



Port Augusta

CITY COUNCIL



2007/08
ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

Council produces an annual report each year, pursuant to Section 131 of the *Local Government Act 1999*. The annual report provides an overview of the Council's activities undertaken during the immediate preceding financial year and must be prepared and adopted by 30 November each year.

The annual report is produced by Council to inform residents and businesses in the community, ratepayers, and prescribed bodies about its activities. Although the annual report is principally a document of accountability, it is also an important component of Council's planning and reporting regime.

The following report provides the reader with a comprehensive overview of the Council's achievements during 2007/2008, fulfils its legislative obligations, and is a valuable tool used to promote the City. The report is presented in the following format:

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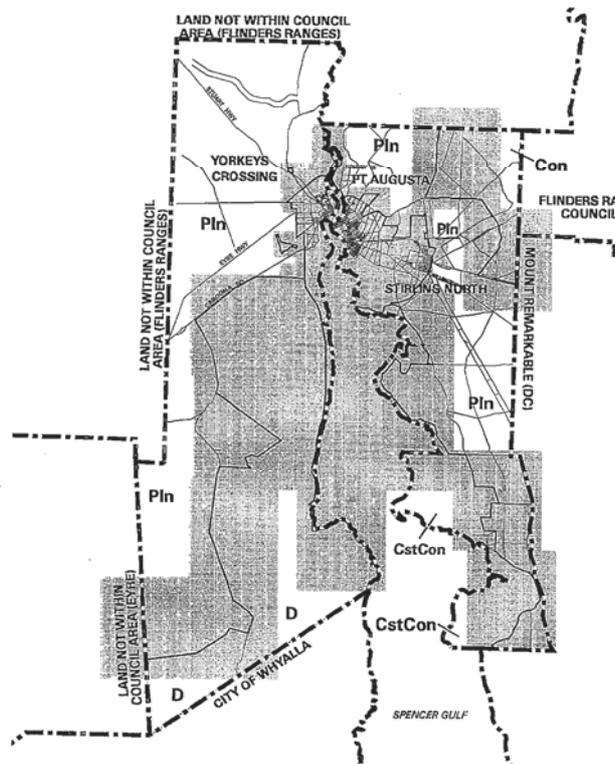
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Council Boundaries

Port Augusta, Stirling North, Blanche Harbour & Miranda



Our Mission

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

Our Vision

A harmonious, unique, vibrant community and environment

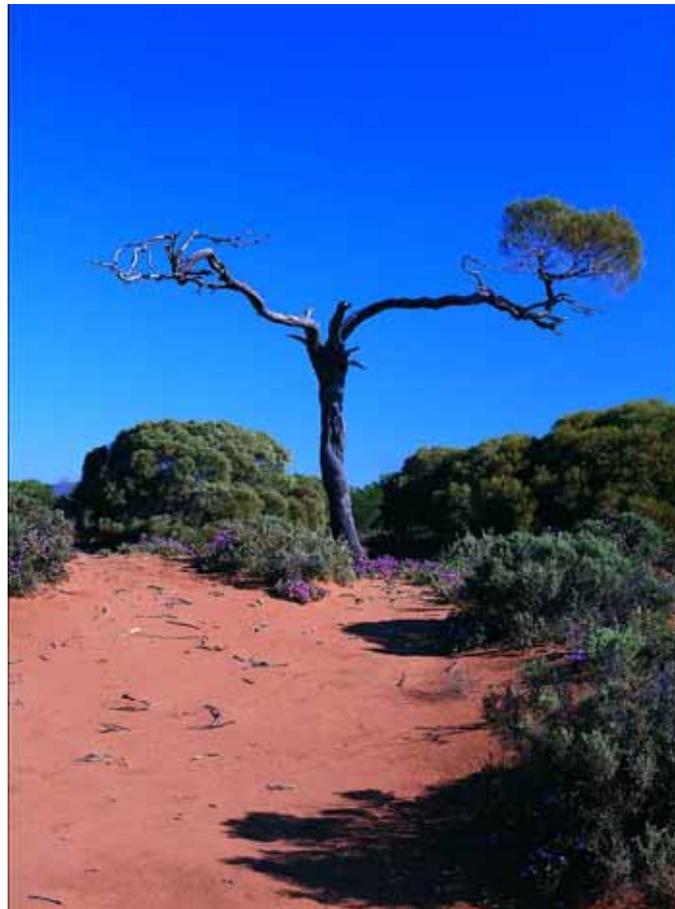
Our Values

Respect, Social Justice, Equal Opportunity, Inclusiveness and Accessibility

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Executive Overview

Section One

Mayor & City Manager's Report



Mayor's Report



We are on the verge of the fourth directional change in our City's history.

We commenced as an obscure little Port in 1854, rising to be the 2nd largest at the turn of the 20th Century. Droughts changed our course, but we were saved with the advent of the 'Transcontinental' Railway and development of the workshops.

In the 50's we entered the Energy Industry and with this and the regionalisation of Government Departments in the 1970's, the City continued to prosper. However, by the early 1990's the pendulum swung again with the restructuring of the Electricity Trust of SA (ETSA) and privatisation of Australian National Railways (AN), doom and gloom descended upon us. Nevertheless, I always had great faith that we would rise from the ashes, even though Governments, as well as some members of our community, believed we would not recover, and we have.

Today there is an air of vibrancy in the market place which is picked up quickly by visitors to our fair City – there is an expectation of better things to come. Council is busy dealing with Developers and Investors on the weekly basis, and involved with Planning SA concerning our Development Plan Amendments (DPA's).

Whether or not we reach or exceed the predicted population growth, Port Augusta City Council is determined to achieve the best possible outcomes for this community. Towards this end, I have formed the Mayor's Taskforce to ensure that we are on the front foot with both Governments and the Mining Industry.

We are only going to get one bite at this cherry and I am determined that it will be a sweet one. We have profited from the mistakes made at Port Hedland during their boom period. It is crucial that we get our overall planning right and provide for our infrastructure, both material and social, for the next 20 years.

Our new City Manager is highly skilled in planning and I have great confidence in his ability to navigate us through this period.

There is an adage that says 'two things are inevitable – death and taxes'. I would like to add another to this – 'change'. Unless we are prepared to change, we will miss our boat of 'opportunity' and end up on the next one – 'Titanic'.

However, we need to be cautious and not focus all our expectations on the mining boom. We commenced as a Sea Port, then progressed into the Rail and Energy Industries.

I believe because of our wonderful geographical position as 'Centre of the Universe' that we will develop into a leisure/retirement centre focused on the quiet waterways of Spencer Gulf, as well as a vibrant service centre for our rich hinterland. In this respect, I place my trust in God.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to Council Staff for their loyalty and dedication during the past twelve months and also to Councillors who have had to make difficult decisions to ensure our future prosperity. I can only encourage all to continue to work together as we face the impending challenges ahead.

N J BALUCH AM
MAYOR

City Manager's Report



2007/08 has been another exceptionally busy one. I write this 'brief' with the knowledge that I have during the latter part of 2007, given Council advanced notice of my intention to retire from full-time work.

This of course will be my last opportunity to thank Members, staff and the community for a 'great journey' over the past 7 years. I want to particularly thank the Mayor for her exceptional leadership; and also thank Lee Heron and Melanie Jenkins for the direct professional support that they have given me for many years. My task as City Manager has been made so much easier with highly efficient people around me.

Back to my comments about the past year:

Economic Development remains a key factor in terms of Port Augusta's future. This year and indeed the next decade, will continue to bring 'growth' to the Upper Spencer Gulf Region and Port Augusta. Port Augusta is emerging as a regional growth centre and hub; and angles well for a very bright future. In relative terms, rapid growth will be the challenge for Council for the foreseeable future.

There are of course some 'down-sides' and cautions in fully embracing growth without a degree of checks and balances that will ensure that Port Augusta does not become another Port Hedland. The highlight of the year for me involved two very important study trips: one to Port Hedland and the other to Chile.

Both trips are now well documented in terms of lessons learnt and what FIFO (Fly-In, Fly-Out) can do to a City like Port Augusta. Council has adopted a clear strategy in terms of positioning itself to encourage the influx of permanent new young families to service the mining industry (and other allied industries). In this regard, the area immediately adjacent the Port Augusta Airport has been earmarked for future large scale residential development with a potential capacity to create up to 3,500 to 4,000 new housing allotments. Considerable work is required to accommodate this exciting development and the rezoning of the area will be a considerable challenge, but certainly achievable and necessary if Port Augusta is going to adequately meet the demand of the future.

Thank you to all Directors, Managers and staff for another successful year. The delivery of 43 services to our community should be highly commended.

I wish Port Augusta all the best for the future.

J G STEPHENS
CITY MANAGER

The Council

Section Two

The Council, Management & Staff

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- ◇ Senior Executive Officers' Allowances and Benefits



2.1 Elected Member Information 2007/2008

The Port Augusta City Council has 10 Members, comprising Her Worship the Mayor, Mrs Nancy Joy Baluch AM and nine (9) Area Councillors.

Elected Member	Contact Details	Representation
 <p style="text-align: center;">Nancy Joy Baluch AM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Term of Office 1981-1982 1983-1993 1995-current</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Her Worship the Mayor</p> <p>Mrs Nancy Joy Baluch AM (Joy) 76 Stirling Road PORT AUGUSTA SA 5700 P: 8642 3795 F: 8641 1126 E: jbaluch@portaugusta.sa.gov.au</p>	<p>Ex-officio Member of every Council Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President – Local Government Association of SA • Provincial Cities Association • Upper Spencer Gulf Common Purpose Group • Outback Areas Community Development Trust • Australian Local Government Association • Aboriginal Consultative Forum
 <p style="text-align: center;">Phil Greagen</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Term of Office 1995-current</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Deputy Mayor</p> <p>Cr Phil Greagen PO Box 1705 PORT AUGUSTA SA 5700 M: 0419 665 106 P: 8641 0840 E: pgreagen@portaugusta.sa.gov.au</p>	<p>Representation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Management Committee • Corporate Services & Infrastructure Committee • Port Augusta Cemetery Upgrade Working Party • District Bushfire Prevention Committee • Port Augusta Community Transport Steering Group • Port Augusta Alcohol Management Group • Aboriginal Consultative Forum
 <p style="text-align: center;">Tony Mitchell</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Term of Office 2003-current</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Councillor</p> <p>Cr Tony Mitchell PO Box 310 PORT AUGUSTA SA 5700 P: 8642 5069 (hm) P: 8641 0900 (wk) F: 8641 0911 M: 0409 428 246 E: tmitchell@portaugusta.sa.gov.au</p>	<p>Representation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Management Committee • Corporate Services & Infrastructure Committee • Council Development Assessment Panel • Community Crime Prevention Reference Group (CCTV's) • Chair – Upper Spencer Gulf Business Incubator Network Board
 <p style="text-align: center;">Alan Morris</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Term of Office 2003-current</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Councillor</p> <p>Cr Alan Morris PO Box 2269 PORT AUGUSTA SA 5700 P: 8641 0369 (hm) P: 8648 5777 (wk) M: 0427 600 279 E: amorris@portaugusta.sa.gov.au</p>	<p>Representation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Management Committee • Corporate Services & Infrastructure Committee • Port Augusta Skate Park Reference Group • Audit Committee

 <p>Fran Paynter</p> <p>Term of Office 2003-current</p>	<p>Councillor</p> <p>Cr Fran Paynter 24 Sanderson Street PORT AUGUSTA SA 5700 P: 8642 2597 (hm) M: 0419 422 592 E: fpaynter@portaugusta.sa.gov.au</p>	<p>Representation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Management Committee • Corporate Services & Infrastructure Committee • Council Development Assessment Panel Feb – June 08 • Early Years Parenting Centre Advisory Group
 <p>Chris Pycroft</p> <p>Term of Office 1989-current</p>	<p>Councillor</p> <p>Cr Christene Pycroft 7 Woodroffe Court PORT AUGUSTA SA 5700 P: 8642 2787 (hm) F: 8642 4106 E: cpycroft@portaugusta.sa.gov.au</p>	<p>Representation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Management Committee • Corporate Services & Infrastructure Committee • Port Augusta Junior Sports Assistance Foundation • Central Oval Precinct Redevelopment Project Management Group • Port Augusta Cemetery Upgrade Working Party • District Bushfire Prevention Committee
 <p>Renee Ellis</p> <p>Term of Office 2006-current</p>	<p>Councillor</p> <p>Cr Renee Ellis PO Box 2118 PORT AUGUSTA SA 5700 M: 0407 710 316 E: rellis@portaugusta.sa.gov.au</p>	<p>Representation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Management Committee • Corporate Services & Infrastructure Committee • Council Development Assessment Panel July – Dec 07 • Port Augusta Skate Park Reference Group • Regional Centre for Culture Reference Group • State Strategic Planning Regional Advisory Board • Port Augusta Alcohol Management Group
 <p>Sam Johnson</p> <p>Term of Office 2006-current</p>	<p>Councillor</p> <p>Cr Sam Johnson 1 Harry Court PORT AUGUSTA SA 5700 P: 8641 2016 (wk) M: 0404 688 846 M: 0429 412 044 E: sjohnson@portaugusta.sa.gov.au</p>	<p>Representation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Management Committee • Corporate Services & Infrastructure Committee • Council Development Assessment Panel • Local Government Rep – Northern Regional Development Board Committee

 <p>Ken McLean</p> <p>Term of Office 2006-current</p>	<p>Councillor Cr Ken McLean PO Box 1746 PORT AUGUSTA SA 5700 P: 8642 3463 (hm) M: 0448 354 745 E: kmclean@portaugusta.sa.gov.au</p>	<p>Representation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Management Committee • Corporate Services & Infrastructure Committee • Central Oval Precinct Redevelopment Project Management Group
 <p>Peter Solomon</p> <p>Term of Office 1989-1993 (May) (Dec) 1993-2003 2006-current</p>	<p>Councillor Cr Peter Solomon PO Box 355 PORT AUGUSTA SA 5700 P: 8643 6464 (hm) P: 8641 0517 (wk) M: 0429 098 295 E: psolomon@portaugusta.sa.gov.au</p>	<p>Representation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Management Committee • Corporate Services & Infrastructure Committee • Port Augusta Marine Advisory Committee • Audit Committee

2.2 Council and Committee Structure

The Port Augusta City Council has the following Council and Committee structure as adopted by Council on the 27th November 2007 following the Local Government Elections:

- City Management Committee – this Committee meets on the 2nd Monday of each month, commencing at 5.30pm.
- Corporate Services & Infrastructure Committee – this Committee meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, commencing at 5.30pm.

Reports forwarded to these two Key Committees will be considered and debated at the relevant meeting, and decisions at these meetings are submitted to Council as recommendations through committee minutes. The Chairperson for each Key Committee is elected on a rotating 12 month basis between Councillors and the Mayor is ex-officio of these Committees.

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

- Council Meetings – are held on the 4th Monday of each month, commencing at 7.00pm.

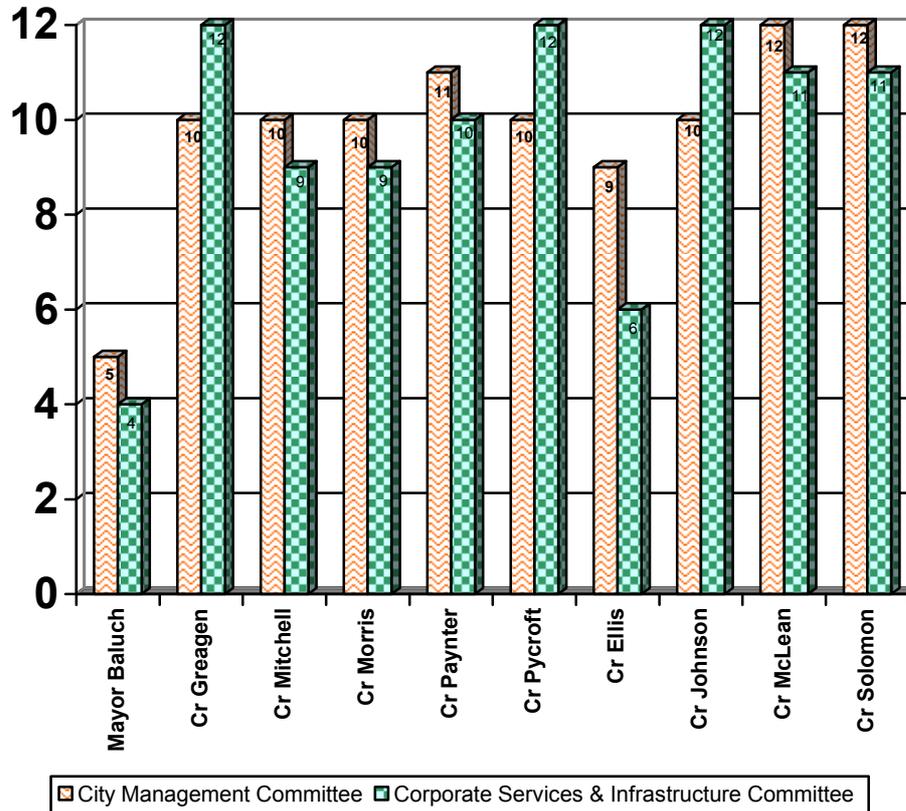
Membership: Mayor and all Councillors (Deputy Mayor elected).

All meetings are held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Mackay Street, Port Augusta and are open to the public.

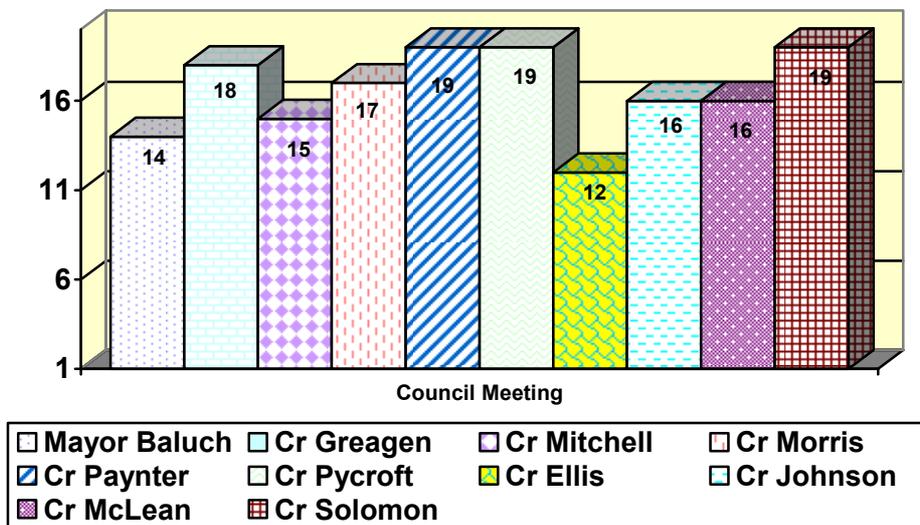
2.3 Council & Key Committee Meeting Attendance Record

The following graphs provide a record of attendance by Elected Members, past and present, for the 2007/2008 financial year for Council and Key Committee Meetings:

Key Committee Meetings



During 2007/2008 there were 12 Council Meetings and 7 Special Council Meetings. The Elected Members attendance record at these meetings was as follows:



2.4 Other Advisory Committees

2.4.1 Audit Committee

Council has formed an Audit Committee as provided under Section 126 of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

The functions of the audit committee include reviewing annual financial statements to ensure they present fairly the state of affairs of the Council, and proposing and providing information relevant to a review of the Council's Strategic Management Plans or Annual Business Plan and the exercise of powers under Section 130A of the Act.

The Audit Committee will meet on a quarterly basis.

Membership: Cr Solomon and Cr Morris; Independent Members: Mr Neil Finlay and Mr Chris McSporran.

2.4.2 Council Development Assessment Panel

In line with legislative changes as prescribed in Division 4 – Part 4, Section 56A of the Development Act 1993, Council was required to establish a 'Council Development Assessment Panel' to undertake the powers and functions of the Port Augusta City Council, as delegated, in relation to the assessment of development applications. Council at its special meeting held on the 12th February 2007 appointed the following Members to its CDAP:

Membership: Chairperson: Mr John Veen, Independent Members: Mr Robert Bemmerl, Mr John Rejack and Mrs Denise Davies and Elected Members: Cr Sam Johnson, Cr Tony Mitchell, Cr Fran Paynter.

Cr Renee Ellis resigned from the Council Development Assessment Panel in January 2008 with her last meeting being in December 2007. Council at its meeting held on the 29th January 2008 accepted Cr Ellis' resignation and appointed Cr Fran Paynter to the CDAP commencing in February 2008.

The CDAP meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, commencing at 5.30pm.

2.4.3 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.

The Building Fire Safety Committee meets on a quarterly basis.

Membership: Building Surveying Technician - Mr Nick Heron (Admin Support), Building Surveyor - Mr Peter Harmer, Metropolitan Fire Service - Mr Rod Bahr or his nominated proxy Mr Andrew Sharrad and Country Fire Service - Mr Max McAlister-or his nominated proxy Mr Nick Luzborzs.

2.4.4 Port Augusta Junior Sports Assistance Foundation

The Port Augusta Junior Sports Assistance Foundation was established to promote and encourage local junior sportspersons of the city, through provision of financial assistance and recognition of achievement for participating community sporting organisations.

The Foundation meet on a monthly basis and minutes of meetings are presented to Council for adoption.

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

Membership:

- *a member or members of the Council, appointed from time to time by the Council;*
- *any formal representative nominated by any sporting group which has junior sportspersons in its membership structure, and has agreed to financially contribute to the Foundation Fund in accordance with the Rules of the Foundation, and approved by the Council in accordance with Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1999.*

2.4.5 Port Augusta Marine Advisory Committee

This Committee was formed to consider and provide advice to Council on issues that will impact on the waterways of the Upper Spencer Gulf, especially in relation to the introduction of the proposed Marine Parks by the State Government.

Membership: Chairperson - Cr Peter Solomon, City Manager – Mr John Stephens, Strategic Co-ordinator AALBG/Parks, Mr Rieck Shine, Mr Robin Sharp, Ms Robyn Morcom, Mr Richard Dixon, Mr Brett Munns (proxy Mrs Natalie Munns), Mr Peter Huxtable (proxy Mr Ted Gade), Ms Heather Sweeting, Mr Aaron Morgan, Mr Andy Ireland, Ms Rebekah Redden, Executive Assistant - Ms Melanie Jenkins.

2.4.6 District Bushfire Prevention Committee

This Committee has been established to fulfil Council's responsibilities in respect to Section 75 of the Fire & Emergency Services Act 2005. The functions of a District Bushfire Prevention Committee is to ensure that the extent of fire hazards within its area is assessed, to liaise with appropriate authorities about the existence of fire hazards and to make recommendations in relation to their removal, and to prepare plans for bushfire prevention within its area.

The Committee meets a minimum of three times per year.

Membership: Fire Prevention Officer - Mr Wayne McKerlie, Cr Christene Pycroft, Cr Phil Greagen, Stirling North Country Fire Service Representative - Mr John Miller, Metropolitan Fire Service representative – Mr Darren MacNamee and Department for Environment & Heritage representative – Mr Michael Wigg.

2.4.7 OHS&W Committee

The OHS&W 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. The Committee assists in resolution of issues, consultation, and in the formulation, review and dissemination of practices, procedures and policies.

The Committee meets at 10:30am on the last Tuesday of each month.

Membership: Mr Anthony McCoy (Chairperson), Mr Sam Bolitho, Ms Zsuzsi Coppin, Mr Carol Winen, Ms Sylvia Hogg, Mr Alan Dowling, Ms Julie Rozee, Mr David Stewart, Ms Janice Scott, Mr Larry Martin, Mr David Curnow, Mr Peter Franklin, Ms Lee Heron (Management Group Rep).

2.5 Reference Groups/Working Parties

2.5.1 Port Augusta Cemetery Upgrade Working Party

Following on from the success of installing a memorial wall listing stillborn babies buried in unmarked graves at the Port Augusta Cemetery in 2004, the Port Augusta Cemetery Working Party decided to continue improving the cemetery by attempting to ensure all graves from 1883 to 1983 are marked.

Membership: Cr Chris Pycroft, Cr Phil Greagen, Director-Infrastructure & Environment - Mr John Hogg, Parks Technical Officer - Mr Deon Schumann, Cemetery Records Co-ordinators Mrs Estelle Sharpe & Mrs Lee-Anne Dalla Santa, Records Co-ordinator - Ms Melody Poole, Local Family History Researcher - Mrs Leita Fennell, Aboriginal Community Representatives - Ms Marsha Warren & Ms Fiona Stanley, Port Augusta Rotary Club - Mrs Cynthia Collins, Port Augusta Community Services - Mr Peter Newman.

Working Party meets on an 'as needs' basis.

2.5.2 Aboriginal Consultative Forum

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

Meetings are held approximately 6 weekly at various venues within the City. All aboriginal community members are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Membership: Mayor Baluch (Chairperson), Deputy Mayor Cr Greagen, City Manager - Mr John Stephens, Co-ordinator-Community Harmony, Mr Douglas Longmore and various representatives from the aboriginal community.

2.5.3 Community Crime Prevention Reference Group

The Community Crime Prevention Reference Group was formed in September 2006 to consider city safe issues and to prepare a funding application to extend the City of Port Augusta's CCTV Surveillance System. The funding application through the National Community Crime Prevention Programme was successful and the Reference Group is responsible for implementing the extension of the CCTV Program in line within the Funding Agreement.

Membership: Project Manager – Ms Cristy Heard, Cr Tony Mitchell, Manager - Community Harmony – Ms Marie Williams, Manager – Governance & Economic Development – Ms Lee Heron, SAPOL Representative – Ms Alison Hore, Business Representatives, Mr Geoff Fullerton and Mr Graeme Jameson.

This Reference Group will meet on a monthly or bi-monthly basis, depending on the demands of the project's implementation.

2.5.4 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 source external funding via grants and other fundraising activities to financially support this project.

Membership: Cr Alan Morris, Cr Renee Ellis, be active Community Field Officer – Mr Craig Dearlove, Manager – Governance & Economic Development – Ms Lee Heron, various interested community members (adults and youth).

This Group meets on an 'as needs' basis.

2.5.5 Regional Centre for Culture

Port Augusta was the inaugural recipient of the South Australian Government's Regional Centre of Culture Program. The South Australian Government and Council will financially contribute to this program which culminated in 2008 with a year of spectacular arts and cultural activities being exhibited and performed from the Port Augusta Cultural Centre – Yarta Purtli.

Several Reference Groups were established to assist in scoping this project to ensure that it was open and ready to participate in the 2008 Regional Centre of Culture Program. The three Reference Groups included:

a) Re-Imagines Reference Group

This Group is specifically responsible for developing the concept, identifying appropriate locations for the program and working with all agencies to ensure the program for 2008 incorporates the arts and cultural activities identified by the general community as important. The Group comprises of the following members: Lucke Rogers, Ben Webb, Alwyn McKenzie, John O'Dea, Georgie Sharp, Sean Holden, Graham Bull, Bernard Smith, Vanessa Bouilly, Renee Ellis and Tina Dunemann.

b) Aboriginal Steering Group

This Group meets monthly to oversee the planning for the Yarnballa Arts and Culture Festival and the general programming of Aboriginal arts for the Re-Imagines year. The Steering Group comprises of the following members: Kaelene McMillan, Lavene Ngatokorua, Donny McKenzie, Isabelle Taylor, Noblelene Stuart-McKenzie, Charmaine Wilson, Rehanna Coulthard, Linda Dare, Harry Dare, Jared Thomas, Lindsay Thomas and Kym Thomas.

c) Cultural Centre Steering Group

This Steering Group was set up comprising of Council staff to oversee the building development of the new Cultural Centre. This group comprises of Michael Dunemann, Anne O'Reilly, Nick Heron, Tina Dunemann and Sam Yates.

2.5.6 Central Oval Precinct Redevelopment Project Management Group

The Port Augusta City Council (PACC) is in the process of developing a Central Oval Precinct Master Plan. This plan is intended to detail improvement and development requirements and opportunities for the current area known as the Central Oval Precinct.

This project is part of the City of Port Augusta Strategic Plan 2004 – 2007 as key strategy 2.1.4 Redevelop Central Oval Precinct.

Port Augusta City Council has approved funding to develop a study into the feasibility of establishing a multi use sports & recreation precinct to National/State level standard. The study has not commenced and therefore this allows for the Central Oval Precinct Master Plan to form part of the development of the Port Augusta City Council's Strategic Plan.

Integrating the Central Oval Precinct Master Plan within Port Augusta City Council's Strategic Plan will ensure the recommendations of the master plan are consistent with the framework developed.

To drive this project two sub committees will be formed to provide ongoing support to the project.

a) Project Management Group

The Port Augusta City Council will manage the project through the formed Project Management Group

The Project Management Group (PMG) will be responsible for the development of the project. Specifically the PMG will:

- Endorse the project brief
- Ensure all key stakeholders are consulted including a public consultation process.
- Ensure the study achieves the objectives stated in the project brief
- Ensure continuity of the project

- Present the final report to the Elected Members of Port Augusta City Council

The PMG will consist of the following:

- Port Augusta *be active* Field Officer – Project Manager
- City Manager - Port Augusta City Council
- Director Infrastructure & Environment - Port Augusta City Council
- Director Corporate Services - Port Augusta City Council
- 1 – 2 Elected Members - Port Augusta City Council
- Strategic Coordinator Parks - Port Augusta City Council

The project manager will be responsible for the day-to-day management of the project. The Project Manager will liaise on a regular basis with all key stakeholders including the PMG & the PRG.

b) Project Reference Group

The Project Reference Group (PRG) will be made up of current and potential stakeholders to the Central Oval Precinct and will be essential to the plan's findings.

2.5.7 Port Augusta Alcohol Management Group

The Alcohol Management Group was formed in February 2008 to consider and action the seven recommendations in Council's Consultants Report 'Living on Dry Ground' as part of the management process relating to Port Augusta's Total Dry Zone.

Membership: Chairperson – Cr Renee Ellis, City Manager – Mr John Stephens, Her Worship the Mayor – Mrs N. J. Baluch, Cr Phil Greagen, Co-ordinator – Community Harmony – Mr Douglas Longmore, David Watts and Phil Meagher (DASSA), Mr Tony Lawrence (AFSS), Mr Ray Willis – Senior Youth Worker Family's SA, Ms June Lennon (Sexual Assault Case Worker/Counsellor Family Violence Legal Centre), Inspector Mark Syrus and Sergeant Ian Feltus (SAPOL), Mr Mark Davies (AHA), Ms Sharon Platt (ARRD), Mr Bill Pryor – Office of the Liquor & Gambling Commission, Ms Susan Dodd, Ms Ros McRae (PA Hospital), Ms Glenise Coulthard (proxy Ros McRae), Ms Marie Williams.

2.5.7 Railway Museum Working Group

A Railway Museum Working Group was established to investigate a proposal to establish a Railway Museum in Port Augusta.

Membership: Kym Welsby, Ted Gade, Neil Finlay, Bill Donaldson and John Sherry.

Following the investigation by the above Working Group a Sub Committee was formed to investigate the viability and sustainability of developing the Railway Museum to preserve the railways heritage of Port Augusta. The Group engaged a consultant to conduct a thorough study of this proposed project.

Membership: City Manager – Mr John Stephens, Mr Kym Welsby, Mr Jerry Johnson, Mr John Evans, Mr Ted Gade and Ms Heather Sweeting.

2.6 Elector Representation Review

Council must ensure that all aspects of the composition of the Council, and the issue of the division, or potential division of the area of the Council into Wards, are comprehensively reviewed at least once in every 8 years. Council's last review was certified on the 25th November 2002 and therefore the next elector representation review must be completed and forwarded to the Electoral Commission by October 2009.

Council will engage a consultant during 2008/2009 to assist in undertaking the elector representation review process. It is proposed to commence the review in November 2008 to ensure the process is undertaken within the required timeframe.

The elector representation review process will involve:

- 1) Consultation with Elected Members of the Council and relevant Council staff (informal workshops) with the view to identifying the project parameters, including desired elector ratio (i.e. the number of electors to be represented by a Councillor); the preferred level of representation per Ward/Area Councillor and the need/desire to maintain existing/identified communities of interest.
- 2) Identification of demographic trends through an examination of the House of Assembly Rolls for a determined period; consultation with relevant Council staff (re planning and building applications); and consultation with various state government agencies.
- 3) Identification of future development and/or re-development opportunities, and the likely affects of such on elector numbers over the next eight (8) years.
- 4) Investigation of prominent physical features and the local road network with the view to identifying likely future ward boundaries.

Public consultation is an important component of the elector representation review process and a 'Representation Options Paper', which will address all issues relevant to the review, will be made available to the community for perusal and comment. The community are encouraged to participate in the review process and a consultation period of 6 weeks will be provided in which to examine and comment on the 'Representation Options Paper'.

2.7 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 similar sized councils.

Council	Number of Electors	Elected Members including Mayor and Area Councillors	Ratio Elected Members to Electors 1:00
PORT AUGUSTA	10018	10	1:1001
Mid Murray	10786	12	1:898
Light Regional	10364	11	1:942
Wattle Range	10455	12	1:871
Port Lincoln	10864	11	1:987

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

2.8 Elected Members' Allowances and Benefits

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 provide 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 or Deputy Chairperson 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.

Council at its meeting held on the 22nd November 2007, adopted the following Allowances and Benefits for the 2007/2008 financial year:

2.8.1 Members' Allowance

- a) Mayoral allowance - \$42,040.00 p.a. (payable monthly in arrears); and
- b) Deputy Mayor & Presiding Member (Chairperson) of either of Council's Key Committees allowance - \$13,137.50 p.a. (payable monthly in arrears); and
- c) Elected Members' allowance - \$10,510.00 p.a. (payable monthly in arrears).

2.8.2 Members Reimbursement of Expenses

- a) In addition to the above allowances, Elected Members are also entitled to receive reimbursement for 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 reviewed and adopted Policy 1.1.11 – Elected Members’ Expenses, Facilities and Support at its meeting held on the 22nd November 2007 and this policy will again be reviewed in November 2008 when Members’ Allowances are reviewed.

- b) A register is maintained by Council, pursuant to Section 79 of the Local Government Act 1999, of 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.

2.9 Elected Members’ Training & Development

The Port Augusta City Council is committed to providing its Elected Members with appropriate training and development opportunities to assist them in carrying out their official duties and functions.

During the 2007/2008 financial year Elected Members participated in the following training and development activities:

Date and Training/Development Session	Names of Elected Members attending
4th July 2007 Financial Sustainability Overview	Mayor Joy Baluch Cr Phil Greagen Cr Sam Johnson Cr Tony Mitchell Cr Ken McLean Cr Alan Morris Cr Fran Paynter Cr Christene Pycroft Cr Peter Solomon
31st October 2007 National Economic Development Conference - Sydney	Cr Sam Johnson
25th November 2007 National General Assembly for Local Government - Darwin	Cr Sam Johnson
30th March 2008 Cultural Awareness Field Trip to APY Lands	Cr Ken McLean Cr Peter Solomon
31st March 2008 Council Development Assessment Panel Member Training	Cr Fran Paynter

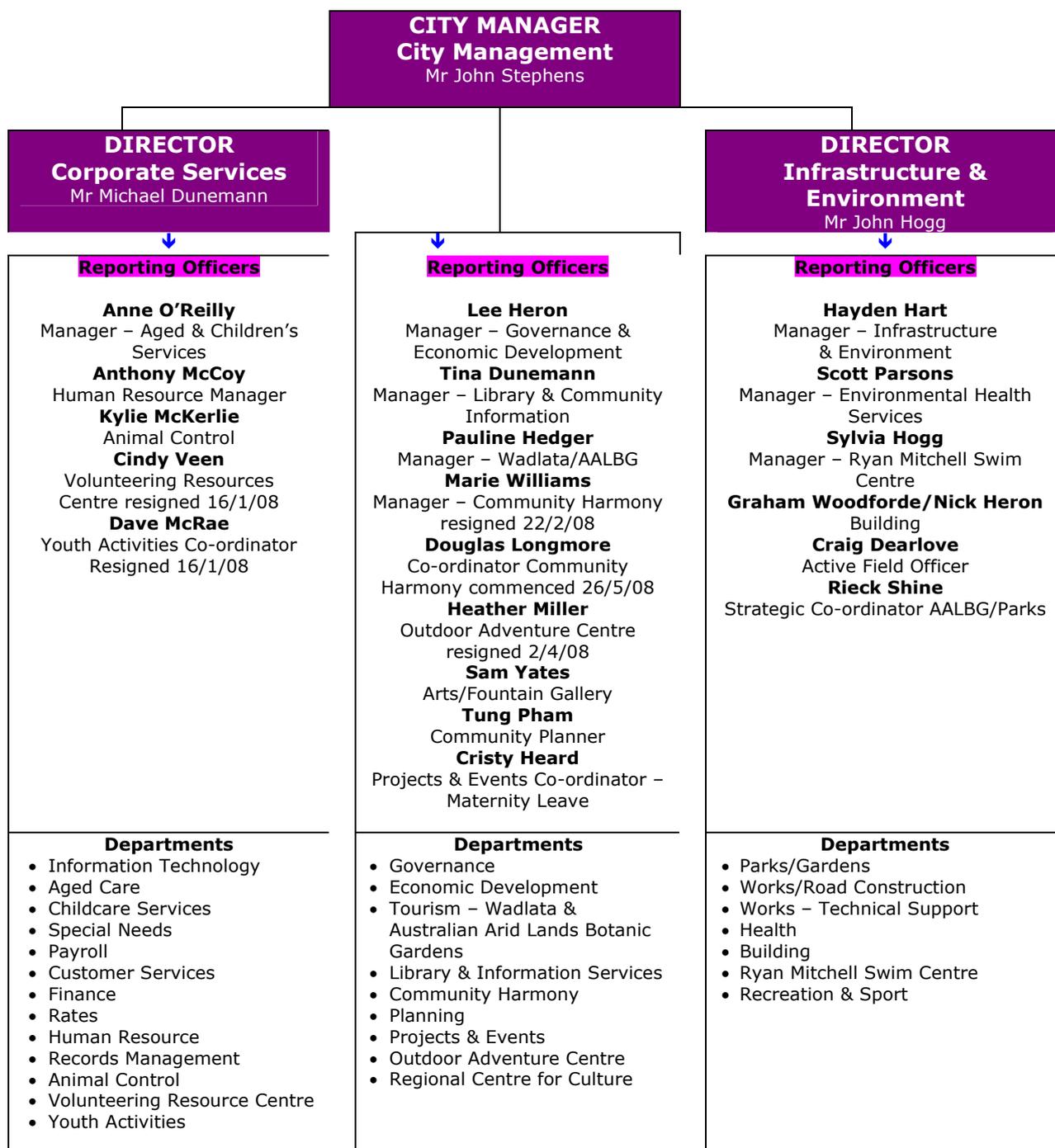
A total of \$16,079 was spent during the 2007/2008 financial year on Elected Members’ Training and Development activities, compared to \$12,711 in 2006/2007. Council has commitment \$18,000 towards training and development activities for Elected Members during the 2008/2009 financial year.

2.10 Management & Staffing

2.10.1 Organisational Structure

The Port Augusta City Council has three Directorates: City Management, Corporate Services, and Infrastructure & Environment, with each Directorate being responsible for various departments within the organisation. Each of the Reporting Officers listed below provide reports to Council, on a monthly basis, to keep Council informed as to their specific activities during the reporting period.

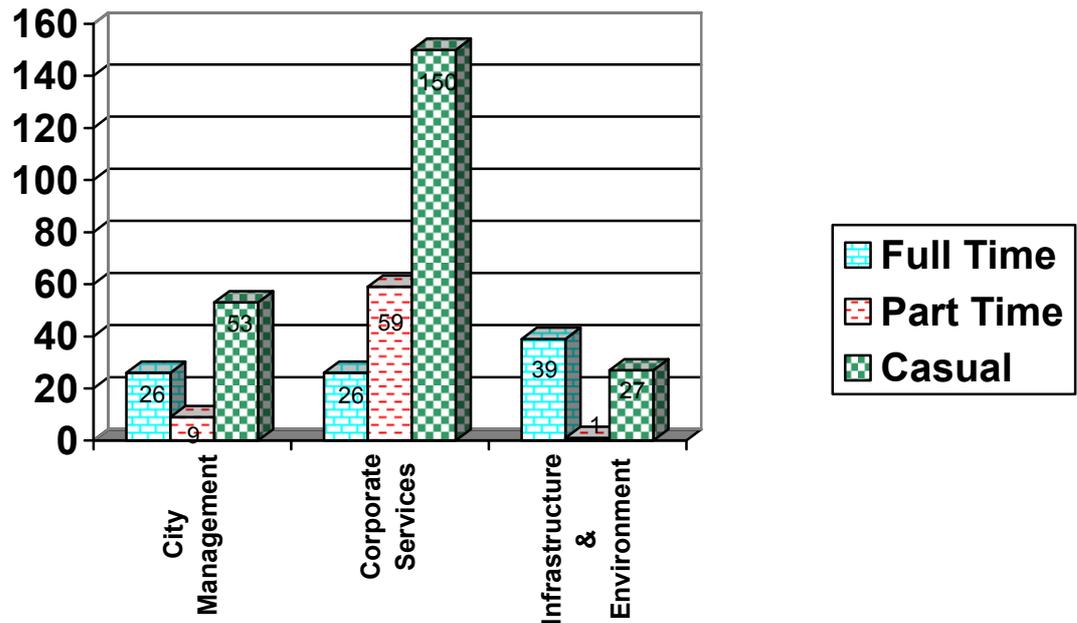
The Organisational Structure is outlined on the following page.



2.10.2 Staffing overview as at the 30th June 2008:

The Port Augusta City Council employed 390 staff as at 30th June 2008. Council's Management Group (MG) including the City Manager, Director – Corporate Services, Director – Infrastructure & Environment, Manager – Aged & Children's Services and Manager – Governance & Economic Development. MG meet on a weekly basis to review activities undertaken by all departments of the Council.

The following graph indicates the number of full time, part-time and casual staff employed within each of Council's three Directorates:



2.11 Senior Executive Officers – Allowances & Benefits

The Port Augusta City Council has three Senior Executive Officers, who are the responsible officers for each of the three Directorates within Council. As at the 30th June 2008, the Senior Executive Officers received the following summary of allowances, bonuses and benefits:

- a) Fixed Term Contract of Employment - 1 SEO
- b) Over Award Salary - 1 SEO
- c) Private use of a Council vehicle - 1 SEO
- d) Reimbursement of 'out of pocket' expenses - 3 SEO's

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 on payment of a fee fixed by Council.

2.12 Human Resource Management

2.12.1 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 4.1.02 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 Manager – Governance & Economic Development (Mrs Lee Heron) are Council's Equal Opportunity Employment Officers.
- d) Council's commitment to employ indigenous trainees continues through the adoption of its 'STEP' Programme.

2.12.2 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 the top level of rating within the Local Government Association exempt employer Work Cover Status of Level 3.

2.12.3 Enterprise Bargaining Agreements

Local Enterprise Agreements negotiated during 2007/2008 for ASU, AWU and ANF (Nerrilda Aged Care Services) employees remain in force (under agreed variation with appropriate Unions) until a decision has been handed down in the latest IR challenge through the High Court.

2.12.4 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'.

An Australian School Based Apprenticeship is similar to an Australian Apprenticeship, but is part time and flexible. The apprenticeship fits within a student's study program and can count towards their SA Certificate of Education.

Newly renovated Civic Centre Front Office

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Strategic Plan & Performance

Section Three

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Goal Area 1: Community Development

SUB GOAL 1.1: Our Community Feels Safe

Three (3) projects were scheduled to be undertaken as part of Council's Annual Business Plans in 2007/2008 relating to Sub Goal 1.1. Progress for each of these projects is as follows:

- 1) Implement new library security system – this project was deferred and will be undertaken during the 08/09 financial year.
- 2) Implement the expansion of the CCTV Program – funding for four additional CCTV's was approved in April 07. Installation of the cameras commenced in early 2008 with three of the four being installed as at the 30th June 2008. The final camera is programmed to be installed in August 2008.
- 3) Assist in promoting and involvement in the Kids Safe – Street Safe Program.

In 2008/2009 the Port Augusta City Council has programmed the following projects to be undertaken to support this sub goal within its Strategic Plan:

- 1) Trial Canine Security Patrols
- 2) Establish a 'Safe Taxi Rank' within the CDB Area
- 3) Alcohol Management Group to meet regularly to action recommendations from the 'Living on Dry Ground' consultants report relating to the Total City Dry Areas.

Activities and highlights for 2007/2008

1. CCTV Camera Extension

Council was successful in gaining external funding from the Federal Government's Attorney General's Department in 2006/2007 to install 4 additional CCTV cameras around the City at identified locations and purchase 1 portable unit that can be located in any area where inappropriate activities are taking place.

Contracts were awarded to Chubb Security in late 2007 for the supply and installation of these cameras and installation commenced in early 2008. As at the 30th June 2008 all but one camera had been installed. A camera that was being placed on an ETSA Utilities power pole was still awaiting approval and authorisation for its installation on the pole. Council has been advised that this final camera is scheduled to be installed in mid August 2008.

Final evaluation of the impact of the cameras will be undertaken following the installation of the final camera, with results being forwarded to the funding body by late September 2009.

2. Total City Dry Areas

South Australia's first total 'dry' City will remain that way after an application for a three year extension of the Dry Zone Regulations were granted by the State Government, effective from the 1st December 2007 to 30th November 2010.

Port Augusta was first declared a total dry zone in December 2005, prohibiting the drinking of alcohol in public places. The City was granted a one-year extension in December 2006, on the condition a report into the impact the dry zones were having on the community was commissioned.

An independent evaluation of Port Augusta's city-wide dry zone laws found the Port Augusta community largely supported the total dry zone laws and it was recommended it be extended for a further two years.

According to the report 'Living on Dry Ground' by KR Consultancy, the total dry zone regulation has reduced the incidence of public drinking as well as the incidence of antisocial and petty criminal behaviour by public drinkers, and has improved the perception of safety in the City.

The report stated that differing impacts had been felt across a range of groups in Port Augusta, with young people reporting fewer hassles when 'out and about'; and the business sector had reported positive outcomes in terms of improved business opportunities and tourism because of the reduction in public intoxication.

Seven recommendations were handed down, including;

- the extension of a total dry zone for a further two years;
- the development of a 'Community Alcohol Management Plan';
- Name, focus and Terms of Reference of the Port Augusta Dry Zone Steering Committee is changed to reflect more local representation;
- further monitoring of the effectiveness of the dry zones by the Port Augusta Dry Zone Steering Committee;
- collection, collation and presentation of data by individual agencies to the Dry Zone Steering Committee on a regular basis;
- consultation with the Aboriginal community concerning any further Dry Zone proposal is planned and conducted through the Port Augusta Dry Zone Steering Committee Aboriginal Reference Group and the Aboriginal Consultative Forum;
- any future marketing and promotional strategies in relation to the Total Dry Zone include local Aboriginal participation.

Council established the Port Augusta Alcohol Management Group during 2007/2008 to address the recommendations outlined with the 'Living on Dry Ground' report (refer Section 2 – Clause 2.5.6 of this report).

3. New City Safe Initiative to be Tried in Port Augusta – Security Canine Patrols

Investigations into a trial Security Canine Patrol Program began in June 2008. Council will trial the City wide patrols from late 2008 to March 2009 and will extensively consult with SAPOL, relevant Government agencies and the community prior to and during the trial period.

As part of the trial, security guards will be supported by trained guard dogs to assist with reducing the incidence of anti-social behaviour, vandalism and graffiti.

The patrols are based on successful security patrols operating in Ceduna and directly relates to Council's Strategic Plan which identified ensuring 'Our Community Feels Safe' as its number one goal area.

Goal Area 1: Community Development

SUB GOAL 1.2: Recognise and value the diverse needs and cultures of our community.

Eighteen (18) projects were scheduled to be undertaken during 2007/2008 financial year relating to this sub goal. All projects were completed.

There have been fifteen (15) projects scheduled to be undertaken as part of the 2008/2009 Business Plans linked to this sub goal of Council's Strategic Plan. Some of the projects scheduled include:

- 1) Introduce a trial Tai Chi Program as part of the Health Focus Program.
- 2) Development of Port Augusta Sports & Recreational Networks.
- 3) Provide financial support to PAYSS.
- 4) Provide support for local National Youth Week activities.
- 5) Support Harmony Day and NAIDOC Week celebrations.
- 6) Continue to assist various sporting clubs and associations.

Activities and highlights for 2007/2008:

1. Substance Misuse Services (SMS) Program

The Port Augusta Community Harmony Program - Substance Misuse Services is funded by the Federal Government (Department of Health and Ageing), State Government (Department of Health), and managed by the Port Augusta City Council. It has recognition as a 'Whole of Government' approach to addressing social issues within the community of Port Augusta. The services provided are the Sobering Up Unit, Mobile Assistance Patrol, and a Clean Needle Program. The main emphasis of the services which are provided are safety, prevention, monitoring, and counselling.

During the past year training and education was delivered to the Bungala participants, Transitional Housing staff, schools and rural and remote areas. Education and Training Programs for the community are made available to agencies and others on request. Presentations of the SMS services were also delivered to groups in the community and at the centre.

To achieve positive outcomes for the community, Port Augusta Substance Misuse Services staff members work in close liaison with the SAPOL, Drug Action Team, Pika Wiya Health Service, Hospital, Wami Kata Old Folks Home, South Australian Housing Trust, Port Augusta Alcohol Management Group, other agencies and the general public.

There was a reduction in statistics for some of the services during the past year, which may have been as a result of the Council's Five Point Plan which was established to address 'Anti Social Behaviour' within the community. There was a slight rise in the Clean Needle Exchange Program.

A Transitional Accommodation Facility has now been established on Davenport Land. This transitional accommodation will house the influx of people that travel from the APY lands and house transients throughout the year.

Port Augusta Substance Misuse Services staff are actively involved in all local social issue committees, and also State and National alcohol and other drug issues, with representation on the National Local Government Drug and Alcohol Committee.

In addition, the Community Harmony Office and the Substance Misuse Services Program were actively involved with service activities in the community. The Substance Misuse Service Program supported and financially contributed to NAIDOC Week and ran specific events during National Drug Action Week to raise the profile of drug and alcohol issues within the city.

2. Aboriginal Consultative Forum

The Aboriginal Consultation Forum has been established to provide an opportunity for members of the aboriginal community to raise issues that concern their community members.

All family groups in Port Augusta are welcome to attend these meetings to discuss issues. This group provides the principal point of contact on Aboriginal issues not only to Council but to a variety of groups with Aboriginal interests well beyond the boundaries of Council.

The Port Augusta Aboriginal Consultative Forum was rejuvenated with more than 50 members of the Aboriginal community attending a meeting with State Government representatives in June, 2008.

Representatives from local agencies attended the meeting, along with Department for Families and Community Services Chief Executive Sue Vardon and Senior Public Servants.

Chaired by Mayor Joy Baluch with administrative support provided by the Port Augusta City Council, it was the strongest representation from the Aboriginal community at a meeting since the Committee's inception two years ago.

A list of principal concerns from the Aboriginal community were identified at the meeting and included violence, vandalism, gambling, truancy, domestic violence and drug and alcohol abuse.

A response to the issues in terms of actions and solutions from the Department for Families and Community Services will be presented at the next meeting of the committee, scheduled in September 2008.

3. YouthLinx Activity Service

YouthLinx is a prevention and early intervention programme that supports young people aged 11 to 16 and their families, to build self-reliance, strengthen family relationships and encourage community involvement.

YouthLinx provides activities and support for young people in the context of their families and communities. Working in an integrated way with young people and their families strengthens their relationships and contributes to building resilience. The types of services provided include recreational, vocational, cultural, educational and personal development activities.

YouthLinx also provides practical support and guidance to young people and their families by helping them deal with issues affecting their well-being as a family, and referring them to other specialist services as required. This support may include advocacy, referral and information, skill development and provision of skilled practical assistance.

The YouthLinx Activity Services is jointly funded through the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (Federal) and the Port Augusta City Council.

The YouthLinx Activities Co-ordinator oversees all activities run as part of the YouthLinx Programs. He works closely with the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) who meet on a regular basis to discuss youth issues as well as plan specific activities. YAC provides members with an opportunity to develop and enhance their leadership skills. The Committee develops programs and activities for their peers and also provides an appropriate forum at which to advocate for young people.

There were many activities organised by the Youth Advisory Committee during the 2007/2008 financial year, some of which included:

- 1) Assisting with the World Solar Challenge by providing music and sound reinforcement for the event.
- 2) Involvement in the Cancer SA's Relay for Life fundraising event through assisting with stalls, registration, cooking and other activities through the night.
- 3) Hosting an Event Management and Media Promotions workshop. Other YAC Members from Whyalla, Jamestown and Booleroo Centre also attended.
- 4) Developing a series of teams based challenges that were run during the 'Crocfest'.
- 5) Producing a short film about their involvement in the 'Your Space Youth Health' unit.
- 6) Assisting with the Kidsflicks and Bigscreen Film Festival at Cinema Augusta.

4. Recreation & Sport

2007/2008 saw the expansion within this region of the Field Officer program with officers becoming full time in each of the original locations Port Augusta & Whyalla with the Port Augusta role further expanded to include the Flinders Ranges Council.

These roles have taken on a more 'be active' theme and will now be called *be active* Field Officers to provide continuity with the state's message of increasing physical activity.

As a result of this role now being full time in Port Augusta it has allowed more hands-on assistance being provided to the local sport & recreation organisations.

During the reporting period, the *be active* Field Officer supported the Port Augusta Sport & Recreation Network as follows:

- **Have a Go Cricket** - 25 kids participated in the 10 week program each kid received cricket equipment
- **Croc Fest** – Respect your self, Respect Your Culture – Co-ordinated 10 sports as part of the festival.
- **Port Augusta Recreation & Sports Network** - Provided various workshops that assisted in the running of their organisation. These include strategic planning & child safe policies.
- **SportAugusta** – Web Site – Stage 1 completed which include design and construction.
- **Port Augusta Football League Review** – Provide on-going assistance to the Football League. Main work will be completed in off season
- **Port Augusta Umpire Academy** - 18 students took part in the first year with an increase to 25 in second year. Students given opportunities at local netball games.
- **Port Augusta Skate Park** - On going assistance being provided. Design, funding and location to be finalised
- **Central Oval Precinct Development** - Master Plan, Stages 1 – 4 of 5 completed during this period.
- **Pichi Richi Marathon** - New organising committee formed. Record entries for the event were recorded
- **Port Augusta Junior Sports Assistance Foundation** - Membership continuing to increase. On-going support given throughout the year.

5. Volunteer Resource Centre

The Volunteer Resource Centre encourages community members to provide voluntary support to community groups and not-for-profit organisations, and assists with training requirements within Port Augusta and the Region.

Arranging and facilitating training workshops are an important part of the Volunteer Co-ordinator's role. A 'How to have an Effective Meeting' Workshop was presented in Port Augusta during the reporting period, with 39 participants representing 23 organisations attending from Port Augusta and Whyalla. Other training planned during 2007/2008 includes: 'Effective Meetings & Governance', 'Effective Volunteering' and 'Volunteer Management and Training'.

The Regional Volunteering Opportunities document was revised and updated and now includes contact details for volunteer co-ordinators.

The Volunteer Co-ordinator employed through the Port Augusta City Council resigned from this position on the 16th January 2008. This position will not be replaced and negotiations are being held with the funding body, in relation to the possibility of TafeSA taking over this responsibility.

Goal Area 1: Community Development

SUB GOAL 1.3: Best practice in community programs and facilities managed by Council

The Port Augusta City Council offers 43 services to its community and those that are identified within this sub-goal include, Aged Care, Childcare, Events, Arts, Leisure, Recreation, Library & Community Information, Animal Control, Swim Centre, Outdoor Adventure Centre, Health, Substance Misuse Services and Youth Activities. There were forty six (46) projects listed within the 2007/2008 Annual Business Plan relating to these programs. Of the 46 projects, 40 have been completed and 6 are ongoing and have been carried over into the 2008/2009 financial year.

There are 45 projects identified within the 2008/2009 Annual Business Plan relating to this sub goal of Council's Strategic Plan. Some of these include:

- 1) Exhibit different art throughout the community
- 2) Upgrade the grounds and surrounds at the Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre
- 3) Completion of A.M. Ramsay Village renovations
- 4) Monitor and maintain Community Immunisation Program
- 5) Upgrade outdoor area of the Kindy & Toddler Sections of the Childcare Centre
- 6) Build contact and support networks through the Port Augusta Youth Focus Group.
- 7) Provide support to specific community projects and events
- 8) Implement book security system within the Library

Activities and highlights for 2007/2008:

1. Port Augusta Library & Community Information Service

The Port Augusta Public Library celebrated 40 years service since the official opening in Chapel Street by the Governor Sir Edric Bastyan on 18th August 1967, the first free Public Library service for the community.

Mr Harry Richards, former Port Augusta City Council Town Clerk, Deputy Mayor Cr Phil Greagen and Mrs Cynthia Collins, Library Manager 1973-2001, joined with past and present Library staff and members of the community for the celebrations in Gladstone Square on Saturday 18th August 2007.

Mr Richards played an important role in the establishment of the original library and was the first person enrolled as a member.



Harry and Margaret Richards
 enjoying the Library's
 40th Birthday celebrations

As part of the Library's 40th birthday celebrations a dinner for past staff members was held at the Standpipe Golf Motor Inn on Saturday 20 October 2007, twenty past and present staff attended.



Left to Right:

Back Row: Cynthia Collins, Pamela Smith, Karen Gruenwald, Tamra Haynes, Julie Haynes, Trisha Kingham, Marnet Willcocks, Estelle Sharpe, Lynette Moat
 Front Row: Jayne Roberts, Margaret Carpenter, Cy Wewzow, Drew Klee, Leah Rasmus, Jessica Hannigan, Tina Dunemann.

1.1 Activities and events undertaken during 2007/2008 included:

a) Positive Ageing Guide

The Community Information service working in collaboration with the newly formed Partnerships in Positive Ageing (PiPA) network developed a new publication covering the services and organisations for older community members called the 'Positive Ageing Guide'. The 8-page booklet was launched at the Positive Ageing Expo on 1st May 2008. The publication is an initiative of the Port Augusta Ageing Strategy 2007-2012.

b) Author visits

i) *Big Book Club*

Australian author Kathryn Fox entertained over 40 people at the Port Augusta Golf Club on Friday 30th November 2007 with an account of her life experiences and how they have influenced her writing. The event was part of her Advertiser Big Book Club tour of metropolitan and regional South Australia.

Kathryn is the fourth author we have hosted since the introduction of the Big Book Club with the others being, Thomas Keneally, Peter Temple and Judy Nunn.

ii) *Christine & David Harris*

Authors Christine and David Harris conducted 7 sessions with Port Augusta Primary Schools on Monday 31st March 2008, involving 300 children. The sessions included writing workshops and the authors talking about their books and approaches to writing.

On Monday evening over 60 people attended the book launch of 'Audrey of the Outback' by Christine Harris at the Wadlata Outback Centre. A highlight of the evening was the performance by a choir from Caritas College, performing with Bob 'Swampy' Marsh a song he has written based on the book.

c) Libraries Board of South Australia visit

Members of the Libraries Board of South Australia and senior staff from Public Libraries Service travelled to Port Augusta on Friday 9th November 2007 as part of a Far North regional tour. The Board met informally with Library staff, Management Group and several Councillors to discuss developments and issues in Public Libraries.

d) Port Augusta Re-Imagines Program

The Library has been involved in several activities and events as part of the Port Augusta Re-Imagines, including hosting exhibitions. Three highlights were:

i) *State Library of South Australia*

The State Library of South Australia visited Port Augusta from Sunday 25th May – Saturday 31st May 2008. This was a unique week and a great opportunity for our local community to learn more about the services and the resources of the State Library.

Specialist staff from the State Library conducted workshops over 4 days for the community on family history, digitising documents, and how to preserve photographs and other treasures. The State Library also promoted the SA Memory website and spoke at the School of the Air, Stirling North Primary School, Port Augusta Probus Club and Rotary.

On Thursday 29th May 2008 Pat Moore entertained over 50 community members with a presentation at the Institute Theatre outlining the history and development of Port Augusta, shown through material held in the collections of the State Library. It was an excellent presentation and really captured the many influences on the development and history of Port Augusta.

Part of the presentation and other material on Port Augusta has been compiled into a special theme on the State Library webpage (www.slsa.sa.gov.au)

During this week 3 film sessions were screened at Cinema Augusta funded by the State Library, showing documentaries from the State Library film collection on Aboriginal issues as part of the celebrations for Reconciliation Week.

The interest created by this week of activities has highlighted many members of the community who have material and stories that could be added to the State Library collection and to our local history collection.

ii) Heritage Walk

The Heritage Walk on Sunday 25th May 2008 was a successful event, with approximately 85 people taking part. Numerous volunteers were stationed at sites around the city centre giving participants the chance to find out more information about the buildings and history of Port Augusta.

iii) History Trust of South Australia

The Library hosted two workshops presented by the History Trust on 11th and 12th May 2008 covering caring for collectables and how to establish a local history archive.

e) Two National Simultaneous Storytimes!

Due to a change in the national timing of the Simultaneous Storytime two events were organized and enjoyed this financial year.

The first event was held on 6th November 2007 with all primary school, pre-schools and child care centres across Port Augusta attempting to read Mem Fox's 'The Magic Hat' at the same time.

The second event occurred on Wednesday May 21st 2008. All primary schools, pre-schools and childcare centres across Port Augusta were presented with a copy of Amanda Graham's 'Arthur' to join in reading the same book at the same time with hundreds of other centre across Australia.

Now in its eighth successful year, National Simultaneous Storytime 2008 aims to celebrate and acknowledge the vital work being done in libraries, schools and communities around Australia to develop young people's literacy and numeracy skills.

f) Residents Newsletter

The Residents Newsletter highlighting Council news and services for the community appeared as an insert in the Transcontinental on 29th August 2007, 21st November 2007, 27th February 2008 and 28th May 2008. In addition to the copies circulated via the Transcontinental an additional 1,000 copies are available from various Council locations.

g) Other programs and promotional activities:

- Toy library service celebrated 5 years on 7th May 2008
- Library promotional newsletter was introduced
- School holiday activities
- Easter hunt
- Christmas Pageant
- Summer reading program
- Little Big Book Club packs
- Basic computer training for adults
- Regular storytime sessions with Frozzled
- Ageing Expo
- Community Information service
- Storytime for preschoolers
- Monthly Library bus and home visit service

2. Childcare Services

2.1 Childcare Centre

2007/08 saw a slight decrease in the full time equivalent number of children attending the Centre. Many families are utilizing the Centre, but the vast majority are attending on a part time basis.

The Centre had to remain closed on 18th October for hygiene reasons due to the interruption of the water supply to many areas of Port Augusta.

The Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs notified the Centre that the Sustainability Assistance received from that Department will cease from 31st March 2008 due to the opening of the ABC Childcare Centre in Port Augusta.

Heavy rain on Saturday 3rd November resulted in substantial water damage to the Administrator's office, babies sleep room and play area and dining area. Contractors and Staff assisted in the clean up on Sunday 4th November to enable the Centre to open at the usual time on Monday morning. Repairs were undertaken once the insurance claim had been finalized.

Several training opportunities were held during the year including Understanding Early Childhood Development, Managing Extreme Behaviours, Communicating with families, Autism/Aspergers Syndrome and Promoting Positive Behaviours.

Belinda Froud and Kelli Ruffles completed the Diploma in Children's Services and were reclassified to Trained Workers.

Two fixed windows in the babies section were replaced with sliding windows to allow more natural ventilation in the room. Borders around sand pit areas were replaced with rounded cement borders in babies and kindy sections. Pavers were also re-laid in the babies section.

A major upgrade of the outdoor kindy section was undertaken in March 2008. Rubber surfacing was installed at a cost of \$70,000 by Reclaim Industries. The staff and children were excited watching the yard be transformed into a new, fresh looking play area.

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Carol Winen successfully completed the Department of Children's Services Manager's examination. It is a licensing requirement that the person in charge of a childcare centre successfully complete this exam.

2.1 Miriam High Special Needs Centre

Numbers of children attending the program continued to rise during 2007/08 with 54 families now being supported.

The Child Health Team from Flinders Terrace Health Centre, Novita Children's Services, Autism SA, Kilparrin, Can Do 4 Kids and Kati Balla from the Special Education Resource Unit continue to support families and staff with regular visits to the Centre providing families with programs for their children. They also run small groups and provide training to Staff.

The Outreach Program has continued to deliver services based on the local program in areas including Whyalla, Leigh Creek, Roxby Downs, Coober Pedy, Woomera and Andamooka. The Outreach Program is supporting 37 families and employing 16 staff.

The Spencer Gulf Rural Health School have continued to send 5th Year Medical Students to the Centre as part of their six week Country placement. The students enjoy meeting the families and working alongside Miriam High Special Needs Centre staff. Students really enjoy the opportunity to talk with families which is an aspect of their placement that they do not get to experience in an acute setting

A new Cisco telephone system was installed in the Centre during the Christmas break. This is an excellent system allowing additional phone lines and linking the Centre directly to Council.

The Port Augusta community continues to be very supportive of the Miriam High Special Needs Centre with various organizations donating funds to the Centre for purchase of equipment etc.

3. Aged Care Services

3.1 Nerrilda Nursing Home

A new Aged Care Funding Instrument was introduced nationally from 20th March 2008. Training was undertaken by key staff members prior to the implementation of this comprehensive new system.

Basic computer training for staff with limited IT knowledge was held during the year as part of the implementation process for clinical IT in Aged Care. Many other training opportunities were also provided to staff including wound management, frontal lobe dementia, ethics, aged care advocacy, challenging behaviours, evidence based practice and manual handling.

The official opening of the new wing together with 20th Birthday Celebrations for Nerrilda was held on Wednesday 31st October 2007. Mayor Baluch AM conducted the official opening and invited guests enjoyed an afternoon tea following the ceremony. Community members also took the opportunity to view the upgraded facility. Positive feedback has been received.

Eleven existing Personal Care Attendants completed the Diploma in Enrolled Nursing during the financial year. Nerrilda hosted students from Pika Wiya Health Service completing placements for the Diploma in Enrolled Nursing and also students completing Certificate III in Aged Care.

Local artist, Craig Ellis was commissioned to create a Memorial to Returned Soldiers to be located in the rear courtyard area. The local RSL was involved in this project and a flag pole and flag were donated to complement the Memorial.

The Nerrilda Fundraising Auxiliary is continuing to support Nerrilda with significant funds raised to improve the quality of life for our residents.

3.2 A.M. Ramsay Village

Building work totalling \$2.5M was completed in April 2008. Eight new residents were admitted when the new bed places became available in April 2008. An official opening and open day for the community will be held in November 2008 once landscaping work is complete.



Pictured: L-R: Anna Czapracki, Betty Hogan, Bernice Racanati, Margaret Cook, Jim Barrett and Eileen Todd

Two staff members completed the Diploma in Enrolled Nursing during the financial year.

Staff attended many training opportunities during the year including wound management, medication management, manual handling, fire and evacuation training, and training on the new Aged Care Funding Instrument.

Ramsay Village also hosted students completing placements for the Certificate III in Aged Care.

Residents enjoyed many social activities during the year including bus trips around the region, entertainment by school children and local performers, an outing with members of the Port Augusta Vehicle Restorers Club, Melbourne Cup luncheon, and participation in the 2007 Christmas Pageant.

3.3 Health Focus

Programs conducted during 2007/08 have included 'Let's Keep Active' groups, Low Vision Craft Group, Podiatry, Community Based Exercise Classes and Walking Groups. All programs continued to operate at near capacity attendances and various guest speakers have attended the Tuesday and Wednesday groups to present topics such as Continence Management, entry to Ramsay Village, Foot Care, and Safety in the Home.

A six week block of Tai Chi lessons were held with instructor Philip Jones teaching basic moves.

Several clients celebrated milestone birthdays with Health Focus staff and clients during the year, including Irene Surman who celebrated her 90th and Mr Charles Lawrence turning 101.

Highlights of the year have included the Melbourne Cup luncheon, regular bus outings, Xmas Lights tour, Christmas show and Footy tipping. The annual trip away was this year spent at the Lakes Resort Motel in Barmera with 12 clients spending four nights away assisted by three staff members and the bus driver.

Several students completed placements with Health Focus as part of their Diploma in Enrolled Nursing.

The Department of Health and Ageing has once again extended the current funding agreement by twelve months to now expire on 30th June 2009. Future directions for Day Therapy Centres nationally are still being determined.

An application for recurrent HACC funding of \$19,000 for the Centre Based Dementia Program operating on Friday of each week was successful, with notification being received late in 2007.

3.4 Men's Shed

The Men's Shed purchased a Toolmac 4 wheel bandsaw with the Commonwealth Bank's Community Spirit donation of \$505.

Numerous health promotion activities were held at the Shed during the financial year including Grief & Loss, Naturopath, De Stress, Cooking to Lose Weight and Understanding your Mate's Diabetes.

The older men's program has been extremely busy during the year filling orders such as animal cut-outs, fun footy cut-outs, play station lockable cabinet, miniature cart for 2 Bernese Mountain dogs to pull, and matchbox car garage. Items have also been repaired for services including the Early Years Parenting Centre.



Leanne Napier with Bernese Mountain Dogs Zac and Demi collected the wooden cart cleverly crafted for them by the team at the Men's Shed

Pictured with her are (front right) Graham Ellis, (back from left) Cavan Finlay, Harry Dedman, 'Noogar' Edwards and Ray Halls

The Younger Vets completed several Community Assistance projects such as mowing, gutter cleaning, trimming palm fronds, painting cement garden borders and yard clearing. The Younger Vets also made the steel 'Merry Xmas' sign which was placed on the corner of Flinders Terrace and Highway One during the festive season.

The Vietnam Veterans Dedication Service held at the Stirling North Garden Cemetery in September 2007 was a highly successful day with around 60 attending the very moving and meaningful service. The memorial plaque dedicated to three local Vietnam Veterans who lost their lives was funded by the Federal Government as a grant to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Long Tan.



Above: The crew from the Men's Shed

The Men's Shed once again entered the Christmas Pageant with a float 'Cat in the Hat', winning the best float in the recreational/sporting/youth section.

For more information about the Men's Shed, contact Bronwyn Filsell on 8641 2200.

3.5 Port Augusta Aged Care Service Providers Network

The Port Augusta Aged Care Service Providers Network (PiPA – Partnerships in Positive Ageing) was established following an inaugural meeting on 22nd October 2007. This network continues to meet bi-monthly to share ideas, discuss gaps in service, trends and opportunities and progress recommendations of the Ageing Strategy.

3.6 Ageing Expo

The second Positive Ageing Expo has seen the event grow in popularity and it now is set to become a permanent fixture in Port Augusta.

Held at the start of May 2008, about 250 people attended the one-day event at Coinda with the number of service provider displays up from last year.

Feedback from attendees indicated that people found it useful and they would like to see it continue, with a number of suggestions to be followed up.

Next year's Expo will be held in October and will coincide with the Every Generation Festival (formerly Seniors Week).

The Positive Ageing Expo is hosted by Port Augusta City Council and the Port Augusta Hospital and Regional Health Service.

More than 20 service providers were on hand to give information to the public and included groups such as Red Cross, The Men's Shed, Wami Kata Old Folks Home, the Independent Living Centre, Police, and Council's Aged Services.

Information sessions were also held on Home Security and Keeping Safe by SAPOL, Memory and Ageing by the Alzheimer's Association and Planning for the Future by the Domiciliary Care team.



Manning the Telecross Stall at the Ageing Expo were: (L-R)

Ms Trimble, Mrs Parker and Mrs Hill

3.6 Ageing Partnerships

A partnership was formed with Bodycare Squash and Fitness Centre to operate Council of the Ageing's 'Strength for Life' program. This program aims to significantly improve the accessibility of strength training programs for Over 50's by accrediting fitness service providers that meet established criteria. Strength training can alleviate the effects of chronic conditions such as Arthritis, Type 2 Diabetes, Osteoporosis and Heart Disease. Strength training also improves balance and reduces the risk of falls.

4. **Projects and Events**

4.1 Stage 4 Finish - World Future Cycle Challenge 2007

Port Augusta City Council hosted the Stage 4 Finish of the World Future Cycle Challenge on Thursday 1 November 2007 at the Eastside Foreshore. Local support from the community was low however the teams participating in the challenge and their support crew enjoyed the stage finish that we hosted.

A merry-go-round and 2 inflatable castles were additional attractions. Avanti Plus had a display while SAPOL attended the event to do free bike engraving. Dave McRae and the Youth Advisory Committee played music for the duration of the event.

Deputy Mayor Cr Phil Greagen spoke on behalf of Council welcoming the participating teams to Port Augusta and presented the Stage 4 Winner with a certificate and trophy donated by Council as part of our in-kind support for the event.

4.2 Port Augusta City Council Outback Surf Boat Carnival

The night before the carnival the South Australian Surf Rowers League hosted drinks and nibbles at Ian's Western Hotel on Friday 2nd November. Council's Management Group and Councillors were invited to attend and the surf rowers appreciated this opportunity to meet with the Councillors and thanked them first hand for the support that Council gives to Surf Rowing and to the event in Port Augusta.

They were very pleased again to announce that a large number of crews had travelled to Port Augusta for the event and will continue to do so as they get great enjoyment out of visiting our great City.

The Port Augusta City Council Outback Surf Boat Carnival was held on Saturday 3rd November 2007 at the Eastside Foreshore. It was the launch of the City of Port Augusta Grand Prix Series that involves carnivals being held at metropolitan beaches from November 2007 – February 2008. The 'City of Port Augusta Grand Prix Series' is a new name for the series; previously it was referred to the 'City of Port Augusta Surf Boat Super Series'.

Again large numbers of boat crews travelled from Adelaide for the event. 42 boat crews from Adelaide Surf Life Saving Clubs travelled to Port Augusta for the event.

There were 4 local teams that participated in the novelty section of the surf boat races – one men’s team, one junior men’s team, one ladies team and one mixed team.

The results of the novelty events were as follows:

Novelty Surf Boat Races

- 1st BankSA Bandits - \$500
- 2nd The Ninjas (High School boys from Caritas) - \$350
- 3rd Gentlemen’s Rowing Club (SAPOL men) - \$250
- 4th The Village People (SAPOL women) - \$150

Best Dressed Novelty Team - \$500 cash – The Village People

Lucky Novelty Team – name drawn out of a hat - \$500 cash – Gentlemen’s Rowing Club

Face painting and bubble blowing activities were running for the day to keep the children entertained and offer more of a fun and active atmosphere for non-competitors. Deputy Mayor Cr Phil Greagen attended the event at approximately 3pm for the presentation of prizes, medals and certificates to the winning teams.

4.3 Croc Festival® – 4th – 6th September 2007

The 2007 Port Augusta Croc Festival® saw 2720 students from 47 schools in attendance over the duration of the festival. Overall the festival was viewed as being very successful by the organisers, activity facilitators, Council and the children that attended the festival. Council contributed \$35,000 towards the festival with an additional \$5,000 of in-kind support.

4.4 Big Screen Film Festival – 14th – 16th September 2007

The Opening Night of the festival was hosted by Port Augusta City Council. It was very pleasing that 130 people were in attendance to the opening screening of the festival, *Lucky Miles*. Director of *Lucky Miles* and special guest Michael James Rowland attended opening night to introduce the film and ran a questions and answers session following the screening of the film.

Councillor Alan Morris spoke on behalf of Council to thank the Australian Film Commission for bringing an event and opportunity such as this to Port Augusta, Cinema Augusta for the contribution they have made and the use of their facilities and those community members in attendance for supporting the festival.

Councillor Morris officially opened the festival which saw sessions of the following Australian films screened over the course of the weekend: *Lucky Miles (MA15+)*, *Babe (G)*, *South Australian Short Film Awards (U/C)*, *The Man From Snowy River (PG)*, *Candy (MA15+)*, *Chopper (R)*, *Moulin Rouge! (M)*, *BoyTown (M)* and *Jindabyne (M)*.

Council contributed \$2,000 towards the festival.

5. The Arts

5.1 Port Augusta Cultural Centre – Yarta Purtli 2007 – 2008

a) The development of new cultural infrastructure

Following an extensive community consultation process and working in partnership with Country Arts SA, Council has a new Cultural Precinct established in the centre of Port Augusta in an area adjacent Gladstone Square and Commercial Road.

The Cultural Centre comprises of the former South Australian Magistrates Courts Buildings, an area known as the Troopers Barracks and the Institute Building. This space has been redeveloped into a high quality visual art space, a very flexible outdoor performance and entertainment space and a 122 seat high quality multi purpose performing arts auditorium and function facility.

The auditorium incorporates dressing rooms and sufficient technical requirements to present both local performances as well as professional performing arts touring performances.

Importantly, the auditorium will be flexible enough to also accommodate community functions, conferences and meetings.

The total cost of the development of the cultural precinct was approximately \$1.6 million with the South Australian Government, as part of its overall contribution to the 2008 Regional Centre of Culture Program, contributing \$950,000.

The Port Augusta City Council contributed \$600,000 towards the infrastructure development.

In addition, the South Australian Government agreed to place the former Magistrates Courts Buildings under Council's care, control and management specifically for the cultural centre. The value of these buildings was approximately \$600,000.

The Hon. John Hill, Minister Assisting the Premier in the Arts and Her Worship Mayor Joy Baluch AM will officially open the new Port Augusta Cultural Centre – Yarta Purtli on Friday 5th September 2008.



b) The staging of a year of arts and cultural programs

The 2008 Regional Centre of Culture Program undertaken in Port Augusta is the biggest regional arts initiative ever staged in South Australia with funding totalling approximately \$1 million.

Under the broad banner 'Port Augusta Re-imagines!' Port Augusta has become, for 2008, the cultural crossroads of South Australia.

In planning for the year of arts and cultural programs Country Arts SA sought to achieve several key goals:

- i) Enable Port Augusta Indigenous communities to gain new skills through mentoring and workshop programs and to showcase their creative talents in Port Augusta, and across South Australia.

- ii) Provide opportunities for local artists and community organisations to develop arts programs and activities for inclusion in the 2008 program of events.
- iii) Enable every school student and young person in Port Augusta to either access or participate in professional arts activities occurring as a part of the 2008 program.
- iv) Develop an environment in Port Augusta which encouraged and valued new skills and interest in the arts and arts practice.
- v) Through a comprehensive program of arts activities and events engage the wider Port Augusta community.

5.2 Port Augusta Re-Imagines! Program

Overall the 2008 Port Augusta Re-Imagines! Program of arts and cultural events and activities comprises of:

- ◇ 32 exhibitions with associated events and workshops
- ◇ 70 performances of 45 productions
- ◇ 30 exhibitions and performances with schools' components including professional development for teachers
- ◇ 8 individual festivals and celebrations
- ◇ Numerous workshops for all age groups in art, drama, circus, dance, music, history, volunteering, film, multi-media, heritage, literature, arts law and media



- a) Highlights within the 2008 Port Augusta Re-Imagines! Program include:
 - i) In March 2008 the Adelaide Fringe held a weekend event which comprised a number of theatre and music performances, comedians, buskers, exhibitions, workshops and an outdoor event entitled 'Smoke on the Water' which saw over 3,000 people attend this major community light and sound installation project.

- ii) In May 2008 the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra presented the largest free outdoor orchestral concert ever undertaken in regional South Australia. This spectacular performance took place on Fairway One at the Port Augusta Golf Club and attracted over 5,000 people.
- iii) In May 2008 the State Library of South Australia presented a full week of events dedicated to unearthing Port Augusta stories.

Activities will continue until the end of 2008 and these events will be reported on in the 2008/2009 Annual Report.

One of the most integral aspects of the development of the 2008 Port Augusta Re-Imagines! Program has been the involvement of almost all of South Australia's major arts organisations. It has been extremely gratifying to see major performances, exhibitions and events undertaken in Port Augusta by companies including the Adelaide Festival of Arts, Adelaide Fringe, the State Theatre Company of South Australia, the History Trust of South Australia, the State Library of South Australia, the South Australian Museum, Carrick Hill, Artlab, Windmill Performing Arts, Australian Dance Theatre, Patch Theatre Company, the Adelaide Cabaret Festival, Media Resource Centre, Carclew Youth Arts, Adelaide Symphony Orchestra and the SALA Festival.

This represents the first time the South Australian Arts Industry has undertaken such an extensive program of activities in a single regional community. Even though the program is not yet completed already over 22,000 people have attended events, performances and exhibitions. Importantly, almost 3,000 people have been directly involved in workshops and related events.

It has been particularly pleasing to see over 3,000 school children from every school in Port Augusta and the School of the Air directly involved with at least one aspect of the Port Augusta Re-Imagines! Program.

5.3 Port Augusta Brass Band Sponsorship

The former Port Augusta City Band sponsored \$40,000 towards the purchasing of a new portable stage. The majority of the funds were proceeds from the sale of the City Band's instruments, with the aim of using the money to benefit the community in the area of arts or music. The light-weight modular stage has already been used for a range of performances, with the interlocking sections able to be made bigger or smaller to suit the event.

5.4 Arts Law Week – May 2008

Arts Law Week incorporated 'Artists in the Black' Program run by the Arts Law Centre of Australia and Copyright a workshop run by Viscopy.

The workshops were targeted at Indigenous artists, organisations and interested parties. Viscopy then ran as part of their COPY RITE Program discussions about how they can help you license designs and make money from art.

5.5 Port Augusta Jazz & Blues Festival

The Port Augusta Performing Arts presented the PA Jazz & Blues Festival over the weekend of 16th and 17th May. A master class was run with students from all schools with E-Type Jazz and then there were workshops with Trace Cannini in vocal technique, with Mark Fergusson in Jazz improvisation and with James Meston in guitar. There was also a forum on the history of jazz.

The event was moved last minute due to rain so instead of being held at the Barracks they held the performance at the South Augusta Football Club.

All in all it was a huge success and is planned to take place in 2009.

5.6 Yarning at the Crossroads

Yarning at the Crossroads, Country Arts SA's fifth State Conference was held in Port Augusta to create a series of conversations – Yarning Sessions – intended to draw out our real life experiences as they relate to the challenges of creating centres of art and culture.

The forum commenced in the evening of Friday 12th October 2007 with a reception for all participants, VIPs and guests.

On Saturday 13th October, the program for the Regional Centre for Culture 2008 was launched by Hon Minister Hill.

5.7 Cirkidz Performances And Workshops

Cirkidz were in Port Augusta on 12th and 13th April 2008 with their performance of 'Connected' and to undertake workshops with the community. They performed 2 shows one at 10:00am and one at 1:30pm. The initial show had 200 people attending while the second show had 207 people.

The workshops were held at the Port Augusta Aquatic Centre with 2 sessions both Saturday and Sunday. Both sessions booked out early with 30 students per session however on the day more people showed up and Dan (Artistic Director of Cirkidz) allowed more participants to attend.

5.8 Fountain Gallery

The Fountain Gallery has seen 14 exhibitions during 2007/2008. Throughout this time, the gallery was open for 292 days to the public with 3418 people viewing the exhibitions.

The exhibitions included:

- 1) Sporting Pioneers – July 2007
- 2) Yarta Wandatha – Marvyn McKenzie – July 2007
- 3) Our People Our Place – Susanne Breierley-Westall – August 2008
- 4) A Tribute to Iris Frame – September 2007
- 5) Put me in a Jar – Craig Ellis – October 2007

- 6) PASS Year 12 Exhibitions & Portable Worlds – November 2007
- 7) Life Stories by Isabella Taylor & Facets of Di by Di Starrick – December 2007
- 8) Snapshot – February 2008
- 9) Flinders Ranges Through our Eyes – March 2008
- 10) 31 Dyas – Veronica Calarco – April 2008
- 11) Trade: Commerce and Culture – May/June 2008

5.9 Cultural Centre Gallery

The Cultural Centre Gallery was opened in March 2008 as part of the Regional Centre of Culture Initiative. In the first half of 2008 the gallery was open 132 days to the public with 2851 people viewing the exhibitions. These included:

- 1) Wrecked! Tragedy and the Southern Seas – March/April 2008
- 2) Curdnatta Art Group and Young Visions – May 2008
- 3) Burning Issues – June 2008

6. **Port Augusta Outdoor Adventure Centre**

The Port Augusta Outdoor Adventure Centre runs programs that offer alternative physical activities, such as bushwalking, orienteering, climbing, abseiling, kayaking, windsurfing and sailing.

Programs are run to provide access to the general public to these activities either on an individual or group basis. Specific programs can be tailored to meet the needs of participants.

7. **Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre**

The Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre offered the following programs during the 2007/2008 financial year:

- SOS (Sink or Swim) Classes
- Aqua Aerobics
- Education (term time) swimming
- Vacswim
- Port Augusta Swimming Club
- Aussi Masters
- Free days organised by the Port Augusta Youth Centre



Goal Area 2: Image of City

SUB GOAL 2.1: A positive and progressive image of our City

Council has for many years, recognised this Goal Area within its Strategic Plan as being one of the most important objectives of the Council. Without a positive and progressive image of the City, future growth and economic sustainability for the City could be jeopardised. In 2007/2008 Council identified 13 initiatives to address this issue. Of the 13 projects 11 have been completed and 2 are ongoing.

During 2008/2009 two (2) specific projects have been programmed to be undertaken to further enhance this sub goal of Council's Strategic Plan, these include:

- 1) Beautify Port Augusta Environs
- 2) Finalise policy and procedures outlining the use of the new Port Augusta Brand. Promote and use brand with Council and other Community groups/businesses.

Activities and highlights for 2007/2008:

1. Port Augusta Branding and Marketing Strategy

During 2007/2008, Council in partnership with the Northern Regional Development Board engaged 'Designhaus' to prepare a 'Branding and Marketing Strategy' for the City. Following consultation with the community, relevant stakeholders, Elected Members and staff, a branding and marketing strategy was presented to Council. Council adopted the following positioning statement, tagline and logo as part of the strategy:

The 'Positioning Statement' is:

With its strategic top-of-the-gulf location only Port Augusta offers a healthy waterfront lifestyle at the gateway to Australia's iconic Outback, Flinders Ranges and booming mineral resources industry, making this city the top choice for lifestyle, tourism and business investment.

The 'Tagline' is:

Port Augusta. Top location.

The new Port Augusta logo which is the most important element in our brand identity is:



Port Augusta

As the visual embodiment of the Port Augusta brand, it depicts themes that were strongly identified in research as truly representative of our city – its spectacular landscape, strategic top-of-the-gulf location and traditional role as a meeting place and crossroads.

The landscape is represented by a broad terracotta horizon with blue gulf waters and golden sunlight

The star represents Port Augusta as a bright burst of energy at the top of Spencer Gulf

The star is made up of 8 arrows coming in from all points of the compass to denote Port Augusta's traditional role as meeting place and crossroads.

The spokes radiate from a central hub to denote Port Augusta's role as a major economic centre

Guidelines have been developed for the use and implementation of the Logo by other Port Augusta organisations/agencies/businesses. Any organisation/agencies/business wishing to use the Logo must apply to Council in writing, providing details as to its intended use.

2. Welcome to Port Augusta BBQ

The 2008 Welcome to Port Augusta BBQ was held on Wednesday 2nd April 2008 in the garden at the rear of the Fountain Gallery. Approximately 60-70 people attended the evening despite the cool weather. It was pleasing to see that new professionals to Port Augusta continue to attend the event and use it as an opportunity to meet other new residents in the City. South Cross Television covered the event with it being aired on Thursday 3rd April as Lisa Neale, Southern Cross Television News Reporter, is a new resident to Port Augusta in 2008.

3. Entranceway Project

Council completed Stage 1 of the redevelopment of the Southern Entranceway Corridor leading into the City during 2006/2007 and 2007/2008. Mounds were constructed and covered with three different coloured stone during this stage.



Artistic Impression

The alternating orientation and colours of local stone reflects the nearby ranges, the dunes of the desert and the rhythms of long distance travelling.

The final stage of this development will consist of a series of wind vanes atop high poles. These will be installed during 2008/2009. The design of the windvanes will be based on feedback received during community consultation workshops facilitated by Artist, Margaret Worth.



Example of completed project

Goal Area 3: Economic Development

SUB GOAL 3.1: Economic growth for long-term benefit

Council continues its commitment in promoting Port Augusta as a Service Centre for this region. Economists, governments, banks and independent consultants are all predicting that South Australia will experience a huge rise in population due to mining activities occurring in the State, within the next five years and beyond.

Based on the State's forecast population growth, Port Augusta would attract more than 1.5 per cent of the growth and for every one per cent increase, it equates to an additional 5000 people.

Council and the Northern Regional Development Board are committed to ensuring that Port Augusta positions itself appropriately to accommodate this growth, not only in terms of population but business and industry development also.

Within the 2007/2008 Annual Business Plans there were 13 projects scheduled to be undertaken, of which 9 have been completed and 4 are ongoing and will be progressed during 2008/2009.

In 2008/2009 17 projects have been identified within Council's Annual Business Plans for this sub goal area. Some of these include:

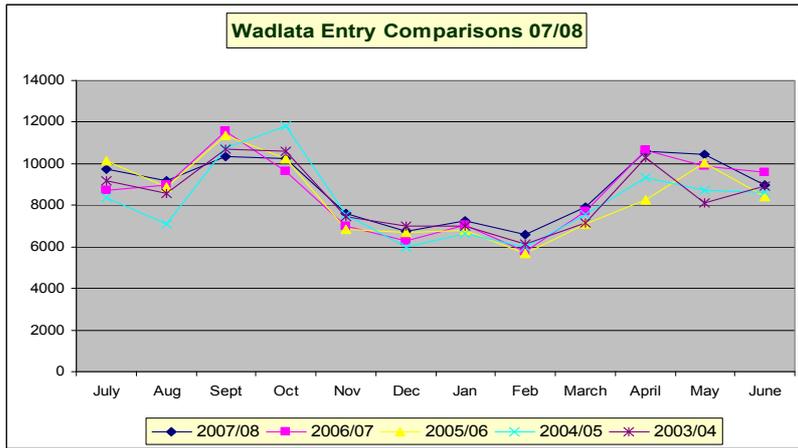
- 1) Ensure appropriate zoning for residential, commercial and industry growth is maintained.
- 2) Develop Policy and Action Plan to implement signage strategy for the City.
- 3) Upgrade Wadlata's Internal Public Address and Emergency Evacuation System.
- 4) Commitment to Upper Spencer Gulf Common Purpose Group and Provisional Cities Association
- 5) Prepare a 'Population Study' for the City.

Activities and highlights for 2007/2008:

1. Wadlata Outback Centre

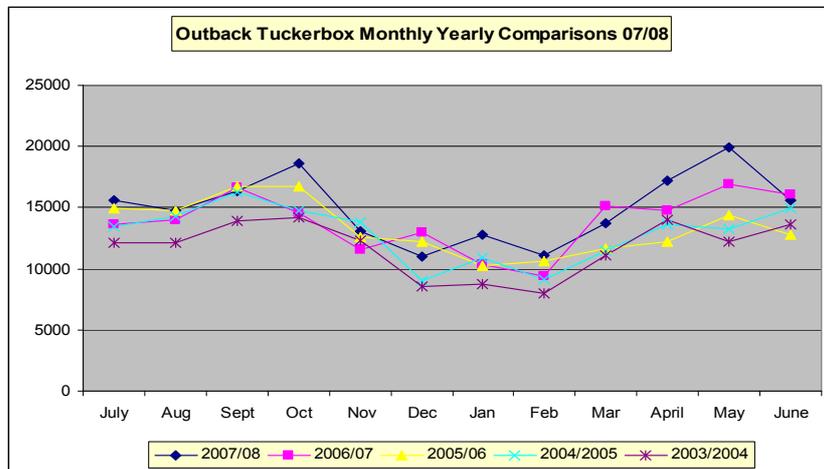
The Wadlata Outback Centre had an extremely successful year in light of the general State downturn in visitations.

105,656 visitors entered the Wadlata Outback Centre during 2007/08 Financial Year representing an increase of 2.7% (additional 2800 visitors) compared to the 2006/07 year.



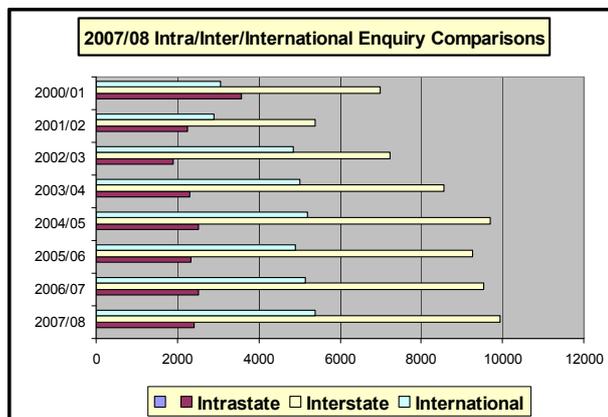
1.1 Outback Tuckerbox

The Outback Tuckerbox experienced another year of growth, highlighting an 8.3% increase in sales.



1.2 Port Augusta Visitor Information Centre Enquiry Statistics

20,969 Visitor enquiries were recorded during the 2007/08 Financial Year representing an additional 2,187 (+10.43%) visitors seeking information on Port Augusta, the Region or for their extended journey.



1.3 Intrastate Market

Disappointingly the Intrastate market recorded a 1% decrease in visitations compared to same period last year.

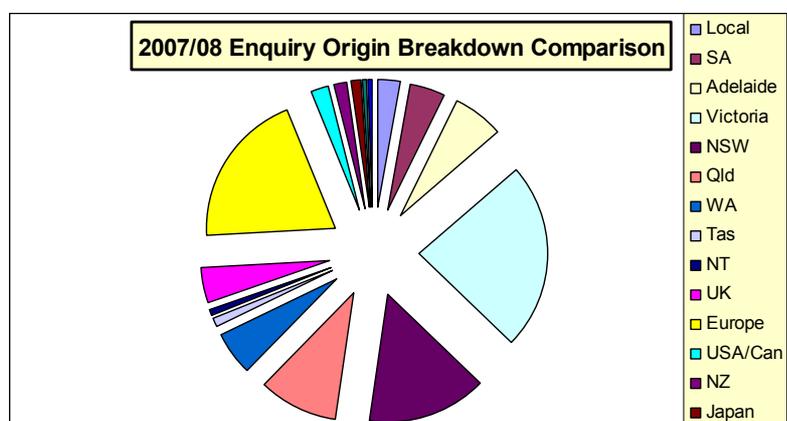
1.4 Interstate Market

Statistics indicate a decrease in the interstate market but the Victorian, Queensland and Western Australian market visitations increased; however the NSW market recorded a slight decrease of 0.8% in comparison to the same period last year.

1.5 International Market

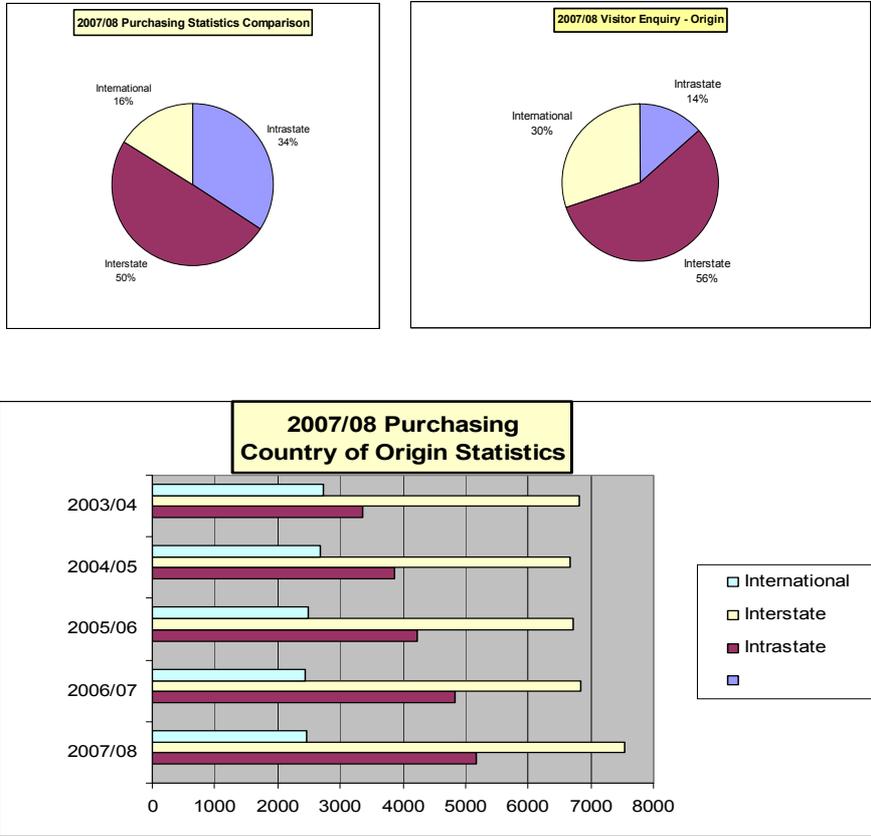
Although we experienced a slight increase in the International market, for the first time Europe experienced a decrease. Europe is still our largest International market, however increases in visitations were recorded from the UK, with the Japanese and the Asian market being extremely strong.

Visitor Information Enquiries % Comparison Breakdowns - Proportional of the TOTAL VISITATION						
Sub Origin	Origin	2007/08	2006/07	2005/06	2004/05	2003/04
Intrastate	Local	2.8%	2.9%	2.42%	2.5%	2.2%
	SA	4.3%	4.5%	5.29%	5.3%	4.8%
	Adelaide	6.5%	7.2%	6.45%	6.6%	7.5%
Interstate	Victoria	23.6%	23.3%	24.27%	24.0%	23.0%
	NSW	15.1%	15.6%	15.52%	15.8%	15.9%
	Qld	9.8%	8.8%	8.71%	8.6%	7.7%
	WA	5.6%	5.4%	5.36%	5.0%	5.2%
	Tas	1.2%	1.5%	1.40%	1.4%	1.5%
	NT	0.7%	0.8%	0.87%	0.7%	0.8%
International	UK	4.5%	3.4%	4.14%	5.6%	6.5%
	Europe	19.8%	20.6%	20.26%	19.7%	20.2%
	USA/Can	2.3%	2.3%	2.19%	2.0%	2.0%
	NZ	1.7%	1.8%	1.64%	1.3%	1.4%
	Japan	1.1%	0.85%	0.88%	0.7%	0.8%
	Asia	0.6%	0.53%	0.28%	0.3%	0.3%
	Other	0.5%	0.46%	0.31%	0.3%	0.3%



1.6 Point of Sale Statistics – Origin of the Visitor.

The graphs below highlight the visitor’s place of origin according to visitor spend. Postcodes and country of origin tell a slightly different story as apposed to the visitors seeking information (Enquiry).



1.7 Wadlata Outback Centre Upgrade - \$50,000

The 2007/08 financial year, saw the completion of the \$1million, 4 year progressive upgrade of Port Augusta’s major tourism award winning attraction, which has been now successfully operating for nearly 20 years. The Minister of Tourism, the Hon. Jane Lomax-Smith officially opened the 2nd stage of the upgrade on the 28th of May 2008, in-conjunction with the Flinders Ranges Tourism Operators Association, to launch the Flinders Ranges as one of the new Australian Icons under the National Landscape Program.

The upgrade was funded by the Port Augusta City Council and the South Australian Tourism Commission to ensure the attraction meets the needs and expectations of the visitor. The new look Outback Discovery Centre will entice visitors to return and to enhance their opportunity to find what is really ‘out there’, therefore staying longer in Port Augusta and the Region.



The upgrade was project managed by Clive Wilson from Brown Falconer, with Light Image Productions, Kojo and Iguana Creative from Adelaide and local businesses, Audio & Video Electronics and Augusta Electrics, were responsible for delivering the majority of the changes.

The new geology film is a national winner in the Education Category and the 40 minute film in the G'day Mates Theatre won the Finalist Award in the Documentary Category of the National Australian Video Production Association Festival during the year.

1.8 Carriage Roof

The roof in the early 1900's Tea and Sugar carriage has been repaired to stop rain from entering the carriage via the canvas roof.

1.9 Building Maintenance/Air-conditioning

As a part of the air-conditioning replacement program, the original evaporative air-conditioner on the southern western side of the building was replaced with a RPA 12S evaporative system.

Funding had been allocated to install a fire hose reel by the large gas cylinder situated to the north of the building; however as we were later advised it was not required, the funds were then used to install a new refrigerated, reverse-cycle air-conditioner within the Visitor Information/Retail Section of the Centre.

The Wadlata Outback Centre Building Maintenance budget had been adversely affected by a severe white ant attack, which may have occurred as a result of a damaged internal hot water pipe and a water leak within the cement foundations. Extensive renovations were required; however on the up-side, staff now have a great area in which to work.

1.10 Wadlata Promotional Brochure

As a result of the upgrade, a new photo shoot and a promotional brochure was produced to ensure the visitor had a better understanding of the services the Centre provides, to encourage them to visit and to stay longer in Port Augusta. 25,000 copies have been produced and are being distributed throughout Australia.

All existing advertisements for the Wadlata Outback Centre and the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden have been re-designed systematically, as required, to ensure both operations are prominent in the market place.



1.11 Accreditation

The Port Augusta Visitor Information Centre and the total operations of the Wadlata Outback Centre achieved National Accreditation status during the Financial Year. Wadlata has been accredited for the past 7 years.

1.12 Link with Regional Tourism

The Tourism Facilities Manager of Wadlata and the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden, (Pauline Hedger) had been re-appointed, by the Minister of Tourism to the Flinders Ranges & Outback Marketing Committee for the 10th consecutive year; however this year Ms Hedger was appointed to the position of Chairperson.

1.13 On Line Booking

The South Australian Tourism Commission announced at the State Visitor Information Officers Conference, held in May 2008, that the Port Augusta Visitor Information Centre achieved the highest sales nationally through the booking of tourism product on-line.

1.14 Wadlata Outback Centre – Website and On-line Shop

The new Wadlata Outback Centre website www.wadlata.sa.gov.au is the comprehensive visitor information site for Port Augusta with traffic increasing daily.

Improvements to, and the updating of, information contained on the website has continued throughout the year.

Accommodation and tour bookings are being made on-line, especially where operators have elected to utilise ConnectSA as a booking provider. This site is being used by the visitor to obtain instant information about our City; however visitors still want to speak to a real people about their intended visit. The site is helping to convert visits to a commitment to come to Port Augusta.

On-line sales via the On-line shop have steadily increased, which is giving greater exposure to our Aboriginal artists.

2. Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden (AALBG)

Visitor numbers to the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden had increased throughout the 2007/08 financial year. Although statistics usually obtained via the road counter were not available for most of the year, due to breakdowns and damage, estimates were calculated according to the income received through the Visitors Centre. An estimated 55,000 people visited the Garden throughout the Financial Year.

2.1 Guided Tours

140 Guided Tours were conducted by the Friends of the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden during the 2007/08 financial year, which was one less tour than the previous financial year; however numbers per tour had slightly increased.

2.2 Building Upgrade

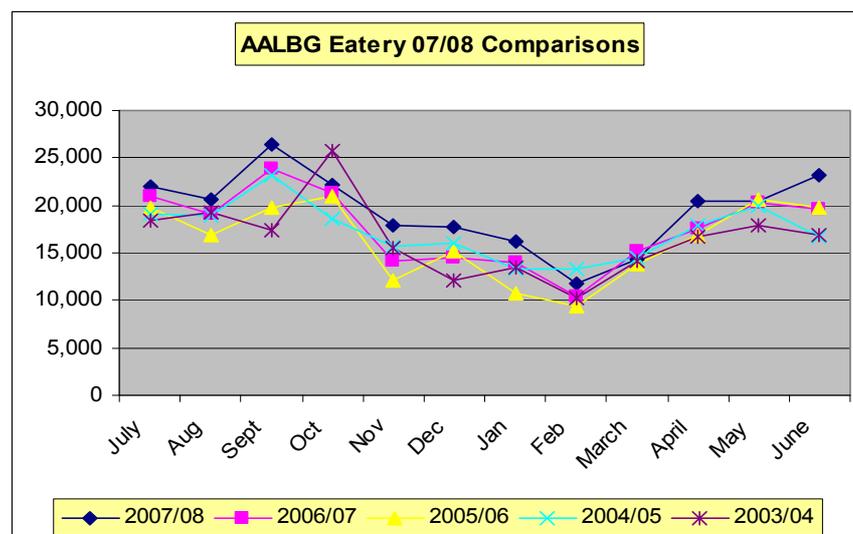
To ensure the existing Visitor Centre's infrastructure is maintained, sections of the natural fibre carpet had been replaced in the WMC Herbarium Meeting Room, passageway, entrance door areas and the souvenir section.

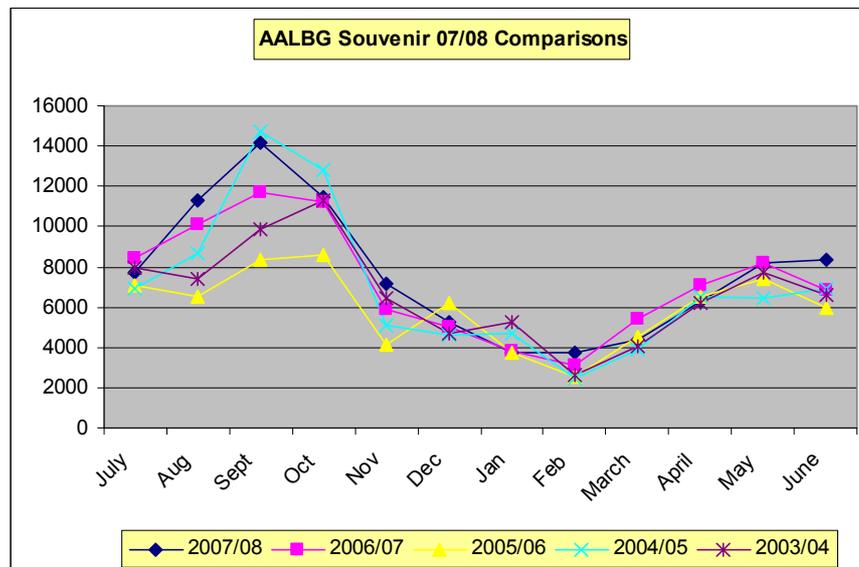
2.3 Marketing and Advertising Material

The 12 month old promotional brochure had been reprinted with an upgrade to the content to ensure it reflects the ever expanding product of the Garden. Advertisements have been continually and systematically upgraded with new photos and updated content.

2.4 Retail Operations

The Bluebush Café and the Souvenir Shop have exceeded expectations during the 2007/08 financial year. The café had achieved in the 2007/08 financial year a 10.7% increase and the souvenir section achieved a 5.6% increase in gross sales.





3. **Port Augusta Master Plan/Development Plan Amendments**

Council has commenced a major review of the policies which control new development within Port Augusta and Stirling North. Council's consultants are currently investigating a number of locations which may be suitable for the future growth of Port Augusta and Stirling North. These locations will have to satisfy specific criteria such as the availability of infrastructure, proximity to existing development and impact on the character of the area.

At the same time, the State Government is preparing a Master Plan for Port Augusta which will provide a framework for the growth of the town over the next 20 years.

The following Development Plan Amendments are being undertaken by Council:

DPA#1 – The Urban Growth DPA was commenced in mid 2007 with the Statement of Intent (SOI) accepted and agreed by the Minister. This DPA is required to be aligned to the Master Plan and will be released for public consultation soon after the release of the Master Plan.

DPA#2 – Port Augusta West DPA was commenced in June 2008 in response to the proposed development of the Airport land. The SOI was also submitted to the Minister for consideration in the same month. The SOI has subsequently been withdrawn as Planning SA has advised that a Structure Plan as well as an Infrastructure Plan is required to support this DPA. Council will engage consultants in 2008/2009 to undertake the Structure Planning process. Once the Structure Plan has been finalised the SOI will be submitted to the Minister for consideration with the Structure Plan.

DPA#3 – Port Augusta Central Business District (CBD) DPA was commenced in the second half of 2006 in response to the proposed development for the vacant land immediately south of the Port Augusta Yacht Club. This DPA was placed on hold due to other proposed development within the CBD area being considered and will be re-instigated during 2008/2009.

4. Population Study

The Mayor's Taskforce engaged Mr Phil Ruthven of *IBISWorld* in June 2008 to prepare a 'Population Study' for Port Augusta. The report will consider what the 'drivers' for growth will be and how this will impact on the City. The final 'Population Study' report is expected to be presented to the Taskforce in September 2008.

5. New Homes planned for Port Augusta

Council commenced negotiations during 2007/2008 with developer JLKT Pty Ltd who has shown an interest in purchasing Council land adjacent the Airport for a large residential development.

At a special meeting on 14th May 2008, Council declared the proposal by developer JLKT Pty Ltd to build between 3000 and 3500 homes on Council-owned land, as having merit. This meant the developer could proceed in pursuing development approval for the project, in accordance with Council's policy for developer-initiated proposals.

Obstacles facing the development include re-zoning of the land to residential, and the positioning of the proposed BHP Billiton haul road, should they proceed with an offloading facility in the Gulf.

Negotiations will continue between Council and the developer in regards to the project during 2008/2009.

6. Council Continues Strong Relationship with Defence Force

A visit to the Palmerston '1 Brigade' by the City Manager John Stephens in April 2008 served to strengthen Port Augusta's relationship with the Defence Force.

The Army Brigade regularly trains at the Cultana Base on Port Augusta's outskirts and plans to expand the size of the base.

During his visit to the Northern Territory base Mr Stephens conveyed the environmental concerns residents had raised concerning issues with noise and dust from training exercises.

The arrival of the Defence Force in the region brings with it the possibility of a major injection into Port Augusta and the region's economy.

7. Port Augusta Railway Museum

A feasibility study to establish a Commonwealth Railways Museum and Heritage Centre was prepared during 2007/2008. The project was driven by a group of former Port Augusta Commonwealth Railway employees. A Railway Museum Working Group was established to oversee this proposal.

Council showed its support for the project, allocating \$40,000 from its 2007/2008 budget, with up to \$10,000 going towards a feasibility study and the remaining \$30,000 for the purchase of rolling stock for the museum.

The South Australian Tourism Commission also assisted with funding for the study. The feasibility study examined the financial viability of the project as well as investigating possible sites and other alternatives.

Due to the large capital layout and ongoing financial commitment that would be required to establish a stand alone Railway Museum, further investigations are being undertaken into the possibility of expanding Wadlata Outback Centre to accommodate interpretive displays that will preserve the railways heritage of Port Augusta.

8. New Airline Operator for Port Augusta

A new airline Service was selected for Port Augusta, with the contract awarded to regional airline operator Sharp Airlines in March 2008.

The Airline was one of two strong contenders for the Port Augusta to Adelaide route and began flights in and out of the City from 28th April, 2008. Port Augusta was without an air service after O'Connor Airlines cancelled all flights late in 2007, after going into voluntary liquidation.

The new Airline was selected by Council, the State Government and the Northern Regional Development Board.

9. Mayor's Taskforce established

Council is planning for an expected rapid growth in population. A special taskforce was established in April 2008 to manage the growth, with the key priority of attracting more young families to the City.

Known as 'The Mayor's Taskforce', it is chaired by Mayor Joy Baluch and includes the City Manager - Mr John Stephens, Northern Regional Development Board CEO - Jerry Johnson, State Government Representative - John Hanlon and Consultant - David Shetliffe.

Facilitating infrastructure projects is another role of the taskforce, with the priority of redeveloping the sporting facilities at and around Central Oval, as a modern, multimillion dollar sporting complex.

Other roles to be undertaken by the Taskforce include:

- ◇ Complete the Development Plan Review with opportunities for new residential developments.
- ◇ Align local development with the BHP Billiton's time frame, leading to full production in 2014, with several key dates along the way.
- ◇ Further upgrade of the airport to promote 'fly out to mine, fly back home to Port Augusta'.
- ◇ Build good relationships with mining companies such as BHP Billiton and the Port Augusta community.
- ◇ Coordinate a Mining Impact Study with an emphasis on Social and Environmental issues.
- ◇ Waterproof the City to ensure sustainable water supply for the City's parks and gardens.
- ◇ Leadership and working in partnership with the State Government in relation to general infrastructure, including schools, health services, etc.
- ◇ Development of a 10-year loan program and sourcing other funding opportunities.

10. Mayor fights for Hospital & Specialist Services

Mayor Joy Baluch vowed to fight to keep the Port Augusta Hospital operating at its current level and to retain all specialist services, even if it meant asking the Federal Government to take over the running of the hospital.

Under the State Government's proposed Country Health Plan, Whyalla Hospital would be upgraded as the major regional hospital and Port Augusta would become a Centre for Excellence in Aboriginal Health Care.

Mayor Baluch questioned what this would mean for residents of Port Augusta and also for those who live in rural and Outback areas, where Port Augusta Hospital is already their principal health service.

Goal Area 4: Infrastructure & Asset Management

SUB GOAL 4.1: Sustainable and effective maintenance, management and enhancement of the City's existing infrastructure assets.

There were 14 projects included in the 2007/2008 Annual Business Plans relating to this sub goal, of which 10 were completed and 4 are ongoing.

In the 2008/2009 Annual Business Plans there are 20 projects listed to be undertaken linked to this sub goal of Council's Strategic Plan. Some of these include:

- 1) Upgrade Waste Ponds
- 2) Undertake Road Construction Programme
- 3) Develop and implement a Footpath Construction Program
- 4) Upgrade effluent drainage
- 5) Upgrade to Old Bridge
- 6) Cemetery Upgrades

Activities and highlights for 2007/2008:

1. Cemetery Management

1.1 Port Augusta (Carlton Parade) Cemetery Upgrade Project

Graves more than a century old and all but forgotten have been revived as part of the Port Augusta Cemetery upgrade, on Carlton Parade.

The first stage of the planned five stage project has almost been completed, which has seen cement borders placed around groups of graves dating from 1883 to 1914, and has given relatives an opportunity to place plaques on unmarked graves.

Public response to the project has been positive with enquiries coming from around South Australia and interstate, with families coming forward and ordering plaques for relative's graves in the various stages.

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.

Concreting works for stage 1 finished in October last year and stage 2 is underway, with relatives having opportunity to mark the graves of family members at a very minimal cost. There are 36 blocks within Stage 2 (blocks 44 – 78A) with burial dates ranging from 1917 to 1967.

The Rotary Club of Port Augusta and Work for the Dole participants will again assist Council with the project, by cementing borders around groups of blocks of about 18 gravesites with work due for completion near the end of this year. The Port Augusta Cemetery Working Party has been extremely pleased with the extent of work already undertaken by both parties, and in particular the valuable contribution that onsite Project Supervisor, Rotarian John Moss has brought to the project.

Because of the enormous cost of the upgrade, Council is unable to fund the cost of the plaques, and is asking relatives to contribute by purchasing a plaque for deceased relatives.

Bronze plaques bearing the name, age of relative when they died and date of death or burial are again available for stage 2 and subsequent stages of the project and will be placed on the cement border that surrounds each group of graves.

Plaques cost \$70, but due to expected price increases over the next few years, relatives are now able to order a plaque for the remaining three stages at the present low price.

A 'display block' has also 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.

To enquire about placing a plaque on the grave of a relative, contact Estelle Sharpe or Lee-Anne Dalla Santa at Port Augusta City Council on 8641 9100.





2. Roads

Council's reseal program has continued with extra funds provided above the budget allocation in 2007/2008.

The unsealed sections of Cobbin Street extension and a section of the Miranda access road have been resheeted to alleviate excess maintenance patrol grading.

Road construction projects during 2007/2008 included:

- a) Wastell/Herbert Streets
- b) Catherine Street
- c) Jane Street
- d) Edith Street
- e) Cleary Street
- f) Quorn Road
- g) Shack Road
- h) Khan Street

Funds were also received from the Department for Transport, Energy & Infrastructure for re-sheeting of a section of Yorkeys Crossing Road.

3. Stormwater

The section of open stormwater drain from McConnal Road to Highway One has been constructed with the drains at the intersection of McConnal Road/Hedger Street to be installed in 2008/2009.

As part of an upgrade of the road conditions at the intersection of Railway Station Road/Quorn Road funds were received from the Department for Transport, Energy & Infrastructure for the installation of underground stormwater drainage.

4. **Parks/Gardens/Ovals**

Council continues to expand the watering of open space areas as well as its ovals using treated waste water. During 2007/2008 the pipe systems have been installed to enable waste water to be utilised at the ETSA Oval and Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre. In 2008/2009 sub-surface watering systems will be installed at both facilities.

Chinnery Park Oval had a sub-surface watering system installed and the oval surface levelled and reseeded during 2007/2008.

5. **Development Activities**

5.1 **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 **605** applications for Development Approval. This reflected an increase of 64 applications from the previous year.

To break down these figures further there were:-

NO	CLASSIFICATION	BUILDING TYPES
162	Class 1a and 1b	<i>(House or similar) e.g. New or Used Dwelling, Alteration or Addition to an Existing Dwelling, Bording House, Guest House or Hostel.</i>
352	Class 10a	<i>(Non- Habitable Building) e.g. Carport, Garage or Shed, Garden Shed, Pergola and Verandah or Patio.</i>
62	Class 10b	<i>(Structures) e.g. Fence, Mast, Antenna, Retaining or Freestanding Wall, Swimming Pool.</i>
25	Class 5, 6, 7 & 9	<i>(Office Building, Shop or Retail Premises, Storage Building, Carpark, Laboratories, Factory, Workshops, Healthcare/Aged care and Assembly Buildings).</i>
4	Class 8	<i>Laboratories, Factories, Workshops</i>

The estimated cost of progressive building work for the 2007/2008 financial year was \$39,462,026.00 and the total amount of Development Fees for the same period was \$136,438.91.

5.2 Building Inspections

The Port Augusta City Council Building Officers endeavour to carry out audit inspections on 20% of building work approved in accordance with Council's Building Inspection Policy.

Domestic development requires that a Statement of Compliance be provided to Council on completion and certificate of occupancy for commercial properties from the Licensed Works Contractor. In many cases these certificates are not being submitted, with staff then spending considerable time following them up.

For the first half of the year Council had two (2) Development Officers, this was reduced to one in December 2007. As a consequence, the mandatory inspections are not carried out as frequently; however the employment of another officer may be completed in the first half of 2008/2009.

5.3 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.

Council owned buildings undergoing improvements for 2007/2008 include :-

- a) Repair and repaint of pergola in front of Telstra, Australia Post & Westpac
- b) Civic Centre refurbishment to include new cashiers and reception area, new floor coverings & painting
- c) Replacement of damaged/rotten verandah posts at Nerrilda Nursing Home
- d) Renovation of old Institute Building and Courts to create new Cultural Precinct.
- e) Extensions to Ramsay Village (Aged Care Facility)
- f) Replacement of fence at Central Oval.

5.3 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 Council's obligations in regard to Asbestos Registers. During the year buildings on Council land that are owned by clubs and sporting organisations had an asbestos audit completed, these are ongoing.

Council is committed to raising the awareness of building users to identify asbestos and safe handling procedures of asbestos.

5.4 Building Fire Safety Committee

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

The committee is continuing to review Fire Safety to accommodation establishments and to date there are a couple of businesses who have been requested to clarify the status of outstanding work. While there have been no court cases to date, there seems to be a reluctance by some businesses to comply with building fire safety requirements.

5.5 Planning Assessment

During 2007/2008 a total of 550 development applications were lodged with an estimated total capital value of \$39,462,026.00. Of the 550 applications, 516 were approved. 95 applications were for new dwellings, one of which included an application for a 94 home residential estate.

In January 2008, Development Services Administrative Officer, Ms Yantel Mundy was upgraded to Assistant Community Planner for 2 days per week, following achieving her Diploma in Planning. Yantel assisted the Community Planner, Mr Tung Pham in processing the more simple complying applications.

During the period 1st January to 30th June 2008, she assisted in processing 176 development applications for Development Plan Consent.

5.6 Planning Information Guides

During 2007/2008 Planning Information Guides were developed which are designed to provide the community with information in relation to building and planning issues. The Guide outlines the relevant process that Council is required to undertake in accordance with the Development Act and Regulation when assessing planning applications.

Essentially the Guides help explain what information is to be submitted within an application (the types of plans and information), what happens when an application is submitted to Council and importantly, how a determination is made.

5.7 Update of Building and Planning Internet Page

The Assistant Community Planner has been working on updating Council's building and planning information accessible to the public via the internet during 2007/2008.

The internet page now has links to the Land Services Group website for copies of Certificates of Titles, Legal Services Commission website for Fences and the Law Booklets and the Construction Industry Training Board for CITB levy Payments.

By linking our webpage up to interact with these external sites, it will make it considerably easier for an applicant to obtain the necessary information required to apply for development approval.

The system is easy to follow and understand, and gives the reader a good understanding of the importance of development control and Council's involvement in the assessment of development applications.

The webpage also includes copies of the new Planning Information Guides.

5.8 Development Application Information Folder

Council engaged Australian Innovation Media to design a Development Application Information Folder, which will include all relevant information that an applicant will need to consider when submitting a development application for approval.

The folder includes information in relation to the development application process and a flow chart detailing all of the steps that an application will undergo during the assessment process. The folders include advertising (arranged through Australian Innovation Media) for local businesses within Port Augusta and the surrounding area who wished to participate in this initiative.

Goal Area 4: Infrastructure & Asset Management

SUB GOAL 4.2: Plan for the provision of additional infrastructure to meet the needs of our growing city.

Following a review of Council's Strategic Management Plan during 2007/2008 this Sub-Goal was included within the Plan to address future infrastructure needs as a result of growth prediction.

There are 5 projects listed in the 2008/2009 Annual Business Plan linked to this sub goal of Council's Strategic Plan. These include:

- 1) Upgrade signage within the Aerodrome Precinct
- 2) Reseal apron area at the Aerodrome
- 3) Prepare a Structure Plan for the Port Augusta Westside DPA (area specific)
- 4) Prepare a Total Citywide Infrastructure Plan
- 5) Engage a consultant to undertake a 'Freight Study'

Activities and highlights for 2007/2008:

1. Lawrie Wallis Aerodrome

Council made provisions in 2007/2008 for the resealing of the main runway, taxiway and subsequent reline marking. The extension of the sealed plane apron to the north has been completed. Further levelling of the sand hills north is continuing.



2. **Freight Study**

The Mayor's Taskforce has been established to provide a forum at which key stakeholders, State Government, Council and Northern Regional Development Board representatives can consider and address issues that will impact on Port Augusta as a result of the anticipated growth to the City linked to the mining boom in the north of the state.

Mr Scott McKay of SCM Advisory was engaged on the 26th May 2008 to prepare a 'Freight Study' which will address a strategic overview of key freight issues facing Port Augusta in the future. The final 'Freight Study' report will be presented to the Taskforce in September 2008.



Goal Area 5: Environment Management

SUB GOAL 5.1: Effective management and maintenance of the City's unique natural and built environment.

There were 10 projects included in the 2007/2008 Annual Business Plans relating to this sub goal, of which 6 were completed and 4 are ongoing.

During 2008/2009 there have been an additional 5 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) Establish a Waste Transfer Station
- 2) Develop a Stirling North Refuse Reserve closure plan
- 3) Undertake food premise inspections
- 4) Upgrade AALBG Boardwalk
- 5) Install waste water system to ETSA Oval/Swimming Pool grounds.

Activities and highlights for 2007/2008:

1. Public and Environmental Health Act

- 1.1 During the 2007/2008 financial year 4 (four) notices under the Public and Environmental Health Act were served.
- 1.2 39 complaints requiring inspections of insanitary 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 550 between 1/7/07 to 30/6/08 and of these, 223 were assessed by the health section of Council in accordance with legislation.
- 1.4 261 Searches were assessed by the health section of Council.
- 1.5 Septic approvals and inspections were also increased this year with a total of 30 Septic and 36 Aerobic approvals resulting in a total of 121 routine inspections, as some of these systems are still not completed yet, and there are some carried over from previous years.

Council also received a total of 8 complaints in relation to septic/aerobic systems causing nuisance and other issues throughout the reporting period.



2. Air Quality

2.1 There were 5 complaints received during the reporting period regarding fugitive coal dust/smoke or fly ash dust from disposal area.

The increasing height of the fly-ash storage area at the Power Station, and the difficulty 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 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 101 commercial food outlets in operation within the City. All food premises are inspected and Council is finding that notification has not been received from all businesses advising that they are operating.

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

During the reporting period, 35 food complaints were investigated and satisfactorily resolved.

4. Immunisation

The 2008 School Based Program schedule included Year 8 HPV (cervical cancer vaccine), Chicken Pox, Hep B, Year 9 Boosterix. Council have two registered nurses that visit on site at schools. A catch-up program was also included from 2007 HPV program. All secondary schools that are being covered include Port Augusta Secondary School, Caritas College, Port Augusta Special School and Carlton Primary School.

3 main visits are included in 2008 with 2 visits already been undertaken.

During the year ending 31/12/2007, 857 vaccinations were administered.

The Flu Program this year was conducted for all staff with visits to all sites - this was well received and was extended to the community. Clinics were held at the civic centre for a number of groups. Due to demand this program will hopefully continue next year.

The country SAIN (South Australian Immunisation Network) meeting this year was held in Port Augusta in July. Council have sponsored this meeting with the guest speaker being Professor Ian Frazer - inventor of the HPV vaccination.

5. Vector Control

5.1 Mosquitoes

4 complaints or infestations were detected in Port Augusta during 2007/2008. Regular surveillance of known breeding areas is undertaken throughout the year.

5.2 Midge Flies

Midge Flies in the Lakes on the southern entrance to the City continue to be controlled effectively by salinity manipulation. At times the Pink lake will have no water in it and this is due to being unable to maintain the salinity levels within the lakes during particular months. Monitoring of ground water salinity to the west of the Lakes indicates that ground water salinity has increased over the past ten years but has stabilised and is confined to the east of Hospital Creek.

Lake salinity testing and water inflow adjustment to manipulate water levels and salinity are undertaken on a daily basis throughout the year.

Pink Lake which is located to the south of the railway line and North of Highway One, at times is dry due to waters being unavailable to be supplied from Bird Lake the winter months. If winter rains are produced then Pink Lake fills from stormwater flows from the Willsden area. The stormwater supply is sufficient for Pink Lake during these months.



Reflection from Pink Lake



Channel being cut through Pink Lake from Highway One through to the Railway Line

5.3 European Wasps

Throughout the previous 12 months there were 3 reported sightings of European Wasp activity. From this there was one nest that was destroyed and 2 false sightings.

6. **Lakes System Management**

A joint project between Council and Flinders Power has made the delicate task of managing Bird Lake to control unpleasant odours and midge flies much safer and efficient.

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

A platform has been constructed on Flinders Power's levee bank, and the power generation company generously provided \$10,000 toward the project.

The construction of the new platform also coincided with a \$50,000 rebuild of the levee bank by Flinders Power.

The total cost of the project was \$30,000 with local companies involved with the project.

The upgraded system of pipes and valves allows operator Roger Christophersen to flow water into Bird Lake 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 matter of days and if it is the end of summer it can take months to bring the problem back under control.

The newly created platform allows for ease of operation and the opening and closing of the waterflows by using the lever system.



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.

This year has seen many changes to the site and there will be further improvements to the site in the next 12 months to coincide with EPA licensing requirements.

In the year 1/7/07 to 30/6/08 the facility received waste from local as well as outside Port Augusta and the total volume received throughout this period was 918.39 kilolitres.



8. Pigeon Policy

Council has taken the initiative to be one of the first Councils in the State to introduce a pigeon policy for the keeping of pigeons.

9. Waste Management

A 3 bin waste collection system has been introduced, a weekly waste collection and fortnightly collections for recyclables and green waste. The system has been well received by ratepayers with participation rates exceeding expectations. Although some initial 'teething problems' were experienced the system is working well. Contamination issues in regard to recyclables is an on-going concern and education programs will be implemented to provide the community with information about the correct use of the three bin system.

Further investigations are occurring with regard to future disposal of waste and the consolidation and disposal of recyclables.

10. Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden – Curator's Report

It has certainly been a very busy and productive 12 months for staff and volunteers here at the AALBG with some major projects now complete or nearing completion and many new ones about to commence. The following list highlights what has been achieved during 2007/2008.

10.1 Master Plan

This document is now finished and ready to be presented to Council for adoption. This plan was the result of a considerable amount of work and planning and is the essential tool that will take the garden forward and guide all aspects of development for the next ten years.

10.2 Interpretive Plan

The Interpretive Plan is almost complete, this document defines our story and sets the standard for all future interpretation. It is the tool that will keep the AALBG focussed on its message and affects all areas of activity from guided tours, what plants we sell, what is on offer from the Visitor Centre and Café to promotion and education. The final additions to this plan will be an Actions list and Style Guide to be completed during 2008/2009.

10.3 Arid Smart Gardens

These gardens are now virtually complete and are just waiting on the last of the interpretive material to be finished and installed. Contractors constructed the rammed earth walls, did the paving, the irrigation and some edging. Staff did the balance of the soft and hard landscaping and the Friends assisted by growing almost 700 plants needed and by helping to plant them out. Volunteer Peter Hall constructed the 63 mesh panels needed to surround the gardens and helped install them. Overall the Friends contributed \$15,000.00 in cash and a further \$10,000.00 in goods and labour to this project which was almost equivalent to the Council's contribution. The Community Water Grants contribution to this project was \$50,000.00.

10.4 Walk Loops

Three new self guiding walking loops were planned to get visitors further afield from the Visitor Centre. Map leaflets have been printed together with a permanent map to be placed inside the courtyard. Directional arrows for the 3 loops are currently being printed and all will be installed by the end of August.

10.5 Regional Collections labelling

The labelling will inform visitors and improve the delineation of our collections, concrete blocks were constructed to simulate rammed earth. The labels to denote the regional collection represented have just been produced and will be installed onto the blocks in the next few days.

10.6 Propagation facilities

The propagation capacity has doubled with the addition of three new heat beds.

10.7 Plant holding areas

The holding capacity of the nursery has doubled with the creation of new hardening off areas connected to new watering systems.

10.8 Parking

Increased parking capacity of the compound has been achieved by relocating machinery and widening the entrance road.

10.9 Improved Friends facilities

Increase efficiency and comfort in the Friends shed by rearranging and relocating furniture and fittings and creating a new covered and paved area for soil mixing. Increased safety by providing covered soil and propagation mix tubs. Helped with the Friends workload by assisting on Wednesdays and monitoring the nursery and propagation facilities on a daily basis.

Friends have planted approximately 1000 plants throughout several areas.

10.10 Garden Maintenance

All areas have undergone a systematic clean up of dead plant material that had accumulated over several years.

10.11 Weed and pest spraying programs

Systematic spraying for weeds and scale in all areas has been carried out, with this seasons spraying being particularly intensive due to severe infestations.

10.12 Feral animal control

A reasonably successful rabbit baiting program has been undertaken.

7.13 Mulching

Large areas of the garden including rare plants have been mulched, along main walking tracks, around all car parks. This was carried out with the occasional assistance of the Work for the Dole Team.

7.14 Road works

The main carpark has been resealed with some internal roads undergoing minor repairs and grading.

7.15 Irrigation upgrade

The planning has commenced for the first stage of a \$55,000.00 irrigation upgrade that will see the current mixture of different control systems all standardised and joined to a computer monitored system.

7.16 Equipment

Due to a deficiency of appropriate tools and small plant we have had to purchase a considerable amount of these items over the last 12 months. Money received as donations has been used to buy a chainsaw, power tools, hand tools and spray units. Assisting the Friends with a successful grant application has also added a leaf blower and brush cutter to our resources.



7.17 Plant records

Friend Geraldine Davis has assisted with the entry of an incredible amount of plant records and with the development of the database.

7.18 Guide training

A guide training day session with the AALBG tour guides was held and further work with the guides will be scheduled to develop and improve the program.

7.19 Arid Arboreta

Commenced the planning for the 'woodlot' project having potted up all species held to prolong survival during this extended holding period. The project will proceed in conjunction with the Irrigation upgrade and utilise Conservation Volunteers.

7.20 Policy development

A draft policy for wildlife management has been developed, an event booking form and nine other policies/plans have been identified that are needed and will eventually be developed.

7.21 Promotion of the AALBG

Inclusion at the inaugural ABC Gardening Expo in Adelaide, with the help from the Friends. Several radio and television interviews have been undertaken and various articles written for the newspaper and other publications. Presentations have been given at the garden club and to several visiting groups. Assistance provided to the Friends at the Laura Folk Fair. Also during the period the listings in the botanic garden registers and publications have been monitored and updated as required.

7.22 Connections with other gardens

Through discussions, attending conferences and participating in a recent Adelaide Botanic Garden workshop I have been working to improve our relationship with gardens that I feel are relevant to our future. This includes the Adelaide Botanic Gardens, Alice Springs Desert Park, The Olive Pink Botanic Garden and also the National Botanic Gardens in Canberra.

To summarise, the year has seen a strengthening of the working relationship between staff and Friends, a clearer path being developed for the future of the garden and an increase in the public profile of the AALBG. The following short list is just some of the exciting projects that will be worked on over the next twelve months.

- ◇ Sponsorship pack development
- ◇ Planning for new compound and Friends Facility
- ◇ Lookout boardwalk upgrade
- ◇ AridSmart gardens stage two
- ◇ Courtyard redevelopment



Goal Area 6: Organisational Effectiveness

SUB GOAL 6.1: A professional, effective, efficient and customer focussed organisation responsive to the needs of the community.

Council, Management and Staff are committed to serving the community of Port Augusta to the highest possible standard and look forward to the challenges of the future.

Council consults with the community on numerous issues annually. The consultation process undertaken is outlined within Council's Public Consultation Policy (Policy -1.2.03). Council encourages the community to participate in all consultation activities, as the feedback from the community provides Elected Members with valuable information when considering and making a determination on an issue before the Council.

There were seventeen (17) projects included in the 2007/2008 Annual Business Plans relating to this sub goal, of which 10 were completed and 7 are ongoing.

During the 2008/2009 financial year there are 27 projects scheduled to be undertaken as part of the Annual Business Plans which are linked to this sub goal of Council's Strategic Plan. Some of these include:

- 1) Participate in the Roy Morgan Community Survey
- 2) Undertake regular reviews of OHS&W Programs
- 3) Support training opportunities for staff
- 4) Implement initiatives from the Animal Management Plans

Activities and highlights for 2007/2008:

1. Strategic Plan Review

The Port Augusta City Council undertook a comprehensive review during 2007/2008 of its Strategic Management Plan. Ms Angela Hazebroek from URPS was engaged to assist Council in managing the review process. The review commenced with a round of meetings held with Elected Members, Senior Management, Line Managers and staff during July & August 2007. During the review process consideration was given to the current plan and Council's achievements in the past 3 years, what has changed, what the current issues are, what the priorities should be and what new objectives need to be considered for inclusion in the new 4 year Strategic Plan 2008-2011.

Council at its meeting held on the 24th September 2007 endorsed the draft Strategic Management Plan and approved undertaking public consultation inviting the community to comment on the draft document.

The 'participation' process was based on a review of existing policies (e.g. SA Strategic Plan, Development Plans etc), existing collaborative partnerships with neighbouring Council's (Upper Spencer Gulf Common Purpose Group) and Council's broad community consultation process.

The community were invited to attend several forums which were held on 24th October (Stirling North Progress Association Hall) from 7:30pm-9:00pm, and 25th October 2007 (Coinda Club, Flinders Tce, Port Augusta) from 10:30am-12noon and 7:30pm-9:00pm. An 'open house' session was held between 1:00pm-5:00pm on Thursday 25th October at Coinda Club to provide an opportunity for the community to share their ideas with Elected Members and staff.

A Breakfast Forum was also held on Thursday 25th October from 8:00am-9:30am for invited guests from various businesses, Aboriginal Groups and State Government agencies. Attendees were given an opportunity to discuss and further develop the draft Strategic Plan for Port Augusta.

Council's updated Strategic Plan was adopted by Council at its meeting held on the 25th March 2008. The Strategic Plan recognises and supports the objectives of South Australia's Strategic Plan.

As a centre of significant regional growth we will contribute to the growing prosperity and foster creativity and innovation. We seek to work with State and National Governments to ensure that our community is strengthened and our environment is protected through the way growth is managed and the provision of infrastructure to support that growth.



2. **OSH&W Audit**

On the 30th June 2008 Council underwent an OHS&W and Workers Compensation/Injury Management audit, conducted by Worcover SA.

Minor areas of non conformance were identified during the audit and immediate action was taken by Council's OSH&W Committee to rectify same.

Encouragement from Workcover SA's Injury Management Auditor resulted in the nomination of 2 of Council's Return to Work Programmes in the 2008 'Employers Excellence Awards'.

3. **LGA Expo – November 2007**

Council attended the LGA Expo held at the Adelaide Convention Centre on the 1st & 2nd May 2008 and took this opportunity to showcase Council's Cultural Centre – Yarta Purtli. Staff members Marlene Foote (Customer Services Supervisor) and Linda Mannion (Revenue Officer) attended the two day event. They found the Expo to be very beneficial and were able to network with other Councils attending.



Above: Linda Mannion (left) and Marlene Foote (right) manning Council's stall at the 2008 LGA Expo

4. **Port Augusta's Community Harmony Manager Retires**

Community Harmony Manager Marie Williams retired in February 2008 after commencing as Council's Mobile Assistance Program Co-ordinator 16 years ago.

Mrs Williams said on her retirement that one of the greatest achievements she has been involved with during her time at Council had been securing a three year extension of the city-wide dry zone legislation which has had considerable success.

The incidence of public drinking has reduced greatly and the number of intoxicated people being picked up by the Mobile Assistance Patrol and taken to the Sobering Up Centre has significantly fallen.

The support of the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands Council which was gained after a visit to the Lands by Mrs Williams, Mayor Joy Baluch AM and City Manager John Stephens, had been vital in lobbying for the city-wide dry zone.



Marie Williams

Goal Area 6: Organisational Effectiveness

SUB GOAL 6.2: Optimise the use and management of the Council's financial and physical resources.

There were 16 projects included in the 2007/2008 Annual Business Plans relating to this sub goal, of which 14 have been completed and 2 are ongoing.

During the 2008/2009 financial year, there are 4 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) Implement Asset Management and Work Order IT System
- 2) Develop long-term plan for the City's finances
- 3) Review and update loan borrowing strategies
- 4) Implement Asset Management Plan

Activities and highlights for 2007/2008:

1. Community Grants

Council supports many community organisations and community members through its 'Community Grants' initiative on an annual basis. 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.

During the 2007/2008 financial year, Council made the following donations:

Lachlan Haynes, Souvenirs - Rotary Exchange Belgium	\$199.14
Bicycle SA - Sponsorship World Cycle Challenge	\$4,665.35
Cancer Council of SA - Daffodil Day	\$1,000.00
Our House Clubhouse - Theatre hire	\$678.00
Volunteer Coast Guard Assn - shallow water craft	\$2,500.00
Port Augusta High School - Year 12 award	\$100.00
Caritas College Year 12 award	\$100.00
Port Augusta Police Charity Golf Day	\$200.00
Life FM - Xmas Party for special children	\$795.46
World Vision - child sponsorship	\$516.00
Kids Flix - provisions from Terry Gardiners Meats	\$161.70
Lorinda Jones souvenirs, Lions exchange to Japan	\$181.00
Port Augusta Swimming Club 2008 Carnival	\$500.00
Better Futures Film Clip Launch	\$113.64
Port Augusta 'Tri State Games' Team	\$1,064.50
Royal Flying Doctor Service - annual donation	\$1,500.00
Amelia Greenfield - 2007 Academic Achiever Award	\$500.00

PA & Districts Country Music Club - 2008 Festival	\$5,000.00
Mr Gil Schupelius - SA Croquet Team	\$350.00
Pt Augusta Dancing Group - 2008 Poinsettia Ball	\$600.00
2008 George Copley Challenge	\$200.00
Outstanding Business Awards 2008 - sponsorship	\$300.00
Gambling Awareness Week/ Families Week BBQ	\$400.00
Lifeline	\$3,000.00
School of the Air 50th Birthday celebration	\$1,802.55
	\$26,427.34

2. Annual Budget and Business Plans

Investment in infrastructure is featured in Port Augusta City Council's draft Annual Business Plans and Budget for 2008/2009

This is the second year Council opened its Annual Business Plans and Budget to public comment before the final adoption by Elected Members of Council in July.

Infrastructure is seen as a priority of the proposed budget for the 2008/2009 financial year, which included an average rate rise of 6.5 per cent.

3. Grants

On an annual basis, staff within various sections of Council apply for grants that become available from various spheres of Government and other organisations. Being able to source external funding for projects is important, and allows Council to continue to provide programs and events for the benefit of the community which otherwise might not be able to be provided under limited budget provisions.

For a full overview of the various grants received by Council during the reporting period, please refer to the Audited Financial Statement (Page 91)

4. Information Technology (IT) Activities

In this day and age, 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 2007/2008 period.

4.1 Data/Voice Wide Area Network

The VoIP (Phone) System to 16 Council locations was completed in the 2007/2008 period.

Audit completed on telecommunications system and services flagged as no longer required were terminated.

4.2 Care Management Software at Nerrilda and Ramsay

Testing and training was completed on the new Care Management Software at Nerrilda and Ramsay 'Maximum Advantage'. The system is due to go live within 4 weeks.

4.3 New Servers/UPS Installed

Two new Servers and 7 UPS were purchased and installed at various locations.

UPS are used to keep servers, phone systems and vaccine fridge running in the event of a power blackout.

One of the new servers was to run the iService software (Web based Authority software used by internal staff members).

Second server is used for system monitoring and alerting. This server will email or phone IT staff if the phone system, core servers or core desktops breakdown, or power blackout occurs in the Civic Centre.

4.4 Asset Information Management System (AIM) Project

AIM (Asset Information Management System) project is still in process. This system will provide accurate information and control on Council Assets at all locations.

4.5 EDRMS (Electronic Document Records Management System)

EDRMS (Electronic Document Records Management System) project has commenced and is due to go live early February 2009.

4.6 New BIS Software Installed (PowerBudget)

New BIS software PowerBudget was installed, tested and rolled out to staff.

4.7 New OHS&W Software Installed (Chemwatch)

New software Chemwatch was installed, tested and rolled out to staff.

4.8 New Intranet Site

New staff Intranet site was developed, built and rolled out to staff.

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

A copy of Council's audited financial statement for 2007/2008 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**





Port Augusta City Council

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

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PORT AUGUSTA CITY COUNCIL**INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

		2008	2007
	Notes	\$	\$
REVENUES			
Rates	3	8,898,658	7,584,191
Statutory charges	3	305,492	285,262
User charges	3	3,037,409	2,749,182
Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	3	9,117,092	8,453,040
Investment Income	3	153,605	224,083
Reimbursements	3	485,507	564,219
Other Revenues	3	<u>1,196,823</u>	<u>1,290,709</u>
TOTAL REVENUES		<u>23,194,586</u>	<u>21,150,685</u>
EXPENSES			
Employee Costs	4	11,215,970	10,485,824
Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses	4	10,868,106	9,165,579
Finance Costs	4	546,438	435,258
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	4	<u>2,923,645</u>	<u>2,485,735</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>25,554,158</u>	<u>22,572,396</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) BEFORE CAPITAL AMOUNTS		<u>(2,359,571)</u>	<u>(1,421,710)</u>
Net gain on disposal or revaluation of assets	5	1,237,638	201,702
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets	3	2,132,709	1,614,808
Physical resources received free of charge	3	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		<u>1,010,776</u>	<u>394,800</u>

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

PORT AUGUSTA CITY COUNCIL**BALANCE SHEET
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	2,131,665	1,743,752
Trade & other receivables	6	1,991,232	1,561,470
Inventories	6	158,424	131,723
Total Current Assets		<u>4,281,321</u>	<u>3,436,945</u>
Non-current Assets			
Financial Assets	7	13,674	24,810
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	8	65,995,809	61,438,991
Other Non-current Assets	7	2,100,000	2,578,814
Total Non-current Assets		<u>68,109,483</u>	<u>64,042,615</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>72,390,804</u>	<u>67,479,560</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	9	4,095,889	2,725,680
Borrowings	9	1,549,300	2,225,580
Short-term Provisions	9	200,000	200,000
Total Current Liabilities		<u>5,845,189</u>	<u>5,151,261</u>
Non-current Liabilities			
Long-term Borrowings	10	8,067,407	5,316,707
Long-term Provisions	10	1,144,748	1,096,909
Total Non-current Liabilities		<u>9,212,155</u>	<u>6,413,616</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>15,057,345</u>	<u>11,564,877</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>57,333,459</u>	<u>55,914,683</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		5,214,941	4,204,165
Asset Revaluation Reserve	11	52,118,518	51,710,518
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>57,333,459</u>	<u>55,914,683</u>

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

PORT AUGUSTA CITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

	2008 \$	2007 \$
	Notes	
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS		
Balance at end of previous reporting period	4,204,165	3,809,365
Net Result for Year	1,010,776	394,800
Transfers to Other Reserves		
Transfers from Other Reserves		
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Balance at end of period	5,214,941	4,204,165
ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	11	
Balance at end of previous reporting period	51,710,518	51,710,518
Gain(reduction) on revaluation of property, plant & equipment	408,000	-
Transfer to Accumulated Surplus on sale of property, plant & equipment		
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Balance at end of period	52,118,518	51,710,518
<i>Total of all revenues recognised directly in Equity</i>	26,564,933	22,967,196
<i>Total of all expenses recognised directly in Equity</i>	<u>25,554,158</u>	<u>22,572,396</u>
NET CHANGE IN EQUITY	<u>1,010,776</u>	<u>394,800</u>

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

PORT AUGUSTA CITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Operating Receipts		22,522,255	21,989,017
Investment Receipts		153,605	224,083
<u>Payments</u>			
Operating Payments to suppliers & employees		(21,262,036)	(21,405,376)
Finance Payments		(550,716)	(417,522)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities		863,109	390,203
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Grants specifically for new or upgraded assets		2,132,709	1,614,808
Sale of replaced assets		519,566	334,798
Sale of surplus assets		1,356,538	277,702
Repayments of loans by community groups		7,597	7,651
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(971,314)	(643,509)
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		(5,691,869)	(5,051,335)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(2,646,773)	(3,459,885)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from Borrowings		4,300,000	1,924,500
Proceeds from Aged Care Facility deposits		313,371	610,626
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of Borrowings		(1,785,526)	(1,685,241)
Repayment of Aged Care Facility deposits		(216,213)	(326,364)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		2,611,632	523,521
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		827,968	(2,546,161)
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period		1,303,697	3,849,858
CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD		2,131,665	1,303,697

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

PORT AUGUSTA CITY COUNCIL

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

NOTE 1 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

1.1 Basis of Preparation

1.1.1 Compliance with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards

This general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS) as they apply to not-for-profit entities, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations (UIGs) and relevant South Australian legislation.
The financial report was authorised for issue by 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 AIFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates, and requires management to exercise its judgement in applying Council's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are specifically referred to in the relevant sections of this Note.

1.4 Rounding

All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest 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

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

Where grants, contributions and donations recognised as revenues 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 13.

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 Transitional Provisions

Council has elected not to recognise land under roads in accordance with the deferral arrangements available under AASB 1045 which expires 30 June, 2008.

As at 1 July, 2008 Council has elected not to recognise any values for land under roads acquired before the commencement of AASB 1051 Land Under Roads.

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

6.2 Initial Recognition

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

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

6.3 Materiality

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

Office Furniture & Equipment	\$1,000
Other Plant & Equipment	\$1,000
Buildings - new construction/extensions	\$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

6.4 Subsequent Recognition

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

6.5 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

Other than land, all 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
Other Assets	
Library Books	10 to 15 years
Artworks	indefinite

6.6 Impairment

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

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

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 oncosts) 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.

Accumulation Fund Members

The accumulation fund receives both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are normally based on a fixed percentage of employee earnings in accordance with Superannuation Guarantee Legislation (9% in 2007/2008; 9% in 2006/2007). No further liability accrues to the employer as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the Fund.

Defined Benefit Members

Council makes employer contributions to the defined benefits categories of the Scheme at rates determined by the Scheme's Trustee. Employees also make member contributions to the Fund. As such, assets accumulate in the Fund to meet the member's benefits, as defined in the Trust Deed, as they accrue. The Fund's Defined Benefit Plan is a multi-employer sponsored plan. As the Fund's assets and liabilities are pooled and are not allocated by employer, the Actuary is unable allocate benefit liabilities, assets and costs between employers. As provided by AASB 119.32(b), Council does not use defined benefit accounting for these contributions.

10.0 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 lesser 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 Comparative Information

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

14.0 New Accounting Standards

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

- AASB 8 Operating Segments
- AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements
- AASB 123 Borrowing Costs
- AASB 1004 Contributions
- AASB 1050 Administered Items
- AASB 1051 Land Under Roads
- AASB 1052 Disaggregated Disclosures
- AASB 2007-3 Amended to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 8 (AASB 5, AASB 6, AASB 102, AASB107, AASB 119, AASB 127, AASB 134, AASB 136, AASB 1023 & AASB 1038)
- AASB 2007-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 123(AASB 1, AASB 101, AASB 107, AASB 111, AASB 116 and AASB 138 and interpretations1 & 12)
- AASB 2007-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards (AASB 1, AASB 2, AASB 4, AASB 5, AASB 107 and AASB 128)
- AASB 2007-9 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the review of AASs' 27, 29 and 31 (AASB 3, AASB 5, AASB 8, AASB 8, AASB 101, AASB 114, AASB 116, AASB 127 & AASB 137)
- Interpretation 4 Determination whether an Arrangement contains a Lease
- Interpretation 13 Customer Loyalty Programmes
- Interpretation 14 AASB 119 – The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their interaction
- Interpretation 129 Disclosure – Service Concession Arrangements
- Interpretation 1038 Contributions by Owners Made to Wholly-Owned Public Sector Entities

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

NOTE 2 FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES OF COUNCIL

a) Expenses, revenues and assets have been attributed to the following functions/activities. These descriptions are set out in Note 2 (b).

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

Administration: Operation and maintenance of the Civic Centre including Council Chamber, Mayor's Parlour and plant and equipment. Operation of resources for the efficient administration of Council's functions.

Public Order & Safety: Supervision of various By-laws, fire prevention, dog control, crime prevention and state emergency services.

Health: Health Inspection, Nerrilda, Substance Mis-Use Service, Sobering Up Centre, Immunisation Services.

Social Security & Welfare: Contributions for aged care and children's services. Operation of A.M. Ramsay Village, the Childcare Centre, Special Needs Program and maintenance of the L.G. Riches Centre.

Housing; & Community Amenities: Maintenance of housing rented to tenants, including Council Houses, Poinsettia Village and Julia Lodge. Provision of rubbish collection services and operation of the rubbish dump. Administration of town planning services. Maintenance of sewage services, stormwater drainage, protection of environment, cemeteries, public conveniences and other community development amenities.

Recreation & Culture: Maintenance of the Town Hall and Institute Building. Maintenance of parks and gardens, recreation reserves, foreshores, ovals, playgrounds. Operation of the Public Library and Community Information Service.

Agricultural Services: Contribution to Animal & Plant Control activities.

Mining, Manufacturing & Construction: Administration of Building Act and the Development Act.

Transport: Construction and maintenance of roads, drainage works, footpaths, parking facilities and signs. Maintenance of the Community Bus Service and cleaning of streets. Management of the aerodrome and boat ramps.

Economic Affairs:
Wadlata, Arid Lands, other tourism.

Other Services NEC: Operation of Works Depot, maintenance of Plant and Machinery

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NOTE 2 - FUNCTIONS

	REVENUES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES							
	REVENUES		EXPENDITURES		OPERATING RESULT		GRANTS INCLUDED IN REVENUES	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Administration	11,930,580	10,844,120	1,779,009	1,543,052	10,151,571	9,101,067	2,946,553	2,921,246
Public Order & Safety								
Fire Protection								
Other	187,599	193,307	298,133	246,187	(110,535)	(52,820)		
Health								
Health Inspection	1,578	2,465	98,301	131,202	(96,723)	(128,828)		
Nursing Homes	4,884,824	4,320,151	5,380,559	4,821,021	(495,735)	(500,871)	4,256,289	4,183,330
Other	1,072,748	1,046,385	1,130,859	1,120,228	(58,111)	(73,843)	1,052,560	1,024,147
Social Security & Welfare								
Aged & Disabled Services			34,782	14,225	(34,782)	(14,225)		
Families & Children	992,640	901,272	1,416,190	1,258,106	(423,551)	(357,834)	543,734	579,723
Other	97,073	123,304	127,186	179,400	(30,113)	(56,096)	88,944	105,937
Housing & Community Amenities								
Housing	91,330	55,813	61,339	84,306	(10,009)	(28,693)		
Town Planning	133,131	90,114	182,488	160,484	(28,356)	(70,370)	10,000	
Other Community Development								
Sanitation & Garbage		3,000	1,089,085	681,347	(1,089,085)	(677,447)		
Sewerage			245,815	236,052	(245,815)	(236,052)		
Urban Stormwater Drainage			219,687	161,316	(219,687)	(161,316)		
Other Community Amenities	676,014	672,424	1,697,328	1,574,179	(1,021,314)	(901,755)	203,760	89,787
Protection of the Environment			117,032	72,166	(117,032)	(72,166)		
Recreation & Culture								
Libraries	56,243	54,901	479,082	505,899	(422,839)	(450,999)	50,036	48,736
Other Cultural Services	218,548	79,526	632,148	517,792	(413,600)	(438,267)	1,247,710	17,624
Sport & Recreation	273,945	263,421	1,756,210	1,556,373	(1,482,264)	(1,292,952)	118,909	55,420
Fuel & Energy								
Agricultural Services			2,548	1,355	(2,548)	(1,355)		
Mining Manufacturing Construction								
Building Act	58,367	52,628	192,545	195,084	(134,178)	(142,456)		
Other								
Transport & Communication								
Road Construction and Maintenance								
Sealed Roads	732,086	748,214	2,107,474	1,992,424	(1,375,389)	(1,244,210)	508,963	511,160
Formed and Surfaced Roads								
Natural Surface Formed Roads			400,049	305,008	(400,049)	(305,006)		
Natural Surface Unformed Roads								
Bridges			37,253	32,425	(37,253)	(32,425)		
Footpaths			224,334	273,235	(224,335)	(273,235)		
Aerodromes	55,990	45,554	246,870	89,510	(190,880)	(43,956)		434,308
Parking			17,283	22,962	(17,283)	(22,962)		
Bus	13,299	12,266	37,949	44,696	(24,650)	(32,430)		
Other Transport								
Economic Affairs NEC	931,842	908,691	2,931,697	2,724,506	(1,999,854)	(1,815,814)	16,000	16,448
Other Purposes NEC								
Public Debt Transactions	153,605	224,083	544,575	435,258	(390,970)	(211,174)		
Other Purposes NEC	673,145	708,288	2,086,351	1,591,510	(1,413,209)	(883,222)	106,343	79,983
TOTALS	23,194,586	21,150,685	25,554,158	22,572,396	(2,359,571)	(1,421,710)	11,249,802	10,087,848

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	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
RATES REVENUES			
GENERAL RATES			
General Rates		8,040,172	7,394,299
Less Discretionary Rebates, remissions & write offs		<u>507,091</u>	<u>273,999</u>
		<u>7,533,081</u>	<u>7,120,300</u>
OTHER RATES			
Natural Resource Management Levy		162,245	41,340
Common Effluent Drainage		384,681	332,932
Waste Management Levy		<u>711,000</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>1,257,925</u>	<u>374,272</u>
OTHER CHARGES			
Penalties for late payment		56,803	61,929
Legal & other costs recovered		<u>50,848</u>	<u>27,690</u>
		<u>107,651</u>	<u>89,619</u>
		<u>8,898,658</u>	<u>7,584,191</u>

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		2008	2007
STATUTORY CHARGES			
Development Act Fees	Notes	\$ 58,367	\$ 52,628
Town Planning Fees		122,971	89,727
Animal Registration Fees		66,827	73,615
Parking Fines/expiation fees		41,091	54,540
Other Fines & Penalties		3,051	221
Sundry		<u>13,185</u>	<u>14,532</u>
		<u>305,492</u>	<u>285,262</u>
USER CHARGES			
Cemetery Fees		108,312	133,789
Halls Hire		21,964	22,292
Sales - General		419,164	374,533
Rentals		78,273	75,861
Fees		2,348,093	2,121,453
Sundry		<u>61,603</u>	<u>21,253</u>
		<u>3,037,409</u>	<u>2,749,182</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Interest on Investments			
Local Government Finance Authority		151,877	221,734
Loans to community groups		<u>1,728</u>	<u>2,349</u>
		<u>153,605</u>	<u>224,083</u>
REIMBURSEMENTS			
Roadworks		212,460	220,569
Private Works		10,663	13,537
Other		<u>262,384</u>	<u>330,113</u>
		<u>485,507</u>	<u>564,219</u>
OTHER REVENUES			
Contributions from developers	21		
Insurance & other recoupments - property, plant & equipment		667,945	782,459
Rebates received			
Sundry		<u>528,878</u>	<u>508,249</u>
		<u>1,196,823</u>	<u>1,290,709</u>

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	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS			
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		2,132,709	1,614,808
Other grants, subsidies and contributions		<u>9,117,092</u>	<u>8,453,040</u>
		<u>11,249,802</u>	<u>10,067,848</u>
<i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 2.</i>			
Sources of grants			
Commonwealth government		5,593,136	8,252,472
State government		<u>4,513,866</u>	<u>1,815,376</u>
		<u>11,249,802</u>	<u>10,067,848</u>

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:

<i>Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period</i>		71,219	173,711
<i>Less: expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods</i>		71,219	173,711
<i>Subtotal</i>		0	173,711
<i>Plus: amounts recognised as revenues in this reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions</i>		40,646	71,219
<i>Subtotal</i>		40,646	71,219
<i>Unexpended at the close of this reporting period and held as restricted assets</i>		40,646	71,219
<i>Net increase (decrease) in restricted assets in the current reporting period</i>		(30,573)	(102,492)

NOTE 4 EXPENSES

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Salaries and Wages		10,187,884	9,567,925
Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions	20	876,355	859,294
Workers' Compensation Insurance		405,996	348,756
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		<u>(254,266)</u>	<u>(290,151)</u>
Total Operating Employee Costs		<u>11,215,970</u>	<u>10,485,824</u>
Total Number of Employees			
<i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i>		198.4	202.2
MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & EXPENSES			
Prescribed Expenses			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the financial reports		7,000	5,800
- Other Services		-	-
Elected members' expenses		186,437	181,107
Election Expenses		2,919	32,083
Operating Lease Rentals - non cancellable leases	18		
- minimum lease payments		<u>179,587</u>	<u>149,056</u>
Total Prescribed Expenses		<u>375,943</u>	<u>368,046</u>
Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses			
Contractors		4,764,952	3,598,723
Energy		1,176,160	1,141,880
Legal Expenses		27,272	17,951
Levies paid to government - NRM Levy		149,111	38,874
Other levies		203,516	71,884
Parts, Accessories & Consumables		1,638,500	1,479,803
Professional Services		10,122	3,759
Communications		113,304	125,000
Contributions & Donations		53,121	100,409
Insurances		315,527	281,396
Rates & Taxes		69,208	59,238
Travel & Accommodation		54,190	36,074
Advertising		150,037	141,197
Subscriptions		52,570	53,881
Training		114,044	101,040
Postage Printing Stationery		132,194	104,236
Plant Hire		357,765	368,021
Bank Charges		55,574	46,233
Sundry		<u>1,015,185</u>	<u>1,027,933</u>
Total Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		<u>10,492,162</u>	<u>8,797,533</u>
TOTAL MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & EXPENSES		<u>10,868,106</u>	<u>9,165,579</u>

NOTE 4 EXPENSES (cont)

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
FINANCE COSTS			
Interest on short-term borrowings		22,218	11,105
Interest on Loans		<u>524,219</u>	<u>424,153</u>
		<u>546,438</u>	<u>435,258</u>
 DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT			
Depreciation			
Buildings & Other Structures		986,446	860,041
Infrastructure		1,383,241	1,302,213
Plant & Equipment		391,796	204,400
Furniture & Equipment		<u>162,162</u>	<u>119,081</u>
		<u>2,923,645</u>	<u>2,485,735</u>

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NOTE 5 GAIN OR LOSS ON DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT			
Proceeds from disposal		1,876,104	612,500
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		<u>638,466</u>	<u>410,798</u>
Gain (Loss) on disposal		<u>1,237,638</u>	<u>201,702</u>

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NOTE 6 CURRENT ASSETS

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS			
Cash on Hand and at Bank		171,779	113,567
Deposits at Call		<u>1,959,886</u>	<u>1,630,185</u>
		<u>2,131,665</u>	<u>1,743,752</u>
TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES			
Rates - General & Other		930,311	552,724
Accrued Revenues		25,158	323,353
Debtors - General		615,267	673,330
GST Recoupment		660,655	100,823
Prepayments			24,300
Loans to community organisations		<u>9,967</u>	<u>6,428</u>
		<u>2,241,357</u>	<u>1,680,958</u>
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts		<u>250,125</u>	<u>119,487</u>
		<u>1,991,232</u>	<u>1,561,470</u>
INVENTORIES			
Stores & Materials		32,323	21,000
Trading Stock		<u>126,101</u>	<u>110,723</u>
		<u>158,424</u>	<u>131,723</u>

PORT AUGUSTA CITY COUNCILNOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
FINANCIAL ASSETS			
Receivables			
Loans to community organisations		<u>13,674</u>	<u>24,810</u>
		<u>13,674</u>	<u>24,810</u>
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS		<u>13,674</u>	<u>24,810</u>
OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Capital Works-in-Progress		-	886,814
Nursing Home Bed Places		<u>2,100,000</u>	<u>1,692,000</u>
		<u>2,100,000</u>	<u>2,578,814</u>

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NOTE 8 INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	2007 \$				2008 \$			
	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT
Land	5,503,500	46,720	-	5,550,220	5,394,220	-	-	5,394,220
Buildings & Other Structures	21,599,973	4,838,260	(1,720,082)	24,718,151	21,599,973	10,463,210	(2,706,528)	29,356,655
Infrastructure	27,806,606	2,603,329	(2,604,426)	27,805,509	27,806,606	4,014,541	(3,987,567)	27,833,480
Plant & Equipment	1,778,864	474,491	(303,170)	1,950,184	1,778,864	963,338	(894,967)	2,047,236
Furniture & Fittings	1,196,082	457,007	(238,162)	1,414,927	1,196,082	568,460	(400,324)	1,364,218
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	57,885,025	8,419,807	(4,865,840)	61,438,991	57,775,745	16,009,549	(7,789,486)	65,995,809
2007 Totals	57,960,025	3,667,866	(2,443,206)	59,184,685	57,885,025	8,419,807	(4,865,840)	61,438,991

	2007 \$						2008 \$	
	CARRYING AMOUNT	ADDITIONS		DISPOSALS	DEPRECIATION	NET REVALUATION	CARRYING AMOUNT	
		NEW/UPGRADE	RENEWALS					
Land	5,550,220	-	-	(156,000)	-	-	5,394,220	
Buildings & Other Structures	24,718,151	5,624,950	-	-	(986,446)	(0)	29,356,655	
Infrastructure	27,805,509	1,411,212	-	-	(1,383,241)	-	27,833,480	
Plant & Equipment	1,950,184	-	971,314	(482,466)	(391,796)	-	2,047,236	
Furniture & Fittings	1,414,927	111,453	-	-	(162,162)	-	1,364,218	
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	61,438,991	7,147,615	971,314	(638,466)	(2,923,645)	(0)	65,995,809	
2007 Totals	59,184,685	4,600,793	550,046	(410,798)	(2,465,735)	-	61,438,992	

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 for the purposes of AIFRS.

Plant, Furniture & Equipment

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

Land & Land Improvements

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

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

Estimated future costs of reinstatement of land, capitalised in accordance with AASB 119.16(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, 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.

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, 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.

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. Major depreciation periods are;

- CED Schemes 50 years
- Reclaimed Water Plant 30 years

All other assets

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

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	Notes	2008 Current \$	2008 Non-Current \$	2007 Current \$	2007 Non-Current \$
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES					
Goods & Services		1,978,607		789,112	
Payments received in advance		68,711		57,664	
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements		872,846		757,735	
Accrued expenses - other		250,625		213,977	
Aged Care Facility Deposits		925,101		907,193	
		<u>4,095,889</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,725,680</u>	<u>-</u>
BORROWINGS					
Bank Overdraft		(0)		440,055	
Loans - LGFA		1,549,300	8,067,407	1,785,526	5,316,707
		<u>1,549,300</u>	<u>8,067,407</u>	<u>2,225,580</u>	<u>5,316,707</u>
PROVISIONS					
Employee Entitlements (including oncosts)		200,000	1,144,748	200,000	1,096,909
		<u>200,000</u>	<u>1,144,748</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>1,096,909</u>

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NOTE 10 RESERVES

ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	30/06/2007	Net Increments (Decrements)	Transfers on Sale	30/06/2008
Notes	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land	5,716,285			5,716,285
Land Improvements				
Buildings & Other Structures	18,298,807			18,298,807
Infrastructure	5,988,304			5,988,304
Roads, Bridges, Footpaths	19,199,242			19,199,242
Plant & Equipment	815,880			815,880
Nursing Home Bed Places	1,692,000	408,000		2,100,000
Total Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	51,710,518	408,000		52,118,518

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:

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
Total Cash Assets	6	2,131,665	1,743,752
Less: Short-term borrowings	BS	(0)	440,055
Balances per Statement of Cash Flows		<u>2,131,665</u>	<u>1,303,697</u>

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)		1,010,776	394,800
Non-cash items in Income Statement			
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment		2,923,645	2,485,735
Change in allowances for under-recovery		130,638	(7,110)
Grants for Capital Acquisitions		(2,132,709)	(1,614,808)
Nursing Home Deposits treated as financing revenue		(97,158)	(284,262)
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits		162,950	128,994
(Gain) Loss on Disposals		<u>(1,237,638)</u>	<u>(201,702)</u>
		<u>760,504</u>	<u>901,647</u>
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (increase) decrease in receivables		(581,161)	(680,481)
Net (increase) decrease in inventories		(26,701)	3,817
Net (increase) decrease in other current assets		24,300	(24,300)
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables		<u>686,167</u>	<u>189,520</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations		<u>863,109</u>	<u>390,203</u>

(e) Financing Arrangements

Unrestricted access was available at balance date to the following lines of credit:		
Bank Overdrafts	2,200,000	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.

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NOTE 12 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Recognised Financial Instruments

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

Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 6% and 7% (2007: 5% and 6%). Short term deposits have an average maturity of 30 days and an average interest rates of 7% (2006: 30 days, 5.75%).

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

Receivables - Rates & Associated Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for Charges (including legals & penalties for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable. late payment)

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

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

Receivables - Fees & other charges Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.

Terms & conditions: Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries.

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

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

Receivables - other levels of government Terms & conditions: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. All amounts are due by Departments and Agencies of the Governments of the Commonwealth & State.

Carrying amount: approximates fair value.

Receivables - Retirement Home Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.

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

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

Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals Accounting Policy: Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Council.

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

Carrying amount: approximates fair value.

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

Terms & conditions: Pursuant to Commonwealth legislation certain intending residents are required to contribute amounts on an interest free basis. The amounts are subject to certain deductions as prescribed by the legislation, the balance being repaid on termination of tenancy.

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

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

Terms & conditions: secured over future revenues, loans are repayable by equal 6 monthly instalments of principal & interest, interest is charged at fixed rates between 5.99% and 7.45% (2007: 5.45% and 6.85%)

Carrying amount: approximates fair value.

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

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NOTE 12 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Liquidity Analysis							
2008	Floating	Fixed interest maturing in			Non-interest bearing	Total	
	Interest Rate	≤ 1 year	> 1 year ≥ 5 years	> 5 years			
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial Assets							
Fair Value through P&L							
Cash Assets	2,124,959				6,706		2,131,665
Loans & Receivables							
Receivables		9,967	13,674		1,956,107		1,979,748
Total	2,124,959	9,967	13,674	-	1,962,813		4,111,413
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	6.41%	6.50%	6.50%				
Financial Liabilities							
Loans & Receivables							
Payables					1,978,607		1,978,607
Short-term Borrowings	(0)						(0)
NHA Bonds					925,101		925,101
Borrowings	3,000,000	1,549,300	5,067,407	-			9,616,707
Total	3,000,000	1,549,300	5,067,407	-	2,903,708		12,520,415
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	8.25%	6.76%	6.76%				
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	(875,041)	(1,539,333)	(5,053,733)	-	(940,895)		(6,409,002)
2007	Floating	Fixed interest maturing in			Non-interest bearing	Total	
	Interest Rate	≤ 1 year	> 1 year ≥ 5 years	> 5 years			
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial Assets							
Fair Value through P&L							
Cash Assets	1,737,931				5,821		1,743,752
Loans & Receivables							
Receivables		6,428	24,810		1,207,389		1,238,627
Total	1,737,931	6,428	24,810	-	1,213,210		2,982,379
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	5.63%	6.50%	6.50%				
Financial Liabilities							
Loans & Receivables							
Payables					789,112		789,112
Short-term Borrowings	440,055						440,055
NHA Bonds					907,193		907,193
Borrowings		1,785,526	5,316,707	-			7,102,232
Total	440,055	1,785,526	5,316,707	-	1,696,304		9,238,591
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	10.50%	6.51%	6.51%				
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	1,297,876	(1,779,098)	(5,291,896)	-	(483,094)		(6,256,212)

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NOTE 12 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

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 EXPSOURES

Credit risk represents the loss that would be recognised if counterparties fail to perform as contracted. The maximum credit risk on financial assets of the Council is the carrying amount, net of any provision for doubtful debts. Except as detailed in Notes 6 & 7 in relation to individual classes of financial assets, 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 that it can access.

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

Note 13 COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
Capital Commitments			
Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:			
Buildings		80,889	1,731,000
		<u>80,889</u>	<u>1,731,000</u>
These expenditures are payable:			
Not later than one year		80,889	1,731,000
Later than one year and not later than 5 years			
Later than 5 years			
		<u>80,889</u>	<u>1,731,000</u>
Other Expenditure Commitments			
Other expenditure committed for (excluding inventories) at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:			
Audit Services		5,800	11,600
Waste Collection Contract		4,540,300	86,160
Refuse Reserve Contract		214,000	550,044
Parks & Gardens Contract		974,000	649,000
Cemetery Contract		299,700	
Cleaning Services		686,500	52,929
Catering Services		540,000	1,071,000
		<u>7,260,300</u>	<u>2,420,733</u>
These expenditures are payable:			
Less than one year		2,298,905	998,975
Not later than 5 years		4,961,395	1,421,758
		<u>7,260,300</u>	<u>2,420,733</u>

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	2008	2007	2006
Operating Surplus (Deficit)			
The operating surplus (deficit) before capital amounts.	(2,359,571)	(1,421,710)	(781,235)
Operating Surplus Ratio			
Adjusted Operating Surplus Rates - general & other			
This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of general rates and other rates, net of NRM levy.	(27.0%)	(18.8%)	(11.3%)
Net Financial Liabilities	10,920,774	8,234,845	5,867,168
Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets(excluding equity accounted investments in Council businesses)			
Net Financial Liabilities Ratio			
<u>Net Financial Liabilities</u> Total Operating Revenue	47.4%	39.0%	29.0%
Interest Cover Ratio			
<u>Net Interest Expense</u> Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy less Investment Income	1.7%	1.0%	1.2%
Asset Sustainability Ratio			
<u>Net Asset Renewals</u> Depreciation Expense	15.5%	12.4%	25.1%
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.			
Asset Consumption Ratio			
<u>Carrying value of depreciable assets</u> Gross value of depreciable assets	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total carrying value of depreciable assets divided by total reported value of depreciable assets before accumulated depreciation.			

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NOTE 15 UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

The Local Government Association's General Meeting in March 2006 resolved that a high level summary of both operating and capital investment activities of each council be prepared on a uniform and consistent basis, thereby enabling more meaningful comparisons between councils. (This basis varies in some details from amounts shown elsewhere in these reports.)

It also is intended that annual budgets and long-term financial plans be summarised on the same basis.

A feature of the arrangement is that it facilitates the reporting of a standard set of key financial indicators of the Council's financial sustainability – all of which are shown in Note 16 above.

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Operating Revenues	23,194,586	21,150,685
<i>less</i> Operating Expenses	<u>(25,554,158)</u>	<u>(22,572,396)</u>
Operating Surplus / (Deficit) before Capital Amounts	<u>(2,359,571)</u>	<u>(1,421,710)</u>
<i>less</i> Net Outlays on Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	971,314	643,509
<i>less</i> Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	(2,923,645)	(2,485,735)
<i>less</i> Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	<u>(519,566)</u>	<u>(334,798)</u>
	<u>(2,471,897)</u>	<u>(2,177,024)</u>
<i>less</i> Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets (<i>Including investment property & real estate developments</i>)	5,691,869	5,051,335
<i>less</i> Amounts specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	(2,132,709)	(1,614,808)
<i>less</i> Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets (including investment property and real estate developments)	<u>(1,356,538)</u>	<u>(277,702)</u>
	<u>2,202,622</u>	<u>3,158,825</u>
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	<u>(2,090,296)</u>	<u>(2,403,511)</u>

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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.

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:

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Not later than one year	141,728	145,814
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	<u>130,652</u>	<u>255,111</u>
	<u>272,380</u>	<u>400,925</u>

NOTE 17 SUPERANNUATION

The Council contributes to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme (the scheme) in respect of its employees to a defined benefit Superannuation Scheme established in respect of all municipalities in the State. In accordance with statutory requirements, the Council contributes to the scheme amounts determined by the scheme actuary. As such, assets accumulate in the scheme to meet members' benefits as they accrue. If the assets of the scheme were insufficient to satisfy benefits payable to its beneficiaries, the Council would be required to meet its share of the deficiency. The audited general purpose financial report of the scheme as at 30 June 2005, which was not subject to any audit qualification, indicates that the assets of the scheme are sufficient to meet the accrued benefits. No liability of the Council has been recognised as at the reporting date in respect of Superannuation benefits for its employees. The general purpose financial report of the scheme discloses that the most recent actuarial assessment of the scheme was undertaken as at 30 June 2005 by L.C. Brett, BSc., FIA, FIAA, and that the actuary indicated that without improvements to benefit conditions, or other unanticipated events, current contribution rates are sufficient to meet members benefits as they accrue.

The amount of Superannuation contributions paid by the Council during the year was \$876,355 (2006/2007 \$859,294)

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NOTE 18 SEGMENT REPORTING

The Port Augusta City Council operates two Nursing Homes 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	TOTAL COUNCIL 2008 \$	NURSING HOMES 2008 \$	OTHER 2008 \$	TOTAL COUNCIL 2007 \$	NURSING HOMES 2007 \$	OTHER 2007 \$
REVENUE						
Grants & Subsidies	9,117,092	3,434,289	5,682,803	8,453,040	3,013,830	5,439,210
User Charges	3,037,409	1,360,935	1,676,474	2,749,182	1,210,602	1,538,580
Reimbursements	485,507	27,874	457,633	564,219	17,759	546,460
Investment Income	153,605	23,900	129,705	224,083	28,240	195,843
Other Revenue	<u>10,400,973</u>	<u>37,825</u>	<u>10,363,148</u>	<u>9,160,161</u>	<u>49,720</u>	<u>9,110,441</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>23,194,586</u>	<u>4,884,824</u>	<u>18,309,763</u>	<u>21,150,685</u>	<u>4,320,151</u>	<u>16,830,534</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Operating Costs	22,630,513	5,108,511	17,522,002	20,086,660	4,612,498	15,474,163
Depreciation	<u>2,923,645</u>	<u>272,048</u>	<u>2,651,597</u>	<u>2,485,735</u>	<u>208,523</u>	<u>2,277,212</u>
	<u>25,554,158</u>	<u>5,380,559</u>	<u>20,173,599</u>	<u>22,572,395</u>	<u>4,821,021</u>	<u>17,751,375</u>
Operating (Loss)/Surplus before Capital Revenues	<u>(2,359,572)</u>	<u>(495,735)</u>	<u>(1,863,836)</u>	<u>(1,421,710)</u>	<u>(500,870)</u>	<u>(920,841)</u>
Capital Revenues	<u>3,370,347</u>	<u>822,000</u>	<u>2,548,347</u>	<u>1,816,510</u>	<u>1,169,500</u>	<u>647,010</u>
RESULT						
Operating Result (Loss)/Surplus	<u>1,010,776</u>	<u>326,265</u>	<u>684,511</u>	<u>394,800</u>	<u>668,630</u>	<u>(273,831)</u>
ASSETS						
Current Assets	4,281,321	1,014,633	3,266,688	3,436,945	996,492	2,440,453
Non-Current Assets	66,009,483	9,360,499	56,648,984	62,350,615	7,052,677	55,297,938
Intangible Assets	<u>2,100,000</u>	<u>2,100,000</u>		<u>1,692,000</u>	<u>1,692,000</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>72,390,804</u>	<u>12,475,132</u>	<u>59,915,672</u>	<u>67,479,560</u>	<u>9,741,169</u>	<u>57,738,391</u>
LIABILITIES						
Current Liabilities	5,845,189	1,394,735	4,450,454	5,151,261	1,254,006	3,897,255
Non-Current Liabilities	<u>9,212,155</u>	<u>2,625,110</u>	<u>6,587,045</u>	<u>6,413,616</u>	<u>1,574,648</u>	<u>4,838,968</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>15,057,345</u>	<u>4,019,845</u>	<u>11,037,500</u>	<u>11,564,877</u>	<u>2,828,654</u>	<u>8,736,223</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>57,333,459</u>	<u>8,455,287</u>	<u>48,878,172</u>	<u>55,914,683</u>	<u>6,912,515</u>	<u>49,002,168</u>

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STATEMENT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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

MICHAEL DUNEMANN
CITY MANAGER

Dated this day of 2008

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE – AUDITOR
INDEPENDENCE**

I, Michael John Dunemann, the person for the time being occupying the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Port Augusta City Council, do hereby certify(for the purposes of Regulation 16A(2) of the Local Government(Financial Management) Regulations 1999, that the Council's auditor, John D Ewen, has not been engaged by the Council to provide services to the Council outside of the scope of the audit functions prescribed by the Local Government Act 1999.

MICHAEL DUNEMANN
CITY MANAGER

Dated this day of 2008

ADOPTION STATEMENT

Laid before the Port Augusta City Council and adopted on the 24th November, 2008

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Working Paper - RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT GRANTS					
This schedule records all amounts received from other levels of Government, whether described as grants, subsidies or otherwise. All amounts (other than untied grants) are required to be held as cash or authorised investments until expended. (Amounts shown as negative are awaiting reimbursement to Council.)					
	Notes	Opening	Movements		Closing
		Balance 1 July 2007	Received/ Receivable	Expended	Balance 30 June 2008
GRANTS (with discretion use)		\$	\$	\$	\$
GENERAL PURPOSE (Untied)					
Grants Commission Grant - general purpose		0	2,948,553	2,948,553	0
Grants Commission Grant - roads funding		0	321,807	321,807	0
Roads to Recovery		0	187,156	187,156	0
Subtotal		0	3,455,516	3,455,516	0
SPECIFIC PURPOSE (Recurrent)					
Nerrida		0	2,319,002	2,319,002	0
Health Focus		0	182,344	182,344	0
Ramsay Village		0	1,115,287	1,115,287	0
Childcare Centre		0	262,187	262,187	0
HACC Funding		0	26,400	26,400	0
Substance Mis-Use Service		(2,162)	379,914	377,430	322
Youth Activities		0	62,544	62,544	0
Crime Prevention		0	123,134	123,134	0
Sobering Up Centre		(30,520)	482,500	454,750	(2,770)
Be Active Field Officer		0	41,500	41,500	0
NPFWRH Health Service		48,250	147,500	152,656	43,094
Special Needs Funding		0	234,047	234,047	0
Immunisation		0	7,802	7,802	0
Library Service		0	50,036	50,036	0
Outdoor Adv Centre		0	8,000	8,000	0
Misc		0	(1,186)	(1,186)	0
Subtotal		15,568	5,441,011	5,415,933	40,646
SPECIFIC PURPOSE (Non-Recurrent)					
Waste Management		0	29,343	29,343	0
Volunteers		55,651	40,312	95,963	0
Regional Centre for Culture		0	104,910	104,910	0
Wadiata		0	6,000	6,000	0
Country Music Club		0	10,000	10,000	0
Heritage Study		0	10,000	10,000	0
Parks & Gardens		0	20,000	20,000	0
Subtotal		55,651	220,565	276,216	0
TOTAL OPERATING GRANTS		71,219	9,117,092	9,147,665	40,646
2007 Totals		173,711			71,219
CAPITAL GRANTS					
SPECIFIC PURPOSE (Recurrent)					
Subtotal					
SPECIFIC PURPOSE (Non-Recurrent)					
Cultural Precinct		0	1,142,800	1,142,800	0
Ramsay		0	822,000	822,000	0
Childcare		0			0
Special Needs		0			0
Foreshore			77,000	77,000	
Irrigation Systems		0	90,909	90,909	0
Subtotal		0	2,132,709	2,132,709	0
TOTAL CAPITAL GRANTS		0	2,132,709	2,132,709	0
2007 Totals		0			0
Recognised as revenue in advance of expenditure		75,419			40,646
Current receivable - Other levels of Government	6				
		71,219			40,646

PORT AUGUSTA CITY COUNCIL

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

FINANCIAL INDICATORS CALCULATOR	2008	2008	2007	2007
INDICATOR 1 - Operating Surplus				
Operating surplus/deficit before capital grants		(2,359,571)		(1,421,710)
INDICATOR 2 - Operating Surplus Ratio				
Operating Surplus		(2,359,571)		(1,421,710)
Divided by:				
Rate Revenues	8,898,858		7,584,191	
Less: NRM Levy	(162,245)	8,736,413	(41,340)	7,542,851
		(27.0%)		(18.8%)
INDICATOR 3 - Net Financial Liabilities				
Total Liabilities		15,057,345		11,564,877
Less:				
Current Cash & Equivalents	(2,131,665)		(1,743,752)	
Current Trade & Other Receivables	(1,991,232)		(1,561,470)	
Current other Financial Assets				
Non current Financial Assets	(13,674)	(4,136,571)	(24,810)	(3,330,032)
		10,920,774		8,234,845
INDICATOR 4 - Net Financial Liabilities Ratio				
Net Financial Liabilities		10,920,774		8,234,845
Divided by:				
Total Operating Revenue	23,194,586		21,150,685	
less: NRM Levy	(162,245)	23,032,342	(41,340)	21,109,345
		47.4%		39.0%
INDICATOR 5 - Interest Cover Ratio				
Finance Cost Expense	546,438		435,258	
Less: Investment Income	(153,605)	392,833	(224,083)	211,174
Total Operating Revenues	23,194,586		21,150,685	
Less: NRM Levy	(162,245)		(7,584,191)	
Less Investment Income	(153,605)	22,878,737	(224,083)	13,342,411
		1.72%		1.58%
INDICATOR 6 - Asset Sustainability Ratio				
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets	971,314		643,509	
Less: Sale of replaced assets	(519,566)	451,748	(334,798)	308,711
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment expense		2,923,645		2,485,735
		15.5%		12.4%
INDICATOR 7 - Asset Consumption Ratio				
Total carrying value of all IPP&E	65,995,809		61,438,991	
less Carrying Value of non-depreciable IPP&E	(5,394,220)	60,601,589	(5,550,220)	55,888,771
Total value of all IPP&E at cost	16,009,549		8,419,807	
Total value of all IPP&E at fair value	57,775,745		57,885,025	
Less: value of non-depreciable assets cost	0		(48,720)	
Less value of non-depreciable assets at fair value	(5,394,220)	68,391,074	(5,503,500)	60,754,612
		88.61%		91.99%

Compliance Report

Section Four

Information Statement

1. Decision making structure and functions of the Council
2. Delegations
3. Public Participation
4. Confidential Provisions
5. Community Consultation
6. Public Access to Council Documents
7. Freedom of Information Requests





Information Statement

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

1.1.1 The Port Augusta City Council's decision making structure consists of two Key Committees, each represented by the 10 Elected Members. These Committees receive reports from officers of the Council and make recommendations to full Council on each of the reports received.

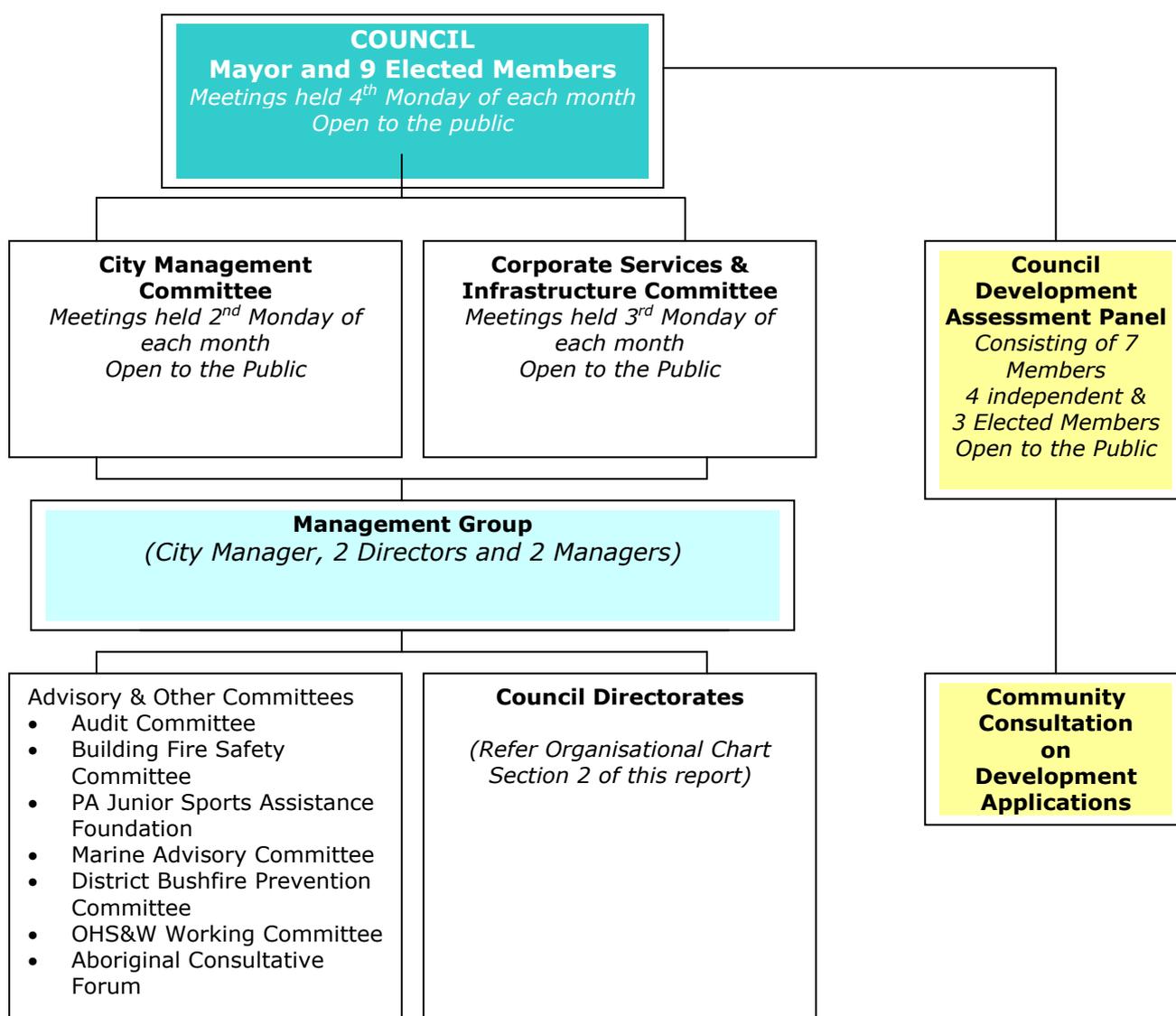
1.1.2 The first Key Committee meets at 5.30pm on the 2nd Monday of every month and is known as the City Management Committee. The second Key Committee meets at 5.30pm on the 3rd Monday of every month and is known as the Corporate Services & Infrastructure Committee.

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

1.1.3 Council also has a 'Management Group' who meet on a weekly basis to peruse all reports prior to their being placed on the agenda for the appropriate Key Committee, to ensure they are kept abreast of all staff activities within the organisation. The Officers who are included within the Management Group are the City Manager, Director - Corporate Services, Director - Infrastructure and Environment Services, Manager - Aged and Children's Services, and Manager - Governance and Economic Development.

1.1.4 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. 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 of the following the headings: 'The Council', 'Council Documents', 'Council Policies', 'Operational Units Manual', 'Policy 2.1.04 – Fees and Charges'.

1.2 Decision Making Structure



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 administer. The City Manager has sub-delegated many of these delegations to officers of Council. A Delegated Authority and Authorised Officers Manual has been developed that provides details of all delegations and sub-delegations including any limitations and conditions imposed by Council and/or the City Manager.

3. Public Participation

3.1.1 Public involvement in Council Meetings:

Meetings of Council or Council Committee/s 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 Committee Meetings.

3.1.2 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' (2.1.03).

4. Confidentiality Provisions

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

4.1.1 The table below indicates the reasons that a matter may be considered under the confidentiality provisions and the number of occasions during 2007/2008, each of these provisions was enforced as follows:

Section of the Local Government Act	Number of times used
Section 90(3)(a) – information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead)	2
Section 90(3)(b) – information the disclosure of which: (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 (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.	5
Section 90(3)(c) – information the disclosure of which would reveal a trade secret.	-
Section 90(3)(d) – commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which: (i) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.	13
Section 90(3)(e) – matters affecting the security of the council, members or employees of the council, or council property, or the safety of any person.	-
Section 90(3)(f) – 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.	-
Section 90(3)(g) – 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.	-
Section 90(3)(h) – legal advice	2
Section 90(3)(i) – 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	-
Section 90(3)(j) – 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.	-
Section 90(3)(k) – tenders for the supply of goods, the provision of services or the carrying out of works	-
Section 90(3)(l) – deleted	
Section 90(3)(m) – 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.	1
Section 90(3)(n) – information relevant to the review of a determination of a council under the Freedom of Information Act 1991	-

4.1.2 During the reporting period, there were 23 instances where Council considered an item under the confidentiality provisions.

4.1.3 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.

4.1.4 Of the 23 confidential items, 2 items did not have the confidentiality provisions preserved, 5 items remained confidential for a period of 3 months or less, 2 items were for a period of 3-6 months, 14 items were for a period greater than 6 months.

4.1.5 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. Following a review in July 2008 of all Confidential Orders, Council approved six (6) items (that exceed 12 months) to remain under confidential provisions.

4.1.6 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 2007/2008 financial year.

5. Community Consultation

Council annually 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 also 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 exempted from public notification by the Development Act 1993.

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:

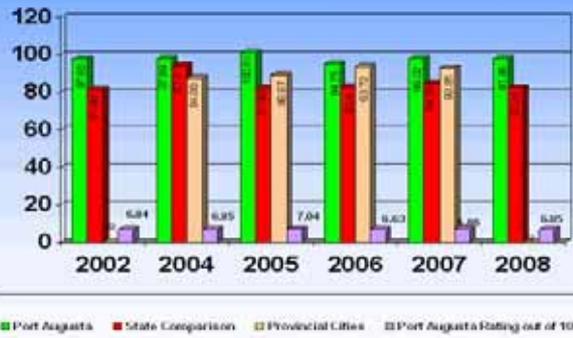
- a) Strategic Directions
- b) Community Consultation
- c) Council Services
- d) Quality of Life
- e) Public Access to Information
- f) Asset/Infrastructure Management
- g) Safety & Security

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.

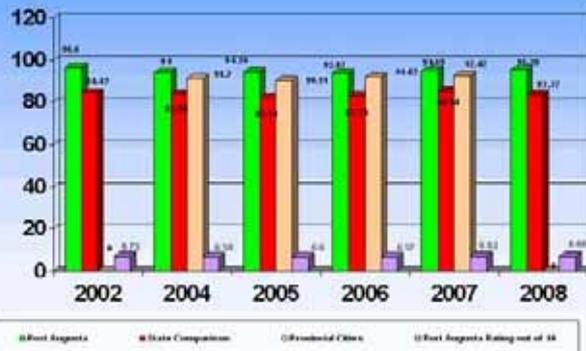
Strategic Directions

Performance Index Score of 100 = Satisfactory
Council Rating Score of 7 = Satisfactory



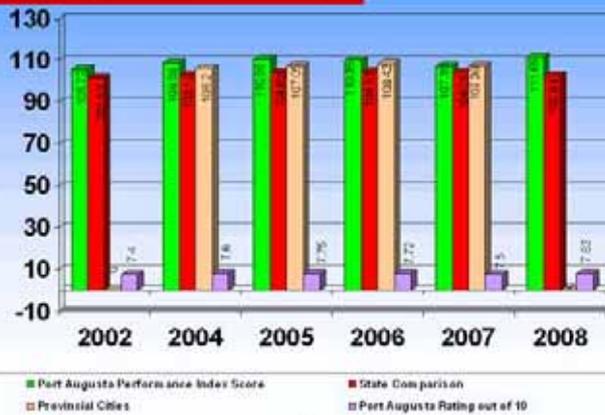
Community Consultation

Performance Index Score of 100 = Satisfactory
Council Rating Score of 7 = Satisfactory



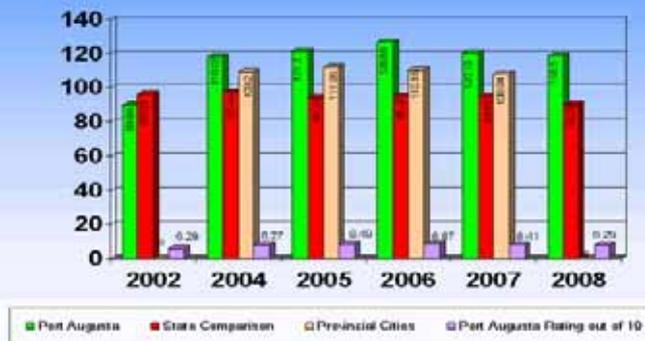
Council Services

Performance Index Score of 100 = Satisfactory
Council Rating Score of 7 = Satisfactory



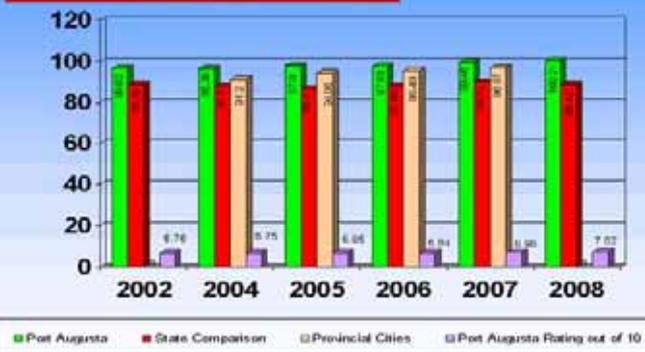
Quality of Life

Performance Index Score of 100 = Satisfactory
Council Rating Score of 7 = Satisfactory



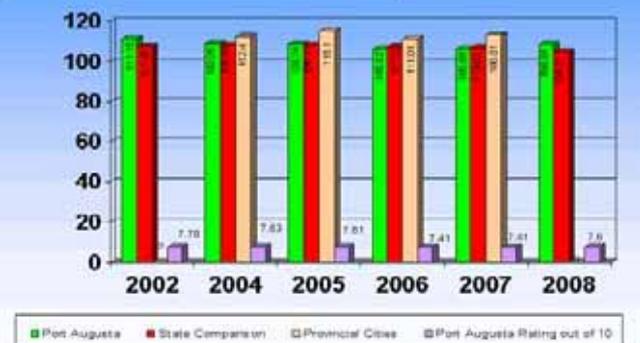
Public Access to Information

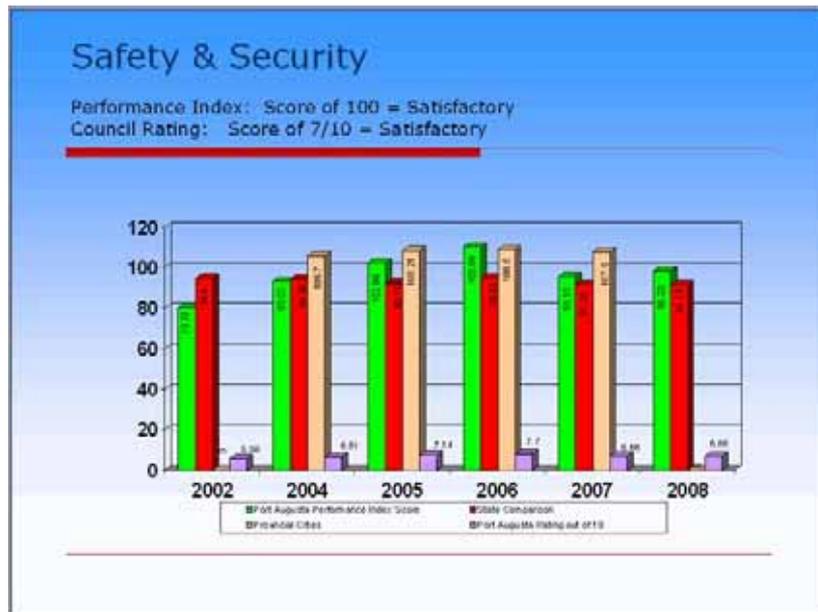
Performance Index Score of 100 = Satisfactory
Council Rating Score of 7 = Satisfactory



Asset/Infrastructure Management

Performance Index Score of 100 = Satisfactory
Council Rating Score of 7 = Satisfactory





6. **Public Access to Council Documents**

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

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 in Council's Fees and Charges Register.

6.1.1 Registers/Manuals/Plans

- a) Policy Manual
- b) Delegated Authority & Authorised Officers Manual
- c) By-Law Manual
- 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 Plan
- n) Annual Business Plans and Budget
- o) Animal Management Plans

6.1.2 Policy/Procedure Manual

Council's Policy Manual has been divided into 4 specific Manuals – Executive Manual, Operational Units Manual, Human Resource Manual and Emergency 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' who 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 then 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 have 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:

Executive Manual

Elected Members

1.1.01	Voters' Roll	1.1.07	Deleted
1.1.02	Supplementary elections	1.1.08	Statutory Code of Conduct – Elected Members
1.1.03	Election of Deputy Mayor	1.1.09	Elected Members Initiating Action
1.1.04	Portfolio Allocation	1.1.10	Statutory Code of Practice – Access to Council Meetings and Documents
1.1.05	Committees and Panels	1.1.11	Elected Members' Expenses, Facilities & Support
1.1.06	Council Representatives on Boards and Organisations	1.1.12	Elected Members' Training and Development

Public Relations

1.2.01	Public Statements	1.2.05	Customer Service Charter
1.2.02	Residents Newsletter	1.2.06	Use of Council's Official Documents, Brand & Logo by Elected Members
1.2.03	Public Consultation	1.2.07	Council's Corporate Seal
1.2.04	Statutory Procedure Internal Review of Council Decisions	1.2.08	Use of City Brand & Logo

Administrative Services

1.3.01	Port Augusta City Council – Appropriate Naming	1.3.06	Processing of Limited Liquor Licence Applications
1.3.02	Sale of Council Land	1.3.07	Safe Environment – Minimising the risk to children and vulnerable people
1.3.03	Crown Land under Council's Care, Control & Management	1.3.08	Application of Delegations
1.3.04	Reporting of Hazards (Potential injury to members of the public)	1.3.09	Application of Delegations to the Council Development Assessment Panel (CDAP)
1.3.05	Making of Orders		

Operational Units Manual

Corporate Services - Financial

2.1.01	Rating Policy 2007/2008	2.1.07	Petty Cash
2.1.02	Rate Rebates	2.1.08	Special Capital Reserve Fund
2.1.03	Rating – Recoveries	2.1.09	Community Donations
2.1.04	Fees & Charges	2.1.10	Port Augusta Junior Sports Assistance Fund
2.1.05	Purchasing, Contracts & Tendering	2.1.11	Financial – Internal Controls
2.1.06	Bank Signatories		

Corporate Services – Information Technology

2.2.01	Electronic Communications Management		
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Corporate Services – Aged Care/Health Focus

2.3.01	Admission & Discharge Nerrilda Nursing Home and A.M. Ramsay Village	2.3.03	Community Assistance Program (Men’s Shed)
2.3.02	Admission & Discharge Health Focus		

Corporate Services - Child Care/Special Needs

2.4.01	Admission to Childcare Centre	2.4.02	Admission to Miriam High Special Needs Centre
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Corporate Services - General

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Infrastructure & Environment – Parks & Gardens

2.6.01	Street Tree Policy	2.6.03	AALBG – Living Collections Policy
2.6.02	AALBG –Environmental Protection		

Infrastructure & Environment – Planning & Building

2.7.01	Pre-used Transportable Dwellings/Buildings – Land Management Agreement	2.7.04	Pre-used Transportable Dwellings/Buildings – Owners Obligations
2.7.02	Pre-used Transportable Dwellings/Buildings – Asbestos Removal	2.7.05	Building Inspections
2.7.03	Pre-used Transportable Dwellings/Buildings – Development Application Requirements	2.7.06	Objects on Public Footpaths

Infrastructure & Environment – Works

2.8.01	Common Effluent Drains	2.8.03	Excavation & Reinstatement of Council Roads, Footpaths or Properties
2.8.02	Street Names		

Infrastructure & Environment – Environmental Health Services

2.9.01	Pigeon Keeping		
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Infrastructure & Environment – Animal Control

2.10.01	Dog Management	2.10.02	Cat Management
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Infrastructure & Environment – General

2.11.01	Machinery Air-conditioning	2.11.05	Event Bookings on Council Land
2.11.02	Plant, Machinery & Equipment – Use by Sporting & Community Bodies	2.11.06	Pontoon Management
2.11.03	Cemetery Management	2.11.07	Entry to Julia Lodge & Poinsettia Village (Aged Cottage Homes)
2.11.04	Council Oval Hire	2.11.08	Street Stalls

Infrastructure & Environment - Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre

2.12.01	Unattended Children at Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre		
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Executive Services - Library

2.13.01	Library Security	2.13.02	Unattended Children in Library
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Executive Services – Wadlata & AALBG

2.14.01	Unattended Children at Wadlata & AALBG		
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Emergency Manual

3.1.01	Emergency Facilities & Procedures	3.1.02	Fire Evacuation – Civic Centre & Library
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Human Resource Manual

4.1.01	Statutory Code of Conduct – Council Employees	4.1.08	Discipline/Termination of Employees
4.1.02	Equal Employment Opportunity	4.1.09	Council Volunteers
4.1.03	Risk Management	4.1.10	Apprentices
4.1.04	Recruitment & Selection	4.1.11	Australian Reserve Forces
4.1.05	Staff Appointments (Interview) – Cost Reimbursement	4.1.12	Sexual Harassment
4.1.06	Probationary Appointment & Assessment	4.1.13	Employee Assistance Program
4.1.07	Employees – General Grievance Procedures	4.1.14	Workplace Bullying

OHS&W Policy Manual

The OHS&W Policy Manual is made up of an OHS&W Injury Management Policy Statement, Aims & Objectives, Responsibilities, Responsible Officers, Constitution and Rules (POLA0075), Framework for Resolution of OHS&W problems and relevant policies as listed below:

POLA0097	Accident Investigation & Reporting	POLA0130	Injury Management Policy & Procedures
POLA0122	Asbestos	POLA0109	Manual Handling & Risk Identification Form
POLA0102	Blood Spill Mop Up	POLA0091	Needle Stick/Sharps
POLA0151	Cash Taking/Robbery Activity	POLA0149	Occupational Noise Control
POLA0099	Confined Space Policy & Register of Confined Spaces & Checklist	POLA0105	OHS&W & First Aid in the Workplace
POLA0152	Contractors	POLA0103	Personal Protective Equipment
POLA0073	Drug & Alcohol	POLA0096	Plant Management
POLA0148	Drug & Alcohol Policy/Testing Procedure	POLA0087	Purchasing of Plant & Equipment
POLA0101	Electrical Safety	POLA0136	Risk Management

POLA0106	Evacuation	POLA0118	Safe Working Environment
POLA0104	Eye Protection	POLA0079	Smoking in the Workplace
POLA0147	Fire Evacuation	POLA0108	Staff training
POLA0100	Hazardous/Dangerous Substances & Procedures	POLA0078	Sun Protection
POLA0111	Hire/Lease of Plant & Equipment	POLA0150	Tag-out Safety
POLA0120	Immunisation Clinic – Emergency Action	POLA0080	Workers Compensation (Video Surveillance)
POLA0107	Inclement Weather & Procedures	POLA0146	Workplace Bullying Policy

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:

Ms Lee Heron
A/Director – Governance, Economic & Cultural Services
Port Augusta City Council
PO Box 1704
PORT AUGUSTA SA 5700
Phone: (08) 86419100

7.1 FOI Activities for 2007/2008:

During 2007/2008, Council received seven (7) Freedom of Information requests. Full release of documents was provided for 6 requests, and the information requested for the other application was not available on Council's files.

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.

Accountability Report

Section Five

1. Rating Policy 2007/2008
2. Rate Rebates
3. Auditor Independence
4. National Competition Principles
5. Competitive Tendering Statement
6. Community Land Management Plans
7. Internal Review of Council Actions



1. Rating Policy 2007/2008



PortAugusta

CITY COUNCIL

2. OPERATIONAL UNITS POLICY AND PROCEDURES							
2.1 CORPORATE SERVICES - FINANCIAL							
POLICY NUMBER:		2.1.01		PAGES:		14	
SUBJECT:							
RATING POLICY 2007/2008							
COUNCIL MEETING		ISSUE DATE	11 th July 2007	REVIEW DATE		DELETED DATE	
EXTERNAL LEGISLATION:				INTERNAL REFERENCES:			
Local Government Act 1999				Rating Policy Summary 2007/2008			
RELATED POLICIES:				RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:			
Rebate of Rates Policy 2.1.02 Rating – Recoveries Policy 2.1.03 Purchasing, Contracts & Tendering – 2.1.05				Director – Corporate Services			

SECTION A

1.0 POLICY STATEMENT

- 1.1 The Rating Policy sets out the guidelines the City of Port Augusta adheres to, for setting and collecting rates from it's 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 rate charge
 - h) pensioner concessions

- i) unemployed persons concessions
- 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 2007/2008 Financial Year, the Council has given consideration to the following:

1.3.1 The Strategic Plan

- a) Commencing in July 2007, Council will undertake a review of its Strategic Plan, in consultation with the community, to ensure it continues to provide appropriate programs and service, as well as delivering major projects and infrastructure improvement.
- b) The Strategic Plan is the major budget deliberations to ensure 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 safe and city image initiatives.
- e) Planning for an ageing community will also be a major focus of the Strategic Plan review.

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 that end it has resolved to:-

- a) develop a stronger focus on upgrading and improving its roads, streets and footpath assets, with continued work on its Asset Management Plan and long term financial plans a priority;
- b) improve the economy of the City by fostering regional development initiatives such as the proposed business incubator;
- c) finalise the development of a significant Capital Works Program such as the foreshore redevelopment and the construction of the Shack Road;

- d) retain community based programs that attract visitors to the City and the Region;
- e) enhance existing trainee/apprentice programs that support young people in the community;
- f) introduce a full waste recycling collection for the City.

1.3.3 Budget Implications

- a) The budget for the 2007/2008 financial year.

1.3.5 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 program 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) the levy of an effluent drainage charge for properties connected to the effluent drainage system;
 - v) the levy of a waste management charge for the introduction of a full recycling household waste collection;
 - vi) the levy of a Natural Resource Management charge.

1.3.6 Rate Increases

- a) The need to increase rate revenue for the 2007/2008 financial year of the Council by 5.5% to maintain existing services.

1.4 The Strategic Plan documents and the Council's budget are available for inspection at the Front 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:-

John Stephens
City Manager
Port Augusta City Council
PO Box 1704
PORT AUGUSTA SA 5700

1.6 ANNUAL ADOPTION OF THE POLICY

- 1.6.1 Section 171 of the Local Government Act requires a Council to prepare and adopt each year, in conjunction with settling the rates, a 'Rates Policy'. The policy must be available at the principal office of the Council and a summary version must be distributed with the rate notice.

This policy is available for inspection at the Front Counter of the Council Office, 4 Mackay Street, Port Augusta SA 5700.

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 FLOWCHART

- 4.1 Not applicable in this instance.

SECTION C

5.0 PROCEDURE

5.1 METHOD USED TO VALUE LAND

- 5.1.1 The Council may adopt one of three valuation methodologies to value the properties 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 property.

5.1.2 The Council has decided to continue to use site value as the basis for valuing land within the council area.

- a) Site value methodology of rating will be reviewed prior to the next budget, to determine if it continues to provide a fair and equitable method of distributing the rate burden across all ratepayers.

5.1.3 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 properties. The distribution of property values is widely varied and the requirements set out above will mean variations in rates levied can be significant.

5.2 ADOPTION OF VALUATIONS

5.2.1 The Council adopted the valuations made by the Valuer-General on the 11th July, 2007. 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 this 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.

5.2.2 The address of the Office of the Valuer-General is 'Office of the Valuer-General, 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.

5.3 BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

5.3.1 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 Northern Regional Development Board Inc., 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 2006/2007 and recommendations from the review which have been presented to Council will be actioned during the 2007/2008 financial year.
- e) The equity of the distribution of the rate burden between classes of ratepayers based on land use.
- f) Issues of equitability that are created as a result of wide and varied increases in property valuations across the City.

5.4 DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES

5.4.1 All land within a council area, except for land specifically exempt (eg. crown land, council occupied land and other land prescribed in the Local Government Act), is rateable. 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 properties. At its meeting of 11th July, 2007 the Council resolved to raise rate revenue of \$7,744,300 in a total revenue budget of \$22,081,200. As a result of this decision the Council has set general rates in the dollar to raise the necessary revenue by way of utilising the land code categories adopted by the Valuer-General of, namely:-

- a) Residential
- b) Commercial – Shop
- c) Commercial – Office
- d) Commercial – Other
- e) Industry Light
- f) Industry Other
- g) Primary Production
- h) Vacant Land
- i) Other Use

5.4.2 The use to which the land is put may govern the differential rate. If a property owner is of the opinion that the description 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'.

Category	Land Use	Rate in \$ (Cents)	Minimum Rate	Maximum Rate	Maximum % rise
Urban	Residential	4.18	778.00	1,935.00	7.0%
	Commercial - Shop	5.9	778.00		10.0%
	Commercial - Office	5.9	778.00		10.0%
	Commercial - Other	5.9	778.00		10.0%
	Industry - Light	5.9	778.00		10.0%
	Industry - Other	5.9	778.00		10.0%
	Primary Production	.41	778.00		7.0%
*****	Vacant Land	4.18	778.00	1,935.00	7.0%
	Other Use	4.18	778.00		7.0%
Non-Urban	Residential	2.66	778.00	1,451.00	7.0%
	Commercial - Shop	5.9	778.00		10.0%
	Commercial - Office	5.9	778.00		10.0%
	Commercial - Other	5.9	778.00		10.0%
	Industry - Light	5.9	778.00		10.0%
	Industry - Other	5.9	778.00		10.0%
	Primary Production	.41			7.0%
	Vacant Land	1.33			7.0%
	Other Use	2.66	778.00		7.0%
Shacks	Residential	.5643	778.00		10.0%
	Primary Production	.41			7.0%
	Vacant Land	1.33			7.0%
	Other Use	2.66	778.00		7.0%

** Maximum rate to apply to vacant residential allotments only. Maximum rate to apply to individual allotments in any contiguous parcel of vacant land containing greater than a single allotment.

5.5. MINIMUM RATE

5.5.1 A Council may impose a minimum amount payable by way of rates, provided that it has not imposed a Fixed Charge. Where two or more adjoining properties 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 properties in the council area including the % of properties affected by tiered rating.

5.5.2 The Council has decided to impose a minimum rate of \$778.00. The reasons for imposing a minimum rate are:-

- a) Council considers it appropriate that all rateable properties make a contribution to the cost of administering the Council's activities and creating and maintaining the physical infrastructure that supports each property
- 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

5.5.3 The minimum rate will affect 27% of rateable properties and will raise 17.6% of the total rate revenue. The imposition of a minimum rate raises an additional \$157,087 which is 2% of the total rate revenue.

5.6 MAXIMUM RATE & RATE CAPPING

5.6.1 Council has determined that a maximum rate be applicable to properties that have a land use code of residence and vacant land for residential properties only. The maximum rate payable is \$1,935 for urban properties, \$1,451 for non-urban properties.

In setting these maximum rate levels, Council took into account:-

- a) The very wide range of values applied to residential properties in the municipality.
- b) The unreasonable rate impost that would be applied to a number of properties, without a maximum rate.

5.6.2 Council will provide a rebate to limit the maximum increase in rates payable due to increase in valuation to 7% for residential properties, 10% for Blanche Harbour Shack properties and 10% for business properties over the rates levied for 2006/2007.

5.7 SERVICE RATE / CHARGE

5.7.1 The Council provides a septic tank effluent disposal system (STED) to 1335 properties within the Council area. A service charge of \$245.00 will apply to properties connected to the STED schemes installed in the Willsden, Augusta Park, Hospital Road, Zanuckville, Conwaytown, Transcontinental Estate and Stirling North Railway Siding areas.

5.7.2 The Council will introduce a full waste recycling collection for 2007/2008. As a result a service charge of \$120 per property will apply to all households, businesses and properties that receive a garbage collection. This charge will be put out for 28 days public comment prior to its introduction.

5.8 PENSIONER & SELF FUNDED RETIREES CONCESSIONS

5.8.1 If you are an eligible pensioner or self funded retiree, you may be entitled to a rebate on your rates, if you do not currently receive one. 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 and its District Offices and the State Taxation Office. An eligible pensioner or self funded retiree must hold a Pension Card, State Concession Card or be a T.P.I. Pensioner. You must also be responsible for the payment of rates on the property for which you are claiming a concession.

5.8.2 Applications are administered by the State Government. Payment of rates should not be withheld pending assessment of your application by the State Government as penalties will apply to unpaid rates. A refund will be paid to you immediately Council is advised that a concession applies and the rates have already been paid.

5.8.3 Council will also provide a rebate of up to \$200 to eligible pensioners and self funded retirees whose net rate levy after deduction of the State Government concession exceeds \$900. Pensioners with a net rate levy between \$900 and \$1,100 will receive a rebate to limit the maximum net rate levy payable to \$900. Pensioners with a net rate levy greater than \$1,100 to receive a rebate of \$200.

5.9 UNEMPLOYED PERSONS CONCESSIONS

5.9.1 The Department of Family for Families & Communities may assist with the payment of Council rates for your principal place of residence (remissions are not available on vacant land or rental premises). Please contact your nearest Department of Family & Youth Services Office for details.

5.10 PAYMENT OF RATES

5.10.1 Rates levied for the year may be paid in four quarterly instalments, due and payable by **7th September 2007, 7th December 2007, 7th March 2008 and 7th June 2008**. Separate notices relating to instalments due in December 2007, March 2008 and June 2008 will be issued to property owners in October 2007, January 2008 and April 2008.

5.10.2 However, payment of the total rates levied on a property for the 2007/2008 financial year by the 7th September 2007, will attract a discount equivalent to 5% of the total rates declared on the property.

5.10.3 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.

5.10.4 Rates may also be paid via the internet www.portaugusta.sa.gov.au (select 'Online Transactions' from the Fast Find menu) or by telephone on 1300 303 201 (ANZ Bank bill pay, Council's info pay number is 4321), at any Post Office, via BPay Code 27961, via Centre Pay and by Direct Debit.

Payments by post can be made to PO Box 1704 Port Augusta SA 5700.

5.10.5 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.

5.10.6 The Council has adopted a policy that where the payment of rates will cause a ratepayer demonstrable hardship, the Council is prepared to make extended payment provisions or defer the payment of rates.

5.11 LATE PAYMENT OF RATES

5.11.1 The Local Government Act provides that Councils impose a penalty of 2% on any payment for rates, whether instalment or otherwise, that is received late. A payment that continues to be late is then charged an interest rate set each year according to a formula in the Act for each month it continues to be late. 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.

5.11.2 The Council allows a further two working days after the due date for payment as a grace period. The Council remits the late payment penalties allowed by the Local Government Act if payment is received within the grace period.

5.11.3 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 Department.

5.11.4 The Council issues an overdue account for payment of rates when rates are overdue i.e. unpaid by the due date. Should rates remain unpaid for more than 30 days after the issue of the overdue account 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. When the Council receives a payment in respect of overdue rates the Council applies the money received as follows:-

- a) first – to satisfy any costs awarded in connection with court proceedings;
- b) second – to satisfy any interest costs;
- c) third – in payment of any fines imposed;
- d) fourth – in payment of rates, in chronological order (starting with the oldest account first).

5.12 REMISSION AND POSTPONEMENT OF RATES

5.12.1 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 86419100 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.

5.13 REBATE OF RATES

5.13.1 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.

5.13.2 Discretionary rebates may be applied by the Council under Section 166 of the Act. Council currently provides discretionary rebates for council owned land that is leased or licensed such as that used by sporting bodies and community organisations.

5.13.3 Council will consider all applications for rebate under Section 166 of the Act on merit.

5.14 SALE OF LAND FOR NON-PAYMENT OF RATES

5.14.1 The Local Government Act provides that a Council may sell any property 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) with details of the outstanding amounts, and advise the owner of its intention to sell the land if payment of the outstanding amount is not received within a given time.

5.14.2 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 8641 9100, or by writing to the Rates Administrator, Port Augusta City Council at PO Box 1704, Port Augusta SA 5700.

5.15 APPLICATION OF THE POLICY

5.15.1 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 8641 9100 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.

5.15.2 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.

6.0 STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.1 Director – Corporate Services.
- 6.2 Rating Administrator.

7.0 AUDITS

- 7.1 Annual financial audit by John D Ewen & Associates.
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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 2.1.02 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 the 1st 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 the 1st May.

Rate Rebates approved during the 2007/2008 financial year totalled \$138,650. 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 \$226,977 was discounted on rate payments using these provisions.

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.

Council at its meeting held on the 20th March 2006 resolved to appoint John D Ewen & Associates as Council's Auditor for a period of 3 years (2005/2006, 2006/2007, 2007/2008) with a set fee of \$5,800p.a. plus travel and accommodation expenses.

During the reporting period, the Port Augusta City Council paid John D Ewen & Associates a total of \$7,065.

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 2007/2008 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 within 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 October 2007 and the reviewed policy was adopted by Council at its meeting held on the 22nd October 2007.

During the reporting period, Council utilised a competitive tendering approach for the provision of the following goods and services:

- 1) Civic Centre – Building Upgrade
- 2) Lea Theatre – Air-conditioning Replacement
- 3) Central Oval – Fence Upgrade
- 4) Works Depot – Supply of Skid Mounted Water Tank
- 5) Works Depot – Replacement Front End Loader
- 6) Roads – Sealing Contracts
- 7) Stormwater – Upgrade McConnal Road
- 8) Central Oval – Repairs to TAB Building
- 9) Port Augusta Cultural Centre – Yarta Purtli – Building Upgrade

6. Community Land Management Plans



Council's Community Land Management Plans were established for all Council owned land and parcels of land under Council's care, control and management, which have been specifically modified or adapted for the benefit and enjoyment of the community.

Council continues to update and review the Management Plans in an endeavour to ensure that open space areas meet the needs of the community.

A significant financial contribution has been made by Council to implement and further enhance its 'grey water waste management system' to ensure that during times of water restrictions, open space areas within our community can continue to be watered ensuring a very high standard of open space is maintained for the general public.



Central Oval has been upgraded with the grey water irrigation system. The underground watering system enables Council to control watering requirements to this area depending on the season.

During the reporting period, Council resolved to revoke the 'Community Land' status on two (2) parcels of land, following receipt of Ministerial approval of the revocation proposal. The two parcels of land are as follows:

- 6.1 Section 1108 and Section 1109, Hundred of Davenport, Winninowie as described in Crown Record Volume 5754, Folio 531.

These two sections of land were placed under Council's care, control and management for a gravel reserve, which would have been used when the Winninowie Township was in existence. Council resolved to relinquish care, control and management of these two parcels of land as they were surplus to Council's requirement.

- 6.1 Lots 503, 504 and 512 in Filed Plan 21299, Hundred of Davenport as described in Certificate of Titles Volume 5841, Folio 935, Volume 5841, Folio 936 and Volume 5841, Folio 937 respectively (Maule Avenue, Stirling North)



Council is disposing of this land to enable a 38 allotment residential estate to be developed to support growth in this area.

Council did not classify any additional parcels of land as 'Community Land' during the reporting period.

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 Council Policy (1.2.04) 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, there were no official complaints received in regards to decisions of Council.

Community Acknowledgement

Section Six

1. Academic Achiever Award
2. Australia Day Awards
3. Port Augusta Junior Sports Assistance Foundation
4. Christmas School Poster Competition
5. Christmas Lighting Festival
6. Mayoral Christmas Party
7. Rotary Christmas Pageant
8. Carols in the Park
9. Australian Citizenship Ceremonies
10. Annual 'Staff Thank You Function'
11. Port Augusta Kids Crabbing Day
12. Council Awards
13. Friends of the Back Beach
14. Westside Back Beach Group
15. Blanche Harbour Conservation Group



The community is the backbone of any great city, and it is with pride that Council acknowledges the contribution of various individuals, community groups and organisations in this section of the Annual Report.

Council presents a number of awards each year to members of the community as a 'thank you' for their outstanding service, personal achievements and noteworthy contribution to our City. These awards are listed below.

1. Academic Achiever Award

Amelia Greenfield was the recipient of Port Augusta City Council's 2007 award for academic excellence.

The Port Augusta Academic Achiever of the Year Award is presented by Council to the highest scoring student for that year in 2007. Amelia, 19, a former Caritas College student was presented with the award and a \$500 cheque on 29th January by Deputy Mayor Cr Phil Greagen. Amelia achieved a Tertiary Entry Ranking of 93.95 and plans to study a web design/graphic design course.



Amelia is pictured with her parents Lynn and Bob Greenfield after receiving the Academic Achiever of the Year Award.

2. Australia Day Awards

Port Augusta celebrates Australia Day with a breakfast in Gladstone Square, which is provided by community service clubs; Rotary Club, Lions Club, Apex Club and the State Emergency Services.

Community Members and various organisations are nominated each year to receive one of the Australia Day Awards presented at the Australia Day Breakfast celebrations. The Awards include Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year.

The nominees of each of these awards and the winners for 2008 are detailed below:

2.1 Citizen of the Year

Nominees: Mrs Jan Black, Mr Maurice Bury, Ms Lauren Hill, Mr Lloyd Nelson, Mr Anthony Packard, Mr Eric Rieck and Mr Edward Zajer

Winner: **Mr Lloyd Nelson**

This prestigious community Award was presented to Lloyd in recognition of his long and dedicated service to the Lions Club of Port Augusta. Lloyd has held the senior positions of Community Services Chairman and Regional Chairman and has enthusiastically involved himself in all aspects of the various activities conducted by Lions. Lloyd is a former President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Lions Club of Port Augusta.

As a former School Principal, Lloyd has had a strong commitment to the youth and this has continued with his work in the Lions Youth of the Year and Youth Exchange Programs involving the hosting of Lions exchange students, as well as Youth Drug Awareness Campaigns.

He has also assisted in the staging of the highly successful 'Croc Fest', and involved himself in various funding-raising activities.

The other nominees received a Certificate of Recognition for their contribution to the City.

2.2 Young Citizen of the Year

Nominees: Miss Stephanie Earle and Mr Sam Johnson

Both nominees received a Certificate of Recognition.

Miss Stephanie Earle is 15 years of age. She joined the Musical Theatre Company as a Member in 2000 at the age of 8. Stephanie teaches dance with musical theatre to children on a voluntary basis. Stephanie was congratulated for her skills in leadership and is a role model and mentor for other young members of the Musical Theatre.

Mr Sam Johnson is 21 years of age. In November 2006 Sam was elected to the position of Councillor for the Port Augusta City Council. Sam demonstrates outstanding leadership beyond his years and his interest in civic and community affairs is an excellent role model for the younger generation who may be aspiring to be a future leader.

2.3 Community Event of the Year

Only one nomination was received. The winner of the 'Community Event of the Year Award' was the **Port Augusta Wharfest**.

3. **Port Augusta Junior Sports Assistance Foundation**

The Port Augusta Junior Sports Assistance Foundation was formulated so that sporting achievements by young members of the community, who have excelled and/or shown leadership in their chosen sport, could be acknowledged through an appropriate independent body.

The Foundation's Management Committee meet on a monthly basis to assess nominations and present that month's awards for the following categories: Sportsperson of the Month, Achiever Ward and Incentive Award.

A Presentation Evening is held annually to acknowledge all monthly winners and to award the following three annual awards: Sportsperson of the Year (chosen from the monthly Sportsperson Recipients), Special Achiever Award (chosen from the monthly Achiever Recipients), Special Incentive Award (chosen from the monthly Incentive Recipient).

The monthly and each of year award recipients for the 2007/2008 financial year are as follows:

SPORTSPERSON OF THE MONTH AWARD	ACHIEVER AWARD	INCENTIVE AWARD
July 2007 n/a	Ethan Spinks (Judo)	Tyson Richards (Judo)
August 2007 Benjamin Lindner (Judo)	William Ash (Golf)	Brodie McHugh (Golf) Joshua Martin (Golf) Sam Daw (Golf)
September 2007 Errin Dohnt (Golf)	Libby Harrison (Netball)	Alice Klingberg (Athletics) Aloha Hampton (Netball) Alycia Rabig (Athletics) Amy Reid (Netball) Brodie McHugh (Golf) Casey Whitaker (Athletics) Danielle Geldard (Netball) Ellen Packard (Athletics) Georgia Irvine (Netball) Jaimee Trewartha (Netball) Jason Parsons (Tennis) Kelly O'Grady (Netball) Mary Seagrim (Netball) Matthew Freeman (Judo) Mikala Hudson (Netball) Rebecca Francis (Netball) Samuel Hansen (Golf) Shirley Waye-Hill (Netball) Sophie Burch (Judo) Susan Britza (Netball) Trisha Waye-Hill (Netball) Zoe Nayda (Netball)
October 2007 Ben Lindner (Judo)	Casey Whitaker (Athletics)	Alice Klingberg (Athletics) Alycia Rabig (Athletics) Callan Niedorfer (Judo) Hannah Miklavec (Judo) Jayden Freeman (Judo) Kyle McAuliffe (Judo) Matthew Freeman (Judo) Orion Brown (Judo) Sophie Burch (Judo) Zarrar Zia (Judo)
November 2007 n/a	Tyson Richards (Judo)	Ben Bailey (Judo) Darien Kurbatfinski (Judo) Jaimee Langdon-Oats (Basketball) James Campbell (Judo) Laura Packard (Basketball) Peyton Fuller (Basketball) Sam Parnanzini (Judo)
December 2007 Casey Whitaker (Athletics)	Sophie Burch (Judo)	Amber Walsh-Elley (Basketball) Emma Grantham (Basketball) Garry Warren (Basketball) Libby Harrison (Basketball) Matt Phillips (Basketball) Peyton Fuller (Basketball) Sean Kuerschner (Basketball)

SPORTSPERSON OF THE MONTH AWARD	ACHIEVER AWARD	INCENTIVE AWARD
January 2008 Darcy Noll (Tennis)	Ben Hilder (Swimming)	Amy Noll (Swimming) Billie Walsh-Elley (Basketball) Caleb Ritter (Swimming) Caleb Ritter (Swimming) Cameron Ortlepp (Basketball) Casey Whitaker (Athletics) Claire Schupelius (Basketball) Darcy Noll (Basketball) Emma Grantham (Basketball) Jaimee Langdon-Oats (Basketball) Jasmine Ritter (Swimming) Kaitlyn Williams (Basketball) Laura Packard (Basketball) Megan Jones (Basketball) Mia Grantham (Basketball) Mikala Fuller (Basketball) Trent Ritter (Swimming) Ty Harrison (Basketball)
February 2008 n/a	Jason Parsons (Tennis)	Alycia Rabig (Athletics) Ben Yeomans (Basketball) Caleb Ritter (Swimming) Cameron Ortlepp (Basketball) Trent Ritter (Swimming)
March 2008 Trent Ritter (Swimming)	Payton Fuller (Basketball) Paige Rozee (Basketball) Marleigh Zada (Basketball)	Alana Pearce (Basketball) Ben Trewartha (Basketball) Ben Yeomans (Basketball) Billy-Jo Martin (Basketball) Caleb Ritter (Swimming) Claire Schupelius (Basketball) Darcy Noll (Basketball) Daryl Hudson (Basketball) Elle Curnow (Basketball) Emma Grantham (Basketball) Gary Warren (Basketball) James Campbell (Judo) Jessica Press (Basketball) Joshua Ramke (Judo) Kaitlyn Williams (Basketball) Laura Packard (Basketball) Libby Harrison (Basketball) Marleigh Zada (Basketball) Mikayla Venning (Basketball) Paige Rozee (Basketball) Peyton Fuller (Basketball) Phoebe Tondonai-Groth (Basketball) Samual Broadwood (Judo) Sean Kuerschner (Basketball) Serena Grantham (Basketball) Taylor Ortlepp (Basketball)
April 2008 Casey Whitaker (Athletics)	Sam Parnanzini (Judo)	Alice Klingberg (Athletics) Alycia Rabig (Athletics) Billy Pratt-Hedger (Athletics) Callan Niedorfer (Judo) Ellen Packard (Athletics) Laura Packard (Netball) Lucas Hazel (Judo) Matthew Wilson (Judo) Nathan Freeman (Judo) Ryan Hayward (Athletics)
May 2008 n/a	Kagen Miklavec (Judo)	Jayden Upton (Athletics) Skye Gilbert (Athletics)
June 2008 Nathan Freeman (Judo)	Alycia Rabig (Athletics)	Adam Bentley (Golf) Craig Rowbottom (Golf) Matthew Freeman (Judo) Sophie Burch (Judo)

Sportsperson of the Year 2007/2008 – Casey Whitaker

Special Achiever 2007/2008 – Sophie Burch

Special Incentive 2007/2008 – Laura Packard

4. Christmas School Poster Competition

All Primary Schools were invited to enter. Children were asked to design an illustration that could feature on a poster advertising all of the upcoming community Christmas events. Entries for the poster competition closed on Wednesday 14th November with judging being conducted on Friday 16th November 2007. There were a total of 174 entries. It was great to see 2 more schools participated this year compared to last year. In 2007 Stirling North Primary School, Caritas College and Port Augusta West Primary School had a number of classes that entered the competition.

Sam Yates and Katinka Gleim of the Fountain Gallery conducted the judging of the competition and awarded the following prizes:

- ◇ 1st prize – Rylee O’Grady, Age 12 Stirling North Primary School
- ◇ 2nd prize – Makayla Faber, Age 8 Port Augusta West Primary School
- ◇ Commendation Awards – Ellen Milde – Caritas College, Eloise Curtis – Age 11 Port Augusta West Primary School, Bonnie Whipps – Age 13 Port Augusta West Primary School, Rachel Stafford – Port Augusta West Primary School
- ◇ Rylee O’Grady received a \$100 gift voucher for Toy World, donated by Council for her winning entry, while Makayla Faber received an \$80 gift voucher from Council for Toy World for coming second. The entries that came first and second were used to design the ‘Christmas in Port Augusta’ poster which is used to advertise all of the Christmas events in Port Augusta. All winners have been given a certificate and laminated copy of the poster which will be presented at each of the respective Schools Assembly.

5. Christmas Lighting Festival

The launch of the Christmas Lighting Festival was held on Thursday 29th November in Commercial Road between Chapel and Church Streets, 6:30pm to 9:00pm. Entertainment for the evening included performances from ‘Just for Fun’, Andy Soyer, Clarinet Due, John Sharp’s Band and Instruments of Mass Destruction.



The Men’s Shed made a ‘Merry Christmas’ frame that was decorated with tinsel and erected on the corner of Flinders Terrace and Highway One for the duration of the festive season. A lighting display was also installed on the wall of the Cinema Augusta building.

The presentation event for the 2007 Christmas Lighting Festival was held on Monday 17th December at the Port Augusta Yacht Club. Winners of the various categories were announced and presented with their certificates and prizes. Plants purchased from the Friends of the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden were presented as part of the prizes for the 2007 Christmas Lighting Festival to offset some of the additional carbon emissions produced by people participating in the festival. Judging had been carried out by the Christmas Lighting Festival Reference Group from 6th – 12th December, 2007.

5.1.3 **Best Residential Display** – Mr Steve Fitzner, 43 Shirley Street. Steve received a \$500 cheque from The Transcontinental Newspaper which sponsors this category.

Commendation awards were presented to the following entries: Leonard & Maureen Coppin, 128 Hurcombe Crescent; Ben Donath, 25 Smoker Street, Stirling North; Darryl & Isabel Carn, 7 Davies Crescent; Owen Hooper, 9 Kirkham Avenue; Mrs Lancaster, 2 Pine Street; Damien Hutcheon, 6 Wastell Street, Stirling North; Alice McMahon, 7 Willoughby Street, Stirling North; Raymond and Sandra Thomas, 9 Davies Crescent.

The Runner-up of the best residential display were Peter, Lyn & Chris Brine, 20 Jane Street, Stirling North.

The funding allocation from Port Augusta City Council for the Best Street Display was instead allocated to the commendation and runner up awards for the Best Residential Display this year as no Best Street Display was awarded.

5.1.2 **Best Business Display** – Emma’s Deli, 101 Flinders Terrace, Owners - Mario & Emma Parnanzini, were presented with a \$750 advertising voucher from Southern Cross Television and a \$500 advertising voucher from Radio 5AU/Magic 105.9FM.



Sponsor Southern Cross Television representative Mr John Hill presenting the Best Business Display Award to Mr Luigi Parnanzini

A commendation award was presented to the following entry: Port Augusta Senior Citizens Club, 6 Chapel Street.

5.1.3 **Best Housing SA Display** – Mr Peter Long, 2 Anderson Crescent. Peter received a \$500 cheque from Housing SA who sponsors this category.

Commendation awards were presented to the following entries: Mrs Judith Watkins, 8 Domeyer Court; Anne-Marie Ellem, 37 Bryant Street.

6. **Mayoral Christmas Party**

The Mayoral Christmas Party was held on Friday 7th December in Gladstone Square. Community support for the event was very high this year; it was the largest crowd at the event for the past 3 years.

Entertainment for the evening proved to be very popular with the Ticklish Allsorts, a high energy children's performance, featuring music, dance and comedy. Their primary audience is children aged 3-10 years and family audiences - they performed from 7:30pm – 8:20pm.



The winning pageant floats were then announced at 8:25pm, followed by a solo performance by singer and guitarist John O'Dea of Orroroo at 8:30pm–9:30pm which concluded the entertainment on the stage for the evening.

The fireworks display was fired from Carpenters Landing on the Westside of Port Augusta at 9:30pm. The free amusement rides – dodgem cars, carousel, inflatable slide and castle continued operating until the event ended at 10pm.

7. **Rotary Christmas Pageant**

The Rotary Christmas Pageant was held on Friday 7th December 2007 prior to the Mayoral Christmas Party. Council contributed \$800 to the 2007 Rotary Christmas Pageant. These funds went towards the best float prizes as judged by the Rotary Club of Port Augusta.

The following recipients were sent certificates from Rotary and a cheque from the Port Augusta City Council:

7.1.1 **Best School Float** – R.I.C.E. – Float theme - Outback kids, \$150

7.1.2 **Best Recreation/Youth/Sport Organisation Float** – Men's Shed – Float theme - Cat in the Hat, \$150



Float – Cat in the Hat

- 7.1.3 **Best Private Business/Public Organisation Float** – Better Home Supplies – Float theme - Disney Characters, \$150
- 7.1.4 **Float Encouragement Award** – Port Augusta Refrigeration – Float theme - Octopuses Garden, \$100
- 7.1.5 **Best Float Overall** – Wilmington CFS, \$250



Wilmington CFS Float

8. **Carols in the Park**

The 2007 Carols in the Park event was held in Gladstone Square on Sunday 16th December 2007. This event was co-ordinated by the Christian Ministers Association of Port Augusta. Council provided funding for this event to cover the costs associated with the hire of sound and lighting equipment (\$2,000) and printing, to the total value of \$2,400. Council also provided in-kind support by collecting, storing and returning the stage blocks that are used for the event from West Augusta Football Club.

9. **Australian Citizenship Ceremonies**

Each year Her Worship the Mayor, Mrs Joy Baluch AM (or her proxy) conducts a number of Australian Citizenship Ceremonies. During the 2007/2008 financial year, 17 adults and 6 dependants (children) became Australian Citizens.

Each new Australian Citizen was presented with a Certificate and a small gift following the Australian Citizenship Ceremony.



Australian Citizen Ceremony conducted in January 2008.

Pictured Left to Right:

Master Harry Wooding, Mrs Kelly Wooding, Mr Carl Wooding, Deputy Mayor Phil Greagen, Mrs Elizabeth Thompson

10. Annual 'Staff Thank You Function'

Since 2002, Council has held a special 'Staff Thank You Function' at the end of the year, to acknowledge the hard work, dedication and service of employees to the Port Augusta community. It is also an opportunity to recognise long term employees and their contribution through their employment to the City of Port Augusta.

The following staff and traineeship awards were presented at the 2007 'Staff Thank You Function':

<p>Traineeship Award This Award is for employees who have successfully completed their Traineeship this year and have gained employment with the Council or another organisation.</p>	<p>Ms Nichole Dorante Ms Kia Trott</p>
<p>10 Year Service Employee Award</p>	<p>Mark Parsons (Depot) Ronald McCourt (Depot) Marji Grantham (Nerrilda) Julia McKerlie (Childcare) Sue Naisbitt (Nerrilda) Judith Hay (Nerrilda)</p>
<p>20 Year Service Employee Award</p>	<p>Carmel Boscence (Special Needs) Gwenda Lawler (Childcare) Jill Haines (Nerrilda) Vickie Miller (Nerrilda) Judith Nance (Nerrilda) Graham McHatton (Nerrilda) Teresa French (Nerrilda) Marlene Foote (Civic Centre)</p>



Back Row: Graham McHatton, Judith Nance, Carmel Boscence, Mark Parsons
 Front Row: John Stephens - City Manager, Gwenda Lawler, Jill Haines,
 Marji Grantham, Judy Hay, Vickie Miller, Marlene Foote,
 Deputy Mayor - Phil Greagen

11. Port Augusta Kids Crabbing Day

The Port Augusta Kids Crabbing Day Committee made up of senior people, along with Fisheries Department 'Fish Care' Volunteers Education Unit and a band of helpers, organise an annual 'Kids Crabbing Day' which is held in February each year. This is a great day for the kids with a large number of entrants registering each year. In 2008, Council contributed financially to updating the Port Augusta Kids Crabbing Day Shield. The winner of the 2008 Event was Flynn Everett with a crab size of 66.2cm.

12. Council Awards

12.2 Lawrie Wallis Aerodrome

The Port Augusta Airport was voted 'Australian Rural Airport of the Year' for aviation excellence at the Australian Airports Association Annual Conference in Melbourne in November 2007.



12.2 Water Conservation Award

The innovative approach to water conservation and reuse by Port Augusta City Council has again been recognized with Port Augusta receiving the Water Conservation Award at Keep Australia Beautiful's Inaugural Sustainable Cities Awards.

The event was held in Canberra on 27th October, 2007 and was attended by Council's Parks Technical Officer - Deon Schumann and Councillor Christene Pycroft.



Left to Right: Deon Schumann - Parks Technical Officer, Steen Holm Jensen - Managing Director Grundfos Pumps (sponsor for the Award) and Councillor Christene Pycroft

13. Friends of the Back Beach

A group of residents keen to see the back beach area retained in its natural state have formed a group called 'Friends of the Back Beach'. They volunteer their time to protecting the area, and have arranged the installation of a barrier fence to restrict vehicle access to parts of the beach so that the environment is not impacted upon in a negative way. Work For The Dole participants have done a considerable amount of work in this area.

During the reporting period the Group sourced funding through a Northern & Yorke NRM Board - Coast Care Grant, to assist in purchasing materials for the barrier fencing. Revegetation signage has also been installed along the beach with approximately 250 endemic native trees and shrubs planted onsite.

Weed /cacti removal has continued in the area. Funding of \$11,000 has also been sourced through the Department for Recreation & Sport to construct a shade shelter over the play equipment located at the Back Beach. A plan and costings will be designed by Council once the desired product has been selected.

A Management Plan for the Back Beach has also been completed.



14. Westside Back Beach Group

A group of residents formed the 'Westside Back Beach Group' and applied for funding through the Northern & Yorke NRM Board to install fencing from the Shoreline Caravan Park through to the barrier fencing at Red Banks and also along Chinnery Street. The fence has been installed to stop all vehicular access to the site (mainly motorbikes), which have been causing considerable damage to vegetation and the landscape. Work for the Dole participants have assisted with works on the site.

A weed survey of the site has been completed and a Management Plan for the area will be completed by December 2008.

15. Blanche Harbour Conservation Group

The Blanche Harbour Conservation Group has continued improving the site at the end of the shack road with revegetation works and the erection of a shelter shed/ pergola. Signage has also been installed which provides information about the area.

Money was raised for the shelter shed/ pergola from various local community groups, Council and a small Coast Care Grant.

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