

ANNUAL REPORT



2010/2011



**Front Office
Reception Counter**



**Airport Terminal
Opening**



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Opening**



**District Council of Cooper Pedy
Administration Office &
Visitor Information Centre**



**Visitor Information
Centre**

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Council officially opened the new Coober Pedy airport on the 18th September 2010. Since the opening the airport has become a hive of activity with air traffic increasing steadily. The Regular Passenger Transport service operated 6 days a week by Regional Express continues to grow at a pleasing rate whilst Alliance continues to use the airport on a more frequent basis with their Fokker 50's.

IMX officially opened their Cairn Hill mine operation on 26th August 2010. The opening was attended by the Premier Mike Rann and approximately 100 invited guests who all enjoyed a very well organised event. Coober Pedy enjoyed a large amount of media interest as most major television and radio networks were in attendance. I was privileged to deliver the opening address and had the opportunity to welcome IMX and Exact Mining to Coober Pedy.

The existence of IMX and their mining contractors Exact Mining saw a mining village built in Coober Pedy. The camp is situated in Crowders Gully Road and accommodates the FIFO workforce of Cairn Hill and represents the first mining village to be built in Coober Pedy. Although Council did have some concerns regarding the supply of electricity to the village, this was overcome by the village agreeing to provide their own island generator on site in the event that the Coober Pedy township reaches contract maximum demand over the summer months.

November saw a change of Council with five new councillors elected. The new councillors have experienced a very steep learning curve over the past seven months but have displayed admirable commitment during this



Mayor Steve Baines

time. The returning councillors continue to complement with their blend of experience and knowledge making the current council a very effective one.

Council was informed in February 2011 that electricity tariffs were about to increase for all Remote Area Energy Supply (TAES) Scheme sites. Upon investigation by Council it was apparent that commercial tariffs would rise between 22% and 120%. An urgent meeting was convened between Minister O'Brien, our local MP Lyn Breuer and myself to address the issues related to increases of such magnitude. Unfortunately the Minister refused to intervene and continued to make poor attempts at trying to justify the decision.

An organised campaign was embarked upon in an attempt to reverse the Government's original decision, and subsequently a public meeting was held in Coober Pedy on 15th May 2011. The meeting was attended by Senator Nick Xenophon, Hon John Darley MP, and our local Federal Member Rowan Ramsey and received heavy media coverage.

The decision to increase commercial electricity tariffs remains in force and many businesses have reported exorbitant increases in electricity costs compared to the same period last year. The decision to increase commercial electricity tariffs are having a detrimental effect on all townships within the RAES scheme, and have certainly had a negative effect on investment and economic sustainability in Coober Pedy.

In May 2011 the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure (Energy Division) called for tenders to carry out a review of the RAES scheme. The tender called for a review of the RAES scheme to determine the opportunities for connecting towns to the national electricity grid, while also considering incentives to reduce energy use, the potential for alternative and renewable energy and to identify possible technical and financial interactions and synergies.



**Mayor Baines with 3 new Australian Citizens
2011 Australia Day**

KPMG was awarded the tender and presented the report and their recommendations to the Minister for Energy in June. The report found that there was an economic case to connect Coober Pedy and Andamooka to the National Grid and costed the Coober Pedy connection at \$50 million. The report further recommended that the District Council of Coober Pedy

submit an application in round two of the Commonwealth's Regional Development Australia Fund for 50% of the capital cost, and fund the remaining 50% through loan funding. Council finds this recommendation absurd, unrealistic, and unreasonable and continues to lobby the State Government for a reversal of the decision to increase tariffs to anything above those experienced by all other consumers in the State.

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

- Family Recreational Hub
- Replacement of wastewater Sewerage Treatment Plant pump
- Additional concrete curbing
- Hutchison Street Paving
- Continuation of Road Resealing program
- Mains water extension to the airport

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 2011/2012 for the betterment of the community and the broader region.

**Steve Baines JP
Mayor**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The District Council of Coober Pedy is a relatively small local government area, comprising only 77.6 square kilometres amidst the famous Coober Pedy Opal Fields, which themselves cover an area of some 4,000 square kilometres.

The multi-cultural population of Coober Pedy is regarded by locals as being in the vicinity of 3,500 people comprised of an estimated 40 odd nationalities. The community is very proud of its multi-cultural background which, together with the unique and iconic tourism attractions it has to offer, makes it 'must see' destination and/or stopover for travellers to the region. It will be very interesting to see the results of the Census held in August 2011, if, as in 2006, a low population number impacted on service providers and agencies whose funding is population based.

The town itself is becoming more and more a major service centre for Outback South Australia, with further developments in the mining sector accounting for some changes in the town and region. OzMinerals Prominent Hill Mine continues to grow with further exploration and a commitment to extend the operations to include underground mining which will extend the life of the mine.

IMX Resources Cairn Hill Mine was officially opened in August 2010, a function attended by the Premier of South Australia Hon Mike Rann MP, and at which Mayor Steve Baines delivered the opening address. IMX has engaged Exact Mining to undertake mining operations, which has led to a significant increase in employees residing in Coober Pedy in



Chief Executive Officer Trevor McLeod

association with the Fly-in Fly-out (FIFO) rosters. A new mining camp (60 beds) has been established in town to accommodate these workers.

In November 2010, WPG Resources committed to the development of the Peculiar Knob iron ore mine south east of Coober Pedy. WPG advise that in their opinion, the Peculiar Knob mine is regarded the highest grade iron ore mine in Australia, with mining operations expected to commence in 2011. However in August 2011 WPG Resources announced the sale of its iron ore assets to OneSteel.

Council's commitment to the construction of a new airport terminal has been rewarded with a dramatic increase in use and passenger arrivals/departures. Regional Express operates the RPT service from Adelaide to Coober Pedy on a 6 day a week basis. Passenger numbers for 2010/2011 were 10,990 compared with 9,298 in 2009/2010, reflecting an increase of 18.20%. Alliance Airlines and Sharp Airlines are now regular users of the terminal as they provide FIFO services for mining operations in the near vicinity of Coober Pedy. As the operations at Peculiar Knob ramp up it is expected even great use of the terminal will result.

In February 2011 Council was notified by Energy Division, Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure, of an increase in the electricity tariff for Coober Pedy, the impact of which was devastating, particularly for commercial customers. In Mayor Baines' report he has detailed the course of events Council pursued in seeking some re-dress or reversal of the increase. On a more positive side Council formally signed off on a Deed of Grant with the State Government for future funding under the Remote Areas Energy Supply Scheme. This now provides Council with some surety of funding for the future and also saw a final reconciliation payment by the Government for outstanding costs due to Council.



Executive Assistant Judy Williams

Local Government Periodic Elections took place in November 2010, which saw a voter return of 45.61% of eligible voters. Mayor Steve Baines was elected unopposed and of the 8 Councillors elected, 5 were new to local government. The new Council has settled in very well and getting on with the task of good governance for the community.

Council continues to provide annual funding for worthwhile projects through its annual Community Donation allocation to organisations within the town. Major Sponsorship was provided for the 2010 Coober

Pedy Annual Race Meeting & Gymkhana, 2010 Far North Economic Development Forum, 2011 Coober Pedy Opal Festival and 2011 Coober Pedy Gem Trade Show. All events contributed significantly to the economy of the town and were well attended by both locals and visitors alike.

Council has identified the urgent need to replace the remaining 12 kilometre section of aging bore pipeline and in May 2011 applied for funding from the Regional Development Australia Fund to assist in undertaking this project. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful however it is expected that Council will submit a revamped application when Round 2 is announced in November 2011.

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

Trevor McLeod
Chief Executive Officer

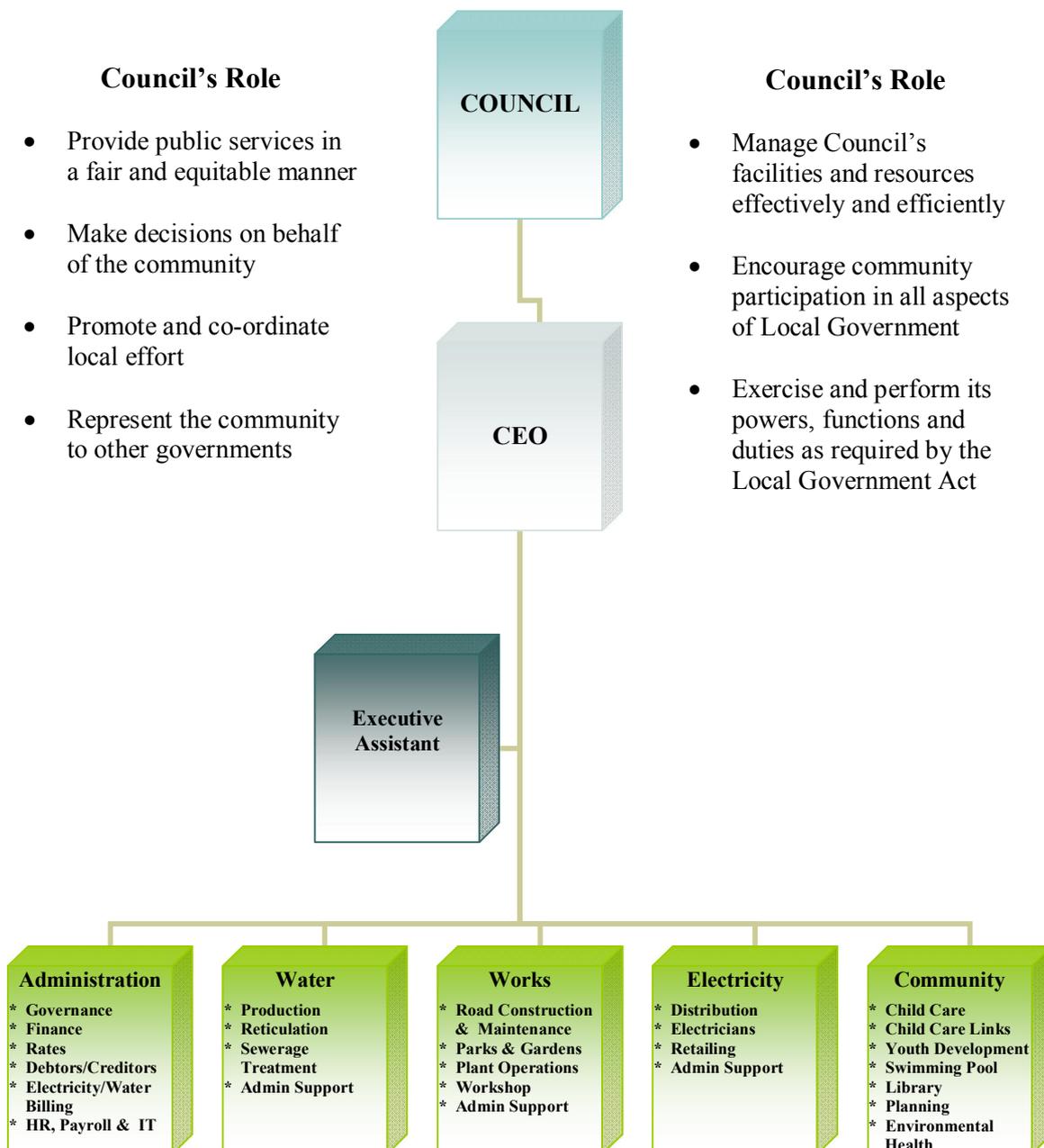
WHAT IS COUNCIL AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

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

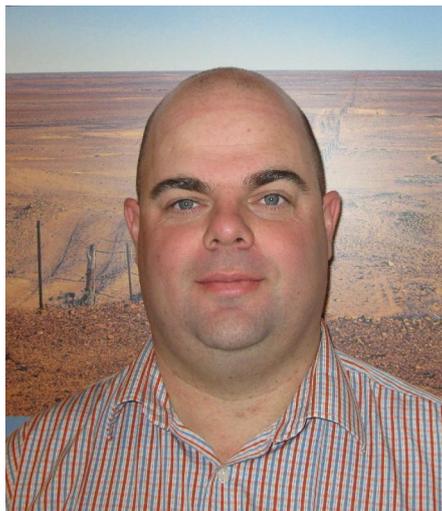
Overview

This year Council has seen developments that have provided some certainty, however other issues have arisen, such as the electricity tariff increase imposed by the State Government, which have caused some financial pressures in areas of our operations.

For the first 9 months of this financial year Council was negotiating with the Department of Transport Energy and Infrastructure (DTEI) to agree on terms for a Deed of Grant for the future funding of the Coober Pedy Electricity Supply.

This involved the reconciliation of the Electricity Supply finances over the last 9 years with the State Government. A negotiated figure of \$2.4M was determined to be the amount owed to Council during that period. Council now has a mechanism with which payments and budgets can be reconciled each year. This will ensure that Council's cashflow will not be undermined to the detriment of other departments. The agreement also provides for long term planning for asset replacement/upgrade/renewals.

In February of this year Council was advised by DTEI that the price of electricity would more than double for large commercial customers. This had huge implications on both Council businesses and the overall financial position of Council. Following a concerted effort by Council and the community (including other RAES communities) the increased tariffs were subsequently amended and reduced. The resultant tariff was still a significant increase in charges for large consumers.



Damien Clark, Finance & Administration Manager

Council's Water Supply production plant is the largest consumer of power in Coober Pedy. New tariffs were modelled and determined that the price increase would result in an increase in the price of water by 78 cents per kilolitre. This was a large increase on an already high water price.

With the increase in both electricity and water prices, it has put extra pressure on people to pay their accounts on time. This has caused our outstanding electricity and water accounts to rise, and therefore reduce the cashflow available to pay our accounts.

During this year all of Council's assets have been re-valued, allowing for revision of Council's Asset Management and Long Term Financial Plans.

Collection of Debts

Council is still trying to balance up the need for customers to pay accounts on time whilst appreciating individual situations. With the increase in electricity and water prices, there has been a resultant increase in outstanding debtor balances.

Customers can avail themselves of a variety of account payment methods, including Centrepay, Internet, phone and in person.

The Council figures at a glance:

Surplus before Depreciation: \$3.504M
Depreciation: \$1.211M
Surplus after Depreciation: \$2.293M

Loan Bal @ 30/6/11 \$1.159M
Cash Bal @ 30/6/11 \$1.248M
Debtors Bal @ 30/6/11 \$1.206M
Creditors Bal @ 30/6/11 \$1.607M

Staff Changes

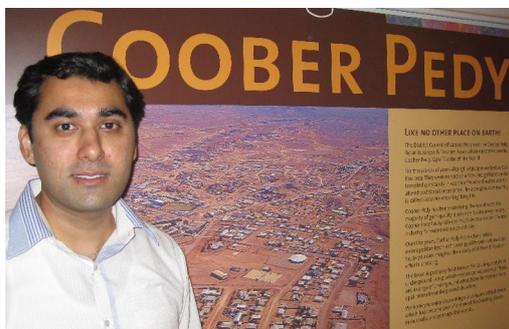
We have only had two staff changes in the Administration department. Sandra Harris resigned from the position of Visitor Information Officer, with Desrey Jones subsequently being appointed to that position.

John Holdrich resigned as weekend Visitor Information Officer with Casey Frew now assuming that role.

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

Thanks also must go to the Senior Management of Council for the diligence they apply to their roles, which assist me greatly in mine.

Damien Clark
Finance & Administration Manager



Accountant Khuram Saleem

Many thanks

Many thanks go to Elected Members for feedback and support.

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
- Support for community groups
- Parking control
- Recreational & sporting facilities
- Quarry products
- Dog control & impoundment

- Youth Development
 - Street cleaning and lighting
- 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



Lions Information Bay re-development

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

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

Phone: (08) 86 724 600

Fax: (08) 86 725 699 or email at

dccp@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au

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
- Caretaker Policy
- Elected Members' Allowances and Support Policy
- Elected Members' Code of Conduct
- Employees' Code of Conduct
- Fraud & Corruption Prevention Policy
- Internal Review of Council Decisions
- Making of Orders
- Private Works Policy
- Public Consultation Policy
- Purchasing Policy
- Rating Policy
- Rate Rebate Policy
- Rates of Allowances for Members
- Whistleblowers Protection Policy

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.

Application of Competition Principles

During 2010/2011 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.

Freedom of Information Requests

Requests for other information not included above will be considered in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 1991, which may also involve payment of search fees and other costs. Any enquiries relating to FOI issues should be directed to:

Mr Trevor McLeod, Chief Executive Officer
District Council of Coober Pedy
PO Box 425
Coober Pedy SA 5723

FOI Activities for 2010/2011:

During 2010/2011 Council received six (6) Freedom of Information requests. If full release of documents is not provided the applicant can appeal that decision with the agency and ultimately with the Ombudsman, who will make a determination on release of the documents.

Council Administration Staff



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	3	9
Childcare Links	1	1	0	2
Youth Officer	1	1	0	2
TOTAL	43	15	8	66

Total employee expense for the year ending the 30th June 2011 was \$3,542,000 which represents 28.91% of Council's total cash expenditure of \$12,248,000.

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.

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 2010/2011 year the following expenditure was incurred in training:

Administration	\$ 9,137
Electricity	\$ 23,417
Works	\$ 21,912
Water	\$ 8,741
Tourism	\$ 2,579
Swimming Pool	\$ 3,102
Child Care Links	\$ 1,175
Child Care	\$ 11,791
Youth Officer	\$ 4,797
TOTAL	<u>\$ 86,651</u>

WORKS DEPARTMENT

Roads

The District Council of Coober Pedy road length total is 466 kilometres, comprising of 34.20 sealed, 19.90 formed pavement, 51 natural gravel within the town area and 360.90 natural gravel surface (including the Breakaways and opal mining field roads).

Grading of roads and driveways to most areas of the township is ongoing, particularly after rain, with attention given to public requests and prioritized accordingly due to other commitments.

Due to budgetary constraints and rain damage, repairs and re-sheeting of open surface roads was mainly restricted to maintenance only. Brady, Kent, Bartrum and Chucky Streets were re-sheeted, with the latter to be sealed in due course.

The Breakaways Road, Old South Road, Mabel Creek and Mt Barry Roads were graded with Government grant money, also allowing for some cattle grids to be cleaned out on these roads. A road for the new opal field – “Donna’s Rush” was constructed.

A parking area for tourist caravans was constructed adjacent to the Council Chambers to ease the impact of caravans parking along and congesting Hutchison Street.

The first few months of the year saw above average rainfall, causing a large amount of damage to roads around town, which resulted in considerable time being spent by graders and other machinery carrying out repairs.

This year also saw the continuation of brick paving along Hutchison Street.



Works Manager Jan Van Der Merwe

Airport

The official opening of the new Coober Pedy Airport Terminal was held in September 2010. It has proven to be a wonderful asset for the town. The airport was again a very busy place as water in Lake Eyre was again huge tourism attraction for the Far North. Light aircraft charter flights were very abundant and together with Alliance Airlines Fokker 50’s, the airport saw many visitors from intrastate, interstate and overseas.

Alliance Airlines also service Prominent Hill Mine from Coober Pedy Airport when rain prevented landing at the mine airstrip. REX Airlines SAAB 340’s continued to service the town with 6 flights weekly. It is very pleasing to note REX passenger numbers increased from 9,298 in 2009/2010 to 10,990 in the current year – an increase of 18.20%.



Construction of the airport terminal carpark begins

Workshop

Council's workshop is well equipped to undertake maintenance of plant, machinery and vehicles, on a daily basis, by one full time and one casual mechanic as well as an apprentice who was employed during June.

Works Depot

The depot houses Council's construction equipment, depot office, workshop, store and weighbridge. It also stores supplies of sand and aggregate for the needs of Council and the public (if possible).



Contractors continue with the construction of paved walkways along Hutchison Street

Dog and Cat Management

The Dog and Cat Management Officer and General Inspector also undertakes meter reading for the electricity and water supply. His time is shared evenly between these duties and any urgent issues can be dealt with immediately. The Officer has encouraged tick and birth control injections among the animal owners who have registered their dogs. Residents are encouraged to surrender unwanted cats and dogs and the Officer endeavours to find good homes for these animals. He also works with Umoona Community to assist in minimising unwanted dog numbers in the community.

Parks and Gardens

Cooper Pedy has a number of reserve areas in the town, with the Triangle comprising OZ Minerals Oval and change rooms, skate park, playground, olive grove and walking track. Due to low rainfall and extremes of weather, constant care is required to sustain these areas. Watering is undertaken by sub-surface irrigation with recycled treated effluent.

A Family Recreation Hub, with shaded playgrounds and other visitor amenities, will be constructed during 2011/2012.

A program to plant trees in all water courses is slowly being implemented. Council is assisting Umoona Community to establish a nursery to supply young trees to the town.

Waste Depot

Council's waste depot is situated 4 km out of town on the Oodnadatta Road and is licensed by the EPA. Stages 3 and 5 of a total of 9 stages are now being utilized, with an expected life of one year. The remaining stages should result in another 11 to 13 years life expectancy. However, with the increase of mining activities in the area, this could be sooner, which would mean identifying and developing a new site.

This waste depot is open 7 days a week, excluding public holidays. Enquiries regarding the nature of waste received by Council and associated cost can be directed to the Works Manager.

The dumping of rubbish elsewhere in the Cooper Pedy town including the opal fields is illegal and offenders will be prosecuted.

Rubbish Collection

Daily residential curb side wheelie bin collection is carried out Monday to Friday and includes a commercial pickup although many businesses require multiple collections weekly. An ongoing arrangement with Bungala CDEP provides a weekday service to empty main street bins and removal of litter.

A free skip bin service is still being utilized by residential owners each weekend and delivered to their property for hard waste. This service is available twice a financial year for each property and encourages a general tidy up of properties.

Aged Housing

Council works together with the Remote Aged Housing Association to assist with maintenance and administration functions for the 4 above-ground dwellings, as well as 4 underground dwellings that have and still require significant repair and maintenance work. The dwellings are for 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 a needs basis. This mainly consists of obtaining Operators' tickets for plant and machinery, Senior First Aid, OH&S, Work Zone Traffic Management, Fire drills and Airport Reporting and Security courses.

Council's training expenditure is significant in order to ensure its employees are suitably qualified,

which unfortunately makes them prime targets for mining companies in the area.

Staff

We extend our congratulations and special thanks to Mrs Vonnie Ferguson, who completed 20 years service with Council in November 2010.

Staff changes during this financial year have been minimal, mainly turnover in the workshop and employment of an apprentice diesel mechanic.

The lure of opportunities at the nearby mining operations of Prominent Hill, Cairn Hill and Peculiar Knob has seen a small number leave Council's employ and replacement of the employees takes time.

Jan HP Van Der Merwe
Works Manager

WATER SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

The Coober Pedy Water Supply System, which consists of two bores, 26 kilometres of pipeline, desalination plants, storage and town reticulation, has been in operation now for 26 years. The sewerage treatment plant has been in operation for 17 years and the new Reverse Osmosis plant for 10 years. During the last few years, areas of these operations have had major upgrades, with excellent results and success, which still continues today. Overall performance of operations remains at a high standard and will continue to do so for years to come, mainly due to the rigorous and regular maintenance programs.

With the compulsory introduction of the Water Licence for the Bore field, with an annual allocation of 530,400 kL of bore water, a water levy still applies for the consumption of potable water. Council is required to provide annual reports for water usage and other well figures to the Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation.

Borefield

The bore pump variable speed drives have been very effective with little or no maintenance required to 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 communication system batteries has also been successful in rectifying battery charge issues.

The asbestos cement (AC) pipeline system has continued to keep Water Supply staff busy during the year with the number of breaks increasing slightly.



Water Supply Manager Phil Van Poorten monitoring the control system

Maintenance for the replacement of bore line and scour valves is scheduled for the new financial year, which should see fewer problems with recharging and draining down of the line.

Gas substitution is still utilised on genset motors with some minor issues with the system rectified with good results. With fuel prices constantly increasing, gas substitution at the bore site is still viable.

Reticulation System

The town reticulation pumping system is operating well, with the upgrade of the reticulation pump control system being a great success. The addition of the back-up pumps now programmed in to run on a midnight change over roster will reduce the run hours and maintenance on the other pumps.

The town reticulation system has seen a number of improvements with renewal of several mains valves, including cast iron fittings. Ongoing occasional odour and discoloured water is still occurring in some areas due to the rusting of remaining old ductile iron and cast fittings that are still in the system. The Water Supply Department is committed to the ongoing maintenance and replacement of old fittings and valves in these areas as time and budgets permit and are also

flushing these areas frequently. Consumers are encouraged to report any odour or discoloured water in the system.

The scheduled maintenance and renewal of service lines and mains in the reticulation system has again seen a further reduction in the water loss on the ground, with the number of leaks in the past year being further reduced, although loss figures throughout the year are at approximately fourteen percent.

The new Airport Terminal has seen the connection of a new potable water mains extension from town which will eliminate the need for water trucks to cart water and the constant surveillance of tank levels.

Water Treatment Plant

The water treatment plants are operating quite efficiently with town demand being met easily in both summer and winter months.



Reverse Osmosis Plant Filter Modules

The second plant, which is now in its eleventh year of operation, has still not seen a membrane change and continues to operate within recommended parameters from the old membranes.

New membranes have arrived and will be installed in the near future after the

plant has received a control system to enable integration with other control upgrades. New turbidity meters have also been installed for more effective results on water quality. The old plant, which has had new upgraded computer systems installed, including new alarms and touch screen operation, has been an immense success with the improvement of efficient timing to attend alarms and faults. The ability to rectify faults by remote computer access has proven a wonderful asset.

The old plant has seen the installation of a new Grundfos high pressure pump and is operating very efficiently and effectively. The remaining old Caprari pump will also be replaced with a new Grundfos pump in the new financial year. These new pumps should see years of maintenance free running hours.

Water Quality

Council 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 of town undergo stringent bacteriological and chemical analysis on a monthly basis, with results received within a week in the event of any tests results that exceed limits. Water samples are collected and sent via courier to the Australian Water Quality Centre in Adelaide. Daily tests are also carried out in-house to maintain quality.

Sewerage System

The sewerage treatment scheme, the upgrade of which continued this year, including the installation of a new computerised control system is operating very efficiently. A new upgraded LAMA filter system has replaced the old one and will be more efficient in cleaning the product.

Treated effluent quality has been maintained to correct requirements as per Government statutory regulations, with samples also sent monthly to the Australian Water Quality Centre for analysis. Inflow of effluent has decreased slightly, leaving a larger margin for the maximum intake.

School and town oval usage continues to provide good outcomes as evidenced by the condition of lawns and trees, although the consumption of reclaimed water for the town oval has decreased.

The vac truck operation is still continuing to be a huge success with the service being required mostly at the Prominent Hill Mine on a regular, every second day basis. Maintenance and repairs to the truck have been less frequent and has been completed when necessary.

The sewer mains pumping station has been upgraded with the installation of a new communication system and pressure level sensor which can be incorporated into the new control system for faster and more efficient response time to high level and pump failures.

The construction of the new mining village within the town, with approximately 80 beds, has also provided the installation of a rising main to Council's existing sewer main, adding to the effluent inflow totals at the Sewerage Treatment Plant.

Phil Van Poorten
Water Supply Manager

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

The town of Coober Pedy has, since 2004, been provided with electricity from the power station owned and operated by Western Australian company Energy Generation (enGen) Pty Ltd, located in Canning Vale, Perth. The station is comprised of 8 containerised Deutz diesel gensets, monitored remotely 24/7 from Perth.

They are maintained by power station operator Geoff Ferguson, assisted by Dave Sanders who routinely undertakes general checking and cleaning of the power station. More complex maintenance and routine work is undertaken by either enGen or contract staff from Adelaide.

Generation

There were a total of 6 unplanned outages during the year which resulted in customers on the Hospital Feeder being without power for a total of 2 hours 44 minutes and the Town Feeder for about 2 hours 40 minutes.

In November 2010 the power station underwent an annual electrical inspection by enGen staff. In January 2011 Gensets 5 and 8 underwent 6,000 hour services, followed in February by a one week visit by Central Diesel to carry out major services.

Wind Turbine

During the year the wind turbine has operated very effectively, requiring only minimal maintenance and repair work. Local mechanic Jayden Watts, assisted by Geoff Ferguson, undertook the annual service and repairs in January 2011.



Distribution Supervisor Wally Norton with Administration Officers Faye Rowntree (L) and Vonnie Ferguson (R)

Distribution

Some of the work completed included:

- Installed public lights in various locations as requested
- Renumbered distribution poles in Potch Gully SWER area
- Prepared hardware and installed 25KVA transformer at Airport
- Services were upgraded in various locations as required
- Cleaned camera lenses along Hutchison Street and Airport and carried out maintenance as required
- Installed aerials at STP, pump station and Snake Pit
- Assistance was given to members of the public in moving blowers to and from the mining field
- Security lights were installed along Flat Hill Road
- 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
- Energised a new underground mains for STP – reconnected light & removed old Snake Pit
- EWP is driven to Port Augusta every six months for mandatory

- electrical testing as well as associated accessories
- Connections and disconnections as carried out as per work order requests
- Assisted with electricity and water meter reads as required
- An underground service was completed for Outback Parks and Lodges (NT Link) in Opal Crescent & Crowder's Gully Road; there are 62 single quarters located on this property which is used by a mining company to house their workers.

Unplanned Outages for the year totalled 6.

Planned Outages for the year totalled 45.



Apprentice Billy Palmer working in the Elevated Work Platform

Electrical

Some of the work completed included:

- Tag and RCD testing for all departments including Airport and Drive In
- Repairs and replacements to office lighting, hot water system at dog pound, fire alarm in new airport, airport battery runway lights, security lighting at Mini Gems and screening plant
- Extensive installation and repairs to a variety of the water supply infrastructure including the bore, desalination plant and STP

- Distribution board in the Desalination upgrade
- Run cable to SR12 at the bore and installed flow meter
- Installed power supply to the gazebo in Hutchison Street
- Non-compliance notifications to property owners and follow-up letters
- Amended Council's Metering Plan
- Quarterly and annual airport lighting inspections
- Installed new motor and VSD for screening plant in the works depot
- OHS&W Hazard Inspections
- Assisted with electricity and water meter readings

Over the next few years Council will be continually replacing all meters - upgrading to digital.

Staff Information

Staff training is continually monitored and implemented when and where necessary to ensure ongoing regulatory compliance. Both Martin Grava (Apprentice Linesperson) and Alex Crisa (Apprentice Electrician) will complete their apprenticeships early in 2012.

Council continues to utilise hire staff as support for our own staff, with both workers rotating on a fortnightly basis.

Graeme Norton
Distribution Supervisor



Mini Gems participated in a Licensing & Standards Spot Check in early 2011, with the service receiving many recommendations, in particular those related to the transition to the new National Quality Framework. There were also recommendations related to the outdoor play areas, the majority of which have been addressed by the Works Department.

The National Quality Framework was released in October 2011; this system incorporates the following:

- National Law - Education and Care Service National Law Act 2010
- National Regulations – Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011
- National Quality Standard – setting benchmarks for quality education and care
- National Learning Framework – Belonging, Being and Becoming (Early Years Learning Framework)

We have successfully transferred our programming National Early Learning Years Framework. The service is currently participating in an ongoing, intensive training program through Gowrie Training, Early Years Learning Framework in Action.

There are many changes under the National Regulations being transitioned into services over the next 5 years. The changes relate particularly to staff/child ratio's and staffing qualifications.



Mini Gems Director Melissa Borrett with toddlers Akesh Perera and Ruby Underwood

The initial changes that will come into effect include and increased staff/child ratio in the 0 – 2 years group from a 1 staff per 5 children to 1 staff per 4 children ratio, and all staff must have a minimum of Certificate 3 in Children's Services or be actively working towards the qualification. All our staff have or are now studying the Certificate 3 in Children's Services and we also have 4 staff with Diploma in Children's Services or equivalent, and 2 staff studying the Diploma. We also have one staff member with a teaching qualification, which will be compulsory under the new regulations.

Unfortunately, with the changes come increased costs which will be passed on to parents in January 2012. Fortunately for parents, we have been able to keep the costs below the average fees that are being charged State-wide.

Melissa Borrett, Natalie Holtham and Kristina Seekamp have all upgraded their qualifications to the New Diploma in Children's Services – Early Childhood Education & Care.

Natalie Holtham joined our team on a permanent basis, as Assistant Director. Kristina Seekamp has resigned her position. Kristina Marijanovic also resigned her position as Team Leader in the Under 2 years section and was

replaced by Nishani Jayasekara. Nishani has joined us under the Regional Migration Scheme and will be with us for a minimum of 2 years. Chantelle Bamford joined our team mid 2011, and has taken on the role of support worker for our children with additional needs. Shai Burns has taken leave due to a serious accident in August and we hope she will return early 2012. Nishani Gunathilake has filled Shai's position until she returns.

Throughout the year Mini Gems has organised various fundraising to upgrade the front area of the centre to make it more visually appealing and another outdoor area for the children to utilise. The centre has organised Quiz Nights and various novelty fundraising and to date has raised approximately \$5000, with the target being \$7,000.



Assistant Director Natalie Holtham joining the children for afternoon snacks

We continue to attend Baby Bounce, Playgym and Musical Child on a weekly basis.

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

program for 3-5 year olds, again sponsored by Child Community Links

Mini Gems has attended and participated in various community events, including Kids Fun Day, Coober Pedy Area School Sports Day, National Story Day and Dental visits.

Our focus over the previous and following 12 months is to successfully transition to the new Laws, Regulations, Standards and Framework. It will be an intensive process that we hope to have the majority completed by December 2012.

Melissa Borrett
Director

CHILD CARE LINKS

Child Care Links is funded by the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs through the Family Support Program. The Family Support Program is a suite of integrated services to support families to improve children's wellbeing, development, safety and to enhance family functioning.

This year has been extremely busy for Child Care Links and we have either conducted our own or participated in other agencies' activities and programs, and we continue to provide advice for parents using available resources.

Some of the main vents in which Child Care Links has participated are as follows:

NAIDOC Family Football Day - Child Care Links funded and helped with the jumping castle for the day and assisted with other activities

Coober Pedy Race Weekend - organised the kiddies corners, provided face painting, balloons, play-dough table, colouring table, sand toys, fruit and water, breast feeding and nappy change area

The Great Breakaways Bolt – Child Care Links worked as a joint coordinator for the 'Bolt', which is a community fun run to raise money for local initiatives

Kids Safe Day – is a family fun day for the whole community with lots of kids' activities, to promote Child Protection Week. This year approximately 350 people attended. Child Care Links assisted in making rocky road, door prizes, fruit cups,



Tanya Lauder, Child Care Links Officer

play-dough table, colouring in competitions, fake tattoos, coloured hair, T-shirt painting, fire engine activities, face painting, funny photo boards, clothes giveaway, balloons and more. In all 18 community organisations were involved in a very successful day

Anti-Poverty Drive-in Night – Child Care Links was involved in the promotion of this event that saw over 300 people attend for a free kid's movie and eats. Other agencies involved were Families SA (lead agency), Aboriginal Family Support Service, Umoona Health Service, Umoona Community Council, Umoona Child Care and UnitingCare Wesley



Art and Craft Playgroup

Blue Light Disco 'Pirates of the Caribbean' – in conjunction with SAPOL we assisted with promotion and coordination of the Blue Light Disco with a theme on this occasion

Australia Day Event – Child Care Links supported this event by manning the stall providing fake Australia Day tattoos and other merchandise. We were supported by junior Youth Advisory Council members on the day

Opal Festival – at this annual event we organised the box car race, kids fun tent and Australian animals petting zoo. The Kid’s Fun Tent included fruit, water, breastfeeding area, change table, sandpit, water table and craft activities

Reconciliation BBQ – we worked with Families SA and other organisations to offer free activities and BBQ to the community and utilised the gazebo area in Hutchison Street for the first time

Carols by Candlelight - little musicians playgroup was invited to perform at the event and saw about 40 parents and children on stage singing Christmas carol



Little Musicians at Carols by Candlelight

Holiday Programs

3 week program - we averaged 50 children (5-12 year olds), with only a very small numbers of Indigenous children in attendance due to their absence from town. Umoona Community Council, UnitingCare Wesley and the District Council were the lead organisations

2 days of excursions – again we averaged around 50 children (5-12 year olds), with 10 Aboriginal children participating. We visited the Painted Desert, Arckaringa Station and Algebuccina Creek. On this occasion Umoona Community Council, Coober Pedy Police and the District Council were the lead organisations

During the year Child Care Links participated in the International Women’s Day and at the Support Services Expo where we displayed information detailing services provided by Child Care Links

Tanya Lauder
Child Care Links Officer

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

This year has been an extremely busy one for me, having once again been involved in a wide range of workshops designed to increase knowledge of issues relating to youth development and utilising those new skills to address the difficult issues facing the youth of Coober Pedy. Training undertaken this year includes the following:

- Certificate IV in Youth Working (on-going)
- Rock and Water (on-going)
Aspects of the program are used in addressing anti-bullying at schools with other aims being to provide support for young people in their personal development such as:
 - Self awareness;
 - Emotional Awareness; and
 - Body awareness
- Family Wellbeing Counselling Training (on-going)

This training provides participants with the ability to apply skills learnt for effective communication and resolving conflict. Primarily it is an education and counselling program about family violence.

Partnerships

Underpinning the success of programs this year has been the willingness of other agencies to work closely with the YDO, with the resultant strong partnerships ensuring the delivery of varied services to the young people.



Youth Development Officer Paul Maduro

The ability to network with these agencies broadens the scope of programs and services that can be provided. Attending meetings and offering in-kind support for some of their programs is a great way of learning what else is available for youth, and more importantly, what their needs are.

The agencies that the YDO works with and some of the programs delivered are detailed below:

- Aboriginal Family Support Services (AFSS)
 - ❖ NAIDOC Week
 - ❖ Holiday Program
 - ❖ Girl's Group
- Coober Pedy Area School (CPAS)
 - ❖ Boys and Girls Group
 - ❖ 1:1 Mentoring role
 - ❖ School Camps
- Families SA
 - ❖ Child Protection Week 2011
- Umoona Community Council
 - ❖ NAIDOC Week
 - ❖ Holiday Program
 - ❖ Girls Group
- SAPOL
 - ❖ Blue Light Disco
 - ❖ Holiday Program
 - ❖ Girls and Boys Group

Other agencies or organisations involving the YDO:

- Child Care Links
- Coober Pedy Youth Sector Network
- Royal Flying Doctor Service of South Australia
- Australian Red Cross
- Stride
- Youth Advisory Committee

On occasions the young people need a break from the home environment and the availability of the Youth Centre and the YDO assist these kids by providing a safe and healthy venue in which they can take that break.

During the year, the YDO developed a number of group work programs, engaging both with youth at risk and Aboriginal youth, in an endeavour to break down and reduce the problems of social isolation.

Some of the really successful programs, continued on from last year and aimed at this target group are as follows:

Boys & Girls Group: provides the opportunity for on-going engagement in a number of activities promoting positive behaviour, leadership skills and being a valued member of the community, all of which is aimed at promoting self-esteem within the individual.

Friday Night Fever: this also is a free service provided for young people aged between 12 and 25 years, specifically for Friday nights and designed to keep the youth occupied and engaged in activities in a safe environment at night.



Girls Group getting some manicure tips

Drop in Centre: the YDO has provided a safe environment for young people between the ages of 12 and 25 years, where they can socialise with other kids of their own age under supervision. This service is provided free of charge.

Holiday Program: to work in collaboration with other service providers to provide recreational activities for young people during the school holidays. It gets them out of the home and is particularly valuable for working parents.

One of the more successful programs initiated by the YDO last year and built on this year, is one that focuses on problem solving/life skill development for young people at risk of/or involved in youth offending.

The 'Personal Development Program' provides 1 on 1 consultation and provides information on life skills, the vagaries of unemployment, personal finances and drug and alcohol services. All of these issues are battles being faced by the young people of today and the program has been extremely well received by those who have availed themselves of it.

One of the real benefits of the close working relationship with other agencies in town is to know what they can provide by way of supporting the needs of young people and quite often the YDO refers clients to these agencies for assistance.

Quite often the YDO was involved in other agency events, activities or external camps, some of which were:

- State AYAC Conference
- Blue Light Disco
- Seafood and Hospitality Camp
- NAIDOC Week
- Kids Week 2011
- Movie Nights

Future Activities/Workshops/Projects

- Mural Project
- Photography Course
- Fun with art
- Healthy Cooking program aimed for young parents

Youth Shed Project

This year has seen the Youth Shed Project come to fruition following grant funding from various sources. The 'shed' is close to the skate park, providing a small hub for youth activities. Its construction has been very rewarding with incredibly large numbers of kids of all ages using the new facility which is open from mid to late afternoon on weekdays.



**Youngsters enjoying the new
Youth Shed facilities**

The centre is complete with bathroom facilities, air-conditioning and an office/music room. Other grant funding has allowed for the purchase of youth appropriate recreational equipment.

The new centre will really complement the proposed Family Recreation Hub, planned for construction during 2011/2012 and provide a great venue for many people, both young and not so young, availing themselves of a whole range of programs and facilities.

**Paul Maduro
Youth Development Officer**

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

During 2011 the Visitor Information Centre has assisted well over 32,000 visitors from all parts of Australia and around the world (from statistics July 2010 to June 2011) Coober Pedy remains a fascinating stopover and once again 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.

In April 2011 Desrey Jones commenced as Council's Visitor Information Officer, with Casey Frew also starting as the weekend officer.

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.'*

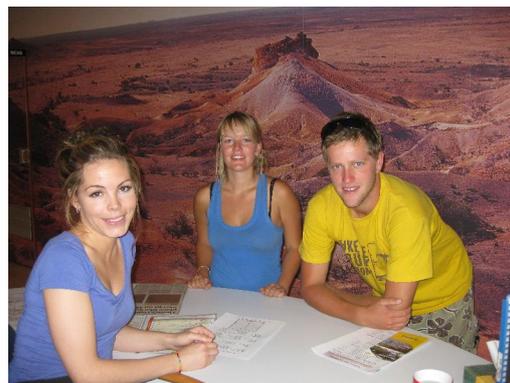
We achieve this by:

Being as helpful as we possibly can – We strive to provide all our customers information in an **unbiased manner** and try to source all relevant and up to date information for our visitors.

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 Centre.

Unfortunately the South Australian Tourism Commission's annual funding of \$6,600 for Visitor Information Centres has been withdrawn, making the task a little more challenging.

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



Visitor Information Officer Desrey Jones assisting visitors from the Netherlands

The VIC also sends out countless information packages to potential visitors around Australia and overseas including school projects and assisting film crews and magazines display our town to not only Australia but the world.

We have now arranged with the Coober Pedy Regional Times to allocate a section in the paper for our 'Visitor of the Month'.

For this article we choose a visitor who is willing to share the story of their adventures. On publication of the paper we then send a copy to where ever they may live in Australia or elsewhere.

According to the feedback from visitors who have been chosen for the article, they have felt their adventure to Coober Pedy was one of the main highlights of their travels and have revelled in showing the article to family and friends. They have been delighted that an ordinary person gets their name in the paper.

We feel the more visitors we include; the more the word will spread and put a positive light on Coober Pedy as a destination.



The 'Roulettes' visit and perform in Coober Pedy in November 2010

The Coober Pedy Historical Society regularly updates its fascinating display about the town's history and development in the Centre and draws many complimentary comments from visitors and locals alike.

The Council owned Tourism Website continues to be updated, reflecting seasonal prices for accommodation, tours and local and regional events. It will continue to develop & improve, with more operators coming on board and provides an easy to navigate resource for visitors to the Centre. The website provides downloadable information making it so easy for people to plan their trip in advance. The tourism website address is www.opalcapitaloftheworld.com.au

Once again we have measured the success of our website with a Web hits statistics record showing over 384,671 hits from July 2010 to June 2011.

We have introduced a new display featuring up to date photos of flora, fauna, mining and events. Hopefully this will prove to be a popular discussion point for visitors who then may wish to stay longer to explore more areas of the town and region.

Council continues to allocate significant funding towards tourism initiatives in Coober Pedy as the industry brings substantial economic benefits to the community. These include events such as the Opal Festival, Gem Trade Show and Annual Race Weekend.

One of the most popular spots in Coober Pedy during summer has to be the community pool, managed by Barry Daniell and his staff. The pool is open to early morning swimming enthusiasts, shared with the Coober Pedy Area School and open to the public for the remainder of the day. It continues to be a great place to cool off for both young and old.

Desrey Jones
Visitor Information Officer

Schedule of Community Donations

During the financial year the following community donations were allocated:

Cooper Pedy Miners Association	\$8,500
Cooper Pedy Gem Trade Show	\$5,000
Cooper Pedy Amateur Racing Club	\$2,150
Cooper Pedy Football Club	\$1,300
Cooper Pedy Motor Club	\$1,000
Cooper Pedy International Women's Day Event	\$1,000
Cooper Pedy RSL	\$ 750
Cooper Pedy Australia Day Event	\$ 750
Cooper Pedy Biggest Afternoon Tea	\$ 300
TOTAL:	\$20,750

Use of Confidentiality Provisions at Council and Committee Meetings

Pursuant to Schedule 4 of the Local Government Act 1999 (the Act), Council is required to report on the use of confidentiality provisions afforded to it in accordance with Section 90 (2) and 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999.

Section 90(2) of the Act provides for the Council or Council committee to exclude the public from attendance at a meeting so that it may consider in confidence any information or matter that is listed in Section 90(3). Examples of such matters are trade secrets, matters affecting the security of council, members or employees of the council, council property, or the safety of any person, tenders and legal advice.

Section 91(7) of the Act provides for the Council or Council committee to order that a document or part of a document considered or dealt with on a confidential basis pursuant to Section 90(2) is to be kept confidential.

During the year the number of orders made pursuant to Section 90(2) is as follows:

Council Meetings:	Nil	
Council Committee Meetings:	Nil	
Special Council Meetings:	3	
Relevant Paragraph:	3(g) & (h)	2 occasions
	3(d)(i)	1 occasion

During the year the number of orders made pursuant to Section 91(7) is as follows:

Council Meetings:	Nil
Council Committee Meetings:	Nil
Special Council Meetings:	3
Number of orders expired:	3

ELECTED MEMBERS
1st July to November 2010



Mayor Steve Baines



**Deputy Mayor
Michael Maylin**



**Councillor
Paul Athanasiadis**



**Councillor
Tina Doulgeris**



**Councillor
Alex Morgan**



**Councillor
Boro Rapaic**



**Councillor
Bev Staines**



**Councillor
Geoff Sykes**



**Councillor
Kevin Woon**

NEW COUNCIL ELECTED MEMBERS
23rd November 2010 – 30th June 2011



Mayor Steve Baines
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**Deputy Mayor
Michael Maylin**
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**Councillor
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**Councillor
Rose Berry**
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**Councillor
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**Councillor
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**Councillor
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**Councillor
Robin Walker**
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ELECTED MEMBERS MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

1st July to November 2010

Name	Ordinary	Attended	Special	Attended	Total
Mayor S Baines	4	4	2	2	6
Cr M Maylin	4	3	2	2	5
Cr P Athanasiadis	4	2	2	1	3
Cr T Boyd	4	4	2	2	6
Cr A Morgan	4	4	2	2	6
Cr B Rapaic	4	3	2	1	4
Cr B Staines	4	4	2	1	5
Cr G Sykes	4	3	2	1	4
Cr K Woon	4	2	2	2	6

23rd November 2010 to 30th June 2011

Name	Ordinary	Attended	Special	Attended	Total
Mayor S Baines	7	7	6	6	13
Cr M Maylin	7	4	6	5	9
Cr P Athanasiadis	7	4	6	3	7
Cr R Berry	7	7	6	5	12
Cr D Bowman	7	6	6	6	12
Cr C Crisa	7	6	6	5	11
Cr B Rapaic	7	6	6	4	10
Cr S Staines	7	7	6	4	11
Cr R Walker	7	5	6	3	8

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	Jan Van Der Merwe	86 725 069
Distribution Supervisor	Graeme Norton	0417 814 617

**SELECTED STATISTICS
12 MONTHS TO 30TH JUNE 2011**

<u>Properties</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
Crown Land (non-rateable)	361	15,235,148
Vacant	245	4,313,006
Residential	1,206	116,899,139
Commercial & Industrial	134	36,328,467
Other non-rateable	0	0
Primary	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>1,946</u>	<u>172,775,760</u>
Development Applications	33	
Land Divisions	2	

Water Supply Department

Raw water pumped from bore field	329,848 kl
Potable water produced	261,872 kl
Desalination operating hours	9,080 hrs
Number of customers	1,571
New connections for 12 months to 30.6.2011	2
Sewerage Scheme intake	41,824 kl
Treated Effluent Recovery Rate	90.56 %
Irrigation (grey) water (see note below)	37,877 kl
Highest recorded daily water demand	1,077 kl

Electricity Supply Department

(Energy Generation Pty Ltd (enGen) data)

Kilowatt hours of electricity generated (Diesel gensets)	12,155,171 kWh
Kilowatt hours of electricity generated (Wind Turbine)	342,460 kWh
Less Auxiliaries	15,047 kWh
Town Consumption	12,482,584 kWh
Fuel consumed (diesel litres)	3,227,317 litres

Works Department

Roads – Council road lengths at 30th June 2011 (includes roads to opal fields & Breakaways)

Lengths at end of year	<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	19.90			52.10
In non built-up areas (km)	2.00		51.00	360.90	413.90
Total Road Lengths	34.20	19.90	51.00	360.90	466.00

District Council of Coober Pedy



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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME for the year ended 30 June 2011

	Notes	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000
INCOME			
Rates	2	1,477	1,445
Statutory charges	2	25	22
User charges	2	4,421	4,663
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	8,011	3,894
Investment income	2	3	1
Reimbursements	2	385	264
Other income	2	215	1,146
Total Income		<u>14,537</u>	<u>11,435</u>
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	3	3,542	4,066
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	7,312	6,505
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	1,211	1,007
Finance costs	3	183	144
Total Expenses		<u>12,248</u>	<u>11,722</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		2,289	(287)
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	4	-
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2	-	570
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		<u>2,293</u>	<u>283</u>
transferred to Equity Statement			
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	9	8,484	-
Total Other Comprehensive Income		<u>8,484</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		<u>10,777</u>	<u>283</u>

District Council of Coober Pedy

BALANCE SHEET as at 30 June 2011

	Notes	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	1,248	793
Trade & other receivables	5	1,206	772
Inventories	5	<u>751</u>	<u>735</u>
		3,205	2,300
Non-current Assets held for Sale	20	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>3,205</u>	<u>2,300</u>
Non-current Assets			
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	7	<u>27,403</u>	<u>19,449</u>
Total Non-current Assets		<u>27,403</u>	<u>19,449</u>
Total Assets		<u>30,608</u>	<u>21,749</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	8	1,607	1,794
Borrowings	8	499	1,871
Provisions	8	<u>136</u>	<u>39</u>
		2,242	3,704
Total Current Liabilities		<u>2,242</u>	<u>3,704</u>
Non-current Liabilities			
Borrowings	8	660	1,048
Provisions	8	<u>121</u>	<u>189</u>
Total Non-current Liabilities		<u>781</u>	<u>1,237</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>3,023</u>	<u>4,941</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>27,585</u>	<u>16,808</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		14,598	12,305
Asset Revaluation Reserves	9	12,962	4,478
Other Reserves	9	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>27,585</u>	<u>16,808</u>

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the year ended 30 June 2011

	Notes	2011	Accumulated Surplus	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Other Reserves	TOTAL EQUITY
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance at end of previous reporting period			12,305	4,478	25	16,808
Restated opening balance			12,305	4,478	25	16,808
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year			2,293			2,293
Other Comprehensive Income				8,484		8,484
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment				8,484		8,484
Balance at end of period			14,598	12,962	25	27,585
			12,022	4,478	25	16,525
Balance at end of previous reporting period			12,022	4,478	25	16,525
Restated opening balance			12,022	4,478	25	16,525
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year			283			283
Balance at end of period			12,305	4,478	25	16,808

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

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 30 June 2011

	Notes	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Operating receipts		14,954	12,198
Investment receipts		4	(1)
<u>Payments</u>			
Operating payments to suppliers & employees		(11,660)	(12,156)
Finance payments		(406)	(117)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities		2,892	(76)
 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		-	570
Sale of replaced assets		38	
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(63)	(3)
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		(652)	(1,180)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(677)	(613)
 CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from Borrowings		-	500
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of Borrowings		(1,760)	(304)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		(1,760)	196
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		455	(493)
 Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	11	793	1,286
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	11	1,248	793

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

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2011

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 regulation 14 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* dated (18/11/11).

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. 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.

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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

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

4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

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

Receivables for rates and annual charges are secured over the subject land, and bear interest at rates determined in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999. 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.

6 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

6.1 Initial Recognition

All assets are initially recognised at cost.

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2011

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

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
Artworks	\$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.

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 on a straight-line basis which, in the opinion of Council, best reflects the consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets.

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

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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

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	70 to 80 years
Reticulation Pipes – other	25 to 75 years
Pumps & Telemetry	15 to 25 years
Other Assets	
Library Books	10 to 15 years
Artworks	indefinite

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).

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.

Where an asset that has been revalued is subsequently impaired, the impairment is first offset against such amount as stands to the credit of that class of assets in Asset Revaluation Reserve, any excess being recognised as an expense.

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.

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2011

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

8 Borrowings

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

9 Employee Benefits

9.1 Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences

Liabilities for employees' entitlements to salaries, wages and compensated absences expected to be paid or settled within 12 months of reporting date are accrued at nominal amounts (including payroll based oncosts) 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.

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.

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2011

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

12 Pending Accounting Standards

Certain new accounting standards and UIG interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2011 reporting period and have not been used in preparing these reports.

AASB 1	<i>First-time Adoption of Australian Accounting Standards</i>
AASB 3	<i>Business Combinations</i>
AASB 5	<i>Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations</i>
AASB 7	<i>Financial Instruments: Disclosures</i>
AASB 8	<i>Operating Segments</i>
AASB 9	<i>Financial Instruments</i>
AASB 101	<i>Presentation of Financial Statements</i>
AASB 107	<i>Statement of Cash Flows</i>
AASB 108	<i>Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors</i>
AASB 110	<i>Events after the Reporting Period</i>
AASB 118	<i>Revenue</i>
AASB 119	<i>Employee Benefits</i>
AASB 132	<i>Financial Instruments: Presentation</i>
AASB 137	<i>Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets</i>
AASB 139	<i>Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement</i>
AASB 140	<i>Investment Property</i>
AASB 1031	<i>Materiality</i>
AASB 2009-11	<i>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]</i>
AASB 2009-12	<i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards [AASBs 5, 8, 108, 110, 112, 119, 133, 137, 1023 & 1032 and Interpretations 2, 4, 16, 1039 & 1052]</i>
AASB 2010-4	<i>Further Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Annual Improvements Project [AASBs 3, 7, 121, 128, 131, 132 & 139]</i>
AASB 2010-5	<i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards [AASBs 1, 3, 4, 5, 101, 107, 112, 118, 119, 121, 132, 133, 134, 137, 139, 140, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 112, 115, 127, 132 & 1042]</i>
AASB 2010-6	<i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards [AASBs 1 & 7]</i>
AASB 2010-7	<i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 [AASBs 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 101, 102, 108, 112, 118, 120, 121, 127, 128, 131, 132, 136, 137, 139, 1023, & 1038 and Interpretations 2, 5, 10, 12, 19, & 127]</i>
Interpretation 14	<i>AASB 119 – The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction</i>

(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.

The Australian Accounting Standards Board is currently reviewing AASB 1004 *Contributions*. It is anticipated that the changes resulting from this review may have a material effect on the timing of the recognition of grants and contributions, but the financial consequences cannot be estimated until a revised accounting standard is issued.

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2011

Note 2 - INCOME

	Notes	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000
RATES REVENUES			
<u>General Rates</u>		1,052	1,015
Less: Mandatory rebates		(8)	(4)
		<u>1,044</u>	<u>1,011</u>
<u>Other Rates</u> (including service charges)			
Water supply		257	252
Community wastewater management systems		147	140
		<u>405</u>	<u>392</u>
<u>Other Charges</u>			
Penalties for late payment		18	20
Legal & other costs recovered		10	22
		<u>28</u>	<u>42</u>
		<u>1,477</u>	<u>1,445</u>
 STATUTORY CHARGES			
Development Act fees		17	14
Animal registration fees & fines		8	8
		<u>25</u>	<u>22</u>
 USER CHARGES			
Cemetery/crematoria fees		2	3
Electricity Sales		2,974	2,886
Water Sales		899	924
Works		198	179
Childcare fees		117	156
Commercial Bin Pickup		42	68
Swimming Pool Fees		23	17
Landing Fees		116	84
Sundry		50	346
		<u>4,421</u>	<u>4,663</u>
 INVESTMENT INCOME			
Interest on investments			
Local Government Finance Authority		3	1
		<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2011

NOTE 2 - INCOME (continued)

	Notes	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000
REIMBURSEMENTS			
Workers Comp Rebate		80	3
Private Works		235	261
Other		70	
		385	264
OTHER INCOME			
Rebates received		215	1,128
Sundry			18
		215	1,146
GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS			
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets			570
Other grants, subsidies and contributions		5,530	3,894
Individually significant item -	see below	2,481	
		8,011	4,464
<i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 2.</i>			
Sources of grants			
Commonwealth government		1,186	1,106
State government		6,825	3,358
Other		0	0
		8,011	4,464
Individually Significant Item			
On 25-05-2011 Council received retrospective subsidy payment for the provision of electricity.		2,481	0

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2011

NOTE 2 - INCOME (continued)

	2011	2010
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>	538	491
<i>Less: expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods</i>		
<i>Heritage & Cultural Services</i>		(491)
<i>Subtotal</i>		(491)
<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
<i>Subtotal</i>		538
<i>Unexpended at the close of this reporting period</i>	538	538
 <i>Net increase (decrease) in assets subject to conditions in the current reporting period</i>		47

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2011

Note 3 - EXPENSES

	Notes	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Salaries and Wages		2,750	3,157
Employee leave expense		350	309
Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions	18	188	156
Superannuation - defined benefit plan contributions	18	73	68
Workers' Compensation Insurance		176	61
Other		5	315
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs			
Total Operating Employee Costs		3,542	4,066
 Total Number of Employees		62	62
<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		15	10
Elected members' expenses		58	43
Election expenses		8	
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		81	53
 <u>Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses</u>			
Contractors		5,685	4,781
Legal Expenses		37	57
Parts, accessories & consumables		821	688
Professional services		256	301
Sundry		433	625
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		7,231	6,452
		7,312	6,505

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2011

Note 3 - EXPENSES (cont)

	Notes	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000
DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT			
Depreciation			
Infrastructure		88	68
Water		310	158
Electricity		194	268
Stormwater Drain		5	
Building		182	97
Furniture		35	40
Plant & Equipment		154	307
Waste Water		31	16
Roads		212	53
		1,211	1,007
		1,211	1,007
 FINANCE COSTS			
Interest on Loans		183	144
		183	144

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2011

Note 4 - ASSET DISPOSAL & FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

	Notes	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000
INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT			
<i>Assets renewed or directly replaced</i>			
Proceeds from disposal		38	
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		34	
Gain (Loss) on disposal		<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>

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Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS

	Notes	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS			
Cash on Hand and at Bank		142	581
Deposits at Call		211	212
Add debtors		895	
		<u>1,248</u>	<u>793</u>
 TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES			
Rates - General & Other		183	145
Accrued Revenues		1	2
Debtors - general		189	162
Debtors - Electricity		380	288
Debtors - Waters		109	111
Debtors - Sundry		76	11
GST Recoupment		237	79
Prepayments		92	35
Total		1,267	833
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts		61	61
		<u>1,206</u>	<u>772</u>
 <i>Amounts included in other financial assets that are not expected to be received within 12 months of reporting date are disclosed in Note 13.</i>			
 INVENTORIES			
Stock - Works		97	81
Stock - Water		135	506
Stock - Electricity		519	148
		<u>751</u>	<u>735</u>

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	2010 \$'000			2011 \$'000				
	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT
Note 6 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT								
Infrastructure	797	759	(291)	1,265	797	1,901	(807)	1,891
Water	5,735	215	(828)	5,122	5,735	8,652	(6,543)	7,844
Electricity	3,560	94	(1,858)	1,796	3,560	5,110	(4,478)	4,192
Stormwater Drain	166	-	(16)	150	166	70	(76)	160
Buildings	3,625	1,535	(406)	4,754	3,625	5,081	(3,056)	5,650
Furniture	306	152	(229)	229	306	152	(264)	194
Plant & Equipment	2,343	1,375	(1,538)	2,180	1,655	729	(901)	1,483
Land	663	-	-	663	663	469	-	1,132
Waste Water	495	95	(77)	513	495	959	(517)	937
Roads	2,327	816	(366)	2,777	2,327	3,715	(2,122)	3,920
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	20,017	5,041	(5,609)	19,449	19,329	26,838	(18,764)	27,403
<i>Comparatives</i>	20,017	3,854	(4,598)	19,273	20,017	5,041	(5,609)	19,449

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2010		CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR							2011
\$'000		\$'000							\$'000
	CARRYING AMOUNT	Additions		Disposals	Depreciation	Impairment	Transfers	Net Revaluation	
		New/Upgrade	Renewals						
Note 6 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT									
Infrastructure	1,265	63	-	-	(88)	-	-	651	1,891
Water	5,122	54	-	-	(310)	-	-	2,978	7,844
Electricity	1,796	-	-	-	(194)	-	-	2,590	4,192
Stormwater Drain	150	-	-	-	(5)	-	-	15	160
Buildings	4,754	392	-	-	(182)	-	-	686	5,650
Furniture	229	-	-	-	(35)	-	-	-	194
Plant & Equipment	2,180	179	-	(34)	(154)	-	-	(688)	1,483
Land	663	-	-	-	-	-	-	469	1,132
Waste Water	513	-	-	-	(31)	-	-	455	937
Roads	2,777	27	-	-	(212)	-	-	1,328	3,920
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	19,449	715	-	(34)	(1,211)	-	-	8,484	27,403
Comparatives	19,273	1,187	-	(1,007)	-	(4)	-	-	19,449

This Note continues on the following pages.

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

Valuation of Assets

At 1 July 2004 upon the transition to AIFRS, Council elected pursuant to AASB 1.19 to retain a previously established deemed cost under GAAP as its deemed cost for the 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 2010 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 Gayler Professional Engineering (GPE) at Straight line method during the reporting period ended 30 June 2010 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 GPE at straight line method during the reporting period ended 30 June 2010 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 GPE at straight line method during the reporting period ended 30 June 2010 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 GPE at straight line method cost during the reporting period ended 30 June 2010 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 GPE at straight line method during the reporting period ended 30 June 2010 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

		2011 \$'000		2010 \$'000	
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES	Notes	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Goods & Services		1,244		1,050	
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements		192		350	
Accrued expenses - other		171		394	
Other					
		1,607	-	1,794	-
Loans		413	660	1,785	1,048
Other		86		86	
		499	660	1,871	1,048
 PROVISIONS					
Employee entitlements (including oncost)		136	121	39	189
		136	121	39	189

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Note 8 - RESERVES

ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	1/7/2010	Net Increments (Decrements)	Transfers, Impairments	30/6/2011
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Infrastructure		4,478	8,484	12,962
TOTAL		4,478	8,484	12,962
<i>Comparatives</i>		<i>4,478</i>		<i>4,478</i>

OTHER RESERVES	1/7/2010	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/6/2011
Breakaway Pass	25			25
				0
				0
TOTAL OTHER RESERVES	25			25
<i>Comparatives</i>	<i>25</i>			<i>25</i>

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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.

		2011	2010
CASH & FINANCIAL ASSETS	Notes	\$'000	\$'000
Unexpended amounts received from State Government			
PlayGound		<u>538</u>	<u>538</u>
		<u>538</u>	<u>538</u>
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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Note 10 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

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

	Notes	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000
Total cash & equivalent assets	5	<u>1,248</u>	<u>793</u>
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		<u>1,248</u>	<u>793</u>

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)		2,293	283
Non-cash items in Income Statement			
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment		1,211	1,007
Equity movements in equity accounted investments (increase) decrease		-	-
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits		(129)	(79)
Change in allowances for under-recovery		-	1
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity		-	(570)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals		<u>(4)</u>	<u>642</u>
		3,371	642
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (increase) decrease in receivables		(434)	40
Net (increase) decrease in inventories		(16)	68
Net (increase) decrease in other current assets		-	-
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables		<u>(29)</u>	<u>(826)</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations		<u>2,892</u>	<u>(76)</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	2011	2010	2011	2010
	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Administration	2,027	1,809	1,854	1,447	173	362	844	734	10,350	7,207
Community	628	515	1,171	998	(542)	(483)	344	784	7,844	5,937
Water	1,157	1,222	1,268	1,215	(112)	7				
Waste	371	406	230	227	141	179				
Works	536	595	2,441	1,846	(1,905)	(1,251)	72	147	5,017	2,866
Electricity	9,817	6,888	5,284	5,989	4,533	899	6,751	2,799	7,397	5,739
TOTALS	14,537	11,435	12,248	11,722	2,289	(287)	8,011	4,464	30,608	21,749

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

<p>Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits</p>	<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>
<p>Receivables - Rates & Associated Charges (including legal & penalties for late payment)</p> <p>Note: These receivables do not meet the definition of "financial instruments" and have been excluded from the following disclosures.</p>	<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: 9.75%) Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the State.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
<p>Receivables - Fees & other charges</p>	<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>
<p>Receivables - other levels of government</p>	<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>
<p>Receivables - Retirement Home Contributions</p>	<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: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective legislation.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
<p>Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals</p>	<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>
<p>Liabilities - Retirement Home Contributions</p>	<p>Accounting Policy: To avoid inconvenience when complying with the separate audit requirements imposed by the relevant legislation, amounts are carried at nominal values.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Pursuant to Commonwealth legislation certain intending residents are required to contribute amounts on an interest free basis. The amounts are subject to certain deductions as prescribed by the legislation, the balance being repaid on termination of tenancy.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value for short tenancies; may be non-materially overstated for longer tenancies.</p>
<p>Liabilities - Interest Bearing Borrowings</p>	<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% (2010: 6.55% and 8.25%)</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
<p>Liabilities - Finance Leases</p>	<p>Accounting Policy: accounted for in accordance with AASB 117.</p>

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Note 12 (cont) - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Liquidity Analysis

2011	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial Assets					
Cash & Equivalents	353			353	1,248
Receivables	1,084			1,084	1,084
Other Financial Assets				-	-
Total	1,437	-	-	1,437	2,332
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	1,244			1,244	1,244
Current Borrowings	499			499	499
Non-Current Borrowings		660		660	660
Total	1,743	660	-	2,403	2,403
2010	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial Assets					
Cash & Equivalents	793			793	793
Receivables	688			688	688
Other Financial Assets				-	-
Total	1,481	-	-	1,481	1,481
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	1,050			1,050	1,050
Current Borrowings				-	1,871
Non-Current Borrowings	1,871	1,048		2,919	1,048
Total	2,921	1,048	-	3,969	3,969

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

	30 June 2011		30 June 2010	
	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value
	%	\$'000	%	\$'000
Other Variable Rates	6.75	146	6	1,732
Fixed Interest Rates	7.30	1,013	7	1,187
		<u>1,159</u>		<u>2,919</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. Council also has available a range of bank overdraft and standby borrowing 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

	2011	2010
<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	6,226	6,906
Operating Price	5,094	5,650
Fuel Price	44,150	48,971
	<u>55,470</u>	<u>61,527</u>
These expenditures are payable:		
Not later than one year	6,238	6,056
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	26,880	26,098
Later than 5 years	22,352	29,373
	<u>55,470</u>	<u>61,527</u>
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	10
Waste Management Services		
Employee Remuneration Contracts	634	772
Investment Property maintenance contracts		
Other	580	580
	<u>1,224</u>	<u>1,362</u>
These expenditures are payable:		
Not later than one year	996	981
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	228	381
Later than 5 years		
	<u>1,224</u>	<u>1,362</u>

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Note 14 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

	2011	2010	2009
<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	\$'000 2,289	(287)	(2,035)
<i>Being the operating surplus (deficit) before capital amounts .</i>			
Adjusted Operating Surplus	2,289	(287)	(2,244)
<i>In each of June 2009, 2010 and 2010 the Commonwealth Government made an advance payment of one quarterly payment of the Financial Assistance Grant (see Note 3). Accordingly there were five "quarterly" payments in 2009, and four payments in each of 2010 and 2011. The Adjusted Operating Surplus and Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio adjust for this distortion.</i>			
Operating Surplus Ratio			
<u>Operating Surplus</u>	155%	(20%)	(155%)
Rates - general & other less NRM levy			
Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio	155%	(20%)	(171%)
<i>This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of general and other rates, net of NRM levy.</i>			
Net Financial Liabilities	\$'000 569	3,376	3,551
<i>Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets (excluding equity accounted investments in Council businesses).</i>			
Net Financial Liabilities Ratio			
<u>Net Financial Liabilities</u>	4%	30%	30%
Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy			
Interest Cover Ratio			
<u>Net Interest Expense</u>	1.2%	1.3%	0.4%
Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy less Investment Income			
Asset Sustainability Ratio			
<u>Net Asset Renewals</u>	2%	0%	28%
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>	57%	76%	80%
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

	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000
Income	14,537	11,435
less Expenses	<u>12,248</u>	<u>11,722</u>
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	2,289	(287)
less Net Outlays on Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	63	3
less Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	1,211	1,007
less Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	<u>38</u>	<u>-</u>
	(1,186)	(1,004)
less Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets <i>(including investment property & real estate developments)</i>	652	1,180
less Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	-	570
	<u>652</u>	<u>610</u>
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	<u>2,823</u>	<u>107</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 not guaranteed certain loans or other banking facilities advanced to community organisations and sporting bodies.

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 2010/11 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 6.3% (6% in 2009/10) 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 2008, 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.

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CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have been authorised by the Council to certify the financial statements in their final form. In our opinion:

- the accompanying financial statements comply with the *Local Government Act 1999, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* and Australian Accounting Standards.
- the financial statements present a true and fair view of the Council's financial position at 30 June 2011 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.
- internal controls implemented by the Council provide a reasonable assurance that the Council's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year.
- the financial statements accurately reflect the Council's accounting and other records.



.....
Trevor McLeod
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



.....
Steve Baines
MAYOR

1/12/2011

Date: 1/12/11.

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 2011, 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 2011* made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 22(3) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.



.....
Trevor McLeod

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



.....
Steve Baines

**PRESIDING MEMBER
AUDIT COMMITTEE**

1/12/2011

Date:

1/12/11.

District Council of Coober Pedy

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2011

STATEMENT BY AUDITOR

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of District Council of Coober Pedy for the year ended 30 June 2011, 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 2011* made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 22 (5) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.



Ian McDonald

Ian G McDonald FCA

Dated this 15 day of November 2011



INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF COOBER PEDY

I have audited the accompanying financial report of the District Council of Coober Pedy which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2011 and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, cash flow statement, summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the certification of financial statement for the year ended 30 June 2011.

Chief Executive Officer's Responsibility for the Financial Report

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting my audit I followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional and ethical pronouncements and the Local Government Act 1999.

Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the District Council of Coober Pedy as of 30 June 2011, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Local Government Act 1999 together with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Ian G McDonald'.

**IAN G MC DONALD FCA
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT
REGISTERED COMPANY AUDITOR**

Signed 13 day of December

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