Introduction

Pursuant to Section 131 of the Local Government Act 1999, Councils are required to publish an Annual Report to provide their community and other prescribed bodies an overview of their activities each financial year.

The Annual Report is not only a historical record of Council's activities; it is also used as a promotional tool to acknowledge the achievements of our great community and to attract investment into the area.

The Port Augusta City Council is therefore pleased to present its Annual Report and Information Statement for 2004/2005.

The format of the Annual Report is structured as follows:

Section 1 - Executive Overview (Mayor's and City Manager's Report)
Section 2 - The Council
Section 3 - Strategic Plan & Performance
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Section 6 - Community Acknowledgement

Each year Business Plans are prepared for each operational area of Council. The Business Plans are linked to the objectives of our Strategic Plan, to provide an ongoing account of activities being undertaken and their progress. Within the Annual Report we have attempted to provide the reader with a comprehensive overview of these activities to outline our achievements for the 2004/2005 financial year.
COUNCIL BOUNDARIES
our vision
A harmonious, unique, vibrant community and environment.

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

our principles
Respect, Social Justice, Equal Opportunity, Inclusiveness and Accessibility.
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Executive Overview

Section one
2004/2005 has been another busy year for the Port Augusta City Council. This Annual Report is testimony to that fact.

The quality of production and content of this report is clearly a reflection of the professionalism and dedication of staff in "raising the bar" and achieving with a progressive Council in the interests of the Port Augusta Community for whom we all serve.

We are proud of the year's outcomes; and we thank and congratulate our organisation's most important and valuable asset - our staff.

For the latter part of the 2004/2005 year, we have both stepped up our efforts in addressing Aboriginal issues, which continue to be a challenge for Council in terms of dealing with and coping with the influx of people from the North (particularly the APY Lands), during the summer months.

Recent initiatives and past efforts that have been taken, will hopefully bring effective outcomes, with early signs being encouraging. We have made an historic visit to the APY Lands Council, following the adoption of what is commonly known as the "5 point plan". This simple plan in our opinion, will prove to be one of the most effective strategies in motivating Council Staff, Government Agencies, neighbouring Councils and the APY Lands Council, to work in partnership to achieve:

1) better co-ordination of services;
2) relationship building with the APY Lands Council;
3) support for the Aboriginal Transitional Housing Project;
4) learning from experiences with our Local Government friends in Coober Pedy and Ceduna; and
5) promoting responsible consumption and selling of alcohol.

During this reporting year, considerable foundation work has been carried out; and there is a strong expectation that 2005/2006 will see the fruits of our labour.

Council's Strategic Plan continues to be the driving force in clearly focussing the organisation in the priority areas that Council has set. Social Reforms and Economic Development continue to feature strong, as we start to consider a total Council review of its services and organisational structure. This review, to be undertaken in the latter part of 2005, will assist Council in setting new priorities and direction, with a likely increased effort in the area of infrastructure in terms of existing asset management. The maintenance "back log" is evident and it is important that we find the correct balance with a return to our core business.

Council is proud of its "ratio of rates raised to total expenditure" as being the lowest in the State (next to the Adelaide City Council). This is a reflection of our local community receiving good value for money. Our relatively low rate base is however a concern; and we look forward to the past initiatives in the area of economic development to show a gradual increase in our rate revenue over the next few years.

Finally, thank you to all Elected Members and Staff for another successful year. We look to 2005/2006 with a high degree of optimism as we all strive to make Port Augusta an even better place to "work and live" in the promotion of good family values.

J G Stephens
City Manager

N J Baluch
Mayor
The Council

Section two

Section 2
The Port Augusta City Council has 10 Members, comprising of Her Worship the Mayor, Mrs Nancy Joy Baluch and nine (9) Councillors.

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<td><strong>DEPUTY MAYOR</strong>&lt;br&gt;Cr. Colleen Hutchison&lt;br&gt;PO Box 340&lt;br&gt;Port Augusta SA 5700&lt;br&gt;P: 8642 2217 (h)&lt;br&gt;F: 8647 1508 (b)&lt;br&gt;E: <a href="mailto:chutchinson@portaugusta.sa.gov.au">chutchinson@portaugusta.sa.gov.au</a></td>
<td><strong>Members Portfolio responsibility - Sub Goal 3.1</strong>&lt;br&gt;<em>Economic growth for long-term benefit</em>&lt;br&gt;- City Management, Social Vision &amp; City Image Committee&lt;br&gt;- Infrastructure, Environment &amp; Corporate Services Committee&lt;br&gt;- Development Assessment Panel&lt;br&gt;- Port Augusta Junior Sports Assistance Foundation&lt;br&gt;- Murray Darling Association</td>
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<td><strong>Members Portfolio responsibility - Sub Goal 4.1</strong>&lt;br&gt;<em>Optimise use &amp; management of the City’s financial and physical resources.</em>&lt;br&gt;- City Management, Social Vision &amp; City Image Committee&lt;br&gt;- Infrastructure, Environment &amp; Corporate Services Committee&lt;br&gt;- Development Assessment Panel</td>
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<td>Geoff Clark</td>
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<td><strong>COUNCILLOR</strong>&lt;br&gt;Cr. Phil Greagen&lt;br&gt;PO Box 1705&lt;br&gt;Port Augusta SA 5700&lt;br&gt;M: 0419 665 106&lt;br&gt;E: <a href="mailto:pgreagen@portaugusta.sa.gov.au">pgreagen@portaugusta.sa.gov.au</a></td>
<td><strong>Members Portfolio responsibility - Sub Goal 4.2</strong>&lt;br&gt;<em>Effective maintenance, management &amp; enhancement of the City’s infrastructure needs</em>&lt;br&gt;- City Management, Social Vision &amp; City Image Committee&lt;br&gt;- Infrastructure, Environment &amp; Corporate Services Committee</td>
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| **COUNCILLOR** | Cr. Tony Mitchell  
PO Box 310  
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*Economic growth for long-term benefit*  
- City Management, Social Vision & City Image Committee  
- Infrastructure, Environment & Corporate Services Committee  
- Development Assessment Panel |
| **COUNCILLOR** | Cr. Alan Morris  
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*A positive and progressive image of our City*  
- City Management, Social Vision & City Image Committee  
- Infrastructure, Environment & Corporate Services Committee  
- Development Assessment Panel |
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*Best Practice in community programs*  
- City Management, Social Vision & City Image Committee  
- Infrastructure, Environment & Corporate Services Committee  
- Development Assessment Panel |
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*Our community feels safe; and Recognise and value the diverse needs and culture of our community*  
- City Management, Social Vision & City Image Committee  
- Infrastructure, Environment & Corporate Services Committee  
- Development Assessment Panel |
### Elected Member Information 2004/2005

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| Christine Pycroft | COUNCILLOR | Members Portfolio responsibility - Sub Goal 5.1  
**Effective management & maintenance of the City’s unique environment**  
- City Management, Social Vision & City Image Committee  
- Infrastructure, Environment & Corporate Services Committee  
- Development Assessment Panel |
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**A professional, effective, efficient & customer focused organisation, responsive to the needs of the community**  
- City Management, Social Vision & City Image Committee  
- Infrastructure, Environment & Corporate Services Committee  
- Development Assessment Panel |
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2.1 MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

The Mayor’s ex-officio member of every Council Committee. The Chairpersons for the two (2) Key Committees of Council are elected by their membership on a rotating 3 month basis.

The graph below provides a record of attendance by Elected Members for the 2004/2005 financial year for Council and its Key Committee Meetings:

![Graph showing meeting attendance for different committees.]

2.2 ELECTOR REPRESENTATION REVIEW

The Port Augusta City Council undertook a review of the elector representation, including ward boundaries and the composition of the Council in the 2002/2003 financial year. The Statutes Amendment (Local Government Elections) Act 2005 was assented to on 14 July 2005 and included within its provisions, an amendment to Section 12 (4) of the Local Government Act 1999, which stipulates that a Council must undertake an Elector Representation Review every eight years, instead of six years as previously stated. The Port Augusta City Council will therefore undertake their next Elector Representation Review during the 2010/2011 financial year.
2.3 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 below, Port Augusta's representation quota for each Elected Member is higher than that of similar sized Councils.

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<td>Port Lincoln</td>
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The Port Augusta City Council does not have a ward structure but is represented by 10 Elected Members including the Mayor. The Councillors are elected by voters across the entire City area and have a responsibility to the City as a whole. Each Councillor has a responsibility for a specific portfolio as identified within the 6 goal areas of the Port Augusta City Council’s Strategic Plan. The Mayor does not have a specific portfolio, but is responsible for providing support to Councillors as required.

2.4 Elected Members’ Allowances and Benefits

On an annual basis Council is required to review their annual allowance, pursuant to Section 76 of the Local Government Act 1999. Members of Council are entitled to receive an annual allowance for performing and discharging official functions and duties.

As adopted by Council at its meeting held on the 23rd May 2005, the Elected Members’ Allowances and Benefits for the 2004/2005 financial year are as follows:

1. Members’ Allowance
   1.1 Mayoral Allowance - $26,720 (payable monthly in arrears);
   1.2 Deputy Mayor and an Elected Member being a Presiding Member (Chairperson) of either of Council’s Key Committees - $8,350 (payable monthly in arrears);
   1.3 Council Members’ allowance - $6,680 (payable monthly in arrears).

2. Members Reimbursement of Expenses
   2.1 In addition to the above allowances, Elected Members are also entitled to reimbursement of expenses incurred in the use of a telephone or facsimile and for travelling to official functions or activities on Council business, including attending conferences, seminars and training courses.
   2.2 A register is maintained by Council, pursuant to Section 79 of the Local Government Act 1999, to ensure that a record is kept of all allowances and benefits that are paid to Elected Members on an annual basis.
The City Manager is responsible for the day to day management of the City to ensure Council's policies and directions are implemented by staff. The only minor change to the Organisational Structure in the reporting period is that the Substance Misuse Services Program was removed from the Social Vision & City Image Directorate and placed under the City Management Directorate. The Port Augusta City Council's Organisational Structure is as follows:

**Human Resource Manager**
Anthony McCoy
Manager, Legislation & Economic Development
Lee Heron

**JOHN STEPHENS**
City Manager

**Manager Substance Misuse Services**
Marie Williams

**Director - Corporate Services**
Michael Dunemann

**Director - Infrastructure & Environment**
John Hogg

**Director - Social Vision & City Image**
Wayne Hart

**Reporting Officers**
Anne O'Reilly
Finance Manager - Aged & Children's Services

**Reporting Officers**
Hayden Hart
Manager - Infrastructure
Scott Parsons
Manager - Environmental Services

**Reporting Officers**
Pauline Hedger
Manager - Wadlata/AALBG
Tina Dunemann
Manager - Library & Community Information
Sylvia Hogg
Manager - Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre

**Departments**
Information Technology
Aged Care
Childcare Services
Special Needs
Payroll
Customer Services
Finance
Rates

**Departments**
Parks/Gardens
Works/Road Construction
Works - Technical Support
Health
Building
Planning
Animal Control

**Departments**
Social Vision Unit
Youth Activities
Aboriginal Community Development
Learning Communities
Volunteering Resource Centre
Projects/Events
Active Field Officer
Arts/Fountain Gallery
Tourism - Wadlata/Australian Arid Lands Botanic Gardens
Library Information Services
Ryan Mitchell Swim Pool
2.6 STAFFING OVERVIEW AS AT THE 30th JUNE 2005

The Port Augusta City Council employed 342 staff and the management structure is made up of 4 Directorates. The staffing numbers whether full time, part-time or casual within each of these directorates is as outlined in the graph listed below:

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2.7 SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS ALLOWANCES & BENEFITS

The Port Augusta City Council has four Senior Executive Officers, who are the responsible officers for each of the four Directorates within Council. As at the 30th June 2005, the Senior Executive Officers received the following summary of allowances, bonuses and benefits:

1) Fixed term contract of employment - 2 SEO’s
2) Over Award Salary - 2 SEO’s
3) Private use of a Council vehicle - 2 SEO’s
4) Reimbursement of ‘out of pocket’ expenses - 4 SEO’s
GOAL AREA 1:
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Sub Goal 1.1: Our Community feels safe

In 2002 the Social Vision Unit commenced operation, and has worked consistently since this time to achieve positive outcomes for the City in relation to Council's strategic objective of "making our community feel safe". Annually, the Social Vision Unit arranges a vast assortment of activities such as Summer Activities, Community Leadership Programs, Play by the Rules, exhibitions of The Arts, recreation and sporting programs, forums and events which are all geared to keep the community healthy, active and engaged.

These programs are also about developing respect for self and others and it is felt that whenever social capital and community social well-being are enhanced, so too is community safety.

In addition to the above programs, other specific City Safe initiatives are also undertaken to improve safety within the City. During 2004/2005 the following initiative was carried out:

1. Bike Patrols
   A successful 'Bike Patrol' program was undertaken by a local security company between 1st January 05 and the 30th June 2005 which was financially supported by the Port Augusta City Council. The patrol officers not only made the city safer, in the area of security, they also undertook the role of resolving conflicts, deterring criminal activity, providing tourist information and increased the general safety of people in the City's main shopping and recreation area.

   With the success of the 2005 Bike Patrol Program, Council is likely to support another program for 2006, to continue to improve safety in Port Augusta.

Other Activities during 04/05:

   As reported in the 2003/2004 Annual Report, Council had identified 7 projects which were scheduled to be undertaken during 2004/2005. The following list outlines the progress on each of these projects:

      Ongoing.

   2. Installation and commissioning of CCTV system Stage 1 - to CBD and Foreshore.
      Completed.

   3. Development and implementation of a program to encourage and train community volunteers to participate in the activities of Neighbourhood Watch and the Safety House, through the Volunteer Reference Centre and Community Learning Centre.
      Completed.

   4. Continue support for the introduction of a mobile push bike patrol in the CBD Area and Foreshores (supported by vehicle), to cover identified strategic times.
      Completed.

   5. Continue partnership with SAPOL on strategic initiatives.
      Ongoing.

   6. Strategic input into the Transitional Housing initiative, to give temporary support to transient persons to the city.
      Ongoing. Work has commenced on this project during 04/05 and will be further progressed during 05/06. The Manager, Substance Misuse Services is involved with this project.

   7. Continued funding, support and management of current programs such as PAYSS, Regional Crime Prevention, youth activities and others to contribute to the City Safe Network.
      Completed.

GOALS & TARGETS FOR 2005/2006:
(in addition to those rolled over from 2004/2005)

   1. Improve security within the CBD & Foreshore Areas by investigating Stage 2 expansions linked to Port Augusta Airport upgrade and new major commercial buildings in CBD.

   2. Implement the Regional Crime Prevention Program for Port Augusta - submit local action plans for 05/06.

   3. Source additional external funding to support Bike Patrol Program and additional CCTV's.
GOAL AREA 1:  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Sub Goal 1.2: Recognise & value the diverse needs and culture of our community.

VOLUNTEER RESOURCE CENTRE

The Volunteer Resource Centre encourages community citizens to provide voluntary support to Community Groups and Organisations within Port Augusta & the Region.

The Port Augusta & Region Volunteer Resource Centre co-ordinated free volunteer generic training sessions as funded by the Office for Volunteers. Training sessions were delivered in the region in partnership with TafeSA. 10 distinct training sessions were delivered at each of the TafeSa Port Augusta, Whyalla and Port Pirie campuses. This training model was developed so that volunteers would have access to accredited training which can become a pathway to employment.

On Wednesday 11th May 2005 the Port Augusta community was invited to attend the Inaugural National Volunteer Week celebration held at Gladstone Square. This will be an annual event co-ordinated by the Port Augusta & Region Volunteer Resource Centre in partnership with the Port Augusta City Council.

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Council assisted with cultural/community events during the year including NAIDOC Week celebrations, Harmony/Multi Cultural Day, Reconciliation Day, Share Your Grief, Croc Festival, Aboriginal Sports Carnival, through the Aboriginal Community Development Officer and involved in orientation for Medical Students with Spencer Gulf Regional Health Service visiting Port Augusta on a regular basis.

CELEBRATION OF 50 YEARS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

The Port Augusta Community seized the opportunity to recognise long term resident Dr John Thompson’s service to the town, by arranging a public celebration of his 90th Birthday on 24/9/04, which was well attended by the community.

Dr. Thompson served 50 years as a doctor in Port Augusta delivering three generations of babies!

RECREATION AND SPORT

1. Tai Chi for Aged Care Facilities & Elderly Citizens

Commenced work on establishing Tai Chi within Port Augusta’s Aged Care Facilities. There are various forms of Tai Chi that has proven benefits for Elderly and for people suffering from Arthritis. These include:

- Improved Balance
- More Flexibility
- Lower Blood Pressure
- Feeling Less Stressed
- Having more Energy
- Less fear of Falling
- Improved Self Esteem

We are working on getting more qualified instructors to carry out this program, which provides so many benefits, not only for the community, but for the economy as well.

2. Have a Go Cricket.

Have a Go Cricket returned after a successful year. Over 40 kids took part in the 10 week sessions learning correct batting, bowling and fielding techniques.

Each year we have seen an increase in participation from local kids wanting to learn the game of cricket. With the introduction of Super 8’s Cricket for players 11 years & Under. The Port Augusta Have a Go Cricket Centre has been successful mainly due to it’s coordinators who have done a fantastic job to pass on their experience to the youngsters.

The rationale in conducting Have a Go, Kanga and Super 8 cricket is to create a pathway for kids to progress through to junior competition. Currently there is no local competition until under 14 level and kids have usually drifted to other sports by then. If we can keep kids in cricket from ages 5 and 6 working through the different programs offered they are more likely to stay involved when they reach competition age.

Tom McInerney enjoying the day
1. Relay For Life

Members from the Port Augusta Youth Advisory Committee approached the Youth Activities Coordinator, to look at the possibility to put in a team at the Port Pirie Relay for Life, which raises money for Cancer Research in South Australia.

A group of 11 walkers were put together and fundraising started. The group raised nearly $2000 dollars and joined 27 other teams on the 20 hour walk.

Several things make this special for Port Augusta:

- The team was 11 young people and 2 adults, which made it the youngest team in the event
- The Port Augusta team was driven by young people who made the decisions and decided to attend this fantastic event.

Since then the group of young people has approached the Cancer Council in regards to staging an event here in Port Augusta. This is a fantastic opportunity for young people to develop the skills to become future leaders in our community.

2. National Youth Week

2005 saw young people of Port Augusta embrace National Youth Week. Commercial Road was closed for a day long celebration of Youth Culture.

Live Bands showcasing the fantastic talent that is in our community. Activities such as Rock Climbing, Karaoke, MTB slow races were provided for everyone to be involved.

Locally based Youth Agencies came on board providing a diverse range of activities and information stalls. Many of these providers also had young people assisting them.

The Adolescent Health Unit provided health and healthy lifestyle information.

Other successful programs run by the Youth Activities Co-ordinator included:-

- Summer Activities program with over 2,000 participants, which included a range of activities run in conjunction with other Port Augusta agencies. Activities included circus skills, $1 pool nights, beach fun night, art and craft, discos, aquatic activities, cooking, movies in the park, Investigator Science, a Concert, just to name a few.
- School Holiday program - range of activities arranged for youth during school holidays (other than Summer Activities Program)
- Active 8 (program officially finished 31st December)
- Youth Advisory Committee involved in various community events including Christmas Pageant, Croc Festival, Harmony Day Celebrations.

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING 04/05:

As reported in the 2003/2004 Annual Report, Council had identified 6 projects which were scheduled to be undertaken during 2004/2005. The following list outlines the progress on each of these projects:

1. Volunteer Resource Centre
   a. Establish and launch new Port Augusta and Regions Volunteer Resource Centre
      Completed.
   b. Sign contract with Volunteering Australia to deliver the Volunteer Work Initiative (VWI)
      Completed.
   c. Implement new training plan for volunteers as funded by the Office for Volunteers.
      Completed.
2. Recreation & Sport
   a. Concerted efforts towards establishing the Port Augusta Surf Life Saving Club in conjunction with Surf Life Saving SA. This will build on partnerships built through the Port Augusta City Council Surfboat Super Series.
      *Ongoing negotiations with key stakeholders.*
   b. Work towards setting up Port Augusta Sports Executive Committee to deal with issues such as programming clashes, promotion of events and developing a plan for sport and recreation in the City.
      *Completed.*

3. Youth Activities
   a. Continue to offer and enhance the plethora of activities for Port Augusta youth particularly in the range of 12-18 year olds.
      *Ongoing commitment to this initiative.*

**GOALS & TARGETS FOR 2005/2006:**
(in addition to those rolled over from 2004/2005)

1. Evidence of goal setting and working with the Aboriginal Community (including the APY Lands Council and Yalata Community) in relation to the influx of additional people over the summer period.
2. Continue to develop the Special Needs Outreach Program.
3. Evidence of Council actively working within the Reconciliation framework and including NAIDOC and Sorry Day Activities.
4. Evidence of Youth Action Group working with Council and making a difference.
5. Establish in conjunction with Youth Activity Co-ordinator a skate & recreation park for Port Augusta. Liaise with all community on design and future of this facility.
6. Port Augusta Umpire Academy. Establish Umpire's Academy and run it out of Port Augusta Schools to increase the levels of officials for sports such as Football, Netball and Basketball.
7. Continue reporting and attendance at the Volunteering SA Network Meetings and the Volunteering Australia National Network Conference.
8. Implement second volunteer training plan as funded by the Office for Volunteers, continuing the partnership with TafeSA.
9. Assist Volunteering SA with the implementation of standardised training for volunteer programs which will lead to accredited training.
10. Facilitate the formation of the Port Augusta Volunteer Resource Centre Network Group which will develop a community partnership with organisations and groups who utilize volunteers.
11. Central Oval precinct Development - investigate the feasibility in the multiple use of different sports at Central Oval.
12. Continue to promote the 'Be Active' message by establishing in conjunction with the Northern & Far Western Regional Health Service, walking groups in various locations of Port Augusta & Stirling North.
13. Continue work on Port Augusta's Bike Plan to completion stage and promote to the community.
14. Continue with the development and growth of a Rowing Club in Port Augusta.
15. Create a guide for Youth Activities and Programs in Port Augusta.
GOAL AREA 1:
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Sub Goal 1.3: Best Practice in Community Programs

AGED CARE SERVICES

The Port Augusta City Council operates two aged care facilities - Nerrilda Nursing Home and A.M. Ramsay Village which provide high & low quality aged care respectively, for the residents residing at the homes.

During 2004/2005 the Port Augusta City Council successfully sought capital grant funding and additional aged care beds for Port Augusta. The success of our application demonstrates the Federal Department of Health and Ageing’s confidence in the Port Augusta City Council’s ability to provide high and low quality aged care. Thirteen new beds will be added to the aged care facilities, with Nerrilda Nursing Home receiving an additional five aged care beds and Ramsay Village eight new beds. Construction of the extensions, to support the new beds, at each facility will commence in 2005/2006.

Each facility strives to improve the services they provide and have implemented a comprehensive ‘Continuous Improvement Program’. The program reflects activities that have been undertaken in their endeavours to achieve the best possible outcomes for the benefit of the residents.

The following projects were undertaken during 2004/2005 as part of the Continuous Improvement Program for each facility:

1. Nerrilda Nursing Home
   a. Development of a specific Palliative Care room.
   b. A dentist specialising in care of Dementia residents visited Nerrilda in October 2004 consulting with 22 of our 40 residents.
   c. Council's Registered Nursing Bursary was awarded to Ms Christine Boyer who will commence her Undergraduate Degree in Nursing in 2005.
   d. Medical students on placement through the Spencer Gulf Rural Health School and first year Registered Nursing students from Uni SA were hosted during the reporting period.
   e. An Enterprise Bargaining Agreement for the period 1st October 2004 to 30th September 2007 was negotiated between the ANF and Council.

2. A.M. Ramsay Village
   a. Television system was upgraded in October 2004 ready for conversion to digital television resulting in great improvements in television reception for all residents.
   b. 6 staff enrolled in Certificate IV in Health and Leisure and 5 staff have enrolled to complete Certificate IV in Mental Health through Spencer TAFE.
   c. Council’s 2005 Enrolled Nursing bursary was awarded to Ms Irene Miller.
   d. 25th birthday celebrations were held in June 2005.

3. Health Focus

The programmes offered by Health Focus including the Men’s Shed, provide support and assistance to aged community based citizens, to ensure they are able to maintain their independence and have the opportunity to network with other Port Augusta residents in a welcoming and supportive environment.

Activities undertaken within the Health Focus Program during 2004/2005 are:

   a. Numbers of clients participating in programs continued to rise during the reporting period.
   b. The Men’s Shed won first prize in the Port Augusta Pageant in December 2004 for their entry ‘Not so Nimble’.
   c. It was announced that the Men’s Shed would receive recurrent HACC funding of $25,000 from 1st January 2005 for the co-ordinator’s position. This funding is to be received through the Northern and Far Western Regional Health Service.
   d. Staff and 21 clients visited Victor Harbour for 4 days in May 2005 for the Centre’s annual supported client tour.
   e. Various health promotion activities and seminars were conducted during the year including medication management, falls prevention, use of mobility aids, and care and use of hearing aids.
**CHILDCARE CENTRE**

The Port Augusta City Council's Childcare Facility provides 75 quality care places for children aged between 6 weeks old and 5 years of age. Holiday care for children up to the age of 8 years is also provided on a needs basis.

Ongoing improvements that were undertaken during the reporting period were:

1. **Installation of the rubber surfacing in the toddlers yard at the Childcare Centre.** This has significantly improved the aesthetic appeal of the area as well as minimizing allergies from dust etc.

2. **Minor capital funding was received through the Department for Families and Communities to replace the perimeter fencing adjacent the kindy sand pit area.**

3. **Council sponsored the migration of a Trained Worker from the UK to work at the childcare centre due to the lack of qualified staff in Port Augusta.**

4. **New tables and chairs for the children were purchased with funding received through the Morialta Trust.**

5. **National Childcare Accreditation site visit took place on the 11th and 12th April 2005.**

**MIRIAM HIGH SPECIAL NEEDS CENTRE**

The Miriam High Special Needs Centre run by the Port Augusta City Council, offers quality care to children with disabilities and provides ongoing support to their families.

Staff continued to work together to achieved Accreditation against the Service Excellence Framework set by the State Department of Health and Ageing and the State Department for Families and Communities.

Activities and support during the reporting period included:

1. **A review of the financial requirements of the Miriam High Special Needs Centre was conducted by Michelle Bampton, Chief Project Officer, Disability Services Office. The result of this review was the announcement of recurrent funding to the value of $70,000 to commence from the 1st July 2005.**

2. **The Outreach Program covering areas of the state including Marree, Nepabunna, Copley, Leigh Creek, Oodnadatta, Andamooka, Coober Pedy, Roxby Downs, Woomera, Mintabie, Marla and Whyalla continued to expand, with 40 children enrolled in the program by 30th June 2005.**

3. **The Centre was featured on the 'Postcards' series televised on metropolitan television in January 2005.**

4. **The Centre was the beneficiary of the Port Augusta Police Charity Golf Day held in October 2004. The proceeds from the day resulted in a cheque totalling $10,000 being presented to the Centre.**

**PORT AUGUSTA LIBRARY & COMMUNITY INFORMATION SERVICE**

The Port Augusta Public Library underwent a major facelift during June 2005. Gone are the 70's look interior brick walls and the old service counter. Storage areas have been improved and the Library itself is now looking fresh and vibrant with newly painted gyprock interior walls and multi coloured beams and new carpet throughout. The new service counter had not been installed as at the 30th June 2005, however the installation of the counter will be undertaken during 2005/2006.

Other activities that were undertaken in the Library during 2004/2005 are as follows:

1. **The National Simultaneous Storytime and Port Augusta**

   The National Simultaneous Storytime 2004 is an event promoted by the Australian Library and Information Australia and held during Literacy and Numeracy Week. The aim is to promote the value of reading and literacy; the value of books; Australian Authors and Publishers; and storytime activities in public libraries.

   On Friday 3rd September Port Augusta's primary schools, preschools, childcare centres, School of the Air and the Special School all participated by reading the same book at the same time. The Public Library purchased copies of the book for each school/centre involved in the storytime in Port Augusta. Several schools involved the whole school while at other schools classes joined together to share the book on a projector screen. It was a successful event organised by the Public Library in collaboration with School Librarians and was a celebration of reading with all of Port Augusta involved for the
first time.

2. **Thomas Keneally and the Big Book Club**

The Port Augusta Public Library's first literary event with the Big Book Club occurred on 28th October 2004 with author Tom Keneally. Over 95 people attended the event at the Port Augusta Golf Club, with Roger Taylor from ABC Radio 5CK as MC.

The event was covered by the ABC Television Program 7.30 Report with the segment appearing in early November. This was the first time that the Big Book Club had been featured by a television program.

The Big Book Club is a state-wide partnership between publishers, the media and public libraries to encourage reading and recently won the Australian Council Media Arts Award.

3) **Authors Visit**

The visit by authors Christine and David Harris on the 18th and 19th October 2004 was a project undertaken by the Port Augusta Librarian's Hub Group, which includes school librarians and Public Library staff. It was extremely successful with the authors visiting the majority of local schools including School of the Air and the Special School. They engaged children with ideas on how to start writing and sharing stories, with entertaining examples from their life and experience.

On Monday 18th they entertained and informed parents and teachers at an evening event in the Public Library on helping to inspire children to read and enjoy books.

**THE ARTS**

1. **ARID - a sculptural collaboration**

Country Arts SA in collaboration with Port Augusta City Council Social Vision Unit staged a sculptural exhibition held at both the Fountain Gallery and Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden. The exhibition involved a large number of community members and aimed to tackle the theme of 'the challenges of living and working in an arid environment'.

Over 20 artists were employed to create sculptures that were part of the garden. As part of the project an Indigenous Sculpture Workshop was run to ensure that Indigenous artists become involved.

John Turpie, a well known community artist from Elliston ran the workshop which delved forms of sculpture and within the topic of an arid environment. John worked with the artists to assist their sculpture ideas in becoming a reality.

As well as this a local artist worked with seven students from the Port Augusta Secondary School over six weeks to produce a sculpture for the Garden, this project was funded by the South Australian Housing Trust and the Department of Human Services.

2. **Our Service Your Heritage**

This was Council's major exhibition for the year 2004/2005. A Community Reference Group was created which comprised of police, ex-servicemen, war veterans, councillor, historian, librarian and a journalist.

The group worked together to come up with ideas behind the exhibition. It had been 90 years since the landing on Gallipoli (Anzac Day 25 April) and 60 years since the end of WW2 (September 1945) and the Council was approached by a community member to do something special and acknowledge this fact.

The numbers through the gallery were outstanding; it also brought in people that may never have thought about going into the gallery before. The opening was very well attended and people are still talking about this exhibition.

The Reference Group were so happy with the outcome that they have stayed together and are currently working on a local book documenting people's stories.

3. **Exhibitions**

During 2004/2005 Fountain Gallery provided numerous exhibitions for the enjoyment of the community and visitors to our City. The exhibitions included:
• July 04
  - Perturbed; and
  - Hands
• August 04
  - SALA Festival
• September 04
  - ARID - A Sculptural Collaboration; and
  - What's Going On
• October 04
  - Pushing the Envelopes; and
  - Port Augusta and the Outback
• November 04
  - A Moving Life
• December 04
  - The Dark Woods
• January & February 05
  - Looking After Country; and
  - Snapshots of India
• March 05
  - Survival of a family, Survival of a Culture; and
  - One Place to Another
• April 05
  - Our Service Your Heritage
• May 05
  - Royal Flying Doctor Service; and
  - Eyre Band CD Launch
• June 05
  - SSABSA - Year 12 Art Show
  - Nakkondi/Look
  - Time and Tide

RYAN MITCHELL SWIM CENTRE

The Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre opened to the general public for the summer season on the 19th October 2004 after undergoing repairs and upgrading during the winter months. The pumphouse upgrade included the replacement on the main cast iron pipe (return to pool), chlorine tank was repaired, a new chlorine dosing pump was installed and the solar system was upgraded to improve efficiency. The sandfilters were emptied and the filter nozzles replaced along with the aggregate and sand. Some maintenance to the instruments have been completed.

The pool gates and fencing were also erected in the entranceway. This is to provide a safer entry into the pool by stopping young children running into pool grounds whilst parents/carers are paying to come it.

A new surface was also laid around the toddlers pool to provide a softer, safer surface.

During the reporting period the Swim Centre offered the following services:
1. SOS (Sink or Swim) Classes
2. Aerobics in Water Classes
3. Education (Term Time) Swimming
4. Vac Swim
5. Port Augusta Swimming Club
6. Aussie Masters
7. Global Solutions (GSL ñ Baxter ñ Port Augusta Housing Project)

One Dollar ($1) nights were held on the 9th, 16th and 23rd January, however as the weather was unusually cold on the 16th and 23rd these nights were poorly attended.

The Swim Centre attracted 34,208 people through their gates during the 2004/2005 financial year compared to 40,914 for the previous year. As the pool is an outdoors facility, the weather has a lot to do with attendance rates.

LEARNING COMMUNITIES

2004/2005 saw various courses/workshops of learning developed through Learning Communities. The Introduction to Drawing courses have proven popular with budding artists, who are looking forward to furthering their knowledge and enrolling in the 'Introduction to Painting' courses scheduled for 2005.

The 'Basic Elements of Digital Photography' course held in conjunction with The Gateway Camera House, continues with participants ensuring that they take fabulous photos every time, by learning all the functions of their camera.

An emphasis on personal development, basic literacy and numeracy is at the forefront of current strategy development.

1. Adult Learner's Awards Presentation - December 2004

The Port Augusta Council Social Vision Unit in partnership with the Adult Community Education Unit of DFEEST proudly presented the 2004 Port Augusta Learner of the Years Awards in December at the Spencer TAFE Col Train Restaurant. The Learning Community Coordinator Cindy Veen congratulated nominated Learners who were presented with awards of recognition by Her Worship the Mayor of Port Augusta, Mrs Joy Baluch.

Four awards were presented as well as an overall learner of the year award. The awards were presented to someone in the community who had demonstrated visible improvement to their life or the lives of others, as a
direct result of a learning experience.

Outstanding Individual Learner
Katrina Bennetts

Second Outstanding Individual Learner
Peta Jackson

Outstanding Tutor
Michael Loran

Learning with a Disability
David Daniel

Learning as a Volunteer
Warren Hicks

PROJECTS AND EVENTS

2004/2005 saw the staging of many events organised, facilitated, sponsored or with in-kind support from the Port Augusta City Council Social Vision Unit, for the enjoyment of the Port Augusta Community, visitors and tourists.

Some of the major events during 2004/2005 were:

1. Port Augusta City Council Surf Boat Super Series

Saturday November 6th 2004, saw surf boats and crews involving almost 300 competitors and supporters from around the State, converge on Port Augusta to compete at the Eastside Foreshore in the Port Augusta City Council Surf Boat Super Series.

2. Ministerial Flinders and Outback Tour

March 15th 2005 saw the official opening of the Wadlata Outback Centre Visitor Information Upgrade and the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Gardens Stage 2 Development. The Hon. Jane Lomax-Smith MP Minister for Tourism unveiled a plaque to mark each event with Mayor of Port Augusta Joy Baluch assisting.

The Official party also attended the opening of the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Gardens Stage 2 Development, and were given a guided tour of the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Gardens. A full report on the Stage 2 redevelopment has been included under Sub-Goal 5.1 of this Section of the Annual Report.

3. Bike 'n Wheels Expedition sets off from the Spencer Gulf, Port Augusta.

As Port Augusta lies at the cross roads of Australia, many events call for assistance as they pass through town. The 'Gulf to Gulf' ride of 2,130km started at the Spencer Gulf, Port Augusta, on the 26th April 2005, with riders then heading north to finish at Karumba Point on the Gulf of Carpentaria on the 25th May 2005. The Bike 'n Wheels Expedition was in honour of the near-success of explorers Burke and Wills in 1860. The Bike 'n Wheels Expedition again tested human endurance in a quest to cross the Australia continent.

Mayor Joy Baluch gave the Bike 'n Wheels Expedition consisting of thirty five cyclists from around Australia and support crew, an official send-off at the Eastside Foreshore.

4. Christmas Lighting Festival

To signal the beginning of the festival a 'lighting up' ceremony took place at the Wadlata Information and Interpretive Centre on Friday 12th November, 2004. The windmill was lit up using festoon and decorative lights and the Mayor, Joy Baluch flicking the switch. The month of November and early December was the prime time for the Christmas lights to be on. Judging was conducted 7th to 10th of December, with some 236 businesses and residences taking place.

The presentation ceremony was held at the Hotel Flinders on Tuesday 21st December, 2004 from noon, with the winners from each category being announced. Businesses and community members are congratulated on their commitment to the Christmas Lighting Festival which is very well supported each year. The winners of the Christmas Lighting Festival are provided in detail within Section 6 of the Annual Report.

5. Many other events celebrated during 2004/2005 were:

a. Eremophila Festival
b. TS Augusta Splashdown
c. Mayoral Christmas Party 2004
d. Rotary Christmas Pageant 2004
e. Port Augusta Jacobs Creek Golf Classic
f. Port Augusta Racing Carnival
g. Port Augusta Calendar of Events - collation and weekly production of television and email version
h. NRG Flinders Tennis Tournament
i. Australia Day Breakfast
j. Big Screen Film Festival
k. Welcome to Port Augusta BBQ
l. Croc Festival Port Augusta 2004
m. Seagrims Outback Surfboat Carnival
SUBSTANCE MISUSE SERVICE PROGRAM

Port Augusta Substance Misuse Services receives funding from the Federal and State Governments and is managed by the Port Augusta City Council. The service provides support in conjunction with other local agencies to those members of the community, visitors and tourists who access the service, to ensure positive outcomes are achieved.

During 2004/2005 the Mobile Assistance Patrol assisted 4834 clients with the Sobering Up Unit accommodating 1197 clients. Statistics also indicate that there was a 5% reduction in the services provided by the Clean Needle Program.

Staff from the Substance Misuse Services Program (MAP), in conjunction with Flinders University personnel provided support and training to the staff of the Coober Pedy MAP program and new Sobering Up Unit.

The Manager of the Substance Misuse Service program has also been involved in the consultation process for the 2005-2009 National Alcohol Strategy and the National Cannabis Strategy.

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING 04/05:

As reported in the 2003/2004 Annual Report, Council had identified 12 projects which were scheduled to be undertaken during 2004/2005. The following list outlines the progress on each of these projects:

1. Wadlata Outback Centre - Upgrade of the Information Services Section and Signage.
   Completed.
2. AALBG - major boost in the layout, pathways, signage and plantings.
   Completed.
3. Maintain a full schedule of Court Arts SA touring exhibitions and local artist exhibitions.
   Completed.
4. Implement new Learning Community model.
   Completed.

GOALS & TARGETS FOR 2005/2006:

(in addition to those rolled over from 2004/2005)

1. Meet 1999 Certification Instrument by 31/12/05 for Nerrilda Nursing Home and A.M. Ramsay Village
2. Erect a suitable Memorial to Returned Service Men and Women at Nerrilda to be used to commemorate Anzac Day, Remembrance Day and other days of significance.
3. Secure funds for Day Therapy Centre from 1/7/06.
5. Meet HACC National Service Standards for Men's Shed Program.
6. Develop a website for a community guide to the Learning Community of Port Augusta.
7. Prepare a community information database for integration on the state Infosearch webpage.
9. Prepare an exhibition on Port Augusta Tall Ships
10. Installation of artworks on the top of existing poles at the entrance to the Community Events Space at the Eastside Foreshore as part of the City Image Artworks Project.
GOAL AREA 2:
IMAGE OF CITY

Sub Goal 2.1: A positive and progressive image of our City

WADLATA OUTBACK CENTRE

1. Staged Upgrade of the Wadlata Outback Centre

After nearly 20 years of successfully attracting and keeping visitors in Port Augusta longer, the winner of 6 State Tourism Awards, and in partnership with the South Australian Tourism Commission, completed Stage 1 of a planned upgrade of the total tourism icon for the City.

Stage 1 included large external entrance signage, the expansion and total re-design of the Visitor Information Centre and promotional information panels, Festivals and Special Events and an Advertising Board, an internet site, retail facilities upgrade and an Art Wall to promote local Aboriginal Art, together with the inclusion of the giant Megalania; a 3.8m giant carnivorous goanna and interpretive film to highlight and promote the Centre’s ‘Tunnel of Time’.

The Stage I was officially opened by the Minister of Tourism, on the 15th of March 2005.

2. Pichi Richi Railway Support

The Wadlata Outback Centre, through the services provided by the Port Augusta Visitor Information Centre, created a working partnership with the Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society by becoming the primary Booking Agency for this major regional attraction. Not only has Wadlata’s service created a new revenue stream, to off-set the Centre’s operational costs, but Pichi Richi now has a 7 day a week booking office that has been able to provide an efficient, professional service to cope with the increased demand for bookings and ticket sales.

AUSTRALIAN ARID LANDS BOTANIC GARDEN

1. Expand Business Activities - AALBG

In order to enhance the visitor experience and to increase visitations by attracting different market segments to the AALBG and its Visitor Centre, market research indicated the implementation of a liquor licence would be beneficial. As a result, a Restaurant Licence pursuant to Section 34(1)(c) of the Liquor Licensing Act 1997 was granted by the Office of the Liquor and Gambling Commission on the 9th of September 2004.

Sale of liquor was implemented on the 13th of December 2004 at the completion of appropriate staff training.

REDEDICATION CEREMONY OF THE STILLBORN BABY MEMORIAL

Approximately two years ago the ‘Stillborn Memorial Working Party’ was formed. The working party has worked tirelessly since, to achieve their goal of having a ‘Stillborn Babies Memorial’ erected within the Black Oaks Section of the Port Augusta Cemetery.

On Sunday 12th December 2004, they were rewarded for their hard work, with the official opening and rededication ceremony of the Memorial.

A minute’s silence was then held for reflection followed by Piper Joylene White playing ‘Amazing
Grace’ while Mayor Baluch and families came forward to place flowers at the wall in memory of their babies.

It was a very emotional experience for those present.

The Working Party consisting of Melody Poole, Deon Schumann, Cr. Phil Greagen and Leita Fennell expressed their sincere thanks to all persons involved in the memorial project and donations received from families, Port Augusta City Council, Port Augusta Garden Club and the Social Vision Unit and also Rev Barrie Carbins and Joylene White for participating in the rededication ceremony.

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING 04/05:

As reported in the 2003/2004 Annual Report, Council had identified 3 projects which were scheduled to be undertaken during 2004/2005. The following list outlines the progress for each of these projects:

1. ** Beautify and enhance entranceways.**

   This project was 20% completed as at the 30th June 2005 and will be further progressed during 2005/2006. The hold up in progressing this project has been due to work required for Stage 2 of the Foreshore Redevelopment Project being given a priority.

2. **Croc Festival - The Social Vision Unit will take a greater lead facilitation role in making the 2004 Festival bigger and better than previous years.**

   Another very successful Croc Festival was held in early September 2004 in Port Augusta. Numerous schools from around the Region participated in the Festival and participation by local schools and the general public was excellent.

3. **Continue to support Community and Tourism Events for their positive social and economic benefit for the community.**

   Ongoing.

GOALS & TARGETS FOR 2005/2006:

(in addition to those rolled over from 2004/2005)

1. Encouragement of the Aboriginal community into tourism activities.

2. Develop appropriate KPI’s in the engagement of the Tourism Product Development Officer to enable positive outcomes.

3. Develop Promotional Television Commercial ñ Wadlata/AALBG


5. Upgrade of Outback Tuckerbox Kitchen at Wadlata.

6. Improve directional and promotional signage for Wadlata.

7. Undertake Stage 2 Upgrade of the Wadlata Interpretive Centre.
GOAL AREA 3:
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Sub Goal 3.1: Economic growth for long-term benefit

When formulating Council’s Strategic Plan in 2003, Council placed an emphasis on achieving positive economic growth for the City over the period of the Plan.

Considerable inroads have been made in meeting our strategic objectives in this area, and Council has been successful in attracting several large developments to the City since the inception of the Plan.

Activities in this area during 2004/2005 continued with the construction of a new Big W Store within the City, which was completed ahead of time, opening to the public in late June 2005.

In conjunction with the Big W development, Council continued with Stage 2 of the Foreshore Redevelopment Project, which saw the construction of a landscaped open space area along the length of the Port Augusta Wharf.

The completion of the Big W Store and Stage 2 of the Foreshore Redevelopment has further enhanced the Central Business District of Port Augusta and provided another attractive open space area and an additional retail outlet for the benefit of the community and visitors.

Another exciting development also progressed between Council and Developers who had submitted a registration of interest for the proposed development of a Residential Estate on Council owned land adjoining Crocker Street, Port Augusta West.

Barbara Ross Developments Pty Ltd was the successful developer approved by Council to purchase and develop this site, and a development application was lodged by the company with the Development Assessment Commission in August 2004. The development will see the construction of 14 two storey townhouse apartments along the length of Crocker Street, Port Augusta West.

Site works commenced on the land in January 2005 and construction on the first 6 apartments commenced in April 2005. Considerable progress has been made to date on the overall development of this area.

Council has also identified that there is a shortage of vacant residential allotments within Port Augusta and has approved the sale of various surplus Council land to address the growing need in this area. During the reporting period several Land Divisions have been instigated by Council for various parcels of Council owned land, these include: Simmons Crescent, Hurcombe Crescent, Elsie Street and Brooks Street which has been sub-divided to support light industry businesses located in the area.

All proceeds raised from the sale of these allotments, once sub-divided, will be placed within Council’s Capital Reserve Fund and used to further develop open space areas and upgrade...
infrastructure within the city, for the benefit of the community and visitors.

Other exciting projects that commenced in 2003/2004 and have been further progressed during 2004/2005 are:

• **Betta Electrical Store and 17 Apartments** - Development approval was granted on the 21st March 2005 for this project, however construction of this development has not yet commenced.

• **Wharf Restaurant** - Transport SA land along the Eastside Foreshore area which incorporates the Wharf Restaurant site, is currently being sub-divided and placed under the appropriate agencies, as determined by Transport SA, for their care, control and management. On the completion of this process, Council will commence negotiation with relevant parties, for the construction of a Restaurant in this area.

• **Business Incubator** - The Port Augusta City Council, Whyalla City Council, Northern Regional Development Board and Whyalla Economic Development Board, further progressed negotiations on establishing a Business Incubator in Port Augusta and Whyalla during 2004/2005. The Funding Agreement with AusIndustry was signed by all stakeholders on the 26th April 2005 and the refurbishment of the Incubator Buildings in both locations have commenced. The opening of the Incubators is anticipated to occur late November 2005.

• **Port Augusta Outdoor Adventure Centre** - Council has supported a proposal to extend an aquatic program, currently only available to educational institutions, to the general public. Considerable work on this issue took place during 2004/2005 and it is expected that the ‘General Public Aquatic and Land Based Programs’ will commence in November 2005.

• **Port Augusta Town Hall** - Council is seeking an expert opinion in relation to the condition of the Town Hall to ascertain if the building is structurally sound and is able to be restored.

The Port Augusta City Council and the Northern Regional Development Board have worked collaboratively during 2004/2005 with developers and relevant agencies, in an endeavour to attract investments to the city in the form of an Australian Technical College and an Intermodal Facility. Negotiations will continue during 2005/2006 with relevant parties for these projects.

The Pichi Richi Railway had in recent time’s experienced financial pressures; and Council stepped in to offer a ‘rescue package’ which essentially involves financial support from Council, SATC and Flinders Ranges Council, to enable Pichi Richi Railway to employ much needed paid staff resources. During the ensuing year, it is expected that Pichi Richi Railway will embrace the ‘rescue package’.

A Retirement/Lifestyle Village still remains a priority even though the land south of the Yacht Club is not likely to attract residential development. Other sites will need to be explored if Council is going to attract a Retirement/Lifestyle Village.

The Port Augusta Airport will be a challenge for the ensuing year. The proposed relocation of the RFDS Base to the Airport, Infrastructure and Security Upgrade all remain on target for 2005/2006.

Further developments which are presently being negotiated and are likely to proceed within the City during 2005/2006 are:

1. **Stage 3 of Council’s Foreshore Redevelopment Project** along the old Crocker Street road reserve, and part of the Westside beach area which has been placed under the care, control and management of Council by the State Government and adjoins the above Residential Estate.
2. Development of the old Caltex Site on Highway One to establish a 'Building Product Trade Centre' on the site.

3. Construction of a 'Residential Estate' on Council owned land on Mathews Street/La France Terrace, Port Augusta West.

4. Development of Land South of the Yacht Club which has been sold by the State Government.
GOAL AREA 4:
INFRASTRUCTURE & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Sub Goal: 4.1: Optimise use and management of the City’s financial and physical resources.

Council receives numerous requests each year for Community Grants, to support members of the community who are organising events within the City or have excelled in their chosen sporting field, shown outstanding ability in an academic field or are seeking assistance to attend various sporting events, carnival etc which they are participating in.

During the 2004/2005 financial year the following donations were made:

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<td>Port Augusta Tri-State Games Team - bus hire</td>
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<td>Port Augusta Tennis Association - 2005 Open Tennis Tournament</td>
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<td>Casey Whitaker - participate National All Schools Track &amp; Field Competition</td>
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<td>K Raby - Souvenirs from Wadlata for overseas exchange</td>
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<td>M Obst - SA Primary Schools Track &amp; Field Team</td>
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<td>Port Augusta Swimming Club - 2005 Carnival and Open Swim</td>
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<td>TS Augusta Cadets - Duke of Edinburgh Awards</td>
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<td>Willsden Football Club - Building repairs</td>
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<td>Port Augusta YMCA - donation</td>
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**Total: $36,641.22**
The Port Augusta City Council when adopting its Strategic Plan, supported the following initiatives and prepares an Annual Budget that reflects the aspirations and intent of the Plan:

- A continuation and extension of the programs to provide employment opportunities for young people through Traineeships/Apprenticeships in a number of areas of Council’s activities.
- The commitment to regional and economic development through support to the Northern Regional Development Board.
- Support for the Business Incubator project that will provide opportunities for small business start up.
- Contribution towards the creation of a ‘Tourism Product Officer’ for the City.
- Support for the Pichi Richi Railway Society.
- Commitment to the creation of additional bed places at Nerrilda and A.M. Ramsay Village.
- Appropriate use of long and short term borrowings to deliver essential infrastructure outcomes.
- Maximising the effective use of re-used water.
- Commitment to enhancing the City’s social capital with programs that foster youth, tourism, the arts and major events.

An interim report published by the Inquiry into the Financial Sustainability of Local Government, stated that Councils generally are running large deficits that cannot be sustained. Offsetting operating deficits with capital expenditure alone cannot be sustained over the long term. What this means, is that most local governments are not funding fully their depreciation and this will have a marked affect on infrastructure over time.

Port Augusta City Council has a limited rate base and revenue raising capacity, however seeks to deliver a very broad range of services and programs for the benefit of the community.

To assess Council’s overall financial position in relation to the services and programs that are provided, in addition to the need to be able to adequately fund an appropriate maintenance program for its infrastructure assets, Council has endorsed an independent review to be undertaken by consultants during the 2005/2006 financial year, on Council’s financial and organisational effectiveness.

There were 3 projects scheduled to be undertaken during 2004/2005 which are linked to Goal 4.1 of Council’s Strategic Plan. The progress on each of these is as follows:

1. **Review use of recreational facilities to ensure all community groups have access to Council’s facilities.**
   
   To date a review has been undertaken of all relevant policies. During 2005/2006 Council will liaise with community groups to ensure they have appropriate access to facilities to meet their needs.

2. **Installation of a new RF Network (Communication Infrastructure)**
   
   Tenders have been called for this project and infrastructure should be installed during 2005/2006.

3. **Introduction of Asset Management Program**
   
   A consultant has been engaged to provide Council with a complete list of all assets.

**GOALS & TARGETS FOR 2005/2006:**

1. Formulate a five year Financial Plan.
2. Create a Grants Register within the Authority Financial System.
3. Improve governance in relation to access and usage of computer technology within the Organisation.
4. Engage a consultant to review services offered by Council.

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

An extract from the Port Augusta city Council’s audited financial statement is as detailed on the following pages. A full detailed report is also available on Council’s Website www.portaugusuta.sa.gov.au
# CITY OF PORT AUGUSTA

## OPERATING STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 2005

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### OPERATING REVENUE
- **Rates**
  - General: 6,010,673
  - Other: 282,910
- **Statutory Charges**: 258,551
- **User Charges**: 2,394,703
- **Operating Grants and Subsidies**: 8,092,138
- **Investment Income**: 168,439
- **Reimbursements**: 273,233
- **Gain on Sale of Non-Current Assets**: 308,038
- **Other**: 593,298

**TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE**: 18,381,984

### OPERATING EXPENSES
- **Wages and Salaries**: 3, 8,634,924, 7,948,185
- **Contractual Services**: 4, 2,871,326, 3,215,952
- **Materials**: 5, 2,312,707, 2,405,653
- **Finance Charges**: 338,938
- **Depreciation**: 6, 2,454,695, 2,333,774
- **Loss on Disposal of Non-Current Assets**: 2,072,203
- **Other**: 7, 2,177,451

**TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES**: 18,684,793

**Operating (Loss)/Surplus before Capital Revenues**: (302,809), (1,054,138)

## CAPITAL REVENUES
- **Capital Grants, Subsidies and Monetary Contributions**: 435,094, 1,072,016

**Operating Surplus after Capital revenues and before Extraordinary items**: 132,284, 17,877

**CHANGE IN COMMUNITY WEALTH RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS**: 132,284, 17,877

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The above operating statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.
CITY OF PORT AUGUSTA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2005

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**CURRENT ASSETS**
- Cash: 8
  - 2,590,259
  - 1,540,175
- Receivables: 9
  - 1,007,341
  - 1,294,158
- Prepayments: 9
  - 9,873
  - 30,152
- Inventories: 10
  - 136,442
  - 119,129

**TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS**
- 3,743,915
- 2,983,614

**CURRENT LIABILITIES**
- Bank Overdraft: 8
  - 97,955
- Creditors and Provisions: 11 & 12
  - 1,709,255
  - 1,531,533
- Loans: 13
  - 1,566,485
  - 1,557,502

**TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES**
- 3,393,705
- 3,089,035

**NET CURRENT ASSETS**
- 350,210
- (105,421)

**NON-CURRENT ASSETS**
- Land: 14
  - 5,608,500
  - 6,029,132
- Buildings, Structures & Reserve Infrastructure: 14
  - 21,599,973
  - 20,365,844
- Infrastructure: 14
  - 28,712,554
  - 16,964,059
- Equipment: 14
  - 1,860,159
  - 1,823,889
- Furniture and Fittings: 14
  - 1,196,082
  - 1,083,720
- Receivables: 14
  - 37,894
- Capital Works in Progress: 14
  - 53,650
  - 251,522

**TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS**
- 59,068,812
- 46,518,166

**INTANGIBLE ASSETS**
- Aged Care Bed Licences: 15
  - 2,760,000

**TOTAL INTANGIBLE ASSETS**
- 2,760,000

**NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES**
- Creditors and Provisions: 12
  - 828,785
  - 772,523
- Loans: 13
  - 4,476,340
  - 4,377,718

**TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES**
- 5,305,125
- 5,150,241

**NET ASSETS**
- 56,873,897
- 41,262,504

**EQUITY**
- Accumulated Surplus
  - 4,095,379
  - 3,983,095
- Reserves
  - 52,778,518
  - 37,299,409

**TOTAL EQUITY**
- 56,873,897
- 41,262,504

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.
### CITY OF PORT AUGUSTA

**STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN EQUITY**
**FOR THE 30 JUNE 2005**

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<td>132,284</td>
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CITY OF PORT AUGUSTA

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

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CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Receipts  
- 18,148,393
- 456,504
- 965,181

Payments  
- (15,706,253)
- (333,829)
- (844,557)
- (505,829)

NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES  
- 2,350,049

CASH FLOWS FROM OTHER ACTIVITIES

Receipts  
- Capital Grants, Subsidies  
- Sale of Equipment  
- Sale of Land  

Payments  
- Purchase of Land  
- Purchase of Buildings  
- Purchase of Infrastructure  
- Purchase of Equipment  
- Purchase of Furniture and Fittings  
- Purchase of Capital Works in Progress

NET CASH USED IN OTHER ACTIVITIES  
- (1,528,268)

NET INCREASE(DECREASE) IN CASH HELD  
- 952,128

CASH AT BEGINNING OF REPORTING PERIOD  
- 1,540,176

CASH AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD  
- 2,492,304

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.
GOAL AREA 4:
INFRASTRUCTURE & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Sub Goal 4.2: Effective maintenance, management & enhance the City’s infrastructure assets.

ROADS
The Port Augusta City Council has 170km of sealed roads and 150km of unsealed roads which are maintained during the financial year. The sealed roads are patched and approximately 9km are ressealed annually. Unsealed roads are graded on an 'as needs' basis and with very little suitable material for sheeting, grading of the more trafficable roads is undertaken on a more regular basis.

During 2004/2005 Council undertook the following road construction and maintenance of road infrastructure:
1. Ongoing construction and sealing of the Shack Road which is partly funding from Roads to Recovery Funding.
2. Construction and sealing of Howden Street in Stirling North
3. Repairs to the concrete bridge structures on the Old Whyalla Road.
4. Cobbin Street extension was re-sheeted with a clay/sand combination to prevent corrugations.
5. Funds were obtained from Transport SA to re-sheet sections of Yorkeys Crossing Road.
6. Funds were also obtained from Black Spot Funding to assist with alterations to the Footner Road/Racecourse Road intersection.

STORMWATER
Council recently replaced the major pumps at the Seaview Road drainage ponds and the rising main is to be replaced during the 2005/2006 financial year. The upgrade of this infrastructure will increase its pumping capacity.

FORESHORE REDEVELOPMENT
Council’s Infrastructure staff from the Civic Centre, Parks and Works Depots are to be congratulated on the excellent redevelopment/landscaping upgrade of the Eastside Foreshore.

The completion of Stage 2 of this redevelopment finalises the upgrade along the Eastside Foreshore up to the Port Augusta Yacht Club.

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES
1. Building:
   Assessment of development applications for compliance with the Building Code of Australia and any relevant standards, forms part of the Development Assessment Process undertaken by the Council on an annual basis. During 2004/2005 Council’s Development Section received a total of 474 applications. Of these, 452 were for full Development Approval as listed in the table below and 22 were for Planning Consent only.

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<th>No.</th>
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<td>Class 1a and 1b</td>
<td>House or similar e.g. new or used dwellings, alteration or addition to an existing dwelling, boarding house, guest house or hostel.</td>
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<td>278</td>
<td>Class 10a</td>
<td>Non-Habitable Building e.g. carport, garage or shed, garden shed, pergola and verandah or patio.</td>
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<td>Class 10b</td>
<td>Structures e.g. fence, mast, antenna, retaining or freestanding wall, swimming pool.</td>
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<td>29</td>
<td>Class 5, 6, 7 &amp; 9</td>
<td>Office Building, shop or retail premises, storage building, carpark, laboratories, factory, workshops, healthcare/aged care and assembly buildings.</td>
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The estimated cost of progressive building work for the 2004/2005 financial year was $21,274,493 and the total amount of development fees for the same period was $84,408.98 with an increase of 5 applications from the previous year.

Although there was an increase of only 5 development applications from the previous year, the increase of $10m in the value of developments was due to larger developments being undertaken.

It is also evident that more new dwelling applications were received for the same period, with a total of 73 dwellings being constructed in comparison to the previous financial year which totalled only 48.

The following graphs show the various comparisons over a period of 5-10 years, in relation to building activity within the City:

2. Building Inspections

Council’s Building Officers endeavour to carry out inspections on 20% of building works approved in accordance with the Building Inspection Policy.

During the 2004/2005 financial year 28 Class 1 & 10a developments were inspected, some only once and others at more frequent intervals. Also of the 29 applications received for Class 2-9 buildings, 8 received an inspection of some sort.

3. Building Maintenance (Council Owned Buildings)

The Building Officers role also includes carrying out annual maintenance, audit inspections and maintenance reviews for Council owned buildings. Council employees and contractors carry out building maintenance identified via these audits.

The following buildings underwent some sort of review or improvements during 2004/2005:

a. Continued upgrade to Poinsettia Village and Julia Lodge independent living quarters.

b. Minor repairs and arranging structural report for the Town Hall.

c. Upgrade to Ramsay Village and Nerrilda Nursing Home - site meetings, architectural plans and engineers report were undertaken in this reporting period - with construction proceeding during 2005/2006.

d. Extension to the Wadlata Outback Tourism Centre including new display area and entry.

ASBESTOS REGISTER

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 regards to asbestos registers.

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

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 inspections of buildings within the City to determine the adequacy of fire safety.

The Committee is continuing to review Fire Safety in accommodation establishments within the City. A number of notices of required building works have been issued and enforcement proceedings have been initiated. To date, none of the matters have
proceeded to the Environment, Resources and Development Court as the Committee’s preferred option has been to resolve issues by patient negotiation.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING 04/05:**

As reported in the 2003/2004 Annual Report, Council had identified 15 projects which were scheduled to be undertaken during 2004/2005. The following list outlines the progress for each of these projects:

1. **Construction work involved in the upgrade of the Southern Entranceways**
   
   This project was 20% completed as at the 30th June 2005 and will be further progressed during 2005/2006.

2. **Upgrade to footpaths**
   
   Ongoing upgrade to footpaths will continue as budget constraint permit.

3. **Repair Stormwater pump in Frome Street**
   
   Completed.

4. **Upgrade to Seaview Road Stormwater Drainage**
   
   Completed.

5. **Develop various plans & maintenance programs for infrastructure management**

   No action taken on this project during 2004/2005 and it has been included within the 2005/2006 Business Plans.

6. **Continued construction of bike route.**

   Funding application for the bike route was not approved, however the construction of the walking/bike track was included by Council in Stage 2 of the Eastside Foreshore Redevelopment.

7. **New road construction of Howden Street and re-sheeting various roads within the City.**

   Completed.

8. **Construction of a further 2km of the Shack Road.**

   Completed.

9. **Black Spot identification on Footner Road.**

   Completed.

10. **Upgrade bridges on Old Whyalla Road**

    Completed - further work will be undertaken during 2005/2006.

11. **The Building Fire Safety Committee will attempt to broaden the focus of its inspection program to include public use and Class 2 Buildings.**

    No action undertaken during 2004/2005. This project has been included within the 2005/2006 Business Plans.

12. **Commencement of Stage 2 of the eastside Foreshore Redevelopment.**

    Completed.

13. **Installation of sprinkler system in front of bar area ETSA Oval.**

    Contractor engaged to undertake this project - will be completed during 2005/2006.

14. **Improve signage at AALBG.**

    Completed.

15. **Apply for grant funding to support Stage 2 of the Eastside Foreshore Redevelopment.**

    Funding receive.

**GOALS & TARGETS FOR 2005/2006**

(in addition to those carried over from 2004/2005):

1. **Further construction of the Shack Road.**

2. **Construction of Michael Avenue at Stirling North and the associated stormwater drainage.**

3. **Construction of Daw Road.**

4. **Construct a sealed carpark at the Stirling North Cemetery.**

5. **Resheet a section of the main road to Miranda.**

6. **Installation of a pedestrian crossing at the Tassie Street/Commercial road Intersection.**

7. **Upgrade of stormwater disposal systems at Stirling North including the construction of an open channel in the ARTC rail corridor.**

8. **Replacement and upgrade of the rising main from the Seaview Road stormwater drainage pond.**

9. **Undertake structural repairs to the Institute Building.**

10. **Commence Stage 1 of the Westside Foreshore Redevelopment Project.**

11. **Upgrade water, power and telecommunications to the Port Augusta Airport.**

12. **Implement and install security programs and infrastructure at the Port Augusta Airport.**

13. **Ongoing replacement of Council’s fleet of machinery and equipment.**
GOAL AREA 5: ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT

Sub Goal 5.1: Effective Management and Maintenance of the City’s unique environment

WASTE MANAGEMENT

1. Solid Waste

Commercial, industrial and domestic solid waste is disposed of by landfill at Stirling North with 9,700 tonnes of solid waste being deposited at the Refuse Reserve during the 2004/2005 financial year, compared to 13,165 tonnes during the previous financial year.

Provision for recycling has been made at the Refuse Reserve and approximately 5100 tonnes of recyclable material was diverted from the Waste Depot during the reporting period, compared to 2,700 tonnes in the 2003/2004 financial year.

A kerbside recycling collection service is also provided on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month.

2. Liquid Industrial Waste

Council is the licensee of the liquid industrial waste disposal area located at the disused effluent pond near Tassie Street. The disposal area receives grease trap wastes from restaurants and other commercial facilities in addition to oily waste water.

1,481 kilolitres were received at the Depot during 2004/2005 compared to 678 kilolitres during the previous year.

The increase in liquid industrial waste is due to the ever increasing number of food outlets being identified, during site inspections, as requiring their grease traps to be cleaned.

3. Domestic Waste Oil

A free domestic waste oil recycling facility has been constructed at the Stirling North Refuse Reserve under the Federal Government’s Waste Oil Stewardship programme.

The facility commenced operation in February 2003 and has proved to be a very popular service with residents.

4. Sewage

Port Augusta West is full sewered with the treated effluent being recycled onto the Port Augusta Golf Course during the summer months.

Port Augusta East is a mix of common effluent drainage and sewage with the treated effluent being entirely discharged into Spencer Gulf. The effluent has an elevated salinity level at the outlet, which reduces the potential for turf irrigation.

Council has installed a waste water treatment plant at Central Oval, which has the capacity to treat approximately 300 kilolitres of sewage per day. The reclaimed water produced by the waste water treatment plan is currently used to irrigate surrounding ovals and parks, reducing the need to draw water supply from the River Murray.

The township of Stirling North and the Blanche Harbour shack area located on the western side of Spencer Gulf are predominantly septic tank and soakage disposal areas.

AIR QUALITY

1. There were 11 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 onto the EPA for licensing requirements and to ensure parameters were being met.

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

PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACT

1. During the 2004/2005 financial year no notices under the Public and Environmental Health Act were served.

57 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.
FOOD ACT

There are approximately 104 commercial food outlets in operation within the City. All food premises are inspected and Council is finding more and more, that have not notified Council that they are operating. Progress is being made in trying to identify ways of improving this issue.

During the reporting period 12 food complaints were investigated and satisfactorily resolved.

IMMUNISATION

Immunisation of students in all schools was undertaken in 2004 for Meningococcal C, Hepatitis B and Boosterix injections. Meningococcal C was administered for school aged children between the ages of 6-14 years and this program is ongoing and will be completed in all Port Augusta Schools at the end of 2005. Year 9 Boosterix has been completed in all secondary schools.

1847 vaccinations were administered during the 2004 year. This includes school visits and Council based clinics.

Free immunisations of Fluvax were offered to all Council staff, while Hep A and Hep B were offered to all outside workers during the reporting period. 75 employees took up of opportunity to be immunised with the Fluvax.

VECTOR CONTROL

1. Mosquitoes

No complaints or infestations were detected in Port Augusta during 2004/2005. Regular surveillance of known breeding areas is undertaken throughout the year and affected areas treated.

2. Midge Flies

Midge Flies in the Lakes on the southern entrance to the City continue to be controlled effectively by salinity manipulation. 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 weekly basis throughout the year.

3. European wasps

12 confirmed sightings of European Wasps occurred during the year and were treated accordingly.

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND ASSOCIATED WORKS

The 2004/2005 financial year saw the completion of the installation of the Central Oval Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) and the Reclaimed Water Reticulation System. Trials of these two pieces of infrastructure were undertaken in the second half of the financial year with the installation of an Irrigation Central Control System to compliment this development being commissioned in June 2005.

This development has the potential to reduce Council’s reliance on the use of the water from the River Murray and assist in addressing environmental management issues by reducing the amount of effluent water being discharged into Spencer Gulf by 400 kilolitres per day.

Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and the Department of Health (DHS) licensing condition resulted in the Council installing a series of monitoring systems throughout the WWTP irrigated water sites. By adopting this monitoring system Council has achieved best practice in water management.

Parklands being watered in stage one of this development are Central Oval, Lions Parks, Apex Park, Pastoral Lawns, East Side Foreshore, Homestead Park and Mackay Street Park.

AUSTRALIAN ARID LANDS BOTANIC GARDEN

1. South Australian Tourism Commission Funded Upgrade

During 2004/2005 the works connected to the South Australian Tourism Commission funded upgrade was undertaken, which included the development of gardens at the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden (AALBG) entrance, the Flinders Red Cliff Lookout, a new regional area being planted up (Central High Lands and Victoria Desert) and extension to the Eremophila Garden was completed.

Information and directional signage throughout the Garden was upgraded with an emphasis being placed on a new bush tucker walk.

The development of a self guided tour/fact brochure of the Garden was completed and made available at the Interpretive Centre for visitors to use.

A selection of tracks and roads plus the new car park at Flinders Red Cliff Lookout in the Garden were sealed with other tracks having new gravel
surfaces laid down allowing for better visitor access.

The commission of a new DVD of the Garden was implemented during the reporting period and is to be completed by December 2005.

The Minister of Tourism, the Hon. Jane Lomax-Smith opened the AALBG funded upgrade on the 15th March 2005.

2. Adelaide Botanic Gardens - Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden

The development of a Memorandum of Understanding between the AALBG and the Adelaide Botanic Gardens was agreed to and signed off. This will allow for a closer working relationship between both Gardens.

Adelaide Botanic Gardens in conjunction with AALBG and the Friends of the AALBG agreed to undertake a tissue culture trial of the native orange; an aboriginal community has already expressed interest in developing their bush food industry in this area and are keen to be part of any further development.

3. Friends of Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden

The 'Friends' of Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden donated $10,000 towards the Main Entrance Gate.

TREENET

Our trial site at 55 Jervois Street is progressing very well and the trees are making good growth since their winter dormancy period, even though we experienced some vandalism at the start of the trial and had to replace 4 of the trees.

We have successfully sourced 8 Erythrina vespertilio - Bats wing Coral Tree Seedlings for our trial site in Addison Road. These seedlings will be grown on, in the Parks Depot until they are large enough to plant within the street scape which is likely to occur next spring. Selected advanced tree varieties are to be purchased this year and planting will commence in Autumn. We will be trialling 10 trees of each species along Addison Road. The trees within the street that have been planted by the residents will be included within the trials and more trees of the same species will be purchased to bring the species numbers up to 10.

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING 04/05:

As reported in the 2003/2004 Annual Report, Council had identified 6 projects which were scheduled to be undertaken during 2004/2005. The following list outlines the progress for each of these projects:

1. Improve street cleaning and maintenance by reviewing and benchmarking existing litter management practices

A review indicated that the current street cleaning and maintenance program for Port Augusta is working well, with streets being scheduled within the program for cleaning at specific intervals.

2. Develop an environmental management system for Council staff and contractors.

This project has been completed. Literature handouts have been formulated which are provided to developers and local builders as required.

3. Identify potential savings for Council by reducing energy, water, waste disposal and other utility costs.

As reported previously within this section of the Strategic Plan & Performance Report, significant inroads have been made by Council with regard to this objective.

4. Prepare a tree-planting program in Streets and Open Space.

Street tree planting has continued this year with approximately 1000 street trees planted which were selected from Council’s "Preferred Street Tree Planting List". This year we have concentrated on planting street trees in areas where tree removals have occurred. If a tree has been approved for removal, the tree is replaced and all vacant areas within the street that can accommodate plantings have been filled. In some streets up to 18 replacement trees have been requested for replants. There is a backlog of requests within the Parks Section for additional street tree plantings, due to staff members being involved with the Foreshore Redevelopment Upgrade.

Also this year when residents have requested street tree plantings they have been supplied with councils preferred street tree planting list so they can select their own tree species, this will hopefully encourage the residents to assist with the watering and basic maintenance of the trees.

5. Replacement/upgrade of signs at the AALBG Lookout Area.

Completed.

6. Upgrade AALBG Main Entrance.

This project was 80% completed as at the 30th June 2005.
GOALS & TARGETS FOR 2005/2006:
(in addition to those carried over from 2004/2005)

1. Install a Central Control Watering System to manage the efficient irrigation of Council's Parks and Gardens.

2. Continue to expand Waste Water Treatment Program and extend Water Program.

3. Maintain Pink Lake environment to ensure water availability.


5. Promote arid land plant species.

6. Increase public awareness of the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Gardens.
GOAL AREA 6:
ORGANISATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Sub Goal 6.1: A professional effective, efficient and customer-focused Organisation responsive to the needs of the Community.

Council strive to provide an effective, efficient and customer-focused service to its community as outlined within the above Goal Area of its Strategic Plan.

As reported in the 2003/2004 Annual Report, Council identify 8 specific projects to be undertaken during 2004/2005 to achieve these objectives. The action taken on each of these projects during 2004/2005 is as follows:

1. Review and upgrade signage throughout the City.

A Signage Reference Group was formed in late 2004, who then met on a monthly basis to address signage issues within the City. The group formulated a ‘Policy & Operating Guidelines for Objects on Public Footpaths’ as the first phase of the signage review.

As at the 30th June 2005, a completed Policy & Operating Guidelines had been completed and a copy will be forwarded to Council in the coming months for their perusal and comment. A copy will also be made available to the community for their perusal and comment, prior to being adopted by Council.

The ‘Policy & Operating Guidelines for Objects on Public Footpaths’ will replace Council’s current By-Law No 2 - Moveable Signs, and businesses will be provided a ‘grace period’ in which to apply and upgrade their signage to meet the criteria as outlined within the policy and operating guidelines.

2. Consultation on Westside Foreshore Redevelopment regarding road closure, dedication of land and proposed landscaping.

This project progressed considerably during 2004/2005, with the road closure process being finalised, the dedication of Lots 11-16 (Crown Land) under the care, control and management of Council in its final stages and the proposed landscaping concepts being made available to the public for comment.

Civil works have commenced along the old Crocker Street road reserve and Stage 1 of the Westside Foreshore Redevelopment will be completed during the 2005/2006 financial year.

3. Staff Appraisal and update of Job Descriptions

Staff appraisals were undertaken during January and March 2005 and job descriptions were updated as required.

4. Annual function to provide recognition to service by employees

In November 2004 a staff function was held at the Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre’s Entertainment Area to acknowledge staff’s contribution over the years. The following staff received certificates and a small gift in recognition of their service to the Port Augusta City Council on the night:

   a. 10 Year Service Employee Award
      Robert Bowman (Works Depot)
      Michelle Dobson (Civic Centre)
      Kay Fotiou (Substance Misuse)
      Nick Heron (Civic Centre)
      Peter Hollies (Parks)
      Tom Hunter (Works Depot)
      Michelle Kaulins (Ramsay)
      Anthony McCoy (Civic Centre)
      Sam Millbank (Wadlata)
      Marie Orenshaw (Nerrilda)
Bernice Racanati (Ramsay)  
Kim Rowe (Nerrilda)  
Nicole Whenan (Library)  

b. 20 Year Service Employee Awards  
Bill Cox (Works)  
John Hobbs (Works)  
Deon Schumann (Civic Centre)  

Two new Awards were also introduced in 2004 and the awards went to:  

c) Successful completion of Apprenticeship with the Port Augusta City Council  
Alison Hobbs (Horticulture Certificate 3)  
Paula Hunter (Horticulture Certificate 3)  

d) Employees who have successfully gained employment following their Traineeship with the Port Augusta City Council  
Lauren Dadleh  
Tahnee Jackson  
Amy Olsson  
Sharon Waye-Hill  

5. Introduce a staff acknowledgement award for cost saving measures/ideas introduced by employees  
No nominations were received during the year for this new award.  

6. Develop Business Plans  
Business Plans were developed and were updated quarterly to reflect the current progress of all projects. Projects that were not completed as at the 30th June 2005, were rolled over into the 2005/2006 financial year Business Plans.  

7. Employment of Records Management Officer  
During budget deliberations in May 2005, Council approved a budget allocation for the employment of a Records Management Officer. A review will be undertaken of the entire organisational 'records' requirements by an independent consultant, prior to the employment of the Records Management Officer. It is hoped that this position will be filled during the 2005/2006 financial year.  

8. Implement Disability Action Plan  
The first stage of implementing the Disability Action Plan was addressed during the drafting of the Policy & Guidelines for Objects on Public Footpaths to ensure that a 1.8m clearway is maintained from the building face of all businesses. 

Council has also commenced the installation of disable crossing (Tactile Crossing) at various intersections to improve the safety of the visually impaired. 

A review was undertaken on all of Council By-Laws and Policies during 2004/2005. Public Consultation was undertaken as part of the By-Law review process, to enable the community an opportunity to comment on the proposed by-laws and where required to comment on the content of various Council Policies. 

The By-laws will be gazetted in the coming months and will come into effect four months after the advertisement is placed in the Gazette. 

The majority of Council's Policies have been reviewed with the final number being completed during 2005/2006.  

GOALS & TARGETS FOR 2005/2006:  
The following projects have been included within the 2005/2006 financial year Business Plans which are linked to Council Strategic Plan:  
1. Maintain a staff friendly EB Agreement.  
2. Identify training opportunities for Elected Members.  
3. Monitor and ensure compliance with all legislation affecting the organisation.  
4. Continue with Signage Review for the City.  
5. Implement Wide Area Network throughout the Organisation.  
6. Improve computer technology within the Organisation.  
7. Upgrade and improve Council's Website.
Compliance Report

Section Four

The City of Port Augusta

Section 4
4.1: Decision Making Structure and Functions of the Council

4.1.1 The Port Augusta City Council’s decision making structure consists of two Key Committees who receive reports from Officers of the Council and make recommendations to Full Council on the various reports they receive.

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

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

4.1.4 The Directors of each Directorate meet on a weekly basis (Executive Management Group Meetings) to peruse all reports prior to them being placed on the agenda for the appropriate Key Committee, to ensure they are kept abreast of all staff activities within the organisation.

4.1.5 Agendas of all Council and Key Committee Meetings are placed on display on the Thursday preceding the Monday Meeting and Minutes for all meetings are placed on display in the Civic Centre and copies may also be accessed from Council’s Website - www.portaugusta.sa.gov.au by Friday following the meeting. If copies of Agendas and Minutes are required, they can be obtained from the Civic Centre at a charge, as outlined in the Fees & Charges Register.

4.1.6 Other Committees/Advisory Committees

4.1.6.1 Other Committees of the Council meet from time to time to make recommendations to the Full Council.

4.1.6.2 The Local Government Act provides that Council may establish Committees consisting of, or including, persons who are not members of the Council for the purpose of enquiring into and reporting to the Council on any matters within the Council’s responsibilities (i.e. Advisory Committees).

As at the 30th June 2005, other Committees and/or Advisory Committees who report to Council on a range of issues, include:

a. Aboriginal Advisory Committee
b. Development Assessment Panel (assessment of development applications)
c. OHS&W Working Committee
d. Fire Safety Committee (established pursuant to the provisions of the Development Act 1993 and makes its own decisions)
e. Port Augusta Junior Sports Assistance Foundation

4.1.6.3 Sitting Fees - Aboriginal Advisory Committee Members

Council approved setting the following level of sitting fees for members of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee:

a) Chairperson or Acting Chairperson $40 per meeting; and
b) Other Members $30 per meeting.
4.1.7 Public Involvement in Council Meetings:

A meeting of a Council or Council Committee must be conducted in a place open to the public. A Council Committee includes a sub-Committee and an Advisory Committee established by the Council. Members of the public are welcome to attend all Council/Council Committee Meetings.

4.1.8 Delegations:

The Chief Executive Officer and other officers of Council have the delegated authority of Council to make decisions on a number of specified administrative and policy matters. A Delegated Authority and Authorised Officers Manual has been developed which outlines any limitations and conditions applicable to the various delegations along with a list of the schedule of delegations.

4.2 Public Participation

4.2.1 Council Meetings:

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

4.2.1.1 Elected Members

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

4.2.1.2 Written Requests

A member of the public can write to the Council on any council practice, procedure, activity or service. All written requests 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

4.2.1.3 Petitions

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

4.2.1.4 Deputations
A request to appear before Council or Council Committee must be in writing to the City Manager and should include a statement of the reasons why the deputation wishes to appear.

Each representative is usually limited to a maximum time of 10 minutes for their presentation.

4.3 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:

4.3.1 The table below indicates the reasons that a matter may be considered under the confidentiality provisions and the number of occasions during the 2004/2005 financial year, these provisions were enforced:

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4.3.2 During the reporting period, there were 28 instances where Council considered an item under the confidentiality provisions, however in 2 of the 28 cases, either two or three of the above Sections of the Act were attributed to a single issue.

4.3.3 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.

4.3.4 Of the 28 confidential items, 8 items remained confidential for a period of 3 months or less, 12 items were for a period of 3-6 months, 3 items was for a period of 6-12 months and 5 items remain under the provisions of confidentiality.

4.3.5 Contracts with Confidentiality Clauses

Pursuant to Clause 13(2) of Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act, 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. Since the inclusion of this section within the Freedom of Information Act, Council has not had cause to include these provisions within any contract documents.

4.4 Community Consultation

Council annually seek feedback from the community on a range of issues (e.g. By-law reviews, leasing proposals for Council land, revocation of the classification of Community Land Status, Proposed sale of council land etc), to enable the Council to make informed decisions on issues that are before them.

Furthermore, residents are also notified of some development applications that are to be assessed by the Development Assessment Panel (a requirement of the Development Act 1993). When an application is publicly notified, residents have the opportunity both to write to Council expressing their view of the application and to subsequently address the Council before a decision is made. It should be noted however, that a number of applications are exempted from public notification by the Development Act.

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 includes a Community Survey undertaken by Roy Morgan Research.

The survey provides Council with feedback on the community's perception as to how Council performs in the areas of:

1. Strategic Directions
2. Community Consultation
3. Council Services
4. Quality of Life
5. Public Access to Information
6. Asset/Infrastructure Management
7. Safety and Security

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

The following graphs outline the results of the surveys undertaken for Port Augusta in 2002, 2004 and 2005 which are also compared to the State Comparison and other Provincial Cities. To date, the results have been very pleasing however Council acknowledges the importance for always endeavouring to improve the services that are provided to the community and strives to meet their expectations wherever possible.
4.5 Public Access to Council Documents

The Port Augusta City Council's Annual Report & Information Statement is available free of charge upon request at the front counter of the Civic Centre, 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 have access to the following documents, some of which are available free of charge via Council's website (highlighted in blue), while others can be viewed at the Civic Centre. Alternatively, copies may be obtained at a charge as outlined in Council’s Fees and Charges Register.

4.5.1 Registers/Manuals

4.1.1 Policy Manual
4.1.2 Delegated Authority & Authorised Officers Manual
4.1.3 By-Law Manual
4.1.4 Public Roads Register
4.1.5 Elected Members - Register of Allowances & Benefits
4.1.6 Elected Members - Register of Interest
4.1.7 Officers’ Register of Remuneration, Salaries and Benefits
4.1.8 Officers’ Register of Interest
4.1.9 Register of Campaign Donations Returns
4.1.10 Community Land Register
4.1.11 Fees and Charges Register

4.5.2 Policy/Procedure Manual

A review of all Council's Policies is being undertaken in relation to the format of the policies, accuracy of the content of current policies and to identify any new policies that need to be adopted within the Manual. The Policy Manual has been divided into 4 specific Manuals - Executive Manual, Operational Units Manual, Human Resource Manual and Emergency Manual. As at the 30th June 2005 the Policy Manual consisted of:

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## Social Vision Unit - Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre

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4.1.07 Employees – General Grievance Procedures 4.1.08 Discipline/Termination of Employees
4.1.09 Council Volunteers 4.1.10 Apprentices
4.1.11 Australian Reserve Forces 4.1.12 Sexual Harassment
4.1.13 Employee Assistance Program

4.5.3 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, Framework for resolution of OHS&W problems and relevant policies as listed below:

| POLA0097 | Accident Investigation & Reporting | POLA0099 | Confined Space Policy & Register of Confined Spaces & Checklist |
| POLA0102 | Blood Spill Mop Up | POLA0101 | Electrical Safety |
| POLA0073 | Drug & Alcohol | POLA0104 | Eye Protection |
| POLA0100 | Hazardous/Dangerous Substances & Procedures | POLA0111 | Hire/Lease of Plant & Equipment |
| POLA0120 | Immunisation Clinic – Emergency Action | POLA0107 | Inclement Weather & Procedures |
| POLA0130 | Injury Management Policy & Procedures | POLA0109 | Manual Handling & Risk Identification Form |
| POLA0091 | Needle Stick/Sharps | POLA0105 | OHS&W & First Aid in the Workplace |
| POLA0103 | Personal Protective Equipment | POLA0096 | Plant Management |
| POLA0087 | Purchasing of Plant & Equipment | POLA0136 | Risk Management |
| POLA0118 | Safe Working Environment | POLA0079 | Smoking in the Workplace |
| POLA0108 | Staff training | POLA0078 | Sun Protection |
| POLA0080 | Workers Compensation Video Surveillance | POLA0146 | Workplace Bullying |

4.6.1 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 Freedom of Information issues should be directed to:

Ms Lee Heron
Manager - Legislation & Economic Development
Port Augusta City Council
PO Box 1704
PORT AUGUSTA SA 5700
Phone: (08) 8641 9100

4.6.2 In the 12 months to 30th June 2005, Council received no Freedom of Information requests.
4.6.3 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.
5.1: RATING POLICY 2004/2005

PORT AUGUSTA CITY COUNCIL

2. OPERATIONAL UNITS POLICY AND PROCEDURES

2.1 CORPORATE SERVICES - FINANCIAL

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EXTERNAL LEGISLATION:
Local Government Act 1999

INTERNAL REFERENCES:
Rating Policy Summary 2004/2005

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

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:
Director - Corporate Services

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 its community.

1.2 The policy covers:
   a) method used to value land
   b) adoption of valuations
   c) business impact statement
   d) differential general rates
   e) minimum rate
1.3 Strategic Focus
In setting its rates for the 2004/2005 Financial Year, the Council has given consideration to the following:-

1.3.1 The Strategic Plan

a) Council has recently undertaken an internal review to assess the success of our Strategic Plan. Only minor changes were identified as being necessary to ensure Council continues to provide the best possible outcomes for its community within its budget constraints.

b) The Strategic Plan continues to be one of the main driving factors during 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 lowering long term indebtedness, maintaining a measured approach to pavement and infrastructure management 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.

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) maintain its commitment to deliver the recommendations of the Social Vision and Action Plan;

b) improve the economy of the City by fostering regional development initiatives such as the proposed business incubator;

c) continue 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) Support the formation of a peak tourism body that will oversee all aspects of marketing and product development for Port Augusta;

1.3.3 Budget Implications
1.3.4 Rates Reference Group
a) The recommendations and observation of the "Rates Reference Group" which was formed to review Council’s rating policy. This Group was comprised of members from various community groups and members of the City Council.

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 rate in the dollar should be the same for all properties except where there is clearly a different level of services available to ratepayers or some other circumstance which warrants variation from the broad principle (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.

1.3.6 Rate Increases
a) The need to increase rate revenue for the 2004/2005 financial year of the Council by 8.5%.

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://eservice.portaugusta.sa.gov.au/eservice.

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
   City of Port Augusta
   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 over the next twelve months, to determine if it provides a fairer 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 Values

5.2.1 The Council has adopted the valuations made by the Valuer-General as provided to the Council on 20th March, 2004. 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 the 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 lodgment 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 "Rate Rebates" (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 (Plan Amendment Report Review almost completed).

e) The equity of the distribution of the rate burden between ratepayers by resolving to continue the setting of a single general rate for all properties in urban areas.

f) Issues of equitability that exist because of high land values in Commercial Road.

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 1st July, 2004 the Council resolved to raise rate revenue of $6,134,500 in a total revenue budget of $17,973,800. 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, ie:-

a) Residential  
b) Commercial - Shop  
c) Commercial - Office  
d) Commercial - Other  
e) Industry Light

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, Corporation of the City of Port Augusta, PO Box 1704, PORT AUGUSTA SA 5700".

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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 $640.00. 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 32.43% of rateable properties and will raise 21.4% of the total rate revenue. The imposition of a minimum rate raises an additional $323,842 which is 5.28% of the total rate revenue.

5.6 Maximum Rate

5.6.1 Council has determined that a maximum rate be applicable to properties that have a land use code of residence. The maximum rate payable for urban properties is $1,659 and for non-urban properties $1,106.

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.

5.7 Service Rate/Charge

5.7.1 The Council provides a septic tank effluent disposal system (STED) to 1330 properties within the Council area. A service charge of $190.00 will apply to properties connected to the STED schemes installed in the Willisdene, Augusta Park, Hospital Road, Zanuckville, Conwaytown, Transcontinental Estate and Stirling North Railway Siding areas.

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 provide a rebate of up to $150 to eligible pensioners and self funded retirees whose net rate levy after deduction of the State Government concession exceeds $950. Pensioners with a net rate levy between $950 and $1,100 will receive a rebate to limit the maximum net rate levy payable to $950. Pensioners with a net rate levy greater than $1,100 to receive a rebate of $150.
5.9 Unemployed Persons Concessions

5.9.1 The Department of Family & Youth Services (FAYS) 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


5.10.2 However, payment of the total rates levied on a property for the 2004/2005 financial year by the 3rd September 2004, 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 eServices button) or by telephone on 1300 303 201 (ANZ Bank bill pay, Council’s info pay number is 4321). 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 Michelle Dobson, 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 installment 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 & 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 a 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 Rebates 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 4 years. A copy of the Council’s policy is available from our Rates Administrator (Michelle Dobson) on 86419100, or by writing to the Rates Officer, City of Port Augusta at PO 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 a Rates Administrator on 86419100 to discuss the matter. If, after this initial contact, the ratepayer is still dissatisfied they should write to the City Manager, City of Port Augusta, 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.
SECTION D

8.0 FORMS AND ATTACHMENTS

8.1 Rating Policy 2.1.01 - Summary 2004/2005

5.2 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 by Council pursuant to Section 166 of the Act.

The Port Augusta City Council has adopted Policies (Business Rate Rebate POLA0113, Community Rate Rebate POLA0098, Rating - Flats POLA0125 and Rating - Sporting Clubs & Associations POLA0068) which stipulate the procedures to be adhered to when a business, group or organisation is applying for a rate rebate. Applications for rebates for the following financial year are to be received on or before the 1st May each 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 totalling $100,947. In addition to the rate rebates approved for 2004/2005, Council also supported various sporting bodies and community groups who occupy Council sporting grounds/facilities, by granting rate rebates for these areas. Council also provide a 5% discount for rates paid in full before the due date of the first installment. A further $174,000 was discounted on rate payments using these provisions.

5.3 RETIREMENT VILLAGES RATE REBATE

Section 23 of the Local Government (Implementation) Act 1999 requires that a report in relation to the number of applications for rebates of rates received from retirement villages in respect of the relevant financial year and the result of those applications must be reported on in conjunction with the Council’s Annual Report.

In the reporting period, the Port Augusta City Council received no applications for rate rebates from retirement village owners/operators.

5.4.1 NATIONAL COMPETITION PRINCIPLES

5.4.1 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:

- commencement or cessation of significant business activities;
- the competitive neutrality measure applied to each significant business activity controlled by the Council;
- the review and reform of by-laws which restrict competition, including proposed by-laws;
- complaints received alleging a breach of competitive neutrality principles; and
- the structural reform of public monopolies

5.4.2 During the 2004/2005 reporting period, the Port Augusta City Council had no significant business activities to report and did not receive any complaints regarding the applications of competition principles. Council did however, commence the review process for its current By-laws and resolved to also introduce 4 new by-laws, those being; By-Law No 1 - Permits and Penalties, By-Law No 4 - Roads, By-Law No 5 - Dogs and By-Law No 8 - Cats.

5.4.3 A summary of the objectives of the various By-Laws, The objectives of the by-law, the potential areas that each by-law will restrict, the type of restriction that the by-law will
impose and the reasons for imposing the by-law are as follows:

a) **By-Law No 1 – Permits and Penalties**

*Objective of the By-Law:*

To provide a framework for permitting certain activities provided for in other by-laws of the Council, to repeal all existing by-laws of the Council and to provide for a penalty for a breach of any by-law of the Council of a continuing nature for every day that the offence continues.

*Potential Restrictions:*

There is no potential to restrict competition within the provisions of By-Law No 1, taking into account any likely benefit or detriment to the community.

b) **By-Law No 2 – Moveable Signs**

This by-Law was not included within the review process, due to other Policies and Procedures being adopted by Council in relation to Objects on Public Footpaths, and will therefore expire on the 1st January 2006.

c) **By-Law No 3 – Local Government Land**

*Objectives of the By-Law:*

To provide for the management and regulation of the use of and access to local government land (other than streets and roads) vested in or under the control of the Council, including the prohibition and regulation of particular activities on local government land.

*Potential Restrictions:*

This by-law contains provisions which may be regarded as having the potential to restrict competition as follows:

i) That activities related to working on vehicles boats or trailers, entertaining, preaching, horses, cattle etc, donations, amplification, distribution, handbills on cars, canvassing, advertising, fires, fireworks, attachments to trees, overhanging articles, removing soil, picking fruit, flora and fauna, games, athletic and ball sports, liquor, weddings, encroachment, closed lands, rubbish and rubbish dumps, cemeteries, camping and tents, smoking, toilets, swimming and aquatic activity, mooring, use of boats and boat ramps, foreshores and the posting of bills require the permission of the Council.

ii) "Permission" means the permission of the Council given in writing as prescribed in By-Law No 1 - Permits and Penalties.

iii) The Council may attach conditions to a grant of permission as it thinks fit and may vary or revoke such conditions or impose new conditions by notice in writing to the permit holder.

iv) Any permit holder shall comply with every such condition.

v) The Council may revoke such grant of permission at any time by notice in writing to the permit holder.

*Type of Restriction:*

The requirement to obtain a permit has the potential to restrict competition by limiting the number of providers of goods or services and / or by restricting the space or area the permit holder may occupy. Additionally, it contains an administrative discretion in favour of the Council that can be used selectively without any objective criteria.
Reason for imposing By-Law:

i) The potential restrictions on competition within the provisions of By-Law No 3 – Local Government Land favour the community by proper control of activities on local government land over which the Council has a responsibility to manage properly as trustees for the community at large.

ii) The cost to the applicant and the community (if any) are outweighed by the benefits for the community to be achieved from the by-law.

d) By-Law No 4 – Roads

Objectives of the By-Law

To provide for the management, control and regulation of activities on streets and roads.

Potential Restrictions

The by-law contains certain provisions which may be regarded as having the potential to restrict competition as follows:

i) That activities related to working vehicles, horses, cattle etc, preaching, donations, amplification, canvassing, advertising, camping, exhibitions and displays and posting of bills require the permission of the Council.

ii) “Permission” means the permission of the Council given in writing as prescribed in By-Law No 1 - Permits and Penalties.

iii) The Council may attach conditions to a grant of permission as it thinks fit and may vary or revoke such conditions or impose new conditions by notice in writing to the permit holder.

iv) Any permit holder shall comply with every such condition.

v) The Council may revoke such grant of permission at any time by notice in writing to the permit holder.

Type of Restriction:

The requirement to obtain a permit has the potential to restrict competition by limiting the number of providers of goods and services and/or by restricting the space or area the permit holder may occupy. Additionally, it contains an administrative discretion in favour of the Council that can be used selectively without any objective criteria.

Reason for imposing By-Law:

i) The potential restrictions on competition within the provisions of By-Law No 4 – Roads favour the community by proper control of activities on streets and roads over which the Council has a responsibility to manage properly as trustees for the community at large.

ii) The cost to the applicant and the community (if any) are outweighed by the benefits for the community to be achieved from the by-law.

iii) It should also be noted that in any event very few of the costs and benefits are likely to be measurable in financial terms.

e) By-Law No 5 – Dogs

Objectives of the By-Law:

To provide for the control of dogs within the area.
Potential Restrictions:
There is no potential to restrict competition within the provisions of By-Law No 6, taking into account any likely benefit or detriment to the community.

f) **By-Law No 6 – Waste Management**

**Objectives of the By-Law:**
To regulate and control the removal of domestic garbage and recyclable waste from premises for the prevention and suppression of nuisances and for regulating the management of Council property.

**Potential Restrictions:**
There is no potential to restrict competition within the provisions of By-Law No 6, taking into account any likely benefit or detriment to the community.

g) **By-Law No 7 – Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden**

**Objective of the By-Law:**
For the management of land vested in, held in trust for or under the care, control and management of the Council known as The Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden including the prohibition and regulation of particular activities.

**Potential Restrictions:**
This by-law contains certain provisions which may be regarded as having the potential to restrict competition as follows:

i) That activities related to flora, camping, fires, sport and other recreational activities, noise, litter and pollution, commercial activities, public assembly or announcement and donations require the permission of the Council.

ii) "Permission" means the permission of the Council given in writing as prescribed in By-Law No 1 - Permits and Penalties.

iii) The Council may attach conditions to a grant of permission as it thinks fit and may vary or revoke such conditions or impose new conditions by notice in writing to the permit holder.

iv) Any permit holder shall comply with every such condition.

v) The Council may revoke such grant of permission at any time by notice in writing to the permit holder.

**Type of Restrictions:**
The requirement to obtain a permit has the potential to restrict competition by restricting the space or area the permit holder may occupy. Additionally, it contains an administrative discretion in favour of the Council that can be used selectively without any objective criteria.

**Reason for imposing the By-Law:**

i) The potential restrictions on competition within the provisions of By-Law No 7 favour the community by proper control of activities in the Garden over which the Council has a responsibility to manage properly as trustees for the community at large.

ii) The cost to the applicant and the community (if any) are outweighed by the benefits for the community to be achieved from the by-law.
5.5  COMMUNITY LAND MANAGEMENT PLANS

Council at its meeting held on the 22nd November 2004, adopted the Community Land Management Plans for the City of Port Augusta. The Management Plans and ownership details relating to all council land, that is classified as "Community Land", has been placed in a "Community Lands Register", which may be viewed at the Civic Centre, 4 Mackay Street, Port Augusta.

Processes are now being formulated to ensure that all Community Land is managed in accordance with the Council’s Management Plans.

5.6  ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLANS

Pursuant to Section 26A of the Dog & Cat Management Act 1995 all Councils must prepare a “Management Plan”, for the management of dogs and cats within its area.

In November 2004, the Port Augusta City Council placed an advert in the local newspaper, seeking interested persons to nominate to be a part of developing the “Management Plans” for the City of Port Augusta.

After nominations closed, an Animal Management Reference Group was formed which was made up of 3 community members, a representative from the local Dog Obedience Club, a representative from the Local Veterinary Clinic, Councillor Geoff Clark and 4 Council staff – Kylie McKerlie, Wayne McKerlie, Lee Heron and Scott Parsons.

The Animal Management Reference Group commenced formulating a draft Management Plan for the city in early April 2005 and continues to consult with all stakeholders on this issue. It is anticipated that the Animal Management Plans will be finalised early to mid 2006, which will enable the Management Plans to be introduced on the 1st July 2006. The Management Plans will cover a 5 year period and will be in force from the 1st July 2006 to 30th June 2011.
5.7 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.

When well managed and structured in a most efficient manner, the contracting and purchasing activities within Council have the potential to make a major contribution to the effectiveness of the organisation and to reduce costs of operations.

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 also acknowledged that the potential for securing long term performance through outsourcing some Council Services, it is emphasised that the need for a balanced, case by case approach to competitive tendering and contracting out service which may result in benefit for the Council and its ratepayers is the best approach.

During the 2004/2005 financial year, Council utilised a competitive tendering approach for the provision of the following goods and services:

1) Supply of Works 8-10 Tonne Tipper
2) Supply of Parks 4-5 Tonne Tipper
3) Nerrilda Nursing Home/A.M. Ramsay Village – Catering
4) Security for all Council facilities
5) Supply and installation of pipe work for the distribution of treated waste water to various parks, ovals and foreshore areas.
6) Supply and installation of a Central Control Watering System.
7) Stirling North Garden Cemetery – Operation & Maintenance
8) Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden – Develop & Install DVD Multi-Media Botanical Garden Display
9) Port Augusta Public Library – Redevelopment Project – Stage 1
10) Port Augusta City Council – CCTV Project
11) Information Technology Upgrade – Wide Area Network

5.8 HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

5.8.1 Equal Employment Opportunity

a) All recruitment and selection of staff within all sections of Council are processed in accordance with the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Act.

All selections are based on the merit system. The interview process is conducted by a Panel with a minimum of 3 persons. The Panel is to include both male and female members when necessary. Council’s Recruitment & Selection Policy (4.1.04) is reviewed on a regular basis.

b) 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 – Legislation & Economic Development (Mrs Lee Heron) are Council’s Equal Employment Opportunity Officers.

c) Council’s commitment to employ indigenous trainees through the introduction of the Structure Training and Employment Program (STEP), continues through the placement of 5 trainees (Tourism x 1, Admin x 2, Library x 1, Hospitality x 1).
A formal request to extend the current programme for a further 3 years has been forwarded to the Department of Employment, and Workplace Relations for approval.

5.8.2 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.

5.8.3 Enterprise Bargaining Agreements:

New Enterprise Agreements were negotiated during 2004/2005 for ASU, AWU and ANF (Nerrilda Aged Care Services) employees.

During 2004/2005 discussions took place between union, management and staff members in relation to formulating a specific agreement between Council and Substance Misuse Services staff. It was agreed by all parties that alterations would be made to the ASU Enterprise Agreement in 2005/2006 to accommodate the working hour requirements for these staff.
Community Acknowledgement

Section Six
The Port Augusta City Council acknowledges the input by community members in making our City a great place to live, work and play. Annually Council presents certain Awards to members of the community as a thank you for their outstanding service, personal achievements and noteworthy contribution in making our City a better place. Please find below a list of Awards presented during 2004/2005:

6.1 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

On the 26th January each year the Port Augusta community 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.

Each year members of the community and various community organisations are nominated to receive one of the Australia Day Awards - Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year.

The nominations for each of these awards and the winners for 2005 are listed below:

Citizen of the Year
Nominations: Kaye Copley, Rehanna Coulthard, Tina Hawes, Zoran Zurbitfinski, Christene Pycroft, Dawn Webb

Winner: Mrs Dawn Webb

Dawn has been involved in the Port Augusta Cancer Support Group since its inception 27 years ago. She is a tireless worker and supported to women with breast cancer as well as supportive Palliative Care at the Port Augusta Hospital and at home. Dawn is a very deserving winner.

Young Citizen of the Year
Nominations: Bradley McMahon

Winner: Bradley McMahon

Bradley is congratulated for his efforts in community activities associated with the Australian Naval Cadets and fund-raising activities for the Lower Eyre Peninsula Bush Fire Appeal. He is also an active member and volunteer of the Stirling North CFS.

Community Event of the Year
Nominations: Eremophila Festival, Undercover Flea Market, Anderson Dancers 25 Year Reunion

Winner: Anderson Dancers 25 Year Reunion

Over 500 people attended the Anderson Dancers 25 Year Reunion which was held on the 10th & 11th July 2004. Anderson Dancers have been an integral part of the community since 1970 and have supported many local charities through fund raising and donations.
6.2 ACADEMIC ACHIEVER AWARD

The Port Augusta City Council recognises the effort and commitment made by the youth of this community in their endeavours to achieve their ultimate goals and dreams for their futures, and presents an award annually to Port Augusta’s top honours student.

The Award is presented to the student who receives the highest Tertiary Entrance Ranking (TER) as a result of the Year 12 Exams.

The 2004/2005 Academic Achiever Award was presented to Ms Kyla Raby who achieved an overall TER score of 93.0. Kyla was a student of the Port Augusta Secondary School.

Kyla received a cheque to the value of $500 from the Port Augusta City Council and her name has been added to the Academic Achiever Honour Board located in the foyer area adjacent the Council Chambers.

6.3 PORT AUGUSTA JUNIOR SPORTS ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION

The Port Augusta Junior Sports Assistance Foundation was formulated to enable the sporting achievements by members of the community who have excelled and/or shown leadership in their chosen sport to be acknowledged.

The Foundation’s Management Committee meet on a month basis to assess nominations that are received for the following monthly awards:
- Sportsperson of the Month
- Achiever Award
- Incentive Award

An annual Presentation Evening is also held to acknowledge all monthly winners and to award the following three annual awards:
- Sportsperson of the Year (chosen from Sportsperson of the Month recipients)
- Special Achiever Award (chosen from monthly Achiever Award recipients)
- Special Incentive Award (chosen from the monthly Incentive Award recipients)

The following sports people received awards in the 2004/2005 financial year in acknowledgement of their sporting contributions:

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**Sportsperson of the Year**

**Brian Kirkham (BMX)**

**Special Incentive - tied**

**Nathan Freeman (Judo)**  
**Libby Harrison (Basketball)**

**Special Achiever**

**Sophie Burch (Judo)**

Right: Brian Kirkham, Sophie Burch and Nathan Freeman at the presentation evening of Sportsperson of the Year 2004
6.4 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING FESTIVAL

A competition is held in conjunction with the “Christmas Lighting Festival”, to acknowledge the contribution made by the community members in lighting up their homes and businesses and the effort that is made on the various lighting displays, no matter how big or small.

Nominations are received from members of the public as to who they believe have the best lighting display within the following 5 categories:

1) Best Residential display
2) Best Business Display
3) Best Street Display
4) South Australian Housing Trust Winner
5) Encouragement Award

The successful winners were:

**Best Residential Display:** 128 Hurcombe Crescent (Leonard and Maureen Coppin) who received $500 donated by the Transcontinental Newspaper

**Best Business Display:** Hotel Augusta who received a $500 advertising voucher donated by Central GST/BKN/5AU

**Best Street Display:** Cummins Street, Port Augusta (residents at No.s 4, 11, 14, 32 and 36 each received a $50.00 voucher donated by the Port Augusta City Council)

**SAHT Winner:** 34 Kay Crescent (Mr & Mrs S Haynes) who received $200 donated by the SAHT.

**Encouragement Award:** 2 Knight Close (Christine Daley) who received $100 donated by the Youth Advisory Committee

The above Encouragement Award was established as a new award category in 2004 and was financially supported by the Youth Advisory Committee. The photo below is of Christine Daley receiving her award with representatives from the Youth Advisory Committee looking on.

Locally, Free Lighting Bus Tours are arranged by the Port Augusta City Council in conjunction with Skillshare Buses to enable those people who do not have access to a vehicle, an opportunity to tour the city to take in the lights.

All participants in the "lighting up" festival are congratulated on their wonderful displays, which provide pleasure not only to our local community but also visitors from Adelaide and other communities, who travel to Port Augusta especially to view the numerous lighting displays in our City.

6.5 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Each year the Rotary Club in conjunction with the Port Augusta City Council host the Christmas Pageant and Mayoral Christmas Party, which is always strongly supported by the community. Commercial Road and Gladstone Square burst into life on a Friday night in December each year to celebrate the festive season and enjoy a great family night out.

On Friday 8th December 2004, the community were entertained with an array of wonderful sights and sounds as the pageant floats made their way along Commercial Road and the crowd were delighted with the appearance of Father Christmas at the tail end of the procession.

Following the pageant, the Mayoral Christmas Party kicked off in Gladstone Square with live music and an assortment of amusements for the children which kept everyone entertained. An array of food and drinks
available on the night ensured that no-one went hungry. It was another successful family night enjoyed by all who attended.

The winners of the best Float Awards were:

**Best Float Overall:** “Not so nimble” entered by the Men's Shed who received $250.00 donation for their efforts.

**Best Float School:** “Bob the Building” entered by Augusta Park Kindergarten who received a $150.00 donation.

**Best Float Recreation,** **Youth & Sport**

“Walking Christmas Trees” entered by the Port Augusta City Council Library/Anderson Dancers who received a $150.00 donation.

**Best Float Public/ Private Business/ Organisation**

“Softy the Snowman” entered by BP Port Augusta who received a $150.00 donation.

**Encouragement Award**

“Rainbow/Colours” entered by Open Access College School of the Air who received a $100.00 donation.

## 6.6 Volunteer Recognition Awards

Annually, volunteers provide an invaluable service to the community by supporting community groups and organisations within the City and Region. At the inaugural National Volunteer Week celebrations held in Gladstone Square on the 11th May 2005, the following organisations received Certificates of Recognition for their dedication and commitment to our City:

1) **Meals on Wheels**

The Port Augusta branch of Meals on Wheels has for 33 years provided meals to community members. All of the people who manage and deliver the meals work voluntarily, and they not only provide a warm meal but also a cheery hello and chat to their clients.

2) **Port Augusta Hospital Wildflower Volunteers**

The Wildflower Volunteers provide a meaningful service to patients in hospital. They spend time with patients and make their stay in hospital a more positive experience.

3) **Lifeline Central SA/NT Inc**

Lifeline Port Augusta is manned by 13 voluntary telephone counsellors. Over the past 12 months they have completed approximately 5,616 hours of shift work to provide support to people in our region.

4) **Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association Port Augusta**

The Volunteer Coast Guard Association is on call 24 hours a day for anything that occurs on the water. Service includes rescue and radio monitoring.

5) **State Emergency Service**

The SES responds to day to day type incidents such as vehicle accidents, searches, cliff rescue, flood and storm damage situations and any other incidents at which their assistance may be required.
6.7 COUNCIL AWARDS

During 2004/2005 the Port Augusta City Council was the recipient of several awards in recognition of various outstanding services which are provided to the community. It is great to receive this sort of recognition, and is an indication that Council and Staff continually strive to improve the services they provide for the benefit of the whole community.

The Port Augusta City Council received the following Awards in 2004:

1) KESAB Tidy Towns Innovation award for "Resource Recovery and Waste Management.

2) KESAB 2004 Award for "Environment, Education and Action" was won by the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden

3) KESAB Excellence Award for the "Best Single Effort in the Community Action Category" was received for the Foreshore Program.

4) KESAB 2004 Commendation Award was received for the "City of Port Augusta Works Program".

5) The Port Augusta Library was issued a "Certificate of Merit" in the 2004 Port Augusta Outstanding Business Awards.

6) Council Staff - Ms Kylie McKerile (General Inspector), Ms Amy Olsson (Administrative Assistant SVU) and Ms Marji Grantham (Personal Care Attendant - Nerrilida Nursing Home) all received awards for their "Personal Contribution" in the 2004 Port Augusta Outstanding Business Awards.

Port Augusta finished 10th in the Town Awards for KESAB 2004 Awards, for a population of over 2750. Trophies are on display in the Civic Centre.