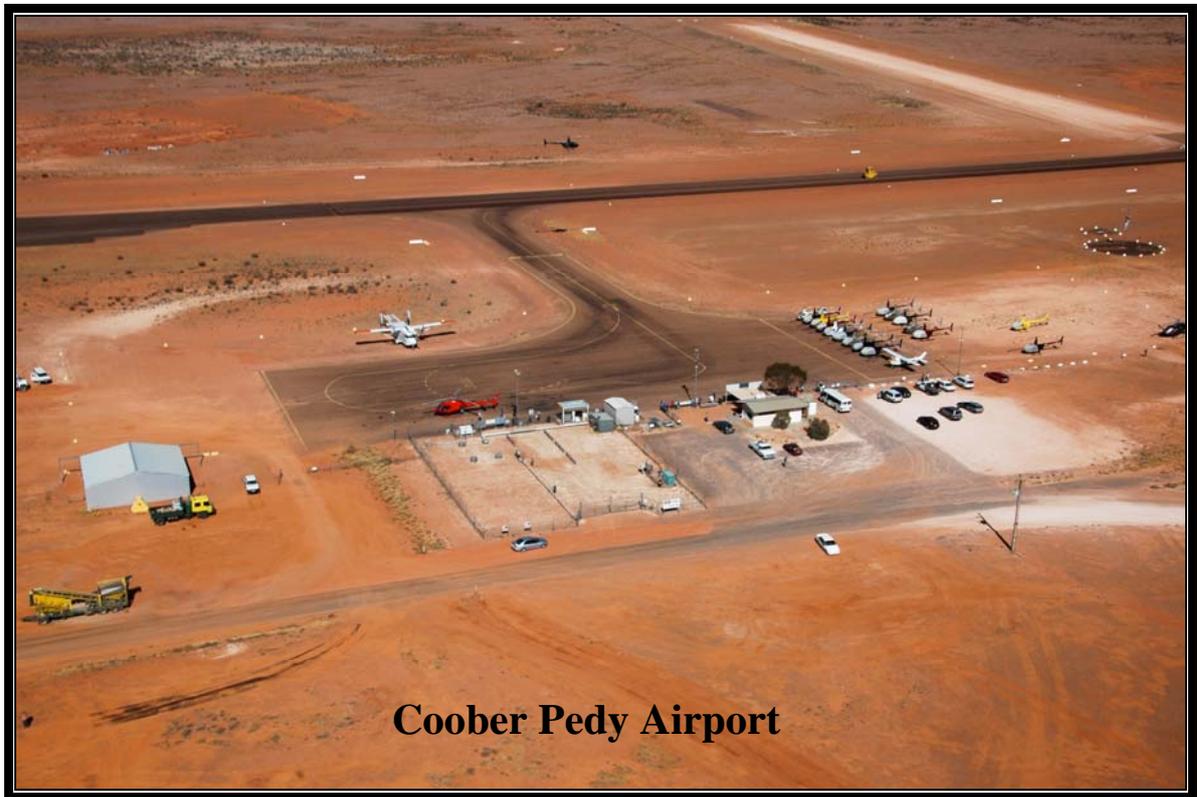


ANNUAL REPORT



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Coober Pedy Airport

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MAYOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

The current Council continues to work well as a team and is working through, and is on target, to achieve many of the objectives identified as priorities following the last election. Council continues to operate with the full contingent of Councillors with no obvious signs of resignations in the short to medium term.

Mining exploration and development still continues in and around Coober Pedy and continues to provide optimism within the community and those wishing to invest in the region.

OzMinerals, formally Oxiana, is near completion of their construction phase and anticipate to be processing by the end of 2008. At the peak of the construction phase OzMinerals and their contractors employed approximately 1300 people, many from Coober Pedy, resulting in stimulation of the local economy, but at the same time resulted in a chronic labour and contractor shortage in the region.

Termite Resources continue to progress the Cairn Hill project and is still on target to start production by the end of 2008. Council continues to support the development of exploration and mining in and around Coober Pedy with a view to new mining ventures basing their workforce and resources within the town.

Council continues to be an integral part of the Coober Pedy Senior Officers' Group and along with the other members of the group continue to progress matters such as the Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAPS) program and Sobering-Up Centre funding, the development of an overdue Short Stay



Mayor Steve Baines
(Photo courtesy Coober Pedy Regional Times)

Accommodation Facility, the Coober Pedy Alcohol Strategy, liquor licensing issues, and the Dry Area Review. The Coober Pedy Senior Officers' Group continues to be an effective means of communication between senior officers, service providers and agencies that provide services to Coober Pedy.

This year saw the completion and adoption of the Strategic Plan. After considerable consultation with the community, we now have a document that gives clear direction as to where we want to be, and what we want to achieve in the next ten years. Council is now working to progress the issues identified in the plan.

This year saw several conferences held in Coober Pedy. Thanks to the efforts of the Northern Regional Development Board, the following conferences were held:

- Property Council of Australia AGM
- Far North Economic Development Forum
- Gem Trade Show
- Regional Development S.A Annual Conference (September 2008)

All of the conferences were well attended and brought many visitors to Coober Pedy and the region. My sincere thanks go to Jerry Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, and his team at the NRDB for their expertise in organising and facilitating these events.

Council has entered into discussions with Energy Generation Pty Ltd (enGen) and Solar Systems to construct the largest offline solar power station in Australia in Coober Pedy. Contractual discussions continue at this time between enGen and Solar Systems with a view to constructing the station during 2009. The solar power station will supply 13% of Coober Pedy's generation needs and save in excess of 500,000 litres of diesel fuel each year. The District Council of Coober Pedy is pleased to be a part of this innovative project.



Mayor Baines with His Excellency the Governor of South Australia Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR during his visit in May 2008

In May 2008 I was delighted to host a Civic Reception for His Excellency the Governor of South Australia Rear Admiral Scarce ACCSC RANR and Mrs Liz Scarce during their brief visit to Coober Pedy. I then accompanied the official party during a number of stops around town at places of interest and service providers.

Council was fortunate enough to receive a grant of \$500,000 for an

airport terminal upgrade. The grant funding was a result of an application to the Upper Spencer Gulf and Outback Enterprise Zone Fund. As part of Council's 2008/2009 budget deliberations, it has also resolved to borrow a further \$500,000 for the airport terminal bringing the total allocation to date to \$1 million. A further \$400,000 is being sought by Council and its business/project partner, the Northern Regional Development Board, to enable Council to fund its preferred airport design in line with the Coober Pedy Airport Master Plan.

Council's Infrastructure improvement plan continued this year with the following infrastructure improvements:

- Additional light towers at Oxiana Oval
- Continuation of paving in Hutchison Street
- Installation of CCTV in Hutchison Street
- Installation of Solar Lighting at the triangle walking track
- Sealing of the Oodnadatta Road
- Sealing of Alp and Koska Streets
- Resealing of Runway 04/22 at the airport

Coober Pedy continues to move forward and position itself as the Northern Gateway to South Australia. Mining and mining exploration continues to stimulate economic development and it is anticipated that the airport upgrade will encourage more visitors to the town and region. Investment within Coober Pedy is buoyant and property values are rising for the first time in the history of the Council.

The effects of the Federal Government's Northern Territory Intervention Strategy continue to be

felt by residents of Coober Pedy with vast numbers of displaced Aboriginal people converging on the town. This continues to place a strain on all services in Coober Pedy and has everybody's resources stretched to the limit. More assistance is needed from both the State and Federal Governments to address this issue, as these people are having an adverse effect on the development of the region both in terms of resources and the economy.

I take this opportunity to thank my Councillors, Senior Management and staff for the efforts that they have displayed this year. I now look forward to working again in the 2008/2009 financial year for the betterment of the Community and broader region.

**Steve Baines JP
Mayor**



Mayor Baines flanked by Dr Ernie and Mrs Ruth Kamitakahara following their Australian Citizenship Naturalisation Ceremony, with daughters Bethany & Hannah

One of the pleasant tasks I undertook this year was to officiate at the Australian Citizenship Naturalisation Ceremony for Dr Ernie and Mrs Ruth Kamitakahara, long term residents of Coober Pedy, in April 2008. Two of Ernie and Ruth's daughters were able to be present, together with many of their friends and work colleagues.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The District Council of Coober Pedy local government area is very small compared with the vastness of Outback South Australia. It is only a mere 77.6 square kilometres in area and straddles the Stuart Highway (Highway 87) some 832 kilometres north of Adelaide. It sits within the Coober Pedy Precious Stones Field, a vast area of opal mining land spread over some 4,000 square kilometres. With a population widely accepted within the community of some 3,500 residents from approximately 45 ethnic backgrounds, Coober Pedy's multi-cultural lifestyle is seen as quite an attraction to the visitor.

Now in its second year the current Council continues to function extremely well and move forward with priorities and projects that will be of great benefit to Coober Pedy. In December 2007 Council adopted its Strategic Plan 2007 – 2012 in conjunction with the Northern Regional Development Board. The Strategic Plan gives Council direction, tangible goals and a sense of purpose as it works toward a strong and sustainable future for Coober Pedy.

In June 2008 Council committed to another five years as a funding partner to the Resource Agreement between the Minister for Regional Development, other funding parties and the Northern Regional Development Board (NRDB), allowing for a longer term horizon to plan strategically for sustainable economic development outcomes. Council's partnership with the NRDB remains as strong as ever and our joint approach to a number of projects has borne significant results. Again the NRDB took on the lead role in organising the



Chief Executive Officer Mr Trevor McLeod

2008 Coober Pedy Gem Trade Show in July 2008.

Mining developments in the region continue to create an air of optimism in Coober Pedy and surrounding towns, creating employment opportunities and increasing personal wealth to some degree. Oxiana's Prominent Hill development is moving ahead in leaps and bounds with over 1,000 employees on site developing the 'village' and mining and processing plant. The commencement of full mining and processing operations is expected towards the end of this calendar year.

Termite Resources, previously referred to as IMX Resources and Goldstream, expect its mining operations at Cairn Hill, some 55 kilometres southeast of Coober Pedy, to also commence around the end of 2008. The full impact of this project on Coober Pedy remains unknown however there will be a likelihood of significant employment opportunities for Coober Pedy locals.

Council continues to develop relationships with these and other prospective mining companies and offers its support when and where it can with a view to these companies locating all or part of their workforce/administration in Coober Pedy.

Council's relationship with airline Regional Express (REX) remains as solid as ever, with Council committed to providing assistance in maintaining a sustainable air route between Coober Pedy and Adelaide. Passenger numbers for this financial year broke through the 10,000 barrier and it appears for the time being that numbers have reached a plateau as there was just an increase of 3.46% on last year's passenger numbers.

It has been quite clear for some time now that the current airport terminal simply cannot cope with the increase in passenger numbers and given the often varied weather conditions experienced in Coober Pedy, Council committed this year to pursuing the construction of a new airport terminal. Together with the NRDB, that process has seen the development and adoption of a revised Airport Master Plan, grant funding of \$500,000 from the Upper Spencer Gulf and Outback Enterprise Zone Fund (USG&OEZF), a commitment by Council to borrow \$500,000 and the pursuit of further funding to complete the project. Council and the NRDB were also successful in obtaining \$30,000 from USG&OEZF to enable completion of a reseal of Runway 04/22.

The work being undertaken by the Coober Pedy Senior Officers' Group continues to assist in progressing a number of issues that impact on the key stakeholders and service providers in Coober Pedy. Funding to enable extending the hours of operation of the Mobile Assistance Patrol and the Sobering-Up Centre is of high priority, along with establishing a Short Stay Accommodation facility in Coober Pedy, despite the frustrating delays in moving this project along. Council was successful in securing a 3 year

extension of the Coober Pedy Dry Area and is working with all stakeholders in developing a review process that will address alcohol issues on a regional basis rather than just in Coober Pedy.

This year saw Council move forward with Stage 2 of the Places for People Program and following community consultation it was quite apparent that people's concerns were focussed on main street security and to that end Council installed a number of CCTV's in Hutchison Street with additional lighting to follow soon.



Executive Assistant Ms Judy Williams

Council continues to participate in Native Title Negotiations with regard to the Breakaways Reserve and the Coober Pedy Local Government area, however these are progressing at a frustrating slow pace. Further negotiations will take place towards the end of this calendar year with a conclusion expected around mid 2009.

Other developments of some note during the year have included the following:

- Proposed construction of a solar power station by Solar Systems Pty Ltd
- Ongoing sealing of roads in the town area

- Commencement of Stage 3 (Urban Design Framework) of the Places for People Program
- Ongoing funding for Child Care Links Officer
- Ongoing funding for Youth Development Officer (going fulltime in 2008/2009)
- Completion and adoption of Council's Animal Management Plan
- Working with Umoona Community regarding Municipal Services funding issues
- Construction of lighting towers at Oxiana Oval (part funded by Office for Sport and Recreation)

Once again it would be remiss of me not to extend my thanks to Mayor Steve Baines and Council for its continued support of Senior Management and staff. Together as we move forward into 2008/2009, the professional manner in which we face the challenges ahead will be of benefit to all.

Trevor McLeod
Chief Executive Officer



Member for Giles Lyn Breuer MP presenting first payment of \$20,000 for Oxiana Oval lights

This past year has been one in which Council has been able to further consolidate its position and move forward with development at a responsible pace. The volatile oil price and its impact on the fuel pricing formula associated with Council's contract with Energy Generation (enGen) has impacted significantly at times on Council's cash-flow however we continue to liaise closely with Energy SA to monitor and address these impacts.

WHAT IS COUNCIL AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

Council's role is to:

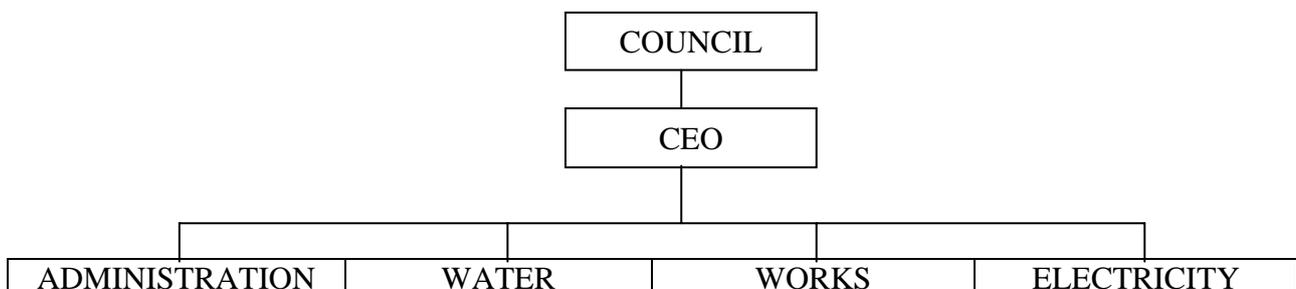
- Provide public services in a fair and equitable manner
- Make decisions on behalf of the community
- Promote and co-ordinate local effort
- Represent the community to other governments
- Manage Council's facilities and resources effectively and efficiently
- Encourage community participation in all aspects of Local Government
- Exercise and perform the powers, functions and duties of Local Government as required by the Local Government Act

COUNCIL STRUCTURE

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

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

The Council is divided into the four (4) departments of Administration, Works, Water and Electricity and is structured as shown below:



FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Overview

Council continues to deal day to day with financial issues that mean our budgets and financial performance is analysed quite heavily.

Council has been dealing with considerable cost pressure mainly concerning the fuel price component of the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for the supply of electricity. The fuel price has increased by over 100% since the PPA was signed off in December 2003.

Council is continuing with its request for the State Government to increase funding to operate the Electricity Supply.

Other departments have done their best to cope with the resultant financial pressures.

Council staff has also been looking at the implementation of the Long Term Financial Plan and the Asset Management Plan which are to be adopted by Council by November 2008. This is in response to the Financial Sustainability report into Local Government in South Australia.

These reports will look at our needs going forward and the cost that they will incur to the community.

Council has continued to improve its IT infrastructure and started to fully develop its Disaster Recovery plans. Council is looking at better utilising its server equipment by implementing a Virtual Server model.

There have been continuing changes and improvements in the corporate software that we use resulting in more user friendly reporting.



Mr Damien Clark, Finance & Administration Manager

The Council figures at a glance:

Surplus before Depreciation: \$0.491M

Depreciation: \$1.089M

Deficit after Depreciation: \$0.598M

Loan Balance @ 30/6/08 \$2.939M

Cash Balance @ 30/6/08 \$0.508M

Debtors Balance @ 30/6/08 \$1.146M

Creditors Balance @ 30/6/08 \$1.693M

Collection of Debts

Council is still trying to balance up the need for customers to pay accounts on time while still understanding individual financial situations.

We have introduced a number of methods to pay accounts, such as Centrepay, Internet, telephone and in person.

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

Staff Changes

Council resolved to create the new position of Accountant/Assistant Accountant which was filled by Tiffany Miller in mid October 2007.

Melissa Rosewarne went on maternity leave this year and we are pleased to say there is a new potential staff member for Council's administration team. April Grava was used in a part time role to help fill this position during Melisa's absence.

Gina Shelton and family moved to Port Lincoln resulting in Fevronia Simatos rejoining our team as Receptionist.

Many thanks

I again extend my thanks to Elected Members for their support and feedback during the past year.

I would like to thank all of the staff under my supervision for the support they continue to show me. It has been a pleasure to supervise their development.

Thanks also must go to the Senior Management of Council for the diligence shown in their roles and the support they've shown me. It truly is a great team effort that assists me greatly.

Damien Clark
Finance & Administration Manager

COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

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

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

SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY

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

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

- Plant and equipment hire
- Street cleaning & lighting
- Support for community groups

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

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



School and Community Library

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

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

Phone: (08) 86 724 600

Fax: (08) 86 725 699 or email at

dccp@cpccouncil.sa.gov.au

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Council Meetings:

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

- **Deputations:**

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

- **Presentation to Council:**

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

- **Petitions:**

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

- **Written Requests:**

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

- **Elected Members:**

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

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

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS

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

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

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

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

Requests for Other Information

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

Application of Competition Principles

During 2007/2008, Council continued with a review of its policies with particular attention paid to the application of National Competition Policy and any possible restrictive aspects by-laws and policies may have on competition.

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



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



Youth Development Officer Paul Maduro



Community Swimming Pool

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	8	0	1	9
Tourism	1	0	1	2
Works	14	2	0	16
Water Supply	5	0	0	5
Electricity Supply	7	2	1	10
Library	0	0	1	1
Pool	0	7	0	7
Childcare	3	8	1	12
Childcare Links	1	0	0	1
Youth Web	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	41	19	6	66

Total salaries expense for the year ending the 30th June 2008 was \$2,717,859 which represents 21.90% of Council's total cash expenditure of \$12,411,260.

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 2007/2008 year the following expenditure was incurred in training:

Administration	\$ 19,551
Electricity	\$ 21,161
Works	\$ 28,983
Water	\$ 9,716
Tourism	\$ 971
Swimming Pool	\$ 4,113
Child Care Links	\$ 2,171
Child Care	\$ 3,911
TOTAL	<u>\$ 90,577</u>

A large percentage of the training was related to Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare issues and in particular preparation for the Workcover Audit.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

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

WORKS DEPARTMENT

Depot

The District Council of Coober Pedy Works Department is situated in Hutchison Street in close proximity to the Outback Cinema and the CFS building. Infrastructure situated in the yard now accommodates the Electricity Supply staff and the main office area has now been refurbished with the crib room altered to become a public reception area and office to house Electricity Supply and Administration staff.

The additional building and refurbishment has now provided a more professional 'shop front' freeing up office space for the managers and supervisors.

Additional facilities in the depot yard include two diesel fuel tanks installed in a bunker enclosure, a tank for waste oil, the public weighbridge, office for the purchasing officer, a mechanic's workshop shed, an electricity supply workshop shed as well as a building for work shop consumables. The yard also contains aggregate storage bays, two standpipes (one for potable water and the other for bore water) and new heavy vehicle wash bays with grease sediment trap.

Roads

Council receives an annual grant from the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure (DTEI) to undertake patrol-grading of opal field and station access roads with Council's graders along with a section of the road to the Breakaways. With a fair majority of unsealed roads in the township, roads are graded and re-sheeted in order of priority and several roads with a large volume of traffic are watered regularly



Works Manager Mark Hill

to assist with dust control and other areas as requested by the public.

The establishment and realignment of Jelly Crescent with the realignment of McKenzie Road to accommodate underground power and Telstra service installation was completed early in the year. Signs and guide posts are continually being replaced in all areas. The corners of German Gully, The Painters and Tom Cat Hill Roads were re-aligned whilst work was carried out on sealing a section of the Oodnadatta Road.

'Roads to Recovery' Capital Works entailed sealing Alp Street, with the corners into Roberts and Watkins Streets sealed with a seven metre apron to assist with future sealing in both areas. Surveying, pegging and formation of a 4 kilometre section of the Oodnadatta Road to the Waste Depot were prepared over the course of several months with the seal completed by Boral in May.



Preparing the Oodnadatta Road for sealing

In addition a section of Runway 04/22 at the Airport was also sealed while Boral were in the area. Survey, design and earthworks were prepared for Koska Street with the bitumen sealing completed in June.

Sealed road maintenance is ongoing with road shoulders being repaired where necessary and road sweeping in the town area carried out when required. Pot hole patching in the bitumen from general wear and tear on the roads is ongoing and sections of the sealed roads in the Umoona Community were swept and holes patched.

Airport

Mandatory six monthly and annual electrical inspections are conducted at the Airport by Council's Electrician. A draft copy of the Transport Security Program and Security Risks has been forwarded to the Department of Transport, Energy and Infrastructure for appraisal. Mr Peter Francis, of Aerodrome Design Pty Ltd, completed the Annual Technical Inspection in August. A daily inspection of the runway and checking of the infrastructure, weeding and general cleaning of the area is completed by Council staff, along with line marking of Runway 04/22 after reseal.



Resealing Runway 04/22 at the airport

The boundaries inside and outside the fence line were graded and new shade cloth was fitted to the canopy in front of the terminal office.

Parks & Gardens

Parks and Gardens staff checks the irrigation system daily in the Triangle recreation area and maintain equipment as required, remove all rubbish, continually weeding around the vast array of wonderful trees and maintain the watering regime.

Former Works Manager, Mr Darren Zechner, provided invaluable assistance in the design of some of the internal area of the Multipurpose Recreational Facility at Oxiana Oval. In addition Council staff designed, constructed and erected the new arched entrance to Oxiana Oval.

Dog Control

Dog Control is an ongoing issue and, at times, a very real problem in Coober Pedy. Council's General Inspector along with other authorised Dog and Cat Management Officers, endeavour to manage the problem as best as possible and will be implementing some very pro-active dog control measures in the new year. Council also offers inoculation for tick treatment and birth control as well as providing basic boarding facilities.

Waste Management

In an endeavour to encourage residents to tidy up their properties Council has offered a free large bin drop off/pick up for weekend use with this service being exceptionally well patronised by the community. The Waste Depot is open of an afternoon during week days and on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Training

Council ensures that its operators undergo sufficient training to enable them to carry out their work efficiently, effectively and in a safe work environment. Council is constantly updating and revising all legislative requirements and practices to comply with OHS&W regulations. In June Council was subjected to a Workcover Audit and considerable effort was made by all staff to ensure a successful outcome.

The type of training undertaken this year has included operator tickets for plant and equipment, senior first aid courses, OH&S Green Cards and Work Zone Traffic Management training.

Staff

Works Manager, Mr Darren Zechner resigned to take up the position of Works Manager with the District Council of Tumby Bay and we wish him well in that position. The new Works Manager is Mr Mark Hill who took up the position in early July 2008.

Other new staff appointments were Richard Blobel (General Inspector/Dog Control), Les Kyle (Construction & Maintenance) and April Grava (part-time Administration Assistant)

This year resignations were received from Rob Dempster (Diesel Mechanic) and Tyson Rosewarne (Apprentice Diesel Mechanic).

Mark Hill
Works Manager

WATER SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Coober Pedy Water Supply System, which consists of two bores, 26 kilometres of bore pipeline, 2 desalination plants, storage tanks and town reticulation system, has been in operation now for 23 years. The sewerage treatment plant was established 14 years ago and the new Reverse Osmosis (RO) plant 7 years ago. Some areas of these fields of operation are still showing signs of age and with the current maintenance program, these areas will eventually be upgraded as time and resources permit. Overall performance of operations is at a high standard.

Changes to staff include the employment of Richard Whittard on a permanent fulltime basis and Glenn Boyd on a casual basis for vac truck operations and assisting in the workshop due to his mechanic qualifications.

BOREFIELD

Both bore variable speed drives have been in operation now for over twelve months and have been very effective with little or no maintenance required to both VF drives and bore pumps.

A new telemetry and computer system for bore operations has also been installed and is operating effectively with some very minor issues being ironed out along the way.

The Asbestos Cement (AC) pipeline system has had two leaks this year with one issue concerning “gibbo” (pipe joiners) quality.

Gas substitution is still employed on genset motors at the bore site and is still viable.



Water Supply Manager Phil Van Poorten

RETICULATION SYSTEM

The town reticulation system still has some areas with ductile iron fittings and valves rusting, causing occasional odour and discoloured water. Water Supply staff are continuing to replace fittings in these areas as time permits.

The renewal of 81 services lines and 2,014m (2km) of poly pipe mains in the reticulation system has seen a significant reduction in water loss through leaks, bringing the total loss from approximately 28% in the previous year down to 9%, with the number of leaks in the past year being reduced to 65.

With the continuation of mains and service renewals, Water Supply staff can hope to see a further reduction in water loss in the future. Consumers and community members are occasionally informing staff of leaks and are still encouraged to do so.

Additional fire hydrants have been installed in the system with several others being replaced with new ones.

Storage tanks are in a good state and continue to hold water without any issues, however maintenance to Southern Cross 2 tank is planned for this coming financial year along with the old EWS (Snake Pit) tank requiring the renewal of the sidewalls.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT

The water treatment plants are operating quite efficiently with the town demand being met quite easily, particularly during the cooler months of the year. The new plant, which is now in its seventh year of operation, has not yet seen a membrane change however, they will need replacing within the next twelve months. The old plant has had the second new high pressure pump installed, replacing the old 'suzler' backup pump and there are plans for future upgrades to PLC and computer related issues this year.

WATER QUALITY

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

Water samples are collected from sampling points and tanks and undergo bacteriological and chemical analysis on a monthly basis, or more frequently if deemed necessary, by the SA Water Corporation at its Australian Water Quality Centre at Bolivar. Daily tests are also carried out in-house to maintain quality.

SEWERAGE SYSTEM

The sewerage treatment scheme has been in operation for a number of years now, with general maintenance and repairs keeping operations at an effective level. Treated effluent quality has been maintained to correct requirements as per Government statutory regulations. Inflow of effluent has increased slightly, however there is

still quite a margin between our maximum and minimum intake. Plans for future connections in two areas of town this coming financial year should see another slight increase to effluent inflow. School and town oval usage continues to provide good outcomes as evidenced by the condition of lawns and trees, and the additional inflow of effluent would be welcomed.

Last years addition of the sewer dump point has been popular for caravanners and has also been maintenance/repair free.



Water Supply Workers Daniel Zelenko and Stojan Rapaic in the desalination plant

The vac truck operations has been a huge success with a very tight schedule for most of the past financial year. The mining development at Prominent Hill is responsible for the majority of the work, and also the occasional local jobs including grease trap cleans. Maintenance and repairs to the truck have been occasional due to fair wear and tear in which the maintenance costs are well outweighed by the income it generates.

Phil Van Poorten
Water Supply Manager

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

The District Council of Coober Pedy is the holder of the electricity Generation, Distribution and Retail Licences for the supply of electricity in Coober Pedy. The power station is situated in Potch Gully Road and consists of eight containerised 500kW Deutz gensets with a separate building for the control room. The station is owned by Energy Generation (enGen) and is unmanned and operated remotely from its facility in Perth, Western Australia. enGen employs Mr Geoff Ferguson as station operator responsible for general maintenance and Mr Dave Sanders for routine checking of the gensets. enGen has contracted Adelaide company Central Diesel for any major work required.

Generation of electricity to the township is now operating efficiently with only two unplanned generation outages during the year totalling just over 3 hours and 15 minutes, reflecting the efficient work undertaken on maintenance, service and repair of the gensets.

The wind turbine continues to cause problems and in September 2007 the alternator was removed and sent to Melbourne for electrical testing and repairs. In the end enGen determined it more practical to acquire a new alternator which is now in Coober Pedy awaiting installation early in the new financial year.

Plug-in single phase electricity meters are installed by Council's Electrician, Gavin Talbot, as and when required for new installations on properties, vandalised or damaged meters that have to be replaced, old meters replaced due to up-grading of supply or change-over from the old clock face. As three phase meters are not the plug-



(L to R) Distribution Supervisor Graeme Norton, Linesman Paul Leech and Apprentice Linesman Martin Grava

in type, a few of these are installed when requested to either change over from a single phase or when a new three phase supply is required on a property.

The *Planned* distribution power outages for the year totalled 28 with only 32 customers affected.

The *Unplanned* distribution power outages for the year totalled 12 with approximately 626 customers affected for reasons such as blown fuses on transformers from lightning strikes, blown fuses to property supplies, overload on a single phase supply and the service pit melted.

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

Outlined below is some of the workload completed by the distribution section:

- Time was spent early in the year assisting a company from Adelaide in obtaining oil samples from the transformers around town and these were sent away for testing

- Removed old overhead services and replaced with underground services
- Repairs to lines damaged by storms and cockatoos
- Replaced transformer that was damaged by a lightning strike
- Set up Poly Logger on Stobie poles to monitor the electricity voltage on properties
- Assisted with the installation of the security cameras along Hutchison Street
- Trenching and laying of conduit at Oxiana Oval and installation of concrete pads for lighting towers
- Excavation was completed at Oxiana Oval to position a pad mount transformer with the installation of pier, vault and precast slab as well as locks also for this transformer



(L to R) Electrician Gavin Talbot and apprentices Alex Crisa and Grant Maxwell

OHS&W hazard inspections and work place meetings are held quarterly and any items addressed are allocated and completed by the designated staff members. The EWP is driven every six months to Port Augusta for mandatory electrical testing by qualified ETSA staff along with testing of the necessary accessories for high and low voltage work. All lifting and safety equipment is tested as per OHS&W requirements, chain assemblies are sent to Adelaide and the meter testing equipment is also sent

away on a regular annual basis to be calibrated. Staff training is kept up-to-date and includes Senior First Aid and CPR mandatory refresher courses and any relevant assessments on plant and equipment. A Work Cover audit was carried out in June 2008; this is the second audit in two years.

This year Council has employed four full-time electricity staff members:

- Grant Maxwell, commenced 10th December 2007 with only a few weeks to become a third year Apprentice Electrician in January
- Alex Crisa, commenced 7th January 2008 as a first year Apprentice Electrician
- Martin Grava, commenced 14th January 2008 as a first year Apprentice Power-Line Worker and
- Paul Leech, commenced in April 2008 as a fourth year Apprentice Power-Line Worker with only three months to qualify (since fully qualified)

April Grava commenced part-time employment in September 2007 as an administration assistant to Vonnie Ferguson and she has since moved into a permanent fulltime position due to the volume of work generated by outside staff.



Administration Officer Vonnie Ferguson (R) with Admin Assistant April Grava

Michael Rosewarne resigned in August 2008 after spending several months assisting the Distribution Supervisor.

Hire staff from Optic Power and Electel were utilised during the year to provide valuable support for Council's then only qualified linesman. The employment of Paul Leech has alleviated this practice to a great degree.

Kathy Kiosses is the utilities clerk and responsible for the billing of electricity and water accounts with Julie Boland employed as Council's meter reader for both utilities.

Graeme Norton
Distribution Supervisor



The highlight of 2007/2008 for Mini Gems Children's Centre was winning the SA Small Business Awards in the Children's Services sector for 2007. We were also nominated for the competitive National awards held in Sydney late 2007, but unfortunately we were not as successful. The experience was unforgettable for our centre.

Mini Gems celebrated its 10th Birthday and Department of Education and Children's Services Million Dollar Book launch in October. Lyn Breuer MP, Member for Giles, (who read the children a story) was present and entertained the children with a story from the DECS Million Dollar Book Launch. Local paper Coober Pedy Regional Times and many community members attended our celebrations in October 2007.



Mini Gems Child Care Centre

Mini Gems was able to upgrade the outdoor area with the assistance of the Community Benefits SA grant to the value of \$20,000. Replacement of the shade sails was a priority as the centre has been without shade for over 2 years. The grant paid for minor additions, including an extra storage shed, replacement of damaged playground equipment and the purchase of new equipment.



Director Melissa Borrett with Skye Staines and Terelle McKenzie

Rachel Underwood resigned and Melissa Borrett filled her position in December 2007. Mij Dukarich joined the team in June, filling the role of Administration Assistant. We have also had various staff changeovers with Jessica Norris and Simon Constant joining and leaving our employ, Sandy Jeffree has also left our employ and we will find it difficult to replace her. Kristina Seekamp went on Long Service Leave and Tegan Jones acted in her position as team leader in the Over 2's section. Tegan was awarded another traineeship for the Diploma in Children's Services and once finished she will be a fully qualified Child Care Professional. Tegan has previously successfully completed 2 traineeships with Mini Gems.

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

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

Mini Gems supported the Families SA Child Protection Week celebration 'Follow the Yellow Brick Road'. The

family event was hosted at the Coober Pedy Area School gymnasium and highlighted various child and family services available in Coober Pedy, information and fun activities for children and families.

Oz Minerals and Fluor from Prominent Hill joined many parent volunteers on a typical windy October day to help us with our Working Bee. Unfortunately we weren't able to do a lot of the jobs (painting etc) due to windy weather. But thanks to our hard working volunteers we were able to get our outdoor areas looking fantastic.

In general the children's program has included excursions to different community events and venues within Coober Pedy.

Melissa Borrett
Director

CHILD CARE LINKS

Aims

To improve the health and wellbeing of young children by strengthening the resilience of their caregivers, using early childhood and other community services to foster development of child-friendly communities

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

The main events that Child Care Links has coordinated for the community are:

- Mother's Day – a Family Fun Day for all, with lots of parent/child races, kids activities, free pancakes for all and massages for mums at no cost
- Father's Day – a Family Fun Day for all, Model Train Display, kids activities and low cost BBQ



Father's Day Model Train Display

- Kid's Fun Tent – marquee at the Opal Festival consisting of fruit, water, playpen, breast feeding area, kids activities and petting zoo.
- Kiddo Disco – a rhythm and dance activity for children aged up to 5

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



Child Care Links Officer Tanya Lauder

- Kid's Day – an event to promote Child Protection Week, various children's activities presented by community and government services in Coober Pedy
- Community Picnic – organised in conjunction with Youth Officers Rose Temple (Umoona) and Paul Maduro (DCCP), held at Oxiana Oval and included sandwich lunches
- Naidoc 2007 – help with preparations and BBQ lunch at school
- Ticklish Allsorts – theatre production groups performed two shows at Greek Hall and school with free entry to both

Child Care Links is also a facilitator and/or involved with 5 playgroups throughout the week:

- Tiny Tackers Playgroup – for parents with young children aged up to 18 months on Friday Mornings at the Community Health Building (Facilitator)
- Tjitji Tjutja Inkanyini Pukulpa Playgroup – an Aboriginal Playgroup, held 11-1pm Tuesdays at Home Makers – Umoona Community, for parents with children aged up to 5. (Joint Facilitator)

- Play Gym – Mondays 9am -10am, an active playgroup for both Child Care Centres and Kindergarten to attend. (Facilitator)
- Play Gym – Sundays 2.30pm - 4.30pm, an active playgroup for parents with children aged up to 5. (Facilitator)
- Baby Bounce and Rhyme & Toddler Story Time – held by the Library on Wednesday 10am – 10.30am. Child Care Links acts as a reliever for the facilitator.

Child Care Links is also involved in the new Gymnastics Club, Yoga, Mini Gems Building Extension, Playground, Mini Gems Management Committee, Sport and Recreation Association, Child Care Appreciation Day, Parenting Talks and assists Child Care Services and Kindergarten where possible.

Child Care Links has had fundamental parts in the start-up of the Toy Library held at the Community Library, an antenatal class held last July and Early Childhood forums. Child Care Links is continuing to offer the community a discount nappy service.

Child Care Links prepares the ‘The Family Matters Page’ for inclusion in the fortnightly Coober Pedy Regional Times.

Tanya Lauder
Child Care Links Officer

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

During 2007/2008 the Visitor Information Centre has remained a popular spot on the tourist radar. Council's Visitor Information Officer is Leah Henderson, with Zoe Pollard employed to work the centre on weekends and public holidays as a replacement for Jacqui Boland.



Leah Henderson (right) attending to visitors from Switzerland

The Visitor Information Centre continues to focus on the provision of unbiased and valuable information for the travelling public and also as a resource for town information following the many requests received, in writing and through telephone requests.

The attractive Centre invites many positive comments. The Coober Pedy Historical Society display continues to be popular with locals and tourists alike; immersing them in our varied and colourful past. Unique photos and historical artefacts catch the eye and invite interesting questions and comments.

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

Continuous work on and in the centre maintains our accreditation status with the South Australian Tourism Commission. This provides annual funding of \$6,600 towards keeping the centre open. Future requirements of accreditation have already been brought to our attention and will need to be addressed early next year as they may require significant changes to the centre.

Leah attended the annual Visitor Information Centre conference in Murray Bridge in May. The conference gives VIC staff the opportunity to learn more about other areas of the State and to network about issues that affect our industry as a whole. It is an excellent networking facility and allows different areas to showcase their unique products and services. A personal highlight was the visit to Monarto Zoo.

The community pool is as popular as ever with locals and visitors alike. Manager Barry Daniell and his well trained staff ensure a safe environment for the enjoyment of everyone during the warmer months.



Manager Barry Daniell supervising diving training

This year has seen great cooperation with service providers to enable affordable access and use of the pool facility.

Leah Henderson
Visitor Information Officer

Schedule of Community Donations

During the financial year the following community donations were allocated:

Coober Pedy Area School – Out of School Hours Care (5 Projects)	\$5,400
Coober Pedy Amateur Racing Club Inc.	\$1,590
Dusty Radio	\$1,200
Coober Pedy Motor Club (in-kind)	\$3,000
Coober Pedy Miners Association	\$8,500
Carols By Candlelight	\$1,000
Coober Pedy Historical Society	\$ 550
Coober Pedy Multi-Cultural Forum	\$ 500
Coober Pedy Shooters Club	\$3,200
TOTAL:	\$24,940

Census 2006 (2006 ABS Census Summary) Coober Pedy (DC) (Local Area)			
	Male	Female	Total
Population	1,081	832	1,913
Speaks language other than English	280	173	453
People of Indigenous Origin	128	140	269

Age Group	Number	% of total persons in Region	Australia	% of total persons in Australia
0 – 4 years	121	6.30%	1,260,405	6.30%
5 – 14 years	210	11.00%	2,676,807	13.50%
15 – 24 years	167	8.70%	2,704,276	13.60%
25 – 54 years	788	41.20%	8,376,751	42.20%
55 – 64 years	364	19.00%	2,192,675	11.00%
65 years & over	264	13.80%	2,644,374	13.30%
Median Age	44		37	

Source: 2006 Census QuickStats: Coober Pedy (DC) (Local Area)

Despite the effort of Council, Census 2006 staff and other community organisations, the statistics provided as a result of the 2006 Census were disappointing and do not reflect the true population of Coober Pedy, which is estimated to be approximately 3,500 therefore the information provided above should be tempered by that reality.



Oxiana Oval

ELECTED MEMBERS



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

ELECTED MEMBERS MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

Name	Ordinary	Attended	Special	Attended
Mayor S Baines	12	10	5	5
Cr M Maylin	12	9	5	3
Cr P Athanasiadis	12	9	5	3
Cr T Doulgeris	12	9	5	3
Cr A Morgan	12	11	5	5
Cr B Rapaic	12	9	5	2
Cr B Staines	12	8	5	4
Cr G Sykes	12	12	5	5
Cr K Woon	12	10	5	4

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION

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

SELECTED STATISTICS FOR 12 MONTHS TO 30TH JUNE 2008

<u>Properties</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
Crown Land (non-rateable)	354	10,650,488
Vacant	253	2,407,905
Residential	1,170	56,694,412
Commercial & Industrial	146	23,579,870
Other non-rateable	0	0
Primary	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>1,923</u>	<u>93,332,675</u>
Building Applications (Commercial Only)	13	
Planning Applications	48	
Land Division	0	

Water Supply Department

Raw water pumped from bore field	530,405 kl
Potable water produced	316,521 kl
Desalination operating hours	10,516 hrs
Number of customers	1,562
New connections for 12 months to 30.6.2008	8
Services removed	1
Sewerage Scheme intake	50,030 kl
Treated Effluent Recovery Rate	91.76%
Irrigation (grey) water	45,910 kl
Highest recorded daily water demand	1,221 kl

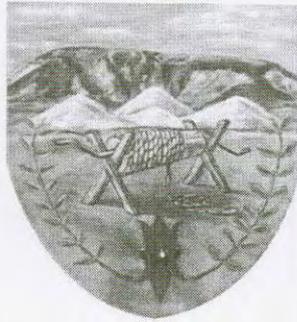
Electricity Supply Department

(Energy Generation Pty Ltd (enGen) data)	
Kilowatt hours of electricity generated (including Wind Turbine)	12,350,379 kWh
Town Consumption	12,323,373 kWh
Fuel consumed (diesel litres)	3,344,838 litres

Works Department

Roads – Council road lengths at 30th June 2008 (includes roads to mining fields)

Lengths at end of year	<u>Sealed</u>	<u>Formed</u>	<u>Unformed</u>	<u>Natural surface</u>	<u>Total</u>
In built-up areas (km)	25.70	39.30			65.00
In non built-up areas (km)	2.00	102.00	<u>12</u>	<u>242</u>	<u>358.00</u>
Total Road Lengths	<u>27.70</u>	<u>141.30</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>242</u>	<u>423.00</u>



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF COOPER PEDY

General Purpose Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2008

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DISTRICT COUNCIL OF COOBER PEDY

INCOME STATEMENT
for the year ended 30 June 2008

	Notes	2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000
INCOME			
Rates	2	1,257	1,206
Statutory charges	2	25	17
User charges	2	4,488	4,145
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	5,709	6,433
Investment income	2	50	39
Reimbursements	2	260	260
Other income	2	124	193
Total Income		<u>11,913</u>	<u>12,293</u>
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	3	2,942	2,865
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	8,458	8,272
Finance costs	3	54	92
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	1,089	1,216
Total Expenses		<u>12,544</u>	<u>12,445</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(631)	(152)
Net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets	4	(6)	(8)
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2	39	33
Physical resources received free of charge	2	-	-
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		<u>(598)</u>	<u>(127)</u>

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



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF COOBER PEDY

BALANCE SHEET
as at 30 June 2008

	Notes	2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	508	268
Trade & other receivables	5	1,146	1,193
Other financial assets	5	-	-
Inventories	5	1,095	854
		<u>2,749</u>	<u>2,315</u>
Non-current Assets held for Sale			
Total Current Assets		<u>2,749</u>	<u>2,315</u>
Non-current Assets			
Investment Property	6	-	-
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	6	19,449	18,958
Total Non-current Assets		<u>19,449</u>	<u>18,958</u>
Total Assets		<u>22,198</u>	<u>21,273</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	7	1,693	1,732
Borrowings	7	2,035	306
Provisions	7	52	23
Other Current Liabilities	7	-	-
		<u>3,780</u>	<u>2,061</u>
Liabilities relating to Non-current Assets held for Sale			
Total Current Liabilities		<u>3,780</u>	<u>2,061</u>
Non-current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	7	-	-
Borrowings	7	904	1,100
Provisions	7	116	116
Other Non-current Liabilities	7	-	-
Total Non-current Liabilities		<u>1,020</u>	<u>1,216</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>4,800</u>	<u>3,277</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>17,398</u>	<u>17,996</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		12,895	13,493
Asset Revaluation Reserve	8	4,478	4,478
Other Reserves	8	25	25
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>17,398</u>	<u>17,996</u>

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

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF COOBER PEDY

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
for the year ended 30 June 2008

	2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000
	Notes	
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS		
Balance at end of previous reporting period	13,493	13,620
Adjustment to give effect to changed accounting policies		
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year	(598)	(127)
Transfers to Other Reserves	-	-
Transfers from Other Reserves	-	-
Balance at end of period	12,895	13,493
ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE		
	9	
Balance at end of previous reporting period	4,478	4,478
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	-	-
Transfer to Accumulated Surplus on sale of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	-	-
Adjustment due to compliance with revised Accounting Standards		
Balance at end of period	4,478	4,478
OTHER RESERVES		
	9	
Balance at end of previous reporting period	25	25
Transfers from Accumulated Surplus	-	-
Transfers to Accumulated Surplus	-	-
Balance at end of period	25	25
TOTAL EQUITY AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD	17,398	17,996
<i>Total of all revenues recognised directly in Equity</i>	-	-
<i>Total of all expenses recognised directly in Equity</i>	-	-
NET CHANGE IN EQUITY	-	-

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

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF COOBER PEDY

CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 30 June 2008

	2008	2007
	\$'000	\$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
<u>Receipts</u>		
Operating receipts	12,654	12,675
Investment receipts	51	38
<u>Payments</u>		
Operating payments to suppliers & employees	(12,404)	(12,740)
Finance payments	(47)	(97)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities	254	(132)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
<u>Receipts</u>		
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets	39	33
Sale of replaced assets	97	28
<u>Payments</u>		
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets	(819)	(457)
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets	(861)	(492)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities	(1,547)	(887)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
<u>Payments</u>		
Repayments of Borrowings	1,665	(298)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities	1,665	(298)
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held	372	(1,317)
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	136	1,453
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	508	136

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

District Council of Coober Pedy

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 30 June 2008

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

1 Basis of Preparation

1.1 Compliance with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards

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

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

1.2 Historical Cost Convention

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

1.3 Critical Accounting Estimates

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

1.4 Rounding

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

2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

DCCP is incorporated under the SA Local Government Act 1999 and has its principal place of business at Lot 773 Hutchison Street, Coober Pedy, 5723. These financial statements include the consolidated fund and all entities through which Council controls resources to carry on its functions. In the process of reporting on the Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between activity areas and controlled entities have been eliminated. 1

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.



District Council of Coober Pedy

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2008

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 Other Real Estate held for resale

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

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

6 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

6.1 Transitional Provisions

Council has elected not to recognise land under roads in accordance with the deferral arrangements available under AASB 1045 which expire 30 June 2008. As at 1 July 2008, Council has elected not to recognise any values for land under roads acquired before the commencement of AASB 1051 *Land Under Roads*.

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

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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

6.2 Initial Recognition

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

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

6.3 Materiality

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

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

6.4 Subsequent Recognition

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

6.5 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

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

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

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

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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

Sealed Roads – Surface	15 to 25 years
Sealed Roads – Structure	20 to 50 years
Unsealed Roads	10 to 20 years
Bridges – Concrete	80 to 100 years
Paving & Footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	80 to 100 years
Bores	20 to 40 years
Reticulation Pipes – PVC	70 to 80 years
Reticulation Pipes – other	25 to 75 years
Pumps & Telemetry	15 to 25 years
Other Assets	
Library Books	10 to 15 years

6.6 Impairment

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

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

6.7 Borrowing Costs

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

7 Payables

7.1 Goods & Services

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

7.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

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

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".

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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

9 Employee Benefits

9.1 Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences

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

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

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

9.2 Superannuation

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme. The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently.

Accumulation Fund Members

The accumulation fund receives both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are normally based on a fixed percentage of employee earnings in accordance with Superannuation Guarantee Legislation (9% in 2007/08; 9% in 2006/07). 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.

Defined Benefit Members

Council makes employer contributions to the defined benefits categories of the Scheme at rates determined by the Scheme's Trustee. The rate is currently 6% (6% in 2006/2007) of superannuation salary. 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 Fund's Defined Benefit 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 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.

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 Joint Ventures and Associated Entities

Council participates in cooperative arrangements with other Councils for the provision of services and facilities.



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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

12 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.

13 Comparative Information

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

14 New Accounting Standards

Certain new accounting standards and UIG interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2008 reporting period.

- AASB 8 *Operating Segments*
- AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*
- AASB 123 *Borrowing Costs*
- AASB 1004 *Contributions*
- AASB 1050 *Administered Items*
- AASB 1051 *Land Under Roads*
- AASB 1052 *Disaggregated Disclosures*
- AASB 2007-3 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 8 [AASB 5, AASB 6, AASB 102, AASB 107, AASB 119, AASB 127, AASB 134, AASB 136, AASB 1023 & AASB 1038]*
- AASB 2007-6 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 123 [AASB 1, AASB 101, AASB 107, AASB 111, AASB 116 & AASB 138 and Interpretations 1 & 12]*
- AASB 2007-8 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards [AASB 1, AASB 2, AASB 4, AASB 5, AASB 107 & AASB 128]*
- AASB 2007-9 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Review of AASs 27, 29 and 31 [AASB 3, AASB 5, AASB 8, AASB 101, AASB 114, AASB 116, AASB 127 & AASB 137]*
- *Interpretation 4* *Determination whether an Arrangement contains a Lease*
- *Interpretation 13* *Customer Loyalty Programmes*
- *Interpretation 14* *AASB 119 – The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction*
- *Interpretation 129* *Disclosure – Service Concession Arrangements*
- *Interpretation 1038* *Contributions by Owners Made to Wholly-Owned Public Sector Entities*

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

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for the year ended 30 June 2008

Note 2 - INCOME

	Notes	2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000
RATES REVENUES			
<u>General Rates</u>		870	810
Less: Mandatory rebates			
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs		(1)	(5)
		869	805
<u>Other Rates</u> (including service charges)			
Waste collection		120	112
Water supply		236	228
		356	340
<u>Other Charges</u>			
Penalties for late payment		27	41
Legal & other costs recovered		5	20
		32	61
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs			
		1,257	1,206
 STATUTORY CHARGES			
Development Act fees		16	9
Animal registration fees & fines		9	8
		25	17
 USER CHARGES			
Cemetery/crematoria fees		3	0
Electricity Sales		2,742	2,776
Water Sales		1,015	1,125
Waste Water Fees		173	
Works		81	
Childcare Fees		66	84
Commercial Bin Pickup		58	54
Swimming Pools Fess		18	32
Landing Fees		87	51
Sundry		245	23
		4,488	4,145
 INVESTMENT INCOME			
Interest on investments			
Local Government Finance Authority		50	39
		50	39

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NOTE 2 - INCOME (continued)

	Notes	2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000
REIMBURSEMENTS			
- for private works		<u>260</u>	<u>260</u>
		<u>260</u>	<u>260</u>
OTHER INCOME			
Sundry		<u>124</u>	<u>193</u>
		<u>124</u>	<u>193</u>
GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS			
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets		<u>39</u>	<u>33</u>
Other grants, subsidies and contributions		<u>5,709</u>	<u>6,433</u>
		<u>5,748</u>	<u>6,466</u>
<i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 2.</i>			
Sources of grants			
Commonwealth government		<u>1,846</u>	<u>2,119</u>
State government		<u>3,690</u>	<u>4,347</u>
Other		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>5,748</u>	<u>6,466</u>

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NOTE 2 - INCOME (continued)

	2008	2007
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>	175	175
<i>Less: expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods</i>		
<i>Roads Infrastructure</i>		
<i>Heritage & Cultural Services</i>	119	
<i>Subtotal</i>	119	
<i>Unexpended at the close of this reporting period</i>	56	<u>175</u>

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Note 3 - EXPENSES

	Notes	2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Salaries and Wages		2,249	2,041
Employee leave expense		325	471
Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions	20	98	94
Superannuation - defined benefit plan contributions	20	127	120
Workers' Compensation Insurance		143	139
Total Operating Employee Costs		2,942	2,865
 Total Number of Employees		61	59
<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		9	6
Elected members' expenses		25	44
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		34	57
 <u>Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses</u>			
Contractors		5,274	4,740
Legal Expenses		19	42
Parts, accessories & consumables		1,219	1,220
Sundry		1,912	2,213
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		8,424	8,215
		8,458	8,272

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Note 3 - EXPENSES (cont)

	Notes	2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000
FINANCE COSTS			
Interest on Loans		<u>54</u>	<u>92</u>
		54	92
DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT			
Depreciation			
Infrastructure		63	49
Water		165	172
Electricity		355	463
Stormwater Drain		3	3
Buildings		81	78
Furniture		50	46
Plant & Equipment		278	319
Land		-	-
Waste Water		15	15
Roads		<u>79</u>	<u>71</u>
		1,089	1,216



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Note 4 - ASSET DISPOSAL & FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

	Notes	2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000
INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT			
<i>Assets renewed or directly replaced</i>			
Proceeds from disposal		97	28
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		<u>103</u>	<u>36</u>
Gain (Loss) on disposal		<u>(6)</u>	<u>(8)</u>
NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION OF ASSETS		<u>(6)</u>	<u>(8)</u>

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Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS

	Notes	2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS			
Cash on Hand and at Bank		498	71
Deposits at Call		10	197
		508	268
 TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES			
Rates - General & Other		116	149
Accrued Revenues		-	1
Debtors - general		178	124
Debtors - Elec		511	428
Debtors - Water		171	277
Debtors - Sundry		9	15
GST Recoupment		88	118
Prepayments		136	146
Total		1,209	1,258
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts		63	65
		1,146	1,193
 INVENTORIES			
Stock-Works		205	99
Stock-Electricity		403	411
Stock-Water		487	344
		1,095	854

Aggregate write-downs and other losses recognised as an expense, and reversals of these, were not material in amount in either year. All such reversals occurred principally as a result of clerical inaccuracies during stores operations.

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	2007				2008			
	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	152	(89)	860	797	557	(152)	1,202
Water	5,735	18	(344)	5,409	5,735	125	(509)	5,351
Electricity	3,560	60	(926)	2,694	3,560	94	(1,281)	2,373
Stormwater Drain	166	-	(6)	160	166	-	(9)	157
Building	3,625	276	(151)	3,750	3,625	318	(232)	3,711
Furniture	306	-	(92)	214	306	139	(142)	303
Plant & Equipment	2,426	663	(611)	2,478	2,426	1,098	(884)	2,637
Land & Land Improvements	663	-	-	663	663	-	-	663
Wastewater	495	15	(30)	480	495	31	(45)	481
Roads	2,327	66	(143)	2,250	2,327	466	(222)	2,571
Other assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	20,100	1,250	(2,392)	18,958	20,100	2,828	(3,476)	19,449
2007 Totals					20,100	1,250	(2,392)	18,958

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	CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR										2008 \$'000
	\$'000										
	2007 \$'000	Additions		Disposals	Depreciation	Impairment	Blank	Net Revaluation	CARRYING AMOUNT		
CARRYING AMOUNT	New/Upgrade	Renewals									
Note 6 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT											
Infrastructure	860	302	103	-	(63)	-	-	-	-	1,202	
Water	5,409	31	76	-	(165)	-	-	-	-	5,351	
Electricity	2,694	-	34	-	(355)	-	-	-	-	2,373	
Stormwater Drain	160	-	-	-	(3)	-	-	-	-	157	
Building	3,750	7	35	-	(81)	-	-	-	-	3,711	
Furniture	214	13	126	-	(50)	-	-	-	-	303	
Plant & Equipment	2,478	124	413	(100)	(278)	-	-	-	-	2,637	
Land & Land Improvements	663	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	663	
Waste Water	480	16	-	-	(15)	-	-	-	-	481	
Roads	2,250	368	32	-	(79)	-	-	-	-	2,571	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	18,958	861	819	(100)	(1,089)	-	-	-	-	19,449	
2007 Totals	20,100	1,250			(2,392)					18,958	

This Note continues on the following pages.

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

Valuation of Assets

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

Plant, Furniture & Equipment

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

Land & Land Improvements

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

Land improvements, including bulk earthworks with an assessed unlimited useful life, are recognised on the cost basis, originally deriving from a valuation at 30 June 1995 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

Pursuant to Council's election, buildings and other structures are recognised on the cost basis.

Infrastructure

Transportation assets were valued by Council officers at written down current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June 1996 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Stormwater drainage infrastructure was valued by Council officers as at 30 June 1997 at written down current replacement cost, based on actual costs incurred during the reporting period ended 30 June 1997 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Community wastewater management system infrastructure was valued by Council officers at written down current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June 1995 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost. Major depreciation periods are: (here list useful lives of principal asset types)

All other assets

Pursuant to Council's election, these assets are recognised on the cost basis. Library books and other lending materials are capitalised in bulk, and written out when fully depreciated.



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Note 7 - LIABILITIES

	Notes	2008 \$'000		2007 \$'000	
		Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES					
Goods & Services		1,362		1,175	
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements		301		279	
Accrued expenses - other		30		23	
Other				255	
		1,693	-	1,732	-
 BORROWINGS					
Bank Overdraft				132	
Loans		1,935	904	174	1,100
Other - Trust Account		100			
		2,035	904	306	1,100
 <i>All interest bearing liabilities are secured over the future revenues of the Council.</i>					
 PROVISIONS					
Employee entitlements (including oncosts)		52	116	23	116
		52	116	23	116

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Note 8 - RESERVES

ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	1/07/2007	Net Increments (Decrements)	Transfers on Sale	30/06/2008
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Asset Revaluation Reserve		4,478		4,478
Water				
Electricity				
Buildings				
Furniture				
Total Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment		4,478		4,478
Available for Sale Investments				
TOTAL		4,478		4,478
2007 Totals		4,478		4,478
OTHER RESERVES	1/07/2007	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/06/2008
Breakaways Pass	25			25
TOTAL OTHER RESERVES	25			25
2007 Totals	25			25

PURPOSES OF RESERVES

Asset Revaluation Reserve

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

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Note 9 - 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 Statement of Financial Position as follows:

	Notes	2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000
Total cash & equivalent assets	5	508	268
Less: Short-term borrowings	8	-	(132)
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		508	136

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)	(598)	(127)
Non-cash items in Income Statement		
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	1,089	1,216
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits	51	86
Change in allowances for under-recovery	(2)	
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity	(39)	(33)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals	6	8
	507	1,150
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets		
Net (increase) decrease in receivables	49	(561)
Net (increase) decrease in inventories	(241)	67
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables	(61)	(788)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations	254	(132)

(c) Financing Arrangements

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

Corporate Credit Cards	9	9
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Note 10 - FUNCTIONS												
INCOMES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES												
	Income		EXPENSES		OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME		ASSETS HELD (CURRENT & NON-CURRENT)		TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	2007	ACTUAL	2008	ACTUAL	2007	ACTUAL	2008	2007	2008		
	2008	\$'000	2007	\$'000	2008	\$'000	2007	\$'000	2008	\$'000	2007	\$'000
Administration	2429	2221	942	1633	1487	588	716	761	536	4627		
Community	538	523	1070	1035	-532	-512	403	371				
Water	1399	1424	1152	1159	248	265	0		6114	5409		
Waste	293	264	263	194	31	70			467			
Works	1054	1077	2576	2569	-1555	-1517	42	176	8626	5820		
Electricity	7546	8226	7856	7272	-310	954	4548	5158	3540	3102		
TOTALS	13,260	13,735	13,859	13,862	(631)	(152)	5,709	6,466	19,283	18,958		

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 10 (cont) - COMPONENTS OF FUNCTIONS

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

Electricity Supply

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

Water Supply

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

Waste Water

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

Works

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

Administration

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

Community

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



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Note 11 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Recognised Financial Instruments

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits **Accounting Policy:** Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned.

Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 0% and 7% (2007: 0% and 6%). Short term deposits have an average maturity of 24 hours and an average interest rates of 7% (2007: 24 hours, 6%).

Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.

Receivables - Rates & Associated Charges (including legals & penalties for late payment) **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.

Terms & conditions: Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 9.75% (2007: 8.95%) Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the State.

Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

Receivables - Fees & other charges **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.

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.

Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

Receivables - other levels of government **Accounting Policy:** Carried at nominal value.

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.

Carrying amount: approximates fair value.

Receivables - Retirement Home Contributions **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.

Terms & conditions: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective legislation.

Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals **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.

Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.

Carrying amount: approximates fair value.

Liabilities - Retirement Home Contributions **Accounting Policy:** To avoid inconvenience when complying with the separate audit requirements imposed by the relevant legislation, amounts are carried at nominal values.

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.

Carrying amount: approximates fair value for short tenancies; may be non-materially over-stated for longer tenancies.

Liabilities - Interest Bearing Loans **Accounting Policy:** Carried at the principal amounts. Interest is charged as an expense as it accrues.

Terms & conditions: secured over future revenues, loans are repayable (describe basis); interest is charged at fixed (or variable - describe) rates between 6.55% and 8.25% (2007: 6.15% and 7.3 p%)

Carrying amount: approximates fair value.

Liabilities - Finance Leases **Accounting Policy:** accounted for in accordance with AASB 117.

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Note 11 (cont) - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Liquidity Analysis

2008	Floating Interest Rate \$'000	Fixed interest maturing in ≤ 1 year \$'000	> 1 year ≤ 5 years \$'000	> 5 years \$'000	Non- interest bearing \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial Assets						
Fair Value through P&L						
Cash Assets	507				1	508
Other Financial Assets					-	-
Loans & Receivables						
Receivables					1,010	1,010
Other Financial Assets					-	-
Held to Maturity Investments						
Other Financial Assets					-	-
Available for Sale						
Cash Assets					-	-
Other Financial Assets					-	-
Total	507	-	-	-	1,011	1,518
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	4.00%					
Financial Liabilities						
Payables					1,362	1,362
Current Borrowings					-	-
Non-Current Borrowings	1,731	128	804	176	100	2,939
Total	1,731	128	804	176	1,462	4,301
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	8.25%	6.97%	6.97%	6.97%		
EXCESS OF FINANCIAL ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES						
	(1,224)	(128)	(804)	(176)	(451)	(2,783)

2007	Floating Interest Rate \$'000	Fixed interest maturing in ≤ 1 year \$'000	> 1 year ≤ 5 years \$'000	> 5 years \$'000	Non- interest bearing \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial Assets						
Fair Value through P&L						
Cash Assets	180				88	268
Other Financial Assets					-	-
Loans & Receivables						
Receivables					1,046	1,046
Other Financial Assets					-	-
Held to Maturity Investments						
Other Financial Assets					-	-
Available for Sale						
Cash Assets					-	-
Other Financial Assets					-	-
Total	180	-	-	-	1,134	1,314
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	10.45%					
Financial Liabilities						
Payables					1,430	1,430
Current Borrowings	132				-	132
Non-Current Borrowings		174	844	256	-	1,274
Total	132	174	844	256	1,430	2,836
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	10.45%	6.84%	6.84%	6.84%		
EXCESS OF FINANCIAL ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES						
	48	(174)	(844)	(256)	(296)	(1,522)

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Note 11 (cont) - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

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 provision for doubtful debts. All Council investments are made with the SA Local Government Finance Authority and are guaranteed by the SA Government. Except as detailed in Notes 5 & 6 in relation to individual classes of receivables, exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries, and there is no material exposure to any individual debtor.

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

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

Interest Rate Risk is the risk that future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Most of Council's financial instruments - both assets and liabilities - are at fixed rates. Any such variations in future cash flows will not be material in effect on either Council incomes or expenditures.

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Note 12 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

	2008	2007
<u>Notes</u>	\$'000	\$'000
Other Expenditure Commitments		
Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:		
Audit Services	9	10
Employee Remuneration Contracts	862	941
Others	140	270
	1011	1221
These expenditures are payable:		
Not later than one year	510	476
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	501	745
Later than 5 years	1011	1221
Electricity Expenditure Commitments		
Other expenditure committed for (excluding inventories) at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:		
Fixed Price	8550	9172
Operating Price	7061	7526
Fuel Price	58980	64230
Other	74591	80928
These expenditures are payable:		
Not later than one year	5660	5542
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	24560	24178
Later than 5 years	44371	51208
	74591	80928



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Note 13 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

	2008	2007	2006
<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	(631)	(152)	475
<i>Being the operating surplus (deficit) before capital amounts.</i>			
Operating Surplus Ratio			
<u>Operating Surplus</u>	(50%)	(13%)	52%
Rates - general & other less NRM levy			
<i>This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of general and other rates, net of NRM levy.</i>			
Net Financial Liabilities			
	3,146	1,816	2,059
<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>	26%	15%	18%
Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy			
Interest Cover Ratio			
<u>Net Interest Expense</u>	0.0%	0.4%	0.9%
Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy less Investment Income			
Asset Sustainability Ratio			
<u>Net Asset Renewals</u>	66%	76%	29%
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>	N/A	N/A	N/A
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 14 - UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

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

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

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

	2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000
Operating Revenues	11,913	12,293
<i>less</i> Operating Expenses	<u>(12,544)</u>	<u>(12,445)</u>
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(631)	(152)
<i>less</i> Net Outlays on Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	819	457
<i>less</i> Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	(1,089)	(1,216)
<i>less</i> Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	(97)	(28)
	<u>(367)</u>	<u>(787)</u>
<i>less</i> Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets <i>(including investment property & real estate developments)</i>	861	492
<i>less</i> Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	(39)	(33)
<i>less</i> Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets <i>(including investment property and real estate developments)</i>	-	-
	<u>822</u>	<u>459</u>
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	<u>(1,086)</u>	<u>176</u>



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Note 15 – SUPERANNUATION

Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme (the Scheme). The Scheme has two categories of membership, each of which is funded differently.

Similar note to be included for any other Schemes

The Scheme's accumulation category, receives both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are normally based on a fixed percentage of employee earnings (9% required under Superannuation Guarantee Legislation). 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 Scheme.

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

Council makes employer contributions to the defined benefit category of the Scheme at rates determined by the Trustee on the advice of the Scheme's Actuary. On the basis of the results of 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 2005, the Trustee has determined that the current funding arrangements are adequate for the expected Defined Benefit Plan liabilities.



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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. 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.

2. BANK GUARANTEES

Council has not guaranteed certain loans and other banking facilities advanced to community organisations and sporting bodies, at reporting date.

3. 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 0 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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STATEMENT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I, Trevor McLeod, the person for the time being occupying the position of Chief Executive Officer of District Council of Coober Pedy, do hereby state that the Financial Statements of the Council for the year ended 30 June 2008 are to the best of my knowledge presented fairly, and in accordance with accounting procedures which have been maintained in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* made under that Act.



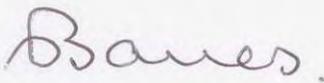
Trevor McLeod

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dated this 10th day of December 2008

ADOPTION STATEMENT

Laid before the District Council of Coober Pedy and adopted on the 16th day of DECEMBER 2008.



Steve Baines

MAYOR

District Council of Coober Pedy

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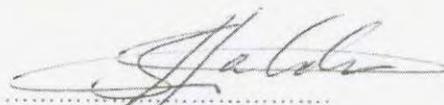
CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of District Council of Coober Pedy for the year ended 30 June 2008, the Council's Auditor, John D Ewen & Associates, has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* made under that Act.

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



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Trevor McLeod
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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Forrest Holder
**ACTING PRESIDING MEMBER
AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Date: 10/12/2008.

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

We have audited the accompanying Financial Report of the District Council of Coober Pedy which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2008 and the income statement, cash flow statement and statement of changes in equity for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the Chief Executive Officer's declaration as set out on pages 1 – 33.

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL REPORT

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

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

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

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

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

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

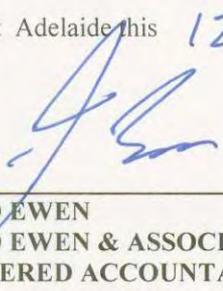
In conducting our audit we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* and the Australian professional accounting bodies.

AUDIT OPINION

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

- a) To give a true and fair view of:
 - i) the Council's state of affairs as at 30 June 2008 and changes in equity resulting from operations and cashflows for the year ended on that date.
 - ii) the other matters required by the Local Government Act 1999 to be dealt with in the financial statements.
- b) According to the Local Government Act 1999, together with the Local Government Act 1999 (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 made under that Act; and
- c) According to Australian Accounting Standards and mandatory professional reporting requirements.

Signed at Adelaide this 12th day of December 2008.



JOHN DEWEN
JOHN DEWEN & ASSOCIATES
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

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

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of the District Council of Coober Pedy for the year ended 30 June 2008, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Section 290, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* made under that Act.

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

Signed at Adelaide this 12th day of December 2008.



JOHN DEWEN
JOHN DEWEN & ASSOCIATES
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT