The Port Augusta City Council’s Annual Report has been prepared and adopted pursuant to the provisions outlined within Section 31 of the Local Government Act 1999 and more specifically those requirements outlined in Schedule 4 of the Act.


The annual report is separated into six (6) sections as follows:

Section 1 – Executive Overview (Mayor’s and City Manager’s Reports)
Section 2 – The Council
Section 3 – Strategic Plans & Activities
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Section 5 – Accountability Report
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Our Vision
A harmonious, unique, vibrant, community and environment

Our Mission
To create and sustain a safe and vibrant community where people want to live, work, play and visit

Our Principles
Respect, Social Justice, Equal Opportunity, Inclusiveness and Accessibility
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Port Augusta, Stirling North, Blanche Harbor & Miranda
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Wednesday 23rd June 2010
Executive Overview

Mayor’s & City Manager’s Reports

Section 1
The Staff have spent a great deal of time and effort in completing our Urban Growth Development Plan Amendment as part of addressing our future population growth needs.

We are now preparing the DPA for the Westside, where it is expected that the first major residential growth will occur.

The financial crisis has actually worked to our benefit. It has given us extra time to plan, so that decisions are not made on the run. It has given Council an opportunity to catch up on a backlog of infrastructure with the footpath program which has remarkably transformed the appearance of the CBD.

The City is going AridSmart, firstly with the continuation of waterproofing the city, but also with developing a Business Plan for the future of the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden.

This will direct how the garden will expand, embark upon the sale or AridSmart plants on a broader scale, and through this process we expect will eventually make the project self funding. Plants grown at the AALBG will soon appear in the metropolitan area with Prospect City Council using them in the redevelopment of the Prospect Oval and landscaping of Prospect and Churchill Road. Port Augusta and Prospect Councils have teamed up to share ideas on how small Councils can survive and thrive.

Following on this AridSmart theme we welcome the commencement of operations of Seawater Greenhouse which will provide ongoing economic benefits for the City. Further flood mitigation work has been undertaken on the Westside foreshore which includes beautifying of the foreshore with an AridSmart garden.

Making our City safe is still high on our priorities. We cannot have economic development without social development.

With assistance from the State Government we will embark upon a Dialogue Event later in the year. The Dialogue Event aims to begin a process of building respect for Indigenous values and culture to enable our Indigenous community members to become entwined in the City’s future.

Port Augusta is positioning itself for when the expansion of Olympic Dam proceeds. Various scenarios have been predicted and we need to be ready.

The achievements made this year have been due to a tight reign on the budget from which only about a third has been raised from Rates.

I pay tribute to the efforts of all staff for this commendable team effort.

N.J. BALUCH AM
MAYOR
This last financial year the City has been impacted by major policy decisions of other levels of government.

Early in the financial year the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Olympic Dam Expansion was released for public comment. It is pertinent to outline that the EIS advised that the next steps in the process were for BHP-Billiton to submit its Supplementary EIS, responding to submissions, with its anticipated timing for completion being February 2010. The necessary Government approvals anticipated to be completed by July 2010. The substantial number of submissions by the public and government agencies has however led to those timeframes not being met. BHP-Billiton has had to undertake major additional work to address the issues raised. At about the time that it was anticipated that Government approval for the expansion would be known a new Mining Super Profits Tax was announced by the Federal Government. This caused uncertainty amongst mining companies including BHP-Billiton and this flowed on to apprehension in Port Augusta about the anticipated future growth and prosperity associated with resource developments in our region.

Despite these uncertainties Council has progressed with seeking approval for amendments to the Development Plan providing for increased opportunity for residential and industrial developments. In addition Council has completed a Structure Plan for the Westside and is proceeding with other Development Plan Amendments to accommodate future anticipated growth including land adjacent to the Port Augusta Airport.

The city has continued to consolidate with 55 dwellings being approved during the reporting period and $19,346,842 has been committed to residential improvements.

While the physical development of the city is generally seen and focused on, an equally important foundation of our city is its social development. As a result of submissions by Council and members of the Aboriginal community, the State Government appointed Mr Lew Owens as a Special Adviser to improve service delivery in the Port Augusta area as a response to service delivery challenges facing the Aboriginal community. In addition, the State Government provided funding assistance towards a Dialogue Event to enable Aboriginal residents, Council and service providers to discuss how to create a harmonious future for our city. The Dialogue Event to be managed by the Centre for Dialogue at the Australian National University will occur in September 2010.

It is hoped that by creating a harmonious community that all members of our community can then focus on education and training that will equip them to gain the job opportunities occurring in our region.

GREG PERKIN
CITY MANAGER
The Council, Management & Staff

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Elected Member Information 2009/2010

The Port Augusta City Council representation comprises of Her Worship the Mayor, Mrs Nancy Joy Baluch and nine (9) Area Councillors. In April 2010, Cr Renee Ellis resigned and pursuant to Section 54 of the *Local Government Act 1999* this position was not filled.

### Her Worship the Mayor

**Nancy Joy Baluch AM**

Term of Office:
- 1981-1982
- 1983-1993
- 1995-current

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- Mayor’s Taskforce
- Provincial Cities Association
- Upper Spencer Gulf Common Purpose Group
- Outback Areas Community Development Trust
- Australian Local Government Association
- Aboriginal Consultation Forum

### Deputy Mayor

**Cr Phil Greagen**

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- 1995-current

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**Representation:**
- City Management Committee
- Corporate Services & Infrastructure Committee
- Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee
- Mayor’s Taskforce
- Port Augusta Cemetery Upgrade Working Party
- District Bushfire Prevention Committee
- Port Augusta Community Transport Steering Group
- Port Augusta Alcohol Management Group
- Aboriginal Consultative Forum
- Wami Kata Old Folks Home
- Centre for Excellence for Aboriginal Health Steering Committee

### Cr Ellis resigned as at 14th April 2010

**Cr Renee Ellis**

Term of Office:
- 2006-April 2010

**Representation:**
- City Management Committee
- Corporate Services & Infrastructure Committee
- Strategic Planning & Policy Development Committee
- Port Augusta Skate Park Reference Group
- Regional Centre for Culture Reference Group
- State Strategic Planning Regional Advisory Board
- Country Arts SA Board of Trustees

### Cr Sam Johnson

**Cr Sam Johnson**

Term of Office:
- 2006-current

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**Representation:**
- City Management Committee
- Corporate Services & Infrastructure Committee
- Strategic Planning & Policy Development Committee
- Council Development Assessment Panel
- Port Augusta City Council Youth Advisory Committee
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**Representation**:
- City Management Committee
- Corporate Services & Infrastructure Committee
- Strategic Planning & Policy Development Committee
- Central Oval Precinct Redevelopment Project Management Group
- Youth Opportunities Personal Leadership Program – Community Development Board

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**Representation**:
- City Management Committee
- Corporate Services & Infrastructure Committee
- Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee
- Council Development Assessment Panel
- Port Augusta City Council Youth Advisory Committee
- Regional Development Australia (Far North) Board

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**Representation**:
- City Management Committee
- Corporate Services & Infrastructure Committee
- Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee
- Port Augusta Skate Park Reference Group
- Audit Committee
- Flinders Ranges & Outback Strategic Plan Implementation Group

### Cr Fran Paynter

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**Representation**:
- City Management Committee
- Corporate Services & Infrastructure Committee
- Strategic Planning & Policy Development Committee
- Council Development Assessment Panel
- Early Years Parenting Centre Advisory Group
### Council and Committee Structure

The Council and Key Committee Structure for the Port Augusta City Council, is as follows:

1. **City Management Committee** – meets on the 2nd Monday of each month, commencing at 5:30pm. There were 12 City Management Committee Meetings held during 2009/2010.

2. **Corporate Services & Infrastructure Committee** – meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, commencing at 5:30pm. There were 12 Corporate Services & Infrastructure Committee Meetings held during 2009/2010.

3. **Strategic Planning & Policy Development Committee** – meets at the conclusion of either the City Management Committee or Corporate Services & Infrastructure Committee Meeting. There were 5 Strategic Planning & Policy Development Committee Meetings held during 2009/2010.

Reports prepared by officers are forwarded to the respective Key Committee for consideration. Each report has specific recommendations identified which, if ratified by the Key Committee, are then submitted to Council for adoption. The Chairperson for each Key Committee is elected on a rotating 12 month basis between Councillors.

**Membership:** Mayor (ex-officio) and all Councillors.

4. **Council Meetings** – held on the 4th Monday of each month, commencing at 7:00pm

**Membership:** Mayor and all Councillors (Deputy Mayor elected by Councillors)

All meetings are held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre, 4 Mackay Street, Port Augusta and are open to the public.
Council & Key Committee Meeting Attendance Record

The following graphs provide a record of attendance by Elected Members, for the 2009/2010 financial year for Council and Key Committee Meetings:

### Key Committee Meetings

![Key Committee Meetings Chart]

During the 2009/2010 financial year there were 12 Council Meetings and 10 Special Council Meetings. The Elected Members’ attendance record at these meetings are outlined within the table below:

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### Other Advisory Committees

1. **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee was established pursuant to the provisions of Section 126 of the Local Government Act 1999.

The functions of the Audit Committee include reviewing annual financial statements to ensure they present fairly and state of affairs of the Council, and proposing and providing information relevant to the review of the Council’s Strategic Plan and Annual Business Plan and the exercise of powers under Section 130A of the Act.

*Membership:*  **Elected Members:** Cr Peter Solomon and Cr Alan Morris;  **Independent Members:** Mr Neil Finlay and Mr Chris McSporran. The term of office for the independent members are: Neil Finlay – 3 years (November 2007 - November 2010), and Chris McSporran 2 years (November 2007 – November 2009).

Only members of the Committee are entitled to vote in Committee Meetings. Other individuals such as the City Manager, Director Corporate Services and if applicable the heads of risk, compliance and internal audit, and representatives from the finance function, may attend any meeting as observers or be responsible for preparing papers for the Committee. Council’s External Auditors, John D Ewen & Associates, may be invited to attend meetings of the Audit Committee.
During the 2009/2010 financial year the Audit Committee meet on three occasions, (November & December 2009 and June 2010). Agenda of meetings are available on Council’s website from the June 2010 meeting and Minutes are presented to Council for adoption. The Sitting Fee for Members is: Chairperson $350.00 and Members $300 per meeting attended.

2. **Council Development Assessment Panel**

The Council Development Assessment Panel undertakes the powers and functions of the Port Augusta City Council, as delegated, in relation to the assessment of development applications against the provisions of the Port Augusta City Council’s Development Plan.

The term of office for the Council Development Assessment Panel expired in February 2010. Advertisements were placed in the Transcontinental seeking registrations of interest from persons interested in being a member of the Panel. One registration of interest was received and interviews were held with the applicant and with all current members of the Panel. The new Council Development Assessment Panel commenced a two year term of office commencing in March 2010 and expires in February 2012.

Due to Local Government elections in November 2010, Elected Members have been appointed until November 2010. Council will call for nominations at the first Council Meeting following the elections, and will appoint three Elected Members to the Council Development Assessment Panel.

*Membership (July 2009-February 2010):* Chairperson: Mr John Veen, Independent Members: Mr Robert Bemmerl, Mr John Rejack and Mrs Denise Davies, Elected Members: Cr Sam Johnson, Cr Tony Mitchell and Cr Fran Paynter.

*Membership (March 2010-June 2010):* Chairperson: Mr Jason Willcocks, Independent Members: Mr Robert Bemmerl, Mr John Rejack and Mr John Veen, Elected Members: Cr Sam Johnson, Cr Tony Mitchell and Cr Fran Paynter.

The Sitting Fee for Members for 2009/2010 was: Chairperson $250.00 and Members $200.00 per meeting attended.

The CDAP meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, commencing at 5:30pm.

3. **Port Augusta Marine Advisory Committee**

The Marine Advisory Committee was established to advise Council on all marine matters relating to the Upper Spencer Gulf, especially in relation to the Marine Plan/Parks, Port Augusta Waterway Development Study, marina infrastructure and activities, and to support the work of the Natural Reserve Management Board (NRM) as it relates to the conservation and protection of flora and fauna.

*Membership:* Chairperson: Cr Peter Solomon, Council Officers: Mr Greg Perkin, Mr Rieck Shine & Mr Ray Martin, Community Representatives: Mr Robin Sharp (Deputy Chairperson), Mr Peter Huxtable, Mr Brett Munns, Mr Aaron Morgan (resigned November 2009), Mr Andy Ireland, Mr David Powell, Mr Peter Molineux. Ex-officio Members: Mayor Nancy Joy Baluch, Ms Rebekah Rasheed & Mr Kevin Teague (NRM Board), Mr David Pearce (Department for Environment & Heritage), Ms Claire Wiseman (RDA(FN)).

The term of office – committee will be reviewed following the implementation of the Marine Plan/Parks for the Upper Spencer Gulf and once all recommendations have been suitably addressed from the Port Augusta Waterways Study.

The Marine Advisory Committee meets generally on the 1st Tuesday of each month, commencing at 7:00pm, and minutes of meetings are presented to Council for adoption.
4. **Safety First Committee**

The Safety First Committee facilitates co-operation between Council and the employees, initiating, developing, carrying out and monitoring measures designed to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the employees of Council, and its contractors and volunteers. The Committee assists in resolution of issues, consultation, and in the formulation, review and dissemination of practices, procedures and policies.

During 2009/2010 a major priority of the Safety First Committee has been the circulation and adoption of the ‘One System’ OHS&W policies and procedures provided by the Local Government Association Mutual Liability Scheme.

Membership: Mr Anthony McCoy (Chairperson & Rep), Ms Zsuzsi Coppin (Parks & Gardens), Mr Alan Dowling (Works), Mr David Stewart (Substance Misuse Services), Ms Kimberley Noll (Tourism), Ms Kellie Ruffles (Childcare), Ms Lindy Madigan (Cultural Centre and Swim Centre), Ms Julie Beaton (Risk Co-ordinator), and Management Representatives: Ms Lee Heron (Director – City & Cultural Services), Mr Larry Martin (Parks), Mr David Curnow (Works), Mr Anthony McCoy (Human Resource Manager), Mr Shane Saal (HR Advisor – Risk Management), and the Responsible Officer - Mr Greg Perkin (City Manager).

The Safety First Committee meets at 10:30am on the last Tuesday of each month and minutes of meetings are presented to Council for adoption.

5. **Building Fire Safety Committee**

The Building Fire Safety Committee plays an important role in protecting the on-going safety of building occupiers and users, by investigating whether building owners are maintaining proper levels of fire safety in their buildings.

Membership: Mr Rod Bahr – Metropolitan Fire Service, Mr Andrew Sharrad – MFS Proxy, Mr Pat Ryan – SA Country Fire Service, Mr Nik Ludborzs – CFS Proxy, Mr Peter Harmer – Consultant Building Surveyor, Mr Nick Heron – Senior Development Officer Building (Admin), Mr Adam Grantham – Cadet Building Surveying Technician (Admin – proxy).

Meeting times and places shall be determined by the Chairperson, having regard to the availability and convenience of the members of the Committee, **but one meeting must be held at least every three months**.

6. **Port Augusta Junior Sports Foundation**

The Port Augusta Junior Sports Foundation is responsible for the promotion and encouragement of local junior sportspersons, through the provision of financial assistance and recognition of achievement for participating community sporting organisations.

Successful recipients of monthly and annual awards are outlined within Section 6 of this report.

Membership: Ms Debra Klingberg (Chairperson (Athletics)), Ms Jan Black (Netball), Ms Sherrie Fuller (Basketball), Mr Kevin Freeman (Judo), Mr Luke Snowden (Softball), Ms Shirley Pearce (Volleyball), Mr Jason Di Paolo (Swimming), Mrs Meredith Sutton (Golf), Ms Lynn Greenfield (Pony Club), Mr Mark Maule/Mr Brett Cutler (Motorcycle Club), Mr Neil Finlay (Tennis), Mr Kym Maule (Cricket), Cr Chris Pycroft, Mr Craig Dearlove, (Port Augusta City Council).

The Foundation meet on a monthly basis and minutes of meetings are presented to Council for adoption.
Reference Groups/Working Parties

1. **Port Augusta Cemetery Upgrade Working Party**

   The Port Augusta Cemetery Working Party is responsible for upgrading the Port Augusta Cemetery through a 5 stage project to ensure that Port Augusta’s local history is not lost, by attempting to mark all graves from 1883 – 1983.

   **Membership:** Cr Phil Greagen (Chairperson), Cr Christene Pycroft, Leita Fennell (Local Family History Researcher), Ms Yvonne Barker (Indigenous Co-ordination Centre), Ms Cynthia Collins & Mr John Moss (Port Augusta Rotary Club), Ms Lorraine Saunders (Salvation Army Employment Plus), Mr Mick Casey (Supervisor), Mr Hayden Hart (Director – Infrastructure & Environment), Ms Sue Hocking (Admin Assistant Infrastructure)

   The Working Party meets on an ‘as needs’ basis.

2. **Aboriginal Consultative Forum**

   This Forum has been established to provide a flow of information from Council to the Aboriginal community and vice versa.

   **Membership:** Mayor Baluch (Chairperson), Deputy Mayor Cr Greagen, City Manager – Mr Greg Perkin, Manager - Substance Misuse Services – Mrs Megan Waters and various representatives from the Aboriginal community.

   Meetings are held on an ‘as needs’ basis and all Aboriginal community members are encouraged and welcome to attend.

3. **Port Augusta Skate/Family Park Reference Group**

   The Port Augusta Skate/Family Park Reference Group was formed to enable interested members of the community to be involved in the planning and development of a skate park and to source external funding via grants and other fundraising activities to financially support this project.

   **Membership:** Cr Alan Morris, Cr Renee Ellis, Mr Craig Dearlove (be active Community Field Officer), Mr Brenton Daw (Senior Technical Officer – Infrastructure) and various interested community members (adults and youth).

   This Group meets on an ‘as needs’ basis.

4. **Central Oval Precinct Redevelopment Project Management Group**

   The Central Oval Precinct Redevelopment Project Management Group is responsible for overseeing the planning process for the redevelopment of Central Oval and commissioning of a Sports & Recreation Master Plan for Port Augusta.

   **Membership:** Mr Craig Dearlove (Port Augusta be active Field Officer – Project Manager), Mr Greg Perkin (City Manager), Mr Michael Dunemann (Director Corporate Services), Mr Hayden Hart (Director – Infrastructure & Environment), Mrs Lee Heron (Director – City & Cultural Services), Mrs Anne O’Reilly (Director Community Services), Cr Ken McLean and Cr Chris Pycroft.

   This Group meets on an ‘as needs’ basis.

5. **Port Augusta Alcohol Management Group**

   The Port Augusta Alcohol Management Group is a multi agency forum whose aim is to provide leadership in the planning, facilitation and monitoring of holistic and coordinated initiatives in response to alcohol misuse within the community of Port Augusta.
The following people ceased their involvement on the Alcohol Management Group for various reasons during 2009/2010: Mr Douglas Longmore, Mr Mark Syrus, Mr Chris Thomson, Mr Richard Trevena, Mr Ray Willis, Mr Mark Davies and Mr David Hickman.

The Group meets on a monthly basis. Minutes are presented to Council for adoption.

6. **Railway Museum Working Group**

   The Railway Museum Working Group is responsible for investigating a proposal to establish a Railway Museum in Port Augusta. A registration of interest was lodged by Council with the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development & Local Government for the acquisition of locomotive GM1. As at 30 June 2010, Council was still awaiting the outcome of this submission.

   **Membership:** Mr Kym Welsby, Mr Neil Finlay, Mr Bill Donaldson, Mr Doug Morton, Mr Ted Gade, Mr Hayden Hart (Director – Infrastructure & Environment), Mrs Lee Heron (Director – City & Cultural Services), Ms Pauline Hedger (Manager – Tourism), Mr Peter Cahalan (FROSAT).

   This Group meets on an ‘as needs’ basis.

7. **Security Patrol Working Party**

   The Security Patrol Working Party was established to review and progress of the security trial.

   **Membership:** Her Worship the Mayor, Mrs Joy Baluch, Deputy Mayor Cr Phil Greagen, SAPOL Officers, Council Officers and Tony Edmonds (contractor).

   This Group met every 2-3 weeks.

**Elector Representation Review**

Section 12(4) of the *Local Government Act 1999* requires Council to undertake a review of all aspects of its composition and the division (or potential division) of the Council area into wards, at least once in every eight (8) years.

Council at its meeting held on 27 January 2009 resolved to commence the Representation Review process and engaged Craig Rowe and Associates (consultants) to assist with the review process.

A Representation Review Workshop was held on 19 February 2009, which the community were invited to attend to have an opportunity to contribute to the representation review discussion and to obtain a greater understanding of the review process. Following the workshop a Special Council Meeting was held at which Council resolved to adopt the ‘Options Paper’.

The ‘Options Paper’ examines the advantages and disadvantages of the various options that are available to Council in respect to its composition and structure. It contains information pertaining to the review process; elector ratios (both within Council and other Councils that exhibit a similar number of electors); demographic trends; population projections; residential development opportunities; and ward structure options.
The key issues that are considered during the review process include:

- the office of Mayor, as opposed to that of Chairperson;
- the need for Area Councillors in addition to Ward Councillors;
- the division of the City into Wards, or not;
- elector ratio, this being the number of electors who (in the opinion of Council) can be adequately and fairly represented by a Councillor (which ultimately determines the total number of Councillors);
- ward presentation (i.e. single, dual and/or multi Councillor wards, or combinations thereof); and
- the identification/naming of any proposed wards.

At the end of the review process, any proposed changes to Council’s composition and/or Ward Structure must serve to uphold the democratic principle of “one person, one vote, one value”.

The Representation Review which commenced in early 2009 was completed during the 2009/2010 financial year with the final report being prepared, signed and submitted to the Electoral Commissioner for certification. A notice was published in the Government Gazette, following receipt of certification from the Electoral Commissioner SA, on the 12th November 2009, advising that the Council area will not be divided into wards and the elected Council will comprise the Mayor and nine area councillors who represent the Council area as a whole. This structure will be put into effect as from the day of the first general election held after the expiration of five months from the date of the publication in the Government Gazette.

**Council’s Representation Quota**

The Port Augusta City Council’s total representation quota (the number of electors per Councillor) is as detailed below. As indicated, Port Augusta’s representation quota for each Elected Member is higher than that of Councils with similar numbers of Electors.

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The Port Augusta City Council does not have a Ward Structure and is represented by 9 Councillors and the Mayor. The Councillors are elected as Area Councillors.

**Elected Members’ Allowances and Benefits (Section 76, 77 & 78 of the Local Government Act 1999)**

Members of Council are entitled to receive an annual allowance for performing and discharging official functions and duties. The Local Government (Members Allowances and Benefits) Regulations 1999 provides a range of minimum and maximum allowances for Council Members, who then have an opportunity to adopt an annual allowance within this range. Currently the minimum base amount is $1,820 per annum and the maximum base amount is $15,000 per annum.

In respect of a Deputy Mayor and Presiding Member (Chairperson) of Council’s Key Committees, the allowance equates to 1.25 times the minimum and maximum base amounts.

In respect of the Principal Member (Mayor) of a Council, the allowance equates to 4 times the minimum and maximum base amounts.
1. The Elected Members’ Allowances for the 2009/2010 financial year were:

**1 July 2009 to 31 October 2009**

a) Mayoral allowance - $45,000p.a. ($3,750 per month payable monthly in arrears); and  
b) Deputy Mayor & Presiding Member (Chairperson) of Council’s Key Committees allowance - $14,062.50p.a. ($1,171.90 per month payable monthly in arrears); and  
c) Elected Members’ allowance - $11,250 p.a. ($937.50 payable monthly in arrears).

**1 November 2009 to 30 June 2010**

a) Mayoral allowance - $46,800p.a. ($3,900 per month payable in arrears); and  
b) Deputy Mayor & Presiding Member (Chairperson) of Council’s Key Committees allowance - $14,625p.a. ($1,218.75 per month payable in arrears); and  
c) Elected Members’ allowance - $11,700p.a. ($975 per month payable monthly in arrears).

As from November 2010 the Remuneration Tribunal will determine allowances for Elected Members.

2. Members’ Reimbursement of Expenses

Elected Members are also entitled to receive reimbursement of expenses incurred in the use of a telephone or facsimile and for travelling to official functions or activities on Council business, including attending conferences, seminars and training courses.

Council Policy 1.1.04 – Elected Members’ Expenses, Facilities and Support, provides specific guidelines for those expenses that will be reimbursed to assist Members in fulfilling their role in relation to the performance of their official functions and duties on the business of the Council.

3. Allowances & Benefits Register (Section 79 of the LGA 1999)

A register is maintained by Council detailing all allowances and benefits paid to Elected Members on an annual basis. A person is entitled to inspect (without charge) the register at the principal office of the Council during ordinary office hours or, alternatively, on payment of a fee fixed by Council, obtain an extract from the register.

Elected Members’ Training & Development (Section 80A of the Local Government Act 1999)

The Port Augusta City Council is committed to providing training and development activities for its Elected Members and recognises its responsibility to develop and adopt a policy for this purpose pursuant to Section 80A of the Local Government Act 1999. Council Policy 1.1.02 provides guidelines to ensure appropriate training is provided to Elected Members to assist them in carrying out their official duties and functions.

In 2009/2010 a budget allocation of $9,000 was approved to support training and development activities for Elected Members and the total expenditure for this period was $4,035.
During the reporting period, Elected Members participated in the following training and development activities:

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**Management & Staffing**

1. **Organisational Structure**

   The Port Augusta City Council has five Directorates: City Management, Corporate Services, Infrastructure & Environment, Community Services and City & Cultural Services, with the City Manager responsible for overseeing the day to day operation of the entire organisation.

   On a monthly basis, reporting officers from each Department forward a monthly report to Council through Management Group to keep Council informed as to their activities during that period. Management Group meet on a weekly basis to review activities undertaken by all Departments within Council and to discuss other strategic planning matters.

2. **Staffing overview as at 30 June 2010**

   As at 30 June 2010, Port Augusta City Council employed 431 staff. The following graph provides an overview of the number of full time, part-time and casual employees within each of Council’s Directorates.

![Staffing Graph](image)

**Senior Executive Officers – Allowances, Bonuses & Benefits**

The Port Augusta City Council has five Senior Executive Officers, who are the responsible officers for each of the five Directorates within Council. As at 30 June 2010, the Senior Executive Officers received the following summary of allowances, bonuses and benefits:
Pursuant to Section 105 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, Council maintains a ‘Register of Remuneration, Salaries and Benefits’ and the register can be inspected at the principal office of Council during ordinary office hours. Alternatively, a person is entitled to an extract from the register upon payment of a fee fixed by Council.

**Human Resource Management**

1. **Equal Employment Opportunity**
   a) All recruitment and selection of staff within the various sections of Council is processed in accordance with the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984. Council also has an Equal Employment Opportunity Policy 4.1.01 and EEO Program which are adhered to at all times.
   
   b) All selections are based on the merit system. The interview process is conducted by a Panel with a minimum of 3 persons. The Panel will include both male and female members when necessary.
   
   c) Council’s Human Resource Manager has delegated authority as Panel Leader on all appointments within Council. The Human Resource Manager (Mr Anthony McCoy) and Director – City & Cultural Services (Mrs Lee Heron) are Council’s Equal Employment Opportunity Officers.
   
   d) Council’s commitment to employ/host indigenous trainees continues through the placement of indigenous persons in school based apprenticeships and traineeships.

2. **Risk Management**
   a) The Port Augusta City Council seeks to manage its risk exposure to an optimum standard. Council’s commitment to risk management as such remains ongoing with review and training a regular feature.

   The 5 hierarchies of control remain the basis of Council’s management within this area:

   i) substitution
   ii) elimination
   iii) engineering
   iv) administration
   v) personal protective equipment (PPE)

   Council currently enjoys a level of rating within the Local Government Association exempt employer Workcover Status of Level 2.

3. **Enterprise Bargaining Agreements**
   Local Enterprise Agreements negotiated during 2009/2010 for ASU, AWU and ANF (Aged Care Services) employees remain in force (under agreed variation with appropriate Unions).

4. **School Based Apprenticeship Program**
   As a further incentive towards the provision of opportunity for the vocational development of young people throughout the community, Council has adopted the ‘Australia School Based Apprenticeship Program’.
Port Augusta City Council – Organisational Structure

‘The Council’
Her Worship to Mayor, Mrs Nancy Joy Baluch AM
Elected Members: Cr Phil Greagen (Deputy Mayor), Cr Sam Johnson, Cr Ken McLean,
Cr Tony Mitchell, Cr Alan Morris, Cr Fran Paynter, Cr Chris Pycroft, Cr Peter Solomon and Cr Renee Ellis - resigned 14/4/10

City Manager
City Management
Mr Greg Perkin

Human Resource/OHS&W/Risk Management
Animal Control

Director
Corporate Services
Mr Michael Dunemann

Departments
Finance
Rates
Payroll
Information Technology
Customer Services
Records Management
Recreation & Sports
Outdoor Adventure Centre
Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre

Director
Community Services
Mrs Anne O’Reilly

Departments
Aged Care
Childcare Services
Special Needs
Youth Activities
Men’s Shed

Director
City & Cultural Services
Mrs Lee Heron

Departments
Governance
Economic Development
Planning
Contracts & Events
Tourism – Wadlata & Australian Arid Lands Botanic Gardens
Library & Information Services
Regional Centre for Culture
Substance Misuse Services
(Sobering Up Unit, Mobile Assistance Patrol, Clean Needle Program)
Community Harmony

Director
Infrastructure and Environment
Mr Hayden Hart

Departments
Works/Road Construction
Parks/Gardens
Works – Technical Support
Development Services – Building
Health Services
Australian Arid Lands Botanic Gardens
Asset Management
Goal Area 1
Community Development

Goal Area 2
Image of City

Goal Area 3
Economic Development

Goal Area 4
Infrastructure and Asset Management

Goal Area 5
Environment Management

Goal Area 6
Organisational Effectiveness
(including Audited Financial Statements)
Sub Goal 1.1: Our community feels safe

Four (4) projects were scheduled to be undertaken as part of Council’s Annual Business Plans in 2009/2010 relating to Sub Goal 1.1. Progress for each of these projects is as follows:

1) CitySafe Patrol – this initiative continues to be very beneficial to the community in assisting to address safety and anti-social behaviour. Council was successful in gaining external funding for the continuation of this program in 2010/2011 and Council also allocated funding for this project.

2) Secure Taxi Rank – the safe taxi rank operated from late December 2009 until late July 2010.

3) Alcohol Management Group – continued to meet monthly throughout 2009/2010 and prepared a Port Augusta Community Alcohol Management Plan during this period. The Group continues to monitor the affects of the Total City Dry Areas and supported an application for a further 3 year extension of the Dry Areas.

4) Financial Support to Port Augusta Youth Support Service (PAYSS) – Council continues to financial support the PAYSS bus.


Activities and highlights for 2009/2010

1. CitySafe Patrol

Council introduced a trial Security Patrol Program as part of its ‘City Safe Strategy’ in December 2008 and continued this program during the reporting period. The introduction of the CitySafe Patrol was undertaken as part of Council’s broader strategy to improve the City’s image around safety; particularly at night and to assist with the prevention of graffiti and vandalism. The SA Special Operations Group has been contracted to provide this service.

The patrol involves two officers supported by canines. The canines are for the security of the officers and have been picked for their temperament and obedience. They are trained to react to aggression towards their handler. The program has operated 3-4 days per week during the hours of 4:00pm to 4:30am.

The initial focus of the patrol was about decreasing and preventing crime against property. This involves patrolling the City’s public space and foreshores. As a result the community perception of their safety is enhanced. Damage to property is carried out by people and if we focus on dealing with their issues, as the Patrol currently does, Council can look to bring in/partner with the appropriate agencies to start to break the cycle. This is certainly, in our view, an innovative approach based on respect.

The CitySafe Patrol has been highly successful and totally supported by the community, with a petition (900 signatures) being received by Council requesting that the program continue.

2. Total City Dry Area

In late 2009, Council engaged Mrs Karyn Reid of KR Consultancy to undertake an evaluation of the Total City Dry Area regulation. The objectives of the evaluation were twofold:

a) to evaluate compliance with the requirements of the Office of the Liquor Licensing and Gambling Commissioner, 2007; and
b) to evaluate the effectiveness and outcomes of the original objectives of the Port Augusta Total City Dry Area regulation and in particular as they have manifested from 2007 to 2009.

The evaluation process, which included extensive consultation, provided the community of Port Augusta with an opportunity to reflect on the Total City Dry Area regulation which has been in place since 2005.

The majority of respondents are in favour of a three to five year future timeframe for the Total City Dry Area regulation, with the requirement for regular monitoring and formal evaluation considered essential to ensure the impact on the community is measured and recorded appropriately.

The final evaluation report will be forwarded to Council for adoption in July 2010. An application for a further extension to the Total City Dry Area regulation must be submitted to the Office of the Liquor and Gambling Commissioner before 31 August 2010.

3. **Secure Taxi Rank**

Funding was again received during the 2009/2010 financial year through the Attorney-General’s Office for the operation of a secure taxi rank. The rank operated from late December 2009 until 30 July 2010 on a Friday and Saturday night between the hours of 12 midnight and 3:30am.

The secure taxi rank was located at Gladstone Square on Mackay Street and provided a safe and secure environment in which to catch a taxi.

There were many instances when taxis still collected fares from outside of venues within the CBD area, which defeated the purpose of having the secure taxi rank, however generally the secure taxi rank was well patronised by patrons of nearby hotels.
Sub Goal 1.2: Recognise and value the diverse needs and cultures of our Community.

Twenty One (21) projects were scheduled to be undertaken during the 2009/2010 financial year relating to this sub goal. Nineteen (19) projects were completed and two (2) are ongoing and have been carried over into the 2010/11 financial year.

There are twenty one (21) projects scheduled to be undertaken as part of the 2010/2011 Business Plans linked to this sub goal of Council’s Strategic Plan. Some of the projects scheduled include:

1) Promote responsible consumption of alcohol amongst the wider community of Port Augusta.
2) Support Obesity Prevention and Lifestyle Programs.
3) Attain ‘Service Excellence’ accreditation for the Substance Misuse Services Program.
4) Implement Disability Action Plans.
5) Hold an Ageing Expo.


Activities and highlights for 2009/2010

1. Substance Misuse Services (SMS Program)

The Substance Misuse Service Program provides several services to the community including a Clean Needle Program, Mobile Assistance Patrol and Sobering Up Unit.

The Substance Misuse Service Program is funded by the Federal Government (Department of Health and Ageing for the Mobile Assistance Patrol), and the State Government (Department of Health for the Sobering Up Unit & Clean Needle Program). The Port Augusta City Council has the responsibility of operating and managing this service.

During the 2009/2010 financial year the Mobile Assistance Patrol participated in 2774 assists. The Sobering Up Unit admitted 904 clients and the Clean Needle Program provided 19,300 new syringes with 10,550 being deposited back to the program. The total number of clients accessing this service was 1,052.

Specific activities undertaken by the Substance Misuse Service Program during 2009/2010 included:

1.1 Building works

Works have been completed to secure worker safety in relation to the needle exchange window. The window is now surrounded by a wall and door to allow for more privacy when clients of the Sobering Up Unit are utilising the kitchen area. The works on this area has also enhanced privacy for the team when meetings occur. Shelving was also installed in this area to ensure OHS&W guidelines are adhered to.

Secondly, the client’s bathrooms now have non slip flooring to assist in the prevention of falls.

Thirdly, the unit has had shelving installed in the stationery room and front office to allow for better storage and to protect staff from any possible injuries due to materials and equipment being in inappropriate locations.
1.2 **Staff training**
Free training has been accessed for several staff in Alcohol and Other Drugs - Certificate 3. Training will commence in August 2010 with the second intake occurring in January 2011 for the other staff.

Five staff attended the Statewide Sobering Up and MAP Service 3 day forum in Clare. Staff were involved in the development of SA guidelines in relation to Sobering Up Centres and MAP Services. Staff were also involved in training sessions facilitated by professionals in the field of Drug and Alcohol.

Five members of the SMS team participated in the 2010 ‘Sober Walk’ in Adelaide

1.3 **Accreditation**
SMS is currently addressing the gaps identified in a review conducted by external facilitators “Beyond” with the view to applying for further funding in September 2010 to conduct the full accreditation assessment.

In early May 2010 two staff attended an accreditation workshop in Adelaide facilitated by Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia.

1.4 **MAP Vehicle Spot lights**
Funding was provided by OATSIH for three activities: Firstly, to purchase spotlights for the MAP vehicle to ensure worker safety when on patrol at night, secondly, to develop an in-service directory and thirdly, to facilitate a ‘paint to heal’ workshop with clients. The workshop was not completed by 30 June 2010 as per the funding agreement; therefore permission is being sought to roll over the unspent funding to enable the workshop to go ahead during the 2010/2011 financial year. The plan is for the Day Centre and SMS to provide a joint workshop.

1.5 **General Activities:**

a) Extended hours trialled to cover special events.

b) Financially supported NAIDOC Week through the Family Fun Day and the School Initiatives Program

2. **OPAL Program**

In 2009 the Port Augusta City Council was one of only six local government areas to receive the first round of OPAL staff and funding. The OPAL initiative will run over five years, and aims to improve healthy eating and physical activity levels amongst Port Augusta families. The Program Manager commenced in September 2009 and was joined by the Project Support Officer in November 2009.

The latter part of 2009 and early 2010 saw OPAL mapping community needs and conducting consultation around the barriers/enablers to active living and healthy eating. Based on this information, the OPAL plan was drafted and is now in implementation.

2.1 **First Theme: water the original cool drink**

The launch of the first theme in February 2010 provided many opportunities to work with a range of Council programs, other agencies and the community. OPAL provided displays and resources to health services and the Early Years Parenting Centre as well as an ‘OPAL Home Corner’ kitchen play area in the Public Library.

OPAL was invited by the ‘Do It For Life Programme’ to present to a group of 30 GPs and practice nurses, highlighting simple lifestyle messages that can be integrated in to their advice (e.g. drinking water in place of sweet drinks).
Display boards were made for Port Augusta schools showing the amount of sugar in some popular sweet drinks. Feedback from school staff indicted a high level of student and parent engagement with the displays.

Left: City Manager Greg Perkin and OPAL Program Coordinator Camilla Leaver at the ‘Water The Original Cool Drink’ theme launch.
Centre: One of the displays given to schools
Right: The OPAL Home Corner in the Public Library

2.2 Community Foodies- ambassadors for healthy eating

Community foodies is a state-wide model where community members receive training to run nutrition programmes on topics like healthy eating, budget cooking and label reading. The additional capacity provided by OPAL staff has meant that more Foodies can be trained in Port Augusta, through a new partnership between Port Augusta Schools, OPAL, and Port Augusta Hospital. In the first half of 2010 eleven new Foodies were recruited from the education sector where they predominantly work with Aboriginal families and students. By building up the skill base within the community we expand the number of people working with our families as ambassadors for healthy living and advocates for local needs. Planning has already commenced for further rounds of Foodies training.

Community Foodie Graduates and Program Workers
From left: Program Workers Carmel Daw, Camilla Leaver & Melanie Hocking, Community Foodies Graduates Polly Thompson, Bernie Short, Mary Wilson, Danielle Smith, Cheryl West, Michelle Coulthard, Chris Matthews, Owena Brady (obscured) Program Worker Sally Gilchrist and Community Foodies Graduate Deb Byron.
Absent: Community Foodie Graduates Trisha Waye-Hill and Natalie Giles

2.3 Other outcomes
a) OPAL is co-funding healthy cooking activities at Carlton Children’s Centre, with a focus on budget cooking.
b) OPAL is collaborating with Council’s be active Field Officer to coordinate our work within council and the community.
c) OPAL is working with the Port Augusta Child Care Centre to achieve re-accreditation of their menu via Start Right Eat Right.
d) OPAL is supporting several sites to plan and develop vegetable gardens.
e) OPAL has worked with local schools to establish regular canteen manager meetings, to support implementation of Right Bite healthy canteen policy

f) OPAL is showcasing healthy lifestyle initiatives of relevance to local parents in a regular interview broadcast on Umeewarra radio, organised in collaboration with the school counsellor from Port Augusta Secondary School.

g) OPAL conducted a photo shoot to gather pictures of local families enjoying our local parks and open spaces. These will be utilised in future physical activity campaigns.

3. Youth Activities

3.1 Youth Advisory Committee
Port Augusta’s Youth Advisory Committee re-commenced during the 2009/10 year with a small group of interested young people led by Coordinator, Jess Fawcett and supported by Director of Community Services, Anne O’Reilly.

Group members range in aged from 15 to 20 years and have met regularly throughout the year excluding school holidays.

Activities undertaken by the group included a response to the ‘National Conversation – Youth Strategy’, feedback provided on the ‘Headroom’ pamphlets, a float in the Christmas Pageant, a Christmas dinner, planning and assistance with the National Youth Week event in Gladstone Square, and an underage disco in the Institute Theatre. Port Augusta and Quorn Youth Advisory Committees came together for a forum on the role of Youth Advisory Committees hosted by the Office for Youth representatives. Youth Advisory Committee articles were submitted for the Council’s quarterly newsletters to showcase what the group is doing.

3.2 Youth Opportunities Program
Council provided financial support for a second year to the Youth Opportunities Program in Port Augusta for students in Year 10. This ten week program aims at building self-esteem and resilience in young people with participants attending one day per week in an adult learning environment with follow up continuing for two years following completion. At graduation ceremonies young people have spoken about improved relationships with their siblings, families and fellow students and also about feeling more positive regarding their futures. One program was held with Port Augusta Secondary School students in Term 3 of 2009. In 2010, two programs were held in Term 2, with Caritas College now participating in this program. This is a wonderful result for Port Augusta, as now the majority of students in Year 10 will have the opportunity to complete this program which will bring positive benefits to the whole of the Port Augusta community.

Youth Networks

Council has continued to network with youth agencies through the Port Augusta Youth Focus Group which meets on a monthly basis. Council took the lead role in organising a National Youth Week event under the theme ‘Live It Now’ in Gladstone Square with other youth agencies participating by hosting activities and advertising the event. Fun activities included the Bouncy Castle, Velcro Fly Wall, x box games, golf putting challenge, temporary tattoos, bead making, wet sponge toss, SAPOL’s ‘beer goggles’ and the OPAL project’s healthy eating stall. Music was supplied by SAPOL’s Blue Light officers.
Sub Goal 1.3: Best practice in community programs and facilities managed by Council.

The sections of Council that undertake programs linked to this sub goal include: Aged Care, Childcare, Events, Arts, Leisure, Recreation, Library and Community Information, Animal Control, Health Services, Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre and the Outdoor Adventure Centre.

During the 2009/2010 financial year fifty nine (59) projects were scheduled to be undertaken of which fifty (5) were completed and nine (9) are ongoing and have been carried over into the 2010/2011 financial year.

There are thirty five (35) activities scheduled within the 2010/2011 Business Plans relating to this sub goal. Some of these include:

1) Upgrade Outdoor Adventure Centre to provide ‘dorm’ type accommodation.
2) Complete construction of Skatepark.
4) In conjunction with the Port Augusta Hospital & Regional Health Service organise an Ageing Expo.
5) Set up & exhibit Country Arts SA touring exhibitions with public openings.
6) Assist with planning and development of ARID – A Sculptural Collaboration.
7) Upgrade facilities at the Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre.
8) Develop on ‘Active Outreach’ program in conjunction with the Young Street Day Centre to address needs of Substance Misuse Service clients.


Activities and highlights for 2009/2010

1. Port Augusta Library & Community Information Service

The Port Augusta Public Library and Community Information Service had a successful 2009/2010 year.

One of the major highlights was the announcement in March 2010 that Zeta Adams was named Hillross/Business SA 2009 Trainee of the Year, at the Port Augusta Business Outstanding Business Awards. This was an excellent outcome celebrating her completion of Certificate II in Office Administration and a really successful year working in the Library and Cultural Centre.

Port Augusta Public Library offers a wide range of services and resources to the community activities and events undertaken during 2009/2010 included:-

1.1 Phil Cummings’ tour of Port Augusta

South Australian author Phil Cummings toured Port Augusta for 3 days, 27-29 July 2009. Phil visited the majority of primary schools including School of the Air. He entertained and informed the children about many aspects of writing and publishing books, including many tales of how real life events inspired stories in his books. Over 400 children from 7 schools attended these sessions.

During two other sessions at the Public Library Phil also spoke to the Wadlata Writers Group about writing and getting published and read from his picture books to children and parents at Wednesday morning Storytime sessions.
Organised with the support of the School Librarian’s Hub group this annual tour of a South Australian children’s author ensures a large number of children in our city have the chance to be inspired to read and encouraged to discover writing skills.

1.2 **History Trust SA Exhibition**
The Library hosted the History Trust of South Australia’s ‘With Courage and Humanity’ exhibition of Major Peter Badcoe’s Victoria Cross and the Yandruwandha-Burke and Wills breastplate over 3 days, 22-24 April 2010. The regional tour of these items, especially leading up to ANZAC Day, was well received by the community.

1.3 **National Simultaneous Storytime**
On Wednesday 26 May 2010 the Library organised for the National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) to occur across Port Augusta. All primary schools, pre-schools and child care centres were presented with a copy of ‘Little White Dogs Can’t Jump’ by Bruce Whatley to join in reading the same book at the same time with hundreds of other centre across Australia. Promoted annually by the Australian Library and Information Association the NSS is an opportunity to promote literacy within the community. At the Public Library preschoolers and parents enjoyed the book presented via powerpoint on the big screen, with an activity and songs.

1.4 **Community Information Service**
The community information database was transferred to a free web based service called ‘SA Community’, this has been significant change from the subscription based access used previously. The Public Library manages and updates the community agencies and services information for Port Augusta.

New editions of the ‘New Resident’s Guide’ and ‘Positive Ageing Guide’ were published and circulated to relevant groups and agencies in the community.

Each month the ‘Port Augusta Community Diary’ was produced and 500 copies circulated within the community and regional South Australia. Electronic copies are also available on the Council webpage.

1.5 **Broadband for Seniors project**
The Public Library has received equipment and furniture from the Australian Government initiative Broadband for seniors to provide a Seniors Kiosk.

The aims of the initiative is to increase the confidence and skills of older Australians in using computers and the internet, helping to build their community participation and social inclusion while addressing the issue of older Australians feeling isolated and ‘left behind’ in a technological age.

1.6 **Residents’ Newsletter**
The Residents’ Newsletter highlighting Council news and services for the community appeared as an insert in The Transcontinental on 19 August 2009, 4 November 2009, 24 February 2010 and 26 May 2010. Additional copies were made available from various Council locations and services. A change to format and design was introduced in November 2009.

1.7 **Solar hot water rebates**
Since December 2001 the Public Library has been assisting the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) in processing solar hot water rebates as part of an agreement between the EPA, Port Augusta City Council and the then NRG Flinders. This very successful program was taken up by numerous residents each year, with the fund finally depleted in 2009, and finished in September.
1.8 **Early Years Parenting Centre**
A new service involving the Early Year Parenting Centre was trialled with a collection of books for preschoolers located at the Centre on Stirling Road. The collection was rotated every 6 weeks allowing for parents to have access to changing selection of quality fiction for children.

The Library has also been involved with a new outdoor mobile playgroup being introduced in May 2010 by the Early Years Parenting Centre and other service providers.

1.9 **Books in the Sky**
Staff from the Royal Society for the Blind visited Port Augusta in January 2010 to install a new service known as ‘Books in the Sky’ (BiTS). This system has a large database of audio books that Library staff load onto navigator readers (portable mp3 players) for visually impaired borrowers. At this stage we are trialling the system at no cost, with the Royal Society for the Blind providing all equipment and software.

1.10 **Other Programs and Promotional Activities**
- Toy library service
- Monthly book club
- Library promotional newsletter
- Wireless and computer access
- School holiday activities
- Easter hunt
- Christmas Pageant
- Little Big Book Club packs
- Regular storytime sessions with Frozzled
- Ageing Expo
- Members film evening
- Youth Week
- Storytime for preschoolers
- Local and family history service
- Monthly Library bus and home visit service

2. **Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre**
The Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre opened to the general public for the summer season on 17 October 2009 after undergoing repairs, upgrading and general maintenance during the winter months.

2.1 **Pumphouse:**
- Clean out underground backwash tank
- Replace guttering
- Strantrol CO2 feed system
- Replace PVC pipe with copper pipe (make-up water)
- Repairs to booster pump (under warranty)

2.2 **Disabled Facilities:**
- Change Table and Lifter accessed through Special Education Resource Unit (SERU) was serviced

2.3 **Pools:**
- Regrouping of two small pools
- Main pool deck non-slip surface
- New skirt and weights replaced on solar covers
2.4 **Grounds and Surrounds:**
Shelving in new shed
Light towers servicing all pools were lowered to enable easier access for repairs and replacements.

2.5 **BBQ Area:**
Weatherproof shade over BBQs
Extra lighting under shaded area and over BBQs

2.6 **Kiosk:**
Upgrade PA system

2.7 **Small Plant:**
Purchase of Dolphin Easy Kleen (pool cleaner)

2.8 During the reporting period the Swim Centre offers the following services:

a) **SOS (Sink or Swim) Classes**
b) **Aerobics in Water Sessions**
c) **Education Swimming (Schools)**
d) **Vac Swim (summer safety programme run by Leisure Co)**
e) **Port Augusta Swimming Club**
f) **Aussie Masters**
g) **RICE (Remote and Isolated Children’s Education)**
h) **SOTA (School of the Air)**
i) **National Qualifying Meet**
j) **Courses run by Austswim (Teaching Water Safety, Infants in Aquatics, Disabilities).**
k) **Port Augusta Special School, Port Augusta West Learning Centre, Special Small Class Augusta Park.**
l) **Sporting Clubs for pre-season training**
m) **Rehabilitation**

The swim centre attracted 35,463 people through its gates during the 2009/2010 season compared to 31,435 for the previous year. As the pool is an outdoors facility, the weather an impact on the gate attendance.

3. **Sport & Recreation**

Sport & Recreation is a vital part of Port Augusta’s culture and by positioning itself to capture the sports tourism market, as well as improving the overall level of passive recreation and structured sporting options, we are well placed to achieve our set goals.

The Central Oval redevelopment still remains our top priority with plans still being worked through to commence this project.

Completion of the Sports & Recreation Master Plan and commencement of the Open Space & Playspace Strategies will provide direction for Council, sporting clubs, and recreational groups within the city.

The Port Augusta be active Field Officer role will continue to support the provision of safe, enjoyable and physically active sports and recreation within the community by assisting the sporting clubs and associations to become more self sustainable through planning and implementation of new procedures that meets the city’s needs.

During the reporting period, the Port Augusta be active Field Officer provided assistance to various sporting & recreational groups as follows:

3.1 **Be Active Community Centre** (formally the YMCA) – this community group was taken over by the Port Augusta City Council to continue to provide the range of services & activities required by the community.
3.2 **Sports & Recreation Master Plan** – This plan was completed during this reporting period and will provide a foundation and direction for Council and the local sporting community.

3.3 **Central Oval Precinct Development** – $5m was pledged by the State Government during the last election giving Council confidence to commence this much anticipated project. At this stage we have improved the ground lighting and installed new AFL Goals.

3.4 **Port Augusta Skate Park** – This project moved into the construction phase with the appointment of Convic Skate & Design through a tender process. Convic Skate & Design is one of Australia’s leading skate park builders and will finish this much anticipated project by September 2010.

3.5 **ETSA Oval Renovation** – Following recommendations from the Sports & Recreation Master Plan, ETSA oval facilities were upgraded to accommodate night sports with the installation of new lighting towers. Also installed during the reporting period were new vehicle access area, new fencing, coaching boxes, upgrade to changerooms, new scoreboard and better quality AFL goal posts. Installation of a new turf cricket wicket is planned for 2010/11.
3.6 **Port Augusta Recreation & Sports Network** - Continued to provide information and leadership to this network through regular emails, workshops and be active events based on local & state requirements.

3.7 **Port Augusta Secondary School Umpire Academy** - 26 students took part in this program and were given opportunities at local club netball games.

3.8 **Port Augusta Physical Activity Council** - With assistance from OPAL, this group was formed to prioritise physical activity options throughout the city. This group is made up of key stakeholders of the city and will provide leadership to all agencies involved.

3.9 **Port Augusta Junior Sports Foundation** - Minor changes to Foundation were made this year with the Committee looking to improve its services to all sports within Port Augusta. On-going support given throughout the year.

3.10 **Pichi Richi Marathon** - took place on 29 June 2010 with the third consecutive year of record entries being received. 420 participants registered for the various events.

3.11 **William Street Park Upgrade** – In conjunction with the Friends of the Back Beach, upgrades were made to this park which included a multi court facility (Basketball, Netball, Volleyball, 4 Square), new shade sail, new paths & installation of over 300 plants.

3.12 **Active Community Team Challenge** – 96 people participated in this event that ran over a 16 week period. This event was aimed at achieving personnel goals to improve a person’s walking or running time over a 2km or 4km course.
4. **Childcare Services**

4.1 **Port Augusta Childcare Centre**

The 2009/10 year once again saw an increase in the full time equivalent number of children attending the Centre. The average full time equivalent children attending for 2009/10 was 52.36. The average attendance in 2008/09 was 50.36 and in 2007/08 was 44.73. Many families are utilising the Centre, but the vast majority are attending on a part time basis.

The Centre continued to support students completing Certificate 3 and the Diploma in Children's Services by hosting placements throughout the year.

Vinyl flooring was replaced in the babies’ main room, sleep room, dining room and change area as the next step in a staged replacement program across the Centre. This work was undertaken on a weekend to minimise disruption to the Centre.

The Centre was successful in obtaining a Community Benefit SA grant of $20,000 towards replacement of the existing shadecloth structures over the swing and play equipment in the Kindy yard with solid roof structures. The shade over the toddlers’ sand pit and babies’ sand pits were also replaced with solid roof structures with funding provided by Council.

Jenni Busk and Anne Baker completed a Diploma in Children’s Services during the reporting period.

An unannounced Licensing Visit was conducted by DECS Project Officer, Jodie Short on 24 September 2009. Issues identified included the need to replenish soft fall bark chips and sand, and cobwebs on outdoor play equipment which were rectified. Another unannounced Licensing Visit during November identified the need to replace a rocking horse in the toddlers section. This was undertaken by Parks Staff on 19 November 2009. An unannounced curriculum audit conducted on 10 March 2010 had positive results.

Port Augusta Childcare Centre staff and children participated in the annual Christmas pageant with a float theme ‘The Wizard of Oz’. They looked fantastic and won the award for “Best School” float.

Visitors to the Centre included residents from AM Ramsay Village, Ambulance Officers who showed children through the ambulance, SAPOL officers who allowed the children to use the radio in the police car, the Army with some trucks, equipment and body paint, Kathy Possum’s ‘Walk About Tour of Australia’, and Questacon Science Play.

4.2 **Miriam High Special Needs Centre**

Numbers of children enrolled with the program increased during 2009/10 with up to 63 families being supported.

The Miriam High Special Needs Outreach Program continued to support families in Whyalla, Roxby Downs, Quorn, Coober Pedy and Andamooka. Up to 37 children were supported through the program.

Staff attended training sessions throughout the year including Child Safe Environments (Reporting Child Abuse), Child Protection Identification Awareness, Freedom of Information Act and State Records Act requirements, Electronic Document Records Management System, Connecting Mums and training in the use of the Chem Alert function.
The Centre supported various students during the year including 5th Year Medical Students as part of their six week country placement and work experience students.

The Centre continued its close relationship with the Flinders and Far North Child Development Unit, Child Health Team and the Northern Paediatric Unit. Cam Do For Kids continued to visit the Centre on a regular basis to observe children and provide information and resources to staff. CAMHS staff also attended the Centre to observe children and discuss strategies for Behaviour Management with staff. A Cane Trainer from the Guide Dogs Association visited the Centre to observe a child who is legally blind and will eventually be issued with and trained in the use of a cane for mobility. A Senior Developmental Planner with Disabilities SA attended the Centre to assess children and the Outreach Teacher from Autism SA also attended to observe children, and provide strategies and ideas around behaviour management. Novita Children’s Services attended the Centre on a regular basis throughout the year to observe children and provide families and staff with updated programs.

The Miriam High Special Needs Centre was a beneficiary of the Police Golf Day in 2009 with a donation of $8,100 being gratefully received. A donation of $1,050 was received from Bodycare Squash and Fitness Centre. The Centre catered for the Pastoral Hotel Golf Day and received a donation of $1,350. Donations were also received from Flinders Water Cruises, Alinta Energy Staff, Dan Van Holst Pellekaan MP, the Morgan family and friends, J & P Guidolin and Beehive Crafts.

The Special Needs Support Group for families of children with special needs continues to meet at the Centre on a regular basis. This group is supported by the Child Development Unit Coordinator and provides an opportunity for families to get together for a shared tea and discuss issues that they are facing in a supportive environment.

In the HACC funded School Holiday program, children with special needs aged up to 9 years who are unable to access mainstream services, have enjoyed fun activities including visits to kindergym at the Be Active Centre, days at the beach, Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre, horse riding, an excursion to Quorn and a boat cruise.

Considerable time was spent gathering evidence for the HACC National Service Standards audit. The self appraisal document was completed in December 2009 with the site audit undertaken in March 2010. A high quality rating was received in the moderated report. This outstanding result is reflective of the hard work and dedication of the staff.

5. **Aged Care Services**

5.1 **Nerrilda Nursing Home**

Twenty nine permanent residents were admitted to Nerrilda Nursing Home during the financial year. This figure is much higher than the previous year, where only nine residents were admitted during the year. The bed occupancy rate for the financial year was 97% which is quite high considering the high turnover of residents.

Nerrilda underwent a full two day site audit by the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency in August 2009. Nerrilda was found to be compliant with all 44 standards and was granted the maximum three year accreditation period. At the exit interview the assessors commented on the beautiful clean environment of Nerrilda which is a credit to the staff.

An unannounced site audit was undertaken by the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency in May 2010. This also resulted in the home being found compliant with the expected outcomes.
Aged Care Funding Instrument auditors attended Nerrilda Nursing Home in May 2010. This was the first audit since the introduction of the new funding tool with auditors pleased with staff’s knowledge of the funding instrument and documentation provided.

From July 2009, a new Enrolled Nurse specific shift was introduced each morning to assist the Registered Nurse with medication management. This has proven to be very successful, allowing the Registered Nurse to focus on clinical assessments and providing Enrolled Nurses with the ability to utilise their skills and knowledge. Due to the success of this new shift, an afternoon shift from 3.45pm to 7.30pm will also be introduced in the new financial year. Once again, this shift will enable the Enrolled Nurse to distribute medications from the Webster packs whilst the Registered Nurse attends to Doctors’ visits, complex health care and wound management.

The Nerrilda Fundraising Auxiliary is continuing to provide much needed support to the staff and residents of Nerrilda with significant funds raised.

In November 2009, Louise Absalom was engaged as a Quality Assurance Consultant to mentor staff in the introduction of the Aged Care Quality Association web based software. This software provides internal audit tools and the ability to benchmark against other facilities. The introduction of this software has also had the added bonus of a network group being formed, involving Aged Care Facilities from the North West region, which meets quarterly.

Students supported with placements at Nerrilda included enrolled nursing students from Pika Wiya Health Service and medical students trialling skills in physical and clinical assessment with their Professor.

Improvements to Nerrilda included the installation of ‘kick locks’ to all pan room doors to enable hands-free access to minimise the risk of cross infection and accidents. Coded locks were installed to internal store rooms to prevent unauthorised access. Key pads were fitted to external doors with an isolating switch to restrict access to the building after hours. Carpet in areas not affected by the 2007 building upgrade was replaced in December 2009. Modifications were made to two existing bathrooms to address OH&S issues identified in relation to the use of mobile baths.

Equipment purchased to improve the quality of life of our residents included four new high-low electric beds and seven new memory foam mattresses.

A Building Certification inspection was conducted by Australian Government contractor CH Group in September 2009 as a follow up to the major building work undertaken in 2007. Nerrilda was found to meet all required building, fire, safety and privacy standards.

Training included Aged Care Funding Instrument training, Continence Management, ‘Spark of Life’ Dementia training, Pain Recognition and Management, Elder Abuse and Mandatory Reporting in Aged Care, Grief and Loss, Dementia Training, Manual Handling, Return to Work programs, Validation and Sanctions, Oral and Dental Training, Wound Management, Financial Implications of Admission of Residents, Fire and Evacuation Training, End of Life Procedures and attendance at the Better Practice event.

5.2 A.M. Ramsay Village

Twenty five new permanent residents were admitted to AM Ramsay Village during the 2009/10 financial year. This is over double the number admitted during the previous twelve months. The occupancy level for the financial year was 96.9% which is quite high considering the high turnover of residents.
The 2009/10 year saw significant change to the staffing structure of AM Ramsay Village following the retirement of long term Director of Nursing, Mrs Susan Naisbitt. Mrs Bernice Racanati was appointed as Care Manager of Ramsay Village, with Mrs Penny Hooper reclassified to the position of Clinical Nurse. An additional shower shift was introduced to assist with the increasing care needs of residents. Staff hours were allocated to a Quality Assurance/Continuous Improvement support role. This person has worked closely with Quality Project Consultant Louise Absalom on the introduction of Aged Care Quality Association (ACQA) software for internal auditing and benchmarking purposes. A new position of Housekeeper was created to be responsible for the rostering, supervision and training of indirect care staff was well as ordering of supplies, acquisition of goods and maintaining high standards of cleanliness at the facility.

A donation of $6,000 was received from the Ex-Airmen’s Association. This was used to purchase an electric bed and mattress. $1500 was received from the Port Augusta Charities Group and was used to purchase a new Panasonic HD television for the Oddfellows Hall area. A donation from CPS Credit Union enabled a ‘club’ chair to be purchased for specialised nursing needs. Residents and staff are very appreciative of these donations to improve the quality of life for our residents.

An unannounced site visit by the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency took place on 19 January 2010 focusing on staffing management systems, continuous improvement and information systems. Ramsay Village met all required outcomes with the assessors noting positive improvements.

Aged Care Funding Instrument Auditors attended AM Ramsay Village in May 2010. This was the first audit since the introduction of the new funding tool with auditors pleased with staff’s knowledge of the funding instrument and documentation provided.

Visitors to Ramsay Village during the year included Her Excellency the Governor General Ms Quentin Bryce, Premier Mike Rann, and Minister for Ageing Ms Jennifer Rankine. A representative from Legal Aid attended Ramsay Village during March to provide information to residents regarding making of wills, enduring power of attorney and guardianship.

Entertainment was provided to the residents by the Desert Voices Choir, Mrs Case’s family, Caritas College students, Salvation Army and Shirley Moy. Residents also enjoyed regular bus outings in and around Port Augusta and a visit to the Port Augusta Childcare Centre for afternoon tea.

Training opportunities have included Certificate 3 in Aged Care and Certificate IV in Leisure and Lifestyle through a Registered Training Organisation, ‘Spark of Life’ Dementia training, Elder Abuse and Mandatory Reporting in Aged Care, Continence Management, Manual Handling, Fire and Evacuation training and Financial Implications of Resident Admission and the Better Practice event for 2010.

30th Birthday celebrations were held at AM Ramsay Village on 22 June 2010. An afternoon tea was held in the main hall with residents and staff joining in the festivities. A birthday cake donated by Woolworths was cut by Mr Jack Kite who holds the title of the resident who has been at Ramsay Village the longest.

5.3 Health Focus

Attendance levels in the Tuesday and Wednesday ‘Lets Keep Active’ groups has remained consistently high over the year.
These groups have enjoyed a range of activities designed to maintain or increase clients’ levels of independence. These have included painting, picture bingo, croquet, quoits, reminiscing, bowls, skittles, quizzes, balloon tennis, footy tipping and Melbourne Cup luncheon. Bus trips have been held to Melrose, Quorn, Dutchman’s Stern, BBQ at the Shacks, Jamestown, Hawker, Port Germein, Whyalla and Port Pirie.

Guest speakers have included Kathy Behrent from COTA who spoke on ‘Generic Medicine, Choosing Wisely’ and Hayley Hocking of the Victims of Crime Support Service, SAPOL’s Community Liaison Branch, and Port Augusta Hospital’s Continence Advisor.

The Low Vision Group have worked on various craft items during the year including decorated coat hangers, decorating wooden scarecrows made by the Men’s Shed and wooden Christmas tree advent calendars, card making, decorating wooden boxes, Easter egg holders and Easter cards, fabric covered note books and wooden cut out ‘family trees’.

Basic podiatry sessions were held each month by a staff member credentialed to undertake this task. A qualified podiatrist from the Port Augusta Hospital attended Health Focus quarterly to review all clients and attend to more complex podiatry requirements.

The Friday group for people with memory loss has experienced fluctuating numbers across the year. Clients attending this group enjoy the activities provided including short drives around Port Augusta. Carers of these clients are also thankful for the respite opportunity.

The community based exercise and walking groups continue to be well attended. The walking group meets at various locations around Port Augusta each week.

Staff training included a CPR refresher course, Manual Handling, Fire and Evacuation training, ‘Operation Life’, Jane Verity’s ‘Spark of Life’ Dementia training, and Types and Signs of Elder Abuse.

Considerable time was spent reviewing and developing policies to meet the HACC National Service Standards required for the Dementia Program. The self appraisal document was completed in December 2009 with the site audit undertaken in March. A high quality rating was received in the moderated report. This outstanding result is reflective of the hard work and dedication of the staff.

An application for continuing Day Therapy Centre funding to the Department of Health and Ageing was successful with a funding agreement for the period 1 December 2009 to 30 June 2011 signed.

The annual trip away was held in May 2010. This year the clients went to Port Lincoln for three nights. They visited Glen Forest Tourist Park, Coffin Bay, the Constantia furniture factory, a doll display, Boston Bay Winery and several other local attractions.

5.4 Men’s Shed

10th Birthday celebrations were held at the Men’s Shed on 22 July 2009. Around 60 guests attended the celebrations which included the cutting of the cake, light luncheon and an open day. The Chevington tool bending demonstration proved to be a highlight of the day.

The men worked on many orders during the year including a bench seat for Woolworths, renovating children’s play furniture for Carlton School, an indoor flag pole for the RSL Auxiliary, children’s bucking horses, rocking horses, dolls’ house furniture, signs for Willsden Primary School’s BMX track, an outdoor setting for the Early Years Parenting Centre, blanket/toy boxes and a horse jinker.
An application for grant funding to the Department of Veterans Affairs for a new fridge and a welding fume extractor was successful. $8928 was received for this purpose.

The shed hosted a new health program ‘Operation Life’ which is a suicide awareness workshop for veterans, their families or friends, and people who work with veterans. An ‘Anger Management for Women’ program for partners of Vietnam Veterans was held at the Men’s Shed, as was ‘Management of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease’. A Home Safety Information session was conducted by the Crime Prevention Branch of SAPOL and the Victim Support Service.

The Men’s Shed once again entered a float in the Annual Christmas Pageant. This year the theme was ‘Mr Magorium’s Wonder Emporium’. The Men’s Shed were winners of the ‘best recreational/youth/sports group’ prize.

The Men’s Shed was honoured to receive the Westpac Community Group Award in the SA Great Far North Regional Awards which was received by Ms Bronwyn Filsell, Manager Men’s Shed as pictured below. Volunteer Neil ‘Noogar’ Edwards also pictured below received a commendation in the Westpac Community Individual Award. This was well deserved for his 10 years of voluntary work with the Shed.

Donations of tools, materials and money have been received throughout the year, from members of the community. These donations assist the shed to become self sufficient.

5.5 **Port Augusta Ageing Strategy**

The Port Augusta Aged Care Service Providers Network (PiPA – Partnerships in Positive Ageing) continued to meet bi-monthly to share ideas, discuss gaps in service, trends and opportunities and progress recommendations of the Ageing Strategy.
The 2009 Positive Ageing Expo was held on Wednesday 7 October and featured the country launch of COTA Seniors Voice’s “Every Generation Festival” by the Minister for Ageing, Ms Jennifer Rankine. The “Every Generation” festival celebrates the lives, achievements and contributions of older people across the State. The Country Launch of this annual festival recognises the contribution of rural and regional seniors to the fabric of the community. Following the launch, the Inaugural Port Augusta Awards for Services to Aged Care were announced by Mayor Joy Baluch AM. The two award categories (individual and organisation) recognise the significant contribution made to older members of the community. The inaugural winners of the awards were Mrs Jill Welk for her volunteer work through the Port Augusta Pensioners Association and Domiciliary Care Reference Group and Meals on Wheels Port Augusta Branch for their long term contribution to the Port Augusta community.

6. **Community Events**

6.1 **Vibe Alive, 5 & 6 August 2009**

The Port Augusta Vibe Alive Festival was held over two days: Wednesday 5 & Thursday 6 August 2009 with 1200 students participating.

Vibe Alive is a youth festival for young Australians of all backgrounds that promotes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and encourages tolerance and teamwork.

Vibe Alive incorporates music, sport, dance and art in a high-energy, youth-friendly setting. Participants also have the opportunity to meet inspiring role models, learn about healthy living and career options, and boost literacy and numeracy skills.

6.2 **Port Augusta City Council Outback Surfboat Carnival, 7 November 2009.**

The Port Augusta Foreshore was splashed with colour, competition and excitement on Saturday 7 November 2009 for the Annual Surfboat Carnival. Teams from metropolitan Adelaide gave locals a great competition to watch, whilst local crews participated in the novelty rowing event, and children joined the fun of face painting. Awards were presented by Mayor Joy Baluch AM.

6.3 **Live at the Crossroads**

A very successful music concert was held on Saturday 28 November 2009 at Central Oval. Cold Chisel were supported by Shannon Noll and local performer Andy Killcross at this event.

6.4 **General Events**

Events that received financial or in-kind support from Port Augusta City Council during 2009/2010 are as follows: – Port Augusta Racing Cup, Wharfest, Jacobs Creek Port Augusta Golf Classic, Anderson Dancers Annual Pantomime, Carols in the Park, Australia Day Breakfast, Brunswick Women’s Choir, Organ Donor Awareness Week, Port Augusta Kids Crabbing Day, NDMA Motor Show, Pichi Richi Marathon and Port Augusta Cup (Port Augusta and Districts Greyhound Club).

6.5 **Global Maintenance Conference**

Council provided in-kind support to Global Maintenance Upper Spencer Gulf by organising and managing their Trade Show which was held to coincide with their Resources Conference held at the Standpipe Golf Motor Inn on Thursday 24 June 2010. This is the forth year that Council has managed the Trade Show component of their event.
7. **The Arts**

7.1 **Port Augusta Cultural Centre – Yarta Purtli**

The Port Augusta Cultural Centre – Yarta Purtli has now established itself as a cultural hub for the arts in Port Augusta. The Centre enriches the community by providing opportunities for local artists and performers whilst also providing opportunities for the public to engage in arts and cultural activities. Furthermore, it has played an important role in nurturing community development in Port Augusta.

7.2 **Partnership with Country Arts SA**

This financial year saw a change in the structure of the Arts Officer position. The role, formerly employed by Country Arts SA (with funding from the Port Augusta City Council), is now a Port Augusta City Council position enabled through ongoing support and funding from Country Arts SA. This agreement, which is for a term of three years, aims to ensure that the Port Augusta community (and surrounds) has access to a range of arts and cultural opportunities.

7.3 **Volunteers**

The Cultural Centre continues to incorporate a volunteer program offering community members an opportunity to play a vital role in the ongoing operations of the facility and associated events. This involvement gives the community a sense of ownership of the Cultural Centre and promotes an interest in the arts at a local level.

7.4 **Exhibition program**

The Gallery offers local artists with an exhibition space to showcase their works and also hosts a range of touring exhibitions through Country Arts SA and other major cultural institutions. The Gallery’s dynamic exhibition program ensures new exhibitions are on display every 4-5 weeks across a range of media including painting, photography, ceramics, sculpture and digital media.

During the 2009-10 financial year 20 exhibitions were held with 5663 visitors passing through these exhibitions. A highlight for the Gallery was Her Excellency, Ms Quentin Bryce, Governor General opening local photographer David Simpson’s photographic exhibition entitled *Of times gone by* in September 2009.

Exhibitions held during the year include:

- *Centred on Diversity* curated by Germein Art Focus
- *All Terrain* by Roger Drennan
- *View of a View* by Laura Wills
- *Fibre Frolics* by Fibrespace Inc
- *Sand, sea and scrub* by Coffin Bay Spinners
- *The Feeding* by Craig Ellis and Rob Anderson
- *Out of the Archives* – Port Augusta City Council
☐ Of times gone by by David Simpson
☐ Oarsum by Port Augusta Secondary School
☐ Hinterland – A Country Arts SA Touring Exhibition
☐ Up Close (and Personal) by Paul Lloyd
☐ Marvyn & Friends by Marvyn McKenzie and Friends
☐ Parallel – A Country Arts SA Touring Exhibition
☐ Face Up by Georgie Sharp
☐ Just Colour by Georgie Sharp and Melva Waterman
☐ A collection of works by Kym Needle
☐ After Dark by Paul Lloyd
☐ Winnie Bamara – The shy girl with the photographic eyes
☐ Grindell’s Hut Artist in Residence 2009 – Barry Wemyss
☐ Malka Aboriginal Art Prize Exhibition

7.5 Events

a) Desert Fringe

Desert Fringe returned to Port Augusta on 26-27 February 2010 with a packed program of events which included an entertaining mix of local and visiting performers. The Desert Fringe kicked off with a community concert and free BBQ on Friday 26 February followed by a show in the Barracks by The Axis of Awesome.

A Desert Fringe Family Day proved popular on Saturday 27, as did Nosferatu presented by Matthew Timmis and Country Arts SA Local Stages Initiative. The Needle and the Damage Done by Fiona Scott-Norman, a comedy show presented by Port Augusta Performing Arts Inc and Country Arts SA, was also well-attended with great feedback received from the audience.

The Desert Fringe Club, open on both nights, continued to be a drawcard for visitors with a constant flow of entertainment and music, combined with fantastic weather and a great atmosphere.

The combination of free and paid events made the Desert Fringe accessible to the whole community with something for everyone.

b) Grindell’s Hut Artist in Residence Program

Barry Wemyss, ceramicist and winner of the 2009 Grindell’s Hut Artist in Residence Program, spent three weeks at Grindell’s Hut situated in the Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges in late October/early November 2009. As an emerging artist with increasing recognition, Wemyss’ artistic objectives are creating works of art that portray the strong visual language emanating from the alluring beauty of our Australian landscape. His interests lie in art forms that portray the organic beauty of the innate features of places.

Barry Wemyss presented his ceramic works inspired by his time at Grindell’s Hut in June 2010 at the Gallery.

c) Swinging and Singing: The Great American Songbook presented by Port Augusta Performing Arts Inc and supported by Country Arts SA and Port Augusta City Council.

This collaboration between PAPA Inc and the Elder Conservatorium Jazz Orchestra students provided a valuable opportunity to all involved. The Port Augusta Combined Stage Band members gained the invaluable experience of performing alongside the students of the Elder Conservatorium Jazz Orchestra and under the direction of the senior lecturer Dustan Cox. This has given their members an amazing opportunity and enabled them to make connections that will benefit them in their future career choices.
The ‘Desert Voices’ were also able to participate in a workshop to further advance singing techniques.

d) Youth Week

The Port Augusta Cultural Centre – Yarta Purtli Gallery held a Youth Week Arts Competition to encourage young people 12-25 to participate in the arts. Entrants were asked to submit artworks relating to the Youth Week 2010 theme of Live it Now! Winners of the inaugural competition for 2010 were: 1st Prize - Liam Hayward, Zeta Adams (2nd) and Madeline Johnson (3rd).

e) Reconciliation Week

The Arts Officer ran beading workshops with young people in Gladstone Square as part of Reconciliation Week activities. All participants were able to make and take home a bracelet made from a colourful selection of beads. This activity has proven very popular with young students.

f) Art in the Park

Art in the Park, an arts market, was held in August as part of the 2009 SA Living Artists Festival. Initially, it was intended that this event would be held in Gladstone Square, however, due to inclement weather, it was necessary to move into the gallery. Feedback from participants was positive; however the weather did impact on sales.

7.6 Projects

a) Malka Aboriginal Art Prize

An idea of local Aboriginal artist, Marvyn McKenzie Snr, the Inaugural Malka Aboriginal Art Prize was held in June 2010. Marvyn, along with a committee, obtained sponsorship through the Port Augusta NAIDOC Committee to run an exhibition, incorporating a prize, aimed at Aboriginal artists living in Port Augusta and surrounds. The exhibition aimed to encourage more local Aboriginal artists to exhibit their works in the Port Augusta Cultural Centre – Yarta Purtli.

Port Augusta City Council’s Arts Officer assisted the organising committee along with the following partners: Port Augusta NAIDOC Committee; Centacare; Port Augusta Family Relationship Centre; Males in Black; and Country Arts SA.

The overall first prize winner for the Malka Aboriginal Art Prize was Charmaine Wilson, followed by Katrina Stewart (2nd) and Andrew Gaston (3rd). Charmaine Wilson also won the People’s Choice Award. Winners received some great cash prizes and 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners will also receive assistance from the Cultural Centre over the coming year to put together a joint exhibition in the Cultural Centre Gallery in 2011 to showcase their talents.

b) Winnie Bamara Exhibition

A major project for the Gallery during the year was an exhibition in May 2010 in recognition of the late Winnie Bamara. Winnie was born at Nullarbor Station in 1939. She spent approximately 14 years as a resident of Umeewarra Mission and Children’s home at Davenport on the outskirts of Port Augusta.
Winnie Bamara's talent as an artist shone through and she was given the opportunity to study art in Sydney in 1958 by the Mission. Such was the respect for Winnie’s paintings that early in her career she was driven to her exhibition at the Adelaide Art Gallery by the then Mayor of Port Augusta, Mr Lyn Riches. At the time the Mayor was also the Speaker in the Adelaide Parliament and consequently introduced many Australian and overseas dignitaries to Winnie’s artwork.

There was considerable community support in putting together this exhibition with some paintings being donated to the Gallery and several more being loaned to the Gallery for the duration of the exhibition. It was a true community effort and a lovely tribute to a wonderful talent.

7.7 Venues

During the 2009-2010 year the Cultural Centre/Barracks, Lea Memorial Theatre and the portable staging have been utilised extensively.

a) The Institute Theatre has been used for many events and functions during the year. We have been able to offer local non-profit groups access to a free community meeting room within the Institute Theatre. Some groups have taken the opportunity to utilise this on a regular basis, whilst others use the area on an as-required basis. Predominantly the Theatre area is used for conferences and meetings; however the area is multi-functional and has also been used for:

- Birthday celebrations, theatre shows, health forums, workshops, family fun nights, dance workshops, weddings, jam sessions, band practices, exhibitions, training sessions, Council events.

b) The Barracks has been proven to be a popular venue for weddings and private functions. The following additional activities have also utilised the Barracks:

- Welcome to Port Augusta event, Desert Fringe Festival, birthday celebrations, art workshops, social club events, health expos, food and produce markets, workshops.

c) The portable staging is a community asset. The staging is provided for free, saving the local groups who use the full stage $1440.00 in hiring costs. There is a fee associated with the transport, assembly and dismantlement of the stage and it is restricted to use within the boundary of the Port Augusta.

The stage has been used by:

- Combined Schools Choir, Port Augusta stage band, various Council functions, wedding functions, Port Augusta Racing Club, Umeewarra media, RFDS, Anderson Dancers, Port Augusta Secondary School, Sharp’s Music Centre, Port Augusta Country and Western Group, Great Southern Rail, Fringe Festival.

d) The Lea Memorial Theatre continues to accommodate the larger shows in Port Augusta, along with the local community groups who require a larger venue. The upgrade of the foyer and entrance doors in January 2010 has enhanced the area. Its ongoing operation continues to involve the many volunteers that generously give up their time to be a part of this venue. Their day to day involvement ensures that this venue continues to allow not only the local groups, but others from out of town to showcase their talent and events.
During the year the Lea Memorial Theatre has been used for:

- Conferences, workshops, international choirs/performers, touring theatre performances, forums, local church groups, weddings, training sessions, local dance/theatre/calisthenics/bands/schools, rehearsals for local performances, graduations, music workshops

8. **Port Augusta Outdoor Adventure Centre**

The Port Augusta Outdoor Adventure Centre offers programs which are an alternative to the ‘normal’ physical activities that are available.

Over the last 12 months the Centre has provided the following activities to the general public:

a) Week night hire and lessons in windsurfing, sailing and kayaking.

b) Sail training for students held after school hours.

c) Programs for community organisations and schools; these include bushwalking, orienteering, cycling, rock-climbing, abseiling, kayaking, windsurfing, sailing and snorkelling.

d) Programs in sailing, kayaking and canoeing for TafeSA Port Augusta Campus Aboriginal Unit.

e) Programs in sailing for the Polly Farmer Foundation

f) Programs were held for the Port Augusta Hospital and the Port Augusta Health Centre.

The Centre has provided the above activities during the school holiday periods with the water based activities being the most popular. A day walk at Mambray Creek was conducted and was well supported.

Training week held during the first week of October school holidays saw 30 people use the facilities to obtain and gain further qualifications. This is in conjunction with the October Holiday program and allowed new and upcoming instructors to put their new skills to the test.

With an updated and more modern kitchen facility and the recent addition of 20 bunk beds, the centre is an affordable short term accommodation facility catering up to 40 people.

9. **General Inspector Activities**

9.1 **2009/2010 Statistics:**

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9.2 **Millions Paws Walk**

Council assisted with organising the Million Paws Walk which was held on 16 May 2010. It was a very successful event with 91 dogs and 150 walkers participating. Funds raised resulted in $1,191 being donated to the RSPCA.

9.3 **Animal Management Plans**


Some of the strategies implemented included:

a) Regular random door knocks to check for unregistered dogs.

b) Discounted desexing and microchipping days were held in conjunction with The Port Augusta Veterinary Services throughout the year to assist people with responsible pet ownership. 72 animals were chipped throughout the discounted microchipping month, and 24 cats were desexed on the discounted cat desexing day in June 2010.

c) Rehoming of unwanted dogs and cats on the Council Rehoming Scheme with over 300 animals having been placed in caring homes.

d) Completion of the installation of On Leash/Off Leash signage around the Parks and Reserves within the City.

e) Free cat trap hire periods to assist with unwanted and stray cats.

f) Responding to animal issues/complaints from residents.

g) Upgrading of the Council Animal Compound.

9.4 **PetPEP Program**

Council has been a member and participant in the PetPEP Program since 2006. PetPEP is an education program developed by the Australian Veterinary Association. It involves Council Officers, veterinarians and teachers working together to teach primary school students about responsible pet ownership and to enhance their overall understanding of animals. Council staff have attended local schools throughout the year with other local organisations and community members.

PetPEP covers topics such as:

a) Behaving safety around pets

b) Choosing the right pet

c) Being responsible for a pet

d) Preparing for a pet

e) Caring for your pet’s health

f) Treating all animals well

The program enables teachers and students to build relationships with many community and government organisations.

9.5 **General Inspector Training/Development Activities**

Council Officers are supported in relation to training opportunities to ensure they are suitably qualified and informed in relation to various aspects of their duties and responsibilities. During the reporting period the General Inspectors attended the following training:

a) Authorised Persons Association Training

b) Impounding of Vehicles Training

c) Standard Operation Procedure Training

d) Investigation and Enforcement Seminar

e) Regulatory Services Seminar

f) Animal Capture and Handling Training
Sub Goal 2.1: A positive and progressive image of our City.

Council continues to implement initiatives to enhance the image of the City and in 2009/2010 nine (9) specific projects were undertaken, of which five (5) were completed and the others are ongoing.

During the 2010/2011 financial year seven (7) projects have been programmed to be undertaken in relation to this sub goal 2.1 of Council’s Strategic Plan. Some of these are:

1) Finalise the ‘Style Guide’ for the City of Port Augusta.
2) Continue to roll-out the new Port Augusta Branding Project.
3) Continue to develop the signage strategy and signage throughout the City.
4) Co-ordinate events throughout the year and support local organisations with advertising of events.


Activities and highlights for 2009/2010

1. **Port Augusta Style Guide**

   An application through the Department of Planning & Local Government’s Open Space & Places for People for $30,000 towards to establishment of a ‘Style Guide’ for Port Augusta was successful in 2008/2009, with Council receiving the funding in early 2009 for this project. The funding was rolled over into 2009/2010 and tenders were called during the reporting period, with Oxigen being the successful tenderer.

   The Port Augusta Style Guide will become a mechanism to communicate a consistent theme across the whole city, broadly containing details relating to the use of infrastructure and appropriate landscaping, materials, colours, street furniture, paving, lighting and signs. The Guide will include preferred landscaping elements such as shrub and tree species, types of turf and other elements such as a colour palette to indicate design intent.

   The Style Guide will be completed during the 2010/2011 financial year.

2. **Welcome to Port Augusta**

   The ‘Welcome to Port Augusta BBQ’ began in 2003 with the aim of bringing together all new professionals residing in Port Augusta. This is an evening filled with socialising, good food, the chance to meet new people and find out what Port Augusta can offer. A BBQ dinner including beverages is provided and partners & families are more than welcome to attend. The event was held Thursday 25 March 2010 with around 60 new professionals and their families attending.

3. **Entranceway Project**

   Port Augusta City Council has been negotiating with Business Port Augusta in relation to financial support for the replacement of the Information Bay structures at the three entrances to Port Augusta (National Highway One, Eyre Highway and Stuart Highway).

   Business Port Augusta have received quotes for the replacement of these three structures which will reflect the City’s new brand and logo theme. The Information Bays are an important tool to informing visitors to the City as to the various services that are available and where these are located.
It is anticipated that the three Information Bays will be upgraded during the 2010/2011 financial year.

4. Entranceway Signage

Letters requesting applications for the Community Events Advertising Programs are sent to Sporting/Community Groups. These groups then send in their applications requesting funding for advertising their events through Entrance Banners, Newspaper/radio, printing of Posters/pamphlets and advertising via TV for major events. During 2009/2010 some of the Events that displayed on the Entrance signs were Wharfest, NDMA Motor Show and Organ Donor Awareness Week.

5. Directional Signage

Council has been working towards improving directional signage throughout the City and the Signage Reference Group finalised the first shopping precinct signage during the reporting period. The Stirling Road Shopping Precinct has now been completed and work has commenced on design and manufacture of the Carlton Parade Shopping Precinct and Industrial Area.
Goal Area 3: Economic Development

Sub Goal 3.1: Economic Growth for long-term benefit

The 2009/2010 Business Plans listed twenty (20) projects to be undertaken linked to this goal area of Council’s Strategic Plan. Of the 20 projects, 16 were completed and 4 are ongoing.

There are eleven (11) projects listed within the 2010/2011 Business Plans linked to this sub goal. Some of these are:

1) Complete the Urban Growth (Part 2) & Westside Development Plan Amendments.
2) Action the Heritage Development Plan Amendment.
3) Investigate opportunities for developing Council’s industrial land.
4) Develop Land Management Project to identify surplus Council land.
5) Engage a consultant to further investigate secure mooring facilities.
6) Upgrade Wadlata Outback Centre facilities.

Activities and highlights for 2009/2010

1. Wadlata Outback Centre

1.1 Visitation:

109,472 visitors entered the Wadlata Outback Centre during the 2009/10 financial year. This represents a slight decrease of 1.65% (1837 visitors), compared to the previous 2008/09 financial year, which recorded the highest visitations since opening in 1988.

The partial filling of Lake Eyre has contributed to the 2009/10 success.

‘Live at the Crossroads’ that showcased Shannon Noll, Jimmy Barnes, Cold Chisel and local identity, Andy Killcross and Band was held on 28 of November 2009.

The summer of 2009/10 experienced extremely hot weather over extended periods, which negatively impacted on Wadlata’s visitations during these periods. As a result of concentrated advertising and marketing undertaken by Wadlata, the co-operative marketing with Flinders Ranges Water Cruises and 4 WD Tours, the SATC, FROSAT, Eyre Peninsula and the Northern Territory Tourism Commission, Port Augusta and the Flinders Ranges and Outback region experienced an increase in visitations compared to the rest of the State.
1.2 **Capital Upgrades**

a) **Air conditioning**

As a part of the planned progressive air conditioning upgrade, the 24 year old evaporative air conditioner which cooled the Visitor Information Centre and foyer has been replaced with a new Braemar system.

b) **Promotional Film – Foyer**

The original rear projection promotional film designed to promote Wadlata’s *Tunnel of Time* has been replaced with a 65” plasma screen. The visual effect of the film is outstanding and attracts the attention of the visitor when entering the Centre.

c) **Carriage Upgrade**

The heritage railway carriage, which is a part of the *Tunnel of Time* experience, has undergone some major repairs. The canvas roof has been covered in painted aluminium to prevent the further deterioration of the wood and the entire outside and inside roof has been re-painted.

1.3 **The Flinders Ranges & Outback’s Discovery Centre… the ‘Tunnel of Time’**

a) **Visitations**

Gross revenue as a result of visitations through the *Tunnel of Time* has increased by 9.4% compared to the same period last financial year. Comments written in the Visitors Book state the experience was the best they have seen throughout their travels around Australia. The recent upgrade has increased the length of their visit in our City, with many visitors utilising the ‘pass out’ to return the next day or on their return visit. This has had a positive impact on the economy of Port Augusta as visitors stay another night in our City.

b) **Olympic Dam Mine Upgrade**

January 2010 celebrated the opening of the new look, BHP Billiton’s Olympic Dam Mine which completed the 2nd stage of the $1m upgrade.

1.4 **Proposed Railway Museum**

A Design Feasibility together with Design Concepts and Associated Drawings to identify how the proposed Railway Museum could be incorporated within the Wadlata Outback Centre were presented to Council in December 2010, by Brown Falconer. Although Council were impressed with the concepts as presented, a decision on the proposal will depend on the success of Council’s submission to acquire the retired diesel locomotive GM1, which is proposed to be the centre piece for the development.
1.5 Retail

Although visitations to Wadlata had slightly decreased over the previous 12 months, souvenir sales increased by 6.3% making the 2009/10 financial year a record year.

1.6 The Outback Tuckerbox

With the inclusion of the outstanding accounts, the Outback Tuckerbox recorded a 2.3% decrease in gross sales compared to the previous financial year.

![Outback Tuckerbox Gross Income 2009/10 Comparisons](chart)

The Outback Tuckerbox offers a Loyalty Card to its regular patrons, offering a 10% discount on meals.

a) Capital Upgrades

To ensure the Outback Tuckerbox is maintained to a high standard the following activities took place throughout the reporting period:

i) Purchased and installed a commercial grade microwave, food processor, milkshake maker, drink machine for thick drinks etc, replaced the cappuccino machine and the internal kitchen benches.

ii) As a part of the progressive upgrade of the Outback Tuckerbox the 22 year old signage has been upgraded.

1.7 Port Augusta Visitor Information Centre

The Nationally Accredited Port Augusta Visitor Information Centre is an integral part of the total operation of Wadlata and is an extension of the ‘Tunnel of Time’, which also informs and encourages visitors to stay in Port Augusta and the Region longer. It is the first port of call for visitors wishing to find out where they can stay and what they can see and do in our City. Wadlata increases the economy and employment opportunities within the City, through the promotion, sale and delivery of service.

a) Enquiry Statistics

24,922 visitor enquires were recorded during the 2009/2010 financial year, representing an additional 1,751 (+7%) visitors seeking visitor information.

Included below are the statistics derived from the provision of Visitor Information and also through the point of sale system, where a post code or country of origin is recorded for every transaction.
(e.g. Intrastate visitors spend more money than seek information, with interstate visitors generally seeking information and spending money. International visitors require more information and spend less on souvenirs etc).

**Visitor Information Enquiry Statistics**

- The statistics above and below and through the Point of Sales statistics identify a decrease in our Intrastate (state) market.
- The Interstate market has highlighted a significant increase of 9.1%, representing 1055 additional interstate visitors.
- Although the International Market throughout Australia had highlighted a decrease in visitations, Wadlata’s statistics recorded an 11% increase, which represents an additional 673 international visitors.

2. **Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden (AALBG)**

2.1 **Visitations**

2009/10 proved to be another successful year for all components of the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden. The Visitors Centre staff are responsible for the Bluebush Café, the Gift Shop and the WMC Herbarium Meeting Room, which is available for hire for conferences, meetings, launches or family and special functions.

Visitation to the Garden have continued to grow, which has highlighted growth in the Bluebush Café and Retail Sections.

After an extremely successful start to the 2009/10 tourism season, gross souvenir sales experienced a healthy 16.7% increase compared to the same period last financial year; however, May and June 2010 have recorded a slight decrease in sales.

2.2 **Dining at the Bluebush Café**

2009/2010 Year to Date statistics highlight a 3.8% increase in gross sales, compared to the same period last year; however, with the accounts still outstanding the gross sales would have recorded an increase of 5.3%.

2.3 **Guided Tours**

Six volunteer ‘Friends’ of the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden conducted 150 individual Guided Tours of the Garden, highlighting a 16.3% increase compared to the previous financial year.

The number of visitors who purchased a Guided Tour increased by 29% and the gross income derived from the Tours increased by 28.8% compared to previous financial year.
2.4 Coach Market

Tours usually occur weekdays at 10am; 502 of the 997 visitors were from the coach market, which highlights a 30.7% increase in this market.

Special recognition and a big thank you is extended to the Volunteer Tour Guides, as without their support, guided tours may not be able to continue.

2.5 WMC Herbarium – Meeting Room

74 conferences/meetings, which equates to a 16.8% decrease, were held in the Meeting Room at the Garden during the 09/10 financial year; however this decrease could be a direct result of the availability of additional conference facilities within Port Augusta, including Council’s Institute Theatre and Meeting Rooms and the Wadiata Meeting Room.

2.6 Upgrades

Much of the worn natural carpet has been replaced in the Meeting Room and passage. Extensive maintenance and painting of the exterior/interior structures, as well as the wooden tables and benches, has been completed during the year.

3. Development Plan Amendments – Planning Controls

The Minister for Urban Planning and Development approved the Urban Growth Development Plan Amendment (Part 1) on 11 February 2010. The Port Augusta Development Plan has been updated.

Several issues arose as part of Urban Growth DPA (Part 1) and the Minister approved these issues being raised as part of an Urban Growth DPA (Part 2). The ‘Project Scope’ for this DPA has been forwarded to the Minister for approval.

Council has also forwarded a Statement of Intent to the Minister seeking approval to commence a Port Augusta Westside Development Plan Amendment. As at 30 June 2010, Council was still awaiting a response from the Minister in relation to both the Urban Growth DPA (Part 2) Project Scope and the Westside Statement of Intent.

A draft Local Heritage Development Plan Amendment has been prepared and Council will consider this Development Plan Amendment during 2010/2011. Council undertook consultation with those community members directly affected by this DPA and Council will consider the submissions received in August 2010.

4. Seawater Greenhouse Project

Council’s Development Assessment Panel approved a new ‘green industry’ in December 2009, which could see fresh good production become a new industry for Port Augusta.

The plan, proposed by London-based Company Seater Greenhouse (Australia) Pty Ltd, will use simple processes to distil freshwater from seawater, with the aim of providing enough freshwater to enable the establishment of fresh food production in an otherwise hostile climate.

Port Augusta was chosen as a suitable site for the pilot project and construction has commenced on the greenhouse facility. If successful, a new industry will be created for the City which not only provide jobs and economic development, but will also mean locally grown fresh food is available for Port Augusta residents.
Sub Goal 4.1: Sustainable and effective maintenance, management and enhancement of the City’s existing infrastructure assets.

There were twenty (20) projects included in the 2009/2010 Annual Business Plans relating to this sub goal, of which eleven (11) were completed and eight (8) are ongoing and one (1) has been deferred due to budget constraints.

In the 2010/2011 Annual Business Plans there are nineteen (19) projects listed to be undertaken linked to this sub goal of Council’s Strategic Plan. Some of these include:

1) Upgrade Westside War Memorial Park.
2) Develop Asset Management Plans.
3) Construct roads, footpaths and undertake road maintenance program.
4) Install roof tie-off points on Council Buildings.
5) Upgrade stormwater channel in Stirling North and on Carlton Parade.
6) Undertake inspections of building development.


Activities and highlights for 2009/2010

1. Cemetery Management

Graves more than a century old and all but forgotten are being revived as part of the Port Augusta Cemetery upgrade, on Carlton Parade. The aim of the project is to improve the appearance of the cemetery and ensure as many graves as possible are marked, dating from 1883 to 1983.

The first three stages of the planned five stage project have been completed, which has seen concrete borders placed around groups of graves, dating from 1883 to 1984, and is giving the relatives an opportunity to place plaques on unmarked graves.

During 2010/2011 the fourth stage will continue to be carried out by Salvation Army Employment Plus. The project is not only continuing but was expanded to include work on the concreting of borders two days a week and upgrading of the grounds surrounds two days a week.

Relatives again have the chance to mark the graves of family members, at a nominal cost. There are 40 blocks within Stage 4 (blocks 116/157) with burial dates ranging from around 1948 to 1984.

A ‘display block’ has been created by Council using the block inside the first gate of the cemetery, where families can see what the finished project is expected to look like with the block being marked with samples of the memorial plaques that are available for purchase.

Cemetery Working Party Member Leita Fennell has made herself available to the public on Friday afternoons at the Port Augusta Library for enquiries about how families can have a plaque placed on the grave, and location of the grave if unknown.

Anyone wanting further information can contact Sue Hocking on (08) 8641 9100 or email admin@portaugusta.sa.gov.au or visit www.portaugusta.sa.gov.au and follow the links News & Events, Council Media Releases to view a sample plaque, cemetery map and to download a plaque order form.
2. **Roads**

The unsealed section of Hanrahan Street between Slade Road and Kittel Street and a further section of the Miranda access road have been constructed and sheeted with limestone to alleviate excessive maintenance patrol grading. In addition limestone sheeting of Shacks access roads commenced with work on Laycock, Coulter and McCoy Courts. Significant repair work to sections of Depot Creek Road and Winton Road were necessary due to flood damage.

Road construction (kerbing and sealing) projects during 2009/2010 included:

a) Hedger Street
b) Zanker Ave (remaining section only)
c) Shack Road (not kerbed)

Funds were also received from the Department for Transport, Energy & Infrastructure towards the continued maintenance of Yorkeys Crossing Road.

3. **Stormwater**

The construction of stormwater infrastructure at Stirling North continued with a pipe and open channel arrangement from Francis, Catherine, Drysdale & Wastell Streets via ARTC rail corridor to the west side of Railway Station Road.

4. **Effluent System**

The remaining pump station upgrades to include 2 submersible pumps per station as well as telemetry control/monitoring of stations were completed and commissioned in 2009/10.

5. **Coastal Protection Levee Banks**

Work on the construction and protection of levee banks on the Westside continued with assistance from the Coast Protection Board, and Council's Special Capital Reserve Fund. Further armour rock was placed from south of the Yacht Club to the northern boundary of the EDI Rail Workshop.

The levee bank was completed in front of the new Edgewater Apartment development, the Westside Beach area, and is now well advanced southward toward Tiver Street.

6. **Footpath Upgrades**

Council allocated $400k for the first time in 2008/09 to commence a significant upgrade of footpaths to meet disability access standards. This allocation was increased by the Federal Government's Regional Infrastructure Fund with an initial allocation of $535k and continued throughout the 2009/10 year, for these upgrades.

The concrete paver footpaths with improved tactile indicated pram ramps and additional street tree plantings have been through a combination of local contractors and Council workforce.

In addition Council received further Federal Funds of $136k, through the National Bike Path Project, enabling the construction of 1.25 kilometres of shared bike/pedestrian pathway along the foreshore. This was also supported with Council's Special Capital Reserve Fund to enable 14 solar powered lights to be installed.

Also, Black Spot Funding contributed an additional $53.5k which enabled the construction of pedestrian mazes at the Stirling Road and Tassie Street level crossings respectively in conjunction with the footpath upgrade work.
7. Development Activities

7.1 Building Department

a) Building Rules Assessment

Assessment of development applications for compliance with the Building Code of Australia, and any relevant standards, forms part of the Development Assessment Process.

Generally buildings and structures are inspected for structural adequacy and to ensure they have the required facilities for their use.

During the reporting period, Council’s Development Section received a total of 363 applications for Development Approval.

The development applications received during the reporting period have been broken down into the following building types:

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<td>Office building, shop or retail premises, storage building, car park, laboratories, factory, workshops, healthcare/aged care and assembly buildings.</td>
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The estimated cost of progressive building work for the 2009/2010 financial year was $28,944,276 and the total amount of development fees for the same period was $117,395.

b) Building Inspections

The Port Augusta City Council Building Officers endeavour to carry out audit inspections of 20% of building work approved, in accordance with Council’s Building Inspection Policy (Policy 1.2.03).

As a result of the low numbers of applications received, staff have had an opportunity to increase the number of inspections being carried out. While the overall numbers may not appear to be significant it has alerted the public that officers are out and about.

The issue of not receiving ‘Statements of Compliance’ for completed work is still an area that is taking a considerable amount of time for staff to follow up.

c) Building Maintenance (Council owned Buildings)

Part of the Building Officer’s role is to be responsible for carrying out annual maintenance, audit inspections and maintenance reviews for Council owned buildings. Council employees and contractors carry out building maintenance identified through these audits.
During 2009/2010 building staff were involved in the renovations to Gladstone Square’s Rotunda, upgrade to offices in the Civic Centre, new roof cladding on Lea Memorial Theatre and Carlton Parade Cemetery fencing upgrade.

d) **Asbestos Registers**

Council maintains asbestos registers for all Council owned buildings. As part of Council’s Asbestos Register Program all buildings located on Council land will be required to adhere to the provisions outlined within Council’s Asbestos Register.

e) **Building Fire Safety Committee**

Council has delegated its power pursuant to Section 71 of the Development Act 1993, to the Building Fire Safety Committee, to undertake inspections of buildings within the City to determine the adequacy of fire safety.

The Council’s Building Fire Safety Committee has once again undertaken numerous inspections, including all accommodation houses. Many of the premises incorporating accommodation have either upgraded or completed their fire safety work.

Ten properties remain at various stages of their fire safety upgrade activities, and over the reporting period 3 properties were issued with enforcement notices.

The Committee’s focus has moved to buildings where large public gatherings may occur.

7.2 **Planning Department**

a) **Responsibilities of the Planning Department**

The planning department is responsible for assessment of development applications against the Port Augusta City Council Development Plan and in accordance with the Development Act 1993 and Development Regulations 2008.

Development Plan Consent involves the assessment of the development application against the Port Augusta City Council Development Plan to ensure that development:-

i) results in the appropriate use of the land according to the relevant zones

ii) enhances and is in keeping with the environmental and visual qualities of the area

iii) is compatible with the orderly and proper planning of the area and compatible with surrounding development

iv) has a minimal adverse impact on the form and character of the locality in which it is situated

v) respects living conditions of nearby residents.

Council’s planning department is responsible for determining in the assessment of the application:-

vi) the kind of development (complying, non-complying and development on consideration of merit)
vii) the relevant Authority for the application (Council or Development Assessment Commission)

viii) whether the application needs to be referred to prescribed bodies or other Government agencies

ix) whether the public or adjoining property owners are required to be notified of the application.

b) Planning Assessment

During the 2009/2010 financial year there were 363 development applications lodged with the Port Augusta City Council. These applications brought in a total capital value of $28,944,276.00.

Whilst there was a down turn in development application numbers in the previous years there is a belief that development activity will bounce back due to growth in mining.

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c) Heritage

Council currently engages a Heritage Advisor who is available to provide advice on heritage issues within the Port Augusta City Council area.

d) Administrative Correspondence

Out of the 363 development applications lodged during this reporting period, Council’s Planning Department sent 348 letters to applicants requesting further information or advice on other associated matters as part of the assessment process.

e) Development Assessment Panel

Council planning staff are authorised with certain delegated powers and limitations in approving different types of development proposals. When a development application is lodged and its proposal is outside of the planning staff’s delegated powers, the development application is required to be referred to the Council’s Development Assessment Panel for consideration.
The role of the Council’s Development Assessment Panel is to make decisions on development applications in accordance with the Development Act 1993 and the provisions of the Port Augusta City Council Development Plan.

Council planning staff are required, as part of their assessment, to determine whether an application is required to be referred to the Council’s Development Assessment Panel for consideration. If this is the case, comprehensive reports are prepared in relation to the development proposal which outline the relevant issues applicable to the Port Augusta City Council Development Plan and the recommendation to the Council Development Assessment Panel is either to grant or refuse development plan consent.

45 of the 363 development application received were required to be referred to Council Development Assessment Panel for consideration.

f) Referrals to State Government Agencies

In accordance with Schedule 8 of the Development Regulations 2008, there were 22 Development applications referred for consultation and comment by a State Government Agency. These agencies include Heritage SA, Coast Protection Board, Environment Protection Board and the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure etc.

g) Public Notification

In accordance with Schedule 9 of the Development Regulations 2008, 20 development applications were determined to be either Category 2 or Category 3 applications. Council is required in to notify adjoining property owners of these types of proposals.

Within the Category 2 public notification process the Council is required to give notice of the application to owner or occupiers of each piece of adjacent land (including land which is directly separated by a road or river provided that it is no more that 60 meters from the subject site).

Within the Category 3 public notification process the council is required to give notice of an application to owner or occupiers of each piece of adjacent land (including land which is directly separated by a road, river provided that it is no more that 60 meters from the subject site, plus place a public notice in the local paper to notify the public in general).

All notifications Category 2 & 3 are also placed on display within the Civic Centre of the council office for public inspection.

h) Refused Applications

5 out of the 363 Development applications were refused development plan consent.

i) Dwelling Applications

55 dwelling applications were lodged within the financial year. There was a decline from previous years; however it is still a good indicator of modest growth within the Port Augusta area. Council is seeing a lot of infill of existing residential areas with new residential housing.
j) Completion and Compliance

Council is currently checking all 2007 development applications for completion and compliance. When seeking development approval the Development Act gives an applicant or owner 12 months to have their development substantially started and 3 years to have the development completed.

If the development is not started within the first 12 months then the application will be deemed to have lapsed at the expiration of the 12 months of the date of the consent or approval date.

If the development has not been completed the Council can order the development to be completed with a reasonable time frame.

k) Residential Development Code Assessment

41 development applications fell under the Residential Development Code, requiring Building Consent only. Therefore no planning assessment was required.

8. Asset Management

Council engaged Tonkin Consulting Engineers early in 2010 to support Council in developing the 20 year maintenance & replacement program for roads, kerbing and footpaths. The project initiated in 2007 was resumed this year upon Council employing an Assets Engineer to progress the implementation process of the asset management plans.

The process of providing Tonkin with relevant raw data including roads priority ranking and pavement age is nearing completion. The services will include web hosting of the software required for generating the work programs and valuation analysis for roads, kerbing and footpaths.

Field survey and data collection for the valuation of Council assets for financial and insurance purposes was carried out in the reporting period and documentation will be completed by August 2010.
Sub Goal 4.2: Plan for the provision of additional Infrastructure to meet the needs of our growing city.

There were two (2) projects included in the 2009/2010 Annual Business Plans relating to this sub goal, of which both were completed.

During the 2010/2011 financial year, 1 project has been programmed to be undertaken as part of this sub goal. This is:

1) Implement initiatives as identified to cater for population expansion.


Activities and highlights for 2009/2010

1. Lawrie Wallis Aerodrome

The Regular Passenger Traffic (RPT) licensed to Sharp Airlines continued on from the previous year’s growth.

Charter operations supporting the mining industry also increased frequency of flights.

Seating replacement within the terminal building was completed along with all gable markers being renewed on the runway.

A new solar powered security gate for vehicles entering the airside was commissioned as well as 746 metres of rebuilt and realigned perimeter fencing. 77 metres of chain mesh security fencing was also installed during 2009/2010.
Sub Goal 5.1: Effective management and maintenance of the City’s unique natural and built environment

There were five (5) projects included in the 2009/2010 Annual Business plans relating to this sub goal, of which two (2) were completed and three (3) are ongoing.

In 2010/2011 six (6) projects have been scheduled to be undertaken as part of the Annual Business Plans which are linked to this sub goal of Council’s Strategic Plan. These include:

1) Finalise contractual arrangements for the construction and operation of a Waste Transfer Station.
2) Complete the closure & post closure plan for Stirling North Refuse Reserve.
3) Establish a ‘Strategic Management Committee’ to implement actions identified in the Business Plan linked to the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden Master Plan and Interpretation Plan.
4) Monitor water standards and salinity levels of the Bird and Pink Lakes.


Activities and highlights for 2009/2010

1. Public and Environmental Health Act

1.1 During the 2009/2010 financial year (6) six notices under the Public and Environmental Health Act were served.

1.2 19 (nineteen) complaints requiring inspections of unsanitary and other general conditions were attended to, mainly involving accumulations of refuse, animals, birds and insects, which were resolved on site or by letter, negotiation, notice or direction.

1.3 Development applications received by Council were 363 between 1/7/09 and 30/6/10 and were assessed by the Health Section of Council in accordance with legislation.

1.4 356 Searches were assessed by the Health Section of Council for the 2009/2010 year, compared to 208 in 2008/2009.

1.5 Septic approvals this year totalled 59. Of this, there were 27 Septic, 24 Aerobic and 8 amendment approvals, resulting in a total of 80 routine inspections, and a total of 101 septic enquiries.

1.6 During 2009/2010 there has been an increase in approvals and as a consequence an increase in demand and extra inspections.

1.7 Council also received a total of 4 complaints in relation to septic/aerobic systems causing nuisance and/or other issues throughout the reporting period.

2. Air Quality

2.1 During the 2009/2010 reporting period there were 12 complaints of fugitive coal dust/smoke or fly ash dust from disposal areas.

The increasing height of the fly-ash storage area at the Power Station, and the difficulties associated with keeping the surface wet, will inevitably result in fly-ash lift-off during moderate to high winds unless adequate control measures are implemented.
Although there has been some action taken by the Power Station to control excessive fly-ash lift-off, all enquiries were forwarded:

a) to the Power Station in the first instance; and
b) to the EPA for licensing requirements and to ensure licensing parameters were being met.

2.2 There were no complaints received during the reporting period regarding smoke emissions from domestic combustion heaters.

3. Food Act

There are 84 commercial food outlets in operation within the City. All food premises are inspected on an annual and rotating basis as required.

It is a requirement under legislation that all operators notify Council of their existence. Notification can be done online or by calling Council’s Health Department for the required forms for completion. There are penalties for non compliance.

During 2009/10 there were 51 food stall applications completed by people wanting to sell food within the Council area.

During the reporting period, 28 food complaints were investigated and satisfactorily resolved.

4. Immunisation

Council has Registered Nurses who visit the school site(s). All secondary schools are covered, including Port Augusta Secondary School, Caritas College, Port Augusta Special School and Carlton School.

The 2010 School Based Immunisation Program includes the Year 8 HPV (Cervical Cancer Vaccine), Chicken Pox, Hep B and Year 9 Boosterix.

A total of 726 vaccinations were administered for the School Based Program for the calendar year ending 31 December 2009.

The Staff Flu Program this year was conducted with visits to all work sites.

Special Public Clinics where also conducted in late 2009 for the H1N1 (Swine Flu) vaccinations with a total of 1210 vaccines administered.

5. Vector Control

5.1 Mosquitoes

Nil complaints were received during 2009/2010. Regular surveillance of known breeding areas is undertaken throughout the year.

5.2 Midge Flies

During 2009/2010, midge flies in the Lakes on the southern entrance to the City continued to be controlled effectively by salinity manipulation.

Pink Lake, which is located to the south of the railway line and north of Highway One, is at times dry. Winter rains provide stormwater inflow into Pink Lake from the Willsden area. The stormwater supply is sufficient for Pink Lake during these months.

5.3 European Wasps

Throughout the reporting period there was one (1) reported sighting of European Wasp activity. From this report, there were no nests destroyed.
6. **Lakes System Management**

Seawater for Bird Lake, at the City’s southern entrance, is extracted from Flinders Power’s polishing pond via a pipe and valve system on the levee bank that divides the lake and the pond.

Throughout the past year, the system of pipes and valves has allowed the operator to flow water into Bird Lake and to maintain a level of salinity which controls midge flies and odour.

It is a balancing act to maintain correct salinity levels in Bird Lake which are affected by rainfall and evaporation. If the water is not saline enough the midge flies and odour can become a problem in a short period and if it is the end of summer it can take months to bring the problem back under control.

Every 8-10 weeks rubbish is removed from the lakes area including the Bird, Pink and Salt Lake (north of railway line) and is disposed of properly.

7. **Liquid Waste facility**

Council’s liquid waste facility is licensed for and receives oily waters and grease trap wastes from licensed approved operators only.

When licensed operators require to dispose of oily waters they must provide a sample first, in accordance with the EPA licensed conditions, before disposal at the site to ensure the lining of the pond is not affected.

Remediation at the site including the removal of the excess contaminated soil is being investigated as part of the EPA licensing requirements.

From 1/7/2009 to 30/6/2010, the facility received a total amount of 173.3 kilolitres of liquid waste from around Port Augusta and surrounding districts. The main constituents of the waste over the past year have been grease trap waste.

The above figure for liquid waste is 615 kilolitres lower than last year’s figure.

8. **Waste Management**

The 3 bin waste collection system has settled down since being introduced in October 2007. Consistent performance is now being provided by contractor Veolia after bin ‘roll out’ problems were resolved. Contamination issues in regard to green waste and recyclables is an on-going concern as are cases of illegal dumping in adjacent rural areas.

Council’s contractor Trans Pacific Industries, who are constructing a Resource Recovery Centre (Waste Transfer Station) in the Footner Road industrial zone, expect to be operational by August 2010 to coincide with the closure of the Stirling North Refuse Reserve.

9. **Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden – Vision Plan**

The Port Augusta City Council engaged Michele Bain of Designhaus to prepare a Vision Plan for the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden during the reporting period.

The purpose of the Vision Plan is to investigate some of the business opportunities that could be developed around the AALBG, particularly in the context of their wider implications for Port Augusta. This plan looks at how the AALBG could become:

a) financially sustainable via independent business revenue and growth;

b) a nationally significant tourism asset;

c) a trusted global supplier of Australian arid zone plant material and specialist knowledge;
d) a tool to enhance public perceptions of Port Augusta.

This Vision Plan is also the first step towards creating an AALBG Strategic Plan which will be used to guide the AALBG’s future progress and to ensure that all strategic decisions are taken with ‘the big picture’ in mind.

9.1 AALBG General Activities 2009/2010

This has been a year of change and progress. Over the last 12 months Port Augusta City Council has taken responsibility for the nursery and the website, increased staff, and carried out some serious short to medium term planning for increasing overall economic viability.

a) The nursery

The nursery continues to do well and has sold over 18000 plants in the last 12 months. This is expected to more than double in the next twelve months due to considerable orders from Prospect City Council, planned marketing and the development of the new nursery shop at the Visitor Centre. A permanent nursery position was created to co-ordinate production and a casual position to assist. The nursery has also been designated as a workplace for staff from other Council departments on restricted duties whilst their return to work plans are executed.

A large area near the existing nursery and works compound has been cleared and levelled. This will be fenced and surfaced in the next year’s budget. In the short term this area will be used for holding orders and hardening off and when further funding is available new propagation facilities will be installed.

b) Projects

Stage One of the Courtyard redevelopment is complete with the exception of plantings. The Triodia sp. that is a major feature of the design is notoriously difficult to propagate; however enough are available to carry out a substantial planting during Spring 2010. So far work carried out on this project includes the large recycled rubber central area (165m2) around the sundials, 200 m2 of specialised concrete footpath, over 1000 tons of red sand, 10m3 of gravel, 46 metres of recycled rubber edging, 4 tons of mulch and some sub surface irrigation. Also a thousand or so plants required for the site have been propagated. Funds have been allocated in the new budget to complete Stage Two and it is expected that the entire project will be complete and ready to launch within 6 months. Stage Two will include the rammed earth walls, benches, interpretive material, lighting and electricity, the latter of which will allow the area to be used for functions day or night. The Friends contributed $25,000.00 in Stage One.

c) AridSmart Gardens

These gardens have continued to be popular and won first prize in the public garden section of the inaugural Sustainable Landscapes state wide competition. Plantings have been reviewed and will now be replaced in some of the gardens and new panels have been developed that have clearer numbering of the species used and will be installed as soon as possible.

d) Arid Arboretum

With the assistance of Green Corps approximately 300 plants have now been planted into this new area. This is just stage one and it is expected that stage two will be planted next year and a final stage three the following year.
e) **Eremophila Garden**
A staff member has now been allocated to be responsible for this area and maintain it on a weekly basis. Planning is currently underway to extend the collection into the area between the existing and the outer sealed service road, to join up with the perimeter plantings already there. The majority of the several hundred plantings put into the existing area have failed over the last 3 years and therefore the suitability of this specific site in its current state for the Eremophila collection is under review.

f) **Collections**
A systematic clean up of these areas over the last 12 months is almost complete. The removal of dead plant material and invasive local species has unfortunately left many areas looking bare, however we are now ready for systematic weed control, mulching and identifying which species to be replanted.

g) **Promotion**
The AALBG has been promoted well over the last year with the very successful ABC Garden Expo. Friends and staff at the Expo handed out around 4000 items of AALBG and Port Augusta literature.

ABC Gardening Australia filmed and aired 2 programs, one on the importance of our volunteers and the other on the collection.

Out of the Blue also shot and aired an excellent short story on the gardens.

There have also been numerous articles in The Transcontinental newspaper, Council newsletter and other general publications.

The Friends conference at Mildura and AALBG Friends commitment to host the next conference was a great promotion as was the plant sale at the Laura Folk Fair manned by Friends and staff.

The Curator is the current Australian Plants Society, South Australian Branch President and South Australian Representative on the Council of Botanic Gardens of Australia and New Zealand. This has hopefully helped to increase the profile of the AALBG within Botanic Garden Circles and Native plant enthusiasts.

h) **Website**
The bulk of the new website was developed over the last 12 months and has received many compliments for design and content. Some pages are yet to be completed and this is expected to occur over the next couple of months.

i) **Arid Sculptural Event**
Planning over the last 12 months has gone into this Biennial event which is to be held this year in September. The event will differ from other years in that the entire focus will be on the AALBG and will run with the theme of ‘Adapt or Die’

j) **Vision Plan**
This plan was commissioned by Port Augusta City Council to provide a vision for the future for the AALBG and has now been adopted. The plan maps a path for the gardens that will be followed over the next 12 months to help achieve financial sustainability.

k) **Green Corps**
Green Corps have undertaken several projects within the AALBG this year including Buffel grass removal, tree planting, propagation and vegetation clearing.
Goal Area 6: Organisational Effectiveness

Sub Goal 6.1: A professional effective, efficient and customer focussed organisation responsive to the needs of the community

There were twenty seven (27) projects included in the 2009/2010 Annual Business plans relating to this sub goal, of which twenty one (21) were completed and eight (8) are ongoing.

During the 2010/2011 financial year there are thirty eight (38) projects scheduled to be undertaken as part of the Annual Business Plans which are linked to this sub goal of Council’s Strategic Plan. These include:

1) Support staff in continuous professional educational activities at Nerrilda & A.M. Ramsay Village
2) Action recommendations from the Good Governance Audit.
3) Undertake a Regulatory Compliance Audit.
4) Produce electronic training records.
5) Maintain Council’s OHS&W, risk management and rehabilitation systems.
6) Develop a Corporate Plan for the organisation.
7) Maintain processes to ensure Council’s services maintain accreditation levels.
8) Undertake and support training and professional education activities for staff.


Activities and highlights for 2009/2010

1. OHS&W “One System” model

As a result of the WorkCover Audit conducted in 2008 several major non-compliances were identified across the Local Government Association in regards to OHS&W management.

To address these issues the Local Government Association Mutual Liability Scheme committed to ensuring all Councils have a compliant OHS&W management system that will meet the new stringent requirements imposed on self insured organisations by WorkCover.

The LGAMLS set up a model OHS&W management framework for Councils to adopt/adapt, consisting of 6 core policies supported by 25 procedures. These policies and procedures were released by the scheme under the banner of the ‘One System’ model. This model Framework has been endorsed by both Workcover and SafeWork SA.

One System policies and procedures started to roll out from the LGAMLS in November 2009 with a target date for the adoption of all policies and procedures set for 30 June 2010.

This target date has since been revised with the LGAMLS indicating that they now only require the core policies to be adopted by 30 June 2010 and the review and adoption of the procedures to continue into 2011, if necessary.
Council had already established a program of consultation, review and adoption for all policies and procedures in January 2010 to meet the target date set by the scheme at that time. Council continued with that program despite the changing of the target dates, and consequently have adopted all but 1 of the ‘One System’ policies and procedures. The last procedure that needed further consultation will be put to the Safety First Committee for adoption at the meeting 27 July 2010.

Council is now at the stage where all the policies and procedures that have been released by the scheme are in place, and the next step is to ensure that the correct documentation (registers, forms permits etc) that are identified in these new procedures are established.

In consultation with Julie Beaton (Council’s Regional Risk Co-ordinator) and other Councils from the Eyre Peninsula, a working group has now been established to review and, in some cases, formulate new forms and permits to be attached to the procedures to ensure we comply totally with WorkCover requirements.

With some additional procedures still to be released by the LGAMLS the roll out and implementation of the ‘One System’ will continue into 2011.

2. **Comparative Performance Measurement Project – Community Survey**

Community surveys were undertaken by Roy Morgan Research in March and April 2010 as part of the LGA’s Comparative Performance Measurement Project.

An advertisement was placed in The Transcontinental newspaper on Wednesday 10 March, advising the community that 400 random telephone surveys would be undertaken, commencing 15 March 2010.

The survey provides feedback to Council on the community’s perspective of Council’s performance in relation to many areas of its operation. The feedback is then able to be used by Council to improve its service and to ensure greater transparency and accountability to the community.

Councils are able to also include additional questions over and above the standard questionnaire, and Council took this opportunity during 2010 to include a question in relation to the extension of the Total City Dry Area regulation.

The results of the survey were again very pleasing and graphs are available within Section Four – Compliance Report of this Annual Report, which show the 2010 results compared with results from previous years.

3. **Council/Key Committee Minutes and Agendas**

Council and Key Committee minutes and agendas are available on Council’s Website on the Thursday prior to meetings, which are held on Mondays or a Tuesday if a public holiday falls on the Monday. The minutes and agendas can be found at [www.portaugusta.sa.gov.au](http://www.portaugusta.sa.gov.au) under the heading ‘The Council’ then clicking on ‘Minutes and Agendas’, then follow the prompts.

4. **Good Governance Audit**

Communities and the Parliament (via legislation) over recent years have had an increased expectation for Councils to enhance their governance performance. To assist Council in this area, the Local Government Association developed a Good Governance Assessment Tool for Councils to use when assessing their governance performance and to identify related priorities and actions for improvement. Following a self assessment which was completed in November 2009, a ‘Good Governance Audit’ was undertaken by Independent Validator, Mr Terry Bruun in January 2010.
The purpose of the independent validation was to:

1) corroborate the Council’s governance self assessment findings;
2) provide Council with an independent perspective on its governance performance and make additional recommendations for its improvement;
3) provide the Local Government Association with a copy of the independent validator’s report in order for it to reflect on Council’s governance practices; and
4) generate information and data that will inform governance performance improvement, resourcing, decision-making and reporting within the Local Government sector in South Australia.

The following rating system was used in this assessment process:

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<td>Level 4 Excellent</td>
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Council’s self assessment identified its Overall Rating as ‘Level 3 Good’ and this rating was supported by the Independent Validator.

5. **Records Management**

The implementation of an Electronic Records Management System (EDRMS), TRIM, within Council has progressed since various delays occurred with software vendors and integration with Council’s existing Authority System.

The EDRMS implementation was originally a joint project with Gawler, Prospect and Mount Gambier Councils with Port Augusta Council being the test subject by sorting out the various obstacles that occurred during preparation for ‘go live’.

Prior to the roll out of TRIM within the Civic Centre, staff were consulted and had input into creating file titles with a selection of staff also testing the system before ‘go live’ occurred.

The EDRMS system was rolled out within the Civic Centre during June 2010, with TRIM now being used as Council’s corporate record keeping system.

It is envisaged to continue to roll out TRIM across the various outside departments of Council (i.e. external to the Civic Centre) during the 2010/2011 financial year.
Sub Goal 6.2: Optimise the use and management of the Council’s financial and physical resources

There were eight (8) projects included in the 2009/2010 Annual Business Plans relating to this sub goal, of which five (5) were completed and three (3) are ongoing.

In the 2010/2011 financial year, twelve (12) projects are scheduled to be undertaken in relation to this sub goal linked to Council’s Strategic Plan. These include:

1) Finalise a 10 year long-term Financial Plan.
2) Finalise asset management and work order IT systems.
3) Undertake review of loan borrowing strategies.
4) Co-ordinate and support Audit Committee activities.
5) Financially support community organisations/individuals through the Community Grants Program.
6) Review leases and other agreements.


Activities and highlights for 2009/2010

1. **Annual Budget and Business Plans**

   The Annual Budget and Business Plans are prepared and released for consultation with the community prior to being adopted by Council. The Budget/Business Plan process commences in April and is completed in July each year.

   Budget updates are regularly reported to Council throughout the financial year by the Director Corporate Services. The Business Plans are reviewed by the Director – City & Cultural Services in December and June each year and project progress comments are included within the Business Plans. This process ensures that Elected Members and members of the community are kept up-to-date in relation to the progress of each project included within the Business Plans.


2. **Community Grants**

   In 2009/2010 Council allocated a budget of $35,000 towards supporting community organisations and community members through its ‘Community Grants’ initiative. The ‘Community Grants’ were established to financially assist organisations within the community who are organising events, or for community members who have excelled in their chosen sporting field, shown outstanding ability in an academic field or are seeking assistance to attend sporting events, carnivals and other similar types of activities in which they are participating.

   Council have delegated authority to the Contracts and Events Officer to assess and approve applications up to a value of $400. Any application over $400 is presented to Council for consideration and approval. During the 2009/2010 financial year, the Port Augusta City Council made financial contributions to the following parties:
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3. **Information Technology (IT) Activities**

Information Technology activities within organisations are vast and at times very complex. Technology is forever changing and updating systems to keep them up-to-date and relevant for all of Council’s processes is an important role undertaken by the IT Section.

The following activities were implemented by IT staff during the 2009/2010 period:

3.1 **Wireless Network Project**

Wireless networking has been successfully deployed within the Civic Centre and at Nerrilda. Ramsay Village has been deployed but there are some connectivity issues currently being investigated by one of Council’s contractors.

3.2 **Care Management System - Ramsay & Nerrilda**

MANAD has gone live and is being actively used by the administration staff at Ramsay and Nerrilda and by the Director of Community Services. It is also being used by some of the nursing staff at Ramsay.

3.3 **Electronic Document Records Management System (EDRMS)**

The EDRMS is being used live within the Civic Centre. It will be slowly rolled out to some external locations, Animal Control being one of the first.

3.4 **New Desktop Computers - Library**

This project was completed during the reporting period.
3.5 **New SAN/virtualisation project**
This is now in place and currently successfully runs most of our server systems. Our Corporate Database System (Authority) is yet to be virtualised; some performance issues have delayed this.

3.6 **Update to core communications software**
The installation of the new version of Microsoft Exchange has been completed.

3.7 **Network monitoring**
This has been completed.

3.8 **Websites - Arid Lands and Aquatic centre**
Both websites are live, though some information is yet to be updated.

3.9 **CCTV and security systems**
The Arid Lands Café new security camera system is up and running.
The Digital Video Recorder was updated for the City wide CCTV camera system. There are still some ongoing issues with some cameras which Chubb have been unable to resolve.

3.10 **Mobile computer project**
Laptops with wireless internet access have been deployed to:
Works Supervisor - David Curnow
Parks and Gardens Supervisor - Larry Martin
Water Treatment & Parks - Technical Officer - Ray Martin
General Inspectors - Wayne McKerlie and Kylie McKerlie

The above now have remote access to emails and Customer Requests.

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**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

A copy of Council’s audited financial statement for 2009/2010 is provided on the following pages of this report for the reader’s information

A copy is also available on Council’s Webpage [www.portaugusta.sa.gov.au](http://www.portaugusta.sa.gov.au)
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010
# PORT AUGUSTA CITY COUNCIL

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**CEO Statement**

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

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<tr>
<th>INCOME</th>
<th>2010</th>
<th>2009</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Rates</td>
<td>10,979,030</td>
<td>10,074,898</td>
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<tr>
<td>Statutory charges</td>
<td>245,871</td>
<td>230,673</td>
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<td>User charges</td>
<td>3,506,068</td>
<td>3,394,175</td>
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<tr>
<td>Grants, Subsidies &amp; Contributions</td>
<td>9,604,889</td>
<td>10,299,491</td>
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<tr>
<td>Investment Income</td>
<td>83,881</td>
<td>124,998</td>
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<td>Reimbursements</td>
<td>363,258</td>
<td>338,286</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other Income</td>
<td>1,257,654</td>
<td>1,304,006</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL INCOME</strong></td>
<td>26,040,610</td>
<td>25,766,527</td>
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<tr>
<th>EXPENSES</th>
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<td>Employee Costs</td>
<td>12,782,238</td>
<td>11,573,358</td>
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<tr>
<td>Materials, Contracts &amp; Other Expenses</td>
<td>12,229,172</td>
<td>12,287,933</td>
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<td>Finance Costs</td>
<td>616,895</td>
<td>561,065</td>
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<tr>
<td>Depreciation, Amortisation &amp; Impairment</td>
<td>2,830,774</td>
<td>2,964,522</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL EXPENSES</strong></td>
<td>28,459,079</td>
<td>27,386,878</td>
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<tr>
<th>OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</th>
<th>(2,418,469)</th>
<th>(1,620,351)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Asset disposal and fair value adjustments</td>
<td>890,289</td>
<td>352,536</td>
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<tr>
<td>Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets</td>
<td>698,403</td>
<td>933,764</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</strong></td>
<td>(829,777)</td>
<td>(334,050)</td>
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<td>Other Comprehensive Income</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant &amp; equipment</td>
<td>49,455,574</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</strong></td>
<td>49,455,574</td>
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| **TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**       | 48,625,797 | (334,050) |

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BALANCE SHEET
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

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<th>ASSETS</th>
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<tr>
<td>Current Assets</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cash and cash equivalents</td>
<td>$2,212,077</td>
<td>$2,662,218</td>
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<tr>
<td>Trade &amp; other receivables</td>
<td>$1,553,001</td>
<td>$987,941</td>
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<tr>
<td>Inventories</td>
<td>$150,092</td>
<td>$140,952</td>
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<td>Total Current Assets</td>
<td>$3,915,170</td>
<td>$3,771,111</td>
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<td>Non-current Assets</td>
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<td>Financial Assets</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Infrastructure, Property, Plant &amp; Equipment</td>
<td>$118,592,712</td>
<td>$67,477,236</td>
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<td>Other Non-current Assets</td>
<td>$2,106,196</td>
<td>$2,100,000</td>
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<td>Total Non-current Assets</td>
<td>$120,698,908</td>
<td>$69,583,756</td>
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<td>TOTAL ASSETS</td>
<td>$124,614,077</td>
<td>$73,354,867</td>
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<th>LIABILITIES</th>
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<td>Current Liabilities</td>
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<tr>
<td>Trade &amp; Other Payables</td>
<td>$3,729,835</td>
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<td>Borrowings</td>
<td>$3,796,504</td>
<td>$1,891,099</td>
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<tr>
<td>Provisions</td>
<td>$200,000</td>
<td>$200,000</td>
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<td>Total Current Liabilities</td>
<td>$7,726,339</td>
<td>$6,505,180</td>
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<td>Non-current Liabilities</td>
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<td>Borrowings</td>
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<td>$8,693,309</td>
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<td>Provisions</td>
<td>$1,256,516</td>
<td>$1,156,970</td>
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<td>Total Non-current Liabilities</td>
<td>$11,262,532</td>
<td>$9,850,279</td>
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<td>TOTAL LIABILITIES</td>
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<td>NET ASSETS</td>
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<td>$56,999,409</td>
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<th>EQUITY</th>
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<td>Accumulated Surplus</td>
<td>$4,051,114</td>
<td>$4,880,891</td>
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<td>Asset Revaluation Reserve</td>
<td>$101,574,092</td>
<td>$52,118,518</td>
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<tr>
<td>TOTAL EQUITY</td>
<td>$105,625,206</td>
<td>$56,999,409</td>
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### PORT AUGUSTA CITY COUNCIL

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS</th>
<th>ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE</th>
<th>TOTAL EQUITY</th>
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<td><strong>2010</strong></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Balance at end of previous reporting period</td>
<td>4,880,891</td>
<td>52,118,518</td>
<td>56,999,409</td>
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<tr>
<td>Net Surplus/ (Deficit) for year</td>
<td>(829,777)</td>
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<td>(829,777)</td>
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<td>Balance at end of period</td>
<td>4,051,114</td>
<td>52,118,518</td>
<td>56,169,632</td>
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<td>Gain(reduction) on revaluation of property, plant &amp; equipment</td>
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<td>49,455,574</td>
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<td>Balance at end of period</td>
<td>4,051,114</td>
<td>101,574,092</td>
<td>105,625,206</td>
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| **2009** |                     |                           |              |
| Balance at end of previous reporting period | 5,214,941 | 52,118,518 | 57,333,459 |
| Net Surplus/ (Deficit) for year | (334,050) |             | (334,050) |
| Balance at end of period | 4,880,891 | 52,118,518 | 56,999,409 |
| Gain(reduction) on revaluation of property, plant & equipment |                      | - | - |
| Balance at end of period | 4,880,891 | 52,118,518 | 56,999,409 |

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## PORT AUGUSTA CITY COUNCIL

### CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

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<th>Cash Flows From Operating Activities</th>
<th>2010</th>
<th>2009</th>
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<tr>
<td>Operating Receipts</td>
<td>$25,350,880</td>
<td>$26,467,981</td>
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<td>Investment Receipts</td>
<td>$83,881</td>
<td>$124,998</td>
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<td>Operating Payments to suppliers &amp; employees</td>
<td>$(25,269,584)</td>
<td>$(23,801,731)</td>
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<td>Finance Payments</td>
<td>$(576,507)</td>
<td>$(551,772)</td>
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<td><strong>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities</strong></td>
<td>$(413,350)</td>
<td>$2,239,477</td>
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<th>Cash Flows From Investing Activities</th>
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<tr>
<td>Grants specifically for new or upgraded assets</td>
<td>$698,403</td>
<td>$933,764</td>
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<td>Sale of replaced assets</td>
<td>$215,646</td>
<td>$423,287</td>
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<td>Sale of surplus assets</td>
<td>$936,000</td>
<td>$368,253</td>
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<td>Repayments of loans by community groups</td>
<td>$11,452</td>
<td>$8,721</td>
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<tr>
<td>Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets</td>
<td>$(1,774,914)</td>
<td>$(731,802)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Expenditure on new/upgraded assets</td>
<td>$(2,918,163)</td>
<td>$(4,621,602)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Loans made to community groups</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities</strong></td>
<td>$(2,831,676)</td>
<td>$(3,619,379)</td>
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<th>Cash Flows From Financing Activities</th>
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<th>2009</th>
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<tr>
<td>Proceeds from Borrowings</td>
<td>$3,600,000</td>
<td>$3,420,000</td>
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<td>Proceeds from Aged Care Facility deposits</td>
<td>$960,123</td>
<td>$1,172,271</td>
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<td>Repayments of Borrowings</td>
<td>$(1,891,099)</td>
<td>$(2,452,300)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Repayment of Aged Care Facility deposits</td>
<td>$(1,383,352)</td>
<td>$(229,515)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities</strong></td>
<td>$1,285,672</td>
<td>$1,910,456</td>
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### Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held

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<td>$(1,959,354)</td>
<td>$530,554</td>
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<th>Cash &amp; cash equivalents at beginning of period</th>
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<th>2009</th>
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<td>$2,682,218</td>
<td>$2,131,665</td>
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**CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD**

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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.

1.1  Basis of Preparation

1.1.1  Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards

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

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

1.1.2  Historical Cost Convention

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

1.1.3  Critical Accounting Estimates

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

1.1.4  Rounding

All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar ($0).
2.0  The Local Government Reporting Entity

The Port Augusta City Council is incorporated under the SA Local Government Act 1999 and has its principal place of business at 4 Mackay Street, Port Augusta, South Australia. These financial statements include the consolidated fund and all entities through which Council controls resources to carry on its functions. In the process of reporting on the Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between activity areas and controlled entities have been eliminated.

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

3.0  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 income 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 revenues in a previous reporting period which were obtained in respect of the Council’s operations for the current reporting period.

4.0  Cash Assets 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 (as amended). 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 the Financial Instruments forms part of Note 12.

5.0  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.
6.0 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

6.1 Initial Recognition

All assets are initially recognised as cost.

All non-current assets purchased or constructed are capitalised as the expenditure is incurred and depreciated as soon as the asset is held "ready for use". Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition, including architects fees and engineering design fees and all other costs incurred. The cost of non-current assets constructed by the Council includes the cost of all materials used in construction, direct labour on the project and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overhead.

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

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

6.2 Materiality

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

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

6.3 Subsequent Recognition

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

Other than land, all infrastructure and property, plant and equipment assets recognised are systematically depreciated over their useful lives in a manner which reflects the consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets. Depreciation is recognised on a straight-line basis. Major depreciation periods for each class of asset are shown below. Depreciation periods for infrastructure assets have been estimated based on the best information available to Council, but appropriate records covering the entire life cycle of these assets are not available, and extreme care should be used in interpreting financial information based on these estimates.

**Plant, Furniture & Equipment**
- Office Equipment: 5 to 10 years
- Office Furniture: 10 to 20 years
- Vehicles and Road-making Equip: 5 to 8 years
- Other Plant & Equipment: 5 to 15 years

**Building & Other Structures**
- Buildings – masonry: 50 to 100 years
- Buildings – other construction: 20 to 40 years
- Park Structures – masonry: 50 to 100 years
- Park Structures – other construction: 20 to 40 years
- Playground equipment: 5 to 15 years
- Benches, seats, etc: 10 to 20 years

**Infrastructure**
- Sealed Roads – Surface: 15 to 25 years
- Sealed Roads – Structure: 20 to 50 years
- Unsealed Roads: 10 to 20 years
- Bridges – Concrete: 80 to 100 years
- Paving & Footpaths, Kerb & Gutter: 80 to 100 years
- Drains: 80 to 100 years
- Culverts: 50 to 75 years
- Flood Control Structures: 80 to 100 years
- Bores: 20 to 40 years
- Reticulation Pipes – PVC70: to 80 years
- Reticulation Pipes – other25: to 75 years
- Pumps & Telemetry: 15 to 25 years
- Reclaimed Water Plant & Irrigation System: 30 years
- CEO Schemes: 50 years

**Other Assets**
- Library Books: 10 to 15 years
- Artworks: indefinite

6.5 Impairment

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

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

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

7.0 Payables

7.1 Goods & Services

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

7.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

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

8.0 Borrowings

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

9.0 Employee Benefits

9.1 Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences

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

Liabilities for employee benefits not expected to be paid or settled within twelve months are recognised by using the shorthand method and a benchmark number of years of staff service. The benchmark is five years. It has been determined that the liability is not materially different from the liability measured using the present value of expected future payments and is consistent with Council's experience of staff retention and leave taken.

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

9.2 Superannuation

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme. The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. No changes in accounting policy have occurred during either the current or previous reporting periods. Details of the accounting policies applied and Council's involvement with the schemes are reported in Note 17.
10.0 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".

11.0 Leases

Lease arrangements have been accounted for in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 117.

In respect of operating leases, where the lessor substantially retains all of the risks and benefits incident to ownership of the leased items, lease payments are charged to expense over the lease term.

12.0 GST Implications

In accordance with UIG Abstract 1031 "Accounting for the Goods & Services Tax

- Receivables and Creditors include GST receivable and payable
- Except in relation to input taxed activities, revenues and operating expenditures exclude GST receivable and payable.
- Non-current assets and capital expenditures include GST net of any recoupment.
- Amounts included in the Statement of Cash Flows are disclosed on a gross basis.

13.0 New Accounting Standards

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

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(Standards not affecting Local Government have been excluded from the above list)

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

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

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

### NOTE 2  FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL

| REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| **INCOME** | **EXPENSES** | **SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)** | **GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME** |
| Administration | City Management & Economic Development | 2,952,224 | 3,768,624 | 912,170 | 715,447 | 2,040,055 | 3,073,177 | 2,807,112 | 3,785,126 |
| Human Resources Management & Records Management | 268,456 | 218,960 | 276,403 | 155,582 | (16,945) | 63,537 |
| Financial & Customer Services | 8,501,736 | 8,751,796 | 888,462 | 882,403 | 8,812,243 | 8,069,357 |
| Information Technology | 447,277 | 393,796 | (447,277) | (393,796) |
| Public Order & Safety | General Inspection | 119,768 | 122,369 | 225,358 | 206,168 | (109,898) | (83,769) |
| Other General Services | 44,380 | 117,266 | 27,421 | 104,349 | 16,965 | 12,912 |
| Health Services | Substance Misuse Service | 402,202 | 388,277 | 406,063 | 391,537 | (3,960) | (3,255) | 402,202 | 388,277 |
| Sobering Up Unit | 616,952 | 922,250 | 591,106 | 520,236 | (30,871) | (17,989) | 515,106 | 501,266 |
| Neltiros Nursing Home | 3,166,863 | 3,004,310 | 3,947,083 | 3,524,062 | (781,220) | (428,792) | 2,436,424 | 2,441,008 |
| A.M. Ramsey Village | 2,731,986 | 2,491,685 | 2,844,073 | 2,410,288 | (112,080) | (81,417) | 1,862,562 | 1,497,659 |
| OPW Program | 55,127 | 54,061 | 54,061 | 20,390 | 54,061 |
| Immunisation Program | 21,405 | 21,798 | 18,138 | 10,820 | 8,338 | (5,530) | 21,306 | 6,894 |
| Environmental Health | 1,047 | 77 | 132,737 | 109,360 | (131,691) | (105,854) |
| Social Security & Welfare | Health Focus | 211,479 | 206,402 | 230,720 | 218,136 | (19,243) | (11,062) | 192,777 | 188,552 |
| Childcare Service | 719,063 | 805,929 | 909,981 | 829,544 | (247,063) | (271,640) | 355,403 | 303,514 |
| Family & Youth Services | 406,868 | 391,571 | 504,824 | 515,700 | (95,139) | (124,129) | 386,113 | 362,162 |
| Special Needs Program | 48,059 | 37,036 | 51,689 | 47,066 | (3,435) | (10,049) | 35,816 | 26,400 |
| DVA Shetland Program | 7,119 | 4,502 | 5,805 | 5,270 | (297) | (290) | 5,200 | 3,000 |
| Youth Activities Service | 1,566 | 1,456 | 1,334 | 1,281 | 52,662 | 1,306 |
| Ageing/Disability Planning | Senior Citizens Centre | 41,849 | 41,594 | 41,849 | 15,532 | (13,056) | (15,532) |
| Housing & Community Amenities | City Planning | 101,197 | 132,331 | 206,132 | 235,507 | (124,655) | (112,950) |
| Projects & Events | 7,603 | 1,000 | 216,502 | 220,308 | (208,308) | (219,208) |
| Community Harmony Program | 17,125 | 14,720 | 14,720 | (14,720) |
| Community Donations | 18,463 | 38,752 | (18,463) | (36,752) |
| Community Safety Program | 71,900 | 32,667 | 262,103 | 180,603 | (178,500) | (127,621) | 70,000 | 33,662 |
| Community Bus Service | 16,364 | 113,246 | 50,222 | 57,414 | (43,000) | (55,942) |
| Hills | 8,544 | 12,216 | 87,112 | 410,972 | (80,968) | (397,753) |
| Civic Centre | 179,450 | 150,810 | (179,450) | (150,810) |
| Housing | 47,304 | 53,096 | 63,764 | 68,423 | (16,473) | (13,347) |
| Cemeteries | 188,516 | 177,810 | 242,910 | 182,445 | 44,505 | (4,485) |
| Sanitation & Garbage | 1,956,556 | 932,256 | 1,497,585 | 1,445,185 | (442,627) | (813,652) |
| Foreshores | 5,672 | 76,533 | 76,533 | (76,533) | (96,598) |
| Public Conveniences | 72,154 | 48,977 | 72,154 | (48,977) |
| Street Lighting | 265,274 | 278,363 | (255,274) | (276,363) |
| Lakes Management | 42,394 | 42,857 | (42,394) | (40,857) |
| Other Property & Services | 140,579 | 246,344 | 128,291 | 313,230 | 12,289 | (66,965) | 69,500 | 55,000 |
| Stormwater Drainage | 168,151 | 185,984 | 168,151 | 185,984 |
| Central Oval Reclaimed Water Plant | 181,823 | 225,481 | 181,823 | 225,481 |
| Effluent Drainage | 469,706 | 428,300 | 252,910 | 289,160 | 216,756 | 140,140 |
NOTE 2  FUNCTIONS (continued)

| REVENUES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| **INCOME** | **EXPENSES** | **SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)** | **GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME** |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Recreation & Culture | | | | | | | |
| Library & Information Service | 57,459 | 58,439 | 521,585 | 525,630 | (404,047) | (405,591) | 54,874 | 52,872 |
| Fountain Gallery | 1,037 | 219 | 17,130 | 22,710 | (15,580) | (22,491) | | |
| Cultural Centre | 68,210 | 56,435 | 530,371 | 733,271 | (402,160) | (607,041) | 8,490 | 32,030 |
| Active Field Officer & Aquatic Centre | | | | | | | |
| Program | 88,776 | 104,846 | 212,542 | 294,354 | (125,266) | (129,508) | 23,000 | 46,000 |
| DIY Workshop | 175,374 | 171,210 | 372,155 | 686,783 | (313,635) | (317,073) | 156,430 | 159,603 |
| Sea Active Community Centre | 11,662 | 21,870 | (10,208) | (10,208) | | | | |
| Junior Sports Foundation | 3,653 | 2,654 | 21,994 | 15,975 | (18,251) | (13,121) | | |
| Sporting Clubs | 7,742 | 5,476 | (7,742) | (5,476) | | | | |
| Parks & Gardens & Playgrounds | 2,652 | 1,336 | 1,115,754 | 1,023,455 | (1,111,804) | (1,502,989) | | |
| Ovals | 6,200 | 6,216 | 512,514 | 619,869 | (506,155) | (913,675) | | |
| ETSOA Oval Complex | | | | | | | | |
| Mining Manufacturing & Construction | 53,191 | 41,835 | 198,553 | 187,706 | (145,162) | (129,671) | | |
| Building & Construction | | | | | | | | |
| Transport & Communication | 118,076 | 89,396 | 86,640 | 183,527 | 31,438 | (83,141) | | |
| Aerodromes | | | | | | | | |
| Maintenance of Roads, Bridges etc | 58,127 | 68,362 | 1,981,504 | 2,091,055 | (1,417,578) | (1,410,663) | 407,525 | 436,477 |
| Street Sweeping | 62,000 | 62,000 | 62,000 | 62,000 | 62,000 | 62,000 | 62,000 | 62,000 |
| Footpaths | 244,158 | 233,952 | 244,158 | 233,952 | | | | |
| Parking | 20,100 | 20,700 | (20,100) | (20,700) | | | | |
| Economic Affairs | | | | | | | | |
| Regional & Economic Development Related Projects | 58,521 | 22,341 | 1,053,173 | 917,352 | (994,652) | (894,904) | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Water Supply Interpretive Centre | 136,929 | 181,782 | 431,406 | 432,740 | (295,934) | (300,958) | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Water Supply Retail Centre | 231,384 | 242,800 | 341,577 | 335,323 | (110,913) | (82,523) | | |
| Water Supply Visitor Information Centre | 27,983 | 27,981 | 11,142 | 12,122 | 16,452 | 15,854 | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| Water Supply Outback Tucker Box | 198,542 | 211,504 | 219,848 | 313,778 | (17,306) | (6,728) | | |
| Arid Lands Garden Interpretive Centre | 348,400 | 327,665 | 466,588 | 458,373 | (157,188) | (128,818) | | |
| Arid Lands Garden Operation | 38,511 | 7,200 | 280,385 | 206,150 | (247,878) | (197,947) | 5,180 | 5,180 |
| Arid Lands Nursery Operation | 52,333 | 52,333 | 99,494 | 294 | (47,419) | (294) | | |
| Information Rady (3) | 12,212 | 12,532 | (12,212) | (12,532) | | | | |
| Public Debt Transactions | | | | | | | | |
| Treasury - Debt Servicing | 54,398 | 124,986 | 488,490 | 590,836 | (434,392) | (405,937) | | |
| Other Purposes NEC | | | | | | | | |
| Machinery Operating | 477,118 | 493,298 | 803,704 | 827,150 | (323,946) | (333,867) | 18,104 | 30,988 |
| Depot & Nursery | 937,500 | 879,666 | 937,500 | 879,666 | 937,500 | 879,666 | | |
| Engineering Services | 672,288 | 547,021 | 672,288 | 547,021 | | | | |
| Other NEC | 139,773 | 56,789 | (139,773) | (56,789) | 21,000 | 59,819 | | |
## NOTE 3  INCOME

### RATES REVENUES

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<td>1,157,404</td>
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<td>Waste Management Levy</td>
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<td>1,762,539</td>
<td>1,528,147</td>
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<td>Penalties for late payment</td>
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<td>78,117</td>
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<td>Legal &amp; other costs recovered</td>
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<td>79,432</td>
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<td>147,776</td>
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<td>10,074,898</td>
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

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<td>$245,871</td>
<td>$230,673</td>
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| **USER CHARGES**          |      |      |
| Cemetery Fees             | $159,912 | $143,813 |
| Halls Hire                | $22,007 | $28,271 |
| Sales - General           | $584,530 | $540,944 |
| Rentals                   | $47,304 | $49,219 |
| Nursing Home Fees         | $1,662,178 | $1,585,257 |
| Childcare Fees            | $452,540 | $393,863 |
| Swimming Pool & Aquatic Centre Fees | $174,877 | $166,864 |
| Wadlata Interpretive Centre Fees | $149,343 | $139,516 |
| Other Fees                | $222,112 | $332,486 |
| Sundry                    | $31,262 | $13,942 |
| **Total**                 | $3,506,068 | $3,394,175 |

| **INVESTMENT INCOME**     |      |      |
| Interest on Investments   |      |      |
| Local Government Finance Authority | $83,213 | $123,494 |
| Loans to community groups | $647 | $1,504 |
| **Total**                 | $83,861 | $124,998 |

| **REIMBURSEMENTS**        |      |      |
| Roadworks                 | $112,953 | $161,332 |
| Private Works             | $43,249 | $22,542 |
| Other                     | $207,057 | $154,411 |
| **Total**                 | $363,258 | $338,286 |

| **OTHER REVENUES**        |      |      |
| Insurance & other recoupments - property, plant & equipment | $889,392 | $663,961 |
| Sundry                    | $568,262 | $640,045 |
| **Total**                 | $1,257,654 | $1,304,006 |
NOTE 3 INCOME (Continued)

GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS

Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets
Individually significant item - Additional Grants
Commission Payment
Other grants, subsidies and contributions

The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 2.

Sources of grants
Commonwealth government
State government

INDIVIDUALLY SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

On 29 June, 2009, Council received payment of the first quarter installment of the 2009/2010 Grants Commission (FAG) Grant. This represents a significant increase from this source in 2008/2009, with an equivalent reduction in 2009/2010

Conditions over grants & contributions

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:

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<td>40,646</td>
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<td>740,627</td>
<td>71,219</td>
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<td>Subtotal</td>
<td>43,819</td>
<td>(30,573)</td>
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Plus: amounts recognised as revenues in this reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions

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Unexpended at the close of this reporting period and held as restricted assets

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Net increase (decrease) in restricted assets in the current reporting period

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<td>Less: Capitalised and distributed costs</td>
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<td><strong>Total Operating Employee Costs</strong></td>
<td><strong>12,762,238</strong></td>
<td><strong>11,573,358</strong></td>
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| **Total Number of Employees** | 205.5 | 203.7 |

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<td>- Other Services</td>
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<td>- Other Auditors</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>- minimum lease payments</td>
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<td><strong>563,069</strong></td>
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| **TOTAL MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & EXPENSES** | **12,229,172** | **12,287,933** |
NOTE 4  EXPENSES (cont)

FINANCE COSTS

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DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT

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### NOTE 5 ASSET DISPOSAL AND FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

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<td><strong>Assets renewed or directly replaced</strong></td>
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<td>Proceeds from disposal</td>
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<td>Less: Carrying amount of assets sold</td>
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<td><strong>Gain (Loss) on disposal</strong></td>
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<td><strong>NET GAIN(LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION OF ASSETS</strong></td>
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## NOTE 6 CURRENT ASSETS

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NOTE 8

INFRASSTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

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<td>20,373,121</td>
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2009 Totals | 67,776,746 | 16,029,849 | (7,769,449) | 65,995,809 | 57,755,745 | 20,373,121 | (10,651,830) | 57,477,236 |

NOTE 8 Continued

INFRASSTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

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<td>2,066,433</td>
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2009 Totals | 66,995,809 | 4,159,151 | 731,822 (439,034) | (2,864,023) | - | 67,477,236 |
NOTE 8 (Cont) INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Valuation of Assets

At July 2004 upon the transition to AIFRS, Council elected pursuant to AASB 1,19 to retain previously established deemed cost under GAAP as it deemed cost. With subsequent additions at cost, this remains as the basis of recognition of non-material asset classes.

Plant, Furniture & Equipment

Plant & Furniture & Equipment assets were valued by Maloney Field Services at written down current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June, 2010 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Land & Land Improvements

Council being of the opinion that it is not possible to attribute a value sufficiently reliably to qualify for recognition, land under roads has not been recognised in these reports. Land acquired for road purposes during the year is initially recognised at cost, but transferred to fair value at reporting date, effectively writing off the expenditure.

Land assets were valued by Maloney Field Services at written down current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June, 2010 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

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, 2010 at current replacement cost. Additions are recognised at cost.

Estimated future costs of reinstatement of land, capitalised in accordance with AASB 118.16(c) are reviewed annually(see Note 1) and depreciated over the estimated remaining life of the relevant asset.

Buildings & Other Structures

Building & Other Structure assets were valued by Maloney Field Services at written down current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June, 2010 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Infrastructure

Transportation assets were valued by Maloney Field Services at written down current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June, 2005 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 at written down current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June, 2010 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 waste water management system infrastructure was valued by Maloney Field Services at written down current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June, 2005 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.
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

#### NOTE 9 LIABILITIES

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<td>3,729,835</td>
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PORT AUGUSTA CITY COUNCIL
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

NOTE 10 RESERVES

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<td>49,455,574</td>
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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.
NOTE 11 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 Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:

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<td>Balances per Statement of Cash Flows</td>
<td>702,865</td>
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(b) Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Cash from Operating Activities

Net Surplus (Deficit) | (829,777) | (334,050) |
Non-cash items in Income Statement
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment | 2,830,774 | 2,964,522 |
Change in allowances for under-recovery | 87,992 | (994) |
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as investing activity | 608,403 | 933,764 |
Nursing Home Deposits treated as financing revenue | 423,229 | (942,754) |
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits | 148,813 | 31,349 |
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals | 690,289 | (352,636) |
| 896,155 | 431,772 |

Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets
Net (increase) decrease in receivables | (502,000) | 1,022,718 |
Net (increase) decrease in inventories | (9,140) | 17,472 |
Net (increase) decrease in other current assets | 798,365 | 767,515 |
| 413,350 | 2,239,477 |

(c) Financing Arrangements

Unrestricted access was available at balance date to the following lines of credit:
Bank Overdrafts | 700,000 | 700,000 |
Local Government Finance Authority Overdraft | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 |
Corporate Credit Cards | 12,000 | 12,000 |

The bank overdraft facilities may be drawn at any time and may be terminated by the bank without notice.
## NOTE 12  FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

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<th>Accounting Policy</th>
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<td><strong>Bank Deposits at Call, Short Term</strong></td>
<td>Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 2.75% and 4.5% (2009: 4% and 4%). Short term deposits have an average maturity of 30 days and an average interest rates of 3.7% (2009: 30 days, 7%).</td>
<td>Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; interest is recognised when earned.</td>
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<td><strong>Receivables - Rates &amp; Associated Charges</strong></td>
<td>Secured over the subject land, amounts attract interest of 11.28% (2009:11.28%)</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td><strong>Receivables - Fees &amp; other charges</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Receivables - other levels of government</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals</strong></td>
<td>Accounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest.</td>
<td>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Liabilities - Retirement Contributions</strong></td>
<td>Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective legislation.</td>
<td>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Liabilities - Interest Bearing Loans</strong></td>
<td>To avoid inconvenience when complying with the separate audit requirements imposed by the relevant legislation, amounts are carried at nominal values.</td>
<td>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Liabilities - Finance Leases</strong></td>
<td>Secured over future revenues, loans are repayable by equal &amp; monthly instalments of principal &amp; interest; interest is charged at fixed rates between 4.33% and 7.46% (2007: 5.45% and 8.85%)</td>
<td>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
PORT AUGUSTA CITY COUNCIL
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

NOTE 12  FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Liquidity Analysis

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<tr>
<th>Financial Liabilities</th>
<th>Due ≤ 1 year</th>
<th>Due &gt; 1 year</th>
<th>Due &gt; 5 years</th>
<th>Total Contractual Cash Flows</th>
<th>Carrying Values</th>
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<tr>
<td>Payables</td>
<td>996,200</td>
<td>996,200</td>
<td>996,200</td>
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<tr>
<td>Short-term Borrowings</td>
<td>1,509,212</td>
<td>1,509,212</td>
<td>1,509,212</td>
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<tr>
<td>NHA Bonds</td>
<td>1,276,749</td>
<td>1,276,749</td>
<td>1,276,749</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>2,278,922</td>
<td>10,006,016</td>
<td>12,293,309</td>
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</table>

Total: 6,069,453

2009

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<tr>
<th>Financial Liabilities</th>
<th>Due ≤ 1 year</th>
<th>Due &gt; 1 year</th>
<th>Due &gt; 5 years</th>
<th>Total Contractual Cash Flows</th>
<th>Carrying Values</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Payables</td>
<td>1,495,294</td>
<td>1,495,294</td>
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<tr>
<td>Short-term Borrowings</td>
<td>1,699,978</td>
<td>1,699,978</td>
<td>1,699,978</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>NHA Bonds</td>
<td>3,991,086</td>
<td>6,593,309</td>
<td>10,584,407</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>7,186,371</td>
<td>8,593,309</td>
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<td>13,779,679</td>
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The following interest rates were applicable to Council’s borrowings at balance day.

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<th>Interest Rate</th>
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<td>Weighted Average Value</td>
<td>Carrying Value</td>
<td>Weighted Average Value</td>
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<td>Overdraft</td>
<td>10.55%</td>
<td>1,509,212</td>
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<td>Other Variable Rates</td>
<td>5.50%</td>
<td>2,000,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fixed Interest Rates</td>
<td>5.93%</td>
<td>10,293,309</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>13,902,521</td>
<td>10,584,407</td>
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NET FAIR VALUE

All carrying values approximate fair value for all recognised financial instruments. With the exception of investments, there is no recognised market for the financial assets of the Council.

RISK EXPOSURES

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

Market Risk is the risk that fair value 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 or 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

Interest Rate Risk is the risk that future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Council has a balance of both fixed and variable interest rate borrowings and investments. Cash flow fluctuations are managed holistically in seeking to minimise interest costs over the longer term in a risk averse manner.
### Note 13  COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

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<td>Notes $</td>
<td>Notes $</td>
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<td><strong>Capital Commitments</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Buildings &amp; Structures</td>
<td>596,200</td>
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<tr>
<td>These expenditures are payable:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Less than 1 year</td>
<td>596,200</td>
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<tr>
<td>Later than one year and not later than 5 years</td>
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<td>Later than 5 years</td>
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<td></td>
<td>596,200</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Other Expenditure Commitments</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Audit Services</td>
<td>12,000</td>
<td>12,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Waste Collection Contract</td>
<td>5,098,125</td>
<td>5,162,050</td>
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<tr>
<td>Refuse Reserve Contract</td>
<td>2,029,445</td>
<td>898,020</td>
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<tr>
<td>Parks &amp; Gardens Contract</td>
<td>1,807,755</td>
<td>1,475,040</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cemetery Contract</td>
<td>328,895</td>
<td>290,980</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cleaning Services</td>
<td>837,840</td>
<td>575,366</td>
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<tr>
<td>Catering Services</td>
<td>3,300,000</td>
<td>3,089,100</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>13,414,060</td>
<td>11,602,556</td>
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<tr>
<td>These expenditures are payable:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Less than one year</td>
<td>2,692,412</td>
<td>2,311,712</td>
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<td>Not later than 5 years</td>
<td>10,721,648</td>
<td>9,190,844</td>
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<td>13,414,060</td>
<td>11,602,556</td>
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### Note 14  Financial Performance Indicators

These financial indicators are calculated in accordance with the procedures set out in Information Paper 9 - Local Government Financial Indicators prepared for the LGA Financial Sustainability Program. Reference should be made to that document for further information and explanations, including the use of the Indicators.

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<th>Indicator</th>
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<th>2009</th>
<th>2008</th>
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<tr>
<td>Operating Surplus (without FAG prepayment)</td>
<td>(2,418,469)</td>
<td>(1,620,351)</td>
<td>(2,359,571)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Operating Surplus (deficit) before capital amounts.</td>
<td>(22.5%)</td>
<td>(16.4%)</td>
<td>(27.0%)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Adjusted Operating Surplus Rates - general &amp; other less NRM levy</td>
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<tr>
<td>Operating Surplus Ratio (without FAG prepayment)</td>
<td>(24.9%)</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<tr>
<td>Net Financial Liabilities</td>
<td>15,223,794</td>
<td>12,718,779</td>
<td>10,920,774</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net Financial Liabilities Ratio</td>
<td>59.0%</td>
<td>49.7%</td>
<td>47.4%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interest Cover Ratio</td>
<td>2.1%</td>
<td>1.7%</td>
<td>1.7%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Asset Sustainability Ratio</td>
<td>55.1%</td>
<td>10.4%</td>
<td>15.5%</td>
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<tr>
<td>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.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Asset Consumption Ratio</td>
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<tr>
<td>Carrying value of depreciable assets</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gross value of depreciable assets</td>
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NOTE 15 UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

The following is a high level summary of both operating and capital investment activities of the Council prepared on a uniform and consistent basis. All Councils in South Australia have agreed to summarise annual budgets and long-term financial plans on the same basis. The arrangements ensure that all Councils provide a common 'core' of financial information, which enables meaningful comparisons of each Council's finances.

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<tr>
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<th>2010</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Income</td>
<td>26,040,610</td>
<td>25,766,527</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>less Expenses</td>
<td>(28,459,079)</td>
<td>(27,386,878)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(2,418,469)</td>
<td>(1,620,351)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>less Net Outlays on Existing Assets</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets</td>
<td>1,774,914</td>
<td>731,802</td>
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<tr>
<td>less Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment</td>
<td>(2,830,774)</td>
<td>(2,964,522)</td>
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<tr>
<td>less Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets</td>
<td>(215,546)</td>
<td>(423,287)</td>
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<td>(1,271,406)</td>
<td>(2,656,007)</td>
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<tr>
<td>less Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets (Including investment property &amp; real estate developments)</td>
<td>2,918,163</td>
<td>4,621,602</td>
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<tr>
<td>less Amounts specifically for New and Upgraded Assets</td>
<td>(698,403)</td>
<td>(933,764)</td>
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<td>less Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets (including investment property and real estate developments)</td>
<td>(936,000)</td>
<td>(388,253)</td>
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<td>1,283,760</td>
<td>3,319,885</td>
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<tr>
<td>Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year</td>
<td>(2,430,823)</td>
<td>(2,283,930)</td>
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NOTE 16 OPERATING LEASES

Leases providing revenue to the Council

Council owns various buildings, plant and other facilities that are available for hire or lease (on a non-cancellable basis wherever practicable) in accordance with the published revenue policy. Rentals received from such leases are disclosed as rent and hire of non-investment property in Note 3.

Lease payment commitments of Council

Council has entered into non-cancellable operating leases for various items of computer equipment. No contingent rentals were paid during the current or previous reporting periods. No lease imposes any additional restrictions on Council in relation to additional debt or further leasing. Leases in relation to computer and office equipment permit Council, at expiry of the lease, to elect to re-lease, return or acquire the equipment leased. No lease contains any escalation clause. Commitments under non-cancellable operating leases that have not been recognised in the financial statements are as follows: No contingent rentals were paid during the current or previous reporting periods.

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<td>Not later than one year</td>
<td>$219,249</td>
<td>$230,508</td>
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<tr>
<td>Later than one year and not later than 5 years</td>
<td>$124,170</td>
<td>$309,110</td>
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<td>$343,419</td>
<td>$539,618</td>
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NOTE 17 SUPERANNUATION

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme. The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. Permanent and contract employees of the South Australian Local Government sector have the option to contribute to Marketlink and/or Salarylink. All other employees (including casuals) have all contributions allocated to Marketlink.

Marketlink (Accumulation Fund) Members

Marketlink receives both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are based on a fixed percentage of employee earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation (9% in 2009/10 for Marketlink members and 3% for Salarylink members; 9% and 3% respectively in 2008/09). No further liability accrues to the employer as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the Fund.

Salarylink (Defined Benefit) Members

Salarylink is a defined benefit scheme where the benefit payable is based on a formula determined by the member’s contribution rate, number of years of contribution and final average salary. Council makes employer contributions to Salarylink as determined by the Scheme’s Trustee based on advice from the Scheme’s Actuary. The rate is currently 6% (6% in 2008/2009) of “superannuation” salary. Given that Employer contributions are based on a fixed percentage of employee earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation, the remaining 3% for Salarylink members is allocated to their Marketlink account. Employees also make member contributions to the Fund. As such, assets accumulate in the Fund to meet the member’s benefits, as defined in the Trust Deed, as they accrue. The Salarylink Plan is a multi-employer sponsored plan. As the Fund’s assets and liabilities are pooled and are not allocated by employer, the Actuary is unable to allocate benefit liabilities, assets and costs between employers. As provided by AASB 119 32(b), Council does not use defined benefit accounting for these contributions.

The most recent full actuarial investigation conducted by the Scheme’s actuary, LC Brett, BSc., FIA, FIAA, of Brett and Watson Pty Ltd as at 30 June 2009, the Trustee has determined that the current funding arrangements are adequate for the expected Defined Benefit Plan liabilities. However, future financial and economic circumstances may require changes to Council’s contribution rates at some future time.
NOTE 18 SEGMENT REPORTING

The Port Augusta City Council operates two Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACF’s) in the City being Nerrilda and A.M. Ramsay Village. This segment report has been produced to comply with the requirements of the Commonwealth Government, a major funding source.

### BUSINESS SEGMENTS

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<th>BUSINESS SEGMENTS</th>
<th>TOTAL COUNCIL</th>
<th>RACF 2010</th>
<th>OTHER 2010</th>
<th>TOTAL COUNCIL</th>
<th>RACF 2009</th>
<th>OTHER 2009</th>
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<td>Grants &amp; Subsidies</td>
<td>9,604,869</td>
<td>4,118,996</td>
<td>5,485,873</td>
<td>10,299,491</td>
<td>3,938,688</td>
<td>6,360,823</td>
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<td>User Charges</td>
<td>3,506,088</td>
<td>1,662,178</td>
<td>1,843,990</td>
<td>3,394,175</td>
<td>1,585,578</td>
<td>1,808,597</td>
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<td>Reimbursements</td>
<td>363,258</td>
<td>26,400</td>
<td>336,858</td>
<td>388,286</td>
<td>19,236</td>
<td>319,050</td>
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<tr>
<td>Investment Income</td>
<td>83,861</td>
<td>29,463</td>
<td>54,398</td>
<td>124,968</td>
<td>38,174</td>
<td>86,824</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other Revenue</td>
<td>12,482,554</td>
<td>60,802</td>
<td>12,421,752</td>
<td>11,609,578</td>
<td>42,613</td>
<td>11,567,064</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL REVENUE</strong></td>
<td><strong>26,040,610</strong></td>
<td><strong>5,897,839</strong></td>
<td><strong>20,142,771</strong></td>
<td><strong>25,766,527</strong></td>
<td><strong>5,624,169</strong></td>
<td><strong>20,142,358</strong></td>
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<td>Operating Costs</td>
<td>25,628,305</td>
<td>6,488,582</td>
<td>19,139,723</td>
<td>24,422,356</td>
<td>5,575,968</td>
<td>18,846,388</td>
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<td>Depreciation</td>
<td>2,830,774</td>
<td>302,594</td>
<td>2,528,180</td>
<td>2,964,522</td>
<td>302,594</td>
<td>2,661,928</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</strong></td>
<td><strong>28,459,079</strong></td>
<td><strong>6,791,176</strong></td>
<td><strong>21,867,903</strong></td>
<td><strong>27,386,878</strong></td>
<td><strong>5,878,562</strong></td>
<td><strong>21,508,316</strong></td>
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</table>

| Operating (Loss)/Surplus beforeCapital Revenues | (2,418,469) | (893,337) | (1,525,132) | (1,620,351) | (254,393) | (1,365,958) |
| Capital Revenues | 1,588,692 | 1,588,692 | 1,286,301 | 1,286,301 |

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<td>Operating Result (Loss)/Surplus</td>
<td>(829,777)</td>
<td>(893,337)</td>
<td>63,560</td>
<td>(334,050)</td>
<td>(254,393)</td>
<td>(79,657)</td>
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<td>Current Assets</td>
<td>3,915,170</td>
<td>1,418,117</td>
<td>2,497,053</td>
<td>3,771,111</td>
<td>1,838,213</td>
<td>1,932,898</td>
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<tr>
<td>Non-Current Assets</td>
<td>118,592,712</td>
<td>9,466,090</td>
<td>109,126,622</td>
<td>67,483,756</td>
<td>9,414,894</td>
<td>58,068,662</td>
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<td>Intangible Assets</td>
<td>2,106,196</td>
<td>2,100,000</td>
<td>6,196</td>
<td>2,100,000</td>
<td>2,100,000</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL ASSETS</strong></td>
<td><strong>124,614,077</strong></td>
<td><strong>12,964,207</strong></td>
<td><strong>111,629,870</strong></td>
<td><strong>73,354,867</strong></td>
<td><strong>13,353,107</strong></td>
<td><strong>60,001,560</strong></td>
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<td>Current Liabilities</td>
<td>7,726,339</td>
<td>1,809,977</td>
<td>5,916,362</td>
<td>6,505,180</td>
<td>2,235,663</td>
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<td>Non-Current Liabilities</td>
<td>11,262,532</td>
<td>2,299,907</td>
<td>8,962,625</td>
<td>9,850,279</td>
<td>2,440,564</td>
<td>7,409,715</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL LIABILITIES</strong></td>
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| NET ASSETS          | 105,625,206  | 8,874,323 | 96,750,883 | 56,999,408   | 8,626,880 | 48,372,328 |
NOTE 18 SEGMENT REPORTING CONTINUED

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<td><strong>TOTAL EXPENSES</strong></td>
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SEGMENT RESULT SURPLUS (DEFICIT)  
(893,337)

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SEGMENT NET ASSETS  
8,874,323

Component of Segment Liabilities included above:

- Accommodation Bond Liabilities: 1,278,479
- Total Segment Interest Bearing Deposits: 1,278,479

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NOTE 19  CONTINGENCIES & ASSETS & LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED IN THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

The following assets and liabilities do not qualify for recognition in the Statement of Financial Position but knowledge of those items is considered relevant to user of the financial report in making and evaluating decisions about the allocation of scarce resources.

1. LAND UNDER ROADS

As reported elsewhere in these Statements, Council is of the opinion that it is not possible to attribute a value sufficiently reliably for these assets to qualify for recognition, and accordingly land under roads has not been recognised in these reports. Land acquired for road purposes during the year is initially recognised at cost, but transferred to fair value at reporting date, effectively writing off the expenditure.

At reporting date, Council controlled 408km of road reserves of average width 20 metres.

2. POTENTIAL INSURANCE LOSSES

Council is a multi-purpose organisation providing a large range of building, parks infrastructure, playgrounds and other facilities accessible to the public. At any time, it is likely that claims will have been made against Council that remain unsettled.

Council insures against all known insurable risks using a range of insurance policies, each of which is subject to a deductible "insurance excess", the amount of which varies according to the class of insurance.

Council has recognised the potential losses arising from claims known at reporting date based on average historical net cost (including insurance excess) of similar types of claims. Other potential claims not reported to Council may have existed at reporting date.

3. LEGAL EXPENSES/POTENTIAL INDUSTRIAL COURT SETTLEMENT

Council is the planning consent authority for its area under the Development Act 1993 (as amended). Pursuant to that Act, certain persons aggrieved by a planning decision of the Council may appeal. It is normal practice that parties bear their own legal costs. At the date of these reports, Council had notice of 1 appeal against planning decisions made prior to the reporting date. All known costs have been recognised, but the amount of further costs cannot be known until the appeals are determined.
PORT AUGUSTA CITY COUNCIL
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

STATEMENT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I, Gregory John Perkin, the person for the time being occupying the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Port Augusta City Council, do hereby state that the Financial Statements of the Council for the year ended 30 June, 2010 are to the best of my knowledge presented fairly, and in accordance with accounting procedures which have been maintained in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 made under that Act.

GREG PERKIN
CITY MANAGER

Dated this 10 day of Nov 2010

ADOPTION STATEMENT

Laid before the Port Augusta City Council and adopted on the 11th November, 2010
PORT AUGUSTA CITY COUNCIL
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2010

CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of the Port Augusta City Council for the year ended 30 June 2010, the Council’s Auditor, John D Ewen & Associates has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 made under that Act.

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

GREG PERKIN
CITY MANAGER

ALAN MORRIS
PRESIDING MEMBER
AUDIT COMMITTEE

3/11/2010
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

PORT AUGUSTA CITY COUNCIL

We have audited the accompanying Financial Report of the Port Augusta City Council which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2010 and the income statement, cash flow statement and statement of changes in equity for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the Chief Executive Officer’s declaration as set out on pages 1-38.

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL REPORT

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

AUDITOR’S RESPONSIBILITY

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

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

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

AUDITOR’S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

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

In our opinion the financial report of the Port Augusta City Council is properly drawn up:

a) To give a true and fair view of:
   i) the Council's state of affairs as at 30 June 2010 and changes in equity resulting from operations and cashflows for the year ended on that date.
   ii) the other matters required by the Local Government Act 1999 to be dealt with in the financial statements.

b) According to the Local Government Act 1999, together with the Local Government Act 1999 (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 made under that Act; and

c) According to Australian Accounting Standards and mandatory professional reporting requirements.

Signed at Adelaide this 11th day of November 2010.

JOHN D EWEN
JOHN D EWEN & ASSOCIATES
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

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

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of the Port Augusta City Council for the year ended 30 June 2010, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Section 290, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 made under that Act.

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

Signed at Adelaide this 11th day of November 2010.

JOHN D EWEN
JOHN D EWEN & ASSOCIATES
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT
Information Statement

- Decision making structure and functions of the Council
- Delegations
- Public Participation
- Confidentiality Provisions
- Community Consultation
- Public Access to Council Documents
- Freedom of Information Requests
Pursuant to Section 9 (1a) of the Freedom of Information Act 1991, Council must, at intervals of not more than 12 months, cause an up-to-date information statement to be published.

The following information fulfils Council legislative requirements in relation to its reporting obligations in regards to an up-to-date information statement.

1. **Decision Making Structure And Functions Of The Council**

1.1 The Port Augusta City Council’s decision making structure consists of three Key Committees, each represented by the 10 Elected Members. The Mayor is an *ex-officio* member of each Committee. These Committees receive reports from officers of Council and make recommendations to full Council on each of the reports received.

1.2 The first Key Committee meets at 5.30pm on the 2nd Monday of every month and is known as the City Management Committee. The second Key Committee meets at 5.30pm on the 3rd Monday of every month and is known as the Corporate Services & Infrastructure Committee. The third Key Committee meets on the 2nd or 3rd Monday of the month, commencing at the conclusion of the City Management Committee or Corporate Services & Infrastructure Committee on an as needs basis. This Key Committee is known as the Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee. Should a public holiday fall on the Monday of a scheduled Key Committee Meeting, then the meeting is held on the following evening (Tuesday).

Full Council meets at 7pm on the 4th Monday of every month except Public Holidays when meetings are scheduled on the following evening (Tuesday).

1.3 Council also has a ‘Management Group’ who meet on a weekly basis to peruse all reports prior to them being included in the agenda for the appropriate Key Committee/Council. The Officers who make up the Management Group are the City Manager - Mr Greg Perkin, Director Corporate Services - Mr Michael Dunemann, Director Infrastructure and Environment Services - Mr Hayden Hart, Director Community Services - Mrs Anne O’Reilly, and Director City & Cultural Services - Mrs Lee Heron.

1.4 Agendas for all Council and Key Committee Meetings are placed on display on the Thursday preceding the Monday meeting, and minutes of all meetings are placed on display in the Civic Centre. Copies are also available on Council’s Website – [www.portaugusta.sa.gov.au](http://www.portaugusta.sa.gov.au). If copies of Agendas and Minutes are required, they can be obtained from the Civic Centre for a charge, as outlined within Council’s Fees & Charges Register. A copy of the Fees & Charges Register is available from the Civic Centre or on Council’s website by clicking the following headings: ‘The Council’ – ‘Council Documents’ – ‘Registers’.
2. **Delegations**

The City Manager has delegated authority of Council to make decisions on a number of specified administrative and policy matters under various Acts that Council administers. The City Manager has sub-delegated many of these delegations to officers of Council. A Delegations Register has been developed and provides details of all delegations and sub-delegations including any limitations and conditions imposed by Council and/or the City Manager.


The Delegations Register is reviewed in May/June of each year.

3. **Public Participation**

3.1 **Public involvement in Council Meetings:**

Meetings of Council or Council Key Committees are conducted in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre, 4 Mackay Street, Port Augusta. This venue is open to the public and community members are encouraged and welcome to attend all Council/Council Key Committee Meetings.
3.2 Members of the public have a number of opportunities to put forward their views on particular issues before Council. These include:

a) Elected Members

Members of the public can contact Elected Member/s of Council to discuss any issues relevant to Council.

b) Written Submissions

A member of the public can write to the Council on any Council practice, procedure, activity or service. All written submissions should be forwarded to the City Manager, Port Augusta City Council, PO Box 1704, Port Augusta 5700 or by email to admin@portaugusta.sa.gov.au

c) Petitions

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

d) Deputations

A request to appear before Council or a Council Committee must be made in writing to the City Manager at least five days prior to the meeting at which the issue will be considered and should include a statement of the reasons why the deputation wishes to appear.

e) Community Consultation

The Port Augusta City Council consults with the public on particular issues that affect their neighbourhood or the City in accordance with its Public Consultation Policy (1.1.08).


Pursuant to Section 90(2), a Council or Council Key Committee may order that the public be excluded from attendance at a meeting for a variety of reasons.

The table below indicates the reasons that a matter may be considered under the confidentiality provisions, and the number of occasions during 2009/2010 each of these provisions was enforced:

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<th>Section of the Local Government Act</th>
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<td>Section 90(3)(b) – information the disclosure of which:</td>
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<td>(i) could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the council, and would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.</td>
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<td>Section 90(3)(d) – commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which:</td>
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<td>(i) could reasonably 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.</td>
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<td>Section 90(3)(e)</td>
<td>matters affecting the security of the council, members or employees of the council, or council property, or the safety of any person.</td>
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<td>Section 90(3)(f)</td>
<td>information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to prejudice the maintenance of law, including by affecting (or potentially affecting) the prevention, detection or investigation of a criminal offence, or the right to a fair trial.</td>
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<td>Section 90(3)(g)</td>
<td>matters that must be considered in confidence in order to ensure that the council does not breach any law, order or direction of a court or tribunal constituted by law, any duty of confidence, or other legal obligation or duty.</td>
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<td>Section 90(3)(h)</td>
<td>legal advice</td>
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<td>Section 90(3)(i)</td>
<td>information relating to actual litigation, or litigation that the council or council committee believes on reasonable grounds will take place, involving the council or an employee of the council</td>
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<td>Section 90(3)(j)</td>
<td>information the disclosure of which: (i) would divulge information provided on a confidential basis by or to a Minister of the Crown, or another public authority or official; and (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.</td>
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<td>Section 90(3)(m)</td>
<td>information relating to a proposed amendment to a Development Plan under the Development Act 1993 before a Plan Amendment Report relating to the amendment is released for public consultation under the Act.</td>
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<td>Section 90(3)(n)</td>
<td>information relevant to the review of a determination of a council under the Freedom of Information Act 1991</td>
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4.1 During the reporting period, there were 8 instances where Council considered an item under the confidentiality provisions.

4.2 Where an order is made to exclude the public, a note must be made in the minutes of the making of the order and of the grounds on which it is made, as well as the duration of the order.

4.3 Of the 8 confidential items, 3 items remained confidential for a period of 3 months or less, and 5 items were for a period greater than 6 months.

4.4 Pursuant to Section 91 (9) of the Local Government Act 1999, a review was undertaken of all confidential orders which have operated for a period exceeding 12 months (this includes items from 2009/2010 and previous financial years). Following a review in June 2010 of all Confidential Orders, Council approved thirteen (13) items (that exceed 12 months) to remain under confidential provisions.

4.5 Contracts with Confidentiality Clauses

Pursuant to Clause 13 (2) of Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 1991, Council has an opportunity to include a clause within a contract document outlining a schedule of confidentiality provisions within the contract. Council must also regularly report to the Minister administering the Act, the number of contracts containing confidentiality clauses that have been entered into by Council. Council did not have cause to include these provisions within any contract documents during the 2009/2010 financial year.
5. **Community Consultation**

Council seeks feedback from the community on a range of issues each year. Submissions made by the community, during consultation processes, assist Council when making decisions on issues that are being considered.

Furthermore, residents are notified of some development applications that are to be assessed by the Council Development Assessment Panel (CDAP) pursuant to the Development Act 1993. When an application is publicly notified, residents have the opportunity to write to the CDAP expressing their views on the application, and also have an opportunity at this time to request to address the CDAP before a decision is made. It should be noted however, that a number of applications are exempt from public notification by the Development Act 1993.

5.1 **Other General Consultation Activities for 2009/2010 include:**

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<td>2) Roadside Vegetation Management Plan – draft</td>
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<td>August 2009</td>
<td>3) Declaration of public road – Nestor Street (portion)</td>
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<td>September 2009</td>
<td>4) CDAP Membership Registration of Interest</td>
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<td>5) Blanche Harbour Coastal Hostel Homes Management Plan – draft</td>
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<td>6) Roads (Opening &amp; Closing Process) adjacent Racecourse Road</td>
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<td>7) Public Consultation Policy Review</td>
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<td>8) Statutory Code of Practice – Access to Council Meetings &amp; Documents – Review</td>
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<td>11) Liquor Licensing Act 1997 Notice of Application – Port Augusta Cultural Centre – Yarta Purtli</td>
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<td>12) Registration of Interest – Secure Mooring Facilities</td>
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<td>15) CDAP Appointments</td>
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<td>16) Port Augusta Community Alcohol Management Plan – draft</td>
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<td>18) Making of By-Laws – Moveable Signs and Waste Management</td>
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<td>19) Animal Management Plans – draft</td>
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<td>20) Notification of Community Surveys being undertaken by Roy Morgan Research on behalf on Council</td>
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<td>23) Notification of Aboriginal Consultative Forum Meeting Date</td>
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<td>24) Council Members Caretaker Role during Election Period Policy</td>
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<td>June 2010</td>
<td>27) Community Land Management Plans – Amendment Proposal</td>
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5.2 Community Survey

In addition to the above types of community consultation, the Port Augusta City Council since 2002 has also been involved in the Comparative Performance Measurement Report, which is facilitated by the Local Government Association on an annual basis. A community survey is undertaken by Roy Morgan Research as part of the Comparative Performance Measurement Report.

The community survey provides Council with valuable feedback from the community on their perception of Council’s performance in the following areas:

a) Strategic Directions  
b) Community Consultation  
c) Council Services  
d) Quality of Life  
e) Public Access to Information  
f) Asset/Infrastructure Management  
g) Safety & Security

Also in 2010 two additional areas were also included as part of the survey, as follows:

h) Customer Service  
i) Information Delivery

The Comparative Performance Measurement Project provides a foundation for identifying areas of continuous improvement and assists Council to measure and analyse its performance over time.

The following graphs outline the ongoing results of the surveys undertaken for Port Augusta, which are also compared to the State Comparison and other Provincial Cities. The results continue to be very pleasing; however Council acknowledges the importance of always endeavouring to improve the services and programs that are provided to the community and strives to meet their expectations wherever possible.

![Strategic Direction Graph](image-url)
As part of the 2010 Comparative Performance Measurement Project, Council sought feedback from the community on one additional question. The following information provides details of the results in relation to the additional question:

a) **Should the Total City Dry Zone regulation be continued for another three years?**

   Results:  
   - Yes: 93% of responses  
   - No: 5% of responses  
   - Can't Say: 2% of responses  
   - Don't Know what the Dry Zone Regulation is: 1% of responses

   Council’s overall performance for 2010 was 7.03, being a satisfactory result.


   The Port Augusta City Council’s Annual Report and Information Statement is available free of charge upon request at the front counter of the Council Office, 4 Mackay Street, Port Augusta or the Public Library. A copy is also available on Council's website – [www.portaugusta.sa.gov.au](http://www.portaugusta.sa.gov.au)
The public also has access to the following documents, some of which are available free of charge via Council’s website, while others can be viewed at the Council Office. Alternatively, copies may be obtained at a charge as outlined within Council’s Fees and Charges Register.

6.1 Registers/Manuals/Plans

a) Policy Manual
b) Delegations Register
c) By-Law Register
d) Public Roads Register
e) Elected Members – Register of Allowances & Benefits
f) Elected Members – Register of Interest
g) Officers’ Register of Remuneration, Salaries and Benefits
h) Officers’ Register of Interest
i) Register of Campaign Donations Returns
j) Community Land Management Plan Register
k) Fees and Charges Register
l) Council Development Assessment Panel – Register of Interest
m) Strategic Management Plan
n) Annual Budget and Business Plans
o) Animal Management Plans
p) Register of Sealed Documents

6.2 Policy/Procedure Manual


Policy documents that directly affect the community are developed in consultation with the community. When a new policy is being considered, Council will establish a ‘Reference Group’ which will be responsible for drafting the policy for consideration by the community and Elected Members.

Registrations of interest from community members who have an interest in a particular issue will be sought, to encourage them to become involved during the development stage of a policy. A draft policy once developed by the Reference Group is then forwarded to Council for perusal and comment. After Council has had an opportunity to view the draft policy, it is made available to the entire community for comment. All submissions received from the community are considered by Council, prior to the policy being formally adopted.

Following is a list of the various Policies and Codes of Practice that Council has available. These documents are able to be accessed via Council’s Website www.portaugusta.sa.gov.au under the heading ‘The Council’ and sub-heading ‘Council Documents’:

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**Development Act 1993**

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**Operational Units Manual**

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6.3 OHS&W Policy Manual

The OHS&W Policy Manual has been reviewed during the 2009/2010 financial year to bring it into line with the Local Government Association Mutual Liability Scheme’s (LGAMLS) ‘One System’. The model OHS&W management framework consists of 6 core policies supported by 25 procedures. The OHS&W Policy Manual as at the 30 June 2010, included the following policies and procedures:

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The Remote/Isolated Work Procedure is still under review and is yet to be adopted.

The LGAMLS are planning to release the ‘One System’ version of Inclement Weather/Heat Stress Procedure, Work zone Traffic Management Procedure and Hot Work Procedure during 2010, however as at 30 June 2010 these three procedures had not been received.

7. Freedom of Information Requests

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

Mrs Lee Heron, Director – City & Cultural Services, or
Ms Melanie Jenkins, Executive Assistant
Port Augusta City Council
PO Box 1704
PORT AUGUSTA SA 5700
Phone: (08) 8641 9100

7.1 FOI Activities for 2009/2010:

During 2009/2010, Council received ten (10) Freedom of Information requests. Full release of documents was provided for all requests.

7.2 A member of the public may gain access to Council documents to make amendments concerning their personal affairs by making a request under the Freedom of Information Act 1991 (Section 31). A member of the public may then request a correction to any information about themselves that is incomplete, incorrect, misleading or out of date by completing a Freedom of Information Request Form, identifying such information that should be amended to bring their personal information up-to-date.
Section 5

- Rating Policy 2009/2010
- Rate Rebates
- Auditor Independence
- National Competition Principles
- Competitive Tendering Statement
- Community Land Management Plans
- Internal Review of Council Actions
1. **Rating Policy**

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**Port Augusta City Council**

**1. STATUTORY POLICY/PROCEDURES/CODES OF PRACTICE**

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RATING POLICY 2009/2010

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**EXTERNAL LEGISLATION:**

Local Government Act 1999

**INTERNAL REFERENCES:**

Rating Policy Summary 2009/2010

**RELATED POLICIES:**

Rebate of Rates Policy 2.1.02
Rating - Recoveries Policy 2.1.03
Purchasing, Contracts & Tendering - 2.1.05

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:**

Director - Corporate Services

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**SECTION A**

**1.0 POLICY STATEMENT**

1.1 The Rating Policy sets out the guidelines the Port Augusta City Council adheres to, for setting and collecting rates from its community.

1.2 The policy covers:-

a) method used to value land
b) adoption of valuations
c) business impact statement
d) differential general rates
e) minimum rate
f) maximum rate
g) service charge
h) pensioner & self funded retiree concessions
i) other concession
j) payment of rates
k) late payment of rates
l) remission and postponement of rates
m) rebate of rates
n) sale of land for non-payment of rates

1.3 STRATEGIC FOCUS

In setting its rates for the 2009/2010 Financial Year, the Council has given consideration to the following:-

1.3.1 The Strategic Plan 2008-2011
a) Commencing in July, 2007, Council in consultation with the Community, undertook a review of its Strategic Plan, in consultation with the community, to ensure it continues to provide appropriate programs and services, as well as delivering major projects and infrastructure improvement.

    b) The Strategic Plan is the major component of budget deliberations ensuring that Council’s identified goals and objectives are able to be fulfilled.

    c) The current budget and those of recent years reflect the Strategic Plan’s goals of managing long term debt, introducing a greater focus on pavement and infrastructure management and providing impetus for regional economic development.

    d) The Strategic Plan maintains, as one of its major focuses over the coming years, its commitment to community safety and City image initiatives and planning for an ageing community.

    e) Effective management and maintenance of the City’s unique natural and built environment is a major goal of the strategic plan.

1.3.2 Strong Leadership

The determination that strong leadership is required if it is to overcome many of the issues confronting the City. To this end Council has taken into consideration:-

- Its current Strategic Plan and Annual Business Plans.
- The current economic climate and relevant factors such as inflation.
- The budget for 2009/2010
- The impact of valuation increases across the City.
- Its desire to address the issue of financial sustainability.
- The ongoing and increasing cost of the provision of a full recycling waste management and collection service.

1.3.3 Budget Implications

a) The budget for the 2009/2010 financial year.
   (Refer attached Budget)

1.3.4 Impact of rates on community

a) The impact of rates on the community, including:-

    i) householders, businesses and primary producers;

    ii) the broad principle that the rates collected from the different land use groups should rise equally and equitably each financial year. Where there is clearly a different level of services available to ratepayers, or some other circumstance which warrants variation from the broad principle, a differential rate will be applied (refer section on Differential General Rates);
iii) issues of equity arising from circumstances where ratepayers are not provided with the level of infrastructure or services of other areas;

iv) an effluent drainage service charge for land connected to the CWWMS providing effluent drainage;

v) a waste management service charge to implement the recycling/household waste collection disposal service;

vi) a Natural Resource Management Levy;

1.3.5 Rate Increases

a) The need to increase rate revenue for the 2009/2010 financial year of the Council by 6.5% to maintain existing services.

1.4 The Strategic Plan documents and the Council's budget are available for inspection at the Customer Service Counter of the Council Office, and the Public Library, 4 Mackay Street, Port Augusta and via the internet at http://www.portaugusta.sa.gov.au.

1.5 The Council conducts public consultation on a broad range of issues relating to the future directions of the area. These meetings are always advertised in local papers and on television. Ratepayers and interested parties are welcome to attend. The Council also encourages feedback at anytime and such comments may be sent to:-

Greg Perkin
City Manager
Port Augusta City Council
PO Box 1704
PORT AUGUSTA SA 5700

1.6 ANNUAL ADOPTION OF THE POLICY

1.6.1 Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1999 requires a Council to prepare and adopt each year an annual business plan which is required to set out the rate structure and policies for the financial year. The annual business plan (as adopted) must be available for inspection (without charge) or purchase (on payment of a fee fixed by the Council) and a summary version distributed with the first notice sent to ratepayers after declaration of rates.

This policy is available for inspection at the Customer Service Counter of the Council Office, 4 Mackay Street, Port Augusta SA 5700 or on Council’s website www.portaugusta.sa.gov.au

2.0 PURPOSE

2.1 To provide a clear understanding of the process of determining rates on an annual basis.

3.0 RESPONSIBILITY & REVIEW

3.1 Director - Corporate Services

3.2 Reviewed annually in May of each year.

SECTION B

4.0 PROCEDURE

4.1 METHOD USED TO VALUE LAND

4.1.1 The Council may adopt one of three valuation methodologies to value the land in its area. They are:-

a) Capital Value - the value of the land and all of the improvements on the land;

b) Site Value - the value of the land and any improvements which permanently affect the amenity of use of the land, such as drainage works, but excluding the value of buildings and other improvements;
c) Annual Value - a valuation of the rental potential of the land.

4.1.2 The Council has decided to continue to use site value for the purpose of rating land within the council area.

4.1.3 Council must comply with the provisions of the Local Government Act as amended, which stipulates that Council can only levy the minimum rate to less than 35% of rateable land. The distribution of land values is widely varied and the requirements set out above will mean variations in rates levied can be significant.

4.2 ADOPTION OF VALUATIONS

4.2.1 The Council is required to adopt the valuations made by the Valuer-General that are to apply to land for rating purposes for the 2009/2010 year prior to declaration of rates. If a ratepayer is dissatisfied with the valuation made by the Valuer-General then they may object to the Valuer-General in writing within 60 days of receiving notice of the valuation, explaining the basis for the objection provided they have not:-

a) previously received a notice of this valuation under the Local Government Act, in which case the objection period is 60 days from the receipt of the first notice; or

b) previously had an objection to the valuation considered by the Valuer-General.

4.2.2 The address of the State Valuation Office is GPO Box 1354, ADELAIDE SA 5001, and the telephone number is 1300 653 345.

NOTE - The Council has no role in this process. It is also important to note that the lodgement of an objection does not change the due date for payment of rates.

4.3 BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

4.3.1 The Council has considered the impact of rates on business and associated activity in the area. In considering the impact, Council assessed the following:-

a) Council’s policy on “Rebates of Rates” (2.1.02).

b) The support provided to the Far North Regional Development Authority, which in turn supports small business operations in the City and adjoining areas.

c) Council’s Purchasing, Contracts & Tendering policy (2.1.05), which provides preference for any supplier in the region where price and quality offered by two (2) or more suppliers are equal.

d) Council’s commitment to the continuing development of Port Augusta as a transport interchange and important regional service centre. Council has undertaken a review of its current Development Plan during 2008/2009. Recommendations from the review which have been presented to Council and will be actioned during the 2009/2010 financial year.

e) The equity of the distribution of the rate burden between classes of ratepayers based on land use and occupation.

f) Issues of equitability that are created as a result of wide and varied increases in land valuations across the City.

4.4 DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES

4.4.1 The Local Government Act provides for a Council to raise revenue for the broad purposes of the Council through a general rate which applies to all rateable land. In accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 the following practices apply:-

a) All land within a council area, except for land specifically exempt (eg. crown land, council occupied land and others as prescribed in the Local Government Act), is rateable.
b) The Local Government Act provides for rates to be assessed against any piece or section of land subject to separate ownership or occupation and requires that the division of land for the purposes of establishing separate ownership and occupation be made fairly and in accordance with principles and practices that apply on a uniform basis across the area of the council.

c) When determining the basis for rating Council is required under the provisions of the Local Government Act to take into account the following principles:

i. that rates constitute a system of taxation for Local Government purposes;

ii. strategies to provide relief from rates where appropriate;

iii. take into account the financial effects of the decision on future generations.

d) Council has set differential general rates in the dollar to raise the necessary revenue by way of utilising the land use incorporated under the Local Government (general) regulations, namely:

1) Residential
2) Commercial - Shop
3) Commercial - Office
4) Commercial - Other
5) Industry Light
6) Industry Other
7) Primary Production
8) Vacant Land
9) Other Use

e) The use to which the land is put may govern the differential rate. If a land owner is of the opinion that the land use attribution is incorrect, he/she may object. The objection must be in writing and lodged within 21 days of the date of the notice and addressed to "The City Manager, Port Augusta City Council, PO Box 1704, PORT AUGUSTA SA 5700".

4.4.2 Where two residences exist on the one allotment and the residences are occupied by the occupier’s children and/or their parent/s and additional or separate property services are not provided, Council will consider that the site is occupied by a single occupier being an extended family.

4.5. MINIMUM RATE

4.5.1 Council imposes a minimum amount payable by way of rates. Where two or more adjoining lands have the same owner, and are occupied by the same occupier only one minimum rate is payable by the ratepayer. Where a Council imposes a minimum rate it must not apply to more than 35% of land in the council area including the % of land affected by tiered rating.

4.5.2 The Council has decided to continue with a minimum rate the reasons being:

a) It is considered appropriate that all rateable land make a contribution to the cost of administering the Council’s activities and creating and maintaining the physical infrastructure that supports land

b) Minimum rates have been applied for many years and their continuation together with the rating impacts/trends that apply provide a consistent approach to rating levels

4.5.3 The minimum rate will not affect more than 35% of rateable assessments. In the 2009/2010 financial year rates raised by the minimum amount raised 18.03% of the total rate revenue and the additional amount raised by the minimum amount was $201,486 which is 2.23% of the total general rate revenue.
4.6 **MAXIMUM RATE & RATE CAPPING**

4.6.1 Council has determined that a maximum rate be applied to land having either a residential or vacant land use.

    In setting maximum rate levels, Council takes into account:

    a) The very wide range of values applied to residential land in the municipality.

    b) The unreasonable rate impost that would be applied to a number of assessments, without a maximum rate.

4.6.2 Council will also provide a rebate to limit the maximum increase in rates payable due to increases in valuation

4.7 **SERVICE RATE / CHARGE**

4.7.1 The Council provides a CWWMS for septic tank effluent disposal to in excess of 1340 assessments within the Council area. A service charge will apply to all allotments connected or capable of being connected to the CWWM Schemes installed in the Willson, Augusta Park, Hospital Road, Zanuckville, Conwaytown, Transcontinental Estate and Stirling North Railway Siding areas.

4.7.2 A service charge will apply to all households, businesses and occupancies that receive or are capable of receiving a kerbside waste collection and recycling service in order to recover the cost to Council of establishing, operating and maintaining the service in its area.

4.7.3 A Natural Resource Management Levy will apply to all rateable land.

4.8 **PENSIONER & SELF FUNDED RETIREES CONCESSIONS**

4.8.1 Eligible pensioner and self funded retirees are entitled to a concession on rates. Application forms, which include information on the concessions, are available from the Council’s Civic Centre at 4 Mackay Street, Port Augusta SA 5700. They are also available from the SA Water Corporation, State Taxation Office and Department for Families and Communities offices. An eligible pensioner or self funded retiree must hold a Pension Card, State Concession Card or be a T.P.I. Pensioner and must be responsible for the payment of rates on the land for which they are claiming a concession.

4.8.2 Applications are administered by the State Government. Payment of rates should not be withheld pending decision on an application by the State Government as penalties will apply to unpaid rates. A refund will be paid when Council is advised of a concession entitlement if the rates have previously been paid.

4.8.3 Council will also provide a rebate to eligible pensioners and self funded retirees whose net rate levy after deduction of the State Government concession exceeds a maximum amount determined by the Council on an annual basis.

4.9 **OTHER CONCESSIONS**

4.9.1 Department of Families & Communities may assist with the payment of Council rates on a principal place of residence (remissions are not available on vacant land or rental premises) to recipients of the following cards or income:

    a) Holders of current Centrelink or Department of Veteran’ Affairs (DVA) pension cards, DVA Gold Card (TP, EDA, WW) and State Concession Card.

    b) Centrelink recipients and low income earners who meet Families SA low income threshhold-level

For further information please contact the nearest Families & Communities Office for details.
4.10 PAYMENT OF RATES

4.10.1 Rates levied for the year may be paid in four quarterly instalments, due and payable in the months of September, December, March and June of the financial year for which they are declared. Separate notices relating to each instalment (unless paid in full by the due date of first instalment) will be issued to landowners at least 30 days prior to the due date of each instalment.

4.10.2 However, payment of the total rates levied on a land for the 2009/2010 financial year by the due date of the first instalment will grant a discount equivalent to 5% of the total rates declared on the land.

4.10.3 Rates may be paid at the Civic Centre, 4 Mackay Street Port Augusta between the hours of 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. EFTPOS facilities are available. Payments by post can be made to PO Box 1704 Port Augusta SA 5700.

4.10.4 Rates may also be paid by:

- Internet www.portaugusta.sa.gov.au (select “Online Transactions” from the Fast Find menu);
- Telephone on 1300 303 201 (ANZ Bank bill pay, Council’s info pay number is 4321);
- Post Office;
- BPay (quote biller code 27961);
- Centre Pay (if you receive a payment from Centrelink)
- Direct Debit (by providing council with an authorisation to deduct regular payments of a fixed amount from your bank account)

4.10.5 Any ratepayer who may, or is likely to, experience difficulty with meeting the standard payment arrangements is invited to contact Phyllis Robinson, Rates Administrator on 86419100 to discuss alternative payment arrangements. Such inquiries will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

4.11 LATE PAYMENT OF RATES

4.11.1 The Local Government Act provides that Councils impose a penalty of 2% on an instalment that is not paid by the due date. Each month thereafter interest is added to the arrears of rates balance. The interest rate is set each year according to a formula in the Local Government Act. The purpose of this penalty is to act as a genuine deterrent to ratepayers who might otherwise fail to pay their rates on time, to allow Councils to recover the administrative cost of following up unpaid rates, and to cover any interest cost the Council may meet because it has not received the rates on time.

4.11.2 The Council allows a reasonable period after the due date to enable transfer of payments made through external payment agencies. Provided payment is made at external agencies by the due date late payment penalties will be remitted.

4.11.3 The Council is prepared to remit fines/penalties for late payment of rates for a limited range of circumstances such as financial hardship due to unemployment or sickness, sudden hospitalisation and similar situations. Written applications for remission of fines are to be forwarded to the Rates Administrator.

4.11.4 The Council issues an overdue notice for payment of rates when rates are overdue i.e. unpaid by the due date. Should rates remain unpaid for more than 14 days after the issue of the overdue notice then the Council refers the debt to a debt collection agency for collection. The debt collection agency charges collection fees that are recoverable from the ratepayer.

4.11.5 When the Council receives a payment in respect of rates the Council applies the money received as follows:-
4.12 REMISSION AND POSTPONEMENT OF RATES

4.12.1 Section 182 of the Local Government Act permits a Council, on the application of
the ratepayer, to partially or wholly remit rates or to postpone rates, on the
basis of hardship.

Where a ratepayer is suffering hardship in paying rates he/she is invited to
contact the Rates Administrator, on 86419127 to discuss the matter. Although
arrangements for late payment of rates are negotiable, remission of rates in
whole or part is rarely approved due to the inequitable situation for the rest of
the community. Separate provisions in the Local Government Act pertain to the
postponement of rates for Seniors.

4.13 REBATE OF RATES

4.13.1 The Local Government Act requires Councils to rebate the rates payable on some
land. Specific provisions are made for land used for health services, community
services, religious purposes, public cemeteries, the Royal Zoological Society and
educational institutions.

4.13.2 Discretionary rebates may be applied by the Council under Section 166 of the Act.
Council currently provides discretionary rebates for sporting bodies and
community organisations.

4.13.3 Council will consider all applications for rebate under Section 166 of the Act on
merit.

4.14 SALE OF LAND FOR NON-PAYMENT OF RATES

4.14.1 The Local Government Act provides that a Council may sell any land where the
rates have been in arrears for three years or more. The Council is required to
provide the principal ratepayer and the owner (if not the same person) and any
registered mortgagee with details of the outstanding amounts, and advise them of
its intention to sell the land if payment of the outstanding amount is not received
within a given time.

4.14.2 Except in extraordinary circumstances, the Council begins the sale of land for
arrears of rates after 3 years. A copy of the Council’s policy is available from our
Rates Administrator (Phyllis Robinson) on 86419127, or by writing to the Rates
Administrator, Port Augusta City Council at PO Box 1704, Port Augusta SA 5700.

4.15 APPLICATION OF THE POLICY

4.15.1 Where a ratepayer believes that the Council has failed to properly apply this
policy it should raise the matter with the Council. In the first instance contact
the Rates Administrator on 86419127 to discuss the matter. If, after this initial
contact, a ratepayer is still dissatisfied they should write to the City Manager,
Port Augusta City Council, PO Box 1704, Port Augusta SA 5700.

4.15.2 A rate cannot be challenged on the basis of non-compliance with this policy and
must be paid in accordance with the required payment provisions.

5.0 STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 Director - Corporate Services.
5.2 Rate Administrator.

6.0 AUDITS

6.1 Annual financial audit by John D Ewen & Associates
2. **Rate Rebates**

The Local Government Act 1999 requires Councils to rebate the rates payable on some land. Specific provisions are made for land used for health services, community services, religious purposes, public cemeteries, the Royal Zoological Society and educational institutions. Discretionary rebates may also be applied for pursuant to Section 166 of the Local Government Act 1999.

The Port Augusta City Council has adopted a ‘Rate Rebate’ Policy 2.6.01 which outlines the procedures that must be followed by businesses, groups or organisations when applying for a rate rebate.

Applications for rebates should be received on or before 1 May each year for the following financial year, to enable consideration of the application prior to the distribution of rate notices in July. Council reserves the right to refuse any application made after 1 May.

Rate Rebates approved during the 2009/2010 financial year totalled $130,414. Council also supported various sporting bodies and community groups who occupy Council sporting grounds/facilities, by granting rate rebates for these areas. Furthermore, Council provides a 5% discount for rates paid in full before the due date of the first instalment. A further $282,300 was discounted on rate payments using these provisions. In addition to the above rebates, Council provided a capping rebate limiting the general rate payable to a 10% increase on the rate paid in the previous financial year. This resulted in Council foregoing rates to the value of $1.068m in the 2009/2010 financial year.

3. **Auditor Independence**

Pursuant to Section 128 of the Local Government Act 1999, a Council must have an Auditor. The term of appointment of an Auditor must not exceed 5 years. An Auditor may only continue in that office if he or she ensures that any individual who plays a significant role in the audit of the Council for 5 successive financial years, or for 5 out of 6 successive financial years, does not then play a significant role in the audit of the Council for at least 2 financial years.


The Port Augusta City Council paid John D Ewen & Associates a total of $10,500 during the 2009/2010 financial year, plus $4,100 travel costs.

4. **National Competition Principles**

4.1.1 The main aims of the National Competition Policy are:

a) to develop an open and integrated market for goods and services by removing unnecessary barriers;

b) to prevent anti-competitive conduct;

c) ensuring government business activities do not enjoy any net advantages solely as a result of their public ownership;

d) regulation of business activities which restrict competition.

4.1.2 Part 7 of the Clause 7 Statement on the application of ‘competition principles’ requires Council to include in its Annual Report, wherever relevant, information in relation to:
a) commencement or cessation of significant business activities;
b) the competitive neutrality measure applied to each significant business activity
control by the Council;
c) the review and reform of by-laws which restrict competition, including proposed
by-laws;
d) complaints received alleging a breach of competitive neutrality principles; and

e) the structural reform of public monopolies.

4.1.3 During the 2009/2010 reporting period, the Port Augusta City Council had no significant
business activities to report and did not receive any complaints regarding the application
of competition principles.

5. **Competitive Tendering Statement**

Purchasing, or contracting, consists of both the act of and functional responsibility for securing
necessary inputs from outside sources or from an appropriate internal source where financial and
policy consideration dictate. These inputs can be quite diverse and can cover most of the needs
of a Council. In the main Council buys a variety of services from external service providers, either
as needed or on a contractual basis.

Council must have a ‘policy’ on contracts and tenders in accordance with Section 49 of the *Local
Government Act 1999*, which sets out the procedure that the Council will follow when engaging
contractors/businesses in the supply of goods and services.

Whether internal or private operators are selected to provide a Council service, competition has
been identified as a means of improving performance and enhancing customer satisfaction. It is
emphasised however, that the need for a balanced, case by case approach to competitive
tendering and contracting out services is required.

Council adopted its original Purchasing, Contracts and Tendering Policy (2.1.05) in 2000, and
regularly reviews this policy. The last review of this policy was undertaken in May 2010 and the
reviewed policy (now identified as 1.1.09) was adopted by Council at its meeting held on 25 May
2009.

During the reporting period, Council utilised a competitive tendering approach for the provision of
the following goods and services:

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6. Community Land Management Plans

In November 2004, Council adopted the first version of the Community Land Management Plans for the City of Port Augusta. A review was undertaken during 2009/2010 of the Community Land Management Plans to ensure their accuracy and ongoing management of community land within Port Augusta.

A proposal to amend the Community Land Management Plans was prepared, pursuant to Section 198 of the Local Government Act 1999, and was endorsed by Council at its meeting held on 27 April 2010. The proposal was released for consultation and public notification of the proposal was placed in The Transcontinental newspaper in June 2010, seeking feedback from the community in relation to the proposal. No submissions were received during this consultation process.

It should be noted that there were no recommendations within the proposal to have any land identified within the Plan considered for revocation of the community land classification. There were however, recommendations made to Council to declare several parcels of land as community land and for these parcels of land to be included within the Community Land Management Plans.

The following parcels of land were declared as Community Land by Council as part of the review process:

1) Allotment 318 as described within Certificate of Title Volume 5909, Folio 772 (Eastside Foreshore – Skatepark).
2) Allotment 103 as described within Certificate of Title Volume 6043, Folio 554 and Allotment 39 and Allotment 107 within Deposited Plan 83620 (Maule Avenue, Stirling North open space areas).
3) Allotment 12 as described within Certificate of Title Volume 5253, Folio 942 (Pastoral Lawns Park)
4) Allotment 69 as described within Certificate of Title Volume 5696, Folio 317 (Scharenberg Court – Lawns)

Council approved including each of the above allotments within the following category of parks in the Community Land Management Plans:

1) Allotment 318 (Eastside Foreshore – Skatepark) – Category 1 Park
2) Allotment 103, 39 and 107 (Maule Avenue, Stirling North – open space areas) – Category 3 Parks.
3) Allotment 12 (Pastoral Lawns) & Allotment 69 (Scharenberg Court – Lawns) – Category 4 Parks

Following the consultation process, and noting that no submissions were received during the consultation period, Council adopted the Community Land Management Plans as amended at its meeting held on 26 July 2010.

Council may revoke the classification of land as community land in accordance with the provisions of Section 194 of the Local Government Act 1999 and during the reporting period Council formally revoked the community land classification pertaining to the following parcels of land:
1) 9 Christopher Street, Stirling North – Allotment 61 in DP 9635 contained in Certificate of Title Volume 5538, Folio 707.

Furthermore, pursuant to Section 193 (4a) of the Local Government Act 1999 land that formed a road or part of a road that is vested in a Council after the closure of the road under the Roads (Opening and Closing) Act 1991 is taken to have been classified as community land unless the Council resolves before, or at the time of, the making of the relevant road process order under that Act, that it is to be excluded from classification as community land under this section. During the 2009/2010 financial year, Council resolved to exclude the following portions of road reserve from the community land classification:

1) Unmade public road created by virtue of Diagram Book Page 9 in Hundred of Jenkins (Cultana Army Expansion Area).

2) Unmade public road marked as Area A within Preliminary Plan 07/0013 (adjacent Racecourse Road).

7. Internal Review of Council Actions

Section 270 of the Local Government Act 1999 provides that Council must establish grievance procedures to ensure that an appropriate process has been adopted for internal reviews of Council actions.

As per Policy 1.1.05 – Internal Review of Council Decisions the focus for review of Council decisions will be on process review, not merit review. In short, any review will be about the process mechanism and the gathering of appropriate information leading to a particular decision, rather than the merits of the actual decision itself.

During the reporting period, Council received two requests for an ‘Internal Review’ of a decision of Council.

A review was undertaken by the City Manager, Mr Greg Perkin in relation to both internal review requests and advice was forwarded to the applicants on his findings. No further action was taken in relation to one application, however the second applicant requested that a review also be undertaken by the Council. Following consideration of this request, Council at its meeting held on 25 January 2010 resolved to uphold its original decision. Advice was forwarded to the applicant advising that Council considered that it had followed due process in formulating its decision in regard to the zoning of his land.

Below: New playground surface installed on the Eastside Foreshore.
Community Acknowledgement

- Academic Achiever Award
- Australian Citizenship Ceremonies
- Rotary Christmas Pageant
- Mayoral Christmas Party
- Christmas Lighting Festival
- Australia Day Awards
- Annual ‘Staff Thank You Function’
- Port Augusta Junior Sports Foundation
- SA Great Awards – Port Augusta Cultural Centre - Yarta Purtli
- Dog Registration Winner
- AridSmart Gardens Win Gold
The ‘Community Acknowledgement’ section of the Annual Report has been included to highlight special community contributions by individuals and organisations who work tirelessly to make our city a better place in which to live, work and play. The following provides an overview of special events, ceremonies, or activities that have taken place during the reporting period:

1. **Academic Achiever Award**

   Each year, Council acknowledges Port Augusta’s top honours student through an ‘Academic Achievement Award’. The 2009/2010 award was presented to Mr Casey Whitaker by the Mayor at the Council Meeting held on 25 January 2010. The award includes a trophy, $500 cheque and the name of the recipient being included on the ‘Port Augusta Secondary Schools’ Academic Achiever Board’.

   Mr Casey Whitaker, a student of Caritas College, achieved the highest TER score in Port Augusta in 2009/2010 with a result of 94.8 (unadjusted).

   ![Casey receiving his Academic Achiever Award from Mayor Joy Baluch AM.](image)

2. **Australian Citizenship Ceremonies**

   Her Worship the Mayor, Mrs Joy Baluch AM (or her proxy) conducted five (5) Australian Citizenship Ceremonies during 2009/2010, which resulted in 8 males, 9 females and 6 dependents (children) becoming Australian citizens.

   ![Left to right: Mr Eric Delaney, Mayor Baluch, Ms Elsable De Beer. Citizenship Ceremony 11 June 2010.](image)

   ![Left to Right: Master Rishab Harish, Mrs Bindu Harish, Mayor Joy Baluch AM, Ms Melanie Feldmuller, Mrs Daniela Cornea. Citizenship Ceremony 26 March 2010.](image)
3. **Rotary Christmas Pageant:**

The Rotary Christmas Pageant was held on Friday 4 December 2009. Council contributed $800 towards the event for the ‘Best Floats’ as judged by the Rotary Club of Port Augusta. The following recipients received certificates from Rotary and a cheque from the Port Augusta City Council for their contribution to the Pageant:

3.1 **Best School Float** - Port Augusta Child Care Centre – ‘Wizard of Oz’

3.2 **Best Recreation/Youth/Sport Float** - Port Augusta Men’s Shed – ‘Mr Magorium’s Wonder Emporium’

3.3 **Best Private Business/Public Organisation Float** - Port Augusta Public Library – ‘Wacky Witches’

3.4 **Encouragement Award** - Remote & Isolated Children’s Exercise – ‘Pirates & Elves’

3.5 **Best Overall Float** - Families SA – ‘Madagascar II’

4. **Mayoral Christmas Party**

The Mayoral Christmas Party was held in Gladstone Square on Friday 4 December 2009 following the Rotary Christmas Pageant. The event was again well attended by the community of Port Augusta. The amusement rides and entertainment are always popular with the children.

The entertainment for the evening included miniature train ride, dodgem cars & jumps castle, inflatable slippery slide and kiddies carousel, Amazing Drumming Monkeys, Local Band (Caroona Road), the Model Engineers Society, and was followed by a fireworks display at 9:30pm.
5. **Christmas Lighting Festival**

In 2009/2010 Council received a total of 89 nominations for the Christmas Lighting Festival, made up of the following categories:

- **Best Residential Display**
  Port Augusta 35, Port Augusta West 27, Stirling North 15
- **Best Housing SA Display**
  Port Augusta 1, Port Augusta West 2.
- **Best Business/Not for Profit Display**
  Business 2, Not for Profit 2
- **Best Street Display**
  Port Augusta 2, Port Augusta West 3

The winners of each of the above categories in 2009/2010 were:

- **Best Residential Display**—Brian and Kay Moroney (Sponsored by The Transcontinental—$500 prize).
- **Best Housing SA Display**—Suzie Page (Sponsored by Housing SA—$500 prize)
- **Best Business/Not for Profit Display**—Hotel Commonwealth (Sponsored by Southern Cross Television—$750 voucher)
- **Best Street Display**—Simmons Crescent, Port Augusta West (Sponsored by the Port Augusta City Council—$50 per registered household).

Judging was carried out over 2 nights and the judges were very impressed with the large amount of homes & organisations joining in and also with the effort people had gone to in lighting up their homes and businesses.

6. **Australia Day Awards**

Port Augusta’s community celebrates Australia Day with a breakfast in Gladstone Square commencing at around 7:00am. Service Clubs: Rotary, Lions, Apex and the State Emergency Services cook a hot breakfast which is available for a gold coin donation.

The morning continues with the official announcement and presentation of the Australia Day Awards which include Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year.

The nominees for each of these categories and the winners for 2010 are outlined below:

- **Citizen of the Year**
  Nominees: Anna Beach, Laurel Dodd, Greg Kipling, Stephan Laister, Bev Peterson.
  Winner: It was considered by the judging panel that all of the nominees made significant contributions to the community on an equal status and it was not possible to distinguish an outstanding winner. Therefore all were presented with a ‘Certificate of Recognition’.
Young Citizen of the Year

There were no nominations received for Young Citizen of the Year in 2010.

Community Event of the Year


Winner:  Port Augusta Relay for Life

The Port Augusta Relay for Life, a Cancer Council SA event, was held on 17 & 18 October 2009 at Central Oval. This year’s event was the 4th consecutive year that the event was held in Port Augusta.

The event, run by a local committee has raised nearly $150,000 for the Cancer Council of SA during this time and raised a record of $42,461 in 2009.

The 2009 Port Augusta Relay for Life was supported by 13 teams with around 15 participants in each. The overnight relay was supported by Port Augusta and Quorn community members and included an Opening Ceremony, a Candlelight Ceremony and a Closing Ceremony.

7. Annual ‘Staff Thank You Function’

The employees of any organisation are acknowledged as being its most valuable asset, and the Port Augusta City Council acknowledges the work and commitment that its employees provides to the City at an annual ‘Staff Thank You’ function. Staff are presented with a gift to recognise their 10, 20, or 30 year service to the City. Elected Members are also recognised at the annual function for their long term commitment to the City.

On Friday 23 October 2009 a dinner was held at the Port Augusta Yacht Club and the City Manager and Mayor jointly presented the following awards:

10 Year Service Awards

a)  Mark Cooper – Substance Misuse Service
b)  Fiona Gliddon – A.M. Ramsay Village
c)  Christine Gray – A.M. Ramsay Village
d)  Joanne Lathbury – A.M. Ramsay Village
e)  Denise McKenzie – Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre
f)  Deelia Richards – Substance Misuse Service
g)  David Stewart – Substance Misuse Service
h)  Stefan Strangways – Substance Misuse Service
i)  Cy Wewzow – Library

20 Year Service Awards

a)  Ngahuia (Mac) Blaschek – Nerrilda Nursing Home
b)  Marcene Cresp – A.M. Ramsay Village
c)  Sandra Higgins – Nerrilda Nursing Home
d)  Quanita Hockey – Miriam High Special Needs Centre
e)  Anne O’Reilly – Civic Centre
f)  Colleen Ridgen – A.M. Ramsay Village
8. Port Augusta Junior Sports Foundation

The Port Augusta Junior Sports Foundation had another very successful year during 2009/2010. The Foundation financially supports young sportspeople within the community who excel and/or show leadership in their chosen sport.

Incentive awards are assessed and presented on a monthly basis and an annual presentation dinner is held each year where annual winners are announced. At the presentation evening held in August 2009 to following awards were presented:

**Special Achiever**  
Jessica Freeman – Equestrian (WINNER)  
Todd Kaesler – Swimming (WINNER)

**Special Club Trophy**  
Emma Grantham – Basketball  
Sam Broadwood – Judo  
Ella Mansell – Athletics  
Dylan Sghirripa – Volleyball  
Adam Bentley – Golf  
Heidi Stokes, Ben Hilder, Tom Struck, Becki-Jo Geldard – PA Pony Club Team of 4 on the Flat

**Sportsperson of the Year**  
Matthew Ryan Freeman – Judo (WINNER)  
Laura Packard – Netball (RUNNER-UP)
9. **SA Great Awards – Port Augusta Cultural Centre – Yarta Purtli**

The Port Augusta Cultural Centre – Yarta Purtli won the ETSA Utilities Art Award at the SA Great Regional Arts Award on 3 November. The Award highlights the success of the Regional Centre of Culture, Port Augusta Re-Imagines program and the redevelopment of the old court buildings and the Institute into a vibrant arts and community space.

Rear: Chris Gertig (ETSA Utilities Representative – ETSA Utilities Art Award)  
Front: Tina Dunemann, Marlene Foote and Lee Heron (Council Representatives)

10. **Dog Registration Winner**

Each year Council awards a prize for those members of the community who register their dogs before 31 August 2010. The prize was won by Mr. Anthony Hayton who registered his dog Angel (Shih Tzu Cross) during the dog registration period.

11. **AridSmart Gardens Win Gold**

The Inaugural Sustainable Landscapes Competition, run by the Department of Environment and Heritage and partners, focussed on finding South Australia’s best innovative and sustainable native gardens.

The AridSmart display gardens (see below) at the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden received the Gold Award for their environmental sustainability and innovation in showcasing the use of arid plants in domestic gardens in the public garden category.