

Annual Report 2006-2007



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Vision, Values and Purpose

Vision Statement for the Central Coast Community

The Vision for Central Coast was developed at Our Community Our Future Search Conference held on 30 April to 2 May 2004.

*Central Coast, a growing and innovative community,
valuing our culture and natural resources.*

- *Growing and innovative community*
As a community we will continue to grow, learn and develop. Growth and innovation are important to our agricultural industry, business, economy, education and future prosperity.
- *Valuing our culture and natural resources*
Our people, lifestyle, heritage, traditions and unique natural landscapes are valued and will continue to be nurtured.

Values

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|----------------------|------------|
| • Family | • Trust |
| • Quality of life | • Respect |
| • Pride in community | • Friendly |
| • Honesty | • Caring |

Vision Statement for the Central Coast Council

Leading a growing and innovative community.

Purpose

To improve the quality of community life in Central Coast.

Central Coast

Tasmania's Central Coast municipal area is, as its name suggests, set in the heart of the North-West Coast, spanning an area of 932km² and has a population 21,259 people (according to ABS estimates June 2006). Extending westerly to the Blythe River and easterly just beyond the Forth River, from coastal beaches the boundary extends southwards through the fertile countryside to the rugged Leven Canyon, limestone caves and Black Bluff mountain range boasting snow-capped peaks in the depths of winter.



Central Coast is one of the most picturesque municipal areas in Tasmania and has a moderate climate reflecting all four seasons. Visitors and residents alike enjoy the lovely beaches and easy lifestyle through the summer months; this is followed by sunny autumn days where the scenery is postcard perfect. The winter months bring snow to the elevated areas, whilst coastal temperatures are less extreme. Whatever time of year, Central Coast is one of the most tranquil and captivating settings in Tasmania.

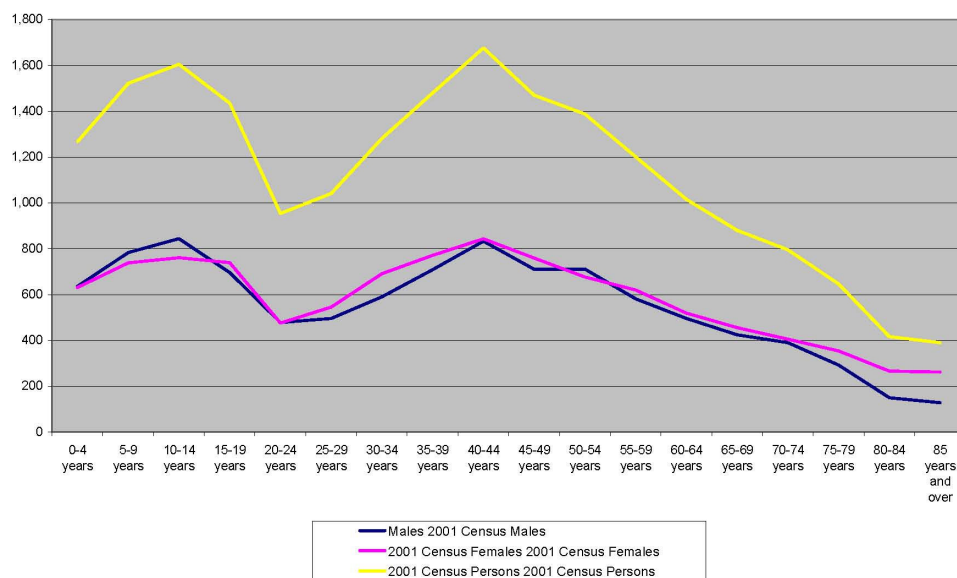


The coastal townships of Penguin (population 4,200) and Ulverstone (population 10,900), are the business centres of Tasmania's Central Coast; they offer quality friendly service, a wide range of retail outlets, restaurants, and coffee shops. All the services you would expect from a larger urban centre are here. The region is one of the safest places to live of anywhere in Australia, enjoying the nation's lowest crime rate.

Quality recreational facilities and expansive open spaces are synonymous with Central Coast. A diverse range of clubs and organisations caters for the wide range of interests amongst the community. Families can select from a number of kindergartens, primary and secondary schools and older people are well catered for too. The proportion of total population in dependent ages is as follows:

Central Coast

2006 Census



The economy is largely rural based, with the majority of people in the workforce being employed in agriculture, manufacturing, community services and retail/wholesale trades.

Highlights at a Glance

Partnership Agreement with State Government

The Partnership Agreement was signed at a community forum hosted by the State Government in October 2006. A list of achievements over the last 12 months is detailed at pages 44 and 45.

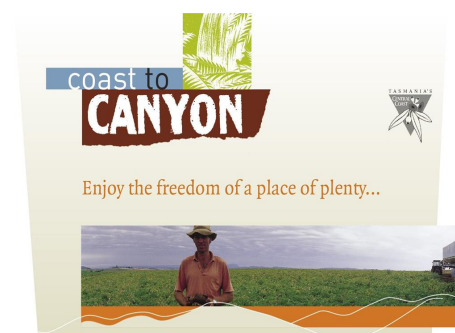
Photo: Premier Paul Lennon and Mayor Mike Downie at the community forum for the signing of the Partnership Agreement.



Coast to Canyon Brand application

The Coast to Canyon Brand application is progressively being implemented. This includes the development of the style guide, new signage erected throughout the municipal area, a new website, and promotional and marketing resources.

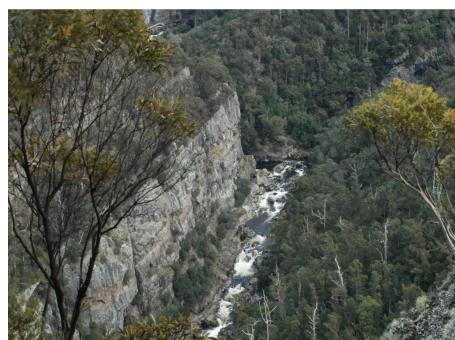
Photo: Coast to Canyon Brand signage.



Leven Canyon Reserve

The Council recognised the iconic value of the Leven Canyon in our community and our State and committed resources to upgrade the Reserve facilities. These include a new toilet, upgrades to the picnic shelters, and a new link track from the lookout to the lower track. The Council was successful in securing funding valued at \$197,000 towards the Coast to Canyon Experience.

* Photo: The Leven Canyon.



Highlights at a Glance

Ulverstone Showground Redevelopment

The Master Plan has been completed to concept stage. Funding to proceed to detailed design stage has been secured from State and Federal Governments as well as the Council.

Photo: Ulverstone Showground.



Ulverstone Wharf Redevelopment

The Master Plan has been completed to concept stage. The Council is working with Crown Land Services and the Department of Economic Development to progress to expressions of interest for the Wharf Redevelopment.

Photo: Ulverstone Wharf.



Roads to Recovery Program

The Council has completed year two of the second four-year program, with total funding of \$1.88m. Projects included Kings Parade reconstruction, South Riana Road reconstruction, Kindred Road-Clerkes Plains Road junction, and Top Gawler Road-Picketts Road junction.

* Photo: Improvements to Top Gawler Road-Picketts Road junction.



Highlights at a Glance

Forth sewerage construction

The project has been completed and property connections are under way. This project commenced in 1993 following the formation of Central Coast and the transfer of the Forth/Leith area from Devonport. Total expenditure was \$2.1m. including the extension of the Turners Beach Wastewater Lagoons, reticulation, pump stations and rising mains to the Turners Beach Lagoons.

* Photo: Leith/Forth Valley.



Capital Works Program

Forth Road and Leith Road - The design of the upgrade for Forth Road from Mell Street to Wilmot Road and the intersection with Leith Road was completed in preparation for construction in 2007.

Heybridge Sewerage - Design for sewerage to the remainder of Heybridge was completed and a tender let for construction.

Main Road, Penguin - The Main Street Makeover and the provision of underground power in Main Road, Penguin was progressed.

Ulverstone Wastewater Outfall - The outer section of the outfall was realigned. Effluent disinfection tests commenced with a view to installation of disinfection at the Ulverstone Wastewater Treatment Plant and replacement of section of the outfall in Braddon Street in 2007-2008.

Ulverstone Recreation Ground - Design and documentation of the building redevelopment and grandstand roof replacement completed for construction in 2007.

Ulverstone Showground - Stage 3 renovations to the Keith Johnstone building were completed.



* Photos: The Main Street Makeover at Penguin included new seating on the foreshore and playground fencing.

Highlights at a Glance

Arts and Culture Strategy

The Council adopted the Central Coast Arts and Culture Strategy. The Strategy is intended as a framework that provides strategic guidelines for the area to foster and support arts and cultural development. The Strategy comes as a result of the objectives outlined in the Council's Strategic Plan 2004-2009.

* Photo: Slipstream Circus performance.



Review of Community Plans

The Council has reviewed the Community Plans through extensive consultation, with the holding of workshops at Turners Beach, Penguin, Forth, Ulverstone, Leith and Heybridge/Sulphur Creek/Preservation Bay. All the workshops were well attended and updated community plans for each township have been developed which details activities being progressed over the next 10 years.

Photo: Forth Community Plan workshop.



Planning Scheme

In February 2007 the Council considered the submissions received in respect of the Draft Central Coast Planning Scheme 2005, and forwarded them to the Resource Planning and Development Commission (RPDC) for consideration. Public hearings will be scheduled for later in 2007.

Photo: Preservation Bay.



Highlights at a Glance

Financial performance measures

The Council continued to manage its finances prudently. A report on the 'Financial Sustainability of Local Government in Tasmania' was produced this last year and the Council will review all of its financial policies over the next 12 months in response to recommendations outlined in the report. In the LGAT publication *Measuring Council Performance in Tasmania*, the Council performed well on a number of financial indicators as at 30 June 2006, as follows:



	Central Coast	State Average
Cost of Debt Ratio	0.3%	1.1%
Revenue per Capita	\$1,070	\$1,603
Total Rates per Capita	\$600	\$788
Year-end Rates Outstanding	0.4%	3.7%
Electronic Service Delivery (receipts issued electronically)	46.2%	48.7%

Building development

Central Coast experienced another record year of building development, with a total of 441 approvals valued at \$40.2m, showing particularly strong residential development. This links to the population increase identified in the 2006 Census data, as well as investor confidence and productivity growth.



* Photo: Building construction at Penguin.

Mayor's Report

Once again it is my privilege on behalf of the Councillors and staff to report to you on the governance and affairs of the Council for the year ended 30 June 2007.

The past year has once again proven to be very busy and at times extremely sad.

Over the past year many groups, organisations and individuals were involved in many activities and we started with the Penguin Lions Club naming Lions Park after one of their members, the late Zvoni Gornik. "Swannee" Gornik loved this park and spent many hours improving the surrounds for our community to enjoy.



The Council also started the reviews of all community plans that had been in place for around 10 years. Many people were involved with the review process and we thank them for their input. A new community plan was developed for the Heybridge, Sulphur Creek and Preservation Bay areas.

Leighland Christian School, Penguin and Ulverstone High Schools all produced excellent musical productions that once again showcased the young talent that exists in our municipal area.

Stage two of the Bass Highway duplication commenced in September and is on track to be completed by March 2008; on/off ramps at Castra Road will also be undertaken as part of the Highway upgrade.

The Council signed a Partnership Agreement with the State Government in October, with many projects within the Agreement designed to bring benefits to our community.

The 17th National Trefoil Gathering Convention along with the State Lions Convention were held during October and November.

We also visited Canberra in November seeking funds to allow the redevelopment of the Ulverstone Showgrounds and it is pleasing to report our labour has borne fruits, with \$1.85m. committed by the Australian Government. It is also pleasing to report that the Tasmanian Government has committed \$1.85m. towards the upgrade of the Showgrounds.

Mayor's Report

The Australia Day service concert was once again a success, with over 300 people enjoying the excellent local talent and our special guest, Carmen Young from Hobart. We thank all those involved for giving us another night to remember.

The annual Long Table Dinner was held once again as part of the Festival in the Park. This event is now one which the community looks forward to very much.

The community celebrated 100 years of Scouting in Australia during February with an event held at the Outdoor Entertainment Centre.

The Ulverstone Angler's Club held a new event, the "Carnival of the Grasshopper", in March and we hope this will become an annual event.

The Ulverstone Soccer Club returned to the Showgrounds after many years at the Knights Road ground.

The Central Coast Chamber of Commerce and Industry conducted their annual business awards in June; it was pleasing to see so many businesses present at the awards presentation dinner.

Cr Jan Edwards resigned after 10 years' service because of work commitments in Hobart. Thanks Jan, your contribution was excellent over those 10 years.

We also had the sad loss of Cr Rodney Cooper who passed away on 9 May 2007. Cr Cooper was a member of the Council for 20 years and took his role as a councillor very seriously and had great pride in representing all residents in his community. Rodney is sadly missed around the Council table and we extend our deepest sympathies to his family.

The Council has experienced another busy year within our building and planning sections, with 94 new dwellings and 53 new units being approved. There was a total of 441 building approvals, with the total value of all approvals being \$40.2m., up from \$29.75m. the previous year.

These figures once again indicate a growing confidence in the economy of Central Coast and the continuation of good news to our building industry.

Over the coming years Central Coast should witness many exciting projects and developments. The interest being expressed in the Showgrounds and Wharf redevelopments is quite exceptional. The proposed building developments will also bring with them many changes to our

Mayor's Report

towns if approved. Thank you to the many positive comments expressed to me from members of our community.

The draft planning scheme has now entered its final stages, with the RPDC conducting public hearings with over 230 submissions to the draft scheme. Let's hope the new scheme will be completed before the year's end.

I would like to thank Council staff for all their hard work over the past year, it is very much appreciated. Their hard work has helped consolidate the Council's position as one of the leading councils in Tasmania.

I again repeat overwhelmingly, the greatest asset of our community is the people who have worked so tirelessly, particularly those in a voluntary capacity, to help make Central Coast a municipal area we can all be proud of.

Finally, I thank my fellow Councillors for their commitment and hard work in working towards Council's vision:

*"Central Coast, a growing and innovative community,
valuing our culture and natural resources."*

(Cr) Mike Downie
MAYOR

Governance Arrangements

Organisational Structure

Katherine Schaefer, General Manager



Bevin Eberhardt, Director Assets & Engineering



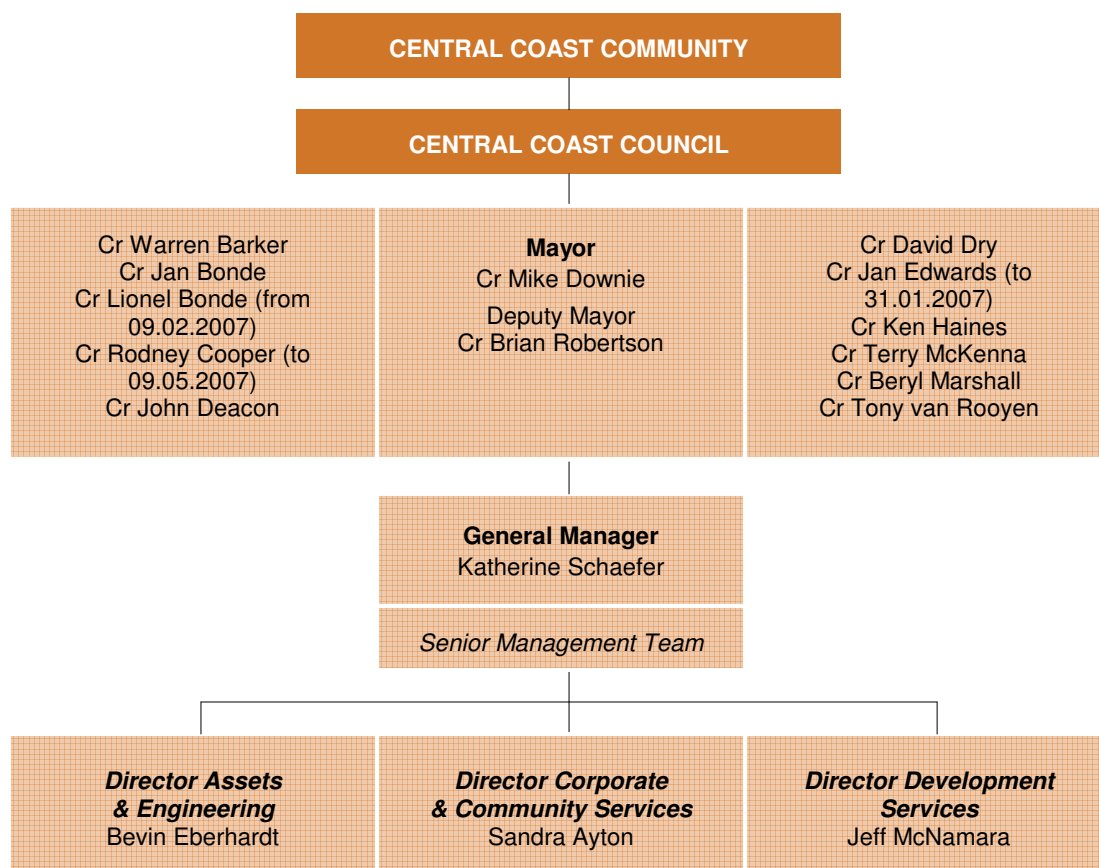
Sandra Ayton, Director Corporate & Community Services



Jeff McNamara, Director Development Services



Governance Arrangements



Governance Arrangements

Council Members and Committee Membership

Cr Mike Downie (Mayor)

- Local Government Association of Tasmania
AGM, General Meetings and General Management Committee
- Premier's Local Government Council
- Cradle Coast Authority Representatives Group
- Development Support Special Committee
- Economic Development Planning Committee
- Central Coast Council Bursary Working Group
- General Manager Performance Review Panel
- Central Coast Community Safety Partnership Committee
- State Emergency Service Emergency Planning Committee
- Mersey Region Emergency Management Planning Committee



Cr Brian Robertson (Deputy Mayor)

- Leven Fire Management Area Committee
- Cradle Coast Authority Representatives Group
- Ulverstone Learn-to-Swim Centre Management Committee
- Development Support Special Committee
- Central Coast Council Bursary Working Group
- General Manager Performance Review Panel
- Community Events Working Group
- Pricing Policies Working Group
- Central Coast Youth Engaged Steering Committee
- Councillors Code of Conduct Panel



Cr Warren Barker

- Development Support Special Committee
- Bush Watch Western District Committee
- Small Grants Panel



Governance Arrangements

Cr Jan Bonde

- North West Action for Youth Committee
- Castra-Sprent-Nietta Community Advisory Committee (Liaison)
- Economic Development Planning Committee
- Community Events Working Group



Cr Lionel Bonde (elected 09.02.2007)



Cr Rodney Cooper (deceased 09.05.2007)

- Australia Day Awards Committee
- Central Coast Community Safety Partnership Committee



Governance Arrangements

Cr John Deacon

- Central Coast Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc.
- Penguin Surf Life Saving Club
- Ulverstone Surf Life Saving Club



Cr David Dry

- Ulverstone Band
- Councillors Professional Development Program Working Group
- Councillors Code of Conduct Panel



Cr Jan Edwards (resigned 31.01.2007)

- Australia Day Awards Committee
- Economic Development Planning Committee
- Community Events Working Group
- Councillors Professional Development Program Working Group



Governance Arrangements

Cr Ken Haines

- Development Support Special Committee
- Pricing Policies Working Group
- Councillors Professional Development Program Working Group
- Economic Development Planning Committee



Cr Terry McKenna

- Cradle Coast Water Representatives Group
- Dulverton Regional Waste Management Authority Representatives Group
- Dial Sports Club Management Committee
- Pricing Policies Working Group
- Councillors Code of Conduct Panel



Cr Beryl Marshall

- Ulverstone Local History Museum Committee (Liaison)
- Small Grants Panel



Governance Arrangements

Cr Tony van Rooyen

- Development Support Special Committee
- Small Grants Panel
- General Manager Performance Review Panel



Governance Arrangements

Council Meetings

The *Local Government Act 1993* requires that councils provide a statement detailing the attendance of each councillor at meetings of the council or any council committee during the preceding financial year.

Attendance at meetings of the Council is shown in Table 1. The Council has no council committees.

Table 1 - Councillor Attendance at Meetings

Councillor	Council Meetings
Barker, Warren	17
Bonde, Jan	14
Bonde, Lionel (from 09.02.2007)	8
Cooper, Rodney (to 09.05.2007)	8
Deacon, John	16
Downie, Mike	17
Dry, David	14
Edwards, Jan (to 31.01.2007)	3
Haines, Ken	15
McKenna, Terry	17
Marshall, Beryl	17
Robertson, Brian	16
van Rooyen, Tony	16
<i>Total meetings</i>	<i>17</i>

Governance Arrangements

Council Statistics

Table 2 - Assets Data

Assets	
Roads	
Urban - Sealed/Unsealed	133km/1km
Rural - Sealed/Unsealed	400km/136km
<i>Total Roads</i>	<i>670km</i>
Bridges	75
Footpaths	135km
Water	
Reservoirs	7
Booster Pump Stations	6
Reticulation Length	193km
Sewerage	
Treatment Plants and Capacity	Ulverstone - 16,000 equiv. pop.
	Turners Beach - 2,500 equiv. pop.
Pump Stations	62
Pipeline Length	225km
Maintenance Holes	3,358
Drainage	
Pipeline Length	119km
Maintenance Holes/Pits	3,760
Waste Management	
Transfer Stations and Resource Recovery Centre	4
Recreation	
Parks	99
Gardens	43
Recreation Grounds	13

Governance Arrangements

Buildings (select)	
Aged-persons Units	77
Public Toilets	40
Barbecue Huts	13
Picnic Huts	4
Bus Shelters	23
Treatment Plants	2

Table 3 - General Statistics

	2006-2007
Area	932km ²
Population (June 2006)	21,259
Non Current Assets	\$279,846,590
Non Current Liabilities	\$1,984,346
Net Wealth of the Council	\$283,904,376
Revenue	\$23,375,909
Rates	\$13,399,884
Rates per Capita	\$631
Loan Debt	\$363,145
Debt Service Ratio	1.44%
Water Connections	7,669
Sewerage Connections	6,927
Water Purchased (megalitres)	4,291,616
Rateable Properties	9,978
Planning and Building Applications	586
Rates Outstanding	2.21%
Electors (June 2006)	15,572

Governance Arrangements

Table 4 - Staffing - Employee Numbers

	Full-time equiv.			Total
Department	Full-time	Part-time	Casual	
General Management	5			5
Assets & Engineering	82			82
Corporate & Community Services	28	22	39	89
Development Services	12	1	2	15
<i>Total</i>	<i>127</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>191</i>

Table 5 - Complaints

Nature	No. Received
Staff	2
Fees and Charges	1
Service/Product	4
Service/Product/Staff	5

General Manager's Report

The last 12 months have been a rewarding year for staff as we embarked on a path of continuous improvement. This has seen a review of a number of core business processes over the last few months. I congratulate those staff who have led these processes within their Departments. Our obligation is to do what is best for the community and to do it to the best of our ability.



The community planning process with Turners Beach, Forth, Penguin, Leith, Ulverstone and Heybridge/Sulphur Creek/Preservation Bay communities was highly successful. Over 325 people attended the six community forums. I want to publicly thank staff who both coordinated and participated in these forums. I also want to thank the communities for the giving of their time, energy, ideas and aspirations for their communities over the next decade.

The Council and State Government signed a three-year Partnership Agreement which details how we will work together to progress strategic issues important to the Central Coast community. This Agreement has already led to confirmation on the location of the replacement bridge over the Leven River in Ulverstone. Other commitments, which are not directly as a result of the Partnership Agreement from the State Government, have been \$250,000 for the Penguin Main Street Makeover Program and \$197,000 for the *Caves to Canyon Tourism Experience* through the *Tourism Promotional Program*.

The Council has also been successful in significant funding commitments from the Australian Government. These include a commitment from the Prime Minister for \$1.85m. towards the Ulverstone Showground Redevelopment. The Council was successful in receiving two AusLink Strategic Regional Funding Programs valued at just under \$1m. each. They were for the widening and construction of South Riana Road from South Riana to the Blythe River, and for the realignment and safety improvements to Spellmans Bridge and Road. These are joint grants between the Central Coast, Burnie City and Kentish Councils respectively.

The Council once again set an ambitious capital works program and completed the following projects: Forth sewerage reticulation on the western side of the Forth River, further upgrades to the Central Coast Resource Recovery Centre, replacement of the section of the Ulverstone Wastewater Outfall, safety improvements and reconstruction to a number of rural and urban sealed roads. These, as well as other capital works projects, are detailed in the Governance section of this Report. The Council also undertook a complete condition assessment of its footpath network as part of its Asset Management Plan.

General Manager's Report

I have been particularly pleased with the increased focus on Natural Resource Management (NRM). The community through the Search Conference in 2004 clearly identified NRM as a future direction for our community. While staff changes delayed our progress in this area, we are now well on track, with substantial projects proposed over the next 12 months.

The Senior Management Team and Group Leaders have committed to the development of a Leadership Strategy for the organisation and identifying leadership competencies we expect from leaders across the organisation. To date we have participated in a couple of leadership development workshops. I congratulate these leaders for how they are responding to the challenges that confront us now and as we move forward in building our organisation as an employer of choice.

The Council is committed to its policy to 'reduce and, where practicable, eliminate the risk of injury or damage to health of all Council employees, contractors and visitors.' The Council reviewed its Occupational Health, Welfare and Safety Management System. Our new system is based on the nationally recognised standard *AS/NZS 4801 Occupational health and safety management systems*. Ongoing over the next 12 months, considerable work will be undertaken to develop the System and prepare for an independent audit.

An *Arts and Culture Strategy* for the municipal area was developed. We were only the second council in Tasmania to develop such a strategy. We valued the input from the many stakeholders within the arts and cultural community.

This year was a sad time for staff, councillors and the community when we lost a long-serving councillor in his battle with cancer. Cr Rodney Cooper died on 9 May 2007. He served the Ulverstone and Central Coast communities as a Councillor from 22 March 1986 to 18 November 1991 and from 27 March 1993 to 9 May 2007, almost 20 years.

The Council has been forced to consider and respond to two critical strategic issues which will impact upon and potentially change local government service delivery over the next decade. They are the Access Economics Report on the *Financial Sustainability of Local Government in Tasmania* and the State Government's *Water and Sewerage Reform*. Our Council has examined the recommendations from the report by Access Economics and how they apply to Central Coast. The next 12 months will see a review of all of our financial policies and practices.

With respect to our response to the reform of water and sewerage, we have been working with all councils in the region and Cradle Coast Water to consider a regional solution to the reform.

General Manager's Report

While the Council's preferred position is for the current arrangements to remain, the State Government has repeatedly advised all councils that the status quo is not an option moving forward.

I commend this Annual Report to you and welcome any feedback on our performance and its contents.

Katherine Schaefer
GENERAL MANAGER

Strategic Plan's Future Directions - Activities and Performance

As stated in the Strategic Plan 2004-2009, responsibility for the achievement of future directions and major objectives of the Plan extends beyond the Council to individual community members, businesses, community organisations and other tiers of government.

Where the Council directly contributes towards the achievement of these future directions it has reported its activities and performance over the last 12 months. It should be remembered that the future directions and major objectives have a five-year time frame.

- **Community Well-being**
Support access to physical and social resources to promote quality of life.
- **Education**
Create meaningful lifelong learning opportunities.
- **Industry and Business Development**
Nurture an environment for innovative industry and business development.
Enhance employment opportunities.
- **Leisure and Recreation**
Facilitate equitable access to a range of cultural, leisure and recreational opportunities.
- **Natural Resource Management**
Protect the natural environment and promote sustainable development.
A clean and green municipal area.
- **Tourism Development**
Encourage quality visitor experiences through appropriate tourism sector development.
- **Governance**
Plan and manage Council resources.

Strategic Plan's Future Directions - Activities and Performance

Community Well-being

Support access to physical and social resources to promote quality of life.

* Photo: Council and Tasmania Police work together to build a safer community.



Major objectives

- Encourage the coordination of services for seniors
- Improve the services available to children and young families
- Improve community safety
- Provide opportunities for the development and growth of young people
- Engage young people in community decision making
- Foster partnerships for the provision of quality health services
- Develop awareness of available health and community services

Activities

Provide and maintain supportive housing options.

Provision of high-quality and affordable child care options.

Performance

The Council has the following housing options available:

- 77 aged-persons home units
- Ganesway (supported family-style accommodation for up to 10 elderly people)
- Ulverstone Accommodation Centre for GP registrars and medical students.

The Council provides the following child care options:

- Ulverstone Child Care Centre - long day care and holiday programs (licensed for 75 places)
- Penguin Fun Club Outside School Hours Care Program provides for 'out of school hours' care and vacation care (licensed for 30 places). This service now operates out of the Penguin Primary School.

Strategic Plan's Future Directions - Activities and Performance

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Ulverstone Outside School Hours Care Program provides for 'out of school hours' care and vacation care (licensed for 30 places). This service operates out of the East Ulverstone Primary School.
Support volunteer services by providing practical assistance and support.	The Ulverstone Volunteer Group is coordinated and managed through the Council. It is a valuable resource and serves the elderly, frail and disabled of our community. The coordination of drivers is now being undertaken by volunteers.
Develop a Community Profile.	The Council developed a profile of the demographic, socio-economic and geographic characteristics of the population. The profile better informs decision making and planning by the Council. This will be updated under new data from the 2006 Census over the next 12 months.
Develop a Positive Ageing Strategy.	As Central Coast's Community Profile identifies a significantly higher level of older people residing in the area, the Council has commenced the development of a Positive Ageing Strategy. The local strategy will also have strong links with the Tasmanian Plan for Positive Ageing 2006-2011. This strategy, along with identified actions, should be completed by November 2007.
Finalise the development of the Community Safety Plan.	The Plan was endorsed by the Community Safety Partnership Committee and approved by the Council in late 2006. Progress on achievement of the actions is reported at the bi-annual meetings.

Strategic Plan's Future Directions - Activities and Performance

Education

Create meaningful lifelong learning opportunities.

* Photo: Penguin High school students gain trades experience under the STEPS program coordinated by the School Business Alliance Project.



Major objectives

- Facilitate learning opportunities for all members of the community
- Form strategic partnerships to further education, training and employment pathways
- Increase community awareness of benefits of education

Activities

Support the Youth Engaged Steering Committee and the School Business Alliance Project.

Host and partially fund the School Business Alliance Project.

Performance

Continued to host the Committee and support its role in assisting our young people to make a successful transition from school to work, further education and training.

Developed and promoted the partnership between local and State governments. Informed the Guaranteeing Futures Area Taskforce and Engaging School Communities Taskforce.

Coordinated fund raising with service clubs and schools for the construction of a large shed for flexible learning activities at the Ulverstone High School. The shed will also be available for community groups outside school hours.

Provided support and resources to State and Federal Government initiatives such as Stronger Learning Pathways and the Local Community Partnerships.

Strategic Plan's Future Directions - Activities and Performance

Developed a business case and applications for funding to establish a business enterprise employing long-term unemployed young people.

Developed programs and initiatives for students to enhance their career pathway planning.

Strategic Plan's Future Directions - Activities and Performance

Industry and Business Development

Nurture an environment for innovative industry and business development.

Enhance employment opportunities.

* Photo: Onion production line at Perfecta Produce (Ulverstone), a major exporter to worldwide destinations.



Major objectives

- Support productive agriculture
- Promote and market agriculture
- Develop the "Agricultural Centre of Excellence" concept
- Promote a sustainable investment environment
- Develop innovative strategies to foster business opportunities
- Develop a marketing strategy for Central Coast
- Foster strategic partnerships across industry sectors and establish industry clusters

Activities

Implement review findings on scope and role of the Economic Development Planning Committee (EDPC).

Review the Economic Development Plan based on the implications of the Central Coast Visitor Strategy; review of the EDPC and the Department of Economic Development's REDI Plan.

Implement the actions approved in the Central Coast Visitor Strategy.

Performance

The EDPC has reconvened in its new format. Focus has been on taking a more strategic use to land-use settlement and investment issues.

A project business plan has been developed for the development of a Settlement and Investment Strategy to inform future economic development and investment opportunities. The Settlement Strategy will be conducted in 2007-2008.

Roll out of the Visitor Strategy continued throughout the year. Activities included the completion of the place branding project that included a new dedicated web site, scenic drive upgrades, updated directional and visitor information signage and a thematic interpretation strategy. It also included the commencement of the upgrade of the Leven Canyon.

Strategic Plan's Future Directions - Activities and Performance

Establish a tourism outcomes reference group that supports the work of the EDPG.

No work was done on this task for the period.

In conjunction with peak industry bodies, convene a series of industry sector forums to identify and prioritise specific local projects (an action plan) that will deliver significant tourism outcomes.

An industry forum was conducted to gauge the interest of developing an agri-tourism project. Whilst there was support for the concept, a lack of resources has meant that the project did not proceed.

In conjunction with the Department of Economic Development and industry peak bodies, convene industry sector forums to determine industry training and support needs and opportunities.

One forum was held with the agricultural and tourism industries.

Develop brand application materials and collateral, including image library and style guide and templates.

The Coast to Canyon branding has been completed and includes style guide and associated communication strategy.

Develop fully serviced land for industrial and commercial purposes as demands require.

The Council has subdivided further land at the East Ulverstone Industrial Estate. All lots have been sold with the exception of one which is under contract.

Review the corporate promotional literature.

This project has been delayed pending the development of the Central Coast Branding application process and the development of the Corporate Brand.

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Leisure and Recreation

Facilitate equitable access to a range of cultural, leisure and recreational opportunities.

* Photo: Saturday morning soccer at the Ulverstone Showground.



Major objectives

- Support an accessible, diverse and rich range of community arts and cultural activities
- Promote events and major festivals that build our cultural identity
- Coordinate management of reserves and tracks from Coast to Cradle
- Foster partnerships to improve shared use of reserves and tracks
- Provide effective management of recreation facilities and open space

Activities

Ongoing provision of a quality convention, meeting, training and entertainment venue.

Maintain public halls and buildings.

Performance

Utilisation (bookings) of the Ulverstone Civic Centre was as follows:

- Leven Theatre - 113
- Gawler Room - 139
- Isandula Room - 196
- Manager's Office/Other - 172.

Utilisation (bookings) of Council halls was as follows:

- Castra-Sprent Community Centre - 30
- Former Ulverstone Visitor Information Centre - 141
- Gawler Hall - 109
- North Motton Hall - 66
- Penguin Railway Station - 101
- Riana Community Centre - 78
- Sulphur Creek Hall - 188
- Turners Beach Hall - 153.

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Undertake Open Space and Recreation Review.	The Review is currently under way to identify needs and gaps and to determine future directions with respect to these amenities.
Develop the Ulverstone Showground Master Plan.	The Master Plan has been completed to concept stage. Funding to proceed to detailed stage has been received. Detailed design for the redevelopment will be completed in 2007-2008, with construction aimed to start early in 2008-2009.
Investigate the feasibility of cycleway from Turners Beach to Ulverstone.	Work has progressed to determine the route for the Turners Beach to Ulverstone shared pathway. Consultation with community groups and individuals has contributed to the development of the plan of the pathway, and estimates have now been prepared to enable the Council to source grant opportunities prior to committing to undertake this project.
Recognise and/or celebrate significant community events.	<p>The Council supported the following community events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under-16 National Basketball Championships • Cradle Coast Rotary Art Exhibition • Ten Days on the Island • Festival in the Park 2007 (Aquathon) • Christmas Lights Competition • Ulverstone and Penguin Christmas Parades • 10,000 Steps (Community House) • Australia Day, Anzac Day and Remembrance Day • National Youth Week.
Ongoing development of the Ulverstone Local History Museum.	The Council financially supports the Ulverstone Local History Museum.
Provide an indoor swimming facility within 'management' and financial constraints.	The Ulverstone Learn to Swim Centre is used outside school hours by community groups. Utilisation over the last year was 1,149 hours (1,022 bookings).

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Operate the Ulverstone Waterslide during the summer months.

The Waterslide operated for the period 11 November 2006 to 4 March 2007.

- Highest utilisation day - 231 tickets
- Average tickets sold per day - 104
- Private bookings for season - 140.5 hours.

Maintain recreation grounds and facilities to a practicable and relevant standard.

Undertook works in accordance with the Estimates adopted by the Council.

Support groups and organisations in projects which contribute to the development of the community.

The Council granted funds to the following organisations through its Small Grants Scheme:

- Country Women's Association in Tasmania Inc. (\$500) - printing of history book
- Enormity Inc. (\$898) - holding of two movie nights for young people
- Lodge of Peace (\$339) - replace tables
- Penguin Bowls Club Committee (\$362) - purchase of lawn mower and brush cutter
- Penguin Bowls Club (\$2,500) - promotional brochure and entry form for upcoming tournament
- Penguin Clay Target Club (\$2,909) - upgrade to entrance road
- Penguin Cricket Club (\$2,490) - relocation of batting practice nets
- Penguin High School Interact Club (\$909) - raised garden beds at Coroneagh Park
- Rotaract Club of Central Coast (\$909) - Rotaract youth leadership camp
- Rotary Club of Ulverstone West (\$1,000) - training camp for young community leaders
- Seventy and Over Christmas Dinner Committee (\$727) - Christmas dinner for those over 70 years old

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- Slipstream Circus (\$3,333) - staging of Slipstream Circus Showtime 06
- Turners Beach Coastcare Inc. (\$300) - production of brochure of walking tracks in Turners Beach
- Turners Beach Football Club Inc. (\$1,364) - upgrade to kitchen
- Ulverstone Basketball Association Inc. (\$2,640) - upgrade of gym equipment
- Ulverstone Judo Club (\$800) - provision of uniforms to participants
- Ulverstone Rowing Club (\$696) - new rowing machine
- Young Anglers Development Inc. (\$1,499) - purchase of ride-on lawn mower

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Natural Resource Management

*Protect the natural environment and
promote sustainable development.
A clean and green municipal area.*

Photo: Council staff work with Ulverstone High School students on a tree planting project at the Old Nietta Railway Reserve.



Major objectives

- Promote best practice environmental management of the hinterland and coast
- Encourage sustainable land management
- Participate in water and catchment management
- Develop river precinct studies to determine sustainable land-use opportunities

Activities

Maintain coastal management.

Investigate Natural Resource Management (NRM).

Implement NRM and parks management.

Maintain parks and open space areas.

Performance

Maintenance of foreshore and liaison with Coastcare groups undertaken.

Researched regional NRM strategy and attended seminars in respect to weed management.

Integrated approach to NRM and parks progressed.

Parks and open space areas maintained to acceptable service standards.

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Tourism Development

Encourage quality visitor experiences through appropriate tourism sector development.

* Photo: Feeding the alpacas at Wing's Wildlife Park, Gunns Plains.



Major objectives

- Develop Coast to Leven Canyon concept
- Improve visitor numbers to the municipal area
- Enhance the Leven River wharf area
- Facilitate strategic alliances to enhance tourism services

Activities

Implement the tourism issues identified in the Central Coast Local Visitor Strategy.

Implement the tourism issues identified in the Central Coast Economic Development Plan.

Performance

Coast to Canyon Brand signage is currently being rolled out throughout the municipal area.

Funding has been sourced for further development of the Leven Canyon.

An Arts and Culture Strategy has been adopted by the Council. This also includes the value of cultural tourism to the area.

The Council is progressing towards receiving TVIN status for the Ulverstone Visitor Information Centre.

Completed toilets and track upgrade at the Leven Canyon Reserve.

Preliminary design and funding progressed for further upgrade of Leven Canyon Reserve.

Progressive implementation of the Coast to Canyon Scenic Drive signage.

See above.

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Develop tourism marketing and promotional resources.

Developed Coast to Canyon Brand concept. The Brand is now being used in all promotional materials and also incorporated in the design of a new promotional brochure.

Identify business processes to be incorporated in the Ulverstone Visitor Information Centre.

Ulverstone Visitor Information Centre was successful in becoming accredited with the Tourism Industry Council of Tasmania Accreditation Scheme.

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Plan and manage Council resources.

* Photo: The Council's Senior Management Team and Group Leaders.



Major objectives

- Provide effective leadership
- Provide transparent, accountable public policy and decision making
- Foster partnerships and strategic alliances
- Foster community leadership
- Meet our statutory and regulatory obligations
- Plan for and develop a sustainable community
- Develop and manage sustainable infrastructure
- Enable community participation in strategic directions
- Provide customer focused services
- Inform the community of Council and local government matters
- Create a municipal area that is productive and socially and aesthetically attractive
- Foster an integrated transport and planning system

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Activities

Refine major objectives in the Strategic Plan 2004-2009 and complete work on performance indicators.

Implement the next Enterprise Bargaining Agreement.

Action the Communications Policy, Customer Service Charter and the Community Consultation Policy.

Performance

The Balanced Scorecard of key performance indicators has been developed.

Progressive milestones have been achieved.

The Council used a range of mediums to increase community awareness, understanding, interest and involvement and participation in major activities, plans and programs which impact on the community.

The major community engagement project was the six community plan forums held in Penguin, Forth, Ulverstone, Turners Beach, Leith and Heybridge/Sulphur Creek/Preservation Bay.

The Council also used a variety of mediums to communicate with the community including:

- *The Mayor's Report to the Community* with the rates notice
- *Mayor's and Deputy Mayor's Message* in Tuesday's Advocate newspaper
- Mayor's monthly mornings and afternoons in Penguin and Ulverstone
- Mayor's and General Manager's business visitation program, as well as attendance at Central Coast Chamber of Commerce & Industry monthly meetings
- Attendance by Councillors at community organisations' meetings and events
- Targeted letter mail-outs and newspaper bulletins
- Weekly advertising in The Advocate newspaper
- The Council website.

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Finalise the Partnership Agreement with the State Government.

The Partnership Agreement was signed at a community forum hosted by the State Government in October 2006. See Table 6 below.

Table 6 - Report on Partnership Agreement

	Achievements
✓	• Council officers with the support of Department of Economic Development (DED) officers are progressing the development of a business case to secure funding for an Agricultural Enterprise Project.
✓	• The Council and DED are progressing the implementation of the Industrial Land Use Strategy.
✓	• Both Penguin and Ulverstone High Schools actively participate in the Youth Engaged Steering Committee and engage with the related activities.
✓	• The Project Officer for the Youth Engaged Steering Committee negotiated with local service clubs to provide funding and construction of a suitable shed at Ulverstone High School for flexible learning programs.
✓	• Following the development of a staged Master Plan for the Leven Canyon Reserve the Council was successful in receiving funding for interpretation and upgrades through the Tourism Promotional Plan funding program.
✓	• The State Government confirmed funding of \$1.85m. as a contribution towards the Redevelopment of the Ulverstone Showgrounds. The commitment will ensure the relocation of the wharf tenants to the Showgrounds to enable the Ulverstone Wharf Redevelopment to proceed.
✓	• Crown, Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST), DED and the Council are working on the development of an Expression of Interest Process for the Ulverstone Wharf Redevelopment.
✓	• Tasmania Police and the Council are working closely together with the implementation of the Community Safety Plan.
✓	• Commenced community road safety partnership program by representation on the Central Coast Community Safety Partnership Committee.
✓	• Commenced discussions with the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and

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✓	Resources (DIER) re the future maintenance and enhancement of Preservation Drive.
✓	• Commenced work on formal agreement with the Western District State Emergency Service.
✓	• Continued participation in the Mersey Region Emergency Management Planning Committee.
✓	• Informal meetings with Department of Tourism, Arts and the Environment (DTAE) officers concerning coastal management issues.
✓	• Participated in Natural Resource Management forums with Cradle Coast NRM Committee and the Department of Primary Industries and Water (DPIW).
✓	• Progressed data sharing of land information with DPIW.
✓	• Pursued the replacement of the Leven River Bridge with DIER.
✓	• Implementation of Local Visitor Strategy being progressed.
✓	• Implementation of Coast to Canyon experience being progressed.
✓	• Sport & Recreation Tasmania working with the Council in the development of the Turners Beach to Ulverstone shared pathway.
✓	• Arts Tasmania has worked with the Council in the development of our Arts and Culture Strategy.
✓	• An application has been submitted to the Small Museums and Collections program.
✓	• An application has been submitted for the Roving Curator program.
✓	• Updated the Council's Small Grants program and now includes cultural events. Arts Tasmania had input into this review.
✓	• The Council is developing a Positive Ageing Strategy and sourcing information from the Seniors Bureau and the Positive Ageing Consultative Committee.
✓	• Exchanged geo-scientific information to enable enhanced land stability mapping.
✓	• Emergency Animal Disease preparedness training undertaken.
✓	• Identified Forward Command Post for Emergency Animal Disease outbreaks within the municipal area.

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Provide leadership development for the Senior Management Team.	The Senior Management Team (SMT) together with Group Leaders participated in Leadership Development Workshops. Over the next 12 months a Leadership Strategy will be developed.
Undertake a systems/process review as a major project.	A Business Improvement Program was implemented across the Council. This is modelled on the Best Value program for local government in Victoria.
Service Council meetings, particularly through the provision of agendas and minuted records.	Meeting notices, agendas and minutes prepared in accordance with requirements of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> .
Support Councillors in carrying out their functions as prescribed by the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> .	Twenty-three Councillors' workshops were held.
Provide for allowances and expenses to be paid to Councillors in accordance with the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> .	Complied with Expenses for Councillors Policy. Councillors' allowances - \$175,000 Councillors' expenses - \$43,000.
Provide a statement relating to the total annual remuneration paid to employees of the Council who hold positions designated by the Council as being senior positions.	See Table 7 below for details.

Table 7 - Total Annual Remuneration of Senior Employees

Total annual remuneration paid to employees of the Council who hold positions designated by the Council as being senior positions. This includes salary, Council's contribution to superannuation and FBT costs.

Band	No. Employees	Annual Remuneration
\$100,000-\$120,000	1	\$108,305
\$120,000-\$140,000	2	\$245,423
\$140,000-\$160,000	1	\$157,433

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Develop Asset Management Plans.	<p>Updated asset data for roads, water, sewerage, drainage and buildings.</p> <p>Completed Path Network Asset Management Plan.</p> <p>Programmed further Infrastructure Asset Management Plans.</p>
Prepare and implement forward programs.	Completed works and updated five-year plans for roads, water, sewerage, drainage, waste management and plant replacement.
Implement works construction and maintenance in accordance with the Estimates.	Completed or commenced all works with a combination of Council day-labour and contractors.
Undertake inspection programs as part of risk management.	Continued footpath inspections, undertook pipeline inspections on sewerage and drainage as required by video camera. Completed bridge and tree inspections.
Ensure infrastructure to subdivisions is designed and constructed to approved standards.	Supervised and accepted ownership of a number of new streets and asset infrastructure as the result of subdivision development.
Promote awareness of rural roads safety.	Continued implementation of the Code of Practice to minimise materials deposited on public roads and created a greater awareness of the safety issues on rural roads.
Assess the need for sealing further unsealed roads.	Continued survey of unsealed rural roads in order to review rural roads strategy.
Provide integrated footpath network.	Renewed footpath in Victoria Street.
Upgrade timber bridges.	Replaced timber bridge at Bishops Creek (Lowana Road), Crawfords Creek (Isandula Road), Fidler Creek (Porters Road), Pine Creek (Haywoods Road) with concrete.

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Provide additional public car parks.	Completed construction of carpark in Forth.
Complete projects under the Roads to Recovery (R2R2) program.	Completed implementation of year two of R2R2 over four years. Projects included Kings Parade reconstruction, South Riana Road reconstruction, Kindred Road-Clerkes Plains Road junction, Picketts Road-Top Gawler Road junction.
Improve drainage.	Continued pipe drainage to Forth, Ulverstone and Penguin.
Provide sewerage to Forth.	Completed construction and commenced operation of Forth sewerage.
Provide sewerage to Heybridge.	Design and tender let for completion of Heybridge sewerage.
Provide waste management disposal facilities.	Progressed operations of Central Coast Resource Recovery Centre at Lobster Creek Road.
Provide extension to Central Coast Memorial Park.	Continued operations of Central Coast Memorial Park.
Provide public amenities.	Replaced public toilets at Turners Beach and Leven Canyon Reserve.
Maintain a portfolio of insurance coverage and a risk management plan.	<p>The Council has continued its relationship with the self-insurance mutual liability scheme operated by Civic Mutual Plus. The Council's 2007 assessment resulted in an increase in ranking from 72% to 74%.</p> <p>The Council has employed a Risk & Safety Coordinator to enable the Council to continue to maintain its focus on workplace safety and the management of risk in all areas of Council operations.</p> <p>The Council has adopted a Risk Management Strategy based on Australian Standard <i>AS/NZS 4360 Risk Management</i>. The strategy encompasses the Council's public liability, occupational health and</p>

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	safety and municipal emergency management risk and is supported by an annual Risk Management Action Plan.
Provide a functional Administration Centre and Service Centre for employees and public alike.	Improvements have been undertaken in accordance with the Estimates adopted by the Council.
Prepare a Dog Management Policy.	The Council has implemented a Dog Management Policy drafted following wide-ranging community consultation. Signage and dog-waste bag dispensers were implemented throughout the year which addressed some of the matters arising from the Policy.
Manage animal control function.	The Council employed an additional ranger during the months of November-December-January to achieve increased patrols of key areas concerned with dog management issues. Dogs registered totalled 2,664.
Provide for the Council's services to be accessed over the Internet.	<p>The Council continually updates its web page to ensure that it is more contemporary and easier to navigate.</p> <p>This year the web page has also been updated to ensure that it is consistent with the new Corporate Brand.</p>
Provide financial leadership for the Council.	Coordinated the Estimates program for adoption by the Council and ensured that all programs are being monitored.
Ensure the Council's accounts are presented and audited annually.	Audited financial reports are appended.
Provide details in relation to any contract for the supply or provision of goods or services valued at or above \$100,000 excluding GST.	See Table 8 for details.

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Table 8 - Contracts for the Supply or Provision of Goods or Services

Successful Contractor	Description of Contract	Period of Contract	Value of Tender/Contract Over \$100,000 (excl. GST)
Stubbs Constructions P/L PO Box 573 Burnie 7320	Stage 3 renovations to the Keith Johnstone building at the Ulverstone Showground	July 2006-Feb 2007	\$243,783
D & L Morrison Machinery PO Box 170 Newstead 7250	Supply and delivery of Kobelco SK200-8 Geospec excavator	Nov 2006	\$138,770
Shaw Contracting P/L 776 Whitmore Road Whitmore 7303	Construction of sewerage and drainage reticulation at Forth	Nov 2006-Mar 2007	\$156,420
De Jong & Sons Constructions P/L 111 Eastland Drive Ulverstone 7315	New toll booth, amenities and tip shop at Central Coast Resource Recovery Centre	Mar 2006-June 2007	\$210,570
Shaw Contracting P/L 776 Whitmore Road Whitmore 7303	Construction of sewerage reticulation at Heybridge	May 2007-	\$404,472
Matthews Construction P/L 40 Appledore Street Devonport 7310	Construction of kiosk/change room facilities and southern grandstand roof replacement at Ulverstone Recreation Ground	June 2007-	\$934,000
Roadways P/L PO Box 303 Glenorchy 7010	Supply and delivery of hotmix asphalt	July 2006-June 2007	\$156,656
Diving & Marine Services P/L PO Box 351 Latrobe 7307	Provision of diving services for relocation of the Picnic Point Outfall pipeline	April-July 2007	\$179,914
Venarchie Contracting P/L PO Box 395 Mowbray Heights 7248	Supply of spray bituminous sealing	July 2006-June 2007	\$382,684

Sub-regulation 27(1)(h) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 was applied.

In the case of the Outfall realignment, an exemption from the public tender process is considered applicable for the following reasons:

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- 1 Extenuating circumstances - the specialised nature of the works and difficulty in specification for such underwater works;
- 2 Remoteness of the locality - the need to relocate a suitable work vessel (*Esperence*) from Hobart to Ulverstone for the project; and
- 3 The unavailability of competitive or reliable tenderers - the limited number of consultants and contractors familiar with the Ulverstone Outfall.

(Council Minute No. 115/2007 - 19.03.2007)

Provide details in relation to the *Public Interest Disclosures Act 2002*.

Information as to how persons may obtain or access copies of the current procedures established by the Council under Part 7 may be obtained via the Council's website at www.centralcoast.tas.gov.au or by contacting the Council's protected disclosure officer/coordinator.

There were no disclosures made to the Council during the year.

Provide a statement reporting on the Council's plans in relation to water supplied by it for domestic consumption.

The Council purchases water from Cradle Coast Water for domestic consumption. Cradle Coast Water has indicated that it has adequate infrastructure and supply to meet the Council's demands.

Meet parking control statutory and regulatory obligations.

Carparks and streets regularly monitored, with 661 traffic infringement notices issued over the year.

Apply the pricing guidelines in relation to water supplied by the Council for domestic consumption and provision of wastewater services as specified in the Urban Water and Wastewater Pricing Guidelines for Local Government issued by the Government Prices Oversight Commission.

See Tables 9 and 10 for details.

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Table 9a - Determination of Full Cost Recovery Levels

Table 9 indicates that the revenue earned by the Council in respect of its **water supply operations** is within the lower and upper limit bands of prices and that a real rate of return on assets has been achieved (-0.85% p.a.).

Cost Item	Lower Limit (min. business viability) \$'000	Upper Limit (max. allowable revenue) \$'000
Operation and Maintenance	2,921	2,921
Administration and Overheads	279	279
Externalities	-	-
Taxes and Tax Equivalents	9	9
Cost of Asset Consumption	(a) 303	(b) 279
Interest and Dividends Paid	-	-
Cost of Capital	-	(c) 1,059
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,512</i>	<i>4,547</i>

- (a) Based on 2% of written down asset value.
 (b) Reported depreciation, based on current replacement values of assets.
 (c) Weighted average cost of capital, 7% real pre-tax applied to written down asset valuation base.

Table 9b - Cost Recovery and Rate of Return Performance

Total Revenue (\$'000)	3,359
Average Asset Valuation for Year (\$'000)	15,130
Real Rate of Return on Assets (% p.a.)	(d) -0.85

- (d) Real rate of return on assets = Earnings before interest and tax/written down asset replacement value.

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Table 10a - Determination of Full Cost Recovery Levels

Table 10 indicates that the revenue earned by the Council in respect of its **wastewater supply operations** is within the lower and upper limit bands of prices and that a real rate of return on assets has been achieved (1.15% p.a.).

Cost Item	Lower Limit (min. business viability) \$'000	Upper Limit (max. allowable revenue) \$'000
Operation and Maintenance	1,273	1,273
Administration and Overheads	273	273
Externalities	-	-
Taxes and Tax Equivalents	33	33
Cost of Asset Consumption	(a) 693	(b) 849
Interest and Dividends Paid	8	-
Cost of Capital	-	(c) 2,424
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,280</i>	<i>4,852</i>

- (a) Based on 2% of written down asset value.
 (b) Reported depreciation, based on current replacement values of assets.
 (c) Weighted average cost of capital, 7% real pre-tax applied to written down asset valuation base.

Table 10b - Cost Recovery and Rate of Return Performance

Total Revenue (\$'000)	2,826
Average Asset Valuation for Year (\$'000)	34,628
Real Rate of Return on Assets (% p.a.)	(d) 1.15

- (d) Real rate of return on assets = Earnings before interest and tax/written down asset replacement value.

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Develop a Financial Management Plan.	The development of a Financial Management Plan is dependent on the review of the current five-year plans and asset management plans for areas not identified in the current five-year plans. The Plan is expected to be undertaken over the next 12 months alongside those plans identified along with actions identified in the Financial Sustainability of Local Government in Tasmania report.
Develop and implement a Corporate Brand.	A review of the Corporate Brand has taken place. The new Corporate Branding model will be launched in August 2007 and includes the re-branding of the Council's website, all publications, corporate stationery, business cards, advertising, etc.
Implement the new values for rating purposes.	The general revaluation of the Central Coast area was undertaken during the year. Valuation data was distributed to all property owners in June by the Office of the Valuer General. The new values for rating purposes will be applied on 1 July 2007.
Provide and coordinate the information technology and electronic communication services.	The Council has continued to update its database systems, websites and the geographic information system. Major upgrades this year included the Asset Financial System, Water Meter Reading system and the programmed replacement of desktop personal computers.
Process statutory building/plumbing, environmental, health, and planning applications.	See Tables 11-16 for details.

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Table 11 - Environmental Management Processing Times

<i>Parameter</i> <i>Category</i>	<i>No. of Applications</i>	<i>Average No. of Days</i>	<i>Most No. of Days</i>	<i>Least No. of Days</i>
Special connections (septic tank) permits Statutory requirement is 18 days.	40	3.2	14	1
Food Business	155	1.4	19	1
Public Health Risk Activity	6	1.6	3	1
Place of Assembly *	43	80.1	720	1

* Explanatory comment - delays in processing some applications were due to the lengthy time taken by applicants to complete building works which are required in order for an occupancy permit to be issued.

Table 12 - Building Permit Processing Times - Council Building Surveyor

<i>Parameter</i> <i>Category</i>	<i>No. of Applications</i>	<i>Average No. of Days</i>	<i>Most No. of Days</i>	<i>Least No. of Days</i>
All buildings	313	15.3	535	3
Dwellings	64	16.2	428	4
Units	29	17.5	190	7
Additions	75	17.3	535	5
Alterations	14	11.5	58	4
Outbuildings	106	12.6	263	3
Other buildings	25	16.5	107	5

Statutory requirement is 21 days.

Explanatory comment - The 'Most No. of Days' figures include days when the clock was stopped.

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Table 13 - Building Permit Processing Times - Private Building Surveyor

<i>Parameter</i> <i>Category</i>	<i>No. of Applications</i>	<i>Average No. of Days</i>	<i>Most No. of Days</i>	<i>Least No. of Days</i>
All buildings	128	11.5	273	4
Dwellings	30	12.4	273	5
Units	24	9.9	241	7
Additions	25	12.7	245	6
Alterations	8	10.2	65	7
Outbuildings	29	13.0	252	6
Other buildings	12	10.5	30	4

Statutory requirement is 7 days.

Explanatory comment - The 'Most No. of Days' figures include days when the clock was stopped.

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Table 14 - Building Approvals - Comparisons

Parameter	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
No. of Approvals	438	419	437	441
Total Value (\$)	\$23,740,049	\$28,209,692	\$29,747,044	\$40,194,403
Dwellings - No. approved \$ value	99 \$15,443,577	79 \$15,211,517	74 \$15,453,395	94 \$20,974,390
Flats/Units - No. approved \$ value	29 \$2,238,380	30 \$4,013,508	42 \$4,957,000	53 \$7,574,300
Additions - No. approved \$ value	102 \$2,202,474	107 \$2,940,921	113 \$4,093,904	100 \$3,764,637
Alterations - No. approved \$ value	25 \$738,290	30 \$936,400	23 \$567,970	22 \$505,200
Outbuildings - No. approved \$ value	156 \$1,674,975	143 \$1,411,351	158 \$1,468,991	135 \$1,775,249
Other buildings - No. approved \$ value	27 \$1,442,353	30 \$3,695,995	27 \$3,205,784	37 \$5,600,627

Table 15 - Subdivision - Nett Lots Approved

Locality	2006-2007
Rural	-3
Leith	1
Forth	3
Turners Beach	1
Ulverstone	27
Penguin	33
Sulphur Creek	3
Heybridge	0

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Table 16 - Planning Permit Processing Times

Category	2006-2007	
	No. Applications	No. of Days
Permitted	9	23.4
Discretionary - Developments	113	28.7
- Subdivisions	38	28.3

Statutory requirement is 42 days.

Provide building control, building surveying, and plumbing control.

The Council has appointed a Building Permit Authority and a Plumbing Permit Authority to meet its statutory obligations under the *Building Act 2000*.

Provide environmental health - immunisation services, disease control, food surveillance, potable water quality monitoring, and auditing of public-use buildings.

See the attached State of Environmental and Public Health Report for details.

Provide environment protection - recreational and environmental water quality monitoring, waste and waste-water management, and pollution control.

See the attached State of Environmental and Public Health Report for details.

Provide land-use planning - development control, planning scheme development and review.

The Council is a Planning Authority for determining statutory planning applications.

Financial Statements and Audit Opinion

The Central Coast Council operates under the *Local Government Act 1993*. Within 90 days after the end of a financial year, the General Manager is to prepare financial statements for the Council relating to the financial year.

The financial report for a financial year is to:

- (i) comply with applicable Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards), other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Local Government Act 1993*;
- (ii) specify any interests as notified to the General Manager or any Councillor in respect of any body or organisation with which the Council has major financial dealings;
- (iii) contain a comparison between the Council's actual and estimated revenue and expenditure for that financial year;
- (iv) contain a statement of the operating, capital and competitive neutrality costs in respect of each significant business activity undertaken by the Council during that financial year together with a statement of the revenue associated with that activity; and
- (v) contain any other information the Minister determines.

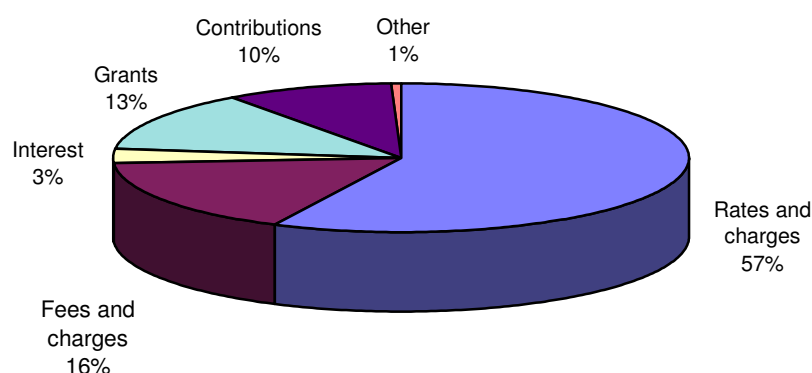
Financial performance

A decrease in operating capability of \$370,516 compared to a budgeted surplus of \$243,000 was reported this current financial year. The decrease from budget is principally attributable to increased depreciation expenses and a decrease in operating revenue expected for the year. The operating capability has improved considerably over the last few years due mainly to reviewing the Council's assets on a five-year rolling plan and the use of additional external sources of funding for capital projects.

As can be seen from Chart 1, rates and charges revenue is the most significant source of revenue to the Council. It represents 57% of the Council's revenue for the year, with fees and charges (which includes charges for water and industrial effluent to the Simplot factory) representing 17%.

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Chart 1 - Sources of Revenue



Changes in equity

Ratepayers' equity is the excess of assets over liabilities of the Council, calculated on an accrual basis. Reserves are amounts of equity that have been allocated by the Council to be used for specific purposes. The exception to this is the asset revaluation reserve that is used to account for movements in change of asset values at the time of revaluation of asset groups. The Council's reserves, excluding the asset revaluation reserve, represent cash that has been set aside for those purposes determined by the Council.

Operating capability before abnormal items for the year was \$370,516. A sum of \$290,915 was appropriated to fund principal repayments of debt, and \$2,558,249 was transferred to reserves to meet anticipated future needs, while \$3,227,607 was transferred from reserves to accumulated surplus to fund budgeted programs.

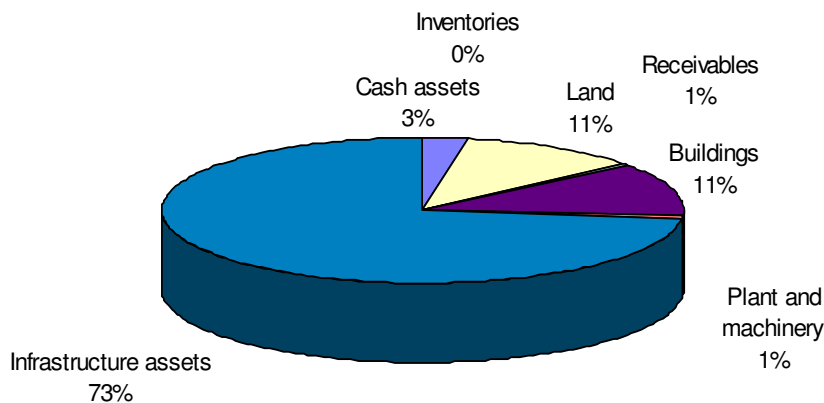
At 30 June 2007, the equity of the Council comprised an accumulated surplus of \$146,153,183 and reserves of \$137,751,193.

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Assets

Total assets of the Council at 30 June 2007 amount to \$289,938,456 as indicated in the Statement of Financial Position. There has been an increase of \$33,634,315 over last financial year largely due to the Council revaluing its buildings, land, water and sewerage assets and construction and upgrade of assets. Indicated in Chart 2 is the mix of total assets at 30 June 2007.

Chart 2 - Mix of Total Assets



Liabilities

Total liabilities at 30 June 2007 amounted to \$6,034,080 and were comprised largely of employee provisions amounting to \$3,849,243, being an increase of 10.30% on employee provisions at 30 June 2007. Interest bearing loans amount to \$363,145, being a decrease of 55.52% on interest bearing loans at 30 June 2006. All other liabilities were comparable with previous years.

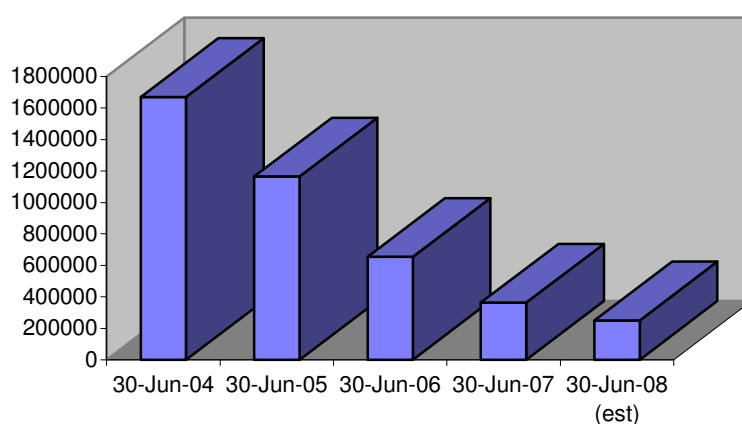
Debt administration

While repayments of \$290,915 were made during the year, borrowing costs (interest) of \$31,192 were charged. A debt reduction program had been undertaken which would see substantially all existing debt extinguished by December 2007. Indicated on Chart 3 is the level of debt owing by the Council over the last four years and estimated debt owing at the end of the 2007-2008

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financial year. The Council's exposure to debt at 30 June 2007, given a debt exposure ratio of 1.44%, is considered to be responsible and manageable.

Chart 3 - Borrowings



Financial ratios of the accounts

Table 17 - Financial Ratios of the Accounts

	2006-2007	2005-2006
Rate coverage ratio: (rates and charges revenue/total revenue)	57.32%	56.09%
Rate collection ratio: (rates receivables/rates and charges)	2.21%	2.43%
Debt payment ratio: (debt servicing cost/total revenue)	0.13%	0.27%
Debt exposure ratio: (total liabilities/total assets)	2.08%	2.26%
Government grants per capita: (grant revenue/population)	\$143	\$140
Expenditure per capita: (operating expenses/population)	\$1,118	\$1,057
Working capital ratio: (current assets/current liabilities)	2.49:1	2.55:1

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- *Rate coverage ratio* represents the Council's dependence on rate income. The higher the level of rate revenue in proportion to total revenue, the greater the level of financial independence the Council has.
- *Rate collection ratio* represents the Council's outstanding rates as at 30 June.
- *Debt payment ratio* represents the capacity of the Council to service its outstanding debt.
- *Debt exposure ratio* represents the Council's exposure to debt.
- *Government grants per capita* measures the Council's financial independence in relation to population.
- *Expenditure per capita* measures the Council's operating expenditure in relation to population.
- *Working capital ratio* represents the Council's ability to meet current commitments.

Conclusion

At 30 June 2007, the net wealth of the Central Coast Council, as indicated in the Statement of Financial Position, amounted to \$283,904,376, a \$33,390,427 increase over the opening equity at the beginning of the year. A favourable working capital ratio of 2.49:1 indicates that the Council has more than sufficient capacity to meet current commitments from its current assets as and when they fall due.

Sandra Ayton
DIRECTOR CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Appendixes

- A. Financial Report
- B. State of Environmental and Public Health Report

Acknowledgements

Photos: Mark Vernon, Daryl Jones, Jake Jacobson and Penguin High School Photography Enterprise Group.

The Enterprise Group comprises Grade 9 and 10 students who have taken on the role of being commercial photographers. The seven (7) students have used their study in Personalised Learning (Enterprise) to extend their photographic skills. Under the guidance of a professional photographer they have taken on the task of capturing images for the Council's Annual Report. The brief given by the Council has been used as a guide, with the students using their own flair to compose and shoot the final images (marked by asterisk). The students hope to build on the success of this project shoot to source more work.

The Council was proud to support the Enterprise and thanks the students involved:

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Cover: Montage of coastal and hinterland scenes from Penguin, Gunns Plains and the Leven Canyon. The Council has developed a Coast to Canyon Brand as part of its tourism marketing and promotion.

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for the year ended 30 June 2007

Appendix A



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INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

	Note	2007 (\$) <i>Estimate</i>	2007 (\$) <i>Actual</i>	2006 (\$) <i>Actual</i>
REVENUES				
Rates and charges		13,367,000	13,399,884	12,749,775
Fees and charges		3,831,208	3,882,129	3,758,923
Interest		630,000	697,640	622,170
Grants	7	3,024,000	3,047,844	2,936,781
Contributions	5	2,538,792	2,046,807	2,230,084
Share of profit(losses) of associates accounted for by the equity method	25		195,918	321,131
Other		129,000	194,146	213,871
		23,520,000	23,464,368	22,832,735
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment		0	101,586	73,556
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment		0	(190,045)	-174,346
TOTAL REVENUES		23,520,000	23,375,909	22,731,945
EXPENSES				
Employee costs	3	7,990,000	7,986,510	7,635,634
Materials and contracts		9,335,000	9,310,122	8,643,428
Borrowing Costs		43,000	31,192	60,957
Depreciation and amortisation	4	5,673,000	6,183,073	5,632,078
Other	6	236,000	235,528	259,286
TOTAL EXPENSES		23,277,000	23,746,425	22,231,383
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD		243,000	(370,516)	500,562

The above Income Statement should be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the financial statements set out on the attached pages.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2007

	Note	2007 (\$)	2006 (\$)
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
. Cash and cash equivalents	8	1,692,972	1,400,990
. Receivables	9	1,313,090	1,196,781
. Financial assets	10	6,403,786	6,513,885
. Inventories	11	65,256	95,389
. Land held for resale		85,000	368,581
. Other	12	531,762	403,041
<i>Total Current assets</i>		<i>10,091,866</i>	<i>9,978,667</i>
Non Current assets			
. Capital work in progress		1,530,342	1,489,003
. Receivables	17	117,607	460,734
. Investment in Associates	25	18,071,545	12,162,237
. Property, plant and equipment	19	259,979,432	232,213,500
. Other	18	147,664	0
<i>Total Non current assets</i>		<i>279,846,590</i>	<i>246,325,474</i>
TOTAL ASSETS		289,938,456	256,304,141
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
. Payables	13	1,117,173	985,273
. Provisions	15	2,115,614	2,127,977
. Other	16	704,519	661,131
. Interest bearing	14	112,428	290,915
<i>Total Current liabilities</i>		<i>4,049,734</i>	<i>4,065,296</i>
Non current liabilities			
. Provisions	21	1,733,629	1,361,751
. Interest bearing	20	250,717	363,145
<i>Total Non current liabilities</i>		<i>1,984,346</i>	<i>1,724,896</i>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		6,034,080	5,790,192
NET ASSETS		283,904,376	250,513,949
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus		146,153,183	145,844,565
Reserves	22	137,751,193	104,669,384
TOTAL EQUITY		283,904,376	250,513,949

The above Statement should be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the financial statements set out on the attached pages.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS RESERVE - 2007 (\$)	ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE - COUNCIL 2007 (\$)	ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE - ASSOCIATE 2007 (\$)	ASSET REPLACEMENT RESERVE 2007 (\$)	SEWERAGE AND WATER RESERVE 2007 (\$)	FIRE SERVICES RESERVE 2007 (\$)	GARBAGE COLLECTION RESERVE 2007 (\$)	SPECIAL PROJECTS RESERVE 2007 (\$)	TOTALS (\$)
Balance at the beginning of the financial year	145,844,565	90,862,243	8,340,726	2,802,324	762,424	15,753	(4,846)	1,890,760	250,513,949
Adjustments recognised directly in equity		28,231,580	5,529,363	0	0	0	0	0	33,760,943
Increase in net assets resulting from operations	(370,516)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(370,516)
Transfers to reserves	(2,548,747)	0		1,474,930	774,493	1,524	5,939	291,861	0
Transfers from reserves	3,227,881	0		(1,441,511)	(1,320,000)	(273)	0	(466,097)	0
Balance at the end of the financial year	146,153,183	119,093,823	13,870,089	2,835,743	216,917	17,004	1,093	1,716,524	283,904,376

	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS RESERVE - 2006 (\$)	ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE - COUNCIL 2006 (\$)	ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE - ASSOCIATE 2006 (\$)	ASSET REPLACEMENT RESERVE 2006 (\$)	SEWERAGE AND WATER RESERVE 2006 (\$)	FIRE SERVICES RESERVE 2006 (\$)	GARBAGE COLLECTION RESERVE 2006 (\$)	SPECIAL PROJECTS RESERVE 2006 (\$)	TOTALS (\$)
Balance at the beginning of the financial year	143,381,573	65,175,091	9,574,257	3,224,790	905,259	4,726	27,759	2,003,455	224,296,910
Correction of prior year error (Note 25)	1,262,856	0	(1,099,739)	0	0	0	0	0	163,117
Adjustments recognised directly in equity	0	25,687,152	(133,792)	0	0	0	0	0	25,553,360
Increase in net assets resulting from operations	500,562	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500,562
Transfers to reserves	(2,015,880)	0		1,067,366	828,165	11,027	0	109,322	0
Transfers from reserves	2,715,454	0		(1,489,832)	(971,000)	0	(32,605)	(222,017)	0
Balance at the end of the financial year	145,844,565	90,862,243	8,340,726	2,802,324	762,424	15,753	(4,846)	1,890,760	250,513,949

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

	Note	2007 (\$)	2006 (\$)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts			
. Rates and charges		13,495,243	12,743,892
. Fees and charges		3,998,288	3,834,026
. Interest		697,640	622,170
. Contributions		2,298,904	2,230,084
. Dividend revenue		164,771	196,552
. Government grants		3,047,844	2,936,781
. Other revenue		194,146	217,994
. Refund from Aust. Taxation Office for GST		913,935	902,120
		24,810,771	23,683,619
Payments			
. Employee costs		(7,964,620)	(7,465,986)
. Materials and contracts		(10,536,907)	(9,645,981)
. Interest		(37,276)	(68,607)
. Other		(235,528)	(259,286)
		(18,774,331)	(17,439,860)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	26	6,036,440	6,243,759
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from			
. Sale of assets		785,304	420,641
Proceeds(Payments) for investments		(89,951)	736,836
Payments for			
. Property plant and equipment		(6,348,946)	(6,896,354)
Net Cash used in Investing Activities		(5,653,593)	(5,738,877)
Cash Flow from Financing Activities			
Proceeds from borrowings		0	0
Repayment of borrowings		(290,915)	(484,351)
Net Cash used in Financing Activities		(290,915)	(484,351)
Net Increase(Decrease) in Cash Held		91,932	20,531
Cash at beginning of the year		288,694	268,163
Cash at end of year	8	380,626	288,694

The above Statement should be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the financial statements set out on the attached pages.

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT
30 JUNE 2007

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.

Statement of Compliance

This general purpose financial report of the Central Coast Council has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Local Government Act 1993.

The following standards and amendments were available for early adoption but have not been applied by the Council in the financial report:

Standard	Title	Operative date *	Impact
AASB 7	Financial Instruments	1 January 2007.	Initial application is not expected to have an impact on the Council's financial results as the standard is concerned only with disclosures.
AASB 2005-10	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards AASB 132, 101, 114, 117, 133, 139, 1, 4, 1023 & 1038	1 January 2007.	Initial application is not expected to have an impact on the Council's financial results as the amendments are arising from the release of AASB 7.
AASB 123	Borrowing Costs	1 January 2009.	Initial application is not expected to have an impact on the Council's financial results as the transitional provisions of the standard do not require retrospective application.

* Annual reporting periods beginning on or after

Australian Accounting Standards include Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRSs). Some AIFRSs contain requirements specific to not-for-profit entities that are inconsistent with IFRS requirements.

Central Coast Council is required to comply with AAS 27 "Financial Reporting by Local Government" and where AAS 27 conflicts with AIFRS, the requirements of AAS 27 have been applied. Where AAS 27 makes reference to another Australian accounting standard, the new AIFRS have been applied.

Except to the extent that these special provisions require, this financial report complies with AIFRSs.

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT
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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

Basis of Preparation

This financial report has been prepared on the accrual and going concern bases.

This report has been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of available-for-sale financial assets, financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss and certain classes of property, plant and equipment.

In the application of AIFRS, management is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstance, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Judgements made by management in the application of AIFRS that have significant effects on the financial statements and estimates with a significant risk of material adjustments in the next year are disclosed, where applicable, in the relevant notes to the financial statements.

The Local Government Reporting Entity

All funds through which Council controls resources to carry on its functions have been included in the financial reports.

In the process of reporting for the Central Coast Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between Council and special committees (for example loans and transfers) have been eliminated. The recording of transactions and balances for internal borrowings has been eliminated.

Trust Funds

The financial report of Council incorporates only those trust items over which Council has control.

The Central Coast Council receives monies as an agent for the State Government. As Council performs only a custodial role in respect of these monies, and because the monies cannot be used for Council purposes, they are excluded from the financial statements.

Amounts received as tender deposits and retention amounts controlled by Council are included in the amount disclosed as payables within current liabilities.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

Revenue Recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Revenue is measured on major income categories as follows:

Rates, grants and contributions

Rates, grants, donations and other contributions (including developer contributions) are recognised as revenues when Council obtains control over the assets comprising these receipts.

Control over assets acquired from rates is obtained at the commencement of the rating period or, where earlier, upon receipt of the rates. A provision for doubtful debts on rates has not been established as unpaid rates represent a charge against the rateable property that will be recovered when the property is next sold.

Control over granted assets is normally obtained upon their receipt or upon prior notification that a grant has been secured.

Grants, donations and other contributions are brought to account as revenue at the earlier of, upon their receipt or upon receipt of formalised ratification in writing from a recognised authority ratifying that a grant has been secured.

Unreceived contributions over which Council has control are recognised as receivables.

Donations and other contributions that are not subject to accompanying conditions that they be expended in a particular manner or for a particular purpose are recognised as revenue in the reporting period when Council obtains control over the assets comprising the contributions and donations.

User fees and fines

User fees and fines are recognised as revenue when the service has been provided, the payment is received, or when the penalty has been applied, whichever first occurs. A provision for doubtful debts is recognised when collection in full is no longer probable.

Sale of property, plant and equipment

The profit or loss on sale of an asset is determined when control of the asset has irrevocably passed to the buyer.

Interest and rents

Interest and rents are recognised as revenue on a proportional basis when the payment is due, the value of the payment is notified, or the payment is received, whichever first occurs.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

Acquisition of Assets

The cost method of accounting is used for the initial recording of all acquisitions of assets.

'Cost' represents the fair value of these assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to their acquisition, including consulting fees, engineering design fees, administrative fees and all other costs incurred in getting the assets ready for use.

In determining the cost of Non-Current Assets constructed by Council, "Cost" includes all materials used in construction, direct labour used on the project and an appropriate proportion of overhead. The cost of all materials includes all consulting fees.

Non-monetary assets received in the form of grants or donations are recognised as assets and revenues at their fair value at the date of receipt.

'Fair value' means the amount for which an asset could be exchanged between a knowledgeable, willing buyer and a knowledgeable, willing seller in an arm's length transaction.

Impairment of Assets

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to amortisation 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. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

For non-cash generating assets of Council such as roads, drains, public buildings and the like, value in use is represented by the deprival value of the asset approximated by its written down replacement cost.

Revaluation of Non-Current Assets

Council has adopted the following valuation bases for its non-current assets:

Land	fair value
Buildings	fair value
Plant and machinery	cost
Furniture and equipment	cost
Sewerage	fair value
Water	fair value
Roads	fair value
Recreation	fair value
Bridges	fair value
Environmental	fair value
Drainage	fair value

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

At balance date, Council reviewed the carrying value of the individual classes of assets measured at fair value to ensure that each asset materially approximated its fair value. Where the carrying value materially differed from the fair value at balance date, the class of asset was revalued by application of an applicable index.

In addition, Council undertakes a formal revaluation of asset classes measured on the fair value basis on a three-year rolling cycle. The cost of acquisitions and capital works during the year is considered to represent their fair value.

Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

Buildings, land improvements, plant and equipment, infrastructure and other assets having limited useful lives are systematically depreciated over their economic life to Council at a rate of depreciation that reflects the expiration of the service potential of the assets. Depreciation rates and methods are reviewed annually.

Depreciation is recognised on a straight-line basis and is reviewed each reporting period. Rates of depreciation reflect the consumption of the service potential of these assets.

Land is not a depreciable asset.

Formation Costs

Council has chosen not to depreciate the formation costs of both sealed and unsealed roads. The asset is considered to be more in the nature of land, as it has an extended life and is not affected by subsequent road construction.

Gravel Roads

Council has not depreciated unsealed roads, as these roads are maintained to a standard that the asset neither deteriorates nor improves and therefore the value of the asset remains constant.

The current useful lives of depreciation are:

Land	Not Depreciated	Unlimited Life
Plant and machinery	Straight Line	2-30 years
Furniture, and equipment	Straight Line	5-40 years
Sewerage	Straight Line	5-100 years
Water	Straight Line	5-100 years
Stormwater and Drainage	Straight Line	20-100 years
Roads and Streets	Straight Line	15-70 years
Buildings	Straight Line	20-100 years
Recreation	Straight Line	5-50 years
Environmental	Straight Line	10-30 years
Bridges	Straight Line	10-100 years

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

Inventory Measurement/Valuation

Inventories consist of materials held in store for maintenance and construction requirements and are carried at the lower of cost and net replacement value. Materials are taken into the store at cost and issued at average price.

Land held for resale

Land held for development and/or resale is valued at the lower of the carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell. The carrying amount includes the cost of acquisition, development and interest incurred on financing of the land during its development. Interest and other holding charges incurred after development is complete are recognised immediately as expenses.

Revenue arising from the sale of land is recognised in the operating statement on the signing of a valid unconditional contract of sale.

Investment Property

Investment property is held for long-term rental yields and is not occupied by Council. Investment property is carried at fair value, with changes in fair value recorded in the income statement as part of other income. At 30 June 2007, Council held no investment properties.

Maintenance v. Capitalisation

Maintenance, repair costs and minor renewals are charged as expenses unless their total value exceeds 10% of the written down current value and increases the economic life by more than 10% or the net realisable value by more than five thousand dollars.

Earthworks carried out during road construction are considered to be a sunk cost and are therefore expensed in the year in which they are incurred.

Roads

reseals	capitalised
road shouldering	expensed
reconstruction	capitalised
gravel resheeting	expensed
tar patching	expensed
maintenance	expensed

Land Under Roads

Council has elected not to recognise land under roads as an asset in accordance with AASB 1045 Land under Roads which extends the requirement to recognise and measure land under roads as an asset of Council until the end of the first financial reporting period ending on or after 31 December 2007..

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

Employee Benefits

The bases of measurement of liabilities for each type of employee benefit are as follows:

Wages and Salaries

Liabilities for wages and salaries and rostered days off are recognised and are measured as the amount unpaid at balance date and include appropriate oncosts (superannuation).

Annual Leave

Annual leave entitlements are accrued on a pro rata basis in respect of services provided by employees up to balance date and are measured at the amount expected to be paid, including appropriate oncosts (superannuation), when the accrued obligation is settled. Amounts expected to be settled beyond 12 months have not been inflated and discounted to their present value in accordance with AASB 119 "Employee Benefits" as the impact has been assessed as immaterial.

Sick Leave

No amount is shown for non-vested sick leave as experience indicates that, on average, sick leave taken for each reporting period is less than the entitlement accruing in that period, and this experience is expected to recur in future reporting periods.

Superannuation

The superannuation expense within the reporting period is the amount of the statutory contribution the Central Coast Council makes to the Quadrant Superannuation Scheme administered by the Local Government Association of Tasmania that provides benefits to employees. Details of these arrangements are set out in Note 24.

Long Service Leave

Council has estimated the present value of future cash flows associated with its long service leave liability using a 'short-hand' measurement technique as this provides an estimate of the long service leave liability which is not materially different from that determined using present values. Accordingly, the long service leave liability is based on pay rates that Council expects to pay as at reporting date for all employees with five or more years of service and includes related oncosts (superannuation).

Number of Employees

	30.06.2007	30.06.2006
Permanent	150	158
Casuals	49	58

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

Allocation between Current and Non-Current

In the determination of whether an asset or liability is current or non-current, consideration is given to the time when each asset or liability is expected to be settled. The asset or liability is classified as current if it is expected to be settled within the next 12 months, being Council's operational cycle. In the case of liabilities where Council does not have the unconditional right to defer settlement beyond 12 months, such as long service leave, the liability is classified as current even if not expected to be settled within the next 12 months.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value. Cash equivalents are held for the purpose of meeting short-term cash commitments rather than for investment or other purposes.

Other Financial Assets

Council classifies its Other Financial Assets into the following categories:

- Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss;
- Loans and receivables;
- Held-to-maturity investments; and
- Available for sale financial assets.

The classification depends on the purpose for which the investments were acquired. Management determines the classification of its investments at initial recognition and re-evaluates this designation at each reporting date.

(i) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

This category has two sub-categories: financial assets held for trading, and those designated at fair value through profit or loss on initial recognition. A financial asset is classified in this category if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term or if so designated by Council. The policy of Council is to designate a financial asset if there exists the possibility it will be sold in the short term and the asset is subject to frequent changes in fair value. Assets in this category are classified as current assets if they are either held for trading or are expected to be realised within 12 months of the reporting date. These financial assets are stated at fair value, with any resultant gain or loss recognised in profit or loss.

(ii) Loans and Receivables

This category includes trade receivables, loans and other receivables. These assets are recorded at amortised cost less impairment. They are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They arise when the Council provides money, goods or services directly to a debtor with no intention of selling the receivable. They are included in current assets, except for those with maturities greater than 12 months after the reporting date, which are classified as non-current. Loans and receivables are included in receivables in the balance sheet.

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Other Financial Assets (cont'd)

(iii) Held-to-maturity Investments

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities that Council has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity. These assets are recorded at amortised cost using the effective interest method less impairment, with revenue recognised on an effective yield basis.

(iv) Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets are non-derivatives that are either designated in this category or not classified in any of the other categories. They are included in non-current assets unless Council intends to dispose of the investment within 12 months of the reporting date. They are stated at fair value, less impairment.

Fair Values of Financial Assets and Liabilities

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities must be estimated for recognition and measurement or for disclosure purposes.

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the balance sheet date.

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques. These include reference to quoted market prices or dealer quotes for similar instruments and discounted cash flow analysis.

The nominal value less estimated credit adjustments of trade receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values. The fair value of financial liabilities for disclosure purposes is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rate that is available to the Council for similar financial instruments.

Accruals/Prepayments

Accruals and Prepayments are recognised in accordance with relevant accounting standards with materiality a major factor in determining their applicability.

Accounting for Investments in Associates

Council's investment in associates is accounted for using the equity method as Council has the ability to influence rather than control the operations of the entities. The investment is initially recorded at the cost of acquisition and adjusted thereafter for post-acquisition changes in Council's share of the net assets of the entities. Council's share of the financial result of the entities is recognised in the income statement.

Council has determined that its investments in Cradle Coast Water and the Dulverton Regional Waste Management Authority are investments in associates. Refer to Note 25 for further details.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

Provision for Aged Person Unit (APU) Contributions

The liability for Aged Persons Units is comprised of contributions received from tenants upon entry to units owned by Council. The contributions are amortised over a specified term. Refer to Note 15.

Significant Business Activities

Amendments to the Local Government Act as at 30 June 1999 under section 84(2)(da) require the reporting of operating capital and competitive neutrality costs in respect of each significant business activity undertaken by Council. Council's disclosure is recorded in Note 28.

Council has determined, based upon materiality, that Water, Sewerage and Roads, Streets and Bridges as defined in note 2(c) are considered significant business activities.

Competitive neutrality costs include notional costs, i.e. income tax equivalents, rates and loan guarantee fees.

In preparing the information disclosed in relation to significant business activities, the following assumptions have been applied:

- The notional opportunity cost of capital was calculated by applying an interest rate of 9% which Council has determined as an appropriate interest rate adjusted for a risk margin.
- Taxation equivalents were calculated by an applicable taxation rate of 30% applied to the activities notional accounting profit before abnormal items.
- Notional council rates and land tax have been calculated using actual rates and charges set by Council and the government for the current financial period.
- Loan guarantee fees were calculated on the average loan outstanding for each activity multiplied by the loan guarantee fee rate of 0.45% that is determined by the Department of Treasury and Finance.
- The impact of fringe benefit tax credits, stamp duty, debits tax and financial institutions duty were determined to be immaterial and have not been included.

Goods and Services Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office (ATO). In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included. The net amount to GST recoverable or payable to the ATO is included as a current asset or current liability in the Balance Sheet.

Cash flows are included in the Cash Flow Statement on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which are recovered from, or paid to, the ATO, are classified as operating cash flows.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

Budget

The estimated revenue and expense amounts in the Income Statement represent amended budget figures.

Rounding

Unless otherwise stated, amounts in the financial report have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

2 FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL

- (b) Total assets shown in note 3(a) are reconciled with the amounts shown for assets in the Balance Sheet as follows:

	30.06.2007 (\$)	30.06.2006 (\$)
Current assets	10,091,866	9,978,667
Non-current assets	279,846,590	246,325,474
	289,938,456	256,304,141

- (c) The activities of Council are categorised into the following broad functions:

Governance and administration

Operation and maintenance of council chambers, administration offices, and councillors.

Roads, streets and bridges

Construction, maintenance and cleaning of roads, streets, footpaths, bridges, parking facilities and street lighting.

Water supply

The supply of reticulated water for domestic and other purposes within the Central Coast Water District and to extraordinary connections outside the water district.

Sewerage service

Operation and maintenance of the disposal of human and other waste, including industrial waste by means of deep mains town systems.

Drainage

Operation and maintenance of open or deep drainage systems in urban areas, including the lining of piping of creeks but excludes drainage associated with road works, flood mitigation and agriculture.

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Waste management

Collection, handling, processing and disposal of all waste materials.

Environmental Health/Environmental Management

Environmental Health includes disease control, food surveillance, public-use building standards, health education and promotion, water quality, workplace safety and cemeteries.

Environmental management includes strategies and programs for the protection of the environment and regulation of activities affecting the environment.

Planning Services

Administration of the town planning scheme, subdivisions and urban and rural renewal programs.

Building control

The development and maintenance of building construction standards.

Community amenities

Operation and maintenance of housing for aged persons and persons of limited means, the Ulverstone Civic Centre, Council halls (excluding indoor sporting complexes), public conveniences and burial facilities.

Community services

Administration and operation of dog registration, operation of pounds, control of straying stock, and noxious weeds. Operation of the Ulverstone Child Care Centre, operation and support of the performing arts, museum and the presentation of festivals. Community Development which provides for the implementation of a process by which strategies and plans can be developed so that Council can fulfil their general responsibility for enhancing the quality of life of the whole community.

Recreation facilities

Operation and maintenance of sporting facilities (including swimming pools, active and passive recreation and recreation centres).

Economic development

Maintenance and marketing of tourist facilities, property development and operation of caravan parks.

Other non-attributable

Rates and charges and work support not attributed elsewhere.

2 Functions/Activities of the Council

(a) Expenses, revenues and assets have been attributed to the following functions/activities, descriptions of which are set out in note 2(c).

2007 ACTUAL	GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION	ROADS, STREETS AND BRIDGES	WATER	SEWERAGE	DRAINAGE	WASTE MANAGEMENT	ENVIRON. HEALTH	PLANNING SERVICES	BUILDING CONTROL	COMMUNITY AMENITIES	COMMUNITY SERVICES	RECREATION FACILITIES	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	OTHER NOT ATTRIBUTABLE	TOTALS
Expenses	2,620,355	5,382,912	3,479,456	2,403,762	417,544	2,124,520	277,409	418,628	484,153	1,240,454	1,374,871	2,339,812	392,503	590,046	23,746,425
Revenues															
Grants	237,000	1,265,844	0	0	367,000	306,000	0	0	0	144,000	44,000	661,000	21,000	0	3,047,844
Other	1,103,423	781,393	3,304,645	2,728,130	25,289	1,208,009	16,073	44,746	223,796	516,492	1,103,525	455,337	306,744	8,510,463	20,328,065
Total	1,340,423	2,047,237	3,304,645	2,728,130	392,289	1,516,009	16,073	44,746	223,796	660,492	1,147,525	1,116,337	327,744	8,510,463	23,375,909
Change in net assets resulting from operations															-370,516
Assets	16,342,352	117,592,998	33,510,678	40,308,848	18,132,596	2,463,523	51,727	47,801	70,320	18,266,778	1,738,114	37,185,821	4,226,900	0	289,938,456
2006 ACTUAL	GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION	ROADS, STREETS AND BRIDGES	WATER	SEWERAGE	DRAINAGE	WASTE MANAGEMENT	ENVIRON. HEALTH	PLANNING SERVICES	BUILDING CONTROL	COMMUNITY AMENITIES	COMMUNITY SERVICES	RECREATION FACILITIES	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	OTHER NOT ATTRIBUTABLE	TOTALS
Expenses	2,668,026	5,022,320	3,177,957	2,154,017	423,793	2,086,999	253,428	370,179	440,920	1,054,184	1,470,710	2,222,815	324,418	561,617	22,231,383
Revenues															
Grants	147,000	1,313,348	0	0	192,000	251,000	0	0	0	228,000	79,000	726,433	0	0	2,936,781
Other	1,060,903	1,211,966	3,146,904	2,469,825	26,712	282,339	21,108	83,094	204,507	551,940	1,202,526	552,855	202,578	8,777,907	19,795,164
Total	1,207,903	2,525,314	3,146,904	2,469,825	218,712	533,339	21,108	83,094	204,507	779,940	1,281,526	1,279,288	202,578	8,777,907	22,731,945
Change in net assets resulting from operations															500,562
Assets	15,325,000	117,514,889	27,073,115	33,806,656	18,055,724	2,005,981	46,919	44,128	67,812	12,296,885	1,649,156	24,647,203	3,770,673	0	256,304,141

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	30.06.2007 (\$)	30.06.2006 (\$)
3 EMPLOYEE COSTS		
Salaries and wages	5,561,067	5,310,875
Superannuation	780,079	744,390
Annual, sick and long service leave entitlements	1,277,111	1,279,950
 Total employee benefit expenses	 7,618,257	 7,334,855
Other employee related expenses	603,128	587,789
Less, On-costs capitalised	(234,875)	(287,010)
 <i>Total employee benefit and related expenses</i>	 <i>7,986,510</i>	 <i>7,635,634</i>
 4 DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION EXPENSE		
Depreciation was charged in respect of:		
Buildings	676,801	667,573
Water supply	248,238	261,441
Sewerage	803,458	614,663
Roads and streets	2,990,071	2,605,804
Bridges	245,074	254,720
Plant and machinery	483,394	465,412
Furniture and equipment	133,147	124,270
Recreation facilities	256,293	237,131
Drainage	277,312	336,650
Environmental	69,285	64,414
	 6,183,073	 5,632,078
 5 CONTRIBUTIONS		
Operating	840,439	665,592
Capital	1,206,368	1,564,492
	 2,046,807	 2,230,084
 6 OTHER EXPENSES		
Other expenses includes:		
Audit services	17,571	16,175
Councillors emoluments	217,957	214,691
Revaluation decrement	0	28,240
	 235,528	 259,286

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	30.06.2007 (\$)	30.06.2006 (\$)
7 GRANT REVENUES		
Grants were received in respect of:		
State Grants Commission	3,047,844	2,936,781
	3,047,844	2,936,781

8 CURRENT ASSETS – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash at bank and on hand	380,626	288,694
Short term investments	1,312,346	1,112,296
	1,692,972	1,400,990

Net Fair Value

Council considers the carrying amount of investments approximate their net fair value.

9 CURRENT ASSETS - RECEIVABLES

Rates receivable	295,710	310,311
Less, provision for doubtful debts	0	0
	295,710	310,311
Loans and advances	26,043	42,126
Other debtors	991,337	844,344
Less, provision for doubtful debts	0	0
	1,313,090	1,196,781

Council expects all debts to be recovered.

Significant terms and conditions

Debtors of Council are required to settle their accounts within specified terms including:

Rate debtors - rates and charges are required to be paid in full by 30 October, but in order to receive a discount the rates and charges must be paid in full by 30 September. Ratepayers may apply to the council to pay rates and charges by instalments, subject to approved terms and conditions. Should amounts remain unpaid outside of approved payment options, Council will instigate collection proceedings.

Other debtors (including loans and advances) - within 30 days of issue of the account. Debtors may apply to the council to pay accounts by instalments, subject to approved terms and conditions. Should amounts remain unpaid outside of approved payment options, Council will instigate collection proceedings.

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9 CURRENT ASSETS – RECEIVABLES (CONT'D)

Credit Risk

Council does not have any significant exposure to any individual customers or counterparty.

Net Fair Value

Council considers that the carrying amount of receivables approximate their net fair value.

10 CURRENT ASSETS – FINANCIAL ASSETS

Managed funds	6,403,786	6,513,885
	6,403,786	6,513,885

Managed funds are held with ANZ Cash Plus Fund, BT Financial Group and Alliance Bernstein. These funds have been designated as financial assets at fair value through profit and loss. Upon the transition to AIFRS the above financial assets were reclassified from Cash to Other Financial Assets. There was no impact on the balances recorded.

Net Fair Value

Council considers the carrying amount of investments approximate their net fair value.

11 CURRENT ASSETS - INVENTORIES

Stores (at average costs)	65,256	95,389
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12 CURRENT ASSETS - OTHER

Accrued revenue	346,879	194,566
Prepaid expense	184,883	208,475
	531,762	403,041

Net Fair Value

Council considers that the carrying amount of other assets approximate their net fair value.

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	30.06.2007 (\$)	30.06.2006 (\$)
13 CURRENT LIABILITIES - PAYABLES		
Employee costs	141,545	128,262
Materials and contracts	790,717	658,590
Capital expenditure	184,911	198,421
	1,117,173	985,273

Significant terms and conditions

Trade creditors are generally settled within specified trading terms or 30 days whichever is the earlier.

Net fair value

Council considers the carrying amount of trade and other creditors approximate their fair value.

14 CURRENT LIABILITIES – FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

Secured

Bank loans	112,428	290,915
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Significant terms and conditions

The debenture loans of Council are secured by trust deed and the total loan borrowings are limited to borrowings approved by Treasury. In accordance with section 80 of the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) the borrowing capacity of Council is limited to:

- Except with the approval of the Minister, a council may not borrow additional money for any purpose if the annual payments required to service the total borrowings would exceed 30% of its revenue of the preceding financial year.
- Grants made to a council for specific purposes are to be excluded in calculating 30% of the revenue of the council.

The current annual payments of loans by Council equate to 1.44% of the revenue of the preceding financial year.

Net fair value

Council considers that the carrying amount of borrowings approximates the net fair value as the majority of Council's loan debt is subject to interest reviews on a bi-annual basis.

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15 CURRENT LIABILITIES - PROVISIONS		
Employee benefits - Annual Leave	773,598	730,443
Employee benefits - Long Service Leave	1,108,259	1,182,525
Employee benefits – oncosts	127,152	129,254
Aged Person Home Units	106,605	85,755
	2,115,614	2,127,977

Significant terms and conditions

Refer to Employee benefits (Note 1, page 11).

The liability for Employee Benefit oncosts comprises workers compensation and payroll tax relating to the Employee Benefit Provisions.

Net fair value

Council considers that the carrying amount of provisions approximate their net fair value.

Movement in Provision for Aged Person Home Units

Opening balance	1,237,139	1,059,425
Contributions received	526,000	375,500
Refunds paid	(83,589)	(117,365)
Amortisation revenue recognised	(91,503)	(80,421)
Closing balance	1,588,047	1,237,139
Current	106,605	85,755
Non-Current (Note 22)	1,481,442	1,151,384
Total Aged Person Home Units	1,588,047	1,237,139

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16 CURRENT LIABILITIES - OTHER		
Prepaid revenue	398,908	320,564
Sundry deposits	305,611	340,567
	704,519	661,131

Net Fair Value

Council considers that the carrying amount of prepaid revenue and sundry deposits approximates the net fair value.

17 NON-CURRENT ASSETS - RECEIVABLES

Loans and advances	117,607	460,734
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These include loans and advances to sporting clubs and other community groups and loans made under private street schemes. Refer to note 9 for details on significant terms and conditions, credit risk and net fair value. The 2006 balance includes a loan to the Dulverton Regional Waste Management Authority that was converted to equity in the Authority on 30 June 2007. Refer to Note 25 for further details.

18 NON-CURRENT ASSETS - OTHER

Prepaid expense	147,664	0
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19 NON-CURRENT ASSETS – PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

LAND		
Council controlled land - at independent valuation	32,016,000	16,066,715
Fair Value	32,016,000	16,066,715

Valuation of land was determined by the Office of the Valuer General. These assets were revalued on 30 June 2007.

BUILDINGS		
Buildings - at independent valuation	61,336,000	47,833,045
Less, accumulated depreciation	(27,497,290)	(19,748,858)
Fair value	33,838,710	28,084,187

Valuation of buildings were determined by AssetVal, International Property, Plant, Equipment and Infrastructure Consultants. These assets were revalued on 30 June 2007.

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ROADS, STREETS AND FOOTPATHS		
Roads, streets & footpaths - at council valuation	161,242,680	159,527,236
Less, accumulated depreciation	(54,449,136)	(51,491,075)
Fair value	106,793,544	108,036,161

Roads, streets and footpaths include substructures, seals and kerbs relating to roads, footpaths and parking areas. These assets were revalued on 1 July 2004 based on valuations determined by the Engineering Services Division of the Council. The valuations were updated on 30 June 2006 by applying an index of 11.61%. The index is based on the movement in the "Output of the General Construction Industry - Road and Bridge Construction - no. 4121" index issued by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

BRIDGES		
Bridges - at council valuation	11,451,698	10,931,974
Less, accumulated depreciation	(5,383,770)	(5,138,698)
Fair value	6,067,928	5,793,278

Valuation of bridge assets was determined by the Engineering Services Division of the Central Coast Council. Bridge assets were revalued on 1 July 2005.

DRAINAGE		
Drainage - at council valuation	29,099,786	28,622,674
Less, accumulated depreciation	(11,054,025)	(10,776,713)
Fair value	18,045,761	17,845,961

Valuation of drainage was determined by the Engineering Services Division of the Central Coast Council. Drainage assets were revalued on 1 July 2005.

FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT		
Furniture and equipment - at cost	2,403,205	2,283,476
Less, accumulated depreciation	(1,835,269)	(1,702,122)
	567,936	581,354

PLANT AND MACHINERY		
Plant and machinery - at cost	6,308,575	6,158,680
Less, accumulated depreciation	(3,435,484)	(3,250,917)
	2,873,091	2,907,763

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RECREATION		
Recreation - at council valuation	9,078,846	8,842,079
Less, accumulated depreciation	(3,797,881)	(3,541,588)
Fair value	5,280,965	5,300,491

Valuations of recreation assets were determined by the Engineering Services Division using current costs. The assets were revalued on 1 July 2005.

WATER SUPPLY		
Water supply - at council valuation	23,500,755	24,373,133
Less, accumulated depreciation	(7,932,278)	(9,682,330)
Fair value	15,568,477	14,690,803

Valuations of water supply assets were determined by the Engineering Services Division of the Council. These assets were revalued on 1 July 2006.

SEWERAGE SERVICE		
Sewerage service - at council valuation	59,061,561	50,847,385
Less, accumulated depreciation	(21,388,960)	(19,264,302)
Fair value	37,672,601	31,583,083

Valuations of sewerage service assets were determined by the Engineering Services Division of the Council. These assets were revalued on 1 July 2006.

ENVIRONMENTAL		
Environmental - at council valuation	1,894,898	1,894,898
Less, accumulated depreciation	(640,479)	(571,194)
Fair value	1,254,419	1,323,704

Valuations of environmental assets were determined by the Engineering Services Division of the Council. These assets were valued on 1 July 2005.

TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	259,979,432	232,213,500
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19 Reconciliation of Movements in Assets

Item	LAND	BUILDINGS	ROADS AND STREETS	BRIDGES	DRAINAGE	FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT	PLANT AND MACHINERY	RECREATION	WATER	SEWERAGE	ENVIRONMENTAL
Gross value as at 1 July 2006	16,066,715	47,883,045	159,527,236	10,931,974	28,622,674	2,283,476	6,158,680	8,842,079	24,373,133	50,847,385	1,894,898
Additions/purchase of assets	53,414	1,057,043	1,766,387	519,724	477,112	119,729	1,010,199	236,767	48,556	1,018,676	0
Revaluation movements	15,905,643	12,445,912	0	0	0	0	0	0	(920,934)	7,195,500	0
Disposals	(9,772)	0	(50,943)	0	0	0	(860,304)	0	0	0	0
Gross value as at 30 June 2007	32,016,000	61,386,000	161,242,680	11,451,698	29,099,786	2,403,205	6,308,575	9,078,846	23,500,755	59,061,561	1,894,898
Accumulated depreciation as at 1 July 2006	0	19,748,858	51,491,075	5,138,696	10,776,713	1,702,122	3,250,917	3,541,588	9,682,330	19,264,302	571,194
Revaluation movements	0	7,071,631	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,998,290)	1,321,200	0
Disposals	0	0	(32,010)	0	0	0	(298,627)	0	0	0	0
Depreciation	0	676,801	2,990,071	245,074	277,312	133,147	483,394	256,293	248,238	803,458	69,285
Accumulated Depreciation as at 30 June 2007	0	27,497,290	54,449,136	5,383,770	11,054,025	1,835,269	3,435,484	3,797,881	7,932,278	21,388,960	640,479
Net book value as at 30 June 2006	16,066,715	28,084,187	108,036,161	5,793,278	17,845,961	581,354	2,907,763	5,300,491	14,690,803	31,583,083	1,323,704
Net book value as at 30 June 2007	32,016,000	33,888,710	106,793,544	6,067,928	18,045,761	567,936	2,873,091	5,280,965	15,568,477	37,672,601	1,254,419

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20 NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES – FINANCIAL LIABILITIES		
Secured		
Bank loans	250,717	363,145
	250,717	363,145

Refer to note 15 for details on significant terms and conditions and net fair value.

21 NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES - PROVISIONS

Employee benefits - Long Service Leave	236,226	197,053
Employee benefits – oncosts	15,961	13,314
Aged Person Home Units	1,481,442	1,151,384
	1,733,629	1,361,751

Significant terms and conditions

Refer to Employee benefits (Note 1, page 11).

The liability for Employee Benefit oncosts comprises workers compensation and payroll tax relating to the Employee Benefit Provisions.

The liability for Aged Persons Units is comprised of contributions received from tenants upon entry to units owned by Council. The contributions are amortised over a specified term.

Net fair value

Council considers that the carrying amount of provisions approximate their net fair value.

Aggregate carrying amount of Employee Benefits

Current employee benefits (note 15)	2,009,009	2,042,222
Non-current employee benefits (note 21)	252,187	210,367
Total employee benefits	2,261,196	2,252,589

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	30.06.2007 (\$)	30.06.2006 (\$)
22 RESERVES		
Composition		
Asset revaluation reserve - Council	119,093,823	90,862,243
Asset revaluation reserve – Associate (Note 26)	13,870,089	8,340,726
Asset replacement account	2,835,743	2,802,324
Sewerage and water account	216,917	762,424
Fire services account	17,004	15,753
Garbage collection account	1,093	(4,846)
Special projects account	1,716,524	1,890,760
	137,751,193	104,669,384

23 COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

Capital expenditure contracted for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial report as liabilities:

. less than 12 months	1,889,703	434,652
. 12 months – 5 years	0	0
. greater than 5 years	0	0

24 SUPERANNUATION

The Central Coast Council makes superannuation contributions for a number of its employees to the Quadrant Defined Benefits Fund, which is a sub fund of the Quadrant Superannuation Scheme. The Defined Benefits Fund has been classified as a multi-employer sponsored plan. As the Fund's assets and liabilities are pooled and are not allocated by employer, the Actuary is unable to allocate benefit liabilities, assets and costs between employers. As provided under paragraph 32(b) of AASB 119, Council does not use defined benefit accounting for these contributions.

At the present time Council contributes 9.5% of employees' gross income to the Fund. Assets accumulate in the fund to meet member benefits as they accrue, and if assets within the fund are insufficient to satisfy benefits payable, the Council is required to meet its share of the deficiency.

Bendzulla Actuarial Pty Ltd undertook the last actuarial review of the Fund at 30 June 2005. The review disclosed that at that time the net market value of assets available for funding member benefits was \$64,804,407, the value of vested benefits was \$58,913,097, the surplus was \$5,891,310, and the value of total accrued benefits was \$61,267,000. These amounts relate to all members of the fund at the date of valuation and no asset or liability is recorded in the Quadrant Superannuation Scheme's financial statements for Council employees.

The financial assumptions used to calculate the Accrued Benefits for the Fund were:

Net Investment Return	7.0% pa
Salary Inflation	4.0% pa
Price Inflation	n/a

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24 SUPERANNUATION (CONT'D)

In the opinion of the Actuary, the Quadrant Defined Benefit Fund was adequately funded in that assets were sufficient to cover the vested benefits of all members at the review date and the actuarial value of accrued past service benefits. The next full triennial review is scheduled for 30 June 2008.

The amount of contributions paid by Council during the reporting period was \$713,226 (2005-06 was \$689,522).

Council also contributes to Tasplan for its employees, however Tasplan is not a defined benefits superannuation plan and therefore Council is not responsible for any deficiencies that may occur. The amount of contributions paid by Council during the reporting period was \$66,853 (2005-06 was \$54,868).

During the year Council made the required superannuation contributions for all eligible employees to an appropriate complying superannuation fund as required by the Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992.

25 INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES

Cradle Coast Water	17,722,747	12,162,237
Dulverton Regional Waste Management Authority	348,798	0
	18,071,545	12,162,237

CRADLE COAST WATER

Council is a partner in Cradle Coast Water, a Joint Authority established under the Local Government Act. The primary activity of the Authority is to collect, treat and supply bulk drinking water to the six councils on the North West Coast of Tasmania. Other partners in this Joint Authority are Circular Head, Devonport, Kentish, Latrobe and Waratah Wynyard. Council's investment in the Authority at 30 June 2007, \$17,722,747, has been calculated by reference to the Authority's equity at 30 June 2006.

Council's ownership interest in the Authority at 30 June 2007 was 26.409%. The proportion of voting power held in the Authority is 25%.

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25 INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES (CONT'D)		
Authority's Profit/(loss) before tax	1,236,514	1,358,588
<i>Calculated share of profit before tax</i>	<i>326,551</i>	<i>358,790</i>
Authority's tax expense	374,339	257,397
<i>Calculated share of tax expense</i>	<i>98,859</i>	<i>67,976</i>
<i>Calculated share of profit after tax</i>	<i>227,692</i>	<i>290,814</i>
Share of dividends paid by Authority	(196,544)	(166,235)
Actual dividends received by Council	164,771	196,552
<i>Share of Profit of Authority</i>	<i>195,918</i>	<i>321,131</i>
<i>Movement in Carrying Value of Investment</i>		
Carrying value of investment at start of year	12,162,237	12,008,333
Correction of prior period error (a)		163,117
Share of profit after tax for year	195,918	321,131
Share of asset revaluation	5,529,363	(133,792)
Distributions received by Council	(164,771)	(196,552)
Carrying value of investment at end of year	17,722,747	12,162,237

(a) The Council's investment in the Authority at 30 June 2006 was calculated by reference to the Authority's equity as at 30 June 2005, as disclosed in the 2004-05 financial statements and adjusted for the impact of the transition to AIFRS. The impact was estimated by the Authority and disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. Upon preparing its 2005-06 financial statements, the Authority adjusted its initial assessment of the impact of AIFRS. As a result, the Authority's equity as at 30 June 2005 was different to the figure used to calculate the Council's original investment in the Authority. The impact on the Council's comparative figures was to increase its Investment in Cradle Coast Water by \$163,117, decrease its Asset Revaluation Reserve relating to the Authority by \$1,099,739 and increase its Accumulated Surplus balance by \$1,262,856.

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25 INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES (CONT'D)

DULVERTON REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Council is a partner in the Dulverton Regional Waste Management Authority, a Joint Authority established under the Local Government Act. The primary activity of the Authority is to operate a regional landfill site at Dulverton. Other partners in this Joint Authority are Devonport City, Latrobe and Kentish Councils.

Council's ownership interest in the Authority at 30 June 2007 was 36.82%. The proportion of voting power held in the Authority is 25%.

The initial investment in the landfill of \$348,798 was treated as a loan to the Authority and disclosed as a non-current loan receivable at 30 June 2006.

In May 2007, Council gave approval to the Authority to convert its loan into 36.82% equity, which became effective 30 June 2007. Council has written off its loan receivable of \$348,798 and recognised an investment in an associate for the same amount. Council's investment has not been equity accounted as 2006-07 financial information for the Authority is not yet available. The Authority's 2005-06 financial statements have not been used as a basis for equity accounting as they still include the loans to the member councils and the Authority will be undertaking a revaluation of its non-current assets in 2006-07.

	30.06.2007 (\$)	30.06.2006 (\$)
26 RECONCILIATION OF SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Surplus / (Deficit)	(370,516)	500,562
Items not involving cash		
. Depreciation and amortisation expense	6,183,073	5,632,078
. Provisions	359,515	321,749
. Share of profit in associate	<u>(31,147)</u>	<u>(124,579)</u>
	6,140,925	6,329,810
Investing activity		
. Net (profit)loss on disposal of assets	88,459	100,790
Change in operating assets and liabilities		
. (Increase) decrease in receivables	(121,980)	(237,603)
. (Increase) decrease in inventories	30,133	(11,444)
. (Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	(124,072)	(6,634)
. (Increase) decrease in accrued revenue	(152,313)	(1,283)
. Increase (decrease) in creditors	131,900	(29,428)
. Increase (decrease) in other liabilities	43,388	99,551
	<u>(192,944)</u>	<u>(186,841)</u>
Net cash inflow from operating activities	6,036,440	6,243,759

Council has credit cards to the value of \$25,000. This account is cleared on a monthly basis.

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27 INTEREST RATE RISK

Council's exposure to interest rate risk, repricing maturities and the effective interest rates on financial instruments at balance date are:

	*WAEIR		FLOATING INTEREST RATE \$	1 YEAR OR LESS \$	1 TO 5 YEARS \$	OVER 5 YEARS \$	NON INTEREST BEARING \$	TOTAL \$
	2007	2006						
Assets								
Cash			380,626					380,626
Investments	6.40%	5.92%		1,312,346				1,312,346
Financial Assets	6.40%	5.92%		6,403,786				6,403,786
Receivables							295,710	295,710
· Rates and charges							1,134,987	1,134,987
· Other (include. advances)							346,879	346,879
Revenue accrual								
Total Financial Assets 2007			380,626	7,716,132			1,777,576	9,874,334
Total Financial Assets 2006			288,694	7,626,181			1,852,081	9,766,956
Liabilities								
Creditors								
· Employee costs							141,545	141,545
· Materials and contract							790,717	790,717
· Capital expenditure							184,911	184,911
Prepaid revenue/deposits							704,519	704,519
Borrowings	6.69%	6.56%		112,428	230,306	20,411		363,145
Total Financial Liabilities 2007				112,428	230,306	20,411	1,821,692	2,184,837
Total Financial Liabilities 2006				290,915	297,938	65,207	1,646,404	2,300,464
Net Financial Assets (Liabilities) 2007			380,626	7,603,704	(230,306)	(20,411)	(44,116)	7,689,497
Net Financial Assets (Liabilities) 2006			288,694	7,335,266	(297,938)	(65,207)	205,677	7,466,492

*WAEIR - Weighted Average Effective Interest Rate

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28 SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

The operating capital and competitive neutrality costs in respect of Council's significant business activities are:

	ROADS, STREETS AND BRIDGES \$		SEWERAGE \$		WATER \$	
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006
Revenue						
Rates	1,968,751	1,892,000	1,741,856	1,695,987	2,314,462	2,197,968
Other	2,047,237	2,525,314	986,274	773,838	990,183	948,936
Total Revenue	4,015,988	4,417,314	2,728,130	2,469,825	3,304,645	3,146,904
Expenses						
<i>Direct</i>						
Employee Costs	746,747	788,682	646,816	593,744	212,286	231,527
Materials and Contracts	1,023,494	1,009,717	626,363	526,756	2,708,798	2,392,571
Interest	0	0	7,737	27,138	0	359
<i>Indirect</i>						
Engineering and Administration	179,422	152,764	273,414	348,686	279,417	262,154
Total Expenses	1,949,663	1,951,163	1,554,330	1,496,324	3,200,501	2,886,611
Capital Costs						
Depreciation	3,433,249	3,071,157	849,432	657,693	278,955	291,346
Opportunity Cost of Capital	10,681,907	10,096,102	3,427,295	2,906,292	2,863,937	2,462,231
Total Capital Costs	14,115,156	13,167,259	4,276,727	3,563,985	3,142,892	2,753,577
Competitive Neutrality Costs	0	0	111,628	108,850	8,759	8,622

29 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURE

Allowances and reimbursements

Councillors allowances and reimbursements 217,957 195,249

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29 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURE (CONT'D)

Register of Interest

Interests of Councillors notified to the General Manager in respect of any body or organisation with which Council has major financial dealings are detailed below.

Councillor

Interest

Cr R. Cooper (deceased)	No interest declared
Cr M. Downie	No interest declared
Cr D. Dry	No interest declared
Cr J. Edwards	No interest declared
Cr K. Haines	No interest declared
Cr J. Deacon	No interest declared
Cr T. McKenna	No interest declared
Cr B. Robertson	No interest declared
Cr B. Marshall	No interest declared
Cr W. Barker	No interest declared
Cr L. Bonde	No interest declared
Cr T. van Rooyen	No interest declared
Cr J. Bonde	No interest declared

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The financial report set out on pages 1 to 35 presents fairly the financial position of the Central Coast Council as at 30 June 2007, the results of its operations for the year then ended and the cash flows of Council, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

Katherine Schaefer
General Manager

8 August 2007



Tasmanian Audit Office

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT To the Councillors of Central Coast Council

Financial Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2007

Matters Relating to the Electronic Presentation of the Audited Financial Report

This audit report relates to the financial report published in both the annual report and on the website of Central Coast Council (Council) for the year ended 30 June 2007. Council's General Manager is responsible for the integrity of both the annual report and the website.

The audit report refers only to the financial statements and notes named below. It does not provide an opinion on any other information, which may have been hyperlinked to/from the audited financial report.

If users of this report are concerned with the inherent risks arising from electronic data communications they are advised to refer to the hard copy of the audited financial report in Council's annual report.

Report on the Financial Report

I have audited the accompanying financial report of Council, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2007, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the General Manager's declaration of Council.

The Responsibility of General Manager for the Financial Report

The General Manager is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and Section 84 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of 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 Council's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate to the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Council's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the General Manager, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

My audit is not designed to provide assurance on the accuracy and appropriateness of the budget/estimate information in Council's financial report.

Independence

In conducting my audit, I have met applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion the financial report of Central Coast Council:

- (a) presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Central Coast Council as at 30 June 2007, and of its financial performance, cash flows and changes in equity for the year then ended; and
- (b) is in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations).

TASMANIAN AUDIT OFFICE

E R De Santi
DEPUTY AUDITOR-GENERAL

Delegate of the Auditor-General

HOBART
17 August 2007

State of Environmental and Public Health Report

For the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007

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Introduction

The corporate structure and principal functional activities of the Council are detailed in the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2007 pursuant to Section 72 of the Local Government Act 1993.

The Council's Development Services Department is a multi-disciplinary unit comprising building and plumbing control, environmental health, environmental management, and land use planning.

This report is intended to provide a detailed summary of the Council's activities and performance in the disciplines of environmental health and environmental management.

Although the disciplines of environmental health and environmental management are interrelated, the functional activities of these disciplines have been separated for organisational purposes.

This enables each officer responsible for these activities to focus on their dedicated area of responsibility.

To ensure the disciplines are integrated, an 'Environmental Health and Environmental Management Plan' has been developed, and is implemented by way of an 'Annual Program'.

This Plan identifies the different roles of environmental health and environmental management and the goals, objectives and activities for each of the identified functional activities.

Most work in these areas is categorised as:

- reactive (i.e. work that results from enquiries, complaints, applications and the like); and
- programmable (i.e. recurring work that can be identified in advance, such as food premises audits or water sampling); and
- administrative (e.g. report writing, data entry and the like).

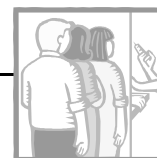
The 'Annual Program' is designed to ensure that programmable and administrative work identified in the 'Environmental Health and Environmental Management Plan' is completed over the full 12 month reporting period.

Approximately 70% of environmental health work and 60% of environmental management work falls into the programmable and administrative categories.

This allows 30% and 40% of available time (respectively) to be allocated to the reactive components of these activities.

This report has been prepared by the Environmental Officer (Mr Michael Stretton), Environmental Health Officer (Helène Vanderwaal), and the Director Development Services (Mr Jeff McNamara).

Immunisation



Target:

To implement an immunisation program for the municipal area.

Desired outcome:

To provide each person in the municipal area an opportunity to attain vaccination status consistent with the recommendations of the National Health and Medical Research Council, and to maintain records of all vaccinations given at Council clinics.

Strategy:

- Provide annual immunisation clinics for schools;
- Provide monthly immunisation clinics at a convenient centre; and
- Provide the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register with timely reports of all vaccinations of children born from 2001 onwards.

Performance:

The Council operated school clinics for the following vaccinations:

Grade 5 – Varicella (Chicken Pox);

Grade 6 – Hepatitis B;

Grades 6, 10, 11 and 12 Females – Gardasil (Human Papilloma Virus); and

Grade 10 – dTpa (Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis).

The Council also operated clinics on the third Wednesday of every month in Ulverstone and the last Tuesday of every month (except December) in Penguin.

During the previous financial year a total of 12 reports were sent to the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register. The reports included all vaccinations given at Council clinics to children born from 2002 onwards.

The number of vaccinations administered and the location of clinics are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Immunisation clinics

Monthly Clinics

LOCATION	TYPE OF VACCINATION										
	Fluvax (staff)	Pedvax Hib	Gardasil	MMR	Meningococcal C	Prevenar	Quadracel	Boostrix	Hep B	Varicella	Infanrix Hexa
Ulverstone	17	5	19	10	7	13	3	5	6	4	13
Penguin	5	4	5	5	4	15	1	1	3	7	15
<i>Total</i>	22	9	24	15	11	28	4	6	9	11	28

The Council also conducted in-house immunisation clinics to vaccinate 46 staff members against Influenza.

School Clinics

SCHOOL	TYPE OF VACCINATION			
	Chicken Pox (Varilrix)	Hep B (adult dose)	Human Papilloma Virus (Gardasil)	dTpa (Boostrix)
East Ulverstone Primary	16	58	27	
Forth Primary	8	38	16	
Leighland Christian	6	49	51	26
North West Christian	2	13	10	3
Penguin Primary	3	73	11	
Riana Primary	6	31	6	
Sacred Heart Primary	12	57	30	
Sprent Primary	1	22	16	
Ulverstone Primary	26	94	52	
West Ulverstone Primary	16	35	11	
Ulverstone High			105	90
Penguin High			30	44
<i>Total for School Clinics</i>	96	470	365	163

During the 2006/2007 financial year the total number of vaccinations administered was 1,307.

Infectious diseases



Notification of notifiable diseases

Target:

Investigate all notified cases of infectious diseases.

Desired outcome:

That the Department of Health and Human Services receives necessary information relating to cases of notifiable diseases in a timely manner.

Strategy:

To respond to notifications of notifiable diseases by conducting investigations, taking samples as required and reporting to the Director of Public Health in a timely manner.

Performance:

The number of notifiable diseases reported and investigated is shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Notifiable diseases

Diseases	No. Reported	No. Investigated
Salmonellosis	0	0
Campylobacteriosis	3	2

Public Health Risk Activities (skin penetration premises)

Target:

- To register all skin penetration premises within the municipal area in order to ensure that those premises comply with relevant guidelines;
- To licence all persons who carry out the public health risk activity of skin penetration including acupuncture; and
- To assess the operation of those premises and the carrying out of those activities for compliance with the relevant guidelines.

Desired outcome:

That there are adequate systems in place to prevent the risk of cross contamination in premises used for skin penetration.

Strategy:

- To ensure that all skin penetration premises are registered;
- To ensure that all persons who carry out the public health risk activity of skin penetration including acupuncture are licensed; and
- To conduct biannual audits of the operational procedures of all registered skin penetration premises.

Performance:

There were six skin penetration premises requiring registration in the reporting period and all six premises were inspected and registered.

Regulated systems for air (cooling towers)***Target:***

Compliance with statutory requirements. Conduct biannual audits of all registrable cooling towers and record details.

Desired outcome:

To minimise the risk to human health from regulated systems by ensuring that those systems are operated and maintained in accordance with relevant guidelines and standards.

Strategy:

- Conduct audits of serviceable cooling towers every six months;
- To maintain up to date records of those cooling towers including:
 - their location;
 - type of cooling system;
 - details of their annual operation;
 - persons responsible for their operation and maintenance; and
 - contact name of person responsible for the facility; and
- To provide a copy of those records to the Department of Health and Human Services in a timely manner.

Performance:

There are two cooling tower operators in the municipal area. Simplot Australia, who operates a total of eight cooling towers and Botanical Resources Australia, who operate two cooling towers.

During the 2006/2007 financial year no cases of Legionella were reported.

The general standard of cooling towers:

According to both Botanical Resources Australia and Simplot Australia all cooling towers operated by them are maintained in accordance with *AS/NZS 3666 (Set) Air-handling and water systems of buildings – Microbial control* standards.

Mosquito vector control***Target:***

To monitor mosquito vector presence at locations identified as breeding or staging grounds within the municipal area.

Strategy:

To monitor mosquito larvae presence as required.

Performance:

Monitoring was carried out as required for the reporting period.

Discussion:

There were no incidents requiring investigation for the reporting period.

Food surveillance



Registered Food Premises

Target:

- Compliance with statutory requirements, conduct risk based assessments and audits of all food premises.
- Conduct food sampling in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Desired outcome:

Food that is safe for human consumption.

Strategy:

Conduct food premises audits at a frequency determined by risk assessment and respond to complaints and take corrective action where necessary.

Commentary:

Food surveillance includes both proactive and reactive work.

Proactive work includes food premises audits and onsite/offsite food handler education. Reactive work includes responding to food complaints by investigations and corrective action where necessary.

The audit frequency is determined by a priority (risk) classification assessment in accordance with Department of Health and Human Services' discussion paper on 'Requirements for Local Government Food Premises Audits' (1 August 1996). The aim of these audits is to identify risks to the safety of food from handling and operator proficiency and to detect and regulate any statutory non-compliance.

Food premises are categorised and subjected to a risk assessment. The risk is determined by the potential hazards arising from:

- the type of food;
- the method of processing;
- the number of consumers at risk; and
- confidence in the operation.

The frequency of food premises audits varies from once a year to once a month depending on the risk assessment, category and classification.

Performance:

During the 2006/2007 financial year there were 147 registerable food businesses and eight registerable food vans within the municipal area. All of these premises were audited and registered within the reporting period.

The general standard of the food premises:

Satisfactory compliance was achieved by 149 premises. The remaining six were unsatisfactory and required numerous follow-up visits.

The general standard of the food hygiene:

Consistent with the food premises compliance rate, 148 premises demonstrated satisfactory food hygiene practices. Of the remaining seven premises that required follow-up visits all but one achieved a reasonably acceptable standard of improvement in food handling practices. The Council's Environmental Health Officer is currently working closely with one premises to improve food hygiene practices.

Food sampling:

Food sampling was conducted in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services Food Sampling Program.

The program included sampling for the following:

— *Ready to eat fish*

Results of the analysis indicated that the sample did not comply with the Australian Food Standards Code. A follow-up sample was taken and results from the second analysis complied with the Australian Food Standards Code.

Temporary food premises

Target:

Conduct risk based assessments and audits of all temporary food premises.

Desired outcome:

Food that is safe for human consumption.

Strategy:

Conduct food premises audits at a frequency determined by risk assessment and respond to complaints and take corrective action where necessary.

Commentary:

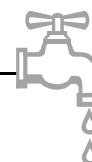
Temporary food premises include transient food vans and other food vans and food stalls normally associated with markets and infrequent outdoor events.

Performance:

Four temporary food premises were audited in the reporting period.

There were no complaints or incidents requiring investigation.

Water quality



Treated drinking water

Target:

Maintain an appropriate potable standard of treated drinking water supply to consumers consistent with the requirements of the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

Strategy:

To monitor the quality of drinking water in the Council's reticulation system on a regular basis sufficient to indicate the quality of the water.

Commentary:

Cradle Coast Water supplies treated drinking water to the Council's reticulated area. The Authority is responsible for the treatment of that water. Under the Public Health Act, 1997, Guidelines for Water Quality, the Council is required to monitor that water in accordance with the NH&MRC Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (1996).

In accordance with the recommendations of the Guidelines the Council monitors the reticulated water on a weekly basis (resource permitting). The Council's monitoring program involves monitoring chlorine residual on a weekly basis, complemented with monthly microbiological monitoring. Microbiological analysis is carried out by a laboratory accredited by the National Association of Testing Authorities.

In regards to microbiological monitoring, in the event a drinking water sample analysis reveals that a sample does not meet the requirements of the Guidelines the testing laboratory is required to notify the Director of Public Health within one working day. The council sampling the water must take a second sample and submit that for analysis and, depending on the results of that analysis, a course of action is decided. Where a drinking water sample does not meet an effective chlorine residual of 0.02mg/L, a sample is sent for microbiological analysis.

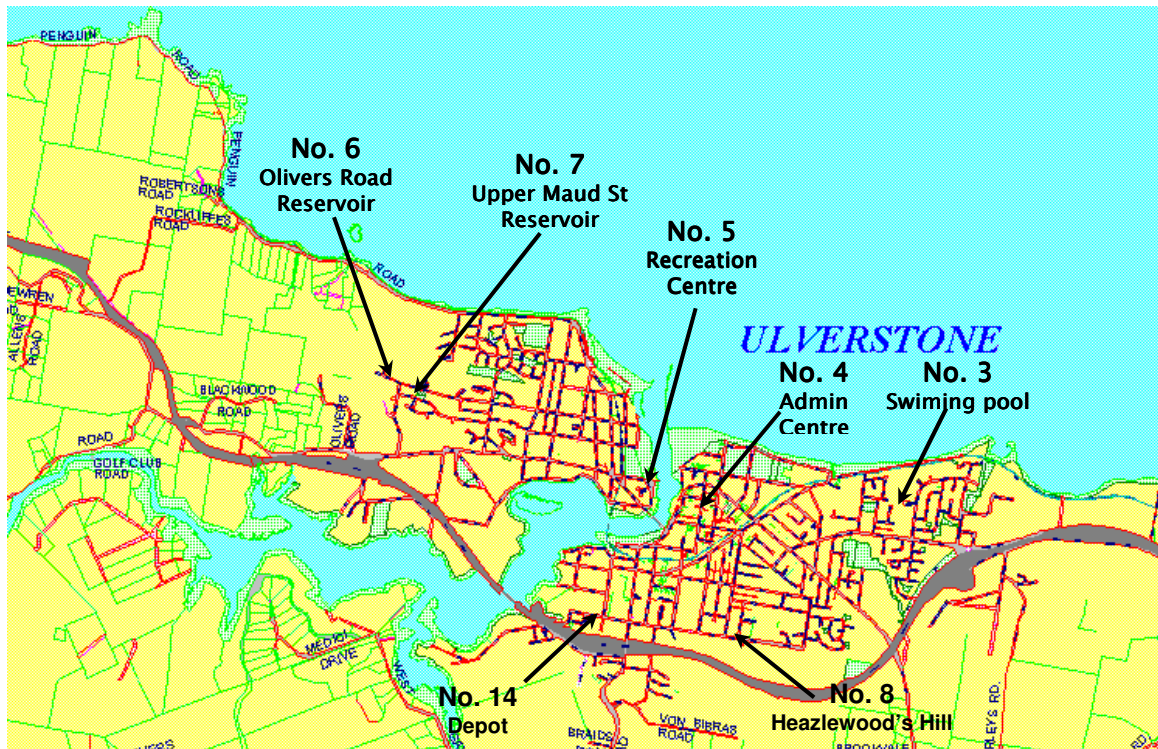
Table 4 is a list of the sites where drinking water samples are taken.

Table 4: Drinking water sites monitored

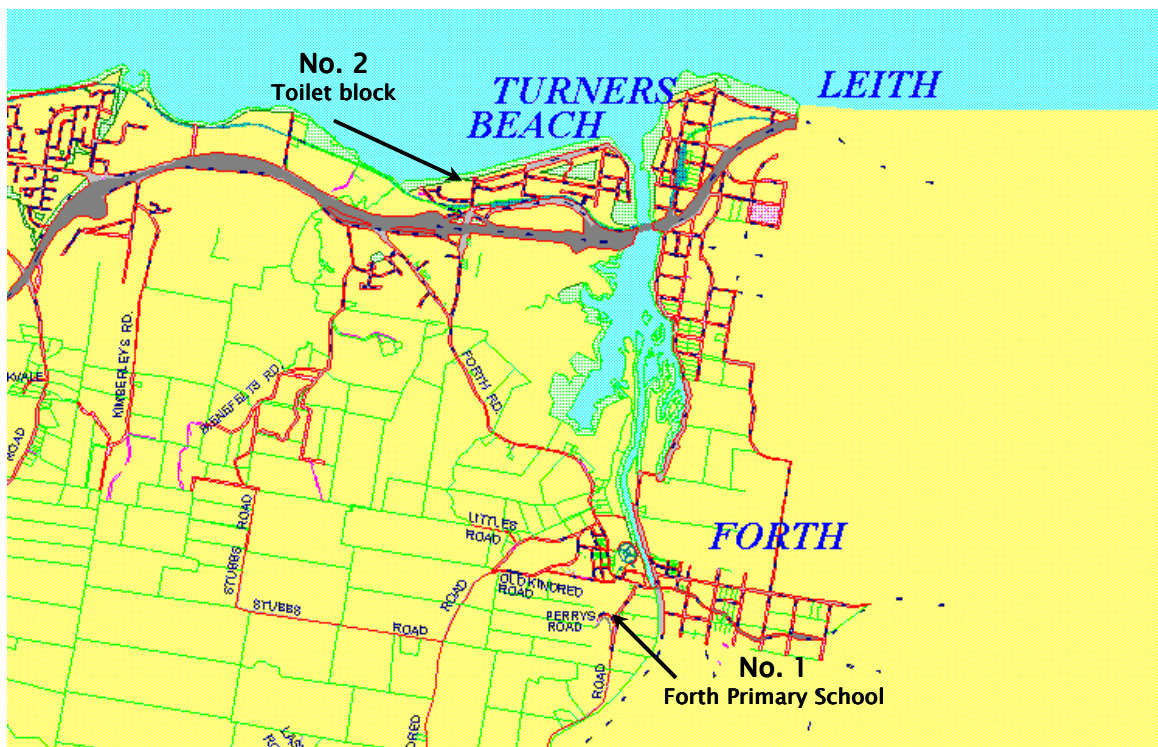
Site	Site No.	Map No.
Public Toilets, Forth	1	2
Public Toilets, Esplanade, Turners Beach	2	2
Ulverstone Swimming Pool, Leighlands Avenue, Ulverstone	3	1
CCC Admin Centre, 19 King Edward Street, Ulverstone	4	1
Ulverstone Recreation Centre, Flora Street, Ulverstone	5	1
Olivers Road Reservoir, Upper Maud Street, Ulverstone	6	1
Reservoir, Upper Maud Street, Ulverstone	7	1
Heazlewoods Hill Reservoir, Trevor Street, Ulverstone	8	1
Fire Station, River Avenue, Heybridge	9	3
Penguin Surf Club, Bass Highway, Preservation Bay	10	3
Ashwater Crescent, Penguin	11	3
Recreation Ground, Ironcliffe Road, Penguin	12	3
North West Christian School, Ling Street, Penguin	13	3
Depot, Short Street, Ulverstone	14	1

Maps 1 to 3 illustrate where treated drinking water quality monitoring takes place within the Central Coast municipal area.

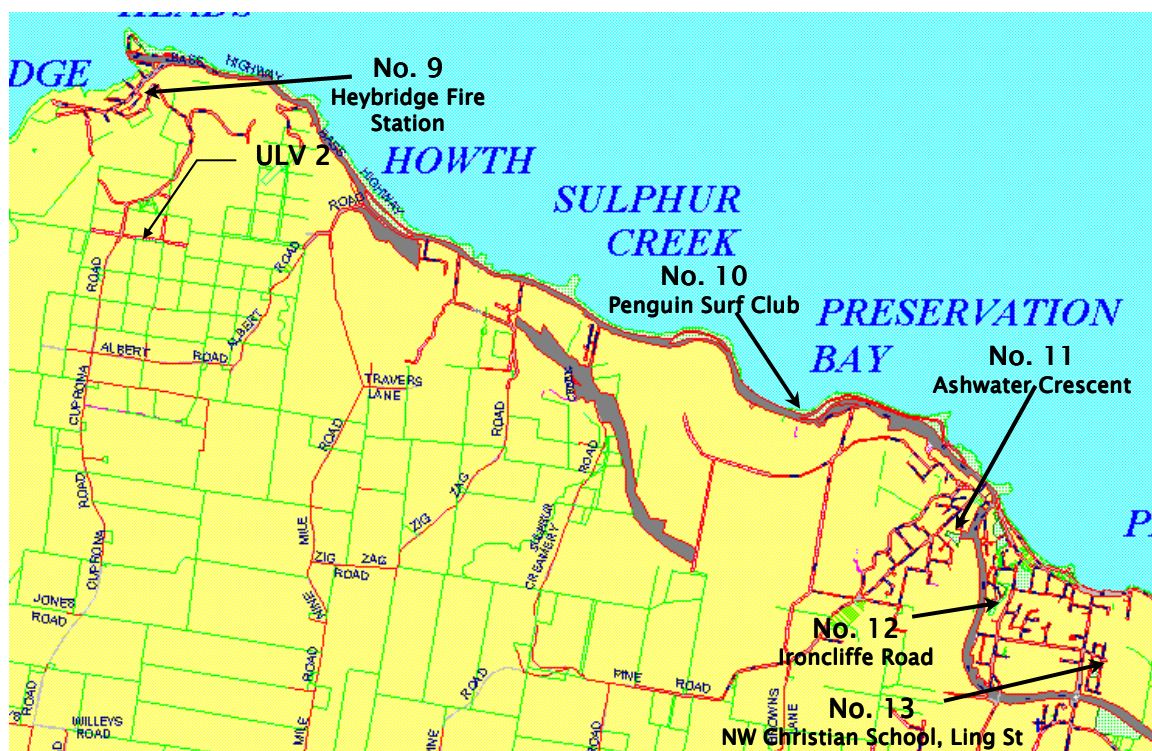
Map 1: Ulverstone



Map 2: Turners Beach



Map 3: Penguin



Performance:

Table 5 shows results of water sampling at each site.

The Council's monitoring program found that the drinking water quality complied with the NH&MRC Water Quality Guidelines (1996) in terms of microbiological quality. However, as a result of resource shortages throughout the period, the monitoring program failed to comply with the Guideline requirements for the number of water samples to be collected.

While the test results indicate reasonable compliance with the prescribed standards and procedures for treated drinking water for those parameters tested, it is beyond the financial resources of the Council to test for the full range of organic and inorganic chemical parameters listed in the source reference.

Table 5: Drinking water sample results

SITE	PARAMETERS					
	RESERVOIR	No. of Micro samples * (Standard = 12/year)	Median Total Coliforms/100mL * (Standard = 95% <1/100 mL)	Median Faecal and E.Coli/100mL * (Standard = 98% <1/100 mL)	No. of Free Chlorine samples (Standard = 40/year)	Median Free Chlorine (mg/L) (Standard = presence)
Public toilets, Forth	Turners Beach	18	<1	<1	27	0.09
Public toilets, Esplanade, Turners Beach	Turners Beach	18	<1	<1	27	0.07
Swimming Pool, Leighlands Ave, Ulverstone	Kimberleys Rd	18	<1	<1	27	0.06
CCC Admin. Centre, King Edward St, Ulverstone	Hearps Rd, Amy St, Von Bibras Rd, Kimberleys Rd	17	<1	<1	25	0.05
Recreation Centre, Flora St, Ulverstone	(As above)	19	<1	<1	27	0.06
Upper Maud St, Ulverstone	Olivers Road	17	<1	<1	27	0.05
Reservoir, Upper Maud St, Ulverstone	Upper Maud Street	17	<1	<1	23	0.07
Trevor St, Ulverstone	Heazlewoods Hill	18	<1	<1	24	0.07
Fire Station, River Ave, Heybridge	Heybridge	18	<1	<1	27	0.05
Surf Club, Bass Highway, Preservation Bay	Murfetts	18	<1	<1	27	0.05
Ashwater Cres, Penguin	Browns Lane	18	<1	<1	27	0.05
Recreation Ground Ironcliffe Rd, Penguin	Mission Hill	18	<1	<1	27	0.06
NW Christian School, Ling St, Penguin	Spur Hill	18	<1	<1	25	0.05
Depot, Short Street, Ulverstone		9	<1	<1	17	0.05
Total		241 /year			357/year	

* Source: National Health and Medical Research Council & Agricultural and Resource Management Council of Australia and New Zealand (1996), *Australian Drinking Water Guidelines*.

Recreational and environmental water quality

Target:

To monitor water bodies throughout the Central Coast municipal area in order to make informed decisions regarding the appropriate use of those water bodies.

Desired outcome:

Water bodies that are safe for their respective uses.

Strategy:

- Carry out monitoring of recreational waters;
- Carry out environmental, groundwater and other water sampling on a risk assessment basis; and
- Provide advice to the community on water quality issues.

The sampling program:

Recreational waters –

Recreational Use of Waterbodies – See Table 6
Type of Sampling Conducted :
– faecal coliforms/100ml (until March 2007)
– enterococci/100ml (April 2007)
Sampling Frequency – monthly (October to April)
Locations – See attached maps 4–6

Recreational water bodies are sampled during the main bathing season. Analysis of faecal coliform samples are undertaken in-house at the Council's own laboratory, while enterococci analysis is undertaken at a NATA accredited laboratory.

The results are compared with the appropriate standard in the Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality (2000) or the Recreational Water Quality Guidelines 2007 (*Public Health Act 1997*). If a recreational water body is found to continually exceed the guidelines, signs are placed to advise the public not to swim in that location.

Table 6 is a list of the sites where samples are taken and the type of water-related recreation that occurs at each site.

Table 6: Recreational sites monitored and uses

Site	Site no.	Recreational purpose
Blythe River – mouth	PEN 1	fishing, surfing, boating
Preservation Bay – Surf Club	PEN 2	swimming, surfing
Johnsons Beach – caravan park	PEN 3	swimming
Main Beach – Penguin	PEN 4	swimming, surfing
Lobster Creek Reserve	ULV 1	swimming, water sports
West Beach – opposite shop	ULV 2	swimming
Picnic Point Beach	ULV 3	swimming
Tobruk Park	ULV 4	skiing, fishing
Main Beach – Surf Club	ULV 5	swimming, surfing
Buttons Creek – mouth	ULV 6	historically this site was used for swimming
Victoria Park – Gunns Plains	ULV 7	swimming, fishing
West Turners Beach	ULV 8	swimming
Gables Park – Turners Beach	ULV 9	boating, swimming
Canoe Course – Forth River	ULV 10	kayaking, rafting, swimming

Environmental waters –

General Use of Waterbodies – See Table 7
Type of Sampling Conducted – faecal coliforms/100ml
Sampling Frequency – as required
Locations – See attached maps 4–6

Monitoring of waterways for environmental purposes is undertaken where it is suspected an indirect pollution source (i.e. septic tanks, livestock, etc) has the potential to impact on a waterway. This information is used to identify problem areas and as a tool for decision-making.

Other creeks and rivulets are generally sampled only when the quality of that water is compromised, for example after a sewage spill. Samples are taken both upstream and downstream of the pollutant source to determine the level of bacteriological contamination.

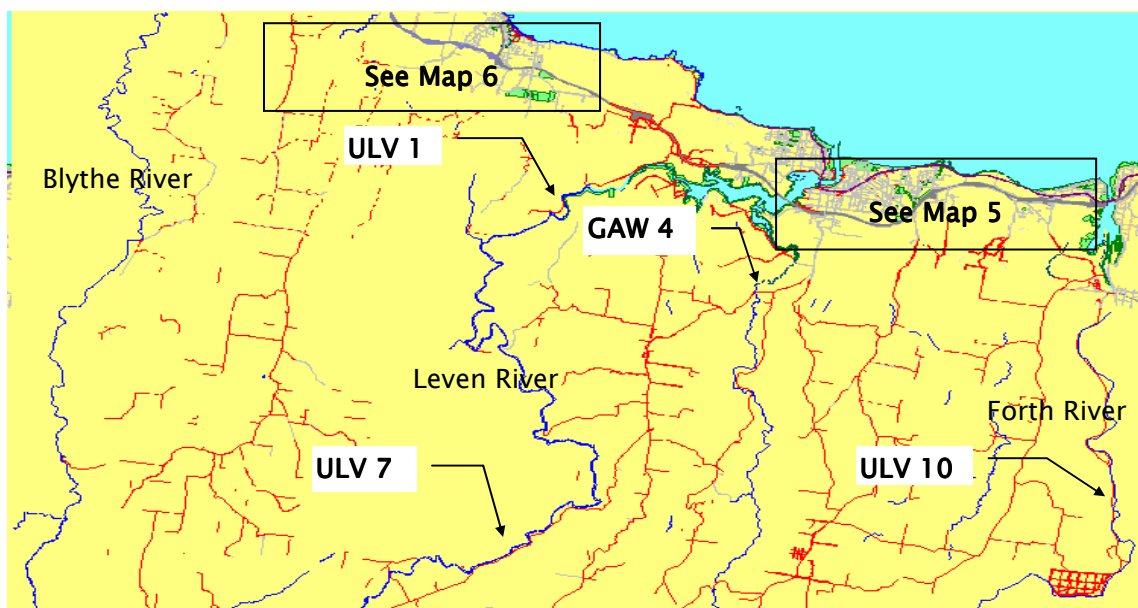
Results from environmental water sites are also compared against the relevant guidelines in the Guidelines for Managing Risks in Recreational Waters (2006). Table 7 is a list of the most frequently monitored environmental waters.

Table 7: Environmental sites monitored

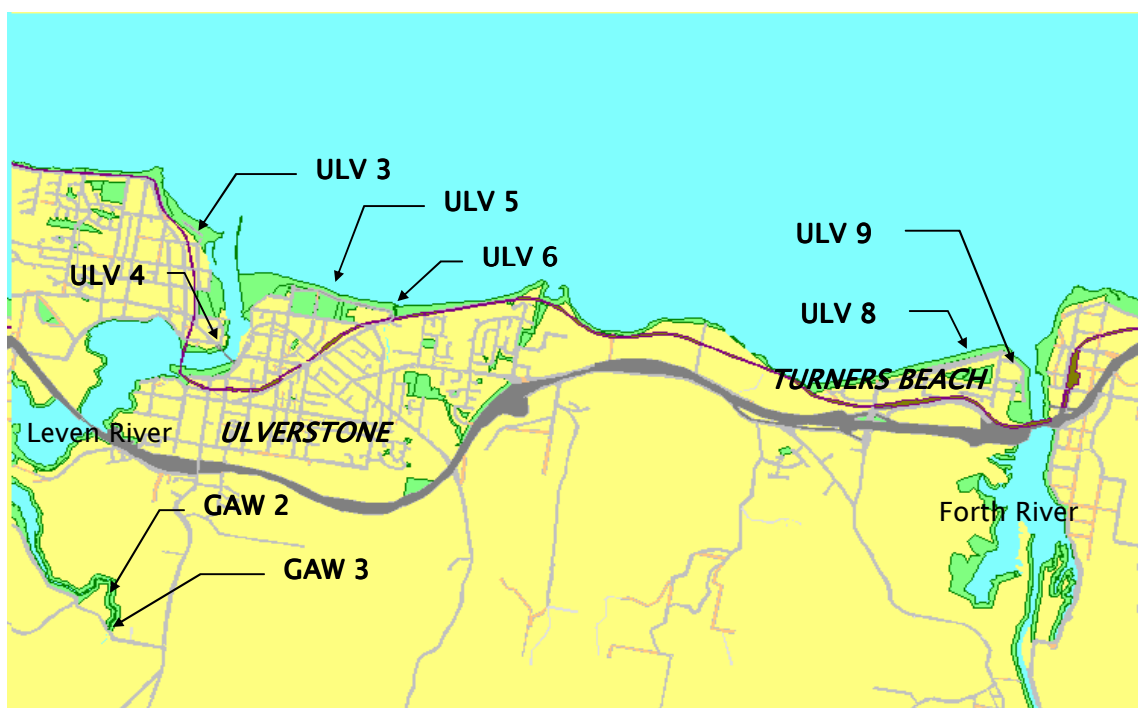
Site	Site no.	Reason for sampling
Myrtle Creek – Dial Road, Penguin	PEN 5	environmental, large number of septic tanks in area
Hiscutt Park, Penguin	PEN 6	environmental, aesthetics
West Gawler bridge	GAW 2	environmental, large number of septic tanks in area
Seepage drain – West Gawler	GAW 3	environmental, large number of septic tanks in area
Gawler River – Preston Road	GAW 4	environmental, large number of septic tanks in area

Maps 4 to 6 illustrate where recreational and environmental water quality monitoring takes place within the Central Coast municipal area.

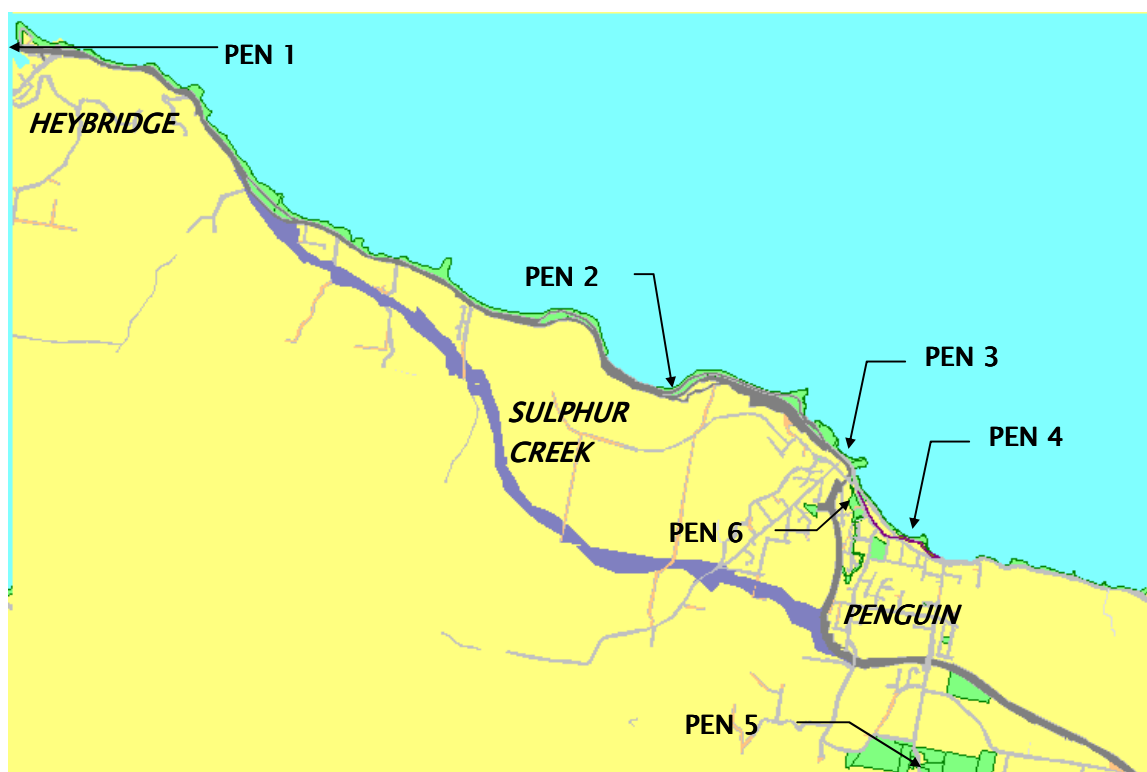
Map 4: Central Coast municipal area



Map 5: Ulverstone Insert



Map 6: Penguin Insert



Performance:

Table 8 is a summary of the recreational water quality monitoring results for the period ending 30 June 2007:

Table 8: Summary of Recreational Water Quality Results for 2006/2007

SITE		No. of samples	PARAMETERS	
			Medial E.Coli/100mL *(Standard <150/100mL)	Medial Enterococci/100mL *(Standard <140/100mL)
Blythe River – mouth	PEN 1	6	21	10
Preservation Bay – Surf club	PEN 2	6	0	<10
Johnsons Beach – Caravan park	PEN 3	6	1	<10
Main Beach – Penguin	PEN 4	6	1	<10
West Beach – opposite shop	ULV 2	6	4	10
Picnic Point Beach	ULV 3	6	5	84.5
Tobruk Park	ULV 4	6	6	<10
Main Beach –Surf club	ULV 5	6	3	<10
Buttons Creek – mouth	ULV 6	6	316	150
Victoria Park – Gunns Plains	ULV 7	6	126	64
West Turners Beach	ULV 8	6	17	<10
Gables Park Turners Beach	ULV 9	6	50	<10
Canoe Course – Forth River	ULV 10	6	9	31

EXPLANATORY COMMENT – The historical levels of bacterial contamination at all recreational sites other than Buttons Creek, meet the prescribed standards. Warning signs advising against recreational use are in place at Buttons Creek due to historically high levels of bacterial contamination. The bacteria listed are the only parameters* tested for due to limited financial resources. However, it would be reasonable to use these as indicator organisms in deciding the suitability of these waters for recreational use.

* Protozoans, pH, Temperature, Plant nutrients, Flows, Dangerous objects, Clarity, Toxicity, Aesthetics, Biologically harmful organisms are not monitored.

Table 9 is a summary of the environmental water quality monitoring results for the period ending 30 June 2007:

Table 9: Summary of Environmental Water Quality Results for 2006/2007

SITE		PARAMETERS	
		No. of samples taken	Median Faecal Coliforms/100mL
Myrtle Creek – Dial Road, Penguin	PEN 5	3	40.5
Hiscutt Park, Penguin	PEN 6	3	476
West Gawler bridge	GAW 2	3	185
Gawler River – Preston Road	GAW 4	3	300

EXPLANATORY COMMENT – The parameters tested for are considered reasonable as indicator organisms in deciding the suitability of these waters for their particular uses.

Discussion:

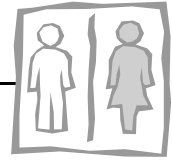
In recreational waters used for primary contact, the Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality (2000) recommend that the median bacterial content taken over the bathing season should not exceed 150 faecal coliforms/100mL. In February 2007 the Recreational Water Quality Guidelines (*Public Health Act 1997*) superseded this recommendation by establishing a microbial level for investigation of 140 enterococci/100mL.

All sampling sites in the Central Coast municipal area complied with the Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality, with the exception of Buttons Creek. Due to historical high microbiological counts, two permanently positioned 'No Swimming' signs remain in place at this site. These signs will remain in place until it can be confirmed, over consecutive bathing seasons, that the water quality in Buttons Creek has improved. The cause of the high microbiological counts in Buttons Creek may be attributed to the extensive urban and agricultural land use in the catchment.

The Recreational Water Quality Guidelines microbial level for investigation was exceeded at Picnic Point Beach for a short period in March 2007 as a result of a near-shore rupture of the Picnic Point sewage outfall pipe. 'No swimming' warning signs were erected at all entrance points to this site throughout the period, and were removed once monitoring confirmed that water quality had normalised. The investigation level was also exceeded once at the Gable Park site, however follow-up sampling identified acceptable microbial levels.

Water bodies monitored for uses other than recreation are subject to varying guidelines that are selected in accordance with the most sensitive use of that water body.

Public conveniences



Target:

Provide and maintain sufficient clean public conveniences within the municipal area.

Desired outcome:

That there are adequate systems employed to ensure that public conveniences are maintained to a standard which provides reasonable precautions against the spread of disease.

Strategy:

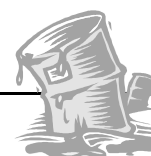
To conduct cleaning of all public conveniences and to report any maintenance/service requirements to Council maintenance staff (Assets & Engineering Department).

Performance:

All public toilets were inspected during the reporting period.

There were no incidents requiring investigation.

Solid waste management



Target:

To ensure that solid waste is collected in a safe, efficient, and environmentally sound manner and disposed of to an appropriate and secure facility or waste service provider.

Desired outcome:

The effective and safe management of wastes.

Strategy:

- Conduct water monitoring at sites where there is potential for leachate to contaminate water supplies; and
- Arrange timely collection and disposal of the Council's hazardous wastes.

Commentary:

Water monitoring is conducted at the Ulverstone Resource Recovery Centre (RRC), the old Penguin landfill site, and the Preston and South Riana Transfer Stations in accordance with the Department of Tourism, Arts and the Environment (DTAE) requirements. Water samples are analysed at a NATA registered laboratory for parameters typically associated with leachate.

The Council's hazardous wastes are centralised and collected when required by licensed operators for treatment and/or disposal.

Performance:

Hazardous waste disposal –

Unwanted, expired or unknown hazardous chemicals from Council operation are collected about every six months (when required). During the reporting period the Council required one collection of hazardous chemicals to occur.

Water monitoring –

Water sampling was conducted in October 2006 and April 2007 at the Preston Transfer Station. These results are shown in Table 10.

Table 10: Preston Transfer Station – Water monitoring results

PRESTON TRANSFER STATION – WATER MONITORING PROGRAM					
Parameter (mg/L unless otherwise specified)	* Standard	Lake Insandula at Isandula Road bridge (mean)	Western surface run-off pond (mean)	Eastern surface run-off pond (mean)	West Gawler River at Closes Road bridge (mean)
pH	6.5 – 7.5	7.5	Holding No Water	Holding No Water	7.3
Conductivity	30–350	114.5			107
Ammonia	–	0.005			0.007
Nitrate	0.7	0.149			0.364
Grease and oil	10	<1			1
COD	–	–			–
E.coli/100ml	200	7			2,752
Iron (Fe) – Total	0.002	0.21			0.39
Copper (Cu) – Total	0.0014	0.003			<0.001
Zinc (Zn) – Total	0.008	0.003			0.004
Manganese (Mn) – Total	1.9	4.49			4.42
Lead (Pb) Total	0.0034	<0.0005			<0.0005

* Australian and New Zealand Environment and Conservation Council (2000), *Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality*, Canberra (Trigger value for 95% protection of freshwater aquatic ecosystems)

Table 11 shows results of the water monitoring program at the RRC, the old Penguin landfill site and the South Riana Transfer Station for the period ending 30 June 2007.

Table 11: RRC, Penguin Landfill Site and South Riana Transfer Station – Water monitoring results

RRC, PENGUIN LANDFILL SITE AND SOUTH RIANA TRANSFER STATION – WATER MONITORING PROGRAM						
Parameter (mg/L unless otherwise specified)	* Standard	Penguin			Sth Riana	RRC
		Stream above Landfill (mean)	900 mm – Leachate Pipe (mean)	Stream below Landfill (mean)	<i>Sediment Pond (Mean)</i>	<i>Leachate Pond (Mean)</i>
pH	6.5 – 7.5	INSUFFICIENT FLOWS	7.6	7.4	6.7	6.7
Conductivity	30–350		2880	2105	133.5	223
TDS	–		1060	1070	87.5	123
Redox Potential (Eh)	–		563	590.5	593.5	545
Total Suspended Solids	–		89	54.5	3	6
Colour Apparent (CU)	–		–	–	–	–
Alkalinity (as CaCO ₃)	–		528	503	29	11
Hardness (mg CaCO ₃ /L)	–		–	–	–	–
Total Nitrogen	0.48		60	60	0.7025	2.1
Ammonia	0.9		62.9	53.5	0.012	0.416
Nitrate	0.7		0.79	3.74	0.253	0.1315
Nitrite	–		0.105	0.211	<0.002	<0.002
Total phosphorus	0.013		0.059	0.044	0.017	0.041
Orthophosphate	–		0.004	0.024	0.012	0.014
DOC	–		76	72	9.35	3.8
COD	–		270	250	<50	<50
E. coli/100mL	–		310	428	52	<100
Total CN (as CN)	0.007		0.069	0.103	<0.005	<0.005
Total Iron (Fe)	–		18.55	22.65	0.377	0.265
Aluminium (Al)	0.055		0.418	1.167	0.109	0.334
Copper (Cu)	0.0014		0.014	0.017	0.002	0.029
Zinc (Zn)	0.008		0.054	0.103	1.19	0.151
Chromium (Cr)	0.001		0.013	0.013	<0.001	0.004
Manganese (Mn)	–		0.43	0.468	0.019	0.275
Nickel (Ni)	0.011		0.01	0.01	0.012	0.018
Lead (Pb)	0.0034		0.006	0.013	<0.005	<0.005
Cadmium (Cd)	0.0002		<0.001	<0.001	0.001	0.001
Arsenic (As)	–		<0.005	0.006	–	<0.005
Selenium (Se)	–		<0.01	<0.01	–	<0.01
Chloride	–		–	–	15.4	–
Sulphate	–		–	–	8	–
Sodium (Na)	–		–	–	0.0079	–
Potassium (K)	–		–	–	0.0063	–
Calcium (Ca)	–		–	–	0.0155	–
Magnesium (Mg)	–		–	–	0.0028	–
BTEX	–		<0.005	<0.005	–	<0.001
Benzene	–		<0.001	<0.001	–	<0.001
Ethylbenzene	–		<0.001	<0.001	–	–
Xylene	–		<0.002	<0.002	–	<0.002
Toluene	–		<0.001	<0.001	–	<0.001
TPH	–		<0.04	<0.04	–	<0.04
TPH C06–C09	–		<0.01	<0.01	–	<0.01
TPH C10–C14	–		<0.01	<0.01	–	<0.01
TPH C15–C28	–		<0.01	<0.01	–	<0.01
PCB	–		<0.0001	<0.0001	–	<0.0001
AOH	–		785	810	–	0.146

- Australian and New Zealand Environment and Conservation Council (2000), *Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality*, Canberra (Trigger value for 95% protection of freshwater aquatic ecosystems)

Discussion:

There was no feedback or interpretation from DTAE regarding the above results. However, the guideline values from the Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality (2000) have been included where available. These guidelines indicate several parameters would impact on freshwater ecosystems.

Wastewater management



Target:

To ensure all wastewater systems are installed and operating in a sustainable manner without compromising health or environment.

Desired outcome

The effective and safe management of wastewater and the safe disposal of sewage sludge.

Strategy:

- Process applications for on-site wastewater disposal in accordance with national and state standards;
- Remediation and monitoring of defective installations;
- Assess wastewater disposal options; and
- Monitor the operation of the Turners Beach, Ulverstone and Penguin Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTP).

Commentary:

Twelve months following approval and installation of an on-site wastewater management system for a dwelling, a final visit is undertaken to ensure the system is operating correctly. This provides an opportunity to ensure the system is installed correctly and to identify and remediate any problems. An assessment of Aerated Wastewater Treatment Systems (AWTS) takes place every three months by a qualified technician and every six to 12 months by the Council.

Aside from unsewered dwellings, the disposal of dairy shed effluent is another major wastewater issue. The dairy shed effluent program has been operating for over nine years and provides a systematic approach to improving the effluent disposal methods from dairy sheds. Problematic dairies are visited on an annual basis.

The WWTPs are licensed to discharge to ocean or estuarine out-falls. Monitoring is carried out at each plant, out-fall and adjacent beaches to ensure the discharged effluents are within the acceptable limits and guidelines. There are 50 sewage pumps associated with these plants, some of which fail from time to time. An established incident response procedure ensures an effective and appropriate course of action.

Sewage sludge is disposed of in a way that does not pose a threat to public health. Sludge is composted and monitoring is carried out on the compost to determine its suitability for disposal.

Performance:

On-site wastewater management –

Forty wastewater management systems were approved in 2006/2007. These systems have all been assessed to ensure they remain sustainable into the future and do not adversely impact on the environment.

Dairy sheds –

There are approximately 45 dairies in the municipal area, all of which are generally conforming to the provisions of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994* (EMPCA). There continue to be a number of dairies that require further work to ensure their waste management systems are in line with the dairy effluent code of practice and remain sustainable in the long term.

Wastewater treatment plants –

Generally all parameters tested in wastewater discharged from the WWTPs are well below the respective licence requirements (see Table 13). Regular monitoring at municipal beaches, adjacent to ocean out-falls, is used to affirm the adequate dispersal of treated effluent. There were eight sewage spills during 2006/2007.

Table 13: Treated Sewage Outfall Monitoring Program

PARAMETER	ULVERSTONE		TURNERS BEACH	
	<i>Annual Median</i>	<i>Annual Mean</i>	<i>Annual Median</i>	<i>Annual Mean</i>
Simplot's Flow kL/24 hr	6,051	5,938		
Town Flow kL/24 hr	3,766	3,964	3,417 kl/week	3,621 kl/week
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (mg/L) Ulverstone Treatment Plant discharge only (* Standard = 40)	3	5		
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (mg/L) Ulverstone Treatment Plant and Simplot discharges (* Standard = 40)	910	914	8	11
NFR (mg/L) Ulverstone Treatment Plant discharge only (*Standard = 60)	3	6		
NFR (mg/L) Ulverstone Treatment Plant and Simplot discharges (*Standard = 60)	295	331	18	47
Presumptive Coliform Count/100mL – West Picnic Point Beach – East Picnic Point Beach – Main Beach (*Standard = 1000)	20 365 25	50 824 361	170	663
Presumptive E. Coli/100mL – West Picnic Point Beach – East Picnic Point Beach – Main Beach (*Standard = 1000)	20 190 11	28 695 336	65	318
Faecal Streptococci/100mL – West Picnic Point Beach – East Picnic Point Beach – Main Beach (*Standard = 1000)	20 125 35	52 289 716	65	825

* Emission Limit Guidelines: Sewage Treatment Plants (2001), Department of Tourism, Arts and the Environment

Composted sewage sludge –

Sewage sludge is composted with sawdust and recycled after a holding period of not less than two years or longer as determined by bacterial counts. The permissible end use of the product is determined by classifying sludge into Stabilisation Grade A or B, in accordance with the standards required by the Department of Tourism, Arts and the Environment, Tasmanian Biosolids Reuse Guidelines 1999.

Table 14: Composted Sewage Sludge Monitoring Program

PARAMETER	ANNUAL MEDIAN
Listeria	Not detected *
Salmonella	Not detected *
Thermotolerant Coliforms	2 **
	COUNT
Enteroviruses (***) pfu/4g)	<1
Reovirus (***) pfu/4g)	<1
Adenovirus (***) pfu/4g)	<1
Helminth ova	<1

* Standard = Not detected per 100 grams

** Standard = <100MPN (most probable number) per gram

*** Standard = pfu = plaque forming units. No maximum, standard for these viruses

Public accommodation/ housing/buildings



Goal:

Healthy and safe public accommodation, housing and buildings.

Target:

To ensure public accommodation, housing and buildings have satisfactory facilities that are maintained to a standard that provides reasonable precautions against the transmission of disease and meets fire safety requirements.

Strategy:

To audit all registerable public buildings within the municipal area on an annual basis.

Performance:

During the 2006/2007 financial year there were 44 registerable Place of Assembly premises within the municipal area. Of these, only 39 were registered. The following five are currently in progress, with a majority awaiting appropriate certificates from a private building surveyor.

During this period there were two temporary Place of Assembly licences issued.

Health education and promotion



Target:

Seek opportunities to engage in health education and promotion activities.

Desired outcome

Increased awareness of health related issues among the community and target industry groups.

Strategy:

Provide educational material and training/seminars on health related topics.

Performance:

Information leaflets on a range of topics (such as communicable diseases and environmental nuisances) are distributed as required.

A food safety presentation was undertaken at Penguin High School for the hospitality students.

Environmental protection



Target:

To ensure all human activities that have an impact on the environment are within an acceptable range.

Desired outcome

A balanced environment that minimises health threats arising from human activity.

Strategy:

- To conduct regular monitoring and assessment of industrial waste, rural industries and residential waste in order to identify actual or potential environmental threats;
- To advise operators how to comply with environmental requirements and, if necessary, enforce these requirements; and
- To ensure environmental incidents are handled safely and effectively.

Commentary:

Most Level 1 Activities (under EMPCA) and other activities, which have the potential to impact on the environment, are audited annually. Performance is based on current industry standards (codes of practice, guidelines, etc). Where no specific information exists professional judgment is exercised. Quarries, dairy sheds and refuse disposal sites are usually assessed annually with poorly performing operations assessed more frequently. Other industrial activities are assessed on a complaints basis.

Accidents and/or faults, which lead to emissions that impact on the environment, are assessed and dealt with according to their threat to human health and the environment. The Council's Incident Communication Protocol and other specific incident procedures (e.g. sewage spills) ensure an efficient and effective response.

Performance:

Environmentally significant activities –

Environmental Auditing Program – throughout 2006/2007 the Council has undertaken an audit of fabricating/engineering activities within the municipal area.

Dairy sheds – all dairies that were previously identified as having a detrimental effect on the environment were visited. Mutually agreed timetables have been put in place with the operators to remedy problems. Very few dairies still require work to the effluent management system.

Quarries – problems identified during an audit are referred to the quarry operators and followed up as necessary in writing or during the next audit. Issues relating to the Council operated quarries are referred to the Council's Assets & Engineering Department.

Other activities – when complaints regarding the environmental performance of a particular activity are received and substantiated, they are investigated. When required, measures are put in place to rectify these problems.

Environmental incidents – 15 incidents were received, investigated and documented. These included smoke complaints, water pollution, industrial emissions, and noise emissions. Incidents of a minor nature were not recorded. In each case the individuals responsible were informed of the problem, the consequences of their actions, and how to fix the problem. They are also advised of the financial penalties for continuing to cause environment harm.

Workplace safety



Target:

A safe working environment.

Desired outcome:

- To minimise the risk of workplace injuries.
- That all employees are made aware of occupational related disease transmission and have access to appropriate vaccination programs.

Strategy:

- To identify occupational health risks;
- To maintain a record of employment related vaccinations;
- To maintain appropriate vaccination programs for employees; and

Performance:

Vaccinations for Influenza were made available to employees.

Cemeteries and crematoria



Single burial grounds

Target:

The correct disposal of human remains.

Strategy:

To assess applications for private cemeteries and to report those applications and assessments to the Director of Public Health.

Performance:

No applications were received for a private burial ground.

Management and administration



Target:

Allocate sufficient resources and support to enable a comprehensive environmental health and environmental management service to the community.

Desired outcome:

Completion of statutory and corporate obligations within these disciplines.

Strategy:

- Maintain an updated Environmental Health and Environmental Management Plan, which in turn forms the basis of an Annual Program of activities;
- Allocation of sufficient budgetary resources to enable the Division to meet its targets;
- Actively engage in ongoing education and professional development to ensure that officers are aware of, and active in, modern and current practices within these disciplines; and
- Develop and maintain a comprehensive technical library of texts, codes of practice and guidelines.

Performance:

Plans, Programs and Reports –

The additional duties that have resulted from legislative reform are beyond our resources. We accept that the community cannot fund more resources.

For both Environmental Health and Environmental Management, we have developed an 'Environmental Health and Environmental Management Plan', and subsequently an 'Annual Program' for activities based, where possible, on the risk management principles outlined in the 'AS/NZS 4360:2004 – Risk Management' or in accordance with relevant guidelines or codes. These are updated annually and monthly respectively.

We then focus our limited resources on high-risk areas.

Financial resources –

The Council's 2006/2007 Operational Plan (Estimates) shows estimated and actual expenditure for the 2006/2007 financial year, as well as estimated expenditure for 2007/2008.

These budget allocations were sufficient to fund the activities accounted for in this report, subject to the limitations mentioned above.

Staff development –

Staff in these functional areas have been active in a number of areas:

- *continuing professional development* – attendance at regional/state meetings, workshops, seminars and training sessions and State and National Conferences provided by the Australian Institute of Environmental Health (AIEH), Local Government Managers Australia, Environmental Institute of Australia & New Zealand, Australian Institute of Company Directors, and the Association of Professional Engineers, Scientists and Managers Australia.
- *professional representation* – Michael Stretton was elected to the position of Branch Councillor, AIEH (Tasmanian Branch); Jeff McNamara represented the Council on the Cradle Coast Authority's Waste Management Advisory Group, the Dulverton Regional Waste Management Authority, as well as being a Deputy Member on the Board of Environmental Management and Pollution Control.

Physical resources –

These functional areas are adequately resourced in relation to vehicles and laboratory/scientific/field equipment.

A comprehensive technical library has been developed, and frequent use of Internet sites for codes of practice (e.g. NSW Environmental Protection Agency) and legislation (e.g. the Tasmanian Government's 'The Law' site) are used to supplement this library.

Subscriptions to various technical magazines and professional journals complement other library material.

Maintenance and development of an in-house technical library is a strategy to help overcome the lack of available texts and journals in public libraries in this part of the State.

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