that the town's population was 1,913 despite the efforts of Council and Census officials to encourage locals to complete their forms. The resultant impact is that population-based funding allocated to agencies, which also includes Grants Commission funding to Council, is not at a level truly reflecting the actual population of Coober Pedy.

Council's fragile financial position, due to funding of the electricity supply, continued throughout the first half of the year, however the State Government mid-year Budget Review in January saw additional Remote Areas Energy Subsidy (RAES) Scheme payments alleviated that concern to some degree and allowed Council to undertake some much needed capital works. We envisage a similar situation carrying on into the 2010/2011 financial year. Council continues to work with Energy Division, Department of Transport, Energy and Infrastructure, on an agreement that will provide security of



CEO Trevor McLeod

funding of the RAES subsidy into the future.

This year also saw the approval and certification by the Electoral Commissioner of Council's Elector Representation Review. Council determined that the status quo remain, that being (1) to retain the position of Mayor as the principal member of Council, elected 'at large' by the community; (2) to retain the positions of eight (8) Councillors elected 'at large' from the community; and (3) to retain the 'no ward' structure.

During the year Council worked together with Energy Generation (enGen) Pty Ltd on a solar power station proposal of its own, following the decision by Solar Systems not to proceed with their proposal based on commercial grounds. enGen was able to secure a commitment by the Federal and State Governments to allocate funding previously destined for the Solar Systems project, albeit slightly less, towards their own project. As fate would have it, in the end enGen determined that it was not able to meet the extremely tight timelines of the Federal Government and accordingly withdrew the project.

The construction of the new Coober Pedy Airport Terminal was a major project for Council during the year. Construction commenced in February

2010, however a couple of delays saw the terminal opened eventually in September 2010. It is a terminal 'fit for purpose' and does the job it needs to do very efficiently and with a refreshing look and atmosphere about it. Council also attracted RLCIP Round 2 funding of \$30,000 to enable construction and sealing of a new car park adjacent to the new airport terminal. We are all very proud of the finished product which will complement the existing tourism industry in Coober Pedy.

The tourism industry in Coober Pedy and the region again benefitted this year with Lake Eyre being the main drawcard for tourists visiting the area by air and road. Coober Pedy Airport again saw a dramatic increase in visitation by charter flights and general aviation aircraft due to the attraction of water in Lake Eyre.



Executive Assistant Judy Williams

Council's Child Care Links Officer has for a number of years been pursuing funding for the development of a Family Recreation Hub at the entrance to the town centre. The proposed Hub will provide for new playgrounds, BMX Track, solid roofing over the Skate Park, BBQ, seating and playground areas, as well as other infrastructure necessary to develop the area.

The total project cost has been estimated at \$811,900 of which funding of \$538,100 was provided from the Minister for Urban Development and Planning under its Open Space Grant Program. Other funding has been obtained which will enable the project to commence late 2010/early 2011.

During the year Council submitted an application for funding of \$6 million for a new Regional Community and Recreation Centre under Round 2 of the Federal Government's Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program for larger Strategic Projects. Unfortunately the project did not get up despite all the hard work by those who contributed. However Council will continue to pursue funding for the project as and when the opportunity arises.

Native Title Negotiations continue to drag on, the main cause of this being the 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. However it is possible that a long overdue conclusion to the negotiations might be achieved during early 2011.

It is pleasing to see that following the easing of the impacts of the Global Financial Crisis, particularly in Australia, development in the resource sector in the region has rebounded strongly. OzMinerals' Prominent Hill mine is fully operational, IMX Resources has secured long overdue funding and are ramping up their facility at Cairn Hill, whilst Western Plains Resources are continuing with their pursuit of mining operations at Peculiar Knob. All in all employment prospects in the region look great.

Once again 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.

Local Government elections will be held in November 2010 and I look forward to working with the new Council.

Trevor McLeod
Chief Executive Officer

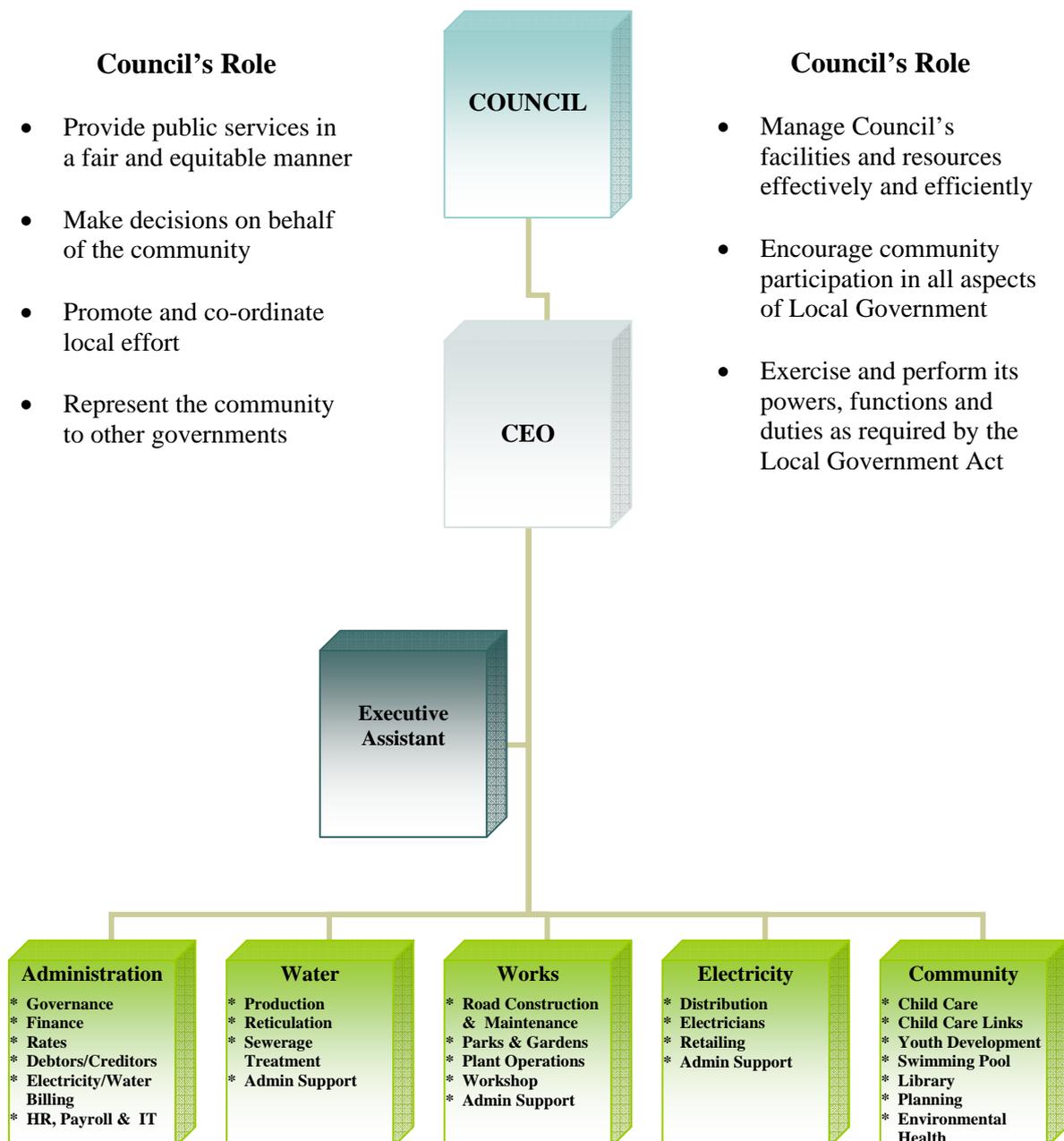
WHAT IS COUNCIL AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

COUNCIL STRUCTURE

The District Council of Coober Pedy elector representation is that of a Mayor and eight (8) Councillors. A review of Elector Representation was undertaken during 2009, which resulted in the report being certified by the Electoral Commissioner with the same representation as in previous years. 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 on a day to day basis with financial issues that mean our budgets and financial performance is analysed quite heavily.

We started the financial year with notice from the Department of Transport Energy & Infrastructure (DTEI) that our funding for Electricity Supply was being cut from \$3 million per year to \$2 million year. This caused Council a lot of issues during the year and all budgets were cut.

Essentially Council went into “Maintenance Mode” for a period of 7 months while we waited for the State Government to notify us any change to the Remote Areas Energy Subsidy (RAES) payment. Council did receive an increase of \$750,000 in the yearly payment and therefore we were able to move forward with some work identified in earlier budget workshops.

Council is committed to running in surplus over the average of 5 years. This has been very difficult as the Electricity Budget moves quicker than the funding received.

Council is working with DTEI to develop a formal funding agreement for the RAES payments going forward. We are also reconciling monies owed to Council that goes back to the period when Council owned its own electricity generation plant. We hope to have all the issues resolved by early 2011.

We are also working on the next version of the Long Term Financial Plan and Asset Management Plan which will give the Council some certainty moving forward.

The Council figures at a glance:

Surplus before Depreciation: \$1.290M
Depreciation: \$1.007M
Surplus after Depreciation: \$0.283M



**Finance & Administration Manager
Damien Clark**

Loan Balance @ 30/6/10 \$2.919M

Cash Balance @ 30/6/10 \$0.793M

Debtors Balance @ 30/6/10 \$0.772M

Creditors Balance @ 30/6/10 \$1.794M

Staff Changes

We have experienced a number of changes in Administration staffing this year. Melissa Rosewarne, Sherill Wood and Fevronia Simatos all resigned during the year and this meant we have lost a lot of experience from within that department. We were very pleased to have Cassandra Mibus, Markeeta Jeffreys and Lauren Palmer joining us as replacements and they have all fitted in well.

Jayde Frew has moved across to the position of Rates & Payroll Officer.

Collection of Debts

Council is still trying to balance up the need for customers to pay accounts on time while still appreciating individual financial situations. Where possible Council offers customers payment plans when the need arises.

We have been able to stabilise our outstanding debts to a level that we can manage day to day.

Council provides a number of account paying methods, including Centrepay, Internet, phone and in person.



Accountant Khuram Saleem

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.

I also extend my thanks to Council's Senior Management and the diligence they have applied, which provides wonderful support to me in undertaking 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
- Youth Development
- 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
- Planning & Land division
- Fire Hazards
- Traffic
- Buildings
- Litter
- Parking



Grant Riches, Council's Planning Consultant

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@cpccouncil.sa.gov.au

Council By-laws are as follows:

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| 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 Audited Financial Statements, Council By-Laws, 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. However in some instances privacy requirements may prevent the release of some information.

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 2009/2010, 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):

Michelle Riha, Cassandra Mibus, Lauren Palmer, Jayde Frew and Markeeta Jeffreys



Entrance Mural to Coober Pedy – a Youth Project

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT - *STAFFING OVERVIEW*

During the year Council employed the following staff numbers:

Function	Full-time	Casual	Part-time	TOTAL
Governance	2	0	0	2
Finance & Administration	7	0	1	8
Tourism	1	0	1	2
Works	14	3	1	18
Water Supply	5	1	0	6
Electricity Supply	8	0	1	9
Library	0	0	1	1
Pool	1	6	0	7
Childcare	3	3	4	10
Childcare Links	1	0	0	1
Youth Officer	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	43	13	9	65

Total salaries expense for the year ending the 30th June 2010 was \$3,320,000 which represents 24.49% of Council's total cash expenditure of \$13,500,000.

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 2009/2010 year the following expenditure was incurred in training:

Administration	\$ 15,730
Electricity	\$ 19,671
Works	\$ 21,086
Water	\$ 7,285
Tourism	\$ 1,730
Swimming Pool	\$ 1,826
Child Care Links	\$ 1,091
Child Care	\$ 10,269
Youth Officer	\$ 2,929
TOTAL	<u>\$ 81,617</u>

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 466 kilometres, including roads to the opal fields and the Breakaways Road.

The total length is made up of:

- Sealed roads at 34.2 km length
- Pavement roads at 19.3 km length (formed)
- Natural gravel surfaced roads at 51.6 km length (within town borders)
- Natural gravel surfaced roads at 360.9 km length (mining fields and Breakaways Reserve)

Grading of roads and driveways to most areas of the township is ongoing with attention given to public requests and prioritized, time permitting. Repairs and re-sheeting of open surface roads was kept to maintenance only due to budgetary constraints.

Watering of roads is constant to ease some of the dust problems the town suffers from and extends to the unsealed roads which carry high volumes of traffic. Some sealing and shoulder repair work was undertaken in Flinders, Ferrall, Giles, Hocking, Ward, Eyre and Stuart Streets.

The intersections of Lia Street and Post Office Hill Road, Titheradge Place and Alp Street, Irvine Place and Alp Street, and Hospital and Umoona Roads were also re-sealed.

This year also saw the continuation of brick paving along Hutchison Street and will take a few years to complete as funding is allocated during annual budgetary consideration. The local



Works Manager Jan Van Der Merwe

contractor is to be commended on the professional standard of his work. Kerbing is continuing in Alp Street with other roads to follow as annual allocations are made.

Works Depot

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

Workshop

The workshop is well equipped and the maintenance of machines and vehicles is undertaken on a daily basis by one full time and two casual mechanics. The TCM loader was finally repaired, only to develop a power loss. The problem was identified as a faulty hydraulic pump which is in the process of being replaced. The Cat 910 loader had transmission problems and was sent to Roxby Downs for repairs.

Airport

The Coober Pedy Airport was again a busy place this financial year. Rain in the northern parts of Australia has seen

water flow into Lake Eyre in two consecutive years and has provided a fantastic tourism attraction for the Far North of South Australia. Many daily light plane charter flights over the lake used the Coober Pedy Airport as a base or for fuel stops. Additionally, Alliance Airlines operates charter flights with their Fokker 50's and they are a common sight on the tarmac overnight, mostly on weekends. Alliance Airlines also service Prominent Hill from the Coober Pedy Airport when the rain or low cloud prohibits landing at the mine. Regional Express (REX) continues to utilise SAAB 340's, servicing the town with 6 flights per week. Passengers travelling to and from Adelaide numbered just under 9,300 for the financial year.

The new airport terminal project is now completed and being well utilized with more space allocated for the parking area.



RLCIP funded airport terminal carpark area

Parks and Gardens

Coober Pedy has a number of Reserves which include Keane, Hospital, Jewellers Shop, Cemetery and the Triangle, with the latter incorporating the OzMinerals Oval and sports complex, Skate Park, playground, olive grove and walking track. All these require constant care due to the extreme weather and low rainfall. The

triangle is watered with recycled treated effluent water by means of a below ground electronically controlled watering system.



Parks & Gardens at work fertilising OzMinerals Oval

Dog and Cat Management

The Dog and Cat Management Officer and General Inspector is also the meter reader for the Electricity and Water Supply departments. He shares his time evenly between these duties and any urgent issues can be dealt with immediately as he has this flexibility. The officer has encouraged tick and birth control injections for owners' pets. Residents are encouraged to surrender unwanted cats and dogs and the officer who endeavours to find good homes for these animals.

Waste Depot

The landfill waste depot is licenced by the EPA and is situated 4 km out of town on the Oodnadatta Road. The waste depot is divided into 9 stages, of which stages 3 and 5 are currently being used, and these should be to capacity in 1 to 2 years. At current usage, it is projected that the remainder of the 9 stages will take between 11 to 13 years to fill. With the increase of mining activities in the area this could be sooner and then the depot will be relocated.

This depot operates on a 7 day a week basis, excluding public holidays. Council actively encourages its residents to use this facility, which is free of charge for household and other waste not of a commercial quantity or type, rather than the illegal practice of dumping rubbish elsewhere in the Coober Pedy town area (including the opal fields).

Rubbish Collection

Council provides a Monday to Friday residential curb side wheelie bin collection. The town is divided into 5 areas and includes a commercial pickup. Many businesses require multiple collections weekly. The main street bins are emptied daily by CDEP (Bungala Aboriginal Corporation) whose workers also clear away paper and other litter along Hutchison Street.

A commercial skip bin service is offered and charges apply each time a bin is emptied. The free skip bin service is still being utilised by residential owners each weekend and delivered to their property for hard waste.

Aged Housing

Council assists in the management and maintenance of 4 above ground independent aged care living units in Van Brugge Street as well as the 4 dugout units in Harlequin Drive. The dugout units are not occupied at present due to water damage and are presently being repaired. These units are for the elderly citizens 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. This mainly consists of obtaining operators tickets for plant and machinery, Senior First Aid, OH&S White Card, Work Zone Traffic Management and Chainsaw Use as well as Airport Reporting and Security Courses.

The Works Manager is implementing an internal training program. This should bring about the ideal situation of having all staff trained for several positions.

Staff

There were a number of staff changes during this financial year. Mark Hill resigned as Works Manager, with Jan van der Merwe being appointed to this position. Works Supervisor Terry Clark retired which subsequently saw the appointment of Ron Lamont as his replacement. The 'attraction' of working in the nearby mining operations saw some operators lured and as always the replacement of these workers takes time.

Jan Van Der Merwe 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.



Replacing sections of the boreline adjacent to the Oodnadatta 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 electricity supply for the township of Coober Pedy is provided by 8 self contained Deutz gensets. These gensets, owned and operated by Energy Generation (enGen) Pty Ltd, are well maintained by Geoff Ferguson, the power station operator, assisted by Dave Sanders who undertakes general checking and cleaning of the site.

enGen has its head office in Perth, Western Australia, and remotely monitors the gensets by computer 24 hours each day.

Generation

There were no generation power outages during this year.

There were however a number of major rebuilds and maintenance completed during the year, the most important of which was #7 Generator, that was taken to Adelaide for its rebuild. Central Diesel staff from Adelaide and enGen staff, assisted by Geoff Ferguson, were on site to install the set following its rebuild.

Wind Turbine

The Electrical Supervisor from enGen and two technicians from Sterling Wind, in Victoria, were on site at the wind turbine during July and on Saturday 25th July 2009, the wind turbine was operational and to date there have been no major problems.

Distribution

The Distribution team small in number but undertake a vast range of varied tasks. It is comprised of 2 qualified linesmen, with the apprentice now in his 3rd year of training. When required



**Distribution team conducting routine
CCTV maintenance**

our team is supported by external contract staff.

Some of the work completed included:

- Installation of solar panels at the bore
- Assisted Central Diesel with crane lift at Power Station to remove genset for maintenance
- Installed network transmitter at Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP)
- Assisted with crane lift at STP for upgrade of control panel
- Maintained and replaced CCTV cameras in town and at the airport
- Installed new cabinet, aerator, mono pumps, solenoids, chlorine pumps, GPO'S, flow meters and float switches at STP
- Installed light heads at OzMinerals Oval
- Assistance was given to members of the opal mining industry to move blowers to and from the mining field
- Assisted with repairs on shade sail at swimming pool
- Scoped and replaced Potch Gully SWER line for re closer upgrade at power station
- 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

- Removed old and installed new pan tilt cameras at TAFE and Desert Cave.

Power Outages

Planned Outages for the year totalled 11, with approximately 64 customers affected.

Unplanned Outages for the year totalled 15, with approximately 247 customers affected. Obviously when an unplanned outage occurs on both feeders, the whole town is without power until it is reconnected. A number of the unplanned outages were caused by insulator and/or transformer damage and adverse weather conditions.

Electrical

Council employs 2 qualified electricians, one of whom completed his apprenticeship during the year, and an apprentice electrician who is in his 3rd year of training.



Electrician Gavin Talbot with apprentice electrician Alex Crisa

Due to the nature of Council's operations the workers all undertake a considerable amount of work, some of which is detailed below:

- Installation of solar panels to the mounting brackets at the bore

- Installed a communication dish and cat 6 cable to the old control room at the Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP)
- Removed and installed a new pump at Umoona Aboriginal Community pumping station
- Installed new lights at depot office
- Completed the annual Airport Lighting Inspection for Airport
- Installed power boxes on the oval for Opal Festival
- Created a Fire Exit Light Maintenance Schedule Manual.

Over the next few years Council will be replacing all meters with an upgrade to digital meters.

Congratulations to Grant Maxwell in obtaining his Electrical Tradesperson Certificate in February, well done. Welcome to Faye Rowntree, Administration Assistant, who commenced at the Depot on the 22nd June.



Administration Officers Vonnie Ferguson and Faye Rowntree

Council continues to utilise hire staff from Electel as support for our own staff and these 2 workers rotate on a fortnightly roster.

It is again pleasing to report that Electricity Supply staff numbers remain unchanged from last year, with our remaining 2 apprentices due to qualify in their trade at the end of 2011.

**Graeme Norton
Distribution Supervisor**



Mini Gems passed its Licensing & Standards Audit in late 2009 with a few minor areas we need to address. We also passed our first Accreditation spot-check, under the reviewed National Accreditation System.

We have successfully transferred our programming from the South Australian Curriculum Standards Accountability Framework to the new National Early Learning Years Framework. We hope to attend further training on the new system in early 2011.

We have been working towards the new Licensing & Standards that will be enforced in January 2012, in particular the minimum qualifications for child care staff and also increased child/staff ratios. We are hoping the Government will increase funding for children's services under the new standards or our families will inevitably pay for these changes by way of substantially increased fees.

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

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



Mini Gems Director Melissa Borrett

Musical Child is a musical awareness program for 3-5 year olds, again sponsored by Child Care Links

Mini Gems attended the Australia Day celebrations at the Old Timers Mine in January 2010, with an Australia Day tattoo stall. Mini Gems supported the Families SA Child Protection Week celebration with a T-Shirt painting stall. The family event was hosted at the Coober Pedy Area School gymnasium and highlighted various child and family services available in Coober Pedy, information and fun activities for children and families.

Oz Minerals has kindly donated \$3,000 towards the replacement of our airconditioners, which are long overdue for replacement.

In general the children's program has been focussing on transferring to the new National Early Years Learning Framework - Belonging, Becoming, Being.

Staff Changes

We have had staffing changeovers with Cristina Marijanovic moving into the Over 2's section and Natalie Holtham into the Under 2's section.

Kristina Seekamp took 12 months maternity leave and was replaced by

Natalie Holtham. Natalie will be returning to Port Augusta Child Care Centre early in December 2010. The Assistant Director's position is currently being advertised as Kristina Seekamp will not be returning in that role. We have Stacy Mibus as a school based trainee and she is studying Certificate 2 in Children's Services.



Melissa Borrett and Mij Dukarich with children in the playground

Both Melissa Borrett and Kristina Seekamp upskilled their qualifications to the latest Diploma in Children's Services. Tegan Jones successfully completed her traineeship for the Diploma in Children's Services and is now fully qualified. Mij Dukarich is studying the Diploma in Children's Services. Staff have attended various training and information sessions held throughout the year by community services. We also had Vashti Kiely-Kavanagh join our team mid 2010.

**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

The Youth Development Officer (YDO) has been involved in a wide range of workshops during this year to further enhance his knowledge in youth development and dealing with difficult issues affecting youth. I have undertaken a number of training workshops which have included the following:

- Certificate IV in Youth Working
- Defusing Explosive Situations & Managing Aggressive Behaviour

Learning pro-active measures to prevent aggression from occurring; how to defuse the anger of others and respond well to people with unreasonable demands, and more effectively support people to manage their emotions

- Engaging & Motivating Difficult Clients

It helps non-voluntary and resistant clients improve their level of readiness for change, take advantage of the five reasons people change, and significantly improve outcomes with only minor adjustments to their approach

- Rock and Water

The program is being applied as an anti-bullying tool for schools.

The aim of the Rock & Water Program is to support young people to develop:

- Body awareness
- Emotional awareness
- Self awareness



Youth Development Officer Paul Maduro

- Family Wellbeing Counselling Training

The Family Wellbeing Program is an education and counselling program about family violence and provides participants with the skills for effective communication and conflict resolution.

Partnerships

The YDO has worked closely with different agencies in forming and delivering services to our youth. The YDO has maintained a strong partnership with other organisations through networking, by meeting and offering in-kind support for their programs. Some examples are as follows:

- Aboriginal Family Support Services (AFSS)
 - Holiday Program
 - Girl's Group
 - NAIDOC Week
- Coober Pedy Area School (CPAS)
 - Alternative Learning Options Program (ALOP)
 - Personal Learning Plans (PLP)
 - Active After School Activities
 - Anti – Bullying Program
- Families SA
 - Child Protection Week 2010

- Umoona Council
 - Holiday Program
- SAPOL
 - Blue Light Disco
 - Errapa Camp
- Child Care Links
- Royal Flying Doctor Service of South Australia
- Australian Red Cross
- Stride

The YDO is providing the youth with a healthy, safe and learning environment, which enables them to have 'timeout' from the home environment.

To reduce social isolation the Youth Worker has structured a group work program aimed at engaging with youth at risk and Aboriginal youths.

- **Boys & Girls Group:** the aim of the group is to engage in a variety of activities that promote self-esteem, positive behaviour, leadership skills and being a valued member of the community
- **Holiday Program:** to work in collaboration with services to provide recreational activities for young people during the holidays



School Holiday Program activity

- **Drop in Centre:** is a free service provided by the YDO for young people aged between 12 & 25 years. Young people are supervised

and can socialise with other kids in a safe environment

- **Friday Night Fever:** free service organised activities for young people aged between 12 & 25 years and designed to keep our youth in a safe environment at night

The Youth Worker has also developed a program that will focus on problem solving and life-skill development for young people at risk of/or involved in youth offending.

Personal Development Program

A 1 on 1 consultation aimed at supporting young people in the following:

- Personal finance
- Life skills
- Unemployment
- Drug and Alcohol services

The YDO coordinator refers other young people to other agencies to further support their needs.

Listed below are the events/activities/camps that the YDO has been involved with during the year:

- NAIDOC Dance-OFF
- National Youth Week (Human Fussball)
- Child Protection Week 2010
- Power Camp 2010
- Student Relief Day 2010 – the YDO volunteered his time as a mentor for the kids and to get to know them better
- Errapa Camp 2009 with SAPOL – the camp is designed to support kids develop their self-esteem and be resilient

- Barossa Food and Hygiene Camp – the YDO was approached by the students seeking his participation in the camp as a mentor
- Aboriginal Youth Action Committee Conference

Future Activities, Workshops and Projects

- Driver Education Program
- Dinner Service
- Multicultural Program
- Drug and Alcohol Week
- Art Mural

The Youth Development Officer was successful in securing grant funding from Community Benefits SA for the construction of a new Youth & Recreation Centre to be built next to the Skate Park. Additional funding from the 'Breakaways Bolt' Committee was also secured and the Youth Shed is expected to be completed by the end of 2010.

Paul Maduro
Youth Development Officer

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

During 2010 the Visitor Information Centre has assisted well over 29,600 visitors from all parts of Australia and around the world (from stats Dec 09 – Oct 10). Coober Pedy remains a fascinating stopover and the natural filling of Lake Eyre has certainly helped our visitor numbers with most travellers staying to enjoy our attractions for an average of 2 nights. Sandra Harris is Council's Visitor Information Officer, supported by John Holdrich on weekends.



Sandra Harris providing information for some overseas visitors

The Visitor Information Centre core goal is: *'To be well respected in the tourism industry and to be the best regional tourism office in South Australia.'*

We achieve this by:

Being the most helpful – We assist visitors with all inquiries in an **unbiased manner** thus providing excellent customer service and have a continued presence in the region.

Being the most efficient – we work hard and always strive to find a better way to do things.

Being the most resourceful – we make the most of our resources, invest wisely in projects and strive to produce

the best possible outcomes for our stakeholders with the assistance of the SATC yearly funding of \$6,600.

The VIC also sends out countless information packages to potential visitors around Australia and overseas including school projects. One major request was to send information to The Australia Library, built inside the Otemon Gakuin University Library, Osaka. This is the only facility in Japan with a collection of references solely dedicated to studies of Australia. The Australian Library is open to the public with an aim to promote the grass roots understanding of Australia. We now have a permanent display on Coober Pedy in this Library.

During the year we have forged fabulous relationships with all the South Australian & Northern Territorian Information Centres, local businesses and major Tourism Commissions through our monthly e-newsletter which keeps everyone up to date with what's happening in Coober Pedy and our region

We have initiated Customer Surveys, arranged many film crews to promote our town and spread the filming around to various tourism businesses so many locals and the town benefit from the exposure. We have also created a log of all the media exposure and have copies of the filming for our library.

The Coober Pedy Historical Society continues to display fascinating information, updated on a regular basis, about the town's history and development.

The Council owned Tourism Website has been updated with current pricing on accommodation, tours and events. It will continue to develop & improve,

keeping up with the on-line community's expectations of a modern, exciting and easy to navigate website. Visitors now have access to a downloadable version of the town map and Coober Pedy Visitor's Guide for pre-planning. The website address is www.opalcapitaloftheworld.com.au

For the first time we have measured the success of our website with a Web hits statistics record showing over 243,439 hits from January to June 2010.



Visitor Information Centre on a busy day

We have brought in a personal touch in the VIC with a digital photo frame full of photos of the region and mining which many visitors do not have access to. This has proven to be a popular drawcard and discussion point for visitors who then wish to stay longer to explore more areas of town.

Council acknowledges that Tourism is an integral and significant part of 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.

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.



Coober Pedy Community Swimming 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.

Sandra Harris
Visitor Information Officer

Schedule of Community Donations

Due to financial implications resulting from determination and subsequent payment of the Remote Area Energy Subsidy (RAES) quarterly payments, Council resolved that its normal allocation of Community Donations would not apply during 2009/2010, with the exception of the annual donation made to the Coober Pedy Miners Association.

Coober Pedy Miners Association	\$8,500
TOTAL:	\$8,500

2011 Census of Population and Housing

The Australian Bureau of Statistics advises that the 2011 Census of Population and Housing will be conducted on Tuesday 9th August 2011. It is the largest statistical operation undertaken by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and aims to accurately measure the number of people in Australia on Census night, their key characteristics, and the dwellings in which they live.

Council continues to encourage its residents to complete their Census forms identifying Coober Pedy as their principle place of residence. The 2006 Census indicated Coober Pedy's population at 1,913 when in reality Council's opinion is that the actual population of Coober Pedy is approximately 3,500.

This considerable gap impacts greatly on the community for those organisations and agencies whose funding is population based. Again Council will work together with Census 2011 in a concerted effort to bridge this gap.

Many organisations in Coober Pedy rely on a volunteer base from which to draw workers providing valuable support and service to the community. Below is a table extract from the 2006 Census detailing Voluntary Work for an Organisation or Group for ages 15 to 85 years and over.

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

Aged Group	Volunteer	Not a Volunteer	Voluntary Work not stated	Total
15 – 19 years	15	41	30	86
20 – 24 years	12	49	17	78
25 – 34 years	50	112	43	205
35 – 44 years	47	154	72	273
45 – 54 years	67	181	64	312
55 – 64 years	74	231	58	363
65 – 74 years	21	137	47	205
75 – 84 years	3	32	18	53
85 years and over	0	7	0	7
Total	289	944	349	1,582

ELECTED MEMBERS



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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



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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	Total
Mayor S Baines	12	11	4	4	15
Cr M Maylin	12	9	4	4	13
Cr P Athanasiadis	12	5	4	1	6
Cr T Boyd	12	10	4	4	14
Cr A Morgan	12	12	4	4	16
Cr B Rapaic	12	10	4	2	12
Cr B Staines	12	7	4	2	9
Cr G Sykes	12	8	4	2	10
Cr K Woon	12	11	4	3	14

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION

Chief Executive Officer	Trevor McLeod	86 725 408
Finance & Administration Manager	Damien Clark	86 723 828
Manager Water Supply	Phil Van Poorten	86 725 595
Manager Works	Mark Hill (to 12/03/10) Jan Van Der Merwe (from 27/4/10)	86 725 069
Distribution Supervisor	Graeme Norton	0417 814 617

SELECTED STATISTICS FOR **12 MONTHS TO 30TH JUNE 2010**

<u>Properties</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
Crown Land (non-rateable)	353	15,258,283
Vacant	250	5,053,006
Residential	1,191	103,857,692
Commercial & Industrial	139	33,783,940
Other non-rateable	0	0
Primary	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>1,933</u>	<u>157,952,921</u>
Development Applications	63	
Land Divisions	2	

Water Supply Department

Raw water pumped from bore field	414,694 kl
Potable water produced	287,450 kl
Desalination operating hours	9,074 hrs
Number of customers	1,569
New connections for 12 months to 30.6.2010	3
Services removed	1
Sewerage Scheme intake	37,367kl
Treated Effluent Recovery Rate (see note below)	102.78%
Irrigation (grey) water (see note below)	38,406kl
Highest recorded daily water demand (see note below)	1,077 kl
(Note: Inflow figure less than outflow figure due to Vac Truck operations)	

Electricity Supply Department

(Energy Generation Pty Ltd (enGen) data)

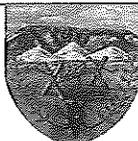
Kilowatt hours of electricity generated (Diesel gensets)	12,101,826 kWh
Kilowatt hours of electricity generated (Wind Turbine)	298,854 kWh
Less Auxiliaries	21,845 kWh
Town Consumption	12,378,835 kWh
Fuel consumed (diesel litres)	3,099,106 litres

Works Department

Roads – Council road lengths at 30th June 2010 (includes roads to opal fields & Breakaways)

<u>Lengths at end of year</u>	<u>Sealed</u>	<u>Pavement</u> (Formed)	<u>Natural Surface</u> within Town Borders	<u>Natural Surface</u> Opal Fields & Breakaways	<u>TOTAL</u>
In built-up areas (km)	32.20	19.30			51.50
In non built-up areas (km)	2.00		51.60	360.90	414.50
Total Road Lengths	34.20	19.30	51.60	360.90	466.00

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the year ended 30 June 2010

	Notes	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
INCOME			
Rates	2	1,445	1,311
Statutory charges	2	22	18
User charges	2	4,663	4,214
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	3,894	5,762
Investment income	2	1	9
Reimbursements	2	264	282
Other income	2	1,146	106
Total Income		<u>11,435</u>	<u>11,702</u>
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	3	4,066	3,156
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	6,505	9,398
Finance costs	3	144	61
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	1,007	1,122
Total Expenses		<u>11,722</u>	<u>13,737</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(287)	(2,035)
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	-	(34)
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2	570	1,196
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		<u>283</u>	<u>(873)</u>
transferred to Equity Statement			
Total Other Comprehensive Income		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		<u>283</u>	<u>(873)</u>

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

District Council of Coober Pedy

BALANCE SHEET
as at 30 June 2010

	Notes	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	793	1,286
Trade & other receivables	5	772	813
Inventories	5	735	803
Total Current Assets		<u>2,300</u>	<u>2,902</u>
Non-current Assets			
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	6	19,449	19,273
Total Non-current Assets		<u>19,449</u>	<u>19,273</u>
Total Assets		<u>21,749</u>	<u>22,175</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	7	1,794	2,712
Borrowings	7	1,871	2,037
Provisions	7	39	48
Total Current Liabilities		<u>3,704</u>	<u>4,797</u>
Non-current Liabilities			
Borrowings	7	1,048	686
Provisions	7	189	167
Total Non-current Liabilities		<u>1,237</u>	<u>853</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>4,941</u>	<u>5,650</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>16,808</u>	<u>16,525</u>
EQUITY			
Audit Certificate of Audit Independence		12,305	12,022
Asset Revaluation Reserves	8	4,478	4,478
Other Reserves	8	25	25
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>16,808</u>	<u>16,525</u>

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

District Council of Coober Pedy

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
for the year ended 30 June 2010

	Notes	Accumulated Surplus	Asset Revaluation Reserve	TOTAL EQUITY
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
2010				
Balance at end of previous reporting period		12,022	4,478	16,525
Restated opening balance		12,022	4,478	16,525
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		283		283
Transfers between reserves		-		-
Balance at end of period		12,305	4,478	16,808
2009				
Balance at end of previous reporting period		12,895	4,478	17,398
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(873)		(873)
Balance at end of period		12,022	4,478	16,525

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

District Council of Coober Pedy

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
for the year ended 30 June 2010

	Notes	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Operating receipts		12,198	13,181
Investment receipts		(1)	9
<u>Payments</u>			
Operating payments to suppliers & employees		(12,156)	(12,351)
Finance payments		<u>(117)</u>	<u>(61)</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities		(76)	778
 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		570	1,196
Sale of replaced assets		-	29
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(3)	(345)
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		<u>(1,180)</u>	<u>(664)</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(613)	216
 CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from Borrowings		500	-
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of Borrowings		<u>(304)</u>	<u>(216)</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		196	(216)
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		<u>(493)</u>	<u>778</u>
 Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	11	<u>1,286</u>	<u>508</u>
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period		<u><u>793</u></u>	<u><u>1,286</u></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 2010**

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 Accounting Standards

This general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards as they apply to not-for-profit entities, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Interpretations 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 dated.

1.2 Historical Cost Convention

Except as 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 Australian Accounting Standards 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

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

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

3 Income recognition

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

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

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (Cont)

4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

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

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

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

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

5 Inventories

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

5.1 Real Estate Assets Developments

Real Estate Assets developments have been classified as Inventory in accordance with AASB 102 and are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Cost includes the costs of acquisition, development, borrowing and other costs incurred on financing of that acquisition and up to the time of sale. Any amount by which cost exceeds the net realisable value has been recognised as an expense.

Revenues arising from the sale of property are recognised in the operating statement when settlement is completed.

5.2 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.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (Cont)

6 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

6.1 Initial Recognition

All assets are initially recognised at cost.

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". 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. 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.

For assets acquired at no cost or for nominal consideration, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition.

6.2 Materiality

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

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

6.3 Subsequent Recognition

All material asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. For infrastructure and other asset classes where no active market exists, fair value is determined to be the current replacement cost of an asset less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation calculated on the basis of such cost to reflect the already consumed or expired future economic benefits of the asset. Further detail of existing valuations, methods and valuers are provided at Note 7.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (Cont)

6.4 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

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

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

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

6.5 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).

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (Cont)

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

6.6 Borrowing Costs

Borrowing costs in relation to qualifying assets (net of offsetting investment revenue) have been capitalised in accordance with AASB 123 "Borrowing Costs". The amounts of borrowing costs recognised as an expense or as part of the carrying amount of qualifying assets are disclosed in Note 3, and the amount (if any) of interest revenue offset against borrowing costs in Note 2.

7 Payables

7.1 Goods & Services

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

7.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

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

8 Borrowings

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

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

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.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (Cont)

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 18.

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 New Accounting Standards

Certain new accounting standards and UIG interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2010 reporting period.

AASB 1	First-time Adoption of Australian Accounting Standards
AASB 5	Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations
AASB 7	Financial Instruments: Disclosures
AASB 9	Financial Instruments
AASB 101	Presentation of Financial Statements
AASB 107	Statement of Cash Flows
AASB 108	Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
AASB 110	Events after the Reporting Period
AASB 117	Leases
AASB 118	Revenue
AASB 119	Employee Benefits
AASB 132	Financial Instruments: Presentation
AASB 136	Impairment of Assets
AASB 137	Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets
AASB 139	Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement
AASB 1031	Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement
AASB 2009-11	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 [AASB 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 101, 102, 108, 112, 118, 121, 127, 128, 131, 132, 136, 139, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 10 & 12]
AASB 2009-12	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards [AASBs 5, 8, 108, 110, 112, 119, 133, 137, 139, 1023 & 1031 and Interpretations 2, 4, 16, 1039 & 1052]
AASB 2009-13	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Interpretation 19 [AASB 1]
AASB 2010-1	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Limited Exemption from Comparative AASB 7 Disclosures for First-time Adopters [AASB 1 & AASB 7]

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (Cont)

Interpretation 4 Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease
Interpretation 14 AASB 119 – The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their
Interaction
(Standards not affecting local government have been excluded from the above list.)

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

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 June 2010

Note 2 - INCOME

	Notes	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
RATES REVENUES			
<u>General Rates</u>		1,015	903
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs		(4)	(4)
		1,011	899
<u>Other Rates</u> (including service charges)			
Water supply		252	241
Community wastewater management systems		140	135
		392	376
<u>Other Charges</u>			
Penalties for late payment		20	19
Legal & other costs recovered		22	17
		42	36
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs		-	-
		1,445	1,311
STATUTORY CHARGES			
Development Act fees		14	11
Animal registration fees & fines		8	7
		22	18
USER CHARGES			
Cemetery/crematoria fees		3	2
Electricity Sales		2,886	2,396
Water Sales		924	802
Waste Water Fees		-	205
Works		179	47
Childcare Fees		156	119
Commerical Bin Pickup		68	51
Audit Swimming Pools Fees		17	21
Landing Fees		84	88
Sundry		346	483
		4,663	4,214
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Interest on investments			
Local Government Finance Authority		1	9
		1	9

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NOTE 2 - INCOME (continued)

	Notes	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
REIMBURSEMENTS			
Workers Comp Rebate		3	31
Private Works		261	245
Others		-	6
		<u>264</u>	<u>282</u>
OTHER INCOME			
Fuel tax rebate		1,128	0
Sundry		18	106
		<u>1,146</u>	<u>106</u>
GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS			
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets		570	1,196
Other grants, subsidies and contributions		3,894	5,553
Individually significant item - additional Grants Commission payment	see below	-	209
		<u>4,464</u>	<u>6,958</u>
<i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 2.</i>			
Sources of grants			
Commonwealth government		1,106	982
State government		3,358	5,976
		<u>4,464</u>	<u>6,958</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 a future year.

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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 2 - INCOME (continued)

	2010	2009
Notes	\$'000	\$'000
Conditions over grants & contributions		
<i>Grants and contributions which were obtained on the condition that they be expended for specified purposes or in a future period, but which are not yet expended in accordance with those conditions, are as follows:</i>		
<i>Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period</i>	491	56
<i>Less: expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods</i>		
<i>Roads Infrastructure</i>		
<i>Heritage & Cultural Services</i>	(491)	(206)
<i>Subtotal</i>	(491)	(206)
<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 & Cultural Services</i>	538	641
<i>Subtotal</i>	538	641
<i>Unexpended at the close of this reporting period</i>	538	491
 <i>Net increase (decrease) in assets subject to conditions in the current reporting period</i>	47	435

District Council of Coober Pedy

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 3 - EXPENSES

	Notes	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Salaries and Wages		3,157	2,326
Employee leave expense		309	380
Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions	17	156	106
Superannuation - defined benefit plan contributions	17	68	136
Workers' Compensation Insurance		61	208
Staff Training		23	
Other		292	-
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs			
Total Operating Employee Costs		4,066	3,156
 Total Number of Employees		62	60
<i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i>			
 MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES			
<u>Prescribed Expenses</u>			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the financial reports		10	8
Elected members' expenses		43	43
Note 16 - Contingencies & Assets & liabilities not recognised in the statement of financial position		53	51
 <u>Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses</u>			
Contractors		4,781	6,292
Energy			
Individually Significant Items			
Maintenance			
Legal Expenses		57	41
Levies paid to government - NRM levy			
- Other Levies			
Parts, accessories & consumables		688	1,137
Professional services		301	1,877
Community Grants		50	
Bank fees		20	
Insurance		275	
Sundry		280	
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		6,452	9,347
		6,505	9,398

District Council of Coober Pedy

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 3 - EXPENSES (cont)

	Notes	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
FINANCE COSTS			
Interest on Loans		<u>144</u>	<u>61</u>
		<u>144</u>	<u>61</u>
 DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT			
Depreciation			
Infrastructure		68	71
Water		158	161
Electricity		268	309
Stormwater Drain		-	3
Buildings		97	77
Furniture		40	47
Plant & Equipment		307	347
Waste Water		16	16
Roads		<u>53</u>	<u>91</u>
		<u>1,007</u>	<u>1,122</u>

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 June 2010

Note 4 - ASSET DISPOSAL & FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

	Notes	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT			
<i>Assets renewed or directly replaced</i>			
Proceeds from disposal		-	29
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		-	63
Gain (Loss) on disposal		<u>-</u>	<u>(34)</u>
NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION OF ASSETS		<u>-</u>	<u>(34)</u>

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Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS

	Notes	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS			
Cash on Hand and at Bank		581	1,060
Deposits at Call		<u>212</u>	<u>226</u>
		<u>793</u>	<u>1,286</u>
 TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES			
Rates - General & Other		145	136
Accrued Revenues		2	-
Debtors - general		162	120
Debtors - Electricity		288	321
Debtors - Waters		111	133
Debtors - Sundry		11	20
GST Recoupment		79	67
Prepayments		<u>35</u>	<u>76</u>
Total		<u>833</u>	<u>873</u>
 Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts		 <u>61</u>	 <u>60</u>
		<u>772</u>	<u>813</u>
 INVENTORIES			
Stock - Works		81	127
Stock - Electricity		506	470
Stock - Water		<u>148</u>	<u>206</u>
		<u>735</u>	<u>803</u>

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 6 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	2009 \$'000				2010 \$'000			
	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT
Infrastructure	797	759	(223)	1,333	797	759	(291)	1,265
Water	5,735	125	(670)	5,190	5,735	215	(828)	5,122
Electricity	3,560	94	(1,590)	2,064	3,560	94	(1,858)	1,796
Stormwater Drain	166	-	(12)	154	162	-	(12)	150
Buildings	3,625	495	(309)	3,811	3,625	1,535	(406)	4,754
Furniture	306	152	(189)	269	306	152	(229)	229
Plant & Equipment	2,343	1,340	(1,231)	2,452	2,343	1,375	(1,538)	2,180
Land	663	-	-	663	663	-	-	663
Waste Water	495	79	(61)	513	495	95	(77)	513
Roads	2,327	810	(313)	2,824	2,327	816	(366)	2,777
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	20,017	3,854	(4,598)	19,273	20,013	5,041	(5,605)	19,449
2009 Totals	20,100	2,825	(3,476)	19,449	20,017	3,854	(4,598)	19,273

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Note 6 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	2009 \$'000 CARRYING AMOUNT	CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR \$'000							2010 \$'000 CARRYING AMOUNT
		Additions		Disposals	Depreciation	Impairment	Transfers	Net Revaluation	
		New/Upgrade	Renewals						
Infrastructure	1,333	-	-	-	(68)	-	-	-	1,265
Water	5,190	90	-	-	(158)	-	-	-	5,122
Electricity	2,064	-	-	-	(268)	-	-	-	1,796
Stormwater Drain	154	-	-	-	-	-	(4)	-	150
Buildings	3,811	1,040	-	-	(97)	-	-	-	4,754
Furniture	269	-	-	-	(40)	-	-	-	229
Plant & Equipment	2,452	35	-	-	(307)	-	-	-	2,180
Land	663	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	663
Waste Water	513	16	-	-	(16)	-	-	-	513
Roads	2,824	6	-	-	(53)	-	-	-	2,777
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	19,273	1,187	-	-	(1,007)	-	(4)	-	19,449
2009 Totals	19,449	664	345	(63)	(1,122)	(3)	-	-	19,273

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2010

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 purpose of AIFRS.

Land & Land Improvements

Pursuant to Council's elections, 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 acquisitions of land or interests in land.

Land improvements, includes bulk earthworks with an assessed unlimited useful life, are recognised on the cost basis, originally deriving from a valuation at 30 June 2005 at current replacement cost. Additions are recognised at cost. Estimated future costs of reinstatement of land, capitalised in accordance with AASB 116.16(c), are reviewed annually (see Note 1) and depreciated over the estimated remaining life of the relevant asset.

Buildings & Other Structures

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

All other assets

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

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Note 7 - LIABILITIES

		2010 \$'000		2009 \$'000	
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES	Notes	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Goods & Services		1,050		2,252	
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements		350		442	
Accrued expenses - other		394		18	
		1,794	-	2,712	-
 BORROWINGS					
Loans		1,785	1,048	1,950	686
Other		86		87	
		1,871	1,048	2,037	686
 <i>All interest bearing liabilities are secured over the future revenues of the Council.</i>					
 PROVISIONS					
Employee entitlements (including oncosts)		39	189	48	167
		39	189	48	167

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Note 8 - RESERVES

ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	1/7/2009	Net Increments (Decrements)	Transfers, Impairments	30/6/2010
Notes	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Assets Revaluation Reserve	4,478			4,478
TOTAL	<u>4,478</u>			<u>4,478</u>
2009 Totals	<u>4,478</u>			<u>4,478</u>
OTHER RESERVES	1/7/2009	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/6/2010
Breakaway Pass	25			25
TOTAL OTHER RESERVES	<u>25</u>			<u>25</u>
2009 Totals	<u>25</u>			<u>25</u>

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 (less any subsequent impairment losses, where applicable).

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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.

	2010	2009
	Notes	
	\$'000	\$'000
CASH & FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Unexpended amounts received from Federal Government & State		
Play Ground	538	0
Airport Building Terminal	-	903
	<u>538</u>	<u>903</u>
TOTAL ASSETS SUBJECT TO EXTERNALLY IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS	<u>538</u>	<u>903</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	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
Total cash & equivalent assets	5	<u>793</u>	<u>1,286</u>
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		<u>793</u>	<u>1,286</u>

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)	283	(873)
Non-cash items in Income Statement		
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	1,007	1,122
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits	(79)	188
Change in allowances for under-recovery	1	(3)
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity	(570)	(1,196)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals	-	34
	<u>642</u>	<u>(728)</u>
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets		
Net (increase) decrease in receivables	40	336
Net (increase) decrease in inventories	68	292
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables	(826)	878
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations	<u>(76)</u>	<u>778</u>

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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	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	2010	2009	2010	2009
	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Administration	1,809	1,553	1,447	1,492	362	61	734	922	7,207	3,164
Community	515	610	998	1,211	(482)	(601)	784	1,625	5,937	5,853
Water	1,222	1,019	1,215	1,334	8	(315)				668
Waste	406	382	227	249	179	133		42		
Works	595	1,333	1,846	1,584	(1,251)	(251)	147	318	2,866	9,092
Electricity	6,888	6,805	5,990	7,867	898	(1,062)	2,799	4,051	5,739	3,398
TOTALS	11,435	11,702	11,722	13,737	(287)	(2,035)	4,464	6,958	21,749	22,175

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 12 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Recognised Financial Instruments

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between a% and b% (2010: 6% and 7%). Short term deposits have an average maturity of e days and an average interest rates of 7% (2010: 30 days, 7%).</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.</p>
Receivables - Rates & Associated Charges (including legals & penalties for late payment)	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 11.28% (2010: 7.5%) 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>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
Receivables - Fees & other charges	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
Receivables - other levels of government	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal value.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. All amounts are due by Departments and Agencies of the Governments of the Commonwealth & State.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals	<p>Accounting Policy: Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Council.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Interest Bearing Borrowings	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at the principal amounts. Interest is charged as an expense as it accrues.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: secured over future revenues, borrowings are repayable (describe basis); interest is charged at fixed (or variable - describe) rates between 6.55% and 7.55% (2009: 6.55% and 8.25%)</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Finance Leases	<p>Accounting Policy: accounted for in accordance with AASB 117.</p>

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Note 12 (cont) - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Liquidity Analysis

2010	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<u>Financial Liabilities</u>					
Audit Payables	1,050			1,050	1,050
Current Borrowings				-	-
Non-Current Borrowings	1,871	1,048		2,919	2,919
Total	2,921	1,048	-	3,969	3,969
2009	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<u>Financial Liabilities</u>					
Payables	2,252			2,252	2,252
Current Borrowings				-	-
Non-Current Borrowings	2,037	686		2,723	2,723
Total	4,289	686	-	4,975	4,975

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

	30 June 2010		30 June 2009	
	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value
	%	\$'000	%	\$'000
Other Variable Rates	6	1,732	4.6	1,818
Fixed Interest Rates	7	1,187	6.95	905
		<u>2,919</u>		<u>2,723</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 12 (cont) - COMPONENTS OF FUNCTIONS

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

Electricity Supply

Provide retail Billing, Distribution and Generation of Electricity 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 & gardens maintenance and town drainage.

Administration

Governance, Administration, 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, Revenue, LGGC-General Purpose and Separate and Special rates.

Community

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

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Note 13 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

	2010	2009
<u>Notes</u>	\$'000	\$'000
Electricity Expenditure Commitments		
other expenditure committed for (excluding inventories) at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities		
Fixed Price	6,906	7,566
Operating Price	5,650	6,190
Fuel Price	48,971	53,651
	61,527	67,407
These expenditures are payable:		
Not later than one year	6,056	5,880
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	26,098	25,338
Later than 5 years	29,373	36,189
	61,527	67,407
Other Expenditure Commitments		
Other expenditure committed for (excluding inventories) at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:		
Audit Services	10	9
Employee Remuneration Contracts	772	1,005
Other	580	1,150
Note 16 - Contingencies & Assets & liabilities not recognised in the statement of financial position	1,362	2,164
These expenditures are payable:		
Not later than one year	981	1,535
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	381	629
	1,362	2,164

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Note 14 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

	2010	2009	2008
<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>			
Operating Surplus	(287)	(2,035)	(631)
<i>Being the operating surplus (deficit) before capital amounts .</i>			
Adjusted Operating Surplus	-	(2,244)	(631)
<i>In June 2009 the Commonwealth Government made an advance payment approximately equal to one quarter of the 2009/10 Financial Assistance Grant (see Note 3). This income has materially distorted the amount of the Operating Result for the 2008/09 reporting period. The Adjusted Operating Surplus and Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio adjust for this distortion.</i>			
Operating Surplus Ratio			
<u>Operating Surplus</u>	(20%)	(155%)	(50%)
Rates - general & other less NRM levy			
Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio	(5%)	(171%)	(50%)
<i>This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of general and other rates, net of NRM levy.</i>			
Net Financial Liabilities			
	3,376	3,551	3,146
<i>Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets (excluding equity accounted investments in Council businesses).</i>			
Note 16 - Contingencies & Assets & liabilities not recognised in the statement of financial position			
Net Financial Liabilities Ratio			
<u>Net Financial Liabilities</u>	30%	30%	26%
Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy			
Interest Cover Ratio			
<u>Net Interest Expense</u>	1.3%	0.4%	0.0%
Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy less Investment Income			
Asset Sustainability Ratio			
<u>Audit Certificate of Audit Independence</u>	0%	28%	66%
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>			
Asset Consumption Ratio			
<u>Carrying value of depreciable assets</u>	77%	80%	84%
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 simplified Uniform Presentation Framework basis.

All Councils in South Australia 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

	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
Income	11,435	11,702
<i>less</i> Expenses	<u>11,722</u>	<u>13,737</u>
	(287)	(2,035)
<i>less</i> Net Outlays on Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	3	345
<i>less</i> Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	1,007	1,122
<i>less</i> Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>29</u>
	(1,004)	(806)
<i>less</i> Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets <i>(including investment property & real estate developments)</i>	1,180	664
<i>less</i> Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	570	1,196
<i>less</i> Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets <i>(including investment property and real estate developments)</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	610	(532)
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	<u>107</u>	<u>(697)</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.

1. 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 7.2 metres.

2. 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.

3. BANK GUARANTEES

Council has 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.

4. 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 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. Permanent and contract employees of the South Australian Local 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 and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are based on a fixed percentage of employee earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation (9% in 2009/10 for Marketlink members and 3% for Salarylink members; 9% and 3% respectively in 2009/10). 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 contributions to Salarylink as determined by the Scheme's Trustee based on advice from the Scheme's Actuary. The rate is currently 6% (6% in 2009/2010) of "superannuation" salary. Given that Employer contributions are based on a 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 contributions 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, the Actuary is unable to allocate benefit liabilities, assets and costs between employers. As provided by AASB 119.32(b), Council does not use defined benefit accounting for these contributions.

The most recent full actuarial investigation conducted by the Scheme's actuary, L C Brett, BSc., FIA, FIAA, of Brett and Watson Pty Ltd as at 30 June 2010, the Trustee has determined that the current funding arrangements are adequate for the expected Defined Benefit Plan liabilities. However, future financial and economic circumstances may require changes to Council's contribution rates at some future time.

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 2010 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 15th day of November 2010

ADOPTION STATEMENT

Laid before the District Council of Coober Pedy and adopted on the 21ST day of *DECEMBER* 2010.



Steve Baines

MAYOR

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF COOBER PEDY

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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 2010, the Council's Auditor, Ian McDonald, 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: 16/11/2010

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF COOBER PEDY

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STATEMENT BY AUDITOR

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of SA Model Council for the year ended 30 June 2010, 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*.



Ian McDonald

Ian G McDonald FCA

Dated this 5th day of November 2010

(This certificate may be prepared on the audit firm letterhead if desired.)