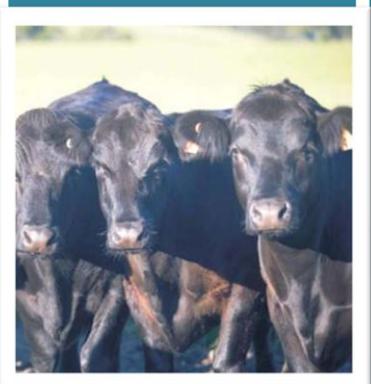
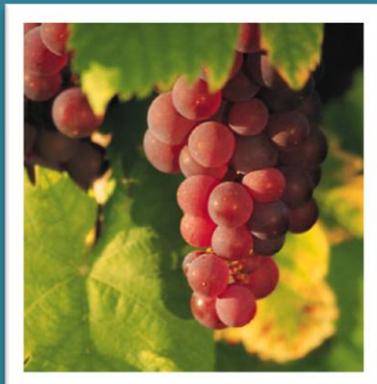


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From the Chairman...

As our district nervously moves on from the disastrous 2006/2007 drought, the district's future is being challenged in new ways by substantially increased energy costs, farm input price hikes and a stronger Australian currency. These changes are the ultimate example that we now operate in an international economy and that there are many forces outside of our control.

Council is increasingly aware of the infrastructure challenges that face us and has accordingly adopted rating policies that appropriately share the cost of providing these services between current and future generations. In our townships we have continued to invest in the upgrading of our streetscapes and the very considerable areas of parks and gardens that combine to enhance the desirability of being a resident. The Keith Institute kitchen was refurbished and with very considerable help from volunteers, the foyer area and the Ruth Wheel Room also benefited from a makeover.

An ongoing and crucially important role for council is advocacy on behalf of the district's residents and businesses to other spheres of government. The challenge for local businesses and council itself to attract and retain staff is intensifying. We have been productively working with the Limestone Coast Regional Development Board and the State Government in addressing individual businesses' labour requirement issues and making both the State and Federal Government aware of our district's needs not only for qualified professionals but also of semi-skilled workers.

Demonstrating to the State Government how crucial our hospitals are to the viability and desirability of our region resulted in an overwhelming turnout to a public meeting when the future role of the Bordertown Hospital was uncertain. In recognition of the importance of having a full complement of general practitioners serving this district we continue to help with relocation costs for new doctors to practices in both Bordertown and Keith.

Local Government in South Australia has carefully considered the issue of how best to deal with potential corruption and inappropriate behaviour within our midst. We continue to set standards of accountability and community consultation that other levels of government are far from emulating. The State Government has also conducted an independent review of local government elections with some far-reaching recommendations. Some of these recommendations reflect the changing nature of our society but there is concern that one of the recommendations would result in the deferral of the next election cycle for local government until October 2011 resulting in a term of nearly 5 years for current councillors.

Shortly after his appointment as the new Governor of South Australia, Council invited Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce to visit us. We were both surprised and delighted that the Governor and his wife Liz accepted the invitation. The Governor brings refreshing youth to this vital role and thoroughly appreciated the insight that we were able to provide him of our economy, our social influences and the commitment and passion of our residents.

During recent times, the local community radio station 5TCB, found itself, for a variety of reasons, in a precarious financial position. Council considered a variety of options, ultimately deciding that waiving property debt owed to Council, gave the best balance between the radio station being responsible for its own future and providing a valuable service to the community.

It was with regret that we received the resignation of Councillor Tim Wei. Tim in his own quiet way has contributed significantly to both Council and community organisations especially with the integration of overseas workers to our society.

Council instigated, in addition to the events we hold to thank volunteers, Volunteer of the Year Awards for the first time. Combined with our Australia Day Awards this provides an additional avenue to recognize people who make a difference to our lives.

Council through its section 41 and various other committees is the beneficiary of the enthusiasm and talent that the members of these committees provide, for no other reason than to contribute to the quality of life in the Tatiara and for that we thank them.

Councillors are charged with setting policy that deals not only with the issues of the day, but with setting a vision for the future that sustainably nurtures our considerable natural assets and enhances our diverse economy. Residents of the Tatiara enjoy many privileges, but to rest on our laurels runs the risk of us being less competitive with other towns and regions of Australia. Councillors, with staff providing well researched professional reports, are proactive in addressing the challenges of the future.

In conclusion, I wish to thank Councillors for their dedication and the selfless service to the district. Council's staff are to be congratulated for their ongoing high levels of service and commitment.

Richard VICKERY
Council Chairman



Bucks Camp Ruins – Ngarkat Conservation Park

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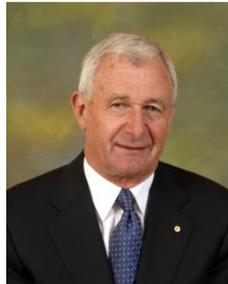
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Cr Diana PENNIMENT
Chairman of
Administration & Finance
Committee



Cr Janet ALLEN
Chairman of Development
Committee

Ward Boundaries

The Tatiara District Council area has been divided internally into two areas known as East Ward and West Ward. The East Ward encompasses the townships of Bordertown, Mundulla, Padthaway and Wolseley, whereas the West Ward encompasses the townships of Keith and Willalooka.

Ward Members

Tatiara District Council is a corporate body consisting of ten (10) Elected Members. In accordance with quota requirements as set out in the Local Government Act 1999 (Section 33), there are seven (7) Elected Members in the East Ward and three (3) Elected Members in the West Ward.

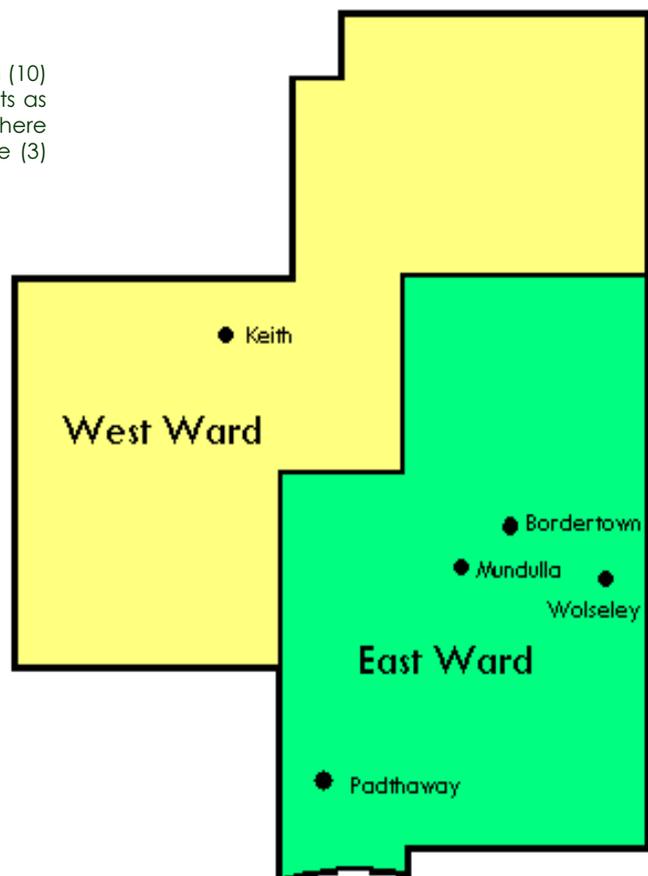
East Ward:

- Cr Jo EDWARDS
- Cr Graham EXCELL
- Cr Jan McLELLAN
- Cr Mark MURPHY
- Cr Diana PENNIMENT
- Cr John ROSS
- (Position Vacant)

Cr Tim WEI resigned as an East Ward Councillor as of 2nd June 2008

West Ward:

- Cr Janet ALLEN
- Cr Russell DAVIS
- Cr Richard VICKERY



General Information

<p><u>District Population</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bordertown (town) 2,445 • Keith (town) 1,128 • Mundulla (area) 189 • Padthaway (area) 340 • Willalooka (area) 358 • Wolseley (area) 367 • Other Areas 1,993 Total 6,820 	<p><u>Council Provides and Maintains</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads, Footpaths & Kerbing • Traffic Control & Street Closures • Parking Bays & Car Parks • Street Lighting • Street Sweeping • Street Tree Planting • Public Toilets • Seats & Signs • Library Facilities • Parks, Gardens & Reserve Areas • STED Scheme
<p><u>Length of Road System</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Roads 327km • Council Roads & Streets 1,947km 	<p><u>Council Administrators</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking • Signage • Litter Control • Waste Removal • Building & Planning Regulations • Development Plan • Dog Control & Registration • Immunisation Programs • Home & Community Care • Fire Prevention
<p><u>Capital Valuation of Rateable Land</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bordertown \$ 208,363,600 • Keith \$ 92,163,700 • Mundulla \$ 13,186,000 • Padthaway \$ 6,696,800 • Wolseley \$ 3,701,500 • Rural \$ 1,289,967,800 Total \$ 1,650,163,760 	<p><u>Council's Auditor</u></p> <p>Galpin Engler Bruin & Dempsey 233 Commercial Street (West) Mount Gambier SA 5290</p>
<p><u>Council's Auditor</u></p> <p>Galpin Engler Bruin & Dempsey 233 Commercial Street (West) Mount Gambier SA 5290</p>	<p><u>Council Assists</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sporting Groups • Community Organisations
<p><u>Council's Banking Corporation</u></p> <p>Westpac Banking Corporation 81 Woolshed Street Bordertown SA 5268</p>	<p><u>Council Advises on</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infectious Diseases • Pool Hygiene • Pest Eradication
<p><u>Council Owned Facilities</u></p> <p>Council owns a number of buildings and structures throughout the district and is responsible for managing many parcels of crown land.</p>	<p><u>Council Inspects & Licences</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Premises • Nursing/Rest Homes • Sanitary Conditions of Buildings
<p>Since the introduction of the Local Government Act 1999, Council staff are considering the requirements of the Act relating to its community land and have prepared management plans for this land.</p> <p>Major Facilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bordertown Council Office and Chamber • Bordertown Civic Centre & Library • Bordertown Senior Citizens Clubrooms • Bordertown Swimming Pool • Bordertown Wildlife Park • Keith & Bordertown Council Works Depots • Bordertown Saleyards • Keith Institute • Keith Swimming Pool • Old Bordertown School Building • Recreation Grounds & Buildings at Wolseley • Wirrega Council Chamber • Showgrounds at Bordertown & Mundulla 	<p><u>Council Conducts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia Day Awards • Volunteer Awards • Citizenship Ceremonies

From the Chief Executive Officer...

Lack of water continues to be a talking point in the Tatiara as it is in the rest of SA and Australia wide. Below average rain fall years continue and underground water levels are also dropping. This has resulted in Council needing to obtain additional water licence if it wishes to maintain its parks in the manner that the community is used to. Council is also investigating reusing the effluent water stored in our lagoons at Bordertown.

For Council 2007/08 was a productive and successful year and this Annual Report includes some of Council's many achievements. This result would not have been possible without the contributions from our volunteers, elected members, Council staff and the general community.

Councillor Richard Vickery continues as Chairman with others on the Council Executive being John Ross (Deputy Chairman and Engineering Committee Chair), Diana Penniment (Administration & Finance Chair) and Janet Allen (Development Committee Chair). In June 2008 East ward Councillor Tim Wei resigned, with a bi-election to take place early in 2008/09.

Our Senior Engineering staff changed with Richard Pym resigning as Manager Technical Services and being replaced by Ray Gilmartin and Andrew Pollock taking on the role of Operations Co-ordinator. Maternity Leave and the attractive packages offered by mining companies in the north of our state have caused some staff changes in 2007/08 and will continue to do so in 2008/09. Despite these changes Council currently has a very skilled and experienced workforce all working together to provide good customer service and to achieve the goals set out in Council's Strategic Management Plan.

Council has continued to strive to improve its community consultation processes, which included:

- Council meetings again being held at Padthaway and Keith.
- Good attendances and lots of good feedback from community consultation sessions that were held at Bordertown, Keith, Mundulla, Wolseley and Padthaway.
- Residents were invited to comment on Council's draft Annual Business Plan and draft 2008/09 budget.
- More residents taking up the opportunity to have their say at the community forum at the start of each Council meeting.
- Council's Website (www.tatiara.sa.gov.au) is continually updated with interesting and relevant information about Council activities and policies.

Some of the major issues/projects Council and the district faced over the last year were:

- New South Australian Governor Kevin Scarce and his wife Liz made an official visit to the district; Council and the community highlighted to them why the Tatiara is known as the 'Good Country'.
- Long serving doctors Ramsey and Jayasinghe left and the district welcomed several new GPs to the district
- Changes to Hospital Boards and a possible downgrading of Bordertown Hospital services by the State Government resulted in enormous community concern and no change to services.
- Rail was in the news with 125 years of rail in the Tatiara celebrated, crossings at the eastern and western end of Wolseley made much safer and the

dilapidated railway station building at Keith demolished

- Over 200 people turned up to a comedy night to try and forget about the terrible drought of 2006
- Our new 2 bin waste management system in the towns was an immediate success with much more material being recycled and less waste going to landfill.
- The unfortunate scrapping of the Regional Partnership Grants program by the new Commonwealth Government caused considerable concern as major upgrade projects at the Bordertown Civic Centre, Keith Sport and Recreation development and the Padthaway Medical Centre relied on funds from that program. Unfortunately the Government also ceased the Commonwealth Water Saving Grants program, which many organizations in the district had utilised.
- The financial viability of local radio station 5tcb caused considerable debate in Council and the community. It is fortunate that Council was able to assist the station by writing off a loan to help ensure their future.

We especially congratulate:

- Our Australia Day Citizens of the Year in Sandy Crawford and John Samuel White, Young Citizen of the Year, Benjamin Packer and our Community Event of the Year organizers the Tatiara Karting Club.
- Our Volunteer award recipients in Mig Brookman, Bob & Irene Buckley and Norm Moore. Council held functions in August 2007 and May 2008 to recognize the tremendous work our many volunteers do.
- All those involved in making our first Chinese New Year event a huge success.

The process of ensuring the Financial Sustainability of this council into the future continues with considerable work being put into developing:

- A long-term 10 year Financial Plan.
- Long-term Asset Management Plans so that Council is aware of what financial allocation is needed to maintain its existing infrastructure.

Council has the continual challenge of finding a balance between what the Community needs and wants and what Council can afford to provide.

Councillors and staff have worked hard over the last 12 months to provide a high level of quality service to the residents of the Tatiara. This effort will continue in 2008/09 and beyond.

Mr Robert HARKNESS
Chief Executive Officer



**Community Event of the Year Winner
'Tatiara Karting Club'**

Bordertown on the Move

The ongoing development of Bordertown in consultation with the community is paramount in building the framework for infrastructure, the environment and the social well being for our town.

As a Section 41 Committee, Bordertown on the Move's main objective is to be innovative and forward thinking in making recommendations to Council to help make this happen, enabling both the residents of Bordertown, the Tatiara and visitors alike, to benefit from the amenities we have to offer.

The Bordertown on the Move report handed to Council in 1994 was a staged report. Whilst not set in concrete the committee has basically followed the stages with the upgrading of Woolshed Street, Apex Park, town signage and town entrances.



Bob Hawke Statue

Some achievements of note:

New playground equipment has been purchased and installed in Apex Park, a wonderful addition to an outstanding park. Some of the other equipment has been preserved and relocated.

The Western entrance undergrounding of the North Terrace powerlines has been completed as has the other North Terrace project, Policeman's Park. Artist Trevor Wren finalized the charcoal coloured concrete inserts into the river area of the paving depicting our aboriginal heritage story and inserted a slate back to the fireplace area with text from early pioneer families' letters. The completion of the hitching rail and plaque at the Woolshed Street/North Terrace corner finalised this part of the project.

The kerbing, installing footpaths and streetscaping in North Terrace is still ongoing and extra funding was included in the new budget to cover rise in cost associated with the delays in finalizing this aspect of the project. It is sad to say that whilst projects are budgeted and commenced with the best intentions, the reality is that on past track records, time frames are rarely met resulting in additional costs. We still await the satisfactory completion of the Cannawigara Road footpath between Park Terrace and Tatiara Terrace, budgeted for last financial year.

The BMX track has been partially completed and whilst more work is required, it is able to be used by those who wish to do so. The establishment of the skate ramp and surrounds is still ongoing.

The lighting of the welcome wall at the Eastern End Town entrance together with landscaping has been completed and is very effective at night.

As reported last year, vandalism at the Recreation Lake continues to be a problem. Notwithstanding this issue, effort is made to make this an enjoyable and peaceful experience for families, many of whom enjoy the fish stocks that we replenish on a regular basis. Walking trails are being upgraded and it is to be hoped that we may be successful in having Council include the sculptures within the frame work of the trail. This issue is ongoing.

Special effort awards have been presented to Marj Badman, Bordertown Memorial Hospital, Tatiara District Council Gardening Staff and Trevor Wiese.

Items still appearing on the to do finish list include the Footbridge on North Terrace, lighting and plantings at the remaining Welcome Walls, Western Entrance Median Strip plantings, landscape and parking at the old Shell Depot and continuation of Memorial Park upgrade.

I welcome the new Speedway and Karting Club representative to this committee, regret the Lions Club and Apex Club's inability to remain as an integral part of this committee and give my thanks to the supportive Council staff that this committee works with.

In November 2007, the AGM was held and sadly for the committee, Diana Penniment expressed her desire to not stand again as Chairman. This desire was respected although she did take the position of Deputy Chairman and still remains an enthusiastic and active member of the committee. I would like to sincerely thank her for her past leadership and look forward to carrying on the high traditions both she and Dennis Hudd have set in place for this committee.

To all members of the Bordertown on the Move Committee, thank you for being there for the long haul. The implementation of the vision we have for Bordertown and developing strategies for the future is a slow process. However, if you reflect on where we were in 1994 and where we are today, we have come along way.

*Don't aim for success if you want it;
Just do what you love and believe in,
And it will come naturally.*
David Frost

Mr Ken McINERNEY
Chairman

Bordertown Civic Centre Management Committee

Throughout 2007/08 the Civic Centre has continued to prove its worth for the community.

Kindergym use the main hall weekly through the school term and Bordertown Table Tennis Association during the two winter terms. The amazing exhibition by the Gum Tree Quilters couldn't have been held anywhere else and that also applies to the Talents of the Tatiara. No-one will forget the packed hall when the community showed its support for our hospital.

Continued co-operation with the Bordertown Blue Light Committee in screening films for young people is valuable for their entertainment and we look forward to increasing the number of films for the wider community. The sound system for the film equipment has been upgraded to good effect.

The Theatre continues to prove its worth for live performance by both local and visiting artists.

The Civic Centre upgrade is still on the agenda and we look forward to working with Council to give the community an improved facility that will be an asset for the district.

Ms Nancy MATTINSON
Chairman

Bordertown Sports & Showgrounds Management Committee

The Bordertown Sports and Showground Committee met 4 times during 2007/08 and comprise volunteers who demonstrate a high level of passionate and dedicated commitment to representing their sporting and community club.

The representative groups include the: Bordertown Football Club; Bordertown Cricket Club; Bordertown Apex Club; Bordertown Show Society; Tatiara Lodge; Bordertown Netball Club; Pistol Club; a community elected representative; and a Council representative (normally the Manager Corporate and Community Services). Clearly, the Bordertown Sports and Showground Committee is a case of local people serving the community.

More specifically the committee has attempted to:

- Coordinate the aims, objectives, policies and strategies of the sporting clubs and community organisations to identify realistic and effective individual and/or joint funding opportunities and initiatives.
- Identify and coordinate strategic priorities and opportunities which Council can provide assistance.
- Consider and review the sporting and community activities of the sporting clubs and community organisations to support their operations and non-infrastructure assets.
- Ensure that the sporting clubs and community organisations optimise community development opportunities.

The Committee seeks to position the Bordertown Showground as a vital and resourceful regional sporting and community centre with significant natural, built and cultural attractions, and quality sustainable events and festivals. A key element of the Committee's success over the past 12 months has been the maintenance of close working relationships and rapport between the respective groups and the significant investment of time and resources into these activities.

Mr Kingsley GREEN
Chairman

Clayton Farm Heritage Museum Management Committee

During spring last year we had several bus loads of visitors to Clayton Farm, some had billy tea and damper supplied by members and others had morning or afternoon teas.

The Sunshine harvester restoration was completed after harvest so we were not able to test it in the crop. Perhaps this was good as we would have to clean it and then it would not have been displayed at the Mundulla Show. We displayed the Harvester, Dodge Buckboard, Daisy Reaper and some lawn mowers at the Mundulla Show.

The old interpretive signs were faded and unreadable, were relaced with new ones including the signs at the entrance on the tar kettle.



Old Trough at Clayton Farm

Since harvest we have been busy with many projects including the cleaning out of all items in the stone hut and new shelves are needed then the items will be catalogued and photographed, then returned.

The blacksmith shop is being tidied up with spare steel being stored outside the shed. We have replaced the straw on the northern end of the silage pit shed which blew off in a heavy storm.

Recently we have sown our wheat crop with our combine donated by the Wallis family from Serviceton.

Tatiara Council's heritage advisor, Richard Woods, is meeting with us on the best ways to restore the hayshed posts and make the area safe.

At the moment, we are building a kitchen extension on the meeting room to help with catering, lunches for groups and bus loads etc.

I have been regularly attending the Tatiara Tourism Group meetings and I hope that the Visitor Information Centre continues to send visitors out to Clayton Farm Museum.

Mr Philip SALMON
Chairman

Council Audit Committee

The Audit Committee aims to provide a bridge between Elected Members, management and the community to ensure the accuracy and importance of Council's long-term financial viability and sustainability. More specifically, the Audit Committee's main priorities for 2007/08 included:

- Reviewing the 2007/08 annual financial statements to ensure they fairly present the state of affairs of Council.
- Proposing, and contributing relevant information to, a review of Council's strategic management and annual business plan.
- Liaising with Council's auditor on the adequacy of Council's accounting, internal control, reporting and other financial management systems and practices.
- Reviewing Council's quarterly financial reports to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of Council's operations to ensure congruence with its four-year strategic management plan and annual business plan..
- Reviewing the development and implementation of two key Treasury Policies, "Loans and Funding Policy and Procedures", and "Investment Policy and Practices".

- In accordance with the Local Government Financial Sustainability Program, refining a series of financial indicators that have been incorporated into Council's Model Financial Statements. These indicators provide information on financial performance, financial position and long term viability, with performance targets currently being developed for each financial indicator.

The Committee is currently reviewing the development of Council's Asset Management Framework, ensuring it is based on industry standards and lifecycle asset management principles. The Committee is working with staff to ensure asset inventories have been established and will continue to be updated and processes have been defined to identify renewal, rehabilitation and maintenance requirements based on service standards and asset performance. Our initial work has concentrated on our 'high value high risk' assets, including buildings, roads and footpaths. Work will continue to extend to other asset classes, with all information being integrated into Council's long-term financial planning framework.

The Committee appreciates the assistance provided to it by Council staff, who have facilitated a communication process that has resulted in a high level of accountability, transparency and good governance.

Mr Ken McINERNEY
Chairman

Keith Swimming Pool Management Committee



Keith Swimming Pool

The past year has been challenging and rewarding for the management committee. In October, the pool was sandblasted and repainted which due to bad weather ran behind schedule and postponed the opening for the season. There have been some problems with the paint due to not enough time to cure. This will have to be looked at before the commencement of the 2008/09 season.

Pool attendance was very good throughout the summer. Over 11,000 as conditions were very good for swimming allowing the pool to stay open longer. Many clubs and groups enjoyed the pool during the year; Keith Swimming Club, School Swimming Classes, Vacswim, Private Lessons, Early Morning Swimmers, Squad and Carnivals from surrounding areas.

There will be some upgrades before the start of next season:

- The pavers will be replaced at the end of the pool between chemical shed and BBQ shed, this will be ongoing until all pavers are replaced.
- An upgrade of chemical shed and chemical storage facility.
- New resuscitation equipment was purchased and a new spinal board.

The ANZ Bank utilised their week of Community Fundraising to support the Keith Swimming Pool in

2007/08. They conducted various fundraising activities for a week culminating in a fun day on Sunday 24th February. The monies will go towards some play equipment for the pool.

We will endeavour to continue the upgrade of the pool and its surrounds in the coming years, as funds allow.

I thank our pool manager, Leanne Gill on an excellent job and her band of assistants, also thanks to Council staff and committee members for their efforts over the past year.

Cr Russell DAVIS
Chairman

Keith Urban Development Committee

During 2007/08 Keith Urban Development Committee has continued to work with the Keith Community, the town consultants Oxigen and Council while using the master plan as a base to develop and maintain the urban environment of Keith.

Council will receive two thirds of the funding to underground the power in Hender Street through the ETSA PLEC scheme. Council has applied for grant funding from Planning SA to upgrade the footpaths and streetscape in Hender Street. This work will begin in January 2009 and is expected to take 6 months. The northern entrance statement will be installed in second half of 2008 with the guidance of local artists Julia Davis and our consult, Oxigen.

It was with mixed feelings that the railway station was finally demolished however there is now an opportunity to upgrade this area into a sustainable attractive area.

A program of pruning the Elm Trees in Makin and Heritage Streets and the removal of the bitumen from around their base will help maintain the health of these iconic trees.

Bore water has been connected to the Don Moseley, Soldier Memorial, Heritage Street Parks and the water feature, lessening the reliance on River Murray Water. The Bowling Club has made their extra water licence available for council's use for the parks and swimming pool.

The corner of Memorial Avenue and Anzac Terrace has been upgraded with an attractive planting of drought tolerant native plants.

Keith Area School and Council have implemented the 'Targeted Works' program and with a small group of students, Council staff and community members have produced some tangible outcomes including the painting of the sub-way, a mural on the Don Moseley Park tank and paving around the Heritage Street toilet block.



Don Moseley Park

The Don Moseley Park continues to be a popular Keith park; the painting of the rotunda, extension of the shade

poles and shade replacement, and improved lighting have been part of this year's ongoing maintenance.

It has been a pleasure to work with such a committed group of community minded people and 2008/09 will see many of our plans come to fruition. I'm sure the next twelve months will see continued planning, sourcing funding opportunities and the implementation of sustainable developments that will enhance the amenity of the Keith Township.

Cr Janet ALLEN
Chairman

Tatiara District Memorial Pool Management Committee

The pool once again has been well used by the two swimming clubs (training, time trials and carnivals), school swimming (Bordertown High School, Bordertown Primary School, Mundulla Primary School and Padthaway Primary School), Vacswim classes, early morning swimming and the general public. The pool was also used for Lifeguard and Austswim courses. Admission prices were increased by a small margin this year.

The swimming season started on Sunday 11th November and finished on Sunday 16th March. Attendances during the season fluctuated mainly due to the weather conditions. We had some months with consistently high temperatures but also some cooler conditions. The attendances overall were good and a pleasing number of season tickets were sold. The canteen again ran well and people appreciated the variety of stock available.



Tatiara District Memorial Pool

The Pool Management Committee, the Pool Manager and staff, together with support from Council aim to maintain and improve the standard of the pool each year. This year some of the major items carried out included replacing the return line to the Toddlers Pool and putting a new roof on the sand filters. A grant for another section of pool blanket was obtained and we look forward to having that in place for next season. We have received many very positive comments about the high standard of the pool and its surrounds, and the good work of the Pool Manager and staff. Comments of particular note came from the Chairman of the Royal Lifesaving Society Australia (SA) Inc. after conducting a Pool Lifeguard Course and from the local Vac swim coordinator.

My thanks go firstly to Cathy Rodert, the Pool Manager, who is leaving us after 2 years in the position. Her dedicated work has been greatly appreciated and she has overseen many improvements to our facility and the way in which it is run. Thanks also to the members of the Tatiara District Memorial Pool Management Committee who have spent much time and effort in striving to see that the pool continues to be a facility of which we all can be proud. I would also like to thank the Council staff

involved in maintaining the pool and surrounds; your efforts are appreciated by all.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who used the pool this season. We hope you enjoyed the experience and will continue to use this excellent facility in the future.

Mr Peter STEWART
Chairman

Tatiara Road Safety Group

It is with pleasure I present this report. I believe this year has been successful and has seen many changes. Some points of discussion and action during the year are:

- Council wrote to the Department of Transport, requesting that the "Lights on Campaign" be a State Government initiative, with signs installed around the state.
- There was concern regarding cyclists and pedestrians continuing to wear dark clothing making them difficult to see especially at night, and also cyclists riding two abreast. An article was placed in the Border Chronicle, the police were asked to monitor the situation and cycling clubs at Keith and Bordertown were written to.
- Dawn Kanofski was appointed as South East Community Project Officer.
- The Group decided to hold bi-monthly meetings to encourage better attendance.
- Leanne Groth was elected to the group for her interests in Road Safety issues.
- Jenny Marshall is the new SA Ambulance representative.
- Thanks to Steve Dick for his contribution to the group, and we wish him well in his retirement.
- A strategic plan review was undertaken.

Members attended a SE Regional Road Safety forum at Naracoorte – topics included SA Road Safety strategy, Community Education & Programs, Community Development Program to help local communities undertake projects (\$70,000 available over three years). Looking at funding community art projects in the SE targeting Road Safety and the possibility to work with Road Trauma Support Team. Also looking at MAC road safety advertising – rural roadside banner program.

Richard Pym resigned as secretary, we thank him for his contribution and wish him well with his future endeavours.

A variable message board was made available to the Tatiara and was also taken to other areas in the SE.

The Motor Accident Commission is now responsible for the Community Road Safety Grant application process. The form has been redesigned with altered timing so that groups can apply anytime within the financial year. A maximum of 2 applications per group is permitted. Groups will be notified within 4 weeks of submitting an application.

DTEI and Country Arts are jointly funding a \$30,000 project in the SE to develop a Community Road Safety art project. It will involve Lucindale and Keith School students in the year 9 to 11 age group. A film maker will be involved with the film to be opened at next years Lucindale Field Days. The aim is to give the film as much exposure as possible. A committee was formed which includes representatives from schools, police, Arts, DTEI, Local Government and there will be a spot available for someone from TRSG.

Stow Penniment was nominated as the TRSG representative on the SE Regional Road Safety committee.

There was concern regarding the Martins Camp Road and Dukes Highway intersection – it has been reported you cannot see to the west due to the angle of the intersection. The corner was inspected by Council and a tree limb was removed and the junction to be widened to improve safety for turning vehicles.

An invitation was received from DTEI to participate in the Safe Route to Schools program. Bordertown and Mundulla primary schools were proposed for the program. The key objective being to reduce the incidence and severity of pedestrian, cyclist and passenger crashes involving children in the 5- 13 year old age group. Two key elements being engineering improvements and classroom based education. Council advised they are willing to participate in a Safe Route for Schools program.

I would like to sum up by thanking Richard Pym for his input during his time as secretary. Thanks also to Dawn Kanofski for her dedicated input, and to Stow Penniment for representing the group on the SE Road Safety committee. Lastly thank you to the Tatiara Council staff, we could not be so effective as a group without their input.

Mr Peter COOK
Chairman

Tatiara Tourism Group

The Tatiara Tourism Group has had another very productive year, with many new initiatives taken up while work continued on those already begun. New Initiatives include:

The Service with a Smile Award – A monthly award to a nominated person in a local business who demonstrated exceptional service to customers, this was intended to boost the standard of customer service throughout the Tatiara by publicly recognizing excellent service. The project ran for twelve months and was most successful, with recipients of the award coming from all towns in the Tatiara and representing a wide variety of businesses, not only those that are most obviously used more by visitors. Good coverage was given by the local paper and all the awardees and their employers were proud and happy to receive their awards and the recognition they represented. We feel that we have achieved our goal of highlighting one of our best assets in the Tatiara, our service people.



White Kangaroos

Wrapping Paper - Following an idea from a member, it was decided to produce sheets of gift wrap paper with a collage of pictures of the Tatiara. With some help from Hansen Print in sourcing photos from their files used in the production of each year's Visitor Guide and in layout, we have produced a most attractive wrapping paper and

placed it for sale in various businesses as well as the Visitor Information Centre. It is selling well and taking images of the Tatiara far and wide, a very effective form of advertising.

Gold Escort Route Brochure – Following many enquiries from tourists at the Visitor Centre about the Gold Escort Route, it was decided that we needed more accessible information on this subject, and so a subcommittee has produced a new brochure which can be used to follow the Gold Escort Route and which gives information about it in a condensed form. We are about to publish a limited edition using our own resources, and will trial demand in the Visitor Centre before making a decision about further production.

Bike/Wine/Historic Tours Brochure Launch – To publicise the release of our new brochure, Trails of the Tatiara, produced last year, it was decided to hold a special launch event. After an unfortunate postponement due to weather, a bike ride and barbecue lunch was held on Nov 11th, with the launch taking place at Mundulla and performed by the Council Chairman, Richard Vickery. Clayton Farm also took part by including an open day and afternoon tea. The brochures are now widely distributed as part of the Visitor Guide or separately.

Photo Competition – As a strategy to acquire a fund of good local photographs for use in promoting the Tatiara, a Photo Competition has been devised, with posters and application forms being placed in many accessible locations throughout the Tatiara. We are hoping for a good response, and have allowed several months for take up so that people have time over more than one season to take their photos and submit them. The winners will be announced and presented with prizes at an afternoon tea to be held on 16th November in the Council Walkway.

Works in Progress:

Pie Bags – a review of supplies to local businesses has taken place and new supplies have been ordered (paid for by businesses). The bags show a map with icons of the Tatiara and are used for a variety of small items of purchase, not just pies.

Bookmarks – These were produced as an updated way of highlighting the towns of the Tatiara, and have been most successful. Another print run has been done and distributed to the appropriate towns for both visitors and locals alike, as locals often pass them on to wider friends and family.

TV Advertising – Another series of TV advertising was broadcast by Limestone Coast Tourism on Channel 8 pre Easter and school holidays in the western Victorian viewing regions, and the Tatiara was once again a participant.

Website – A further refinement was added to the website to make it even more user friendly, with an extra button so that users can access links to towns more easily.

Strategic Plan – An annual review was carried out, and progress noted in several areas. One goal to be taken up for the first time this year will be the holding of a Tourism Week, and plans for this are underway.

Signage – The updating of the two town signs in the main streets of Bordertown and Keith is underway, with a new background and current advertising. A committee of residents and business people has been formed in Padthaway to have better signage installed for their

town and cellar door drive area, and the TTG has offered to support their project in any way we can. The missing brass plaque from the Gold Escort marker at the border is to be replaced, we hope with something more vandal proof this time. The committee members will be doing a district faml in September to carry out an audit of district signage and other tourism facilities/infrastructure. It is three years since the last audit.

125th Anniversary of Rail in the Tatiara – Members of the TTG put together and manned a display about our work for tourism in the Tatiara at the recent celebration day for 125 years since rail began. Photos, banners, competitions, and brochures engaged visitors of all ages and the stall was well attended throughout the day.

New Members - During the year some resignations were received – Brenton Jettner, Vicki Eckert, and new members have joined – Phillip Salmon, representing Clayton Farm, and Michelle Gilbertson, from Willalooka. The committee continues to hold good representation from all the Tatiara towns, but we are always looking for more members to keep up the fresh flow of ideas. All members of the group participate actively and enthusiastically in the many projects that we have in progress, and contribute to the productivity we have as a group. I thank them for their valued contribution, and in particular thank Chris Mackereth once again for her hard work and professional support to our group as our secretary.



'Snapshot from Tourism Website'

Mrs Pam FOULIS
Chairman

Tatiara Native Vegetation Advisory Group

Council has an Advisory Group which comments on Native Vegetation clearance applications that are referred to Council. This group has been in operation for over eight years.

The Advisory Group members are Bryan Paech (Chairman), Charles Crozier (Secretary), Trevor Thomas, Ed Davis, Mike Gaden, Jamie Steer, David Lowe and Raelene Eats.

The members have expertise and experience in many different areas ranging from native vegetation and soil management.

The primary role of the group is to comment on the amenity value of vegetation under application. Even though there have been minimal applications the group is pro-active.

It may also comment on other aspects where relevant to the principles of clearance set out in the Native Vegetation Act and where the body believes it has

appropriate qualifications or experience to provide such comments.

When considering 'other' aspects the group attempts to provide a balanced view so issues such as revegetation, economics and biodiversity are considered.

The management of Stringy Bark trees has been an ongoing issue of concern for landowners particularly in the Upper South East around Bordertown for several years.

As the trees are very mature, branches hang down and spread along the ground, impeding access for rabbit control and inhibiting pasture management and stock mustering.

A funding application was submitted to the Native Vegetation Council to undertake trials for the 'management of stringy bark trees on sandy rises' in September 2006.

Unfortunately there have been no trials undertaken even though Council has been informally notified that it was successful in obtaining a grant.

The recent Planning Review has recommended changes to Native Vegetation processes, which envisages greater autonomy at local/regional level in native vegetation management.

Mr Bryan PAECH
Chairman

Tatiara Roadside Vegetation Management Committee

This committee consists of 3 members of the public who:

- Have knowledge of, and an interest in native vegetation.
- Are appointed by Council and endorsed by the Native Vegetation Council.
- Have authority to approve minor applications to remove roadside native vegetation
- Meet on an "as required" basis but individual members inspect roadside sites on a more regular basis.
- Provide advice to Council staff in line with Councils approved Roadside Vegetation Management Guidelines

Current group members are Brian Clarke, Trevor Thomas and Ed Davis. Over the last 12 months they were involved in a complete review of Council's Roadside Vegetation Management Policy, which was subsequently adopted by Council. We still haven't had the revised policy accepted by the state Native Vegetation Council, which may be a problem.

Tatiara residents and land holders are reminded that:

- Native vegetation includes grasses, bushes and shrubs as well as larger trees
- They cannot remove or damage any native vegetation on roadsides without the approval of Council.

Any removal must be in line with Councils Roadside Vegetation policy, a copy of which can be obtained by contacting the Council office.

Mr Robert HARKNESS
Acting Secretary

Administration Report

FOCAL POINTS:

- Our Mission, Our Vision & Our Values
- Senior Executive Officers
- Decision Making Structure
- Corporate Structure
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- Equal Employment Opportunity
- Cost Effective Delivery
- Strategic Management Plan
- Training & Human Resource Programmes
- National Competition Principles

Our Mission...

To make the Tatiara a better and safer place to live, work and visit

Our Vision...

To be a progressive and well managed council that works closely with its various communities

Our Values...

- We value rigorous debate conducted by well informed Council Members
- We facilitate socially and environmentally responsible development
- We will display leadership and reflect community aspirations
- We believe in transparency and accountability
- We value respect and loyalty

Senior Executive Officers

As at the 30th June 2008, Council had four Senior Executive Officers under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999.



Mr Robert HARKNESS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Mr Kingsley GREEN
Manager
Corporate & Community Services



Mr Rocky CALLISTO
Manager
Development & Inspectorial Services



Mr Ray GILMARTIN
Manager
Technical Services

All four of these officers are engaged under contracts. Their total remuneration packages consisted of the following:

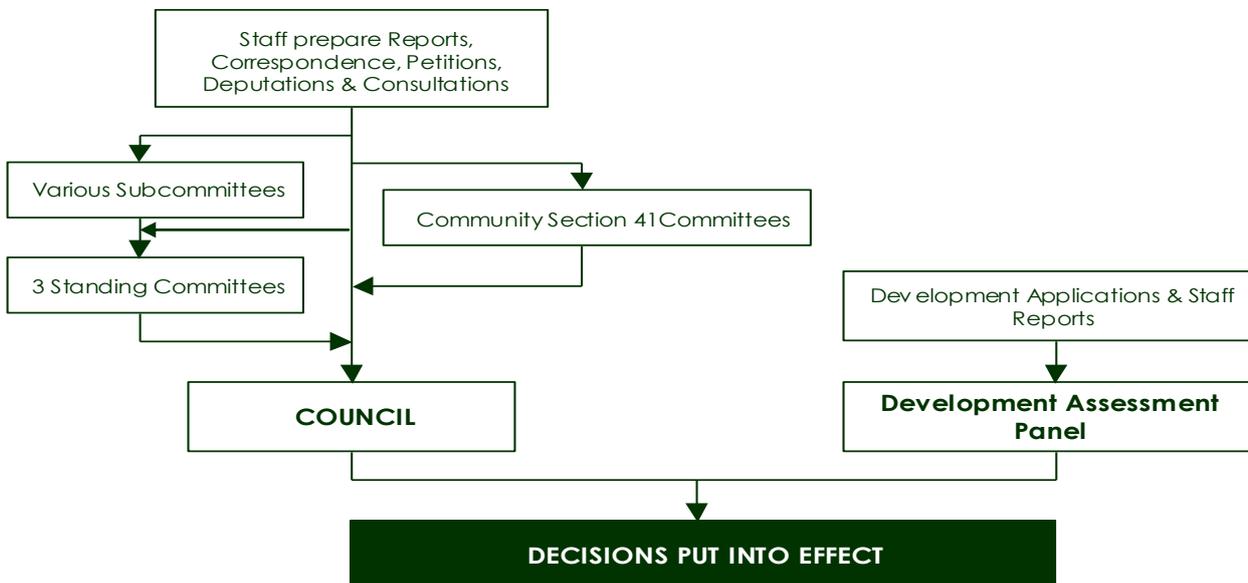
Chief Executive Officer, Mr Robert Harkness – Total remuneration package includes, salary, superannuation, plus private use of vehicle (3-year contract).

Manager Development & Inspectorial Services, Mr Rocky Callisto – Total remuneration package includes salary, superannuation, plus private use of a vehicle in lieu of overtime (3-year contract).

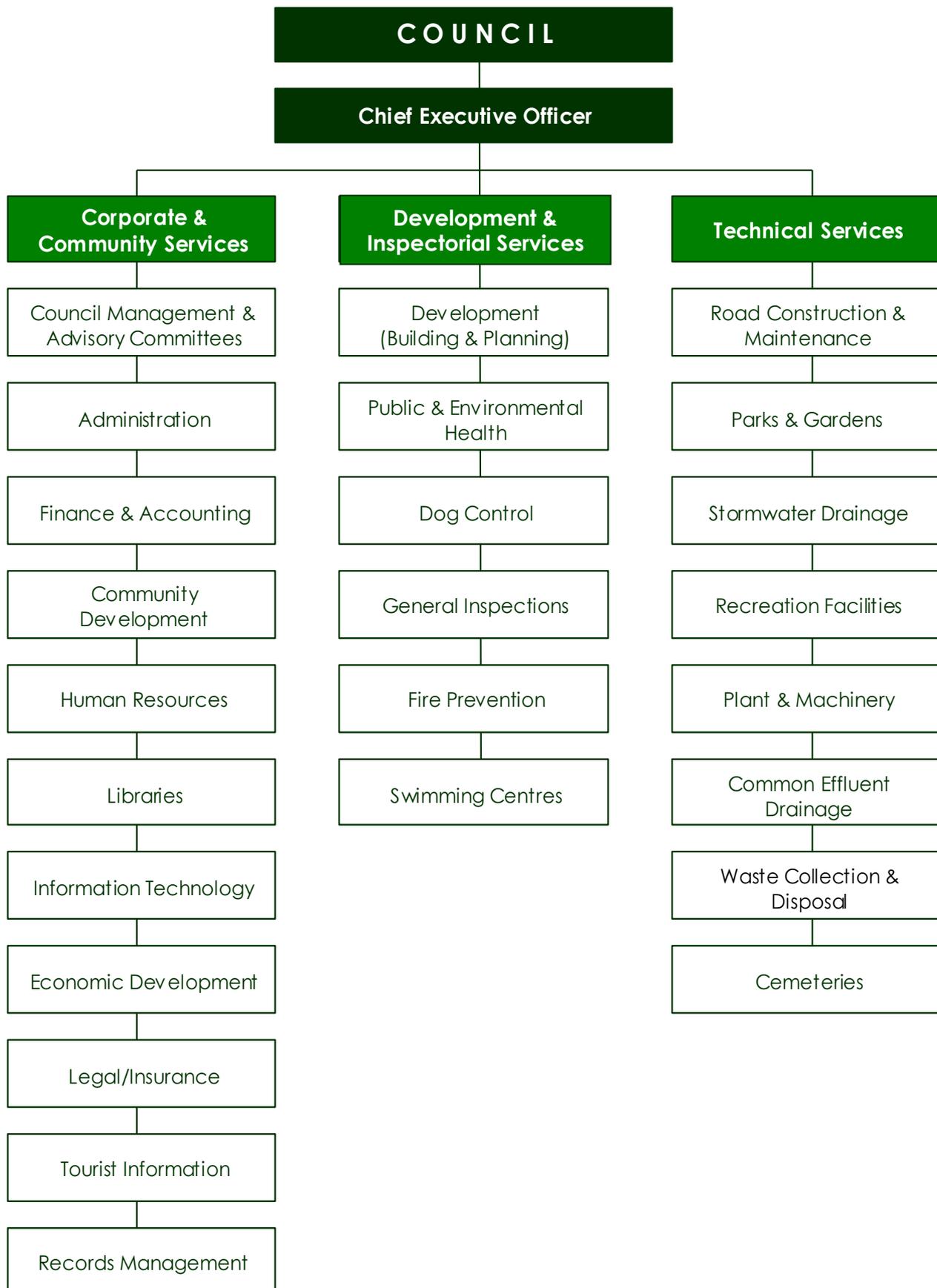
Manager Corporate & Community Services, Mr Kingsley Green – Total remuneration package includes salary, superannuation, plus private use of a vehicle in lieu of overtime (4-year contract).

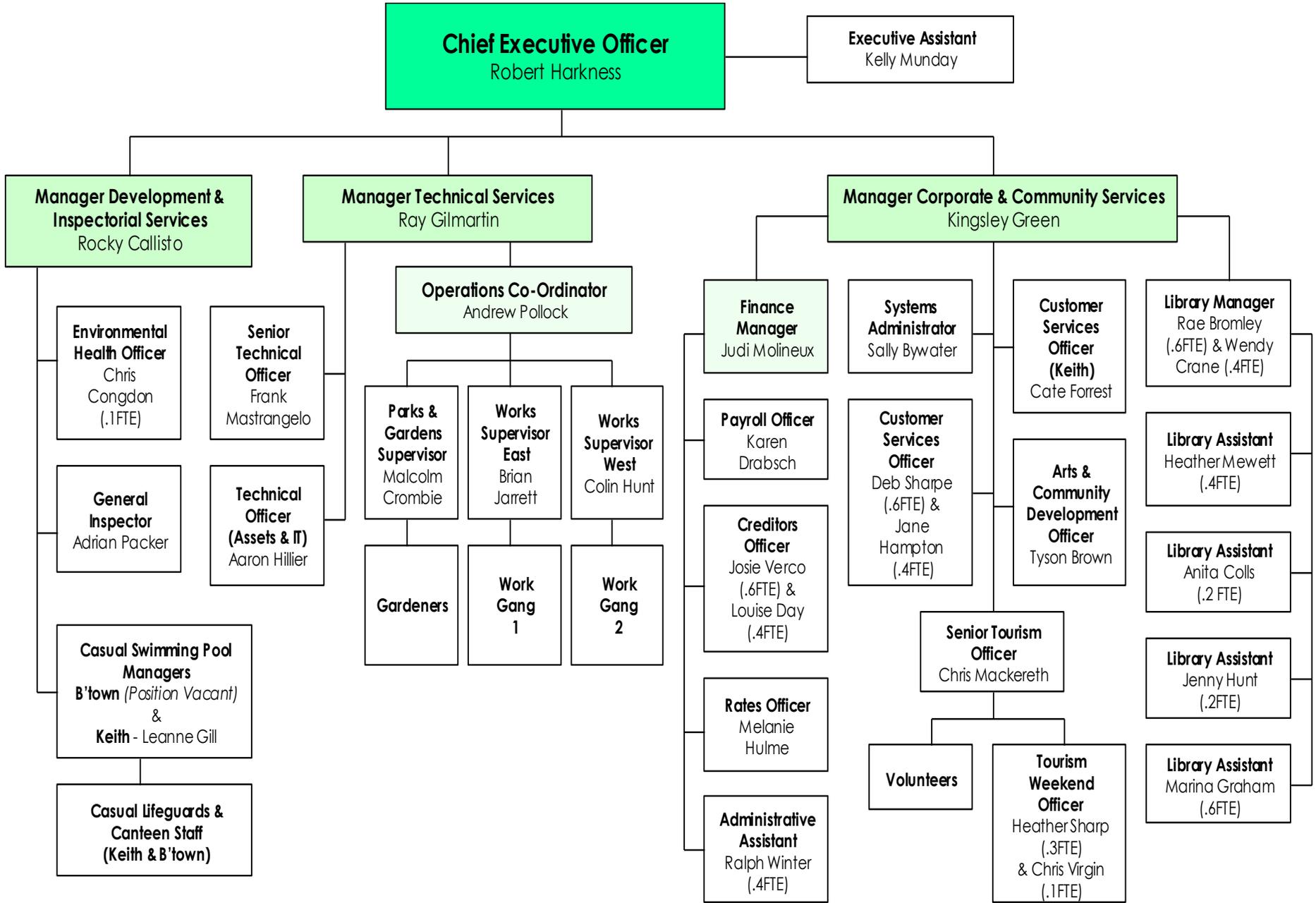
Manager Technical Services, Mr Ray Gilmartin – Total remuneration package includes salary, superannuation, plus private use of a vehicle in lieu of overtime (4-year contract).

Decision Making Structure



Corporate Structure





Organisation Structure

Nominated Council Representatives

Representatives as at 30th June 2008

Committee / Organisation	Nominated Council Representatives
Bordertown Memorial Hospital Board	Mr Ken McInerney
Local Government Association voting delegate	Chairman Cr R Vickery (Proxy – Deputy Chairman Cr J Ross)
Local Government Finance Authority SA voting delegate	Chairman Cr R Vickery
South East Local Government Association (SELGA)	Chairman Cr R Vickery (Proxy – Deputy Chairman Cr J Ross)
Tatiara Community Health Service Advisory Board	Cr J McLellan (Proxy – Cr J Allen)
Bordertown High School Equipment Trust Fund	Cr D Penniment
Tatiara Fire Prevention Committee	Cr G Excell & Mr Peter Micklem
SELGA's Waste Management Subcommittee	Engineering Chairman Cr J Ross & Mngr. Technical Services
Box Flat Dingo Control Committee	Cr J Ross (Proxy – Tony Hedges)
SELGA's Roads & Transport Subcommittee	Engineering Chairman Cr J Ross & Mngr. Technical Services
Keith Community Library	Cr R Vickery, Mrs Mary Densley & Mrs Meredyth Cunningham
Tatiara Road Safety Group	Cr G Excell
Tatiara Tourism Committee	Cr J Allen & Cr J Penniment
SELGA Telecommunications Subcommittee	Mngr. Corporate & Community Services
Keith Gymnasium Committee	Cr R Davis
SELGA Tourism Subcommittee	Cr D Penniment
Tatiara Community Support Network	Cr J McLellan
Keith Urban Development Committee	Cr J Allen & Cr R Davis
Bordertown Sports & Showgrounds Committee	Mngr. Corporate & Community Services
Public Transport Committee	Cr J McLellan & Mngr. Corporate & Community Services (Proxy – Cr J Allen)
Bordertown on the Move	Cr D Penniment
Keith Swimming Pool Committee	Cr R Davis
Tatiara District Memorial Pool Management Committee	Cr D Penniment
Bordertown Civic Centre Management Committee	Cr J Edwards
Audit Committee	Independent Member Mr K McInerney, Cr R Vickery, Cr D Penniment, Cr J Ross & Cr G Excell

Elected Member Allowances

The below allowance amounts (as of November 2007) are per annum and are paid in arrears:

Type of Allowance:

- Chairman \$34,000 (payable monthly)
- Deputy Chairman \$10,625 (payable quarterly)
- Standing Committee Presiding Member \$10,625 (payable quarterly)
- Elected Member \$8,500 (payable quarterly)

Councillors are also reimbursed for expenses such as travelling and the Chairman is provided with a vehicle for Council use.

Elected Member Changes

Council Elections were held in November 2006 and the following changes occurred:

- Councillors Edward Davis, Edward Langley & Richard Stanbury did not stand for re-election.

- Councillor Ken McInerney was not re-elected.
- Councillors Russell Davis, Jo Edwards, Graham Excell, Mark Murphy & Tim Wei were elected.
- Councillors Janet Allen, Jan McLellan, Diana Penniment, John Ross & Richard Vickery were successful in being re-elected.

Meeting Times

Meetings are held as outlined below and the public are welcome to attend as part of the gallery:

- Committee Meetings – held on the first Tuesday of each month commencing at 9:30am
- Council Meetings – held on the second Tuesday of each month commencing at 10:00am.

Elected Member Attendances

Elected Members	Council		Standing Committee	
	Normal (12)	Special (3)	Normal (12)	Special (0)
JB Allen	10	3	10	0
RJ Davis	11	3	11	0
JF Edwards	11	3	11	0
GJ Excell	12	3	12	0
JE McLellan	12	3	11	0
MF Murphy	12	2	12	0
DE Penniment	11	3	12	0
JS Ross	10	3	12	0
RJ Vickery	12	3	12	0
AT Wei	11	2	10	0

Elector Representation

Representation Quota

The Tatiara District Council is a corporate body consisting of 10 Elected members. The Council area has been divided internally into two areas known as East and West Wards. There is a requirement in the Local Government Act (Section 33) that the number of people represented by a Councillor in a ward must not vary by more than 10% from other wards. Currently the Tatiara District Council has 5,487 electors broken into East Ward 3,877 and West Ward 1,610. East Ward with 7 Councillors has a Councillor/Elector ratio of 1:553 while West Ward with 3 Councillors has a Councillor/Elector ratio of 1:536.

Representation Quota for Councils of similar size:

- Coorong District Council 1:606
- Naracoorte Lucindale Council 1:623
- Wattle Range Council 1:871
- Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council 1:784
- Goyder Regional Council 1:579
- Grant District Council 1:717

Review of Council Representation

Council undertook a review of Council Representation in January 2005 in accordance with the statutory requirements of the Local Government Act 1999, which states that Councils must undertake an Elector Representation Review every 6 years.

Advertisements were placed in local papers, the Advertiser and Government Gazette advising the public that Council was undertaking a review and inviting written submissions on the subject. Council received 2 submissions.

Council's decision was to remain with 2 wards, the same boundaries and with 10 Councillors. East Ward remains with 7 Councillors and West Ward remains with 3. Council also resolved to change the name of the Council from "The District Council of Tatiara" to "Tatiara District Council".

Elector's Submission on Representation

With the term of Councillors being increased from 3 to 4 years, the next planned Electoral Review will take place in 2013. Under Section 28 of the Act a group of at least

20 eligible electors may submit to a council a submission that the council consider a proposal:

1. To alter the boundaries of the council;
2. To alter the composition of the council or the representative structure of the council (including by the creation, alteration or abolition of wards);
3. To incorporate within the area of the council a part of the State that is not within the area of a council.

A submission under subsection (2) must:

1. Set out in general terms the grounds on which the submission is made and the issues that, in the opinion of the person or persons making the submission, should be considered in an assessment of the matter; and
2. Nominate five persons who are willing to represent the interests of persons who would be directly affected by any proposal based on the matters raised in the submission; and
3. Comply with guidelines published by the Panel.

The eligible electors making the submission must furnish a copy of a submission under subsection (2) to the Panel in accordance with guidelines published by the Panel.

On the receipt of a submission under subsection (2), a council must consider the issues determined by the council to be relevant to the matter and then decide whether or not it is willing to:

1. Conduct a review in relation to the matter under Division 2 of Part 1; or
2. Formulate (or participate in the formulation of) a proposal in relation to the matter under Division 4 of this Part.

The council must give the eligible electors and the Panel written notice of its decision under subsection (6) in accordance with guidelines published by the Panel (which may include a time-frame within which a decision should be made under that subsection).

A group of eligible electors who, after making a submission under subsection (2), are dissatisfied with:

1. A decision of a council under subsection (6); or
2. Any aspect of a review or proposal referred to in that subsection, may submit the submission, or a submission in substantially the same terms, to the Panel.

Confidentiality Provisions

In fulfilling the role of an effective Council that is responsive to the needs of the community and operates within the legal framework as prescribed by the Local Government Act, Council is fully committed to the principle of open and accountable Government, whilst recognising that on some occasions it may be necessary in the broader community interest to restrict public access to discussion or documents.

Council and/or a Council Committee went into confidence four times this past year to discuss:

- On two occasions, information of a confidential nature that (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party and would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest – Section 90 (3) (d).
- On two occasions, information of a confidential nature, the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning

the personal affairs of any person (living or dead) – Section 90 (3) (a).

Council has a Code of Practice – Access to Council Meetings & Documents. The objectives of this code are to:

- Clearly outline to the community for what purpose and on what basis Council may apply the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999 to restrict public access to meetings or documents;
- Provide information on Council's code of practice to the community; and
- Summarise the legal position relating to public access to Council and Committee meetings and documents.

A copy of this code is available at the Council Office. Any enquiries in relation to the process for seeking access to documents held by the Council should be directed to Council's nominated Freedom of Information Officer, Mr Robert Harkness on (08) 8752-1044.

Freedom of Information

This Information Summary is published by Council in accordance with the requirements of Section 9 of the Freedom of Information Act 1991. Council is pleased to comply with this regulation and welcomes enquiries under the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 1 – Policy Documents

- Standing Committee Agendas & Minutes
- Ordinary Council Agenda & Minutes
- Policy Manual
- Delegated Authority Manual
- Budget Statement
- Annual Financial Accounts
- Council By-Laws
- The Annual Report
- Strategic Management Plan
- Annual Business Plan

Section 2 – Information Statement - A copy of the Tatiara District Council Information Statement can be obtained free of charge via the contact arrangements below.

Section 3 – Contact Arrangements - All enquiries and applications under the Freedom of Information Act 1991 in relation to the Tatiara District Council should be made in accordance with the provisions of that Act to: Chief Executive Officer, Tatiara District Council PO Box 346, Bordertown SA 5268. Telephone enquiries to the Chief Executive Officer can be made on (08) 87521044 from 8:30am to 5:00pm, Monday to Friday.

Certificates issued under Section 65zy - No certificates relating to Freedom of Information requests were issued under Section 65zy of the Freedom of Information Act in the twelve months to June 2008.

Mandatory Registers, Policies & Codes

Mandatory Registers

Under the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Elections) Act 1999, Council is required to list the following registers:

1. Members Register of Interest
2. Members Register of Allowances and Benefits
3. Officers Register of Remuneration
4. Officers Register of Interest
5. Community Land Register

6. By-Law Register
7. Public Roads Register

Council Policy Documents

Under the Local Government Act 1999, Council is required to list policy documents of the Council current at the end of the financial year. These policies include:

1. Policy Manual
2. Delegated Authorities Policy
3. District Council of Tatiara By-Law No's 1-5
4. Meeting Procedure Code of Practice
5. Elected Members Allowance & Support Policy
6. Control of Election Signs Policy
7. Public Consultation Policy
8. Contracts and Tenders Policy
9. Fees and Charges Policy
10. Code of Conduct for Elected Members
11. Code of Conduct for Employees
12. Cemetery Policy
13. Internal Review of Council Decisions Procedure
14. Code of Practice – Access to Council Meetings & Documents
15. Order Making Policy
16. Rate Rebate Policy
17. Benchmarking Policy
18. Roadside Vegetation Policy – Guidelines for Management
19. Risk Management Policy
20. Mobile Phone Policy
21. Information Policy
22. Computer Systems Usage Policy
23. Recognising Years of Staff Service Policy
24. Provision of Grants & Loans to Community Organisations, Groups & Individuals
25. Volunteer Policy
26. Service Standards Policy
27. Asset Management Policy
28. Councillors Training and Development Policy
29. Internal Control Policy
30. Council Managed Facilities Hire Grant Policy
31. Photocopying Facilities for Community Groups Policy
32. Code of Conduct for Council's Development Assessment Panel
33. Itinerant Traders & Mobile Vendors Policy

Mandatory Codes of Conduct or Practice

Under the Local Government Act 1999, and the Local Government (Elections) Act 1999, Council is required to list the following codes of conduct or practice:

Meeting Code of Conduct

1. Code of Conduct for Elected Members, Officers and Employees of Local Government
2. Code of Practice – Access to Council Meetings & Documents

Equal Employment Opportunity

Council's Equal Opportunity Policy clearly states the Council has a commitment to appointment on merit and a policy to provide equal opportunity for all persons regardless of sex, race, marital status, religious belief, physical ability or sexual preference.

Issues associated with Equal Employment Opportunity are covered under the umbrella of Council's Consultative Committee and Single Bargaining Unit and not by a specific Equal Employment Opportunity Committee. Experience has shown that this is a very satisfactory method of deal with all Equal Employment Opportunity issues.

Cost Effective Delivery

Council has not subjected itself to the rigors of competitive tendering to date. Council is however currently pursuing policies including full-cost attribution, unit-based costing and benchmarking to ensure that it is providing its services in a cost-effective manner.

Council does tender out a large number of services including refuse collection and disposal, septic tank cleaning, the cleaning of public conveniences, resealing of sealed roads and streets, rubble raising, footpath construction, some patrol grading and parks and gardens maintenance. In other cases, Council uses contractors and their plant and machinery to supplement its own workforce in order to carry out road construction and maintenance works.

Council altered its Tendering Policy to include a clause that favours goods supplied by local suppliers. Council now will consider paying a 'premium' of up to 5% for those goods and services supplied by:

- Ratepayers of the Tatiara District Council, provided the goods or services offered are equal or better in quality to competitive bids.
- South Australian companies or individuals, where the goods or services are of a comparable quality with other suppliers and/or with imported goods and services.
- Australian companies or individuals, where the goods or services are of a comparable quality with other suppliers and/or with imported goods and services.

Strategic Management Plan

The Strategic Management Plan is Council's primary planning framework for the years 2007/08 to 2010/11. The plan describes what Council believes must happen during this time to ensure that the District is developed according to community expectations in achieving the Tatiara District Vision and to provide a platform to achieve a 'Sustainable Region'.

The plan will continue to guide the efficient and effective delivery of services to the community, and reflect Council's commitment to quality community leadership, effective planning, resource allocation and accountability.

The Plan itself is a requirement of Section 122 of the *Local Government Act 1999* and has been developed by Council after:

- Holding Community Workshops in Walseley, Bordertown, Keith, Mundulla and Padthaway in February 2007.
- Council and staff met in March 2007 to:
 - Ensure the current Vision, Mission and Values remain relevant and up to date.
 - Review the key direction, objectives, goals and strategies outlined in the 2006 to 2009 plan.
 - Discuss what had been achieved over the last 12 months and what is to be achieved in the 2007 to 2010 Strategic Plan.
- Holding a Strategic Planning Workshop in April 2007 with Council and Senior Staff.
- Public Consultation on the Draft Plan.
- Consideration of South Australia's Strategic Plan.

Within the Strategic Plan 47 separate goals/targets were set out to be achieved in 2007/08.

Of those 47 goals/targets:

- 34 were completed or complied with (72%)
- 7 were either commenced or are ongoing (15%)
- 6 were not commenced and carried forward to 2007/08 (13%)

Council under the Local Government Act 1999 is required to undertake a major review of its Strategic Plan by the end of November 2008.

Training and Human Resource Programmes

With a number of staff changes and a need to multi skill staff, training costs for the 2007/08 year were \$69,004. This covered the cost of training courses, seminars, workshops and in some cases, travel and accommodation. This was partly offset by \$4,545 received from the Commonwealth Government for Traineeships completed by members of the outside workforce.

Some of the Training that was undertaken for the year included:

- Senior First Aid Certificate
- Advanced Payroll Procedures & Taxation of Salaries
- Spatial Information Services (Certificate III)
- Superannuation Seminar
- Hold-up Procedures
- Meeting Procedures
- Excel XP
- Asbestos Register Training
- Various OH&S Training
- Various Heavy Machinery & Small Plant Training
- Workplace Communications
- Handling construction materials & Safely dispose of non-toxic chemicals
- Basic Levelling
- Traffic Control
- Elevated Work Platforms
- Aerodrome Reporting & Works Safety

Improving the knowledge, skills and efficiency of existing and new staff is an essential part of Council's operations.

National Competition Principles

The State Government, Local Government Association and Councils have agreed on principles and procedures for applying the Federal Government's National Competition Policy. As such Councils have agreed on a model procedure for handling complaints against the Council in regard to this policy.

Complaints Mechanism & Reporting Requirements

The State Government has set up a competitive neutrality complaints mechanism and any complaints it receives regarding Local Government bodies will be referred to Local Government in the first instance. The Clause 7 Statement encourages each Local Government authority to establish a system for handling complaints and competitive neutrality. Where a complainant is dissatisfied with the Local Government response to a complaint, the matter will be further investigated by the Competition Complaints Commissioner established under the GBE (Competition Act).

Corporate & Community Services Report

FOCAL POINTS:

- Manager Corporate & Community Services Report
- Community Satisfaction with Council
- Saluting our Volunteers
- Corporate Services Function
- Occupational Health, Safety & Welfare (OHS&W)
- Community Consultation
- Information Technology
- Financial & Corporate Performance
- Human Resources
- Library
- Tourism
- Arts & Community Development

From the Manager Corporate & Community Services...

It gives me great pleasure to report to the Tatiara District community on some of Council's achievements and highlights over the last twelve months. This report demonstrates the ongoing ethos of the Tatiara District Council as a proactive and progressive Council that is committed to "best practice" corporate governance, accountability and transparency.

This Annual Report outlines many achievements that Council is proud to have attained during the year and I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in helping us reach our objectives. This includes the Councillors, Council staff, businesses, government and non-government agencies, schools and local community groups and members.

The Tatiara District is a great place to live and work, and residents have been well provided for over the years in terms of infrastructure and services, but we cannot afford to rest on our laurels. By treading water or simply maintaining the status quo, an organisation in effect goes backwards. If we are to serve the community properly and be across the wide range of issues facing local government, there is a real need for evolution and ongoing growth and development.

Since arriving at the Tatiara District Council it has been a priority of mine to look at the Council with fresh eyes and provide a cohesive and responsive corporate environment that continually adapts to our changing world, takes on board the concerns and issues of our residents and works towards finding new opportunities for the future. This has enabled Council to build a strong, flexible and forward thinking environment that sets the benchmark for good governance.

Significant progress has been made in relation to a number of vital issues. The issues identified and information gathered have been invaluable in forming the basis of a new era of operations at the Tatiara District Council and how we organise ourselves to deliver services to the community to our utmost potential. Efficiency and innovation will continue to be the key planks of our approach.

Through our continuing community partnerships, I am confident 2008/2009 will be another exciting and prosperous year for us all.

Community satisfaction with Council

Since 1998 Roy Morgan Research, through the Local Government Association, has biannually measured the community's satisfaction with Council performance through the Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey. In the most recent survey conducted in May last year, which surveyed residents' overall satisfaction with Council's performance, was higher than the State average overall, slightly higher than 2003 but slightly lower than 2005. Most significantly, in 2007 Council's overall community satisfaction rating (101.7) was significantly higher than the State average (93.7).

Since the survey commenced, Council has made significant progress, in particular where staff interacts with the public. Two areas that demonstrate this are Planning and Approvals and Community Engagement, which continue to be a challenge for Council to address. However, new initiatives are being developed to improve information accessibility for customers and reduce phone enquiries and 'drop ins' in relation to current activities

and functions undertaken by Council, which should translate into improved public perceptions in the area of Community Engagement.

Summary of Results Community Satisfaction with Council (%)				
Category	2003 No.	2005 No.	2007 No.	South Aust. No.
Strategic Objectives	92.52	91.51	96.11	84.55
Community Consultation	91.82	92.98	97.21	84.55
Council Services	101.35	106.14	102.09	104.08
Quality of Life	108.57	110.64	102.84	94.81
Public Access to Information	95.45	100.00	99.69	89.72
Asset / Infrastructure Management	107.98	113.50	111.09	106.61
Safety & Security	106.05	102.83	103.16	91.25
Total	100.5	102.5	101.7	93.7
Notes:				
1. A score of 100 means that Council is performing at a satisfactory level.				
2. A score below 85 indicates that Council is performing at an unsatisfactory level.				
3. A score of 115 or higher means that Council is performing very well.				

Saluting Our Volunteers

Council has been delighted to honour and thank volunteers from a range of local organisations by hosting a number of community celebrations. The Tatiara District Council's volunteers have always played an integral role in all facets of our community but their role in supporting the community was vital during the trials of the last 12 months.

The Tatiara District Council flew the flag for the region's many volunteers during National Volunteer Week 2008. Chairman Richard Vickery used the launch of the Tatiara District National Volunteer Week as a key regional event aimed at recognising volunteers, raising the profile of volunteering throughout the District and encouraging people to volunteer. The launch was used as a platform to recognise the community sectors including health, education, business, emergency services, recreation and people with a disability, which connect the skills of volunteers with work and training opportunities.

The Tatiara District Council is extremely supportive of all volunteers, and believes volunteerism contributes more to the community than most people realise. Clearly the work of volunteers is vital to reducing social isolation, not only for the people they help but also for the volunteers themselves. The social interaction and the act of helping others greatly strengthen connection within the community.

Corporate Services Function

Corporate services continued to provide a range of organisational support services throughout the year. Corporate services function included customer services; council records; council property management (purchase, sales, leases and licences); valuation contract

management; rate revenue collection; financial services (including payroll, creditors, debtors, and purchasing); corporate governance; Chairman and Councillor support; and information technology.

Over the last four years Council has worked to lay a sound financial and strategic base for the future. Over the last two years Council has adopted a fiscally responsible, planned approach in laying a sound financial and strategic base for the future. This approach has alleviated any potential rate spikes while ensuring Council has the necessary resources to deliver the necessary range of services and infrastructure.

The contribution of the Corporate Services function to Council's overall goals and objectives is significant, although perhaps not always visibly apparent, and it looks forward to a further challenging and rewarding year in 2008/09. The results of this work are continuing to become increasingly evident in the following key activities and functions:

- Customer Services – provision of advice to ratepayers, Elected Members and clients.
- Records Management.
- Occupational Health and Safety matters.
- Maintenance and upgrade of Council's information technology systems.
- Insurance requirements for Council (property, public liability, workers' compensation, personal accident).
- Contracts and Leases.
- Maintenance of Council's Voters' Roll.
- Assists the State Electoral Commission in conducting Council Elections.
- Provision of statistical data for Local Government Association of South Australia, State and Federal Government.
- Maintenance of Acts and Regulations relevant to Corporate Services function.
- Provision of administration support to Elected Members and Council Committees relevant to Corporate Services function.

The challenges for the Corporate Services Function are to continue to provide pro-active, responsive and relevant services that assist Council operations, and to provide quality customer service to the community, whilst maintaining tight budgetary control.

Occupational Health, Safety & Welfare (OHS&W)

Council has an OHS&W system that focuses on prevention of accidents through the identification and minimisation of hazards. Significant enhancements were made to Council's Safety Program to improve the delivery of data on OHS&W performance and ultimately meet the objectives of the new WorkCover Corporation Performance Standards for Self Insurers. Because of the extensive OHS&W regulatory framework, many of Council's human resource activities are focused on ensuring compliance.

Council employees' positive approach to everyday health and safety issues in the workplace has resulted in Council receiving a 44.4% insurance premium bonus as a result of positive workers compensation claims experience.

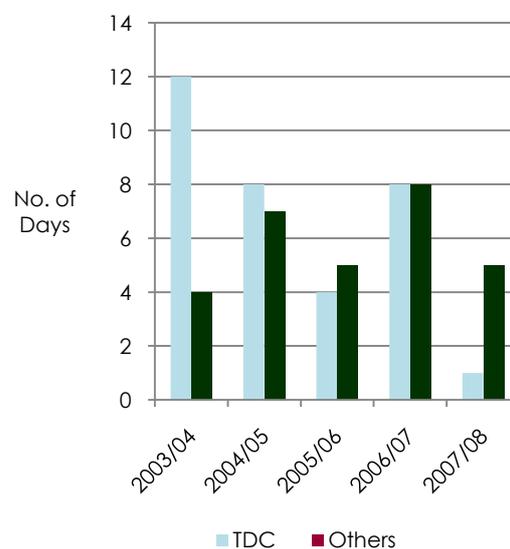
The Local Government Association Workers Compensation Scheme (LGAWCS) Rebate/Penalty Scheme was established to maintain a financially strong Self-Insured Workers Compensation Scheme for Local Government with the aim to promote superior

Occupation Health and Safety practices, which results in fewer accidents in the workplace, and the timely return to work of injured employees. The Rebate/Penalty Scheme gives regard to the overall safety, rehabilitation and claims performance of the Council.

As illustrated by the table below, Council has continued to improve its OHS&W environment, through the number of claims and total days lost to injury each year, which is also demonstrated by comparison with other Councils of a similar size (Group D).

Workplace Injuries and Claims		
Year	No. Claims	Total Days Lost
2003/04	12	58
2004/05	8	2
2005/06	4	190
2006/07	8	2
2007/08	1	-

Number of Claims



Challenges for 2008/2009

The compliance requirements associated with managing the safety, health and environment across Council's complex operations imposes a significant, ever increasing burden on Council, necessitating the continual review and renewal of corporate systems to accommodate demand. Off the shelf products rarely meet the needs of Council and require significant staff investment to tailor appropriate solutions.

Risk Management Review

Council's Risk Management Framework is in compliance with Australian Standard AS/NZS 4360:2004. All managers, employees, and service providers and community organizing events held on public land are accountable for managing risk. All Council departments are required to review their risks and revise where appropriate their control mechanisms annually. Ongoing risk management training and awareness will build wider acceptance that risk is "everyone's business".

The Risk Management Review 2008 was undertaken by The Local Government Association Mutual Liability Scheme (LGAMLS) in order to assess the application of

risk management within Local Government South Australia.

This review forms part of the annual review undertaken throughout Councils in SA each year and determines the risk management bonus to be applied when calculating future contributions along with the claims management bonus.

The LGAMLS continually impress upon us the crucial role proactive, Best Practice Risk Management plays in ensuring the success and sustainability of Local Government. The constantly changing legislatively driven environment within which we operate, results in the continual emergence of risk management issues. For this reason, the risk management review has continued to evolve; raising the benchmark and extending across all areas of the organisation. Proactive risk management practices relating to human resource and contract management were high on the list this year.

The Review was divided into eight categories with a summary of results provided in the table below:

Summary of Results Tatiara District Council			
Category	Score	Maximum Score	%
Risk & Emergency Management / Professional Indemnity	155	170	91%
Committee & Non Employment Management	90	100	90%
Contract Management	105	110	95%
Legislative Requirements – Land & Asset Management	70	70	100%
Asset Management Programmes & Systems - Land	100	115	87%
Land Use (Lease/Licence/Permit Activities)	85	90	94%
Legislative Requirements – Road Management	65	70	93%
Road Management - Programmes & Systems	80	85	94%
Total	750	810	92.6%

Our performance was scored at 92.6%, again exceeding both the metropolitan council average (90.6%) and the overall Local Government Association average (88.2%).

Community Consultation

The Tatiara District Council is strongly committed to genuine, effective and timely community consultation on a range of issues, often exceeding the minimum consultation requirements. The process of consultation must encourage the community to actively participate in policy development, planning and programming, the management and evaluation of services and in identifying areas of concern. Community consultation precedes action. It must be seen as the beginning of the cycle that results in action.

We formed this year's public consultation program around partnerships, building new collaborations and cementing ongoing relationships with the community. Our Council recognises that to provide the best services and infrastructure for our District, we must form close relationships with all levels of the community.

Elements of this process may include:

- A regular newsletter (Regional Wrap);
- Direct mail publications (Keeping you in Touch; Budget Snapshots);
- Advertising in The Border Chronicle, Radio 5tcb, and other media outlets as seen appropriate.
- Regular Media Releases to appropriate media outlets and community groups.
- Community forums and stakeholder meetings;
- Market research or surveys (Ray Morgan Community Satisfaction Survey).
- Council's website.
- General fixed displays (notice boards in the Council foyer and library);
- Specific displays, as appropriate.

Council will continue, as it has done this year, to hold community engagement meetings to give residents and stakeholders of the Tatiara region the opportunity to help us plan for the present and future needs of our region, and assist us in gauging our progress towards our stated goals and objectives. We are committed to ensuring that we are able to respond to the real needs of our communities. Through our community engagement strategies we have put in place systems to ensure that we can confidently hear and understand the views of our communities. We also see that we have an increasingly important role in advocating on behalf of communities with other tiers of government. Data obtained from community consultations, including participants' priority issues, was used to prioritise existing Strategies, and to inform new actions. A comprehensive set of multi-voting data and **The Tatiara District Council Strategic Plan 2007/2011** can be obtained from Council's website: www.tatiara.sa.gov.au.

Council is committed to openly collaborate with residents, community groups, staff, senior management and elected members to achieve positive communication goals and strategic communications objectives. *Communications provides the following values and goals:*

- Promoting a consistent and positive council identity;
- Commitment to professional service excellence;
- Providing transparent, correct and concise information;
- Promoting positive relationships with local community groups;
- Working innovatively towards best practice in communication strategies.

Achievements for 2007/08 include:

- Increased the awareness of quality publications and public relations.
- Various corporate publications for the promotion of Council, including newsletters and leaflets.
- Maintenance of Council's corporate identity including logos, documents, advertising, posters, merchandise, website and various publications such as poster templates, event signage and tourism publication templates;
- Provided a consistent high quality collection of positive images for Council from various community events, local scenery and identities;

Council's Website

Over the past year, Council's website www.tatiara.sa.gov.au has become a popular resource for ratepayers and visitors with an average of just under 1,600 visits per month and 456 visits per week recorded during the year, which accounted for 139,889 hits or almost 6 enquiries per visit. The site has been strategically designed for the convenience of all users, enabling users to have information about Council around the clock, which includes Council Agendas, Minutes, Annual Reports, Policies, Budgets and other documents.

Facts & Figures – Council Website	
Website Visits	19,191
Total Number of hits	634,379
Average hits per visit	33
Average Visits per week	369

Council has undertaken further development of the site to include a secure electronic facility for the payment of rates, debtor and dog registration renewals as well as further promoting council information and services to the community.

Information Technology

The Tatiara District Council is committed to continuous improvement in the management of its information technology. This involves developing innovative and effective ways to manage and improve our information management; engage in meaningful two-way communication with stakeholders to deliver core business services; and ensure the Council has sound financial and governance information management practices through a dedicated and skilled workforce.

Through the commitment, technical skills and vision of Aaron Hillier, one of Council's emerging leaders, a number of significant information management and technology goals were achieved in 2007/08, which include:

- Investigating ways in which technology can be used to assist Council staff to provide more efficient services to the community.
- Ensuring best practice techniques are utilised for the delivery of Information Technology services.
- Combining Information Technology and Records Management functions to improve Council's ability to manage corporate information.
- Providing reliable access to Information Systems at all times and from multiple locations.
- Maintaining Councils replacement programme for Information Technology assets
- Ensuring a consistent approach to information management within Council.
- Improvements to Information Services disaster recovery readiness to meet corporate expectations.
- Convergence of numerous Information Systems into an Integrated Enterprise System to allow improved use of information.
- Continuing the move from hard copy documents to electronic documents.

Financial & Corporate Performance

The Tatiara District Council is continuing to move towards its corporate goal of financial sustainability. An increasing emphasis on long term financial planning and asset management has reaped quantifiable results for Council. In 2007/08, as part of the Local Government

Reform Process, Council was given a low rating by an independent financial organisation, which equates to a local government with a high capacity to meet its financial commitments in the short- to medium-term and a below acceptable capacity in the long-term. The Tatiara District Council is working towards managing any unforeseen financial shocks and any adverse changes in its business and in general economic conditions, with minor to moderate revenue or expense adjustments. Therefore, it will have the capacity to manage core business risks.

Council is committed to delivering the highest standard of open, fair and transparent corporate governance in an environment of honesty and integrity. This includes:

- In keeping with our ongoing responsibility of providing the community with responsible financial management, we continue to prepare monthly Council management reports and quarterly and annual financial statements, monitor cash flow and manage investments.
- Maintenance of Council's databases for property, debtors, creditors, payroll, general ledger and assets has continued and compliance with Council's procedures, delegations, internal controls and audit requirements maintained.
- Much of Council's core business data is stored electronically. Council staff maintains this data to guarantee its currency, and ensures that all data is backed-up regularly and stored in a secure location.
- Council maintains an extensive computer network infrastructure that includes application software appropriate to different service areas. All hardware and software is maintained and/or replaced in line with current technologies and that related staff needs are met.
- Council's insurance portfolio is renewed on an annual basis. The insurance portfolio is in place to provide appropriate safeguarding of Council's key assets and to provide protection against risk.

Human Resources

Success in service provision is directly linked to Council's ability to attract, retain, motivate and develop a diverse range of quality and skilled people. The leadership, knowledge, skills, innovation, commitment and culture of Council staff are our most valuable assets and have been the driving force behind our many achievements during the last 12 months.

In a time of increasing skill and labour shortages, attracting and retaining the best talent is pivotal to Council's success. We recognise that to be an employer of choice in today's market, it is important to provide staff with a work/life balance, stimulating and meaningful work roles that offer autonomy, and opportunities for learning and career development. With this in mind, the Tatiara District Council continues to develop and refine its human resource management activities and programs, and places a strong focus on training and development, which includes succession planning and training,

The Tatiara District Council employs more than 50 people who make a difference to the Tatiara community through their wealth of experience, knowledge, energy and focus on customer service. Major accomplishments in human resource management programs during the 2007/08-year were set upon the foundations of workplace health and safety, organisational development and industrial relations.

The Tatiara District Council Municipal Officers Workplace Agreement and Local Government Employees Union Collective Workplace Agreement govern the conditions of employment for Council staff. These agreements encourage multi skilling, flexibility and effective application of staff capability.

In a challenging and fast changing environment our people are our most valuable resource. We aim to recruit and retain high calibre staff and to contribute to the continued development of their skills and knowledge. At 30 June 2008 the Tatiara District Council employed 52 full-time equivalent staff. Council prides itself on having a diverse workforce that spans a wide sector of age groups and cultures. Staff span whole age spectrum, however, almost half of the staff are in the 45 to 55 years and over age bracket.

Staff Facts & Figures			
	Female	Male	Total
No. (Full Time equivalent)	10	35	45
Average Age	41.7 years	47.5 years	46 years
Age (years)	15-24	-	4
	25-34	3	1
	35-44	8	5
	45-54	4	14
	55 & Over	4	11
Average Length of Service	6 years	12 years	9 years
Staff by Employment Status			
• Full Time	5	35	40
• Part Time	9	-	8
• Casual	2	-	2
• Contract	3	-	3
Total	19	35	53
Staff by Location (FTE)			
• Bordertown Office	5	9	14
• Keith Office	2	-	2
• Bordertown Depot	-	20	20
• Keith Depot	-	6	6
• Bordertown Library	2.7	-	2.7
• Bordertown VIC	1.4	-	1.4

Acknowledging that our effectiveness as an organisation is entirely dependent on the skills and commitment of our people, all staff engages in a bi-annual personal development process. This process is intended to review staff performance and achievements, ensure that the expectations of the individual and organisation are aligned, set personal and corporate goals for the coming year, identify the potential for involvement in corporate or local government committees or activities and identify training and development activities for the forthcoming year.

We aim to ensure the organisation has the capacity and competence to deliver the strategies and actions in the council plan. We encourage and enable all people to make a personally satisfying contribution to our

organisation. We create a work environment that recognises well-being as being essential in maximising the potential of our people and therefore our business success.

We provide training and development opportunities for our employees to ensure that our organisational change and continuous improvement strategies can be successfully implemented, changing legislative requirements are met, use of technology is maximised and employees are able to develop and pursue their career within the organisation. We utilise both in-house and external training programs that ensure skills and knowledge for the various trades and professions are maintained to enable the employees to deliver the required projects, programs and operational activities. By offering traineeships we contribute to skill development for South Australians while at the same time meeting the needs of our community. During 2006/07, 45 people undertook traineeships; six in animal management, six in civil works, two in horticulture and 31 in frontline management.

Performance Management Appraisal Program

Every staff member and their role contribute to Council's Vision and Mission, and the achievement of our Council Plan and annual business plan. It is therefore important we have in place a performance management program, which provides feedback and direction to both employees and managers, to ensure each individual, department, and ultimately the organisation is reaching its full potential. From a Council perspective, performance management assists in monitoring overall performance as an organisation. It helps us ensure our services to the community are the best possible, that all legislative obligations are met, and that we continue to be an employer of choice. Our appraisal program is an ongoing two way process which includes both formal and informal discussions and other communications between a staff member and their supervisor.

Employee Well-being

During the year a number of opportunities were offered as part of our ongoing program to aid employees in making informed life and well-being decisions. These included:

- A program aimed at improving participants' lifestyle and assisting with the balance between life and work.
- Annual health assessments conducted by the Corporate Health Group including blood analysis, nutrition profile, cardiac risk rating, fitness assessment, back care, vision screening, blood pressure, health goal setting and skin cancer screening.
- A program to raise awareness of the risks associated with stress.

Employee Assistance Program

The council has a strong commitment to work with and support our people with their developmental, health and well being needs. The council has a clear understanding that our people's personal and work lives do interact and that the well being of our people is inextricably linked to the achievement of our business outcomes.

The employee assistance program plays an integral role in achieving this commitment. The employee assistance program has been in place at the council for more than 10 years. The objective of the program is to provide a confidential counseling and support service and

appropriate referrals to all staff (and their families when appropriate) to resolve their personal and/ or work-related problems.

Industrial Relations

The impact of the new WorkChoices legislation slowed the process of finalising Collective Agreements for LGE and MOA staff as all parties gained an understanding of the impact of this legislation and new agreements were developed to meet legislative requirements. The Agreements were finalised at different times, with staff voting in favour of the new agreements. The implementation of the industrial agreements is overseen by consultative groups includes employee and management representatives and industrial officers from the relevant union.

The Council and staff worked closely to develop collective agreements for staff, ensuring a strong commitment to productivity and performance aligned with reward. These collective agreements were lodged under the new WorkChoices system and ensured compliance with legislative changes whilst retaining terms and conditions of employment.

Summary

This Annual Report allows us to look back with pride at what has been achieved in all aspects of our work and look ahead with confidence to an exciting future. Our future strength is based on solid foundations and on our partnerships – between our Elected Members, our staff and our communities.

This is a credit to the staff and Councillors and a sign of our Council's drive for continuous improvement as we work towards making this South Australia's most liveable, people friendly district.

I believe the future for the Tatiara District Council continues to be assured. With the provision of good governance from Council, the ongoing dedication and commitment of Council management and staff, and the support of the local community, the Tatiara District Council will continue to achieve its vision of being a vibrant, diverse and secure place to live.

Over the next twelve months together with Councillors and staff, I look forward to building on the strengths of the organisation and the spirit of the community. We are in a strong financial position with sound building blocks ensuring that the Tatiara District Council continues its development as a truly modern regional centre.

I would also like to thank all of Council's staff for their efforts over the past year and their commitment to deliver excellent services to the residents of the District.

Mr Kingsley GREEN
Manager Corporate & Community Services

Library

Social commentators state that there are usually three important places in a person's life; home, work and a third place where you can relax, learn, be entertained and network. The Bordertown Community Library endeavours to be that third place. At the library our community has the opportunity to learn, experience, participate and utilise library services, facilities and functions. Libraries are reinventing themselves the world over and the Bordertown Library is no different. No longer

are public libraries the traditional book loaning institutions of the past. They play a key role in ensuring community access to information and the Bordertown Library is proactive in identifying better ways of doing so.

The Bordertown Library provides its Regional Public Library Service free of user charges, to the community. The goal of the library service is to provide a high quality and innovative service to the community, which, through the effective use of technology, supportive learning, skilled staff and creative solutions, achieves a maximum impact from available resources.

The Bordertown Library has continued to grow and expand its services within the District, with steady increases in visitors, memberships and loans. In 2006/2007 approximately 50,000 visitors attended the library to borrow 41,896 loans and use the internet 91% of its available time. The Bordertown Community Library hosted a literary event with popular children's author Andy Griffith sharing his latest book with a large audience having the opportunity to ask questions and get a copy of his books signed.

Facts & Figures Bordertown Library				
Category	Unit	2006/ 07	2007/ 08	% Change 06/07 – 07/08
Loans	No.	42,477	41,896	-1.4%
Internet Availability	Hours	5,405	6,290	+16.4%
Actual Computer Use	Hours	4,413	5,282	+19.6%
Level of Computer Use	%	82%	91%	+9% points
Reference Queries	No.	529	638	+20.6%
Community Information Queries	No.	148	339	+129.1%
Story Telling	No.	289	255	-11.8%
New Members	No.	119	267	+124.4%

Learning opportunities offered to our customers, both the general public and TAFE SA students, included library tours, specialist database training sessions and computer classes, specifically how to create, send and receive emails and how to effectively search the Internet. Holiday programs continually prove popular with school-aged children and the littlest members of our community participate in Baby Rhyme Time where they can sing and dance to songs and nursery rhymes.

The Library is a vibrant environment where the whole community can learn, participate, share, experience new things, have fun and enjoy the opportunities we provide. The Library provides services to people of all ages and stages of life around the District, including:

- Adult and Children's Fiction and Non-Fiction Books, CD's, DVDs, videos, magazines and newspapers to borrow and browse.
- Photocopying and laminating.
- Online resources.
- Preschool Story time/Baby Rhyme Time.
- School holiday activities.
- Internet and computer access.
- Local History Collection.
- Space, to read, relax and study.

Highlights for 2007/08

- With the Library Manager, Tammie Smedley, taking 12 months maternity leave in January 2008, Rae Bromley and Wendy Crane were appointed as joint Managers; Marina Graham replacing Rae Bromley as a Library Assistant; and Heather Mewett contracted to work extra hours to replace Wendy Crane.
- The Library staff workroom was redesigned and updated to become a more efficient and safe workspace.
- Little Big Book Club packs once again were sent to Bordertown and Keith libraries to distribute to new babies born in the Tatiara. Little Aussie Reader Scrapbooks were also supplied for dispersal to three different age groups.
- Story telling service for preschoolers and the relatively new service of Baby Rhyme Time. This session held every second Monday of the month has been a huge success, with parents regularly visiting the library to sing nursery rhymes with their babies and children. A variety of different types of puppets have also been added to enhance these storytelling sessions.
- The Bordertown library in conjunction with South East Regional Community Health Services, Women's Health Nurse, Abby Heath held a Web streaming session on Menopause in early March. The evening was both informative and interactive. It was well attended by a group of thirteen women.
- Children's Author Andy Griffiths entertained Primary School children from Bordertown and Mundulla years 3-5, with Book City from Mount Gambier selling books to be signed by Andy.
- A morning tea was held in the Library in May for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. All proceeds from the morning tea were presented to the Australian Cancer Council.
- Due to popular demand from our community children's school holiday activities continue to be offered, each school holiday period. A number of kindergarten and school classes have also visited the library throughout the year.
- Seventeen housebound clients in our community receive the Library's weekly delivery service, with books, magazines, videos, and DVD's selected and delivered on behalf of the housebound clients by Library Staff.

Looking to the Future – Goals for 2008/2009

- The development of further Regional partnerships to ensure that a quality service can be provided to our community.
- Improve and develop the skill of all library staff to deliver quality and relevant library services.
- Implement innovative solutions to achieve maximum impact from available resources.
- Promote literacy skills and demonstrate the impact of the library service in supportive learning.
- Provide access to services for the community through the effective use of technology.

Tourism

Through the passionate and dedicated commitment of the Bordertown Visitor Information Centre (VIC) Manager, Chris Mackereth, 2 part-time staff, Heather Sharp and Chris Virgin, and 18 volunteers, the Bordertown VIC continues to be the "jewel in the crown" of Council's tourism strategy. With over 14,000 recorded visitors to our VIC annually, our team of dedicated and passionate staff and volunteers are continually promoting the Tatiara Region to visitors. It features brochures, souvenirs, and friendly staff to help locals and visitors alike learn more about the Tatiara region. Clearly, the Bordertown VIC is a case of local people serving the community.

Tourism and special event management and marketing are well acknowledged by Council as a significant contributor to the local economy and the social and cultural fabric of our respective communities. Council invests significant time and resources into tourism related activities. Council seeks to position the District as a vital and resourceful regional tourist and commercial centre with significant natural, built and cultural attractions, and quality sustainable events and festivals, capitalising on its heritage, culture and character, but having proper regard for the physical, heritage and social environment of the area.



Bordertown Spring Festival – Truck Competition

A key element of our success in tourism development and marketing over the past 12 months has been the maintenance of close working relationships and rapport between the respective communities, businesses, private sector and Council.

Such partnerships deliver real benefits for the whole community, and not just for the tourism industry. Council continues to provide leadership to tourism and special events and endeavours to capitalize on the uniqueness of the 5 District townships by the maintenance and implementation of collaborative marketing initiatives, highlighting and capitalising on their unique characteristics, events, attractions, walks and trails across the District.

In addition to Council's active involvement in economic development by way of its Tourism and Events related initiatives, Council also pursues a variety of other economic development projects that seek to generate economic and employment generating outcomes. Council's commitment to encouraging local business is actioned by it facilitating and providing ongoing assistance to Limestone Coast Tourism and participation on both the Limestone Coast Visitor Information Providers Group and State Tourism Working Party.



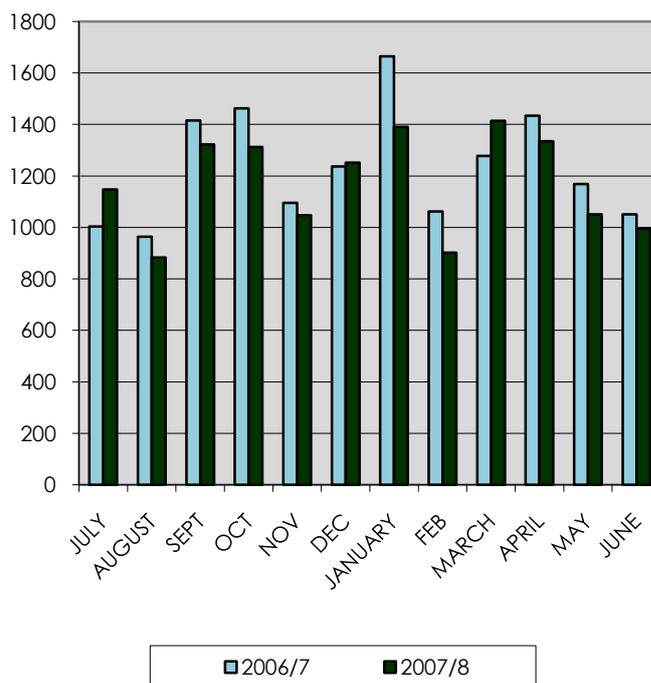
Moot-Yang-Gunya Horse Trails

Highlights for 2007/08

- Approximately 1,500 hours of service were provided by 18 volunteers, which equates to about \$31,000 in salary.
- 14,053 visitors attended the VIC, which was lower than that recorded for 2006/07 (5.28% or 784) and 2005/06 (5.32% 790). This represents 1,171 visitors per month, 270 per week and 38.6 per day.
- March was the busiest month for the year (1,414), followed by January (1,391), April (1,335), September (1,323) and October (1,313). This compares to January (1,665), October (1,463) and April (1,434) being the busiest months in 2006/07.
- Local visitors increased by 8.4% (177) while interstate visitors fell by 5.8% (372) and overseas fell by 1% (17).
- Boxes of the Tatiara Visitor Guide have been sent to Visitor Information Centres far and wide – from Heathcote, Castlemaine and Portland in Victoria to Ceduna, Port Lincoln and Leigh Creek in South Australia – a total of around 5,000 brochures spreading the word on our District.
- Throughout the year the VIC has received requests for Tatiara information from various parts of Australia as well as such places as Ontario and Quebec in Canada, Poland, Japan and the U.S.. As well as our website, the Tourism Touch Screens are now also available in New Zealand and England, making information on our district even more accessible.
- The VIC is often commended on the range of information available on the different regions of South Australia and Western Victoria. To maintain this reputation around 2,000 brochures covering both states are ordered each month and are walking out the door.
- The Firefly booking service continues to be popular with both the local community and visitors, with 322 bookings for 446 passengers were made in 2007/08.

Facts & Figures Bordertown Visitor Information Centre			
Category	2006/07	2007/08	% Change 06/07 – 07/08
Total Visitors	14,837	14,053	-5.3%
South Australian Visitors	5,984	5,813	-2.9%
• Local	2,098	2,275	8.4%
• Adelaide	2,770	2,447	-11.7%
• SA Country	1,116	1,091	-2.2%
Interstate Visitors	6,397	6,025	-5.8%
• Melbourne	3,552	3,249	-8.5%
• Vic Country	1,608	1,435	-10.8%
• NSW & ACT	491	516	5.1%
• Western Australia	286	329	15.0%
Overseas Visitors	1,690	1,673	-1.0%
• United Kingdom	311	307	-1.3%
• Europe	670	724	8.1%
• USA & Canada	229	224	-2.2%
• Other Asia	217	151	-30.4%
• New Zealand	153	123	-19.6%

**VIC STATISTICS - MONTHLY COMPARISON
2006/7 & 2007/08**



Arts & Community Development

In an era of changing lifestyle and competing demands, encouraging participation in arts and cultural activities is increasingly important. Throughout 2007/08 Council's Arts and Community Development Officer, Tyson Brown, played a critical role in connecting people across the region, and in helping to build a more cohesive and connected community.

Tyson's passion and commitment to achieve significant outcomes for the community was demonstrated by example, where in 2007/08 Tyson attended 213

community group meetings, assisted the community submit 65 grant applications and provided 35 letters of support. With the aim of creating opportunities and reducing barriers to enable all members of the community to develop a sense of connectedness within their communities, Tyson has facilitated progress towards:

- Supporting and encouraging community cultural expression through providing community grants, assisting groups to apply for alternative funding and overseeing their projects as needed.
- Creating greater involvement in Council activities for residents from culturally diverse backgrounds and people with disabilities.
- Supporting the local cottage industry, local artists and crafts workers and businesses that produce locally distinctive, locally grown or locally manufactured goods. Ongoing discussions take place with a view to capitalising on the creative strengths of artists in the region.

Highlights for 2007/08

- Development of a community grants register which details information on 156 community groups in the Tatiara Region. This has seen Council's A&CD Officer work collaboratively with these community groups to source in excess of \$200,000 of funding for community infrastructure, professional development opportunities, water saving, first aid courses, sporting equipment, IT equipment and to provide better services throughout the community.



Laser Skirmish – Youth Week

- Facilitating, co-ordinating and encouraging positive cultural and social interaction and integration through the following events and functions:
 - National Youth Week
 - Harmony Week
 - Chinese New Year Celebration 2008
 - Volunteers Week
 - Mental Health Week
 - 125 yrs of Rail to the Tatiara Celebration
 - Drug Action Week
 - School Holiday Initiatives
 - Multiple Art Exhibitions
 - Theatre

- Co-ordinating the Chinese New Year Celebration, which attracted over 900 people from across the SE to Woolshed Street in Bordertown, where the community enjoyed a fire cracker display, traditional lion dance presentations, Kung FU, traditional food samplings.



Chinese New Year Celebrations

- Working collaboratively with a range of organisations to ensure the successful integration of new migrants to the region. These organisations include Life Line SA, Limestone Coast Multicultural Network, Regional Multicultural Communities Council, Living in Harmony Project, Limestone Coast Regional Development Board, Immigration SA and local industry.
- Co-ordinating Youth Week, where Memorial Park was transformed into a laser skirmish field with over 500 young people converging on the field from across the South East and from over the Border. This also included local community leaders braving the freezing water in the Dunking Machine all in the name of fun.
- Advancing the development of the Bordertown Skate and BMX Park, this includes attaining external funds for the project and commencing the BMX track with a variety of courses suitable for all skill levels. It is anticipated that the park will be completed in late 2008 with an official opening planned for Youth Week 2009.



Harmony Week Celebrations

Technical Services Report

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- Water Saving Grants
- Streetscapes
- Parks & Reserves
- Rural Roads
- Town Streets
- Plant & Machinery
- Land Development
- Waste Management
- Effluent Drainage
- Airfields

From the Manager Technical Services...

2007/08 was a very busy year for council's engineering, technical, gardening and construction & maintenance staff. An extensive works program was almost completed by June 30 even though we were hindered by another dry year, changes in senior management, a shortage of available paving contractors and a need to concentrate on Asset Management.

Staff

There were some important changes in 2007/08. In September Andrew Pollock commenced as Council's Operations Coordinator filling the position vacated by Ian Hentschke several months earlier. In March Richard Pym resigned as Manager Technical Services after 5 years with Council. In late May Ray Gilmartin, a very experienced Local Government engineer who had worked for Councils in Victoria, Qld and NSW took over the MTS role.

There were changes in our operational workforce as well with Craig Milligan and Glen Bleasby resigning and Justin Bell, Jeff Makin and Gavin Stuckey commencing. A number of staff members are undertaking training courses to improve their skills and to increase our versatility. It has been pleasing to see that our performance in the area of Occupational Health and Safety has improved greatly with the number of lost hours due to injuries at work reduced dramatically.



Opening of the new Level Crossing at Wolseley

Road Grant Funding

Council again received grants from both the State and Federal Governments during 2007/2008. The Federal Government provided \$365,183 through the Roads to Recovery Program, \$431,605 through the Grants Commission and \$197,231 supplementary roads funding. We also received Special Local Roads Funding of \$225,000 to help reconstruct the Tatiara Road from Wolseley to the Victorian border. It is acknowledged that the continuation of Roads to Recovery funding will be of considerable benefit to Council in its endeavours to maintain the road network to the standard expected by ratepayers.

Asset Management

Council is required by legislation and is committed to establishing an Asset Management System for the improved management of assets into the future. A lot of time and effort has been put into gathering information

on the current condition of the district's road and other assets. By November 2008 Council needs to have a long term Asset Management Plan and a long term Financial Plan to enable staff and Councillors to make informed decisions as to what is and isn't a priority.

Water Saving Grants

Council was successful on obtaining 3 grants from the Commonwealth Government to help save water. We received \$16,545 to purchase a pool cover at the Bordertown Swimming Pool, \$13,190 for new rainwater tanks at the Keith Institute and \$27,168 to install an underground watering system in Memorial Park. This program has been very beneficial to a number of community groups and organizations and to the environment within the Tatiara but unfortunately it is not continuing.



Streetscapes

During the year ETSA undergrounded the overhead power lines in North Terrace Bordertown with assistance from PLEC funding and a contribution from Council. A grant application has been submitted to do a similar project in Hender Street Keith in early 2009. Applications have also been submitted to Planning SA to assist with installing new pavers, trees and furniture in Hender Street and also to assist upgrade the Keith town entrances. A \$20,000 grant was received from Planning SA to assist the Mundulla community improve their main street area.

Parks and Reserves



Lack of water has been an issue especially at Keith with a number of parks browning off over last summer due to the restrictions on using River Murray water. Council put

down a new bore and have connected several of our main parks to it as well as the water feature and the Keith Bowling Club, so this summer will see our parks a lot greener. We have also reached agreement with the Bowling Club to use some of their water license to cover our requirements at Keith. Landscaping for the new car Park in Anzac Tce was completed.

At Bordertown Council has recognized that it does not have sufficient water license and is looking to purchase additional license. Security Cameras were installed in Apex Park along with brighter lights and new playground equipment.

Rural Roads

A significant portion of Councils annual budget allocation is related to expenditure on our rural road network including reconstruction, resealing, resheeting, patrol grading, tree trimming, line-marking and general road maintenance. With the majority of Council's rural roads being unsealed, Council has developed a program of patrol grading and resheeting to ensure that these roads are maintained to a standard that enables the agricultural and other business activities to operate efficiently.



Grading works on Kirra Road

Council undertook some significant construction works during the year with:

- 2.8 kms of Cannawigara Rd from Carew Rd to Parsons Rd sealed.
- 4.9 kms of Tatiara Rd from Wolseley to the Vic border reconstructed and sealed
- The eastern rail crossing at Wolseley sealed
- Two sections of Senior Rd totalling 2.2 kms were reconstructed and sealed
- Batters on several hills on Hundred of Makin Rd were improved

The following roads had sections resheeted during the year:

- Kirra
- Dark Island Well
- Petherick
- Ballater
- Ova Flow
- Fairbanks
- Hills
- Nappers
- Coopers
- Schuberts
- Buckingham
- Road 97
- Pine Hill West
- Swedes Flat Extension
- Jarmans
- Milnes
- Nalang
- Prescotts



Council continued its resealing program with \$530,000 allocated to extending the life of our existing sealed road network.

Town streets

Council continued its program of upgrading streets in the towns by kerbing and/or sealing sections of Naracoorte Rd, Binnie St, Davis St, Dinning Tce, Aird St & Handyside Tce.

Footpath works were carried out in Binnie St, Possum Park Dve & Kennedy St with several other projects to be done in July-August.

Plant & Machinery

During the year Council replaced 4 sedans, 3 dual cab utes, 2 tray top utes, 1 ride-on mower, 1 combination roller and 1 tractor. Council's Plant and Machinery Sub committee meets regularly to monitor the usage and running costs of council's fleet.



Part of the display at Clayton Farm Heritage Museum

Land Development

The demand for new industrial blocks at Bordertown and Keith Industrial estates has not been high of late. This together with some blocks being available for purchase and the high cost of developing the land that Council owns has resulted in stage 2 at Keith being put on hold for the time being.

Council and the Keith War Memorial Community Centre committee have reached agreement on price and Council will now purchase 2.3 hectares of residentially zoned land in Bennett Street for future subdivision. When fully developed 21 blocks will be available for new housing.

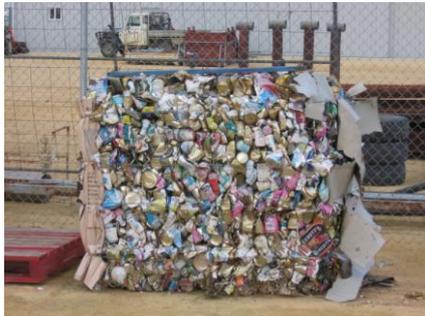
Waste Management

Council successfully implemented a 140-litre Mobile Garbage Bin (MGB) for putrescible waste and a 240-litre MGB for kerbside recycling in early July. The general public is now recycling much greater amounts of material which means that less waste is being buried in our dumps hence extending their life.



During the year Council successfully gained grant funding from Zero Waste SA to assist turn the Padthaway Rubbish Dump into a Transfer station. This work will take place in 2008/09. It is planned to also turn the Keith dump into a Transfer station with all waste being transported to Pigeon Flat for disposal. These changes are required due to new stringent environmental requirements being brought in by the EPA.

Residents are encouraged to recycle as much as possible as the costs of disposing of waste in an environment friendly manner are extensive which means that fees at the dump will increase markedly.



Effluent Drainage

Council was part of a successful SA Local Government application to the Federal government to reuse effluent from our effluent lagoons. The cost of pumping effluent from the Keith lagoons was too expensive and Council is still considering the costs versus benefits of reusing the Bordertown effluent.



Oxidation Lagoon

Airfields



Safety audits are carried out annually with site inspections on a fortnightly basis and any recommendations are included in the maintenance works undertaken. No major alterations were identified this financial year.



Mr Ray GILMARTIN
Manager Technical Services

Development & Inspectorial Services Report

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- Building
- Planning
- Crown Land
- Development Assessment Panel
- Desludging Programme
- General Inspectorial
- Public & Environmental Health

From the Manager Development & Inspectorial Services...

Despite one of the worst droughts on record, the Tatiara district has continued to develop with another year of substantial investment in rural, industrial/commercial and residential development especially in the Rural Living zones surrounding Bordertown, Keith and Mundulla.

Value adding industries such as, Blue Lake Milling, Tatiara, Kongal and Keith Seeds, Dalriada Meat, Tatiara Meat and Tatiara Olives continue to be leaders in the local and export markets in their respective areas.

As all these operations directly and indirectly employ numerous personnel and they are integral to the future viability of the district and region.



Stonehaven Cellar Door at Padthaway

The wine industry continued to have its highs and lows but the wine produced within our district is still very well renowned globally.

Water continues to be a major issue for the horticulture industry especially vineyards around Padthaway with the possibly of allocations being reduced due to the quality and quantity diminishing.



Vines at Padthaway

Keith Seeds have now relocated to their new facility on the outskirts of Keith. It is an excellent facility, which is, now located in an appropriate zone therefore should eliminate environmental concerns and land use conflicts.

Keith Timber and Hardware continues to expand its Truss and Wall Framing plant. They were recently recognized at the National Frame and Truss Manufacturers Awards receiving the best Small Plant award in South Australia.

Council through its Business Assistance Policy continues to assist and support businesses where they propose to expand or relocate to an appropriate zone.

These include following key areas are considered when considering the business assistance provided:

- Potential to complement marketing of the Industrial Estate.
- Significance of business investment.

- Significance as an Employer.
- Improved residential amenity.

Assistance is not only given to industries that develop in the Industrial Estate but also Commercial developments such as Bulk grain and Horticultural enterprises in General Farming zones.

The Residential policy also provides assistance to developers if they propose:

- To construct a minimum of four new private detached dwellings on individual allotments and the cost of the total development exceeds \$400,000; or
- To construct at least 4 flats or units and the total cost of the development exceeds \$200,000.

Private investors continue to invest in a variety of accommodation options therefore the shortage previously experienced has been somewhat alleviated.

The Tatiara Retirement Village continues to provide accommodation for retirees by constructing additional units and renovating the existing units.

Mr Rocky CALLISTO

Manager Development & Inspectorial Services

Building

The value of building work within our district for 2007/08 was approximately \$8,917,000 and included:

• New Dwellings	24
• Dwelling Additions	29
• Commercial	4
• Outbuildings	58
• Other	31

Council controls the structural, technical and safety features of building work. Building work means the erection, construction, underpinning, alteration of, addition to or demolition of any building or structure. It includes New buildings, Alterations and extensions to existing buildings, Garages, carports, toolsheds etc greater in area than 10m² and the building height being over 2.5 metres above natural ground level, Pergolas if roofed (polycarbonate or steel) and Swimming Pools.

Council staff also provide advice on the building provisions of the Development Act & Regulations 1993.



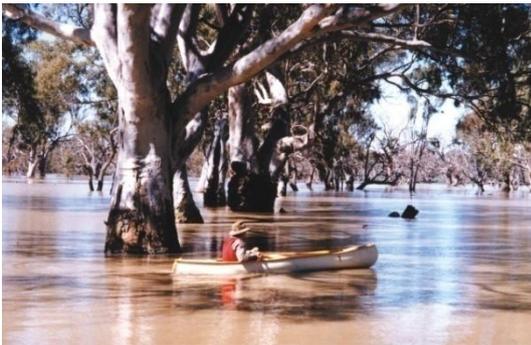
Council has a Building Inspection Policy that requires Council to inspect a majority of building work at least once and residential buildings at least twice.

Planning

The South East Councils as a region resolved to proceed with a Section 30 review of the region. The outcome of the review will determine the extent of the Development Plan Amendment for Council. Development Plans should be consistent and reflect the content of Regional Plans, which are to be produced by the State Government.

The State Government has recently undertaken a review of the Planning and Development System, which recommends many changes to the current system.

The State Government are also proposing the conversion to Better Development Plans become mandatory as this will standardise the consistency of zones and definitions. This is an excellent initiative subject to local variations being allowed.



Canoeing at Poocher Swamp

Managing the regions natural resources in a sustainable manner is a high priority therefore Natural Resource Management policies must be integrated within Council Development Plans to achieve the best possible outcomes in relation to water, salinity, biodiversity, native vegetation etc. There must be a balance between economic development and conservation, as this will help to maintain the regions resources for future generations.

Crown Land

Council has spent in excess of \$100,000 to undertake an environment assessment and install a monitoring bore at the ex-Bordertown Council depot. Council would like to develop portion of the land for residential allotments but there may be barriers due to existing vegetation and the presence of bush stone curlews which nest on the site.

Council is also undertaking reinstatement works at the ex-Keith Council Depot site. The site has been cleared of any contamination. It is envisaged that the area will be beautified, with trees planted in a manner that will utilise minimal water.



Bordertown Scouts & Guides Hall

Council facilitated the relocation of the Bordertown Scouts and Guides to a new facility so the Retirement Village could develop their existing site, which is on Crown Land, for additional residential Units. Even though the process took some time to finalize it is acknowledged by all the parties that it is an excellent outcome.

Development Assessment Panel

Council has a Development Assessment Panel, which consists of five members; Bill Hender (Independent Chairman) Councillors Janet Allen and Richard Vickery, and Independent members Christine Thompson and Edward Langley.

The Development Assessment Panel assess applications that are:

- Non Complying
- Category 3 and
- Category 2 which are subject to third party representations

The Manager of Development and Inspectorial Services assesses and issues decision notifications under delegation.

Council reviews the Terms of Reference and the operation of the Panel on an annual basis. It is interesting to note that there has not been a meeting of the Panel in the past twelve months.

Council Buildings

Council has the care and control of many properties within the district, many of which contain buildings and structures.

A ten-year building maintenance plan is being developed for Council occupied buildings, to determine the level of maintenance required. Council has continued to contribute funds on an annual basis to local organisations to maintain their facilities.

Council has commenced upgrading the Bordertown 'Band Hall' which will be the new Scouts and Guides base.



Bordertown Civic Centre, Council Chamber & Office Complex

Council has considered further options for the re-development of the Bordertown Civic Centre, Council Chamber and Office facilities.

An estimated cost for the re-development has been estimated to be in the vicinity of \$4.5 million. Council applied to the State and Federal Government for funding and were successful in receiving around \$460,000 from the State Government.

Unfortunately due to change of Federal Government the Regional Partnerships program was cancelled therefore a decision was not made on the application for \$800,000. Council is yet to make a decision on whether the project will proceed.

Desludging Programme

The septic tank 'Desludging Programme' continues in the townships of Bordertown, Keith, Mundulla and Wolseley. This program is an excellent initiative as it does minimise the amount of sludge entering the Community Wastewater Management Scheme.

There are approximately 2,000 septic tanks, which are desludged every five years in addition to the annual desludging of pump stations.



Effluent Pond

General Inspectorial

The primary focus of the General Inspector has been animal management, which mainly consists of problems associated with dogs, cats and stock wandering at large.

Council has an Animal Management Plan, which has been endorsed by the Dog and Cat Management Board. The General Inspector undertakes educational programs for school children, which has been very successful and beneficial.

The General Inspector also monitors untidy township allotments, parking, Council By-Laws and abandoned vehicles.



Fire Prevention is also a duty of the General Inspector and he attends meetings of the District and Regional Bushfire Prevention Committees. There is a requirement to review the Bushfire Prevention Plan annually and liaise with the Committee to develop a Works Programme and then complete this programme within budget.

Prior to the Fire Danger Season there is publicity in the local newspaper and on the radio advising residents to clean up and to reduce the risk of fire.

Fire Danger signage is erected around the district prior to the Fire Danger Season. Property inspections are undertaken and residents advised of their responsibilities

in reducing and maintaining fuel loads. Notices are issued to landowners when they do not undertake the required action within the specified time frame.



Public & Environmental Health

Council shares an Environmental Health Officer with the Naracoorte Lucindale Council. The EHO administers Councils responsibilities pursuant to the Food Act 2001 & Regulations, Public & Environmental Health Act 1987 & Regulations and Housing Improvement Act 1940.

All food premises with the Council area are audited to ensure compliance with Food Safety Standards and inspection frequency is based on a risk assessment process.

The EHO also monitors the water quality of swimming pools and spas available for public access. Pamphlets and educational material in relation to public health is regularly updated and made available to the public.



Council contracts the Bordertown and Keith Hospitals to provide immunisation services.

Financial Report

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- Balance Sheet
- Statement of Changes in Equity
- Cash Flow Statement
- Notes to and forming part of the Financial Report
- Independent Audit Report to the Councillors
- Statement by Auditor

Success in service provision is directly linked to Council's ability to attract, retain, motivate and develop a diverse range of quality and skilled people. Council is very fortunate to have the financial leadership, knowledge, skills and commitment of our Finance Manager, Judi Molineux, who continues to be one of the driving forces behind many of our financial management achievements during the last 12 months. Judi recognises that staff remains one of her most valuable assets in providing quality financial services.

Over the last 12 months Council has continued to work towards laying a sound financial and strategic foundation for the future of the Tatiara. This saw Council adopt a fiscally responsible, planned approach in reviewing, evaluating and monitoring the outcomes of the 2007/08 budget. This approach was aimed at alleviating any potential rate spikes while ensuring Council had the necessary resources to deliver the required range of services and infrastructure for current and future generations.

Sound financial management is a priority for Council and we have been working hard to improve the Tatiara District's financial stability by maintaining an operating surplus, reducing debt levels and continuing to roll out our significant capital works. Financially the Tatiara District Council is in sound shape, with \$95 million in assets and \$1.7 million in the investment fund, including \$2.1 million in cash reserves to start the 2008/09 financial year. Our financial position is expected to strengthen in the lead up to 2009/10.

Financially, the 2007/08 year has seen the continuation of a careful strengthening of our financial capacity. For those with a keen interest in financial performance, I would encourage you to examine our Financial Statements, which are set out on pages 46 to 71. While

there were a range of budget line variations reflecting timing differences, different accounting treatments, or the need to respond to changed circumstances to meet the community's service delivery expectations, our financial performance over all was in line with budget, and our financial sustainability continues to strengthen, as it has over a number of years.

Some of the achievements for 2007/08 include:

- Conducting extensive community consultation on the 2007/08 Budget and priority areas for the Tatiara community.
- Achieving a modest rate rise of 4.5%.
- Continuing to ensure rate rises are modest while the cost for delivering services continues to rise.
- Maintaining Council's large capital works program to effectively manage and upgrade local ageing infrastructure.
- Accounting for a range of internal and external pressures that will impact on Council's finances, including reduction in revenue from parking infringements and Government grants.

Throughout the 2007/08 budget period Council undertook a number of external influences into consideration because of their impact on the services delivered by Council. These external influences include:

- The Underlying Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases on goods and services as provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.
- The increasing cost of fuel for plant and vehicles.
- Continuing trend of reductions in Government grants, with allocations not expected to keep pace with cost movements.
- Prevailing economic conditions that are expected to remain difficult, impacting on farming and business community.

2007/08 Financial Facts & Figures

BUDGET PERFORMANCE				
Category	2005/06 Actual	2006/07 Actual	2007/08 Actual	% Change 06/07 – 07/08
Capital Valuation	1,559,370,820	1,717,265,460	1,650,163,760	-3.9%
No. of Rateable Assessments	4,823	4,406	4,500	2.1%
General Rate Revenue	5,718,103	6,085,766	6,371,567	4.5%
Rates per Assessment	1,186	1,381	1,416	2.5%
Residential Rate in the \$	0.5520	0.5200	0.5614	8.0%
Rural Rate in the \$	0.3600	0.3325	0.3590	8.0%
Refuse Collection & Disposal	-	-	90	-
STEDS Charge - Occupied	180	210	230	9.5%
STEDS Charge - Vacant	120	150	160	6.7%
Minimum Rate	220	260	280	7.7%
South East NRM Levy	-	28.30	33.06	16.8%

Financial Performance & Sustainability

The Local Government Financial Sustainability Program has defined a series of financial indicators that have been incorporated into the Model Financial Statements. These indicators provide information on financial performance, financial position and long-term viability. Due to the changes in reporting and accounting treatments some of the indicators include results for

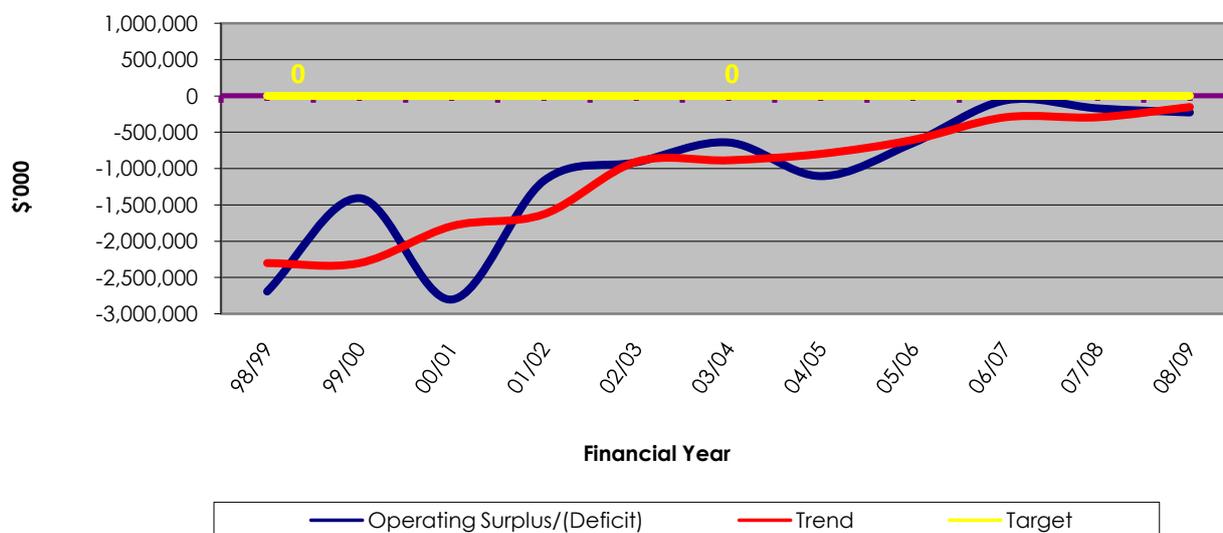
2005/06 and 2006/07 with the budgeted result for 2007/08. Where provided 1997/98 to 2005/06 results are presented as previously reported and have not been adjusted to reflect revised practices. We are now currently in the process of developing performance targets for each financial indicator.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE					
Category	2003/04 Actual	2004/05 Actual	2005/06 Actual	2006/07 Actual	2007/08 Actual
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(641,367)	(1,104,392)	(649,000)	(62,000)	(172,000)
Operating Surplus Ratio	(12.7%)	(20.4%)	(11.2%)	(1.0%)	(2.70%)
Net Financial Liabilities	1,448,268	342,670	(670,000)	(602,000)	(2,479,000)
Net Financial Liabilities Ratio	18.2%	4.1%	(7.7%)	(6.5%)	(24.45%)
Interest Cover Ratio	1.9%	0.4%	(0.2)	(0.4%)	(0.95%)
Asset Sustainability Ratio	61.1%	77.4%	72.7%	72.5%	78.1%
Asset Consumption Ratio	68%	64%	62%	58%	52%

Operating Surplus: This indicator relates to the operating surplus (deficit) before capital amounts. It illustrates the general income and expenses for the period. A positive

amount represents an operating surplus and a negative amount represents an operating deficit. The results show a trend towards an operating surplus.

Operating Surplus/(Deficit) - \$'000



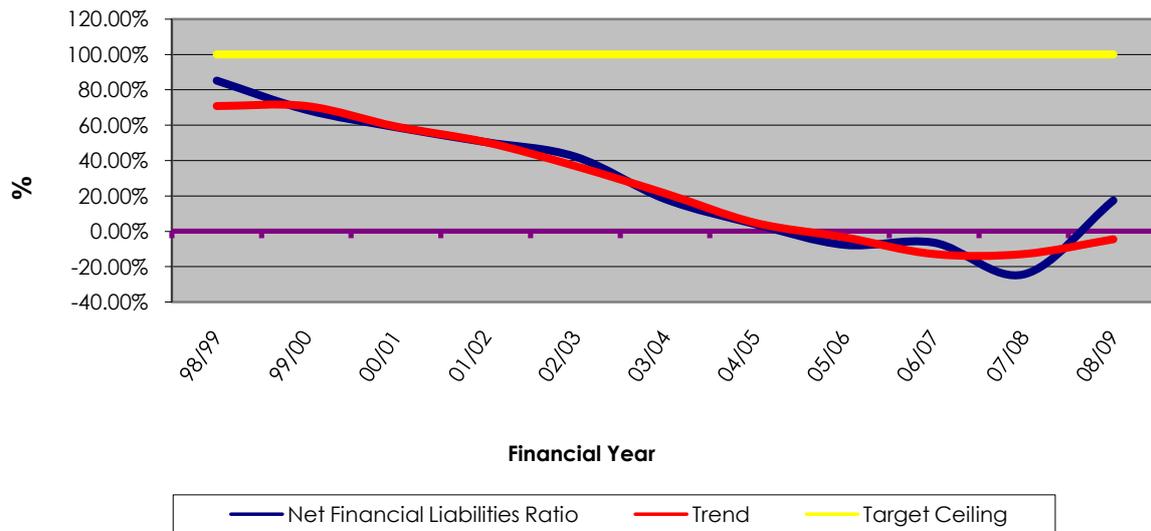
Interpretation and Analysis

An operating surplus before capital revenues indicates the extent to which operating revenue is sufficient to meet all operating expenses including depreciation. An operating deficit occurs when total operating expenses exceed total operating revenues and consequently the burden of a portion of expenses will need to be met by future ratepayers. For the Tatiara District Council, this indicator is being used to measure the 'gap' from our operating result to break even. The Tatiara District Council is currently recording an operating deficit of \$172,000, which is directly attributable to the recent revaluations of Council's non-current assets which resulted in an annual depreciation decrease of approximately the same amount.

The medium-term objective at the Tatiara District Council is for council to achieve an average breakeven operating result over any given five year period. Council will be considering its long-term financial plan in coming months to determine a strategic direction to reach this target in the next few years.

Operating Surplus Ratio: This indicator expresses the operating surplus / (deficit) as a percentage of general and other rates, excluding the NRM levy. It illustrates whether sufficient funds are being raised from current ratepayers relative to the services being provided. The results show a positive trend.

Net Financial Liabilities Ratio (%)



Interpretation and Analysis

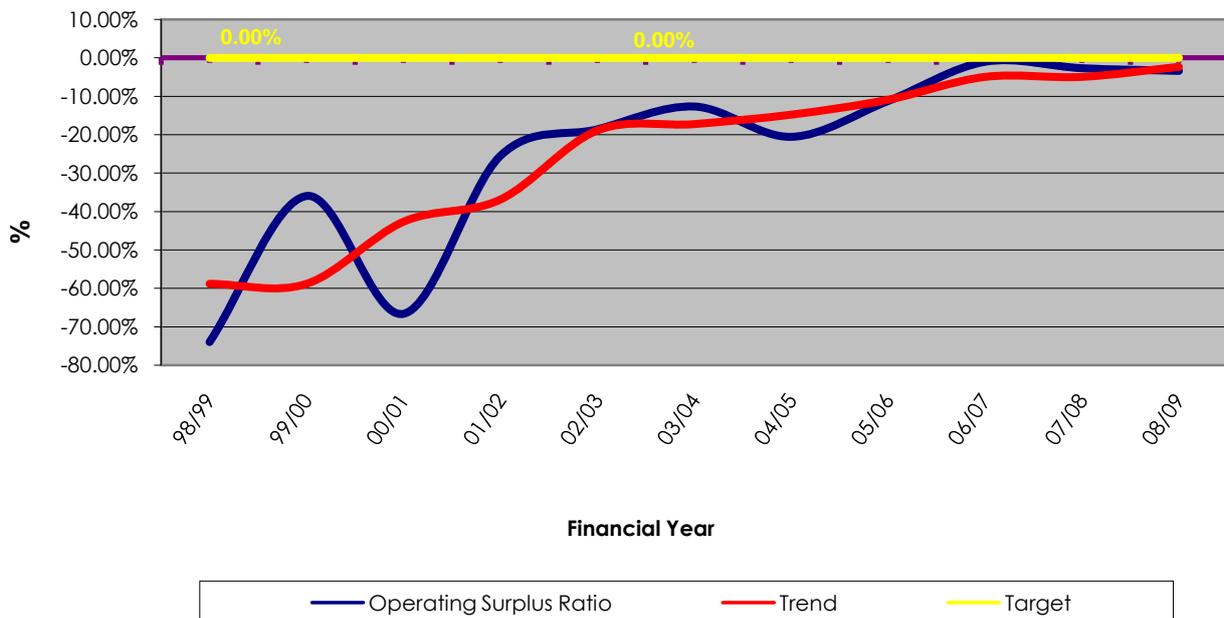
This ratio expresses the operating surplus / (deficit) as a percentage of general and other rates, net of rebates. A negative ratio indicates the percentage increase in total rates required to achieve a break-even operating result. A positive ratio indicates the percentage of total rates available to fund capital expenditure over and above the level of depreciation expense without increasing council's level of net financial liabilities.

The Tatiara District Council is currently recording a ratio of approximately -2.70%. This is the amount that rates would need to increase in order to achieve a break- even result. The 2007/08 figure is showing a more favourable

result compared with 2006/07 due to depreciation increases from recent revaluations. Council's objective is for this ratio to be greater than or equal to zero.

Net Financial Liabilities: Net Financial Liabilities include total liabilities less financial assets. It illustrates how the amount that is owed to others (e.g. loans) exceeds monies owed to or vested by council. The results show a positive trend towards reducing level of net financial liabilities to 2006/07. The rise in 2007/08 budgeted amounts predominantly relates to major internal funding initiatives, which have decreased Council's financial assets.

Operating Surplus Ratio (%)



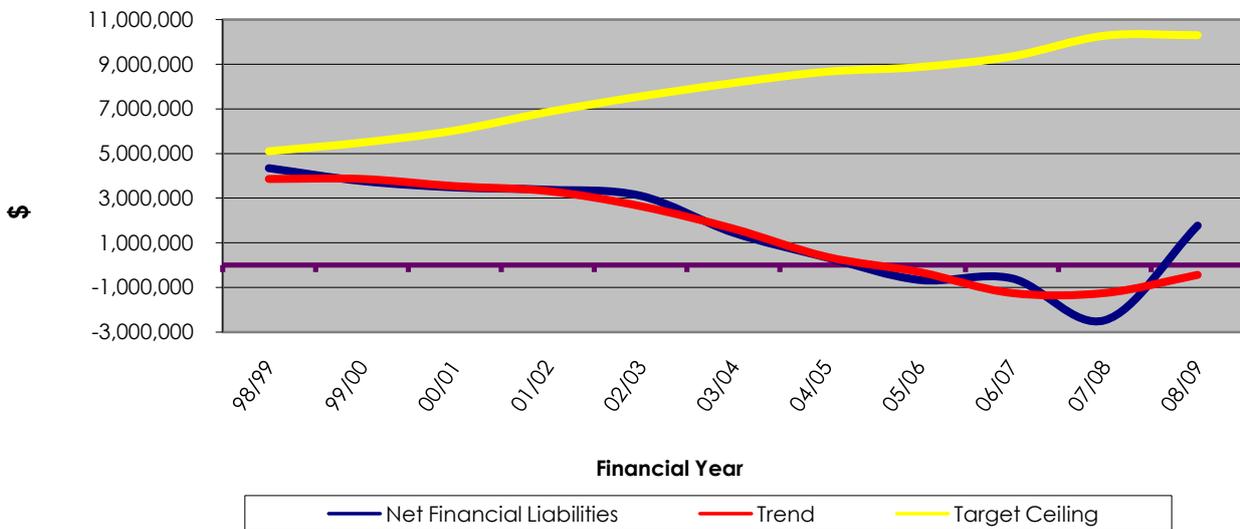
Interpretation and Analysis

Net financial liabilities measure a council's total indebtedness. Net financial liabilities is a broader measure than net debt as it includes all of a council's obligations including provisions for employee entitlements and creditors. The level of net financial liabilities increases when a net borrowing result occurs in a financial year and will lead to a council incurring liabilities and/or reducing financial assets. The level of net financial liabilities decreases when a net lending result occurs in a financial year and will result in a council purchasing financial assets and/or repaying liabilities.

The increase from the 2005/06 year results from the drawing down of Council's reserves and repaying loans previously approved for Council Projects.

Net Financial Liabilities Ratio: This indicator expresses the Net Financial Liabilities as a percentage of operating revenue, excluding the NRM levy. It illustrates the significance of the net amount owed compared to operating income. The results show a positive trend to 2006/07. The rise in 2007/08 budgeted amounts predominantly relates to major project initiatives and budgeted decreases in financial assets.

Net Financial Liabilities (\$)



Interpretation and Analysis

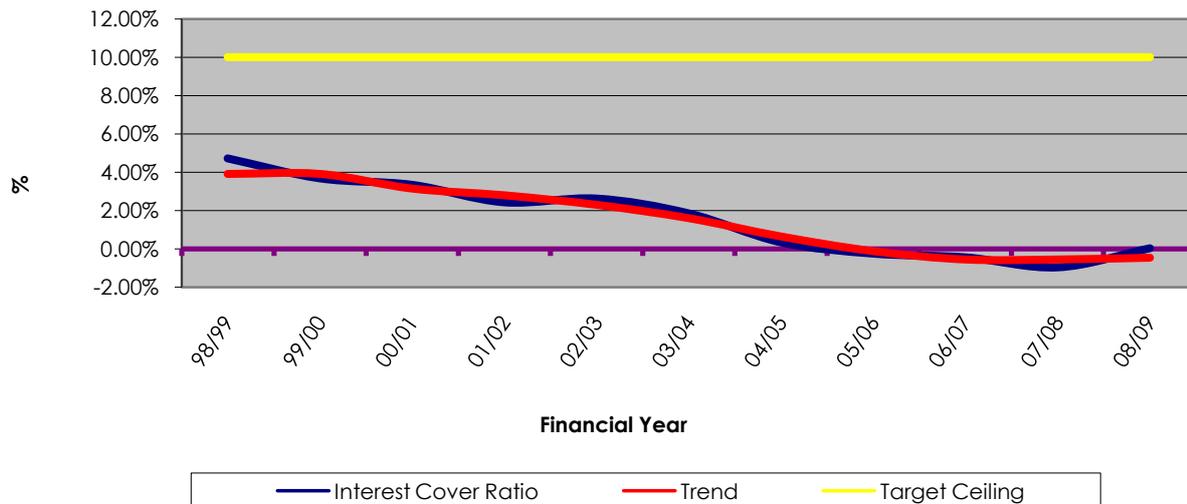
This ratio indicates the extent to which net financial liabilities of the council can be met by the Council's total operating revenue. Where the ratio is falling, it indicates the council's capacity to meet its financial obligations from operating revenues is strengthening. Where the ratio is increasing, it indicates a greater amount of council's operating revenues is required to service its financial obligations.

This ratio for the Tatiara District Council is -24.45% for 2007/08 is higher than the 2006/07 level of -6.52%. This ratio is within an acceptable range. The future drawing down of approved loans is likely to lead to this amount increasing in the medium term. The target for net financial liabilities should be greater than zero on the basis that an ongoing negative ratio would imply that a council might be placing a higher priority on investment in financial assets rather than applying ratepayer funds to the provision of services and/or infrastructure renewal.

The target for net financial liabilities should also be less than 100% to ensure the ratio remains within acceptable limits. It is important to note that this ratio does not include loans that have been approved but not yet drawn down. If these were to be included, the ratio would increase. This ratio needs to be assessed in conjunction with the operating surplus/(deficit) to determine whether or not there is capacity to increase borrowings.

Interest Cover Ratio: This indicator expresses the net interest expense as a percentage of operating revenue, excluding NRM levy and investment income. It illustrates the extent operating revenues are committed to paying interest expense.

Interest Cover Ratio (%)



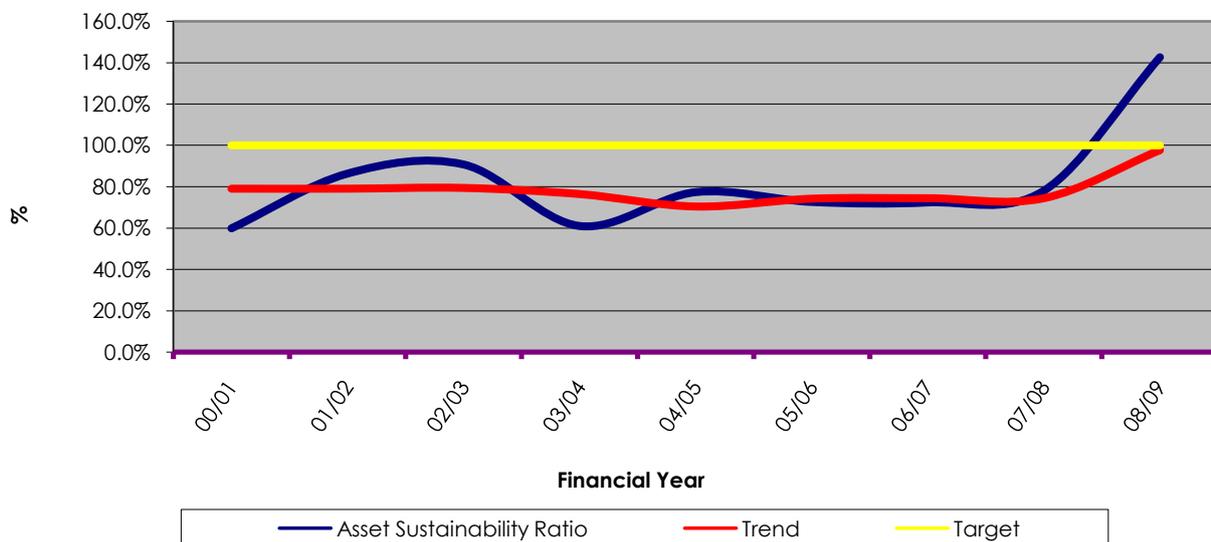
Interpretation and Analysis

This ratio indicates the extent to which council's commitment to interest expenses is met by total operating revenues. This ratio should be less than 10%. The target for net interest expenses/total operating revenue is considered a reasonable limit to ensure operating revenues can meet net interest costs comfortably. The Tatiara District Council's level is currently very low at only -0.95%. This result is partially attributable to Council's debt management policy of drawing down

loan funds when required and using internal reserves when possible.

Asset Sustainability Ratio: This indicator expresses expenditure on asset renewals as a percentage of depreciation expense. It illustrates whether existing assets are being replaced or renewed at the rate they are being consumed. The results show a positive trend to a sustainable level of asset renewal.

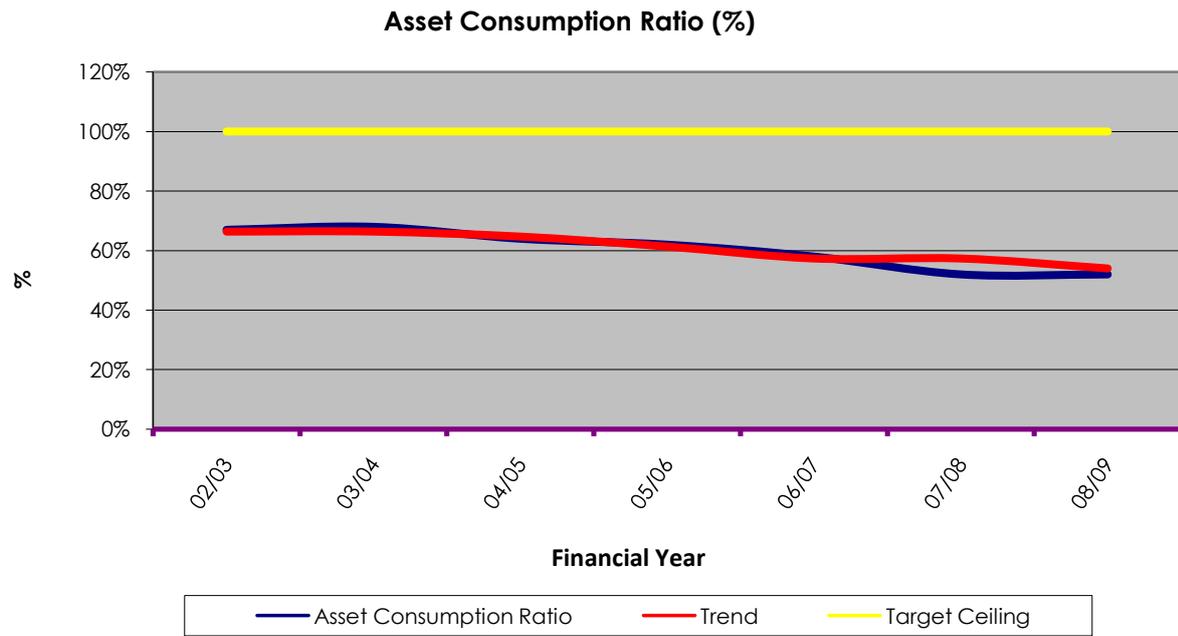
Asset Sustainability Ratio (%)



Interpretation and Analysis

This ratio indicates whether a Council is renewing or replacing existing non-financial assets at the same rate that its overall stock of assets is wearing out. The target for this ratio should be for an average of 100% over any five-year period. This would mean that Council is replacing 100% (or all) of the assets that require renewal. The 2007/08 Financial Statements indicates that Council is replacing almost 78.1% of assets due for replacement. This ratio has increased from the 2006/07 year as a result of increased capital expenditure.

Asset Consumption Ratio: This indicator expresses total carrying value (depreciated value) of assets as a percentage of the gross value (non-depreciated value) of assets. It illustrates the amount of asset life or "a new" condition remaining in the depreciable assets. The results show a high level of "as new" value in council assets. Due to changes in financial treatments and accounting practices the ratio is only included for the last two years and the 2007/08 budget periods.



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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE COUNCILLORS OF THE TATIARA DISTRICT COUNCIL

Scope

The financial report and Chief Executive Officer's responsibility

The financial report comprises the Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Cash Flow Statement, accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements and the Chief Executive Officer's Statement of Tatiara District Council (the Council) for the year ended 30 June 2008.

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, and for the accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent in the financial report.

Audit Approach

We conducted an independent audit in order to express an opinion to the members of the Council. Our audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, in order to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. The nature of an audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgement, selective testing, the inherent limitations of internal control and the availability of persuasive rather than conclusive evidence. Therefore, an audit cannot guarantee that all material misstatements have been detected.

We performed procedures to assess whether, in all material respects, the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999, the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999, applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia, a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Council's financial position, and of its performance as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows.

We formed our audit opinion on the basis of these procedures, which included:

- Examining on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial report; and
- Assessing the appropriateness of the accounting policies and disclosures used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Board.

While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and context of our procedures, our audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of the Tatiara District Council for the year ended 30 June 2008 is properly drawn up:

- (a) So as to give a true and fair view of:
 - i. The Council's state of affairs as at and its operating result and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
 - ii. The other matters required by Division IV of the Local Government Act 1999 to be dealt with in the accounts;
- (b) In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999; and
- (c) In accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

GALPIN ENGLER BRUINS & DEMPSEY



LG Galpin FCPA
Partner

20 October 2008

TATIARA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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TATIARA DISTRICT COUNCIL

INCOME STATEMENT
for the year ended 30 June 2008

	Notes	2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000
INCOME			
Rates	2	7,108	6,755
Statutory charges	2	90	85
User charges	2	435	225
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	1,980	1,744
Investment income	2	284	197
Reimbursements	2	97	68
Other income	2	273	264
Total Income		<u>10,267</u>	<u>9,338</u>
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	3	2,799	2,456
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	3,477	3,027
Finance costs	3	179	158
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	3,984	3,759
Total Expenses		<u>10,439</u>	<u>9,400</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(172)	(62)
Net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets	4	55	6
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2	1,394	779
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		<u>1,277</u>	<u>723</u>

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

TATIARA DISTRICT COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET
as at 30 June 2008

	Notes	2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash & equivalent assets	5	3,855	2,607
Trade & other receivables	5	940	616
Inventories	5	380	326
Total Current Assets		5,175	3,549
Non-current Assets			
Financial Assets	6	190	344
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	7	53,325	53,979
Total Non-current Assets		53,515	54,323
Total Assets		58,690	57,872
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	8	454	332
Borrowings	8	787	646
Provisions	8	535	330
Total Current Liabilities		1,776	1,308
Non-current Liabilities			
Borrowings	8	665	1,438
Provisions	8	65	219
Total Non-current Liabilities		730	1,657
Total Liabilities		2,506	2,965
NET ASSETS		56,184	54,907
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		(5,890)	(6,326)
Asset Revaluation Reserve	9	59,331	59,331
Other Reserves	9	2,743	1,902
TOTAL EQUITY		56,184	54,907

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

TATIARA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

	2008	2007
	\$'000	\$'000
	Notes	
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS		
Balance at end of previous reporting period	(6,326)	(6,791)
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year	1,277	723
Transfers to Other Reserves	(1,724)	(455)
Transfers from Other Reserves	883	197
Balance at end of period	(5,890)	(6,326)
ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE		
	9	
Balance at end of previous reporting period	59,331	59,331
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	-	-
Transfer to Accumulated Surplus on sale of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	-	-
Balance at end of period	59,331	59,331
OTHER RESERVES		
	9	
Balance at end of previous reporting period	1,902	1,644
Transfers from Accumulated Surplus	1,724	455
Transfers to Accumulated Surplus	(883)	(197)
Balance at end of period	2,743	1,902
TOTAL EQUITY AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD	56,184	54,907
<i>Total of all revenues recognised directly in Equity</i>	-	-
<i>Total of all expenses recognised directly in Equity</i>	-	-
NET CHANGE IN EQUITY	-	-

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

TATIARA DISTRICT COUNCIL
CASH FLOW STATEMENT
for the year ended 30 June 2008

	Notes	2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Operating receipts		10,364	9,622
Investment receipts		259	204
<u>Payments</u>			
Operating payments to suppliers & employees		(6,729)	(6,243)
Finance payments		(188)	(160)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities		3,706	3,423
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		1,394	779
Sale of replaced assets		218	221
Sale of surplus assets		125	-
Repayments of loans by community groups		55	54
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(2,079)	(3,375)
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		(1,539)	(1,467)
Loans made to community groups		-	(65)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(1,826)	(3,853)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from Borrowings		-	-
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of Borrowings		(632)	(137)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		(632)	(137)
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		1,248	(567)
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period		2,607	3,174
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period		3,855	2,607

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

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

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

1. Basis of Preparation

1.1 Compliance with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards

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

The financial report was authorised for issue by certificate under clause 11 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 dated 14th October 2008.

1.2 Historical Cost Convention

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

1.3 Critical Accounting Estimates

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

1.4 Rounding

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

2. The Local Government Reporting Entity

Tatiara District Council is incorporated under the SA Local Government Act 1999 and has its principal place of business at 43 Woolshed Street, Bordertown. These financial statements include the consolidated fund and all entities through which Council controls resources to carry on its functions. In the process of reporting on the Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between activity areas and controlled entities have been eliminated.

3. Income recognition

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

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

4. Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

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

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

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

All financial instruments are recognised at fair value at the date of recognition. A detailed statement of the accounting policies applied to financial instruments forms part of Note 12.

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

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont...)

5. Inventories

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

6. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

6.1 Transitional Provisions

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

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

6.2 Initial Recognition

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

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

6.3 Materiality

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

Office Furniture & Equipment	\$1,000
Other Plant & Equipment	\$1,000
Buildings - new construction/extensions	\$1,000
Park & Playground Furniture & Equipment	\$1,000
Road construction & reconstruction	\$1,000
Paving & Footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	\$1,000
Drains & Culverts	\$1,000

6.4 Subsequent Recognition

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

6.5 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

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

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

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

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont...)

6.5 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets (cont...)

Plant, Furniture & Equipment	
Office Equipment	5 to 10 years
Office Furniture	10 to 20 years
Vehicles and Road-making Equip	5 to 8 years
Other Plant & Equipment	5 to 15 years
Building & Other Structures	
Buildings – masonry	50 to 100 years
Buildings – other construction	20 to 40 years
Park Structures – masonry	50 to 100 years
Park Structures – other construction	20 to 40 years
Playground equipment	5 to 15 years
Benches, seats, etc	10 to 20 years
Infrastructure	
Sealed Roads – Surface	15 to 25 years
Sealed Roads – Structure	20 to 50 years
Unsealed Roads	10 to 20 years
Bridges – Concrete	80 to 100 years
Paving & Footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	80 to 100 years
Drains	80 to 100 years
Culverts	50 to 75 years
Flood Control Structures	80 to 100 years
Dams and Reservoirs	80 to 100 years
Bores	20 to 40 years
Reticulation Pipes – PVC	70 to 80 years
Reticulation Pipes – other	25 to 75 years
Pumps & Telemetry	15 to 25 years
Other Assets	
Library Books	10 to 15 years
Artworks	indefinite

6.6 Impairment

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

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

6.7 Borrowing Costs

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

7. Payables

7.1 Goods & Services

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

7.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

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

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

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont...)

8. Borrowings

Loans are carried at their principal amounts which represent the present value of future cash flows associated with servicing the debt. Interest is accrued over the period to which it relates, and is recorded as part of "Payables". Interest free loans are carried at their nominal amounts; interest revenues foregone by the lender effectively being a reduction of interest expense in the period to which it relates.

9. Employee Benefits

9.1 Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences

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

Liabilities for employee benefits not expected to be paid or settled within 12 months are measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows (including payroll based oncosts) to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Present values are calculated using government guaranteed securities rates with similar maturity terms.

Weighted average discount rate	6.73% (2007, 6.3%)
Weighted average settlement period	1 year (2007, 1 year)

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

9.2 Superannuation

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

Accumulation Fund Members

The accumulation fund receives both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are normally based on a fixed percentage of employee earnings in accordance with Superannuation Guarantee Legislation (9% in 2007/08; 9% in 2006/07). No further liability accrues to the employer as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the Fund.

Defined Benefit Members

Council makes employer contributions to the defined benefits categories of the Scheme at rates determined by the Scheme's Trustee. Employees also make member contributions to the Fund. As such, assets accumulate in the Fund to meet the member's benefits, as defined in the Trust Deed, as they accrue.

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

10. Construction Contracts

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

11. GST Implications

In accordance with UIG Abstract 1031 "Accounting for the Goods & Services Tax"
Receivables and Creditors include GST receivable and payable.

Except in relation to input taxed activities, income and operating expenditures exclude GST receivable and payable.

Non-current assets and capital expenditures include GST net of any recoupment.

Amounts included in the Cash Flow Statement are disclosed on a gross basis.

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

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont...)

12. Comparative Information

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

13. New Accounting Standards

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

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

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

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

Note 2 – INCOME

	Notes	2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000
RATES REVENUES			
<u>General Rates</u>		6,500	6,097
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs		(124)	(23)
		6,376	6,074
<u>Other Rates</u> (including service charges)			
Natural Resource Management levy		129	101
Community Wastewater Management Systems		562	450
Kerbing		3	10
Aged Care - Bordertown		-	60
Aged Care - Keith		-	30
		694	651
<u>Other Charges</u>			
Penalties for late payment		38	30
		38	30
		7,108	6,755
STATUTORY CHARGES			
Development Act fees		49	46
Animal registration fees & fines		26	26
Sundry		15	13
		90	85
USER CHARGES			
Cemetery/crematoria fees		28	27
Visitor Information Centre		48	49
Truckwash Fees		25	28
Sangarb Collection Fees		205	-
Swimming Revenues		101	90
Hall & Equipment Hire		9	6
Sundry		19	25
		435	225
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Interest on investments			
Local Government Finance Authority		248	160
Banks & other		12	13
Loans to community groups		24	24
		284	197

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

NOTE 2 - INCOME (cont...)

	Notes	2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000
REIMBURSEMENTS			
- for roadworks		8	7
- for private works		35	38
- other		54	23
		<u>97</u>	<u>68</u>
OTHER INCOME			
Insurance & other recoupments - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		2	12
Rebates received		9	61
Sundry		262	191
		<u>273</u>	<u>264</u>
GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS			
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets		1,394	779
Other grants, subsidies and contributions		1,980	1,744
		<u>3,374</u>	<u>2,523</u>
<i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 11.</i>			
Sources of grants			
Commonwealth government		959	799
State government		2,415	1,721
Other		0	3
		<u>3,374</u>	<u>2,523</u>
Conditions over grants & contributions			
<i>Grants and contributions which were obtained on the condition that they be expended for specified purposes or in a future period, but which are not yet expended in accordance with those conditions, are as follows:</i>			
<i>Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period</i>		-	-
<i>Less: expended during the current period from income recognised in previous reporting periods</i>			
<i>Roads Infrastructure</i>		-	-
<i>Sport and Recreation</i>		-	-
<i>Subtotal</i>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Plus: amounts recognised as income in this reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions</i>			
<i>Roads Infrastructure</i>		50	-
<i>Sport and Recreation</i>		62	-
<i>Subtotal</i>		<u>112</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Unexpended at the close of this reporting period and held as restricted assets</i>		<u>112</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Net increase (decrease) in assets subject to conditions in the current reporting period</i>		112	-

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Note 3 – EXPENSES

	Notes	2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Salaries and Wages		2,375	2,166
Employee leave expense		138	93
Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions	15	211	232
Superannuation - defined benefit plan contributions	15	150	105
Workers' Compensation Insurance		132	118
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		<u>(207)</u>	<u>(258)</u>
Total Operating Employee Costs		<u>2,799</u>	<u>2,456</u>
Total Number of Employees (Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)		51	50
MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES			
<u>Prescribed Expenses</u>			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the financial reports		13	12
- Other Services		-	7
Elected members' expenses		148	190
Election expenses		<u>2</u>	<u>11</u>
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		<u>163</u>	<u>220</u>
<u>Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses</u>			
Contractors		1,173	1,139
Maintenance		1,625	1,475
Legal Expenses		19	11
Levies paid to government - NRM levy		127	101
Sundry		<u>370</u>	<u>81</u>
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		<u>3,314</u>	<u>2,807</u>
		<u>3,477</u>	<u>3,027</u>
FINANCE COSTS			
Interest on Borrowings		<u>179</u>	<u>158</u>
		<u>179</u>	<u>158</u>
DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT			
Depreciation			
Buildings		730	702
Roads		2,488	2,336
Bridges		2	2
Footways		35	32
Sewerage - Effluent Drainage		81	81
Stormwater Drainage		45	45
Other Structures		76	74
Plant and Equipment		431	403
Furniture and Fittings		77	68
Other Community Assets		<u>19</u>	<u>16</u>
		<u>3,984</u>	<u>3,759</u>

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Note 4 - GAIN OR LOSS ON DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

	Notes	2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000
INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT			
Assets renewed or directly replaced			
Proceeds from disposal		218	221
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		<u>176</u>	<u>215</u>
Gain (Loss) on disposal		<u>42</u>	<u>6</u>
Assets surplus to requirements			
Proceeds from disposal		125	
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		<u>112</u>	
Gain (Loss) on disposal		<u>13</u>	<u>-</u>
NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION OF ASSETS		<u>55</u>	<u>6</u>

Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS

	Notes	2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS			
Cash on Hand and at Bank		246	107
Deposits at Call		<u>3,609</u>	<u>2,500</u>
		<u>3,855</u>	<u>2,607</u>
TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES			
Rates - General & Other		237	202
Accrued Revenues		59	34
Debtors - general		585	331
GST Recoupment		15	7
Loans to community organisations		<u>45</u>	<u>50</u>
Total		<u>941</u>	<u>624</u>
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts		<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>
		<u>940</u>	<u>616</u>
INVENTORIES			
Stores & Materials		<u>380</u>	<u>326</u>
		<u>380</u>	<u>326</u>
<p><i>Aggregate write-downs and other losses recognised as an expense and reversals of these, were not material in amount in either year. All such reversals occurred principally as a result of clerical inaccuracies during stores operations.</i></p>			

Note 6 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS

	Notes	2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000
FINANCIAL ASSETS			
Receivables			
Loans to community organisations		<u>190</u>	<u>344</u>
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS		<u>190</u>	<u>344</u>

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Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	2007 \$'000				2008 \$'000			
	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT
Land	6,176	96	-	6,272	6,165	112	-	6,277
Buildings	13,086	1,340	(2,130)	12,296	13,086	1,526	(2,860)	11,752
Roads	52,927	-	(26,030)	26,897	52,928	2,462	(28,519)	26,871
Bridges	195	-	(22)	173	195	-	(24)	171
Footways	1,422	-	(233)	1,189	1,422	46	(268)	1,200
Sewerage - Effluent Drainage	4,548	-	(3,186)	1,362	4,548	2	(3,267)	1,283
Stormwater Drainage	2,256	-	(646)	1,610	2,256	75	(691)	1,640
Other Structures	1,988	-	(589)	1,399	1,987	108	(664)	1,431
Plant and Equipment	4,669	-	(2,254)	2,415	-	4,708	(2,378)	2,330
Furniture and Fittings	1,003	-	(707)	296	-	1,078	(784)	294
Other Community Assets	497	-	(427)	70	498	25	(447)	76
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	88,767	1,436	(36,224)	53,979	83,085	10,142	(39,902)	53,325
2007 Totals					88,767	1,436	(36,224)	53,979

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Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT (cont...)

	2007	CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR						2008
	\$'000	\$'000						\$'000
	CARRYING AMOUNT	Additions		Disposals	DEP'N	Impairment	Net Revaluation	CARRYING AMOUNT
	New / Upgrade	Renewals						
Land	6,272	117	-	(112)	-	-	-	6,277
Buildings	12,296	86	100	-	(730)	-	-	11,752
Roads	26,897	1,082	1,380	-	(2,488)	-	-	26,871
Bridges	173	-	-	-	(2)	-	-	171
Footways	1,189	46	-	-	(35)	-	-	1,200
Sewerage - Effluent Drainage	1,362	-	2	-	(81)	-	-	1,283
Stormwater Drainage	1,610	64	11	-	(45)	-	-	1,640
Other Structures	1,399	90	18	-	(76)	-	-	1,431
Plant and Equipment	2,415	46	476	(176)	(431)	-	-	2,330
Furniture and Fittings	296	8	67	-	(77)	-	-	294
Other Community Assets	70	-	25	-	(19)	-	-	76
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	53,979	1,539	2,079	(288)	(3,984)	-	-	53,325
2007 Totals	53,111	3,375	1,467	(215)	(3,759)			53,979

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Note 7 – INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT (cont...)

Valuation of Assets

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

Plant, Furniture & Equipment

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

Land & Land Improvements

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

Land improvements, including bulk earthworks with an assessed unlimited useful life, are recognised on the cost basis, originally deriving from a valuation at 30 June 2004 at current replacement cost. Valuations were conducted by Maloney Field Services, Property Consultants and Valuers. Additions are recognised at cost. Estimated future costs of reinstatement of land, capitalised in accordance with AASB 116.16(c), are reviewed annually (see Note 1) and depreciated over the estimated remaining life of the relevant asset.

Buildings & Other Structures

Pursuant to Council's election, buildings and other structures are recognised on the cost basis, originally deriving from a valuation at 30 June 2004 at current replacement cost. Valuations were conducted by Maloney Field Services, Property Consultants and Valuers. Additions are recognised at cost.

Infrastructure

Transportation assets were valued by Council officers at written down current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June 2004 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Stormwater drainage infrastructure was valued by Maloney Field Services, Property Consultants and Valuers as at 30 June 2004 at written down current replacement cost, based on actual costs incurred during the reporting period ended 30 June 2004 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Community Wastewater Management System infrastructure was valued by Maloney Field Services, Property Consultants and Valuers at written down current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June 2004 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

All other assets

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

Note 8 – LIABILITIES

	Notes	2008		2007	
		\$'000		\$'000	
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES		Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Goods & Services		267		162	
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements		103	-	81	-
Accrued expenses - other		18	-	27	-
Deposits, Retentions & Bonds		18	-	18	-
Other		48	-	44	-
		454	-	332	-
BORROWINGS					
Borrowings		787	665	646	1,438
		787	665	646	1,438
<i>All interest bearing liabilities are secured over the future revenues of the Council.</i>					
PROVISIONS					
Employee entitlements (including oncosts)		535	65	330	219
		535	65	330	219

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Note 9 – RESERVES

ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	1/07/2007	Net Increments (Decrements)	Transfers on Sale	30/06/2008
Notes	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Land	59,331	-	-	59,331
Total Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	59,331			59,331
2007 Totals	59,331	-	-	59,331
OTHER RESERVES	1/07/2007	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/06/2008
Bowling Club Loan Repayment Reserve	33	2	(7)	28
Long Service Leave Reserve	217	14	(35)	196
Plant Replacement Reserve	190	12	-	202
Clayton Farm Insurance	124	8	(5)	127
Bordertown Civic Centre Access Reserve	20	1	-	21
CWMS Maintenance Reserve	1,294	1,385	(836)	1,843
Sports & Rec Loan Payment Reserve	24	2	-	26
Reserve Land Development	-	300	-	300
TOTAL OTHER RESERVES	1,902	1,724	(883)	2,743
2007 Totals	1,644	455	(197)	1,902

PURPOSES OF RESERVES

Asset Revaluation Reserve

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

Tatiara 21 Loan Payment - (Bowling Club)

This reserve was set up when the Bowling Club were allowed to pay out their loan to Council early. Council still however, have to make half yearly repayments to the LGFA to meet their loan obligations.

Tatiara 04 Long Service Leave

The Long Service Leave reserve is for the future cash requirements upon staff leaving Council employment.

Tatiara 20 Plant Replacement

The Plant Replacement reserve is for urgent unbudgeted major plant and equipment replacement.

Tatiara 22 Clayton Farm Insurance

The Clayton Farm Insurance reserve is to be spent towards Capital to maintain Clayton Farm's heritage.

Tatiara 01 Bordertown Civic Centre Access Reserve

The Bordertown Civic Centre Access reserve is for the upgrade of the Civic Centre to provide disability access.

Tatiara 05 CWMS Maintenance Reserve

The CWMS Maintenance reserve is for future asset replacement and capital maintenance of CWMS.

Tatiara 18 Sports & Rec Loan Payment Reserve

This reserve has been around for a number of years and will be investigated and dealt with in 2008/09.

Tatiara 26 Land Development Reserve

This reserve was set up for Land Development in Keith Industrial Estate.

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Note 10 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

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

	Notes	2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000
Total cash & equivalent assets	5	<u>3,855</u>	<u>2,607</u>
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		<u>3,855</u>	<u>2,607</u>

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)		1,277	723
Non-cash items in Income Statement			
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment		3,984	3,759
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits		73	(5)
Change in allowances for under-recovery		97	-
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity		(1,394)	(779)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals		(55)	(6)
		<u>3,982</u>	<u>3,692</u>
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (increase) decrease in trade & other receivables		(322)	(247)
Net (increase) decrease in inventories		(54)	77
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables		100	(99)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations		<u>3,706</u>	<u>3,423</u>

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Note 11 – FUNCTIONS

INCOMES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES										
INCOME		EXPENSES		OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT) BEFORE CAPITAL		GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME		TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT & NON-CURRENT)		
ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL					
2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Administration	8,285	7,501	1,606	75	6,679	7,426	1,379	1,243	45,031	44,318
Public Order and Safety	37	30	63	200	(26)	(170)	8	3	126	124
Health	11	20	17	55	(6)	(35)	-	3	94	93
Social Security and Welfare	68	11	72	192	(4)	(181)	50	3	203	200
Housing and Community Amenities	907	533	1,151	1,207	(244)	(674)	11	30	2,533	2,593
Protection of the Environment NEC	-	-	1	1	(1)	(1)	-	-	-	-
Sport and Recreation	222	170	1,260	1,281	(1,038)	(1,111)	72	32	1,017	1,001
Agricultural Services	6	2	132	139	(126)	(137)	6	-	280	286
Mining Manufacturing and Construction	49	42	179	117	(130)	(75)	-	-	259	255
Transport and Communications	470	115	3,959	3,480	(3,489)	(3,365)	439	416	3,614	3,557
Economic Affairs NEC	76	85	267	358	(191)	(273)	10	10	859	845
Other Purposes NEC	136	829	1,732	2,295	(1,596)	(1,466)	5	4	4,674	4,600
					-	-				
TOTALS	10,267	9,338	10,439	9,400	(172)	(62)	1,980	1,744	58,690	57,872

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

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Note 11 – FUNCTIONS (cont...)

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

Administration

Governance, Administration n.e.c., Elected Members, Organisational, Support Services, Accounting/Finance, Payroll, Housing for Council Employees, Human Resources, Information Technology, Communication, Rates Administration, Records, Occupancy, Contract Management, Customer Service, Other Support Services, Revenues, LGGC – General Purpose, and Separate and Special Rates.

Public Order and Safety

Supervision of various by-laws, fire prevention and animal control.

Health

Food control, operation of community health programs.

Social Security and Welfare

Voluntary Services.

Housing and Community Amenities

Rubbish collection services, operation of tip, effluent drainage, public toilets, street cleaning and lighting, town planning, stormwater drainage, land development, maintenance of cemeteries.

Protection of the Environment NEC

Foreshore protection, flood prevention.

Sport and Recreation

Parks and Gardens, Sports Facilities – Indoor, Sports Facilities – Outdoor, Swimming Centres – Indoor, Swimming Centres – Outdoor, and Other Recreation.

Agricultural Services

Pest Plant Services.

Mining, Manufacturing and Construction

Building Act Requirements, quarry operations.

Transport and Communications

Aerodrome, Bridges, Bus Service, Footpaths and Kerbing, Roads – sealed, Roads – formed, Roads – natural formed, Roads – unformed, Traffic Management, LGGC – roads (formula funded), and Other Transport.

Economic Affairs NEC

Land Development Activities, caravan park operations, off-street parking, tourism.

Other Purposes NEC

Public Debt transactions, plant and machinery operations, depot expenses, vandalism costs and private works.

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Note 12 – FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Recognised Financial Instruments

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 6% and 7% (2007: 5.5% and 6%).</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.</p>
Receivables - Rates & Associated Charges (including legals & penalties for late payment)	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 0.85% (2007: 0.81%) Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the State.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
Receivables - Fees & other charges	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
Receivables - other levels of government	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal value.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. All amounts are due by Departments and Agencies of the Governments of the Commonwealth & State.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals	<p>Accounting Policy: Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Council.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Interest Bearing Loans	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at the principal amounts. Interest is charged as an expense as it accrues.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: secured over future revenues, loans are repayable by equal six monthly installments of principle and interest; interest is charged at fixed rates between 5.55% and 7.5% (2007: 5.55% and 7.5%)</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>

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Note 12 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (cont...)

Liquidity Analysis	Floating	Fixed interest maturing in			Non-	Total
2008	Interest	≤ 1 year	> 1 year	> 5 years	interest	
	Rate		≤ 5 years		bearing	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial Assets						
Fair Value through P&L						
Cash & Equivalent Assets	3,854	-	-	-	1	3,855
Loans & Receivables						
Receivables		45	138	52	836	1,071
Total	3,854	45	138	52	837	4,926
Weighted Average Interest Rate	7.00%	6.70%	6.94%	6.80%		
Financial Liabilities						
Payables					333	333
Borrowings		787	460	205	-	1,452
Total	-	787	460	205	333	1,785
Weighted Average Interest Rate		6.56%	6.56%	6.25%		
EXCESS OF FINANCIAL ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES	3,854	(742)	(322)	(153)	504	3,141
Liquidity Analysis	Floating	Fixed interest maturing in			Non-	Total
2007	Interest	≤ 1 year	> 1 year	> 5 years	interest	
	Rate		≤ 5 years		bearing	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial Assets						
Fair Value through P&L						
Cash & Equivalent Assets	2,606	-	-	-	1	2,607
Loans & Receivables						
Receivables	-	50	159	184	533	926
Total	2,606	50	159	184	534	3,533
Weighted Average Interest Rate	6.00%	6.65%	6.10%	6.78%		
Financial Liabilities						
Payables	-	-	-	-	224	224
Borrowings	-	646	1,294	144	-	2,084
Total	-	646	1,294	144	224	2,308
Weighted Average Interest Rate		6.35%	6.82%	6.25%		
EXCESS OF FINANCIAL ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES	2,606	(596)	(1,135)	40	310	1,225

Net Fair Value

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

Risk Exposures

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

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Note 12 – FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (cont...)

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

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

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

Note 13 – FINANCIAL INDICATORS

	2008	2007	2006
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
These Financial Indicators have been calculated in accordance with <i>Information Paper 9 – Local Government Financial Indicators</i> prepared as part of the LGA Financial Sustainability Program for the Local Government Association of South Australia. Detailed methods of calculation are set out in the SA Model Statements.			
Operating Surplus	(172)	(62)	(649)
<i>Being the operating surplus (deficit) before capital amounts.</i>			
Operating Surplus Ratio			
<u>Operating Surplus</u>	(2%)	(1%)	(10%)
Rates - general & other less NRM levy			
<i>This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of general and other rates, net of NRM levy.</i>			
Net Financial Liabilities	(2,479)	(602)	(670)
<i>Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets (excluding equity accounted investments in Council businesses).</i>			
Net Financial Liabilities Ratio			
<u>Net Financial Liabilities</u>	-24%	-7%	-7%
Total Operating Income less NRM levy			
Interest Cover Ratio			
<u>Net Interest Expense</u>	(1.1%)	(0.4%)	(0.2%)
Total Operating Income less NRM levy less Investment Income			
Asset Sustainability Ratio			
<u>Net Asset Renewals</u>	47%	84%	73%
Depreciation Expense			
<i>Net asset renewals expenditure is defined as net capital expenditure on the renewal and replacement of existing assets, and excludes new capital expenditure on the acquisition of additional assets.</i>			
Asset Consumption Ratio			
<u>Carrying value of depreciable assets</u>	54%	57%	59%
Gross value of depreciable assets			
<i>Total carrying value of depreciable assets divided by total reported value of depreciable assets before accumulated depreciation.</i>			

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

Note 14 – UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

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

All Council's in South Australia voluntarily have agreed to summarise annual budgets and long-term financial plans on the same basis. The arrangements ensure that all Council's provide a common 'core' of financial information, which enables meaningful comparisons of each Council's finances.

	2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000
Operating Income	10,267	9,338
less Operating Expenses	<u>(10,439)</u>	<u>(9,400)</u>
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(172)	(62)
less Net Outlays on Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	2,079	3,375
less Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	<u>(3,984)</u>	<u>(3,759)</u>
less Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	<u>(218)</u>	<u>(221)</u>
	(2,123)	(605)
less Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets (including investment property & real estate developments)	1,539	1,467
less Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	<u>(1,394)</u>	<u>(779)</u>
less Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets (including investment property and real estate developments)	<u>(125)</u>	-
	20	688
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	<u>1,931</u>	<u>(145)</u>

Note 15 – SUPERANNUATION

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

The Scheme's accumulation category, Local Super, receives both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are normally based on a fixed percentage of employee earnings (9% required under Superannuation Guarantee Legislation). No further liability accrues to the employer as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the Scheme.

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

Note 16 – REGIONAL SUBSIDIARY

The South East Local Government Association (SELGA) is a regional subsidiary of Council. The Association represents the interests of seven Councils that cover the South East Region of South Australia. The Association meets on a bi-monthly basis to discuss Local Government Policy and other matters and provides advice back to the Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA) from a regional perspective.

Contributions to the Association are made by Council as disclosed below:

	2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000
SELGA Contributions	55	55

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 June 2008**

STATEMENT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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

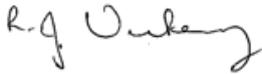


Robert Harkness
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dated this 22nd day of October 2008.

ADOPTION STATEMENT

Laid before the Tatiara District Council and adopted on the 14th day of October 2008.



Mr Richard Vickery
CHAIRPERSON

CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of Tatiara District Council for the year ended 30 June 2009, the Council's Auditor, Galpin, Engler, Bruins and Dempsey, has maintained its independence in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* made under that Act.

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



Robert Harkness
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Kenneth McInerney
PRESIDING MEMBER AUDIT COMMITTEE

Dated this 22nd day of October 2008.

STATEMENT BY AUDITOR

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

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



Laurence John Galpin
Galpin, Engler, Bruins and Dempsey

Dated this 20th day of October 2008.

South East Local Government Association (SELGA) Report

FOCAL POINTS:

- President's Report
- Chief Executive's Report
- Annual Program/Business Plan for year ending 30 June 2008
- Financial Statements
- Notes to Financial Statements

From the President...

The South East Local Government Association has continued to be active over the past twelve months in addressing issues and problem areas that affect the Association's constituent councils. The activities of the Association through its Board Members, Executive Officer, and Councillors and Officers of constituent councils acting as delegates covers a very broad scope of issues.

An organisation is only as good as its people. We are well served by council officers and elected members working in a voluntary capacity. I thank all of these people for their dedicated work in the interests of Local Government and the communities that we serve.

In January 2008, we farewelled Mr. Ron Ellis after 5 years as Executive Officer of SELGA and welcomed Mr Rob Forgan into the position. I thank both Rob and Ron for their service and leadership .

Communication and engagement with other regional bodies is important for the Association to be effective in achieving the best outcomes. Changes are pending as to how the Federal Government engages with, and delivers funding and services to, regions. Over the coming months SELGA and other regional bodies have an opportunity to shape the new model in a way that better serves us. We must work even closer with our partners to get the structure right to ensure that our region can make the most of economic and community development opportunities as they emerge in the future.

Member councils have worked in a spirit of partnership and cooperation in addressing issues of regional importance. This Annual Report provides an account of the key activities of the Association in its efforts to advance the Limestone Coast region.



Mr Steve PERRYMAN
President of South East Local Government Association

Strategic Activities 2007-2008

SE Transport Infrastructure

In May 2008, SELGA hosted the SA Minister of Transport, the Hon Patrick Conlon and the Victorian Minister for Ports, the Hon Tim Pallas in Mount Gambier on the occasion of the Green Triangle Freight Summit. This landmark meeting held in the regional centres of Portland and Mount Gambier involved the 2 State Ministers and senior departmental officials and concentrated on the opportunities and compliance issues that prevents the efficient movement of freight across our Borders.

SELGA Roads and Transport Working Group (R&TWG)

The R& TWG called for submissions to the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel (LGTAP) in March 2008. The R&TWG met and determined the Special Local Roads Grant applications which prioritized bids for freight, tourism and social roads from our region totaling \$1,936,000. \$1.253 million in roads funding was awarded to the region in 2007/2008 under the Special Local Roads Program.

SELGA continues to be represented on the Princes Highway West Alliance collaborating with G21 and GSC Shires to secure Victorian and South Australian Government commitment to the campaign.

Regional Broadband Project

The SELGA Telecommunications sub-committee in October 2007 recommended that the contract with the Minister for Science and Technology be terminated. This decision was due to the frustration and uncertainty associated with Australian Government funding that led to our preferred provider withdrawing from a project that offered broadband services to areas poorly serviced or without equitable access to broadband.

SELGA continues to monitor changes and opportunities to Government policy and funding at Commonwealth and State Government levels by maintaining close contact with the Information Economy Directorate of the Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology.

Regional TV Coverage and Access issues.

In May 2008, SELGA supported the Rural Telecommunications Review held in Naracoorte. SELGA made a submission in association with the LCRDB to the independent panel chaired by Bill Glasson AO on regional issues surrounding access and equity to broadband services as well as mobile phone services in the Limestone Coast. SELGA on behalf of residents from a number of Constituent Councils wrote to Minister Stephen Conroy highlighting inadequate reception of television services in various locations in the Limestone Coast. SELGA has also sought clarification from Commercial telecasters on programming issues.

Energy

SELGA provided Limestone Coast input into the LGA (SA) submission regarding the adequacy of ETSA services in regional SA.

Waste Management

Applications for Round 4 of the Zero Waste Regional Implementation program (RIP) Grants were assessed by a panel convened by SELGA in January 2008. The Zero Waste SA Task Force and Board approved 5 projects in the Limestone Coast awarding \$218,995 in State Government grants.

A further call for submissions for the 2008/2009 was released on 28 May 2008.

SELGA received a waste management award on behalf of member Councils at a KESAB Tidy Towns Awards in December 2007 in recognition of Councils for new waste management services in the region.

Land Fill Strategy

"Waste Disposal- the SELGA Way Forward" project presented a draft report for the consideration of the SELGA Waste Management Task Force members. This provided a detailed assessment of options for the disposal of residual waste generated in the South East region and their financial and logistical implications for SELGA Councils. SELGA acknowledges the work of JAC Comrie Pty Ltd, member Councils, staff of the EPA and Zero Waste (SA).

Economic Environment

Limestone Coast Regional Development Board Resource Agreement

A 5 year Resource Agreement between SELGA, The Limestone Coast RDB and the Department of Trade and Economic Development continuing State and Local Government commitment to economic development in the Limestone Coast region was signed in June 2008. This agreement provides funding to the Limestone Coast RDB in excess of \$73,000 for the 2008 and 2009 year.

Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) were introduced and a working party was formed to develop KPI's for the 2008/2009 year.

For a copy of the Limestone Coast Regional Development Board's Annual Report visit: www.lcrdb.com

Limestone Coast Tourism

SELGA is a major stakeholder in Limestone Coast Tourism and in 2007/2008 entered into a three year funding agreement with Limestone Coast Tourism, Coorong District Council and the SA Tourism Commission. This 3 year agreement enables our regional tourism marketing body to forward plan and implement marketing strategies that maintain and increase visitation to the SE region. Funding is subject to the achievement of KPI's with the final payment made when LCT meets an agreed level of industry contributions.

For a copy of Limestone Coast Tourism's Annual report visit: www.thelimestonecoast.com

Shared Services Reform

SELGA voiced its concerns to the State Government on their proposed Shared Services initiative with its potential adverse impact on rural and regional communities. SELGA also advocated to the Minister for Industrial Relations that consideration be given to shared services of State Government Departments and Agencies be located in Regional South Australia. SELGA also sought clarification from the Minister asking for the actual numbers of full time additional police, teachers, nurses and other State Government employees that would be employed in the SE to be quantified.

SELGA maintained a position consistent to that of other SA Regional Associations expressing our concerns about the removal of jobs from the SE and regional SA without the benefit of a regional impact and economic impact study.

Coorong and Limestone Coast Coastal Management

After a hiatus, the SE Coastal Management Group reconvened in June 2008. The Group will be identifying opportunities under the Australian Government's "Community Coast Care" program to help manage our coastal environment in a balanced and sustainable way.

SELGA responded to the recommendations of Environment, Resources and Development (ERD) committee inquiry into Coastal Development, in particular the recommendation that the Government restricts vehicular access to beaches in general, and introduces a permit system for exemptions. In response, SELGA stressed to the Minister that the proposed system was unworkable.

Social Environment Health

2008 saw the completion of SELGA's involvement with "the Recruit and Retain a Doc" project managed by the Limestone Coast Division of General Practice. SELGA Councils contributed \$60,000 over the three year term that helped the Division achieve their aim of reducing the GP ratio in the SE from 1:1406 that existed in February 2006. On project completion, this ratio had declined to 1:1020, a reduction of 386 patients per GP in the region.

Regional Recreation & Sport Program "Be Active"

In the past 12 months the 'be active' Field Officer Program has achieved some great results for the region.

- Regional Sports Network Meetings
 - Mt Gambier 4 meetings 85 participants
 - Millicent 3 Meetings 40 participants
 - Tatiara 5 Meetings 42 participants
 - Kingston 1 Meeting 12 participants
- Inaugural Sports Network Meeting with Fraser Keegan
 - 39 participants 44 apologies
- Working towards the development of a Regional Physical Activity/Wellness Council.
- Sports Ability Roadshow/Workshops - 96 participants over 5 sites:
 - Bordertown
 - Naracoorte
 - Mt Gambier
 - Millicent
 - Kingston
 6 Sports ability bags donated to regional community groups
- TXT Marks the Spot event planning
- Wise Move training in Mt Gambier – partnership with Country Health SA to distribute and promote the program - 14 regional participants trained to deliver the program
- Healthy Clubs Project (Facts available on request)
 - Heart Foundation award
 - Promotion of the project at Ceduna & invited guest at Ceduna Be Active week
 - 3 presentations of the project to 'On Top of your Game Conference'
 - '1st Asia Pacific Conference Flinders University'
 - \$2000.00 sponsorship from SANFL
 - \$1000.00 sponsorship from Country Health SA
- Web page upgrade
- 4 Editions of ENews
- Assistance with SANFL Coaches Conference at Naracoorte
- Regional Ride to Work/School day promotion and participation
- Total of 189 enquiries for assistance and information. (Note: Statistical count for part of the 07/08 year as statistics are only available for the period 12 March 08 to July 08)
- Grant assistance to the following clubs
 - Kybybolite community Playground equipment Active Club

- Naracoorte RSL Bowling Club Facilities
 - Healthy Clubs Project MSE Football/Netball StEP funding
 - Red backs Hockey Club Mount Gambier Facilities
 - Tatiara District Council Skate Park Facilities
 - Mundulla Netball Club
 - Mount Burr Netball Club
 - Mount Gambier Croquet Club
 - Mount Benson Community Hall
 - Mount Gambier Basketball Association – Active Club
 - Penola Pony Club Facilities
 - Naracoorte Field Archery Club
 - West Gambier Netball Club –Regional partnerships
 - Beachport Bowling Club Facilities
 - Mount Gambier Bocce Club Facilities
 - South East Grey Hound Racing Club – SENRM Water Grants
 - Boandik Lodge Iris grants
 - Kalangadoo Football club
 - Millicent Netball Association
 - Padthaway Netball Club Facilities
 - Millicent Youth Hall – Badminton Active Club/ Facilities
 - KNFL umpires program Active Club
 - Mount Gambier Uniting Church Tennis Club
 - Port McDonnell Bowling Club - Regional Partnerships
 - Penola Football club
 - Millicent Golf Club
 - Saint Martins College Bike Program
 - Western Flat Tennis club – Active Club/Facilities
 - Bounce Fitness Centre – Active Club
 - Mount Burr Football Club – Active Club
- Successful Clubs
 - Bordertown Footy club - \$50,000
 - Millicent Bowling club - \$50,000
 - Hatherleigh Sport & Recreation Centre Inc - \$32,024
 - Naracoorte Baseball Club - \$45,000
 - Bordertown Croquet Club - \$6,985
 - Glencoe Footy club - \$42,000
 - Rivoli Bay Sailing club - \$11,800
 - West Gambier Footy Club - \$31,942
 - Mt Gambier Golf Club - \$50,000
 - Kongorong Sportsmens Club - \$33,547
 - Millicent Golf Club - \$46,379
 - Border Downs Footy Club - \$49,700
 - Naracoorte Footy Club - \$47,000
 - Naracoorte Bowls club - \$50,000
 - Invitations to speak at:
 - Kingston/Robe Women's Health Advisory Group
 - Naracoorte Lions Club

South East Road Safety Strategy

December 2007 saw the adoption of the SE Road Safety Strategy which was officially launched by the Minister for Emergency Services and Road Safety at the SELGA AGM held in Mount Gambier in February 2008.

In January 2008, the Department of Transport Energy and Infrastructure (DTEI) made available \$70,000 from the Community Road Safety program over three years to develop a pilot regional road safety strategy. A Steering group was formed in March 2008 and this has launched a number of initiatives in support of established and new Community Road Safety Groups in the SE.

This SELGA project was showcased at the LGA (SA) Best Practice forum in May 2008.

The SELGA Charter

The revised SELGA Charter received Ministerial approval and was published in the Government Gazette of 27 March 2008. SELGA acknowledges the support of the Office of Local Government and State Relations for their assistance.

Shared Services

SELGA submitted an expression of interest to the LGA of SA in being a pilot for resource sharing at a regional and sub-regional level and further cooperation between SE Local Government Councils. If successful, the first phase of the pilot will start with a scoping phase in late 2008.

Greater Green Triangle Region Association

The GGTRA Board resolved in December 2007 that the organization should be wound up. The SELGA Executive Officer has continued to manage the financial and legal affairs of the Association and has addressed the associated compliance issues.

Limestone Coast Area Consultative Committee

SELGA continued its association with the LCACC in 2007/2008 and is represented on their Committee by Cr Graham Gribble.

SELGA assisted with the planning of the Leading Practice seminar held in Mount Gambier in November 2007. The Executive Officer presented a paper to ACC State Gathering delegates entitled "SELGA, Evidence for Bigger is Better-Sometimes."

Financial Statements to 30th June, 2008

The audited Financial Statements are included at the rear of this report.

Beyond 2008

General meeting will continue to be held during 2008-2009 on the first Friday of the months of August, October, December, February, April and June. The Annual General Meeting will be held on the first Friday in February.

In 2008 – 2009, there will be a minor change to the program with every second General Meeting to be held in the central location of Naracoorte.

2008-2009 Program

- August 08 Tatiara District Council
- October Naracoorte Lucindale Council
- December District Council of Grant
- February 09 Naracoorte Lucindale Council (AGM &GM)
- April District Council of Robe
- June Naracoorte Lucindale Council
- August City of Mount Gambier
- October Naracoorte Lucindale Council
- December Wattle Range Council

Acknowledgements

- **Ron Ellis, Executive Officer 2003-2008** - Ron Ellis retired in January 2008 after 5 years of dedicated service to SELG in the role of Executive Officer.
- **Deb Agnew** - The SELGA Be Active Field officer for her dedication and untiring effort.

- **LGA SA** - The Local Government Association of South Australia has continued to provide support to SELGA and its members throughout the year. Access to its membership services has been invaluable.
- **Local Government Research and Development Scheme** - The capacity building grant from the Local Government R&D Scheme has enabled SELGA to provide support to a number of SELGA Association activities throughout 2007 and 2008.
- **Office of State and Local Government Relations (OSLGR)** - A representative from the OSLGR attends each meeting providing a regular briefing of relevant matters that their Office is addressing.
- **Limestone Coast Regional Development Board (LCRDB)** - The LCRDB has provided significant administrative support to SELGA on a daily basis. SELGA acknowledges the support provided by the Board's administrative team and in particular the accounting services provided by Ms Jan Shanahan.
- **Department of Transport Energy and Infrastructure (DTEI)** - For their assistance with the SE Road Safety Strategy Plan
- **Limestone Coast Regional Media** - SELGA acknowledges the role of the regional media and thanks them for their continued support in 2007/2008.
 - ABC SE Local Radio
 - The Border Watch
 - The Border Chronicle
 - The Coastal Leader
 - The Naracoorte Herald
 - The SE Times
 - WIN TV
 - Radio 5se



Mr Rob FORGAN
Executive Officer of South East Local Government
Association

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of South East Local Government Association Inc.

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of South East Local Government Association Inc, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30th June 2008, and the income statement, and a summary of significant accounting policies.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (SA) and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibilities also include establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate

accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

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

The financial report has been prepared for the distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting under the Associations Incorporation Act (SA). We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

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

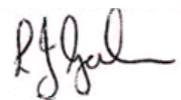
Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirement of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of South East Local Government Association Inc as of 30 June 2008 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 of the financial statements.

GALPIN, ENGLER, BRUINS & DEMPSEY
Accountants, Auditors & Business Consultants



LJ Galpin
Partner

233 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier SA 5290
Dated this 1st Day of August 2008

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2008

Note 1: STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (SA). The Committee has determined that the organisation is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (SA). There is no requirement to apply accounting standards, IUG Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board in the preparation of the financial report.

The statements are prepared on an accruals basis. They are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

Balance Sheet

As of June 2008

	\$	\$	\$
<u>Assets</u>			
General Cheque Account		58,109.68	
Express Saver Account		319,123.75	
Trade Debtors		11,000.00	
Total <u>ASSETS</u>			<u>388,233.43</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Trade Creditors		9,446.19	
GST Liabilities			
GST Collected	1,000.00		
GST Control Account	3,122.00		
GST Paid	-859.03		
Total GST Liabilities		<u>3,262.97</u>	
Payroll Liabilities			
PAYG Payable	5,448.00		
WorkCover Payable	7.08		
Accrued Annual Leave	3,813.98		
Total Payroll Liabilities		<u>9,269.06</u>	
Unspent Grant Funds		255,584.09	
Total <u>LIABILITIES</u>			<u>277,562.31</u>
Net Assets			<u>110,671.12</u>
<u>Equity</u>			
Retained Earnings		101,116.47	
Current Earnings		9,554.65	
Total <u>EQUITY</u>			<u>110,671.12</u>

Profit & Loss Statement

July 2007 through June 2008

	\$	\$	\$	\$
INCOME				
<u>SUBSCRIPTIONS-MEMBER COUNCILS</u>				
City of Mount Gambier		27,983.00		
District Council of Grant		13,625.00		
Kingston District Council		6,834.00		
Naracoorte Lucindale Council		15,310.00		
District Council of Robe		6,042.00		
District Council of Tatiara		13,219.00		
Wattle Range Council		22,430.00		
<u>Total SUBSCRIPTIONS-MEMBER COUNCILS</u>			<u>105,443.00</u>	
<u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u>				
LCRDB		72,000.00		
Limestone Coast Tourism		185,000.00		
SAROC		2,000.00		
SE Resource Info Centre		29,995.00		
<u>Total CONTRIBUTIONS</u>			<u>288,995.00</u>	
<u>PROJECTS</u>				
LGR&DS Regional Capacity Build		20,686.20		
Roads & Transport		7,381.90		
Heritage Services		56,483.62		
SE Regional Health Partnership		136.40		
LCD Gen Practice GP Program		20,000.00		
Senior Week Partnership		818.18		
Road Safety Initiative		245.45		
Landfill Infrastructure Plan		28,164.39		
SE Road Safety Strategy		4,294.64		
<u>REG REC & SPORTS</u>				
Office Rec & Sport Funding	50,000.00			
Council Funding	25,000.00			
C-Over Funds/Sundry/W/Shops	15,463.08			
<u>Total REG REC & SPORTS</u>		<u>90,463.08</u>		
<u>Total PROJECTS</u>			<u>228,673.86</u>	
<u>OTHER INCOME</u>				
Interest		26,818.51		
Miscellaneous		1,958.33		
Consolidated Revenue Acc		11,472.38		
<u>Total OTHER INCOME</u>			<u>40,249.22</u>	
Total INCOME				<u>663,361.08</u>

Profit & Loss Statement (cont...)

July 2007 through June 2008

	\$	\$	\$	\$
EXPENSES				
<u>EXEC OFFICER/OFFICE EXPENSES</u>				
<u>Executive Officer Salary Costs</u>				
Salary	76,744.35			
Superannuation	6,757.40			
Workcover	827.37			
Fringe Benefits Tax	945.96			
<u>Total Executive Officer Salary Costs</u>		<u>85,275.08</u>		
<u>Vehicle & Travel Costs</u>				
Vehicle Lease	9,892.31			
Fuel Costs	5,047.90			
Travel & Accommodation	2,185.01			
<u>Total Vehicle & Travel Costs</u>		<u>17,125.22</u>		
<u>Office Expenses</u>				
Advertising	992.60			
Printing & Stationery	2,312.55			
Postage	110.41			
Audit Fees	750.00			
Bank Fees	467.03			
Insurance	929.75			
Seminars/Workshops	95.46			
Sponsorship	600.00			
Miscellaneous	1,591.50			
Meeting Expenses	4,151.22			
Executive Expenses	2,503.34			
President Allowances	6,000.00			
Telephone	3,068.72			
Computing & IT	1,021.31			
Consolidated Revenue	11,472.38			
<u>Total Office Expenses</u>		<u>36,066.27</u>		
<u>Total EXECUTIVE OFFICER/OFFICE EXPENSES</u>			<u>138,466.57</u>	
<u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u>				
LCRDB (LCRDB, SELGA, LCT)		71,666.00		
Limestone Coast Tourism		185,000.00		
SE Resource Info Centre		30,000.00		
<u>Total CONTRIBUTIONS</u>			<u>286,666.00</u>	
<u>PROJECTS</u>				
LGR&DS – Regional Capacity Build		20,686.20		
Roads & Transport		7,381.90		
Heritage Services		56,483.62		

Profit & Loss Statement (cont...)

July 2007 through June 2008

	\$	\$	\$	\$
EXPENSES (cont...)				
SE Regional Health partnership		136.40		
LCD Gen Practice GP Program		20,000.00		
Senior Week Partnership		818.18		
Road Safety Initiative		245.45		
Landfill Infrastructure Plan		28,164.39		
SE Road Safety Strategy		4,294.64		
<u>REGIONAL REC & SPORT CO-ORD</u>				
Salary	53,302.83			
Salary Costs	5,274.43			
Telephone	2,429.60			
Postage/Printing//Stationery	1,813.35			
Vehicle Expenses	15,508.53			
Admin Fee	1,000.00			
Office Rental	1,000.00			
Miscellaneous Expenses	4,982.58			
Programs	5,151.76			
<u>Total REGIONAL REC & SOPRT CO-ORD</u>		90,463.08		
<u>Total PROJECTS</u>			228,673.86	
<u>Total EXPENSES</u>				<u>653,806.43</u>
Operating Profit				<u>9,554.65</u>
Other Expenses				0
Net Profit/(Loss)				<u>9,554.65</u>

Balance Sheet (Last Year Analysis)

June 2008

	This Year \$	Last Year \$
Assets		
General Cheque Account	58,109.68	3,398.25
Express Saver Account	319,123.75	320,400.57
Trade Debtors	11,000.00	0.00
Total ASSETS	388,233.43	323,798.82
Liabilities		
Trade Creditors	9,446.19	2,378.09
GST Liabilities		
GST Collected	1,000.00	0.00
GST Control Account	3,122.00	-2,015.80
GST Paid	-859.03	-216.19
Total GST Liabilities	3,262.97	-2,231.99
Payroll Liabilities		
PAYG Payable	5,448.00	2,736.00
WorkCover Payable	7.08	-145.42
Accrued Annual Leave	3,813.98	2,547.81
Total Payroll Liabilities	9,269.06	5,138.39
Unspent Grant Funds	255,584.09	217,397.86
Total LIABILITIES	277,562.31	222,682.35
Net Assets	110,671.12	101,116.47
Equity		
Retained Earnings	101,116.47	71,138.72
Current Earnings	9,554.65	29,977.75
Total EQUITY	110,671.12	101,116.47

Profit & Loss Statement (Last Year Analysis)

July 2007 through June 2008

	This Year \$	Last Year \$
INCOME		
<u>SUBSCRIPTIONS-MEMBER COUNCILS</u>		
City of Mount Gambier	27,983.00	27,883.00
District Council of Grant	13,625.00	13,671.00
Kingston District Council	6,834.00	6,714.00
Naracoorte Lucindale Council	15,310.00	15,688.00
District Council of Robe	6,042.00	6,052.00
District Council of Tatiara	13,219.00	13,046.00
Wattle Range Council	22,430.00	22,385.00
<u>Total SUBSCRIPTIONS-MEMBER COUNCILS</u>	<u>105,443.00</u>	<u>105,439.00</u>
<u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u>		
LCRDB	72,000.00	71,999.00
Limestone Coast Tourism	185,000.00	185,000.00
SAROC	2,000.00	2,000.00
SE Resource Info Centre	29,995.00	29,995.00
<u>Total CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	<u>288,995.00</u>	<u>288,994.00</u>
<u>PROJECTS</u>		
Waste Management-Reg. Strat.	0.00	4,363.64
LGR&DS Regional Capacity Build	20,686.20	20,470.12
Roads & Transport	7,381.90	6,400.00
Heritage Services	56,483.62	70,500.00
SE Regional Health P/ship	136.40	11,675.46
LCD Gen Practice GP Prgoram	20,000.00	20,000.00
Senior Week Partnership	818.18	16,500.00
Road Safety Initiative	245.45	0.00
Landfill Infrastructure Plan	28,164.39	0.00
SE Road Safety Strategy	4,294.64	0.00
<u>REG REC & SPORTS</u>		
Regional Rec & Sport Funding	50,000.00	0.00
Council Funding	25,000.00	0.00
C-Over Funds/Sundry/W/shops	15,463.08	0.00
<u>Total REG REC & SPORTS</u>	<u>90,463.08</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Regional Rec & Sports	0.00	95,304.77
SE Coast (LC) Access M/Ment	0.00	32,225.12
Coast & Marine Support	0.00	24,891.24
Broadband Project Stage 2	0.00	14,381.10
Regional EH Service	0.00	18,609.64
<u>Total PROJECTS</u>	<u>228,673.86</u>	<u>335,321.09</u>
<u>OTHER INCOME</u>		
Interest	26,818.51	27,157.00
Miscellaneous	1,958.33	3,559.91
Consolidated Revenue Acc	11,472.38	4,866.67
<u>Total OTHER INCOME</u>	<u>40,249.22</u>	<u>35,583.58</u>
<u>Total INCOME</u>	<u>663,361.08</u>	<u>765,337.67</u>

Profit & Loss Statement (Last Year Analysis) (cont...)

July 2007 through June 2008

EXPENSES	\$	\$
<u>EXEC OFFICER/OFFICE EXPENSES</u>		
<u>Executive Officer Salary Costs</u>		
Salary	76,744.35	60,335.38
Superannuation	6,757.40	5,347.33
Workcover	827.37	656.48
Fringe Benefits Tax	945.96	935.95
<u>Total Executive Officer Salary Costs</u>	<u>85,275.08</u>	<u>67,275.14</u>
<u>Vehicle & Travel Costs</u>		
Vehicle Lease	9,892.31	9,242.64
Fuel Costs	5,047.90	5,027.33
Travel & Accommodation	2,185.01	1,300.22
<u>Total Vehicle & Travel Costs</u>	<u>17,125.22</u>	<u>15,570.19</u>
<u>Office Expenses</u>		
Advertising	992.60	0.00
Printing & Stationery	2,312.55	654.49
Postage	110.41	100.00
Audit Fees	750.00	690.00
Bank Fees	467.03	498.68
Insurance	929.75	901.99
Seminars/Workshops	95.46	23.61
Sponsorship	600.00	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	1,591.50	3,531.45
Meeting Expenses	4,151.22	3,259.26
Executive Expenses	2,503.34	3,929.11
President Allowances	6,000.00	6,000.00
Telephone	3,068.72	4,452.97
Computing & IT	1,021.31	118.61
Consolidated Revenue	11,472.38	4,866.67
<u>Total Office Expenses</u>	<u>36,066.27</u>	<u>30,526.84</u>
<u>Total EXECUTIVE OFFICER/OFFICE EXPENSES</u>	<u>138,466.57</u>	<u>113,372.17</u>
<u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u>		
LCRDB (LCRDB, SELGA, LCT)	71,666.00	71,666.66
Limestone Coast Tourism	185,000.00	185,000.00
SE Resource Info Centre	30,000.00	30,000.00
<u>Total CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	<u>286,666.00</u>	<u>286,666.66</u>
<u>PROJECTS</u>		
Waste Management-Reg. Strat.	0.00	4,363.64
LGR&DS – Regional Capacity Build	20,686.20	20,470.12
Roads & Transport	7,381.90	6,400.00
Heritage Services	56,483.62	70,500.00
SE Regional Health Partnership	136.40	11,675.46
LCD Gen Practice GP Program	20,000.00	20,000.00
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Road Safety Initiative	245.45	0.00
Landfill Infrastructure Plan	28,164.39	0.00
SE Road Safety Strategy	4,294.64	0.00

Profit & Loss Statement (Last Year Analysis) (cont...)

July 2007 through June 2008

EXPENSES (cont...)	\$	\$
REGIONAL REC & SPORT CO-ORD		
Salary	53,302.83	47,515.47
Salary Costs	5,274.43	4,592.53
Telephone	2,429.60	1,790.17
Postage/Printing/Stationery	1,813.35	1,318.32
Vehicle Expenses	15,508.53	13,476.50
Admin Fee	1,000.00	1,000.00
Office Rental	1,000.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	4,982.58	6,901.73
Programs	5,151.76	0.00
Total REGIONAL REC & SPORT CO-ORD	<u>90,463.08</u>	<u>77,594.72</u>
SE Coast (LC) Access M/Ment	0.00	32,225.12
Coast & Marine Support	0.00	24,891.24
Broadband Project Stage 2	0.00	14,381.10
Regional EH Service	0.00	18,609.64
Total <u>PROJECTS</u>	<u>228,673.86</u>	<u>317,611.04</u>
 PROGRAMS		
Club Development	0.00	1,950.00
Comm Sport & Rec Network	0.00	2,114.90
Youth Initiatives SE	0.00	2,727.27
Sports Libraries	0.00	1,698.06
Healthy Clubs	0.00	3,791.82
SportFest	0.00	5,428.00
Total <u>PROGRAMS</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>17,710.05</u>
 Total EXPENSES	 <u>653,806.43</u>	 <u>735,359.92</u>
 Operating Profit	 <u>9,554.65</u>	 <u>29,977.75</u>
 Other Expenses	 <u>0.00</u>	 <u>0.00</u>
 Net Profit/(Loss)	 <u>9,554.65</u>	 <u>29,977.75</u>



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