



**The Corporation of the
Town of Walkerville**

Annual Report 2007-2008

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About Walkerville

The Walkerville Council has been in existence for over 150 years, being proclaimed in July 1855. The community is very proud of its history and the "village" character of the council area.

Walkerville is situated on the north-eastern border of the Adelaide CBD and is the smallest council within the metropolitan area, covering only 3.5 square kilometres. It was one of the earliest settled areas outside of central Adelaide.

The Town, consisting of the suburbs of Medindie, Gilberton, Vale Park and Walkerville has a population of just over 7,000 residents. It is predominantly a place where people live with 92% of its assessments being residential. Many of these properties date back to the mid 1800s and provide a variety of dwelling styles ranging from single fronted cottages to mansions of a grand scale.

There are two State Government Primary Schools, being Walkerville and Vale Park, and three independent schools, Wilderness School, St Andrew's School and St Monicas. Two of these provide school education, Wilderness School, St Andrew's School and St Monica's Parish School.

The main areas of commercial activity are located along major arterials and Walkerville Terrace. Main North Road, provides for showrooms and bulky goods, while Walkerville Terrace and North East Road provide neighbourhood services with a

range of shops, post office, hotels and consulting rooms.

The River Torrens is the boundary between the Town of Walkerville and City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters. The Linear Park is a highly valued recreational and environmental asset. The Council is also home to the Levi Park Caravan Park which is located on the banks of the River Torrens. A range of accommodation facilities is available, from powered tent sites to luxury cabins and fully serviced suites within the State Heritage listed Vale House.

Population projections for the Town of Walkerville indicate that the population will continue to grow, albeit at a slow rate. It is estimated that by 2021, the population will increase to 7,576 persons¹. This represents an average growth rate of 40 persons per annum, or approximately 8% over the period.

Just over 27% of Walkerville residents are aged over 60 years of age and this trend is almost certain to continue. An ageing population is going to require additional assistance and services in order for these people



Memorial Gardens, Walkerville

At the 2006 Census, the population of the Town of Walkerville was 7,008 persons. This represents an increase in population since the previous Census undertaken in 2001, when the population was 6,846 persons.

to remain living independently in their own home.

One of the more interesting facts about the Town of Walkerville is the sizeable share of the

¹ **Planning SA, Population Projections Inquiry System, accessed 27.9.07**

population aged 75 and over, especially in the 75-84 year age group compared to the Australian

Statistics Data. This is related to the relatively high number of aged

care facilities and retirement living units in the Council area.

Strategic Management Plan

CORPORATE VISION STATEMENT

- **“Maintain and build upon the social, physical, and environmental heritage of Walkerville for the benefit of the community”**
- **“Be at the forefront of best practice and customer service to work with the people of the Town to enhance their quality of life”**
- **“Preserve an urban form and built environment which protect the best from the past, but meet contemporary needs and create a high amenity living and working environment”**
- **“Turn major thoroughfares into attractive landscaped boulevards with the adverse impact of transport minimised”**
- **“Create an attractive and vibrant town centre which reflects the values and spirit of Walkerville in a manner which services the needs of the community”**
- **“Provide a range of responsive community services and facilities to meet identified needs”**
- **“Implement environmentally sustainable development and practices by council and community”**
- **“Develop the Town’s infrastructure to a high standard to achieve high levels of amenity and safety”**



MISSION STATEMENT

**“To enhance the identity,
character and quality
of life of Walkerville,
through care,
integrity and service”**

Message from the Mayor



Mayor David Whiting

It is with pride that I have been able to represent Walkerville Council as its Mayor again in 2007/2008.

A key platform of this Council is to continue to work closely and collaboratively with our neighbours in the eastern region. In a time when resource sharing is firmly on the local government agenda, it is pleasing to note that the eastern region has been engaging in cooperative approaches for almost 25 years in various forms.

In keeping with the collaborative approach Council is grateful to the many volunteers that support our Town and our residents. This year in May the Council hosted a volunteers' luncheon to thank these people. Council was pleased to be able to host the Minister for Volunteers, as well as our local members in the State and Federal Parliament. It is worth noting that South Australia

leads the nation in volunteering and this is an achievement of which we can and should all be proud.

Council finalised and adopted its strategic plan early in 2008. This provides a framework for the Town over the coming 10 year period. One of the key foci is environmental management. The Council maintains a number of green environments, most notably its parks and gardens and the linear park.

With the severe drought conditions experienced over recent years, water restrictions have become a way of life for all of us. Council has endeavoured to maintain parks and gardens to a high standard whilst being environmentally responsible. Council has some access to bore water and where possible uses this source as a supplement to water that can be accessed pursuant to the current regulations. Watering regimes are targeted to make the most efficient use of the water available.

Council is also considering environmental matters when selecting plant species and, to that end in and around the Town Hall recent plantings include native grasses. These plants provide a visually aesthetic texture to the gardens whilst requiring less intensive watering.

Council has also worked closely with neighbouring Councils and the State Government with the linear park. The linear park is not only an important waterway within

the City, but it also provides for a multitude of recreational opportunities. Joint studies have been commenced within the Linear Park to seek to ensure that as far as is possible it provides for a safe and pleasant experience for users. In conjunction with SA Water bank stabilisation works have been undertaken and some pest plant species removed.

Walkerville Oval also deserves a specific mention as the most used of all of the Town's sporting facilities. The picturesque ground is also a resource for the local schools many of which use it for sports day activities. It is well managed by the Sports Club and is home in winter to the Football Club and in summer the Cricket Club. It is also well used by all for general passive recreation.

In October 2007 it was host to Council's bi-ennial Walkerville Fair. Although a blustery day, this didn't dampen the attendance and those who attended were treated to a wide variety of entertainment, food and stalls selling everything from books to locally made produce and hand made clothes.

The oval was also host to the annual Carols in the Village event, which was well attended. The choral music and the carol singing has become a Walkerville tradition. The Rotary Club of Walkerville did a great job with their BBQ and the distribution of sweets through Father Christmas.

It is also one of special duties of office for Council to welcome new residents to our community. Deputy Mayor Heather Wright

hosted this year's Australia Day ceremonies with Council conferring citizenship on a total of 17 new residents. These people come from a variety of countries and bring a wealth of stories and diversity to our community.

In closing I would like to thank the Deputy Mayor and Councillors for their efforts on behalf of the Walkerville Community and the staff who work to implement the Council's vision.

Walkerville Council will continue its commitment to work for its

community and to provide a range of services and ensure that Walkerville residents get the maximum service for rate dollars.

David Whiting

Chief Executive Officer's Statement



Helen Dyer, Chief Executive Officer

The year 2007/2008 was not without its achievements and challenges for Walkerville Council.

As part of its stewardship of the Town the Council finalised the Walkerville Strategic Plan 2008 – 2018. This plan, developed with much community input, sets out a range of priority areas for the Council to focus activity and expenditure over the coming 10 year period in order to ensure that Walkerville Council provides leadership and services for the community.

Amongst the key areas there has been a strong focus on communication. The Council has sought to ensure that the Community is well informed of key matters through the Council publication, Walkerville News. Whilst Walkerville News continues to provide a vehicle for community groups to advertise coming events and activities,

Walkerville News now provides a greater focus on providing information about Council activities and matters of importance to local government as a sector, for residents and ratepayers information. In light of its commitment to communication, the Council also commenced its regular information column published in the third week of the month in each of the local Messenger press publications distributed throughout the Walkerville area.

The Communication Committee that met monthly between December 2007 and March 2008 was also instrumental in developing a communication strategy. This strategy outlines an array of communication options that the Council may adopt for any given consultation process.

The Strategic Plan also focuses on ensuring that the Council has a robust and up to date town planning policy. As part of this the staff have continued to work actively on the drafting of an amendment to, primarily, the residential policy within the Council's Development Plan.

Council has continued to work with its neighbouring Councils in the Eastern Region. During the period, the Council worked with neighbouring Councils along the Torrens to undertake a risk assessment and develop a programme for consistent signage. Walkerville has also been a key player in the Eastern Region Emergency Management Plan project, and is sharing a risk coordinator with the City of

Campbelltown. In conjunction with Prospect Council, plans were developed to increase the range of community services provided to Walkerville Residents. Council also continued to support East Waste, the Eastern Health Authority, and Waste Care SA.

As always, Walkerville's community and the Council have been supported by the generous service clubs and churches within the area. I would like to express the Council's gratitude to all involved.

In addition to its own strategic priorities, Council staff were also occupied undertaking the preparation of the Council's ten year financial management plan and ten year asset management plans, all due for completion and adoption in November 2008. These plans will assist the Council with its forward budgeting and should provide greater certainty around the management of its assets and are key planks of the Council's financial sustainability programme.

The year was dominated by the litigation surrounding the Town Centre development. This litigation was unfortunate and impacted the Council's budget setting process which had to be delayed to allow for consideration to be given to the prospect of funding a trial. The matter was, however, resolved without going to trial in February 2008 with settlement scheduled for August 2008.

The resolution, whilst requiring compromise on all sides, was


considered essential as it provided some certainty for Council and the Community and stemmed the Council's legal costs, enabling it to refocus its resources towards the agreed key priorities.

As part of the revised budget setting process the Council decided to push some road reconstruction projects from the 2007/2008 financial year to the

2008/2009 year. It also deferred other capital works expenditure from commencement until early in the 2008 calendar year. This late commencement resulted in the Council not completing all of the works within the financial year, causing this expenditure to be carried forward to enable the completion of the projects. Notwithstanding, the projects are scheduled for completion early in the 2008/2009 financial year.

This Annual Report has been prepared with a view to providing information to all readers about the activities of the Council over the past 12 months and about the approach Council is taking to the management of its responsibilities and discharge of duties.

Elected Members Vale Park Ward



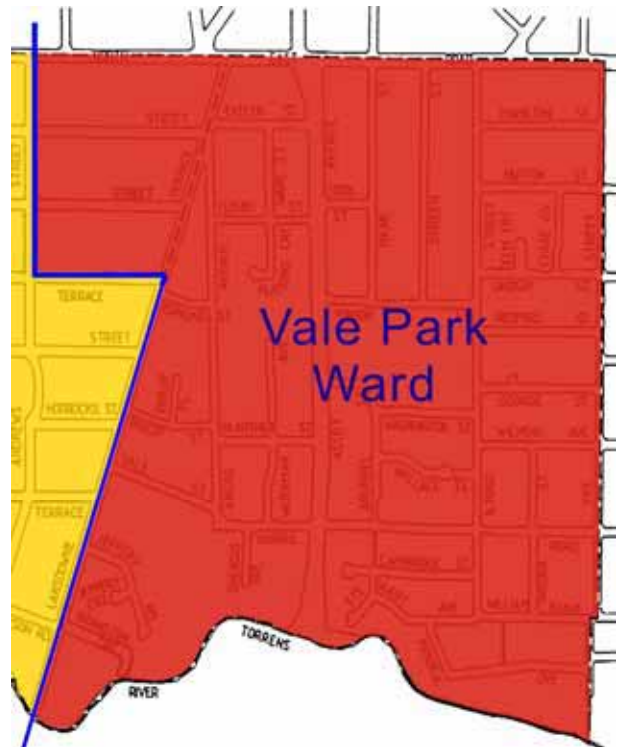
Councillor
Tony Reade



Councillor
Gianni Busato



Councillor
Heather Wright



Elected Members Walkerville Ward



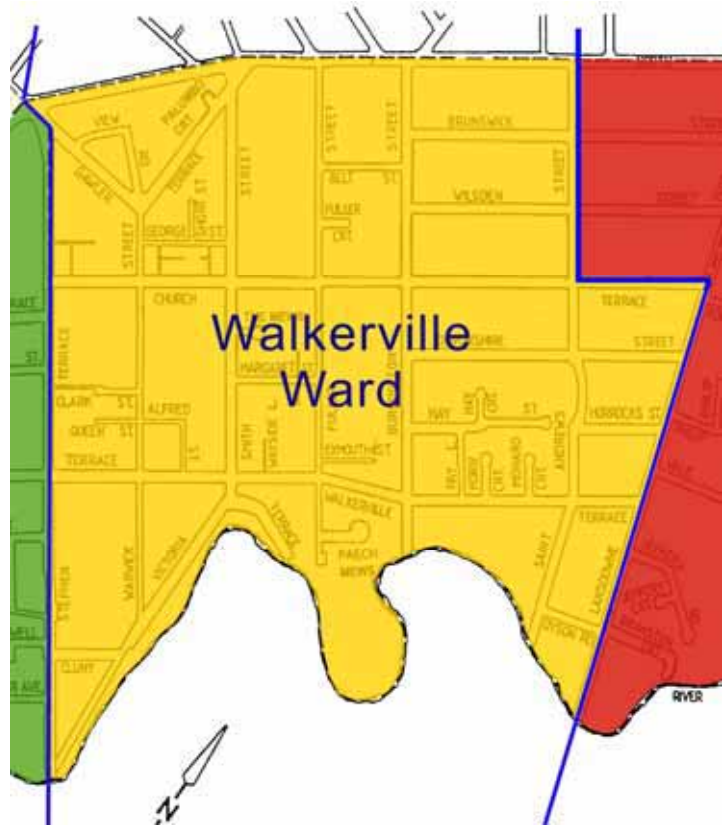
Councillor
Philip Cheesman



Councillor
John Rich



Councillor
James Williams



Elected Council

Decision making structure - committees

The Council is the main decision making body. The Council, pursuant to Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1999, may establish committees:

- To assist the Council in the performance of its function;
- To inquire into and report to the Council on matters within the ambit of the Council's responsibilities;
- To provide advice to the Council; and
- To exercise, perform or discharge delegated powers, functions or duties.

When establishing a Committee, the Council determines the reporting and other accountability requirements that are to apply to the Committee.

Current committees are:

Development Assessment Panel

Council's Development Assessment Panel pursuant to 56A of the Development Act 1993 still operates and has delegated authority from Council to carry out the assessment of development applications. The Development Assessment Panel carried out its duties within the provisions of the Development Act to make decisions on development applications with due regard to Council's Development Plan. The South Australian Parliament

passed the Development (Panels) Amendment Bill, which resulted in the make up of the panel changing to include members of the public who are independent of the Council. Walkerville previously incorporated two independent members on its Panels. The biggest change therefore is that the Walkerville Panel now has two more independent members and an independent Chairperson.

Membership:

Mr Bill Chandler (Presiding Member)

Ms Stephanie Johnston

Mr Douglas Johnston

Mr Philip Cheesman

Ms Heather Wright

Ms Carolyn Wigg, and

Ms Skye MacDonald

Walkerville Town Centre Committee

Pursuant to Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1999, on 4 December 2006 the Council established its Town Centre Committee.

The Town Centre Committee has been established to provide advice to the Council on the following matters:

- In relation to the current Town Centre Development project, including the sites at 82–86 Walkerville Terrace,

33 Warwick Street and the Transport SA (DTEI) car park, review the need for a prudential report(s) pursuant to Section 48 of the Local Government Act 1999 and if it is determined that such a report(s) is required, cause for such a report(s) to be prepared for presentation to, and consideration by, the Council.

- To act as a steering committee providing advice to the Council in respect to the development of a long term master plan for the development of Walkerville Terrace and the total Transport SA (DTEI) Walkerville site, taking into account the aspirations of all stakeholders and the ability of existing infrastructure to handle resulting increased usage, economic viability, disposal of any Council owned land and local amenity.
- In conjunction with items above, consider (and report back to the Council on) the value of a thorough and independent traffic study investigating the ramifications of all new development on Walkerville Terrace and the Transport SA (DTEI) Walkerville site.
- Subsequent to the outcome of items above, provide advice to Council as necessary about the preparation of a new Council wide Development Plan, Plan

Amendment Report during the term of this Council.

Membership:

All members of Council.

Town of Walkerville Audit Committee

The Corporation of the Town of Walkerville's Audit Committee was established on 19 February 2007.

The principal objective of the Audit Committee is to add value to and improve, the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville's operations, by assisting the Council to meet its legislative and probity requirements as required by the Local Government Act 1999 and other relevant Legislation, Standards and Codes.

The primary role of the Audit Committee, is to assist the Council in the effective conduct of its responsibilities in respect to financial reporting, management of risk, maintaining a reliable system of internal controls and facilitating the organisation's ethical development.

The Audit Committee is established to assist the co-ordination of relevant activities of management and the external auditor in order to facilitate the achievement of organisational objectives in an efficient and effective manner.

As part of the Council's governance obligations to its citizens, the Council has constituted an Audit Committee to facilitate:

- the enhancement of the credibility and objectivity of internal and external financial reporting;

- propose and provide information relevant to a review of the Council's Strategic Management Plans and Annual Business Plan;

- the review and reporting on any matter relating to financial management or the efficiency and economy with which the Council manages its resources;

- effective management of financial and other risks and the protection of the Council's assets;

- compliance with laws and regulations as well as use of best practice guidelines;

- the provision of an effective means of communication between the external auditor, management and the Council;

- proposing and reviewing the exercise of powers under Section 130A of the Local Government Act 1999.

- review of Annual Financial Statements to ensure that they present fairly the state of affairs of the Council;

- liaising with the Council's Auditor; and

- reviewing the adequacy of accounting, internal control reporting and other financial management systems and practices of the Council on a regular basis.

Membership:

Cr Philip Cheesman
(Chairperson)

Mr Geoffrey Gosden

Mr John Maslen

Cr Carolyn Wigg

Mayor David Whiting

Building Fire Safety Committee

The objective of the Building Fire Safety Committee is to investigate whether fire safety in existing buildings throughout the Council area is being adequately maintained, and where it is considered inadequate, to require it to be upgraded so as to provide an acceptable level of fire safety. As the role of the BFSC relates to fire safety in older existing buildings, priority for inspections are made on a risk assessment basis related to types of buildings that constitute a high fire safety risk. For example, buildings that provide overnight accommodation for unrelated persons or where occupants may not be highly mobile, or where large numbers may congregate and not be familiar with their surroundings or other buildings deemed to be a risk because of their circumstances. During the last 12 months, the Building Fire Safety Committee has overseen the installation of fire safety sprinkler systems to various buildings and the upgrade and improvement to fire safety provisions for a number of building/renovation programs.

Attendances at Council meetings

There were a total of 30 council meetings during this financial year, of which 12 were general Council meetings, and 18 were Special meetings of Council.

Mayor Whiting attended 10 Council Meetings; 16 Special Meetings

Councillor Adams attended 8 Council Meetings; 10 Special Meetings

Councillor Busato attended 5 Council Meetings; 5 Special Meetings following his election in January 2008.

Councillor Cheesman attended 12 Council Meetings; 14 Special Meetings

Councillor Reade attended 11 Council Meetings; 18 Special Meetings

Councillor Rich attended 8 Council Meetings; 7 Special Meetings

Councillor Rossis attended 1 Council Meeting prior to her resignation in October 2007.

Councillor Wigg attended 12 Council Meetings; 16 Special Meetings

Councillor Wilkins attended 12 Council Meetings, 16 Special Meetings

Councillor Williams attended 12 Council Meetings; 18 Special Meetings

Councillor Wright attended 11 Council Meetings; 16 Special Meetings

Elected member allowances

The register of elected member allowances and benefits was available for inspection upon request at the Council Office.

Allowances paid to members:

Mayor: \$15,000.00

Deputy Mayor: \$4,690.00

Presiding member of a standing committee: \$4,690.00

Elected members: \$3,750.00

Other benefits included training and attendance at conferences pertaining to Council's roles and functions.

As per Council's Elected Members Allowances, Benefits,

Facilities & Support Policy, the Mayor has the following facilities and support to assist with performing or discharging official functions and duties: mayoral office space; laptop computer; internet service; mobile telephone (including reimbursement of council related phone calls); home phone rental, copy paper and clerical assistance as required.

Elected Members Training/Conferences

During the 2007/2008 financial year a budget of \$12,000 was set aside for training and development and attendance at seminars/ conferences for elected members. Various courses/ conferences were undertaken throughout the year at a cost of \$8,872.19. Courses/ Seminars undertaken by Elected Members were:

Mayor David Whiting

- ICLEI Briefing Breakfast – Local Government Tackling Climate Change

- 2007 LGA AGM & Associated Workshops

- 2008 National Housing Conference

- 2008 LGA Showcase & General Meeting

Cr Heather Wright

- ICLEI Briefing Breakfast – Local Government Tackling Climate Change

- Balancing Heritage with Sustainable Development

- 2007 LGA AGM & Associated Workshops

- ICLEI Seminar – Water Partnerships in Action

- 2008 LGA Showcase & General Meeting

- Council & Committee Meeting Procedures & Chairing Skills

- Community Engagement Seminar

- Residential Seminar – Strategic Issues

Cr Carolyn Wigg

- ALGA Conference

- Balancing Heritage Conservation with Sustainable Development

- ICLEI Seminar – Water Partnerships in Action

- Affordable Housing Training

Cr Paul Wilkins

- Community Engagement Seminar

- Residential Seminar – Strategic Issues

- Affordable Housing Training

Cr Philip Cheesman

- Sustainable Waste Management Conference & 2nd National Landfill and Transfer Stations Conference

- Council & Committee Meeting Procedures & Chairing Skills

- Affordable Housing Training

- Residential Program – Governance Modules

Optimum Consulting & Training Services conducted an elected members workshop.

Representation to Outside Bodies

Elected Members are represented to various outside bodies both locally and regionally. Members currently representing Council on outside bodies include the following members and organisations:

- Murray Darling Association – Councillor Adams
- Inner North East Adelaide YMCA – Councillor Adams
- Pleasant Sunday Afternoon – Councillor Adams
- WastecareSA – Councillor Cheesman
- East Waste Management Authority – Councillor Rich
- Highbury Landfill Authority – Mayor Whiting
- Walkerville Primary School Council – Councillor Rich
- Eastern Health Authority – Councillors Wigg and Wright
- Vale Park Primary School Council – Councillor Wright

Administration

Governance

The administration area of Council has the primary responsibility for the provision of governance support to the elected membership and administrative support to all other Council service departments.

Services provided by the administration team include:

- Governance
- Financial Management
- Rates and Property Administration
- Information Technology and Records Management
- Customer Service and Administrative Support
- Community Safety

Council is committed to a high standard of corporate governance and accountability and seeks continuous improvement.

Executive Management Team

The role of Council's Executive Management Team was to provide advice to Council on strategies and policy direction, to implement Council decisions and to ensure that Council complied with its statutory obligations. Management and staff were also responsible for carrying out the regulatory and service roles of a local government body.

The Executive Management Team comprised the Chief Executive Officer, three Department Managers and the Executive Assistant.

Council staff operated under a system of delegated authority according to their level of training and responsibility. This promoted accountability and allowed for the smooth functioning of operational and administrative activities.

Allowances paid to members of the Executive Management Team (excluding Executive Assistant) included a cash salary, fully maintained motor vehicle and statutory superannuation.

Human Resources

Council continues to retain a balance of well trained and responsive Council employed staff, and the use of contractors for specialised projects and services. Council also has shared arrangements with other neighbouring Councils. This extends to a shared regional grants officer, a joint youth officer with Prospect as well as shared service provision and a regional risk coordinator. The use of employed staff, contractors and shared service arrangements ensures that projects are carried out using specialist equipment and skills of contractors where necessary, whilst retaining a core workforce that can respond quickly and efficiently to localised problems and concerns.

All employees were employed under an Enterprise Agreement and relevant industrial awards or

a common law contract of employment.

Employees continue to undertake appropriate training to ensure they are equipped with the knowledge and skills required to service the community efficiently.

As at the 30th June 2008, Council employed a total of 24 people, 13 full time and 11 part time/casual employees. Council had 8 vacant positions.

Equal Opportunity

Council is an equal opportunity employer and will employ the best person for the advertised position. Employees are encouraged to attend training courses to improve their skills base and their opportunity for advancement in the Local Government Industry.

Customer Service

Council's Customer Service provided a one-stop shop for prompt and efficient customer service for both visitors and ratepayers within the Town. Service was provided across the counter and in response to telephone and email enquiries.

Requests ranged from trimming trees, road and footpath maintenance, recycling and domestic rubbish collection, parking, planning, rates and animal management queries.

Information Technology & Records Management

Software continues to be reviewed to ensure that an

efficient and effective service is provided.

Management of correspondence is actioned in accordance with General Disposal Schedule 20 for Local Government Authorities in South Australia. Once archived, permanent records are stored at State Records whilst non-permanent records are stored with a State Records approved service provider of temporary records.

Strategic Planning

During 2007/2008 the Council concluded the process to prepare the Strategic Management Plan 2008-2018 that commenced in 2006. The Plan, prepared in consultation with the community, sets a framework for the future of the Town over the next 10 years. Council's budget is prepared having regard to the Strategic Management Plan to ensure that financially the plan and objectives of Council are supported.

Key goals include:

- (1) A well informed community that regularly uses our services and participates in events and activities
- (14) Efficient and effective use of financial resources to maintain a good standard of infrastructure and assets for present and future generations.
- (15) Continue to act as ethical and responsible decision makers
- (16) Provide consultative processes where the community feels satisfied that they have been included and their contribution valued.

Risk Management / Occupational Health Safety & Welfare

Council continued to share the resources and expertise of a risk and occupational health safety and welfare co-ordinator from the LGA Mutual Liability Scheme / LGA Workers Compensation Scheme with Burnside, Prospect and Campbelltown Councils. However in January 2008, it was decided not to continue with the shared arrangement and Walkerville is likely to join with Campbelltown Council to employ a full time risk manager.

The annual Risk Management Review was conducted by the Local Government Mutual Liability Scheme, Walkerville's results were just above the metropolitan average with a score of 87.8%. The Local Government average was 85.2%.

Occupational Health Safety & Welfare continued to be a major commitment for the Council with the safety of its workers of paramount importance. As part of that commitment, Council negotiated with Converge International to become Council's Employee Assistance Provider. Council worked closely with the Local Government Association Workers Compensation Scheme with its annual review and to formulate an action plan.

Community Safety

Council provides community safety awareness within the Town through a contract arrangement with the City of Prospect. Areas covered include parking, animal management, including lost dogs, overhanging growth, European wasp control etc.

Council continues to work with local schools to ensure that the safety of children is paramount and our Community Safety

Officers monitor the area to ensure compliance with legislation.

Dog and Cat Management

Council in association with the Dog and Cat Management Board, continued to provide educational programs to the community for responsible pet ownership and urban animal management to ensure the safety of residents and the wellbeing of animals.

During the period 898 dogs were registered within the Town.

Finance

The Town of Walkerville continues to be largely dependent on residential rates income to fund its operations, more so than most other councils in South Australia. This is largely attributed to the fact that Walkerville has a high percentage of residential properties and a limited capacity to raise revenue from alternative sources, such as fees and charges and receives minimal government grants.

The finance department coordinated the preparation of the Council budget for Council approval. Council engaged the services of a consultant to assist the finance department to meet statutory reporting requirements. Council operated within tight budget constraints to keep rate increases to a minimum. (refer to Audited Financial Statements).

During the 2007/2008 year, Council commenced work on its 10 year financial plan and 10 year asset management plan. As part of this process, both Tonkin Consulting & Maloney Field Services were engaged to assist with providing valuations and condition ratings of assets. These will assist Council and the community for its long term future direction.

Rates & Property

Property values are used as a basis for determining what share of the total rate revenue individual ratepayers are to pay. The property values used by the Council are independently set by the Valuer General. Ratepayers can object to the valuation if they believe it is inaccurate.

Rates are determined based on the capital value of the property, which includes both the value of the land and the value of any buildings or other structures.

Rates are the major source of revenue for council, accounting for approx 80% of Council's revenue. Other sources of income include grants, but unfortunately one of the grants being the Federal Assistance Grant is distributed upon formulae designed to achieve broad equity across SA that accordingly results in the Town of Walkerville receiving only a fixed minimum amount per capita. Other sources include Statutory Charges, User Charges, and reimbursements. Due to Council's size, these are only minimal income sources.

Council again acted as a collection agency for the Natural Resources Management Levy. These funds are used by the Board to manage resources. Council was reimbursed \$2,554.50 to offset Council's ongoing costs of levy collection.

Rating Policy

Rating Administration was responsible for maintaining a data base of approximately 3430 properties within the Town of Walkerville, for billing and collection of rate payments and the administration of Council's Rating Policy (appendix A)

Office of the East

Office of the East, a cooperative alliance between City of Burnside, City of Campbelltown, City of Prospect, City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters, City of Tea Tree Gully, City of Unley and Corporation of the Town of Walkerville continued to meet and identify opportunities for improved services.

Codes & Registers

Under the Local Government Act 1999 Council is required to keep a list of registers and codes of conduct / practice.

Code of Practice – Procedures at Meetings

The Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2000 specify certain procedures to be undertaken during the operation of Council meetings. These procedures govern:

- a) the meetings of a council;
- b) the meetings of a council committee performing regulatory activities and
- c) the meetings of any other council committee.

The Regulations provide that the Council may develop a 'Code of Practice' where Council chooses to establish its own procedures at these meetings where those procedures are capable of variation by a prescribed number of Elected Members as determined by the Act (refer to Section 86(8b) and 89(1b)). This Code of Practice includes the procedures which are specified within the regulations as capable of variation and which have been so varied by the Council and where the Council has determined that the Act and/or Regulations are silent. Council

reviewed the Code of Practice – Procedures at Meetings in April 2008.

Code of Conduct – Elected Members

This Code of Conduct is a public declaration of the principles of good conduct and standards of behaviour that this Council believes the community could reasonably expect of its Members of Council. Council adopted its Code of Conduct in February 2007.

Code of Conduct – Employees

This Code of Conduct is a public declaration of the principles of good conduct and standards of behaviour the Walkerville Council have decided its stakeholders could reasonably expect of Council employees to demonstrate in the performance of their duties and functions. This code is required by the Local Government Act 1999, section 110. Council adopted the Code of Conduct – Employees in April 2007.

Code of Practice – Access to Meetings and Documents

This Code of Conduct is a public declaration relating to public access to Council and Committee meetings and to the minutes of those meetings. This Code is requested by the Local Government Act 1999, section 92. Council reviewed its Code in September 2007.

Council's Policy Documents and Codes of Conduct / Practice provides a comprehensive guide for Council's procedures and conduct of Council Members and Administration. Council has policies governing:

- Advertising charges

- Bluestone kerbing
- Budget - implementation of programs
- Building inspections
- Building on or near boundary alignments
- Chief Executive Officer - appointment of acting
- Circulation of agendas and minutes to the media & other groups
- Communication Strategy
- Community fund guidelines
- Computer network, internet and email access/usage policy and guidelines
- Consultation – public
- Contracts and tenders
- Customer Service Standards
- Development - building over easements
- Development - extensions of planning consents
- Development - public notification
- Development / Building work - repair damage
- Development Act Delegations
- Disposal of surplus equipment
- Dog & Cat Management - control of cats
- Education, training, seminars & conferences
- Elected Members allowances, benefits, facilities and support
- Elected Members training and development
- Election signs – control of
- Emergency Risk Management
- Environmental Management
- Equal employment opportunity
- Fines / charges – waiving of
- Footpath and nature strip maintenance
- Grants Information
- Internal Control
- Internal review of council decisions
- Investments & review of investments
- Memorial Gardens – use of for wedding ceremonies / photographs
- Order making
- Outdoor dining
- Parking permits - residential
- Parks, gardens & reserves – use of
- Playground risk management
- Possums - trapping and the destruction of
- Public Question Time
- Records Management
- Risk Management
- Roundabout and protuberance landscaping
- Sign-post erection
- Signs and minor traffic devices
- Sponsorship – accepting & provision of
- Staff - annual leave
- Staff - immunisation against influenza
- Staff - membership of professional associations
- Staff - sick leave
- Staff – uniforms / corporate wardrobe
- Stobie pole decoration
- Street lighting
- Telecommunications overhead infrastructure
- Temporary road closure – events on roads
- Town Hall / Meeting Room - free hire to community groups / educational bodies
- Tree policy
- Undergrounding of powerlines
- Vandalism and graffiti management
- Volunteers
- Walkerville News Third Party Advertising
- Walkerville Oval & Levi Oval - hire of
- Wesleyan Cemetery - restoration of gravesites
- Wesleyan Cemetery - Smith Street
- Wilderness Home Help Fund

The above policies etc are to be reviewed in 2008/2009.

By Laws

The following by-laws made under the Local Government Act, 1999 are in operation within the Council area.

By-law No. 1 Permits & Penalties

To provide for a permit system and continuing penalties in Council by-laws, to clarify the construction of such by-laws and to repeal by-laws.

By-Law No 2 – Local Government Land

For the management and regulation of the use 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.

By-Law No 3 – Roads

For the management, control and regulation of certain activities on roads.

By-Law No 4 – Moveable Signs

To set standards for moveable signs on streets and roads and to provide conditions for and the placement of such signs.

A review of Council's bylaws commenced in February 2007 as required by the Local Government Act 1999. The review will conclude in the 2008/2009 year with the adoption of updated bylaws.

Full copies of the by-laws are available from the Council office or can be downloaded from Council's website www.walkerville.sa.gov.au

Voter Representation

Council's current representation quota is one Councillor for every 519 electors – 10 Elected Members for 5997 electors.

The Town of Walkerville is the only remaining Town Council within metropolitan Adelaide and there are no other Councils of a similar size and type with which to compare the representation quota.

Under Section 12 of the Local Government Act 1999, Council commenced its Elector Representation review in 2008. The review will follow the provisions of Section 12 of the Local Government Act 1999. This provides that Council must firstly prepare a representation option paper that will be released for public consultation. Following that consultation Council must prepare a report outlining the consultation and responses and any proposal Council considers should be carried out in relation to the review. This report also will be released for public consultation prior to the report being finalised. This is scheduled for early 2008/2009.

Competitive Neutrality, Significant Business Activities and Structural Reform of Public

The competition principles applicable to Local Government under the Competition Principles Agreement require that each Local Government authority issue a Clause 7 Statement which in the last year, Council advises that it:

- Has no significant businesses defined as Category 1 businesses under Competitive Neutrality Principles.

- Has no by-laws which place barriers on market entry, conduct or discriminates between competitors;
- Has received no complaints alleging a breach of competitive neutrality principles by the agency;
- Has not been involved in any structural reform of monopolies.

Confidentiality

While the Local Government Act requires meetings of Council or any of its Committees to be open to the public, from time to time some matters need to be discussed in confidence. Confidential matters are covered by Sections 90 and 91 of the Local Government Act, Council has adopted a Code of Practice relating to the principles, policies, procedures and practices that the Council applies for the purposes of the operation of Sections 90 and 91. The Code of Practice – Access to Council Meetings, Council Committees and Council Documents has specific accountability mechanisms, including the requirement to provide a summary of the use of the confidentiality provisions in Council's annual report.

A total of 39 confidential items were tabled at meetings under Section 90 (2) and (3) of which 38 items were also considered under Section 91 (7). Most of these related to the Supreme Court Act litigation.

Freedom of Information

Council is required under Section 9(1) and (1a) of the Freedom of Information Act 1991 to publish annually an Information Statement (refer to **appendix B**). Included in this Statement is a list of Council documents which are

accessible to the community as required by law.

Freedom of Information Applications

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 under Schedule 4 1(gb) states that Council must report on the applications made to Council under the Freedom of Information Act 1991 during the relevant financial year containing the information required by the regulations. Council received a total of 12 Freedom of Information applications throughout the 2007/2008 financial year.

Contracts and Tenders

Council reviewed and adopted its Contracts and Tenders policy in June 2007 and is committed to ensuring a fair, transparent and accountable process, in the provision of services, purchasing of goods and services and in the disposal of land and other assets.

The Corporation of the Town of Walkerville aims to ensure that its methods of:

- service provision (including the carrying out of works)
- purchasing goods
- selling and disposal of land and or other assets

are cost effective, represent best value for money and meet the needs of the community.

Council's Contracts and Tenders Policy addresses the key elements of the conduct of Council affairs in these areas and the principles that will guide its decision-making processes.

After hours Service

Council has engaged the services of an after hours telephone answering service which provides members of the public with a 24 hour 7 day a week response to their emergency.

Works & Infrastructure



Mark Draper, Manager Works & Infrastructure

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Domestic Waste Collection

Walkerville Council is a member of the Eastern Waste Management Authority (East Waste), a regional subsidiary comprised of six metropolitan Councils, established to collect and dispose of municipal waste. East Waste provides a three bin service to Walkerville residents:

- a 140 litre waste bin collected weekly
- a 240 litre bin for recyclables collected fortnightly
- a 240 litre green organic bin collected fortnightly.

An average of 56.01% of waste collected by East Waste is diverted from landfill and either recycled or reused.

Councillor J. Rich is Council's representative on the Board of the Eastern Waste Management Authority.

Hard Waste Collection

The annual Hard Waste collection occurred in October 2007 with 95 tonnes of waste collected over a four day period.

ROAD MAINTENANCE AND RENEWAL

Gawler Terrace - Road Reconstruction

The reconstruction of the Gawler Terrace road pavement and associated kerbing and storm water drainage works was completed in October 2007. The project also included the construction of a centre island blister, threshold treatments and kerb protuberances to control traffic. The following quantities of work were involved:

- 5,355 square metres of road pavement was reconstructed
- 974 lineal metres of kerbing was constructed
- 600 square metres of footpath was brick paved

The reconstruction of Gawler Terrace equates to 1.4% of the total road network.

Road Rehabilitation

The following road rehabilitation work was undertaken:

- Reseal View Road – 1560 square metres
- Reseal Gawler Terrace / View Road junction – 350 square metres
- Reseal Shergis Avenue – 722 square metres
- Reseal Edmund Street – 633 square metres
- Reseal Creswell Crt cul-de-sac – 200 square metres
- Crack seal Victoria Terrace – Smith Street to Warwick Street

The road rehabilitation work equates to 1.83% of the road network

Road Maintenance

Council conducts periodic audits of road infrastructure to locate failed areas or areas of risk that need to be attended to. The following audit maintenance work was carried out during 2006/2007:

6.5 kilometres of footpaths (8.3% of the network) was inspected and repairs to identified trip points were carried out.

The following Road Infrastructure Maintenance work was undertaken during 2007/2008:

- 230 lineal metres of Kerb & Gutter damaged by tree roots was replaced
- 163 lineal metres of Valley Drain was replaced

- 334 square metres of road pavement was patched and resurfaced
- 4 pram ramps were reconstructed
- 27 lineal metres of concrete path were replaced

RESERVES & RECREATION AREAS

The following Reserve & Recreation Area projects were undertaken during the year:

Walkerville YMCA – the following projects were undertaken to ensure compliance with standards and to improve safety:

- Extend the car park and reseal to create an additional 18 parking spaces
- Prepare design for the installation of fire protection services within the YMCA buildings.
- Undertake preliminary investigation into the upgrading of the power supply and board
- Creswell Park Public Toilets – Prepare a design for the replacement of the existing toilets on the southern side of the Tennis Club clubrooms with a single unisex/disabled toilet. This work will also involve the upgrading of the exterior of the building.
- Linear Park Access – The following projects were undertaken to improve access to the Linear Park:
- Undertake surveys and prepare a design for the reconstruction of the Linear Park Shared Use Path from St. Andrews Street to Fuller Street and from Gilbert Street

low level bridge to Hackney Bridge.

- Work with SA Water to prepare a design for the stabilisation of 140 metres of river bank south of St Andrews Street.

Reserve Maintenance

Council maintains approximately 12.4 hectares of reserve area which includes formal gardens, ovals and passive reserves. The River Torrens Linear Park, Walkerville Oval and Levi Park are the most significant reserve areas. Activities undertaken by council's maintenance team include, grass cutting, tree maintenance, lighting maintenance and revegetation works. Extensive maintenance pruning of large and significant trees took place at Levi Park Caravan Park and the section of the Linear Park between St. Andrews Street to Burlington Street. All work undertaken was in accordance with arborist reports and achieved the objective of minimising risk to the public and private property while extending the life of the trees where possible.

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

Gawler Terrace Reconstruction

The Gawler Terrace road works included the construction of 258m of storm water pipe from the existing system in Warwick Street to Smith Street. The drain terminates at Smith Street however it has been designed to connect to future drainage works to be undertaken on North East Road.

Forward Planning and Design

Design work has continued on the proposed duplication of the Lansdowne Terrace storm water drain which will incorporate water diverted from Ascot Avenue via Evelyn Street. Design work has also continued on the upgrading of the Walkerville Terrace storm water drainage from St. Andrews Street to Burlington Street, and including the Devonshire Street / Hay Street drain.

HIGHBURY LANDFILL AUTHORITY

East Waste, a regional authority comprising Burnside, Walkerville and Norwood, Payneham & St Peters Councils, was established to collect and dispose of municipal waste. East Waste operated a landfill at Highbury from 1971 to 1996 and at cessation of operations at the landfill, Highbury Landfill Authority (HLA) was established to administer the closure of the site. Walkerville Council has a 10% share in HLA. Mayor David Whiting was Council's representative on the HLA Board during 2007/2008

During the year the HLA Board achieved the following outcomes:

- Continued the monitoring of gas, site water and ground water within the site and extraction of gas for generation of power.
- Investigated the feasibility of automation of the gas monitoring process.
- Negotiated the renewal of the EPA landfill licence
- Implemented the strategy for closure of the landfill site by calling tenders for the capping of the site.

- Initiated negotiations in relation to the continued extraction of gas for power generation.
- Initiated discussion with Planning SA in relation to a potential housing development east of the landfill site.

WASTE CARE SA

Waste Care SA, a regional subsidiary comprising six metropolitan Councils, established the Wingfield Resource Recovery Centre (WRRRC) in 2004 and has contracted Transpacific Industries Ltd (TPI) to operate the business of receiving, re-using, recycling and disposal of waste. The recent acquisition of Cleanaway Australia by TPI has resulted in an increase in the tonnage of waste received at the WRRRC.

During the year the WCSA Board achieved the following outcomes:

WCSA worked with TPI to increase the tonnage of waste delivered to WRRRC.

WRRRC is now fully tenanted with the operations of AMCOR and Jefferies being established on the site during the year

The Jefferies organics operation based at WRRRC now processes 100,000 tonnes of kerbside collected garden waste annually.

The WRRRC received over 1 million tonnes of waste in the past 12 months and recycled in excess of 80% of this material.

LEVI PARK CARAVAN PARK – Harris Road, Vale Park

Pursuant to Schedule 8 Section 9 of the Local Government Act 1999, Council must preserve the Caravan Park, the Moreton Bay

Fig tree and Vale House. The nature and use of the park is not to be altered by Council without approval of the Minister.

The following works were undertaken within the Caravan Park during 2007/2008:

- Extensive maintenance pruning of all trees within the park, in accordance with arborists recommendations, was undertaken to minimise risk to the public and extend the life of the trees took place.
- Replacement of kerbing and spoon drains damaged by tree roots

ASSET MANAGEMENT

Council is required to prepare asset management plans for infrastructure and major assets for a period of at least ten years. During the year the following work was undertaken:

Council staff undertook asset management training courses conducted by the Local Government Association.

Council, in conjunction with the Eastern Region of Councils, purchased Road Surface Management (RSM) software and specific modules of the Conquest Asset Management Software. The existing council data has now been transferred to RSM and Conquest and work commenced on the preparation of a 10 year road works program.

Maloney Field Service completed an asset data base of all buildings, storm water drainage, reserves and structures within the Town. This work is beyond the normal accounting requirements for assets and looks at components of assets, condition rating and replacement values.

DEPOT OPERATIONS

Council's maintenance team of nine employees is based at 42 Fuller Street, Walkerville. The maintenance team is responsible for the routine maintenance of road infrastructure, reserves and public buildings. The team is also responsible for the administration and monitoring of numerous contracts for the maintenance and renewal of council infrastructure.

The following is a brief summary of the maintenance team's activities during the past 12 months –

Street Tree Maintenance

825 mature street trees were pruned by council staff and a further 10 were pruned by contractors. A total of 835 trees (23% of Council's 3,650 street trees).

All street trees planted over the past three years were formatively pruned. All street trees less than 3 years old were watered regularly during the summer months.

Street Cleaning

Council employees air broom footpath litter into the kerb prior to collection by the street sweeper. The sweeping cycle is a minimum of 4 weeks based upon need and reduces to weekly during heavy leaf fall periods. A footpath sweeper has been contracted to sweep footpaths in high litter areas such as Northcote Terrace and the shopping area of Walkerville Terrace.

Weed Control

A summer and winter weed control program is conducted by a council contractor. The weed control contract included all street verges and the Torrens River Linear Park.

Litter Bins

A total of 97 litter bins located through out the Town in streets and on reserves are emptied either weekly or twice weekly depending on demand. The work is contracted out.

Doggy-do-bags

14 doggy-do-bag dispensers are located throughout the Town on streets and in reserves. The replacement of bags is undertaken by Council employees.

Bus Stop Shelters

A Park Terrace bus stop was upgraded to provide greater space within the Park Terrace reserve and improve the surface adjacent to the stop by removing the bitumen and replacing with brick paving. A new shelter was placed at the bus stop adjacent to 18 North East Road, Walkerville. It is intended that all 15 council shelters will be replaced over the next six years. A further 15 shelters are supplied and maintained by Adshel in return for

the right to place advertising in the shelter.

Street Sign Maintenance

Each year an audit of approximately 20% of the Town's street signs is carried out and faded or damaged signs are replaced. During 2007/2008 the Walkerville and North Walkerville areas (Smith Street to Lansdowne Terrace) were audited and signage replaced where required.

Line marking

During the past 12 months the suburb of Walkerville was relined. The Town is relined on a three year basis.

FORWARD PLANNING

The following work has been undertaken in preparation for future infrastructure renewal –

Design of road reconstruction in Acacia Street and Daphne Street and associated storm water drainage in Palm Street in preparation for reconstruction in 2008/2009.

Survey and design for the reconstruction of Buckingham Street and Waterman Avenue (McArthur Street to end) in preparation for construction in 2009/2010

Preparation of a project brief in conjunction with Planning SA and the City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters in relation to the joint funding of an open space strategy plan for the River Torrens Linear Park.

Analysis of the Ascot Avenue and Lansdowne Terrace storm water drainage systems, in conjunction with the Cities of Prospect and Port Adelaide Enfield.

Investigation of options for upgrading of the Hay Lane / Walkerville Terrace storm water drainage system.

Data collection and analysis for a review of traffic control treatments.

Planning & Development



**Anthony Marroncelli, Manager
Planning and Development**

Development Assessment

Development Assessment again formed one of the main focus for the department. Staff processed a total of 366 applications for the 2007/2008 financial year, compared to 2006/2007 this represents a further increase by 24% to last period.

The combined value of these applications is some \$9,622,892.

Inspections pursuant to the Council's building policy and for compliance purposes also forms a critical aspect of development assessment and during the financial year staff undertook some 455 inspections.

There were two appeals lodged with the Environment, Resources and Development Court against Council decisions during the past year.

In addition to routine assessment functions, staff were also involved in providing comments to the Planning Review headed up by the Hon. Michael O'Brien.

Walkerville has continued to experience a relatively buoyant residential real estate market and staff were required to complete 267 property searches. These searches are provided to the vendor and form part of the statement they are required to provide to intending purchasers and include amongst other matters, information relating to zoning, planning approvals, planning policies, and rates.

The development register is now electronic and is available on the Council's website.

Development Assessment Panel

The Development Assessment Panel met on nine occasions considering a total of 20 applications.

The Panel members also attended a joint workshop session with Council members to discuss development assessment issues and the Development Plan and the Residential and General DPA. This session enabled the panel to report to the Council specific areas of the currently policy that were not providing the desired outcomes.

Strategic Planning

The Council finalised its ten year Strategic Management Plan early in 2008. This plan underwent

extensive consultation in 2006/2007 and provides a key framework for Council to determine its priorities and informs budget setting.

Planning Policy

In February 2007, the Council completed the Local Heritage (Supplementary) Plan Amendment Report (PAR). This PAR amended the Council's Development Plan to include additional Local Heritage Places. Such places have additional planning protection. Upon completion of this PAR Walkerville now has over 700 local heritage listed places.

Council also commenced a residential and general Plan Amendment Report. This is an important body of policy and has progressed somewhat slowly to seek to ensure that in this ever changing planning climate, that it will provide relevant and enduring policy for Walkerville. This project will continue into the 2008/2009 year.

Heritage Advisory service

During the year the Council commenced the implementation of the Heritage Advisory Service that is jointly funded by Heritage SA. The service is designed to assist owners of listed properties to access the services of Council's heritage architects to seek to ensure that development of the property can occur to make it functional for the 21st centenary in a manner that is respectful of its heritage qualities. During the

period 36 applications were referred under this service.

Looking Forward

During the coming year it is expected that the Council will need to react to the outcomes of

the Planning Review. This is likely to have implications for development assessment as well as policy and strategy development.

The Council will be working closely with other Eastern Region

Alliance Councils in relation to this matter.

Council will also look to progress its Section 30 Development Plan Review and the Residential and General PAR (now Development Plan Amendment DPA).

Community Development and Environment



**Anne Sawtell, Manager
Community and Environmental
Services**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Fund

Last year Council allocated grants to fourteen community groups totalling \$6,998 for a range of projects including the Walkerville Uniting Church Playgroup - \$278 to purchase early childhood group equipment and the Walkerville Neighbourhood Watch - \$250 to assist with the cost of paper for their regular newsletters.

Additionally, Council has supported five local young people totalling \$1,200 who have represented the State in their chosen field of expertise, participate in competitions.

Home and Community Care (HACC) Services

Walkerville Council, in conjunction with the City of Prospect provides home assist services for the elderly, frail residents and their carers to remain living independently. Trained staff visit and assess the needs of the person and deliver the appropriately required services eg domestic assistance, social support, home maintenance, transport (ie to medical appointments), home modification and advocacy. Council's Home Assist programme is mainly funded through the Home and Community Care (HACC) programme, which is a joint Commonwealth and State Government programme, as well as the local government. With an 'ageing population' it is not surprising that there is an increasing demand for home assist services.

Community Bus

Council also offers a community bus service (which is also financially supported through the Home and Community Care programme). This weekly service is run each Friday and the outsourced bus service picks up residents from their home, takes them to the North Park shopping centre and returns them to their home. This service, being a HACC funded service is available for elderly, frail residents and their carers.

Volunteers

Council is very fortunate that many of our residents volunteer their time and services to assist local schools, churches, community groups and Council (particularly in our Library and Cemetery). Council had the opportunity to thank our volunteers at the annual Volunteer reception.

Community Information

Community information is provided on a regional basis (Norwood, Payneham & St Peters, Prospect and Walkerville) and the information can found at the SWAP Library website - www.swaplib.sa.gov.au - or alternatively hard copies can be accessed at the Walkerville Public Library.

Walkerville News

Each quarter, residents and local businesses receive a copy of Council's newsletter which primarily focuses and reports on Council's issues and services.

Youth

Walkerville Council shares the services of a Youth Officer (0.2FTE) with the City of Prospect. During National Youth Week, the combined Town of Walkerville/City of Prospect Youth Advisory Committee organised a screening of the movie "The Spiderwick Chronicles" at the Piccadilly Cinema on Saturday, 12 March 2008. With tickets costing only \$2.50 this event encouraged young families to

enjoy an afternoon of adventure. Members of the Walkerville/Prospect YAC sought youth opinions about topical issues at the Village Fair on Sunday, 28 October 2007. The result of these Surveys will be compiled in an Eastern Region Youth Consultation Report.

SWAP

The SWAP Library Network was established in 1989 and now four Councils, - Campbelltown, Norwood, Payneham & St Peters, Prospect and Walkerville share and have access to a shared SWAP computer system that operates library management software and hardware. The SWAP hardware and staff are based at the host Council, namely Walkerville. The SWAP Library Network's Memorandum of Understanding establishes the SWAP Library Network Committee that meets at least twice a year to discuss the following issues which are reported to the constituent councils.

- considering and determining the annual budget for the Network;
- considering the strategic direction of the Network;
- considering any major policy issues in relation to the Network; and
- making recommendations to the councils in relation to these matters.

Each council has one Elected Member and the Chief Executive appointed to the SWAP Library Network Committee (as well as proxies for both these positions) with voting rights. Councillor Heather Wright and Chief Executive Officer Ms Helen Dyer are Walkerville's representatives.

Projects instigated by SWAP this financial year include –

PC Bookings System – The PC Booking System is a software product which allows staff to electronically manage public access PC's through the SWAP Library Network. Additionally, patrons can now make their own bookings on the catalogue computers in the libraries except at the Athelstone Library.

SWAP Library website – www.swaplib.sa.gov.au has been redesigned and information is now presented in a user friendly and consistent way.

Library

The Walkerville Public Library provides the traditional 'lending service' as well as a variety of programmes including:

Preschoolers Baby Bounce and Rhyme held on the first and third Monday of each month at 10.30am.

Toddler Read and Rhyme aimed to 2 to 3 years old held on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 10.30am.

School holiday Programmes

Two "Big Book Club" events were hosted at Walkerville. Throughout the State, public libraries are invited to participate in the Advertiser's "Big Book Club" programme. The Walkerville Library hosted two events. On Friday evening, 28 September Alice Pung spoke at the Walkerville Library. One hundred and five people heard non fiction author Liz Bryski at a local hotel on Sunday, 30 March.

During the year 104,382 items were borrowed from the Library's shelves and 64,502 people visited the Library. In addition to

borrowing items, patrons can use other library facilities such as a coloured photocopier/fax, five pc's (with internet access) as well as wireless internet access, local history records, community and reference information as well as daily newspapers. As of 30 June 2008 the Library stock totalled 22,472 items.

Children's Book Week

Children's Book Week is one of the most important and busiest weeks on celebration in the library year. This year's Book Week celebrations were held from 17 August through to 24 August and the theme was Readiscover. A thousand students visited Walkerville Library during Children's Book Week and they enjoyed listening to story reading and participating in craft activities. Three hundred children from upper primary classes were lucky enough to hear the very entertaining author, John Flanagan (he is the writer of the popular Ranger's Apprentice series), speak about his literary career. Author John Flanagan visited all seven SWAP libraries.

Libraries Board of South Australia visited the Walkerville Library

On Monday, 18 August members of the Libraries Board of South Australia paid a visit to the Walkerville Library. Mayor Whiting formally welcomed the Board Members and then the Board Members were shown around the Library and spoke to staff about the Library's services including new initiatives such as the Toddler Read and Rhyme programme.

Harry Potter

The Walkerville Library staff organised a party to celebrate the release of the final volume in the Harry Potter series, "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone" by J

K Rowling on Friday afternoon, 20 July. All young participants were invited to dress up as their favourite Harry Potter character and library staff also dressed for the occasion. In lamplight and surrounded by cobwebs and spiders, Chief Executive Officer Ms Helen Dyer started off the proceedings by reading a section from the sixth book. Library staff presented a Harry Potter quiz as well as a magic wand craft. Raffle prizes and plenty of 'themed' party food rounded off the afternoon's entertainment.

Community Events

A number of events were held in 2007/2008 including the Volunteers Reception and Australia Day celebrations.

Town of Walkerville Miniature Christmas Pageant Presentation

Nearly 1,550 people visited and almost \$1,590 was raised at this year's Town of Walkerville Miniature Christmas Pageant which was open to the public and schools from Wednesday, 14 November through to Sunday, 18 November.

In conjunction with local resident Mr Peter J Golding, Council was pleased to support the sixth Miniature Pageant. There were sixty two floats displayed in the Town Hall including twelve new ones. Channel 7 promoted the Pageant through its community announcements. Money raised was donated to Channel 7's "Children's Research Foundation of SA Inc".

Walkerville Village Fair

Although the weather was windy and bleak on Sunday, 28 October 2007 those people who braved the unseasonably wet conditions enjoyed the Village Fair. Mayor Whiting officially opened the Fair

at 10.30am. There were approximately 56 stalls which provided a wide range of food and beverages, as well as craft goods for sale and information booths, amusement rides and games - almost half of these stalls were local ones.

Carols in the Village

On Wednesday, 12 December the Cantabile Singers performed at the annual Carols in the Village. Father Christmas arrived in fine style, on the back of a Harley bike and the youngsters had the opportunity to meet him and receive a bag of free sweets. Many families enjoyed the festivities and joined in the carol singing.

Awards

Volunteer of the Year Award 2008

On Friday, 16 May 2008 over sixty people attended Council's Volunteer luncheon. Council wished to recognise and thank the numerous community groups and volunteers who assist our Council in providing services to the community ranging from our volunteer Justices of the Peace to the members of the Rotary Club of Walkerville who willingly help at Council events including the Carols in the Village

The Minister for Volunteers, the Honourable Jennifer Rankine was able to attend the event, and she spoke about the significant role volunteers play in the State, which was very appropriate as our lunch was held during Volunteers Week.

Mayor Whiting announced the winner of the Volunteer of the Year Award at the lunch and Mrs Mildred Greenslade accepted the Award and flowers which were presented to her by the Mayor. Mrs Greenslade has been a resident of Walkerville since 1972 and since then she has been a volunteer with a number of local community groups including the Walkerville Bowling Club and the Friends of the Walkerville Wesleyan Cemetery. Other nominees Mrs Rena Pascoe, a long serving member of the Walkerville RSL and Mr Theo Prove, an active member of the Walkerville Neighbourhood Watch also attended the luncheon.

Australia Day Awards

On Saturday, 26 January 2008 over 120 people attended and enjoyed Council's Australia Day celebrations, which were held in the Walkerville Town Hall. The morning proceedings commenced with Deputy Mayor Heather Wright (Mayor Whiting was officially on leave) performing the



Australia Day Awards

Australian citizenship ceremony for seventeen residents. Our new Australian citizens were former residents of a diverse range of countries including Afghanistan, Iran, Malaysia, Rhodesia, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Thailand, United Kingdom and United States of America. After the citizenship ceremony Deputy Mayor Wright announced the winner of this year's Walkerville Council's Citizen and Junior Citizen of the Year Awards.

Council received three very worthy nominations for the 2008 Australia Day, Citizen of the Year Award. This year's winner was Mr David Hills who has worked tirelessly on a voluntary basis, particularly for Neighbourhood Watch for many years in Walkerville. The Walkerville Neighbourhood groups combined in 2006 and David was elected the Area Co-Ordinator. The newly reformed Walkerville Neighbourhood Watch has proven to be a successful venture, not only are there over 100 people regularly attending its meetings but the interest in the newsletters has also increased.

Deputy Mayor Wright presented nominee Mrs Kathleen Sampson with a merit certificate to recognise her contribution as a long time volunteer for the Adelaide community since working with the Scouting Association of South Australia in 1967. Our third nominee Mrs Janet Martin was unable to attend the Australia Day ceremony (Deputy Mayor Wright presented Mrs Martin her certificate in late January). Mrs Martin is an active fundraiser for the St Andrew's Church Parish and plays a significant role in the Church's "Thursday's Drop in Centre".

The winner of the Junior Citizen of the Year Award was Mr William Wallace. He is an active member

of the joint Walkerville Council/Prospect Council's Youth Advisory Committee, known as "Essential Youth: Agents of Change".

After the ceremony the Rotary Club of Walkerville provided breakfast to Members and guests in the Council courtyard.

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Health

The Eastern Health Authority provides a wide range of environmental health functions for the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville. The Authority's staff is engaged in a variety of services for which councils have legal responsibility including the Public and Environmental Health Act 1987; the Food Act 2001; the Supported Residential Facilities Act 1992; the Environment Protection Act 1993 and the Local Government Act 1999.

On the fourth Wednesday afternoon of every month (except December) the Eastern Health Authority staff hold an immunisation clinic at the Walkerville Council. During this financial year, the Eastern Health Authority continued its school based immunisation programme, 452 vaccinations were administered in Walkerville schools. The public immunisation clinic at Walkerville has continued to be busy with 214 people using the service in 2007/2008.

The Eastern Health Authority is governed by a Board of Management consisting of two elected members from each of the five constituent councils, namely the City of Burnside, City of Campbelltown, City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters, the City of Prospect and the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville. Deputy Mayor Heather Wright and Councillor

Carolyn Wigg were appointed as Council's Eastern Health Authority Board Members.

ICLEI Water Campaign

In joining the Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI) Water Campaign, Walkerville Council staff need to work through a series of milestones to assess local water management issues, set goals to conserve water and improve water quality, and implement on the ground actions to work towards the sustainable management of our water resources.

Walkerville Council has completed Milestone One – both the Council and Community Inventory tools. On Tuesday, 15 April Deputy Mayor Heather Wright and Councillor Carolyn Wigg were presented with an Award at the Convention Centre for reaching this first Milestone. The Award is on display at the Walkerville Council Office.

Earth Hour 2008

Council resolved to endorse to participate in this year's "Earth Hour" campaign on Saturday, 29 March 2008. The aim of this international campaign is to highlight to individuals and businesses the effects of global warming.

Looking Forward

Council has committed to maintain its Library service in the 2008/2009 financial year. Community Services have been expanded to reflect the needs of our elderly, frail aged residents and includes exciting social programmes (which will commence with the first community luncheon in July 2008 which will be held in the Town Hall). Council's community bus programme has been reviewed and a new service which will offer

patrons more flexibility and
alternative options is scheduled to

commence late January 2009.

Audited Financial Statements

Corporation of the Town of Walkerville

General Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2008

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Corporation of the Town of Walkerville

INCOME STATEMENT for the year ended 30 June 2008

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
INCOME			
Rates	2	4,427,781	4,023,754
Statutory charges	2	156,533	164,954
User charges	2	440,993	418,722
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	402,647	531,539
Investment income	2	131,633	115,177
Reimbursements	2	13,224	11,759
Other income	2	39,865	80,499
Total Income		<u>5,612,676</u>	<u>5,346,404</u>
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	3	1,506,365	1,570,424
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	2,730,945	2,222,055
Finance costs	3	96,427	103,800
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	1,296,553	1,548,451
Total Expenses		<u>5,630,290</u>	<u>5,444,730</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(17,614)	(98,326)
Net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets	4	(85,346)	(6,287)
Net gain (loss) - joint ventures & associates	16	<u>(210,024)</u>	<u>27,137</u>
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		<u>(312,984)</u>	<u>(77,476)</u>

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

Corporation of the Town of Walkerville

BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 June 2008

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	2,335,428	2,157,095
Trade & other receivables	5	154,278	134,129
Inventories	5	6,470	6,404
Total Current Assets		<u>2,496,176</u>	<u>2,297,628</u>
Non-current Assets			
Financial Assets	6	262,971	281,037
Equity accounted investments in Council businesses	6	116,215	73,803
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	7	73,806,968	64,483,819
Other Non-current Assets	6	-	347,051
Total Non-current Assets		<u>74,186,154</u>	<u>65,185,710</u>
Total Assets		<u>76,682,330</u>	<u>67,483,338</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	8	740,779	797,411
Borrowings	8	127,206	119,365
Provisions	8	293,515	309,290
Total Current Liabilities		<u>1,161,500</u>	<u>1,226,066</u>
Non-current Liabilities			
Borrowings	8	1,024,932	1,152,138
Provisions	8	13,797	6,292
Other Non-current Liabilities	8	167,619	10,223
Total Non-current Liabilities		<u>1,206,348</u>	<u>1,168,653</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>2,367,848</u>	<u>2,394,719</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>74,314,482</u>	<u>65,088,619</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		33,493,151	33,563,281
Asset Revaluation Reserve	9	39,584,352	30,045,506
Other Reserves	9	1,236,979	1,479,833
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>74,314,482</u>	<u>65,088,620</u>

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

Corporation of the Town of Walkerville

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the year ended 30 June 2008

	2008 \$	2007 \$
	Notes	
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS		
Balance at end of previous reporting period	33,563,281	34,012,797
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year	(312,984)	(77,476)
Transfers to Other Reserves	(915,616)	(898,184)
Transfers from Other Reserves	1,158,470	526,144
Balance at end of period	<u>33,493,151</u>	<u>33,563,281</u>
ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE		
Balance at end of previous reporting period	30,045,506	18,522,045
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	9,538,846	11,523,461
Balance at end of period	<u>39,584,352</u>	<u>30,045,506</u>
OTHER RESERVES		
Balance at end of previous reporting period	1,479,833	1,107,793
Transfers from Accumulated Surplus	915,616	898,184
Transfers to Accumulated Surplus	(1,158,470)	(526,144)
Balance at end of period	<u>1,236,979</u>	<u>1,479,833</u>
TOTAL EQUITY AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD	<u>74,314,482</u>	<u>65,088,620</u>
<i>Total of all revenues recognised directly in Equity</i>	9	9,538,846
NET CHANGE IN EQUITY	<u>9,538,846</u>	<u>11,523,461</u>

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

Corporation of the Town of Walkerville

CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 30 June 2008

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Operating receipts		5,460,894	6,508,438
Investment receipts		131,633	115,177
<u>Payments</u>			
Operating payments to suppliers & employees		(4,302,278)	(4,618,123)
Finance payments		(96,427)	(103,800)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities	10	1,193,822	1,901,692
 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Sale of assets		16,595	905
Repayments of loans by community groups		18,066	54,673
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on assets		(930,786)	(571,457)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(896,125)	(515,879)
 CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from Borrowings		-	75,000
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of Borrowings		(119,364)	(841,957)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		(119,364)	(766,957)
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		178,333	618,856
 Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period		 2,157,095	 1,538,239
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period		2,335,428	2,157,095

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

Corporation of the Town of Walkerville

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

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

1 Basis of Preparation

1.1 Compliance with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards

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

The financial report was authorised for issue by the Council by certificate under clause 11 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1999 dated 26 November 2008,

1.2 Accrual Basis & Historical Cost Convention

Except where stated below, these financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical costs modified by the revaluation of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied.

1.3 Critical Accounting Estimates

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

1.4 Rounding

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

2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

Corporation of The Town of Walkerville ("Council") is incorporated under the SA Local Government Act 1999 and has its principal place of business at 66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton.

3 Revenue Recognition

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

Where grants, contributions and donations recognised as revenues during the reporting period were obtained on the condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period, and those conditions were undischarged as at the reporting date, the amounts subject to those undischarged conditions are disclosed in these notes.

4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

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

Corporation of the Town of Walkerville

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30 June 2008

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

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

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

5 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

5.1 Transitional Provisions

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

5.2 Initial Recognition

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

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

5.3 Materiality

Assets with an economic life in excess of one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality threshold of \$1,000 as established by Council.

5.4 Subsequent Recognition

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

All non current assets other than receivables and investments, are revalued in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999.

However, if at any time management considers that the carrying amount of an asset materially differs from its fair value then the asset will be revalued regardless of when the last valuation took place. Non-Current physical assets that are acquired between revaluations are held at cost until the next valuation, where they are revalued to depreciated replacement cost.

Revaluation increments arising upon revaluing the above mentioned non-current asset classes to their depreciated replacement cost are credited directly to the asset revaluation reserve.

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

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

5.5 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

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

Depreciation is recognised on a straight-line basis. Major depreciation periods for each class of asset are shown below. Depreciation periods for infrastructure assets have been estimated based on the best information available to Council.

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
Buildings & Other Structures	2 to 100 years
Library Books	10 Years
Infrastructure	
Pavement Types	70 to 100 Years
Surface Types	15 to 50 Years
Kerb & Water Table	70 Years
Footpath Types	15 to 40 Years
Stormwater Drainage	80 Years
Other Infrastructure	20 Years
Structures	25 to 100 years
Reserve Furniture	4 to 80 years
Plant & Equipment	5 years
Furniture & Fittings	2 to 19 years

5.6 Impairment

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

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

6 Payables

6.1 Goods & Services

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

6.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

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

Corporation of the Town of Walkerville

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30 June 2008

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

7 Borrowings

Loans are carried at their principal amounts. Interest is accrued over the period to which it relates, and is recorded as part of "Payables".

8 Employee Benefits

8.1 Salaries, Wages & Employee Entitlements

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

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

An accrual is made for 50% of unused sick leave at the end of each financial year as it is payable to employees on resignation or retirement.

8.2 Superannuation

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

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

Defined Benefits Members: Council makes employer contributions to the defined benefit categories of the Scheme at rates determined by the Scheme's Trustee. The rate is currently 6% (6% in 2006/07) of superannuation salary. Employees also make member contributions to the Fund. As such, assets accumulate in the Fund to meet the member's benefits, as defined in the Trust Deed, as they accrue.

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

9 Joint Ventures and Associated Entities

Council participates in cooperative arrangements with other Councils for the provision of services and facilities. Such regional subsidiaries are subject to joint control within the meaning of AASB 128.2 / AASB 131.3. As such, the interests in these subsidiaries were initially recorded at cost in 2006/2007 and have been adjusted in 2007/2008 to reflect the share of net assets of the jointly controlled entities.

Corporation of the Town of Walkerville

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

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

10 Lease

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

In respect of finance leases, where Council substantially carries all of the risks incident to ownership, the leased items are initially recognised as assets and liabilities equal in amount to the present value of the minimum lease payments. The assets are disclosed as assets under lease, and are amortised to expense over the period during which the Council is expected to benefit from the use of the leased assets. Lease payments are allocated between interest expense and reduction of the lease liability, according to the interest rate implicit in the lease.

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

11 GST Implications

Receivables and Creditors include GST receivable and payable.

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

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

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

12 Comparative Information & Transition to AIFRS

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

13 New Accounting Standards

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

- AASB 8 Operating Segments
- AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements
- AASB 123 Borrowing Costs
- AASB 1004 Contributions
- AASB 1050 Administered Items
- AASB 1051 Land Under Roads
- AASB 1052 Disaggregated Disclosures
- AASB 2007-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 8 [AASB 5, AASB 6, AASB 102, AASB 107, AASB 119, AASB 127, AASB 134, AASB 136, AASB 1023 & AASB 1038]
- AASB 2007-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 123 [AASB 1, AASB 101, AASB 107, AASB 111, AASB 116 & AASB 138 and Interpretations 1 & 12]
- AASB 2007-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards [AASB 1, AASB 2, AASB 4, AASB 5, AASB 107 & AASB 128]
- AASB 2007-9 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Review of AASs 27, 29 and 31 [AASB 3, AASB 5, AASB 8, AASB 101, AASB 114, AASB 116, AASB 127 & AASB 137]
- Interpretation 4 *Determination whether an Arrangement contains a Lease*

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

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- *Interpretation 13 Customer Loyalty Programmes*
- *Interpretation 14 AASB 119 – The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction*
- *Interpretation 129 Disclosure – Service Concession Arrangements*
- *Interpretation 1038 Contributions by Owners Made to Wholly-Owned Public Sector Entities*

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

Corporation of the Town of Walkerville

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

Note 2 - INCOME

	2008	2007
Notes	\$	\$
RATES REVENUES		
<u>General Rates</u>	4,397,176	3,995,489
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs	(107,777)	(105,151)
	4,289,399	3,890,338
<u>Other Rates</u> (including service charges)		
Natural Resource Management levy	129,967	124,306
	129,967	124,306
<u>Other Charges</u>		
Penalties for late payment	8,415	9,110
	8,415	9,110
	4,427,781	4,023,754
 STATUTORY CHARGES		
Town planning fees	88,215	97,290
Animal registration fees & fines	22,973	25,446
Parking fines / expiation fees	45,319	42,127
Sundry	26	91
	156,533	164,954
 USER CHARGES		
Levi Park Management Fees	405,734	388,123
Sundry	35,259	30,599
	440,993	418,722
 INVESTMENT INCOME		
Local Government Finance Authority	111,351	96,467
Banks & other	947	911
Loans to community groups	19,335	17,799
	131,633	115,177
 REIMBURSEMENTS		
- other	13,224	11,759
	13,224	11,759
 OTHER INCOME		
Rebates received	15,931	31,432
Sundry	23,934	49,067
	39,865	80,499

Corporation of the Town of Walkerville

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

Note 2 - INCOME

		2008	2007
	Notes	\$	\$
GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS			
Other grants, subsidies and contributions	11	<u>402,647</u>	<u>531,539</u>
		<u>402,647</u>	<u>531,539</u>
Sources of grants			
Commonwealth government		278,207	499,913
State government		117,365	25,671
Other		<u>7,075</u>	<u>5,955</u>
		<u>402,647</u>	<u>531,539</u>

Corporation of the Town of Walkerville

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30 June 2008

Note 3 - EXPENSES

	2008	2007
Notes	\$	\$
EMPLOYEE COSTS		
Salaries and Wages	1,092,924	1,229,497
Employee leave expense	216,270	155,547
Superannuation	121,308	117,346
Workers' Compensation Insurance	75,863	68,034
Total Operating Employee Costs	1,506,365	1,570,424
 Total Number of Employees	 19.6	 26.9
<i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i>		
 MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES		
<u>Prescribed Expenses</u>		
Auditor's Remuneration		
- Auditing the financial reports	8,020	7,000
- Other Services	-	17,550
- Other Auditors	-	-
Elected members' expenses	71,409	54,467
Election expenses	1,800	30,130
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses	81,229	109,147
 <u>Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses</u>		
Contractors	1,522,776	1,232,007
Energy	204,638	165,273
Legal Expenses	359,467	92,835
Levies paid to government - NRM levy	121,824	124,306
Parts, accessories & consumables	299,627	370,184
Sundry	141,384	128,303
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses	2,649,716	2,112,908
	2,730,945	2,222,055
 FINANCE COSTS		
Interest on short-term borrowings	-	2,178
Interest on Loans	78,026	84,591
Bank Charges	18,401	17,031
	96,427	103,800

Corporation of the Town of Walkerville

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30 June 2008

Note 3 - EXPENSES

DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT

Depreciation

Buildings & Other Structures	191,944	193,795
Library Books	54,428	31,355
Infrastructure	725,200	973,336
Structures	36,802	36,803
Reserve Furniture	70,828	70,141
Plant & Equipment	111,431	108,330
Furniture & Fittings	105,920	134,691
	<u>1,296,553</u>	<u>1,548,451</u>

Corporation of the Town of Walkerville

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

Note 4 - ASSET DISPOSAL & FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

	2008	2007
Notes	\$	\$
INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
<i>Assets renewed or directly replaced</i>		
Proceeds from disposal	16,595	905
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold/disposed	<u>101,941</u>	<u>7,192</u>
Gain (Loss) on disposal	<u>(85,346)</u>	<u>(6,287)</u>
NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION OF ASSETS	<u>(85,346)</u>	<u>(6,287)</u>

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

Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS

	2008	2007
Notes	\$	\$
CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash on Hand and at Bank	189,467	88,409
Deposits at Call	1,897,999	1,854,856
Short Term Deposits & Bills, etc	247,962	213,830
	<u>2,335,428</u>	<u>2,157,095</u>
TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Rates - General & Other	59,495	55,494
Accrued Revenues	43,931	39,538
Debtors - general	26,834	16,040
Prepayments	5,965	6,152
Loans to community organisations	18,053	16,905
	<u>154,278</u>	<u>134,129</u>
INVENTORIES		
Stores & Materials	6,470	6,404
	<u>6,470</u>	<u>6,404</u>

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Note 6 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
FINANCIAL ASSETS			
Receivables			
Loans to community organisations		<u>262,971</u>	<u>281,037</u>
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS		<u>262,971</u>	<u>281,037</u>
EQUITY ACCOUNTED INVESTMENTS IN COUNCIL BUSINESSES			
<i>Highbury Landfill Authority</i>	16	-	45,197
<i>Eastern Waste Management</i>	16	-	1,033
<i>Eastern Health Authority</i>	16	26,462	27,573
<i>Wastecare SA</i>	16	<u>89,753</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>116,215</u>	<u>73,803</u>
OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Capital Works-in-Progress		<u>-</u>	<u>347,051</u>
		<u>-</u>	<u>347,051</u>

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

Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	2007				2008			
	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT
Land	37,554,494	9,562	-	37,564,056	37,554,494	136,114	-	37,690,608
Historical Collection	-	-	-	-	255,440	-	-	255,440
Buildings & Other Structures	10,896,592	40,150	(6,494,057)	4,442,685	10,833,901	211,795	(6,651,428)	4,394,268
Library Books	-	492,895	(255,250)	237,645	-	544,284	(309,678)	234,606
Infrastructure	29,947,336	1,315,836	(11,405,264)	19,857,908	43,819,296	-	(14,638,665)	29,180,631
Structures	1,370,271	-	(698,697)	671,574	1,370,271	-	(735,499)	634,772
Reserve Furniture	1,806,470	18,479	(886,109)	938,840	1,806,470	18,479	(956,937)	868,012
Plant & Equipment	-	739,291	(339,356)	399,935	-	777,529	(436,520)	341,009
Furniture & Fittings	969,186	46,960	(644,970)	371,176	761,704	55,180	(609,262)	207,622
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	82,544,349	2,663,173	(20,723,703)	64,483,819	96,401,576	1,743,381	(24,337,989)	73,806,968
<i>2007 Totals</i>					82,544,349	2,663,173	(20,723,703)	64,483,819

	2007	CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR						2008
	\$	\$						\$
	CARRYING AMOUNT	Additions		Disposals	Depreciation	Impairment	Net Revaluation	CARRYING AMOUNT
	New/Upgrade	Renewals						
Land	37,564,056	-	126,552	-	-	-	-	37,690,608
Historical Collection	-	-	-	-	-	-	255,440	255,440
Buildings & Other Structures	4,442,685	-	171,645	(28,118)	(191,944)	-	-	4,394,268
Library Books	237,645	51,389	-	-	(54,428)	-	-	234,606
Infrastructure	19,857,908	-	859,557	-	(725,200)	-	9,188,366	29,180,631
Structures	671,574	-	-	-	(36,802)	-	-	634,772
Reserve Furniture	938,840	-	-	-	(70,828)	-	-	868,012
Plant & Equipment	399,935	60,471	-	(7,966)	(111,431)	-	-	341,009
Furniture & Fittings	371,176	8,220	-	(65,854)	(105,920)	-	-	207,622
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	64,483,819	120,080	1,157,754	(101,938)	(1,296,553)	-	9,443,806	73,806,968
<i>2007 Totals</i>	54,296,977	-	219,023	(7,192)	(1,548,451)	-	11,523,462	64,483,819

VALUATION OF ASSETS

Land

Pursuant to Council's election, Land assets were revalued as at 30 June 2006 by Maloney Field Services, Property Consultant and Valuers.

Historical Collection

Pursuant to Council's election, the Historical Collection was revalued as at 30 June 2008 by Tusmore Antiques.

Buildings & Other Structures

Pursuant to Council's election, Buildings & Other Structures assets were revalued as at 30 June 2006 by Maloney Field Services, Property Consultant and Valuers.

Infrastructure

Road Infrastructure - Pursuant to Council's election, Road Infrastructure assets were revalued as at 30 June 2008 by Tonkin Engineering.

Stormwater - Pursuant to Council's election, Stormwater assets were revalued as at 30 June 2008 by Maloney Field Services, Property Consultant and Valuers.

Structures

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Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Pursuant to Council's election, Structure assets were revalued as at 30 June 2006 by Maloney Field Services, Property Consultant and Valuers.

Reserve Furniture

Pursuant to Council's election, Reserve Furniture assets were revalued as at 30 June 2006 by Maloney Field Services, Property Consultant and Valuers.

Plant & Equipment

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

Furniture & Fittings

Pursuant to Council's election, Furniture, Fittings & Office Equipment assets were revalued as at 30 June 2006 by Maloney Field Services, Property Consultant and Valuers.

Library Books

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

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Note 8 - LIABILITIES

		2008		2007	
		\$		\$	
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES	Notes	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Goods & Services		296,508		362,992	
Payments received in advance		75,216		97,091	
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements		263,356		240,663	
Accrued expenses - other		105,699		96,665	
		740,779		797,411	
BORROWINGS					
Loans		127,206	1,024,932	119,365	1,152,138
		127,206	1,024,932	119,365	1,152,138
PROVISIONS					
Employee entitlements (including oncosts)		293,515	13,797	309,290	6,292
		293,515	13,797	309,290	6,292
<i>Movements in Provisions - 2008 year only</i>					
<i>(current & non-current)</i>					
Opening Balance				Employee Entitlements 315,582	
Add Additional amounts recognised				41,035	
(Less) Payments				(49,305)	
Closing Balance				307,312	
OTHER LIABILITIES					
Wastecare SA	16	-	-	-	10,223
Highbury Landfill Authority	16	-	154,608	-	-
Eastern Waste Management	16	-	13,011	-	-
		-	167,619	-	10,223

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Note 9 - RESERVES

ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE		1/07/2007	Net Increments (Decrements)	Transfers on Sale/Disposal	30/06/2008
	Notes	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land		18,190,175	-	-	18,190,175
Historical Collection	7	-	255,440	-	255,440
Buildings & Other Structures		2,565,022	-	-	2,565,022
Library Books		-	-	-	-
Infrastructure	7	7,372,649	9,188,366	-	16,561,015
Structures		684,748	-	-	684,748
Reserve Furniture		990,502	-	-	990,502
Plant & Equipment		-	-	-	-
Furniture & Fittings		242,410	-	-	242,410
Wastecare SA	16	-	95,040	-	95,040
Total Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment		30,045,506	9,538,846	-	39,584,352
TOTAL		-	9,538,846	-	39,584,352
2007 Totals		18,522,045	11,523,461	-	30,045,506

OTHER RESERVES		1/07/2007	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/06/2008
Plant Replacement Reseve		132,696	-	(132,696)	-
Long Service Leave Reserve		315,582	-	(8,269)	307,313
Office Furniture & Equipment Reseve		135,165	-	(135,165)	-
Project Fund Reserve		144,886	-	(144,886)	-
Work In Progress Reserve		737,454	558,616	(737,454)	558,616
Contingency Reserve		-	357,000	-	357,000
150th Anniversary Art Reserve		14,050	-	-	14,050
TOTAL OTHER RESERVES		1,479,833	915,616	(1,158,470)	1,236,979
2007 Totals		1,107,793	898,184	(526,144)	1,479,833

PURPOSES OF RESERVES

Asset Revaluation Reserve

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

Plant Replacement Reserve

The plant replacement reserve was used to set aside funds required for major plant purchases. Council resolved during the 2007/2008 financial year to dissolve this reserve and instead use cash management practices to fund future purchases.

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Note 9 - RESERVES

Long Service Leave Reserve

The long service leave reserve is used to set aside funds required for employee's long service leave entitlements.

Office Furniture & Equipment Reserve

The office furniture replacement reserve was used to set aside funds required for office furniture and equipment purchases as required. Council resolved during the 2007/2008 financial year to dissolve this reserve and instead use cash management practices to fund future purchases.

Project Fund Reserve

The project fund reserve was used to set aside funds required for unidentified projects that may have arisen. Council resolved during the 2007/2008 financial year to dissolve this reserve and instead handle unexpected budget variations via the budget review processes.

Works In Progress Reserve

The works in progress reserve transfers unspent funds at the end of the financial year that are to be carried forward for use in the following financial year.

Contingency Reserve

The contingency reserve was initially set up to fund future capital works. The purpose of this reserve changed temporarily when Council was presented with a law suit. this reserve was going to fund the ensuing litigation. As settlement has occurred the fund has now reverted to its original intention of funding future capital works.

150th Anniversary Art Reserve

The 150th anniversary art reserve sets aside funds donated to the Council for the 150th anniversary art project.

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Note 10 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

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

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
Total cash & equivalent assets	5	<u>2,335,428</u>	<u>2,157,095</u>
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		<u>2,335,428</u>	<u>2,157,095</u>

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)		(312,984)	(77,476)
Non-cash items in Income Statement			
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment		1,296,553	1,548,451
Equity movements in equity accounted investments (increase) decrease		210,024	(27,136)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals		<u>85,346</u>	<u>6,287</u>
		1,278,939	1,450,126
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (increase) decrease in receivables		(20,149)	1,290,020
Net (increase) decrease in inventories		(66)	1,006
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables		(56,632)	(801,128)
Net increase (decrease) in provisions		<u>(8,270)</u>	<u>(38,332)</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations		<u>1,193,822</u>	<u>1,901,692</u>

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Note 11 - FUNCTIONS

INCOMES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES												
	INCOME		EXPENSES		OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT) BEFORE CAPITAL				GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME		TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT & NON-CURRENT)	
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	2008	2007	2008	2007	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2007	\$	\$	\$	\$	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$					
Business Undertakings	4,223,069	4,016,756	822,881	765,958	3,400,188	3,250,798	3,250,798	142,905	290,077			
Community Services	142,399	166,058	1,037,317	1,014,409	(894,918)	(848,351)	(848,351)	21,538	14,189			
Economic Development	881,407	858,171	650,525	622,191	230,882	235,980	235,980	-	-			
Environment	1,114	1,082	134,771	122,883	(133,657)	(121,801)	(121,801)	-	1,082			
Recreation	174,517	69,206	1,046,216	1,021,168	(871,699)	(951,962)	(951,962)	148,809	47,388			
Regulatory Services	23,505	26,235	51,505	42,687	(28,000)	(16,452)	(16,452)	-	-			
Transport & Communication	151,404	189,598	1,616,457	1,536,436	(1,465,053)	(1,346,838)	(1,346,838)	89,395	178,803			
Unclassified Activities	15,261	19,298	270,618	318,998	(255,357)	(299,700)	(299,700)	-	-	76,682,330	67,483,338	
TOTALS	5,612,676	5,346,404	5,630,290	5,444,730	(17,614)	(98,326)	(98,326)	402,647	531,539	76,682,330	67,483,338	

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

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Note 12 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Recognised Financial Instruments

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 6% and 7% (2007: 5% to 5.5%).</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.</p>
Receivables - Rates & Associated Charges (including legals & penalties for late payment)	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Secured over the subject land, arrears attract late payment penalties in accordance with Section 181 of the South Australian Local Government Act 1999. Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the State.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
Receivables - Fees & other charges	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
Receivables - other levels of government	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal value.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. All amounts are due by Departments and Agencies of the Governments of the Commonwealth & State.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals	<p>Accounting Policy: Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Council.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Interest Bearing Loans	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at the principal amounts. Interest is charged as an expense as it accrues.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: secured over future revenues, loans are repayable; interest is charged at fixed (or variable) rates between 6.39% and 6.85% (2007: 6.35% and 6.5%)</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Finance Leases	<p>Accounting Policy: accounted for in accordance with AASB 117.</p>

Net Fair Value

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

Risk Exposures

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

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

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

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

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Note 12 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Liquidity Analysis

2008	Floating Interest Rate	Fixed interest maturing in ≤ 1 year	Fixed interest maturing in > 1 year ≤ 5 years	Fixed interest maturing in > 5 years	Non- interest bearing	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial Assets						
Fair Value through P&L						
Cash Assets	2,335,428	-	-	-	-	2,335,428
Loans & Receivables						
Receivables	-	18,053	79,757	183,214	-	281,024
Total	2,335,428	18,053	79,757	183,214	-	2,616,452
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	<i>7.00%</i>	<i>7.40%</i>	<i>7.40%</i>	<i>7.40%</i>		
Financial Liabilities						
Payables	-	371,724	-	-	-	371,724
Current Borrowings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Current Borrowings	-	127,206	509,066	515,866	-	1,152,138
Total	-	498,930	509,066	515,866	-	1,523,862
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	<i>6.00%</i>	<i>6.42%</i>	<i>6.67%</i>	<i>6.82%</i>		
EXCESS OF FINANCIAL ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES	2,335,428	(480,877)	(429,309)	(332,652)	-	1,092,590

2007	Floating Interest Rate	Fixed interest maturing in ≤ 1 year	Fixed interest maturing in > 1 year ≤ 5 years	Fixed interest maturing in > 5 years	Non- interest bearing	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial Assets						
Fair Value through P&L						
Cash Assets	2,157,095	-	-	-	-	2,157,095
Loans & Receivables						
Receivables	-	16,905	78,104	202,489	71,978	369,476
Total	2,157,095	16,905	78,104	202,489	71,978	2,526,571
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	<i>6.00%</i>	<i>6.15%</i>	<i>6.15%</i>	<i>6.15%</i>		
Financial Liabilities						
Payables	-	530,909	-	-	-	530,909
Non-Current Borrowings	-	119,365	559,400	592,738	-	1,271,503
Total	-	650,274	559,400	592,738	-	1,802,412
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	<i>5.90%</i>	<i>6.35%</i>	<i>6.50%</i>	<i>6.50%</i>		
EXCESS OF FINANCIAL ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES	2,157,095	(633,369)	(481,296)	(390,249)	71,978	724,159

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Note 13 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

	2008	2007	2006
<p>These Financial Indicators have been calculated in accordance with <i>Information Paper 9 - Local Government Financial Indicators</i> prepared as part of the LGA Financial Sustainability Program for the Local Government Association of South Australia. Detailed methods of calculation are set out in the SA Model Statements.</p>			
Operating Surplus	(17,614)	(98,326)	(512,956)
<i>Being the operating surplus (deficit) before capital amounts .</i>			
Operating Surplus Ratio			
<u>Operating Surplus</u>	(0.001%)	(3%)	(14%)
Rates - general & other less NRM levy			
<i>This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of general and other rates, net of NRM levy.</i>			
Net Financial Liabilities			
	(384,829)	(177,542)	706,802
<i>Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets (excluding equity accounted investments in Council businesses).</i>			
Net Financial Liabilities Ratio			
<u>Net Financial Liabilities</u>	(7%)	(3%)	15%
Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy			
Interest Cover Ratio			
<u>Net Interest Expense</u>	(0.7%)	(0.2%)	1.2%
Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy less Investment Income			
Asset Sustainability Ratio			
<u>Net Asset Renewals</u>	71%	37%	(28%)
Depreciation Expense			
<i>Net asset renewals expenditure is defined as net capital expenditure on the renewal and replacement of existing assets, and excludes new capital expenditure on the acquisition of additional assets.</i>			
Asset Consumption Ratio			
<u>Carrying value of depreciable assets</u>	59%	57%	59%
Gross value of depreciable assets			
<i>Total carrying value of depreciable assets divided by total reported value of depreciable assets before accumulated depreciation.</i>			

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Note 14 - UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

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

All Councils in South Australia voluntarily have agreed to summarise annual budgets and long-term financial plans on the same basis.

The arrangements ensure that all Councils provide a common 'core' of financial information, which enables meaningful comparisons of each Council's finances

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Operating Revenues	5,612,676	5,346,404
<i>less</i> Operating Expenses	<u>(5,630,290)</u>	<u>(5,444,730)</u>
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(17,614)	(98,326)
<i>less</i> Net Outlays on Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	1,157,754	571,457
<i>less</i> Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	(1,296,553)	(1,548,451)
<i>less</i> Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	<u>(16,595)</u>	<u>(905)</u>
	(155,394)	(977,899)
<i>less</i> Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets <i>(including investment property & real estate developments)</i>	120,080	-
<i>less</i> Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	-	-
<i>less</i> Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets <i>(including investment property and real estate developments)</i>	-	-
	<u>120,080</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	<u>17,700</u>	<u>879,573</u>

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Note 15 - SUPERANNUATION

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

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

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

Council makes employer contributions to the defined benefit category of the Scheme at rates determined by the Trustee on the advice of the Scheme's Actuary. On the basis of the results of the most recent full actuarial investigation conducted by the Scheme's actuary, L C Brett, BSc., FIA, FIAA, of Brett and Watson Pty Ltd as at 30 June 2005, the Trustee has determined that the current funding arrangements are adequate for the expected Defined Benefit Plan liabilities.

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Note 16 - JOINT VENTURES & ASSOCIATED ENTITIES

Wastecare SA

During 2003/04, Wastecare SA, a regional subsidiary (the subsidiary) was established pursuant to Section 43 of the Local Government Act, by a number of Constituent Councils comprising of Adelaide, Campbelltown, Charles Sturt, Norwood Payneham & St Peters, Prospect City Councils and the Town of Walkerville

The subsidiary was formed at the end of February 2004 and has signed a project agreement with Waste Management Pacific (SA) Pty Ltd to operate a Resource Recovery Waste Transfer Station (RRWTS) on leased land at Wingfield.

As a Constituent Council, the Town of Walkerville has a 5.94% equity share in the subsidiary.

In the event of a winding up of the subsidiary, the Town of Walkerville would either receive its equity share of any net assets after payment of all expenses of the subsidiary, or be liable to pay an equity share towards all expenses associated with winding up the subsidiary's operations. A contingent liability has been identified in the accounts to reflect this potential liability in a future year.

To offset this potential liability, an agreement between the subsidiary and Waste Management Pacific (SA) Pty Ltd for the 'compulsory purchase' by the latter in 2014 has been established. This agreement enables the subsidiary to notify Waste Management Pacific (SA) Pty Ltd that it is required to accept assignment of the lease for the land and the purchase of the RRWTS.

In future years, as a Constituent Council, the Town of Walkerville will be entitled to a share of any profit made and distributed by the subsidiary in accordance with the subsidiary's Charter. Profit distribution is not solely dependent on equity shares of the Constituent Council.

Wastecare SA	2008	2007
Council's respective interests are:		
- ownership interest in the joint operation	5.94%	5.94%
Movements in Investment in Joint Operation	\$	\$
Opening Balance	(10,223)	(8,605)
Share in Operating Result	4,936	(1,618)
Adjustment to Asset Revaluation Reserve	95,040	-
Share in Equity of Joint Operation	89,753	(10,223)

Eastern Waste Management Authority Inc

The Eastern Waste Management Authority regional subsidiary was established pursuant to Section 43 of the Local Government Act 1999, for the purpose of the collection and disposal of waste within the areas of the Constituent Councils and the collection and disposal of waste outside the areas of the Constituent Councils. The Authority is a regional subsidiary established by; City of Burnside, City of Norwood, Payneham and St. Peters, Corporation of the Town of Walkerville, City of Mitcham, City of Campbelltown, Adelaide Hills Council. The transactions which occur between Council and the Authority are at arms length and are for the provision of waste management services.

Eastern Waste Management Authority	2008	2007
Council's respective interests are:		
- ownership interest in the joint operation	3.23%	3.23%
Movements in Investment in Joint Operation	\$	\$
Opening Balance	1,033	2,263
Share in Operating Result	(14,044)	(1,230)
Share in Equity of Joint Operation	(13,011)	1,033

Highbury Landfill Authority Inc

The Highbury Landfill Authority was formed in December 2005 to split the East Waste operations between collection services and landfill operations with a view to bringing new members in to East Waste without them having any liability for the remediation of the landfill site at Highbury. Membership of the Highbury Landfill Authority is made up of the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville, the City of Burnside and the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters.

Highbury Landfill Authority	2008	2007
Council's respective interests are:		
- ownership interest in the joint operation	9.24%	9.24%
<u>Movements in Investment in Joint Operation</u>	\$	\$
Opening Balance	45,197	42,787
Share in Operating Result	(199,805)	2,410
Share in Equity of Joint Operation	(154,608)	45,197

Contingent Liabilities

Council's equity in the Highbury Landfill Authority is based on the audited annual financial statements of the Authority for the financial year ended 30 June 2008. It is possible that in future financial years, additional funding may be required from the Constituent Councils for the rehabilitation of the Highbury Landfill. As at 30 June 2008, the liability for the projected costs of the rehabilitation included in the 2008 annual audited financial statements is the best estimate based on all available information at that time provided by Golder Associates.

Eastern Health Authority

The Corporation of the Town of Walkerville is one of five member Councils of the Eastern Health Authority Inc (EHA). The other member Councils are City of Burnside, Campbelltown City Council, City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters and City of Prospect.

Eastern Health Authority	2008	2007
Council's respective interests are:		
- interest in outputs of the joint operation		
- ownership interest in the joint operation	5.65%	5.60%
- the proportion of voting power in the joint operation		
<u>Movements in Investment in Joint Operation</u>	\$	\$
Opening Balance	27,573	-
Share in Operating Result	(1,357)	27,573
Adjustment to Equity Share	246	-
Share in Equity of Joint Operation	26,462	27,573

Corporation of the Town of Walkerville

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

Note 17 - CONTINGENCIES & ASSETS & LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED IN THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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

1. POTENTIAL INSURANCE LOSSES

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

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

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

2. BANK GUARANTEES

Council has guaranteed certain loans and other banking facilities advanced to community organisations and sporting bodies, amounting to \$Nil (2006: \$Nil) at reporting date.

Council does not expect to incur any loss.

3. LEGAL EXPENSES

Council is the planning consent authority for its area under the Development Act 1993 (as amended). Pursuant to that Act, certain persons aggrieved by a planning decision of the Council may appeal. It is normal practice that parties bear their own legal costs. At the date of these reports, Council had notice of zero appeals against planning decisions made prior to reporting date. All known costs have been recognised.

4. CONTINGENT LIABILITY - LEGAL MATTER

A claim against the Council by Holcon Australia Pty Ltd asserting a breach of contract was disclosed in the 2007 Financial Statements.

This claim has now been settled.

Note 18 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

There were no material commitments for expenditure as at the 30 June 2008.

Note 19 - EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

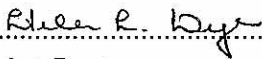
There were no significant events occurring after balance date other than the contingent liability reported in Note 17.4.

Corporation of the Town of Walkerville

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2008

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S STATEMENT

I, Helen Dyer, the person for the time being occupying the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville, do hereby state that the Income Statement of the Council as at 30 June 2008 and the Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity and the Statement of Cash Flows, together with supporting notes, for the year ended on that date are to the best of my knowledge presented fairly and in accordance with accounting procedures which have been maintained in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 made under that Act.



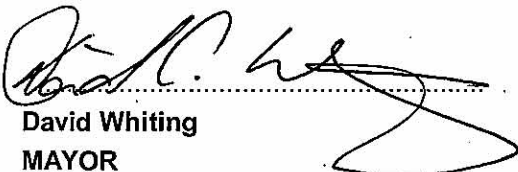
Helen Dyer

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dated this 14 day of November 2008

ADOPTION STATEMENT

Laid before the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville and
adopted on the 26TH day of NOVEMBER 2008



David Whiting
MAYOR

DEAN NEWBERY & PARTNERS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

ABN 30 164 612 890

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WALKERVILLE

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2008, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity, cash flow statement, a summary of the significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the Chief Executive Officer's Statement for the year ended on that date.

Chief Executive Officer's Responsibility for the Financial Report

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

Auditor's responsibility

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

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

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

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999, previously provided to the Chief Executive Officer, would be in the same terms if provided to the Chief Executive Officer as at the date of this auditor's report.

Auditor's Opinion

The financial report of the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville is in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville's financial position as at 30 June 2008 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations); and
- (c) complying with Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999.

DEAN NEWBERY & PARTNERS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS



JJM KEOGH
PARTNER

Signed on the 24th day of November 2008,
at 214 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide, South Australia 5006.



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12 November 2008

Chief Executive Officer's Certificate of Compliance – Auditor Independence

I Helen Dyer, the person for the time being occupying the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Walkerville Council do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation 16A (2) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* that the Council's Auditor, Dean Newbery & Partners, has not been engaged by the Council to provide services to the Council outside of the scope of the audit functions prescribed by *the Local Government Act 1999*.

.....
Helen R. Dyer

Helen Dyer
Chief Executive Officer

.....
12 November 2008

Dated



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13 November 2008

Chairperson of Audit Committee Certificate of Compliance – Auditor Independence

I Councillor Cheesman, the person for the time being occupying the position of Chairperson of the Audit Committee for the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation 16A (2) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* that the Council's Auditor, Dean Newbery & Partners, has not been engaged by the Council to provide services to the Council outside of the scope of the audit functions prescribed by the *Local Government Act 1999*.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Cheesman', written over a dotted line.

Philip Cheesman
Councillor

A handwritten date '14/11/08' written in black ink, positioned above a dotted line.

Dated

**DEAN NEWBERY & PARTNERS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

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11 JUL 2008

**Auditor's Independence Declaration Under Section 16A of the Local
Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 to The Corporation of
the Town of Walkerville**

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999. In accordance with Regulation 16A of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999, we state as follows:

We confirm that for the audit of the financial statements of The Corporation of the Town of Walkerville for the year ended 30 June 2008, we have maintained our independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Section 290, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, and in accordance with requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 made under that Act.



JIM KEOGH

Partner

**DEAN NEWBERY & PARTNERS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
214 MELBOURNE STREET
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NORTH ADELAIDE, this 30th day of June 2008

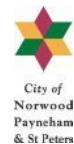
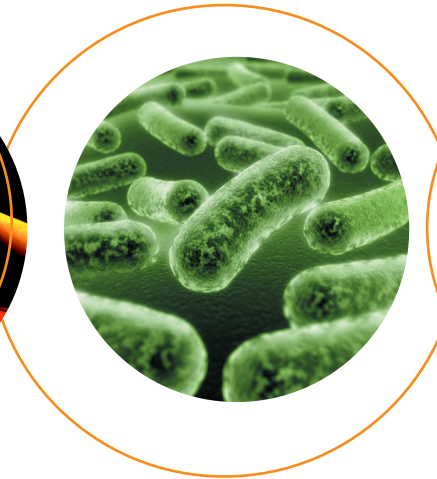
Regional Subsidiaries



EASTERN
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AUTHORITY



2007-08 annual report





The Eastern Health Authority, comprising five constituent councils (Norwood, Payneham & St Peters, Burnside, Campbelltown, Prospect and Walkerville), has an excellent reputation in the delivery of public and environmental health services to the community.

The Eastern Health Authority is the largest immunisation provider for Local Government in South Australia. Over the last two years, there has been a 25% increase in attendance at the Authority's clinics. This is largely attributable to the vitally important Human Papillomavirus (HPV) immunisation program and an increased awareness of the value of yearly influenza vaccinations, especially for children.

The Supported Residential Facilities (SRF) sector and the financial pressures experienced by the proprietors of these facilities, has recently received a good deal of media coverage. The closure of Osmond House was of concern to the Authority but all residents were successfully relocated. The Authority hopes that the new Accommodation Act will address the many valid concerns of SRF proprietors and the complex issues and varied needs of the clients. I am pleased to report that the Eastern Health Authority has entered into a contract with the City of Unley to be the licensing authority for four SRFs located in their area.

Over time it became apparent to the Authority that the skills and knowledge of some food handlers needed improvement. On 24 June 2008 the Authority launched a food safety program called "Preventing a Kitchen Nightmare – A Guide to Food Safety Fundamentals". This initiative of the Authority has proven to be a great success and will serve to further protect our community from food borne illnesses.

Some food businesses repeatedly breach food safety standards. The Authority's enforcement policies ensure that these businesses are dealt with in a prompt and appropriate manner. I am often asked why the Authority cannot "name and shame" a non complying business but currently no State legislation exists which allows the Authority to do this.

Once again, I take the opportunity to congratulate the staff of the Authority for being presented with a 'Certificate of Excellence' from the State Government's Public and Environmental Health Council.

It has been my pleasure to work with the CEO, staff members and Board of Management. All have displayed diligence and enthusiasm in the execution of their duties and I thank them for their dedication.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sue Whittington". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Sue Whittington
Chairperson

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SECTION 1 Eastern Health Authority

The Eastern Health Authority Inc (the 'Authority') is a regional subsidiary established pursuant to Section 43 of the Local Government Act 1999. Section 43 provides for two or more councils (known as constituent councils) to establish a subsidiary to perform a function of the council in a joint service delivery arrangement under the Local Government Act or other Acts.

The Authority is a cost effective and efficient service provider working cooperatively with its constituent councils:

- City of Burnside
- Campbelltown City Council
- City of Norwood Payneham and St Peters
- City of Prospect
- Corporation of the Town of Walkerville

In addition, the Authority is contracted by Adelaide City Council to provide immunisation services and the City of Unley for the licensing of supported residential facilities.

The Authority discharges its constituent councils' environmental health responsibilities that are mandated in the following legislation:

- Public and Environmental Health Act 1987
- Food Act 2001
- Supported Residential Facilities Act 1992
- Environment Protection Act 1993
- Local Government Act 1999.

A wide range of environmental health functions are performed by the Authority which include the prevention and control of disease, immunisation, hygiene and sanitation control, environmental protection, licensing and monitoring of supported residential facilities, and the surveillance of food premises to ensure appropriate food safety standards.

The table below provides a snapshot of the environmental health services provided for each constituent council.

	Burnside	NPS	Campbelltown	Prospect	Walkerville	Total
Rateable properties	20254	19317	20170	9500	3360	72601
Population of council	42000	34000	48287	20354	7280	151921
Number of Food Premises	246	391	242	139	38	1056
Swimming Pools	13	14	4	2	2	35
Cooling Towers	9	16	5	2	2	34
Supported Residential Facilities	5	2	3	3	1	14
Environmental Health Complaints	123	209	161	44	11	548
Hairdressers/Beauty Treatment	62	96	52	33	8	251
2007 SBIP Yr 8 – 13 enrolment numbers	1956	2041	1914	245	350	6506
2008 SBIP Yr 8 & 9 enrolment numbers	1136	1319	1269	412	129	4265
Immunisation Clinics – Vaccines given	1721	3716	1986	474	452	8349

The diversity and increasing complexity of environmental health makes it difficult for small organisations to have staff who are experienced and fully competent across all spheres of the profession. The Authority is structured to proficiently deliver all required services on behalf of its constituent councils.

SECTION 2 Board of Management



Sue Whittington -
Chairperson



David Lincoln

The Authority is a body corporate, governed by its Board of Management. The Board has the responsibility of managing the business and administrative affairs of the Authority, ensuring that it acts in accordance with its Charter.

Two elected members from each constituent council comprise the Board, which consists of ten members. Scheduled meetings are conducted in accordance with the Local Government (Procedures and Meetings) Regulations 2000.

The Board met five times during the year at the Authority's offices and once by teleconference to consider the Authority's business.



Chris Morley

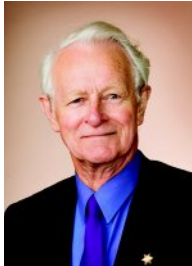


Anne Fitzharris

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 2006/07



Terence Cody



Lance Manser

City of Burnside

Cr David Lincoln
(Deputy Chairperson July-December 2007)
Cr Chris Morley
Proxy: Cr Andrew Hillier

Campbelltown City Council

Cr Anne Fitzharris
Cr Terence Cody
Proxy: Cr Helen Nichols



Tim Newall



Bruce Preece

City of Norwood Payneham St Peters

Cr Sue Whittington (Chairperson)
Cr Lance Manser
Proxy: Cr Kevin Duke

City of Prospect

Cr Tim Newall
Cr Bruce Preece
Proxy: Cr Brian Welby



Carolyn Wigg



Heather Wright

Corporation of the Town of Walkerville

Cr Carolyn Wigg (Deputy Chairperson January-June 2008)
Deputy Mayor Heather Wright
Proxy: Cr Rex Adams

SECTION 3 Administration



*Top - Immunisation staff
Centre - Environmental Health staff
bottom - Administration staff*

The efficient and effective management of the affairs of the Authority are the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer, appointed by the Board of Management. The responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer include the employment of staff to ensure that the Authority's operations are effectively undertaken.

The current staffing of the Authority is:

- Chief Executive Officer
- Senior Environmental Health Officers (1.6 FTE)
- Environmental Health Officers (6.0 FTE)
- Team Leader Immunisation Services
- Immunisation Nurses (2.0FTE plus casuals employed as required)
- Team Leader Administration
- Clerical Officers (0.5 FTE, 0.6 FTE)
- Medical Officer of Health (Dr Rodney Pearce – consultant)
- Auditor (Dean Newberry and Partners)

Electronic communication is commonplace in today's society. To improve methods of communication, the Authority launched a website during the year. The website (www.eha.sa.gov.au) enables members of the public, constituent councils and other clients to readily and conveniently access information about the organisation and environmental health. A contact form on the website has been well used by residents to request information or bring health concerns to the Authority's attention.

Seamless communication and service delivery between the Authority and its constituent councils are necessary to maintain a high standard of customer service. To uphold this principle, familiarisation sessions and council contact meetings were held during the year. The sessions and meetings provide staff of the constituent councils with a better appreciation of the wide scope of services provided by the Authority.



2007–08 was the third year in succession that the Eastern Health Authority was recognised for attaining excellence in the field of public and environmental health by the Public and Environmental Health Council. The recognition is reflective of our focused approach to environmental health and the continual development of our service delivery.

This year an Emergency Management Plan has been developed to define and address the unique issues that confront environmental health professionals in an emergency. These professionals play a critical role in the response and recovery phases of emergencies and the plan is intended to assist with their capacity building.

The lack of mandatory training requirements for food handlers clearly contributes to the lack of appropriate skills and knowledge observed by our Authorised Officers in some food businesses. The need for an easily accessible training program to assist businesses within our area to improve their food safety knowledge was apparent. A food safety training initiative developed in response has been extremely well received by the early participants and extra sessions are needed to cope with demand.

The School Based HPV Catch-Up Immunisation Program, a huge logistical challenge, was completed in late 2007. The ability of our immunisation staff to implement and deliver the program with such short notice is highly commendable. During the year, 17369 HPV vaccines were given at 96 visits to schools, which is a 277% increase on a normal school year.

The Authority's expertise in dealing with supported residential facilities was recognised when it entered into an arrangement with the City of Unley to act under delegated authority as its licensing authority. Unley becomes the seventh council to which we provide environmental health services.

Considerable work has been undertaken in preparing for the introduction of our auditing services for businesses serving vulnerable populations and also for the new legislative requirements in relation to legionella control. The work in this area will begin in earnest in late 2008 and will pose many challenges.

I will close with a note of thanks to our dedicated employees who have worked extremely hard during the year and to the Board of Management for their continued encouragement and support.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Michael Livori". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Michael Livori
Chief Executive Officer

SECTION 5 Health Education and Promotion

Promotion of public and environmental health is a statutory requirement of all Councils under the Public and Environmental Health Act 1987, which states:

Section 12A(2) ...it is the duty of a local council –

- (a) to promote proper standards of public and environmental health in its area; and
- (b) to take reasonable steps to prevent the occurrence and spread of notifiable diseases within its area.

Health promotion is vital to creating healthier living environments and positive health outcomes. In addition to special projects described below, health promotion activities routinely undertaken include:

- Supply of three editions of South Australia Food Handler Update (SAFHU) newsletter to all food businesses.
- Promotion of public health messages via publications produced by the constituent councils.
- Display of public health promotional and hand-out material in the customer service areas of the constituent councils, libraries and the Authority.

IMMUNISATION EDUCATION SESSIONS

On occasion, the nursing staff receive requests to present education sessions about immunisation.

In August 2007, an immunisation nurse presented a general update to twelve environmental health staff employed by Adelaide City Council. The update covered the National Immunisation Program, new vaccines and the funded Human Papillomavirus Vaccine Program for females aged between 12 to 26 years.

During November 2007 and June 2008, an immunisation nurse attended two childcare centres to present education sessions to parents and staff. Topics covered were:

- vaccinations recommended for child care staff, parents, children and adolescents
- vaccine safety
- myths and realities.

Handout material including clinic timetables were made available to parents and staff.

FOOD SAFETY TRAINING INITIATIVE

Based on observations made during food inspections, it became apparent that some food handlers lacked adequate knowledge and skills to ensure safe handling of food. To address this need an unaccredited training course titled 'Preventing Kitchen Nightmares – A Guide to Food Safety Fundamentals' was developed.

The three hour course aims to educate food handlers, managers and owners of food businesses about the basic principles of food safety, food hygiene and food preparation.

A pilot training session was held on 11 May 2008 at the Payneham Library to obtain constructive feedback. Attendees indicated that the presentation was concise, easy to understand and met their expectations. The training program was officially launched on 24 June 2008. Positive feedback was again received from all food handlers who attended. They thought the session emphasised the importance of food safety and hygiene, and made them reflect upon changes required within their food premises.

Environmental Health Officers have noted during subsequent routine inspections that attendees have actively changed their practices, ensuring food is safely stored and prepared. This outcome clearly demonstrates the success and benefit to public health of the initiative.



FOOD SAFETY WEEK

Food Safety Week is a national event and major activity of the Food Safety Information Council. Held during 12 – 19 November 2007, the theme for the year was 'Back to Basics' and focussed on the fundamentals of food safety – clean, cook, chill and separate.

During November 2007 a project was pursued that targeted people who may have taken on greater responsibility for meal preparation through changing circumstances, for example widowers or carers. These people (or those they care for) may be particularly susceptible to food poisoning if they are over 70 years of age or have poor immunity. They may also have contact with people in other high risk groups, such as children below the age of five.

With the co-operation and assistance of the community development staff from the constituent councils, information was given to Home Assist clients during Food Safety Week. The information comprised a letter from the Authority and a brochure titled 'How You Cook Can Make You and Others Crook' that promoted the basics of food safety.

Feedback indicated that the response from clients was positive and the information appreciated. This project is a good example of the Authority and allied professionals from the constituent councils collaborating to improve the health of the local community.

GOOD HEALTH AND LIFESTYLE SHOW

The Authority participated in the Northpark Shopping Centre 'Good Health and Lifestyle' show on Friday 5 and Saturday 6 October 2007. It was a great opportunity to exhibit the Authority's function to the public whilst providing information on various immunisation and environmental health topics.

The Authority set up a stall (shown in the photo below) in a prominent position near the main entrance. Those visiting the centre felt comfortable to ask questions ranging from how to set up a home based food business to the legalities of grey water diversion. Part of the display consisted of contaminated food items replicating those that had been received by the Authority. These items, accompanied by photos of other examples of contaminated food, created some interesting remarks among passers by.

Popular brochures taken by the community addressed overseas travel vaccinations, how to access immunisation histories, European wasps, lunch box safety and immunisation clinic timetables. Give-aways included a bag containing child health information (such as the National Immunisation Program). The 'EHA Immunisation' balloons proved to be especially popular.

Given the exposure, the material distributed and the positive response from the public, it can be concluded that the display was effective in promoting public and environmental health to those who visited the show.



The Authority's stall at the Good Health and Lifestyle Show

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SURVEY OF PUBLIC POOLS AND SPAS

Public pools can be a public health risk, as highlighted early in 2007 with a Cryptosporidium alert from the Department of Health that resulted in pool closures.

A survey of the management and operation of public pools located in the Authority's incorporated area was undertaken to identify ways to improve pool hygiene and safety. The survey was structured to gather information about the daily maintenance of the pool and to expose issues that would not specifically be identified during inspections.

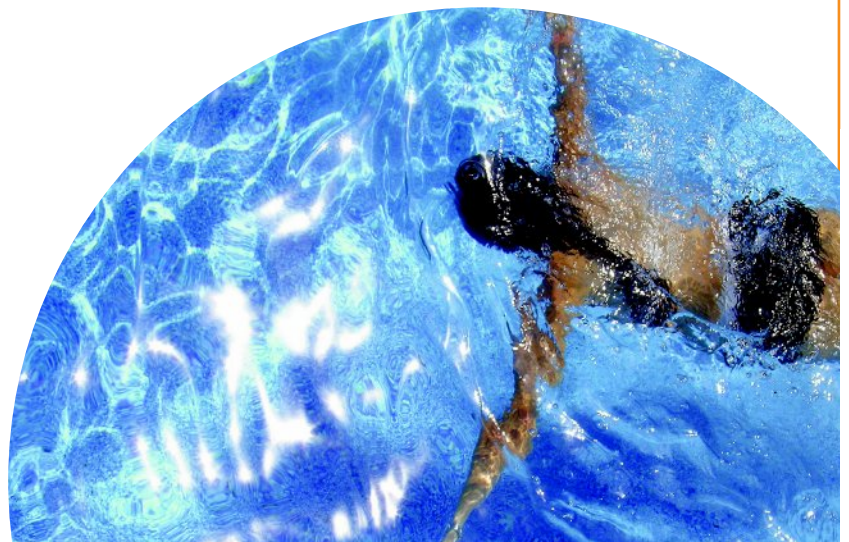
In general, the cleanliness, operation and maintenance of pools was found to be excellent. Pools that service high-risk populations such as the elderly in health care centres, or children in swimming schools, have specific risks that have been identified and are managed by pool operators.

The survey identified common issues with pools that are not essential to, nor are the primary source of income for a business. Examples of these are gym pools and motel pools. Responsibility usually falls on the general maintenance employee and problems arise due to:

- inadequate time available to look after the pool
- conflicts with other maintenance commitments and responsibilities
- turnover of maintenance staff
- lack of education and skill.

Training courses are relatively expensive and place a significant financial impact on small business, especially if the business experiences a high turn-over of staff. To avoid this expense a service contractor is commonly employed to manage the pool. Contractors attend the pool only two to three times per week, leaving daily cleaning, testing and the identification of acute issues to untrained employees who are unfamiliar with water disinfection fundamentals.

Legislation does not require operators to be formally trained, although the intent is to ensure that pools are controlled and managed by a person with competent skills. During 2008-09, training and education options such as the development of learning tools will be considered in response to the survey findings.



SECTION 6 Immunisation

Immunisation remains one of the most effective and cost efficient public health measures to prevent the spread of communicable diseases. Immunisation protects individuals and others in the community by increasing the general level of immunity and minimising the spread of infection. Current trends show that over 90% of children are up to date with their vaccinations by age two.

Local Government plays a significant role in the delivery of immunisation in South Australia. It shares responsibility with other levels of government and providers to improve immunisation uptake and coverage.

Challenges for immunisation providers are varied and the Authority's immunisation services continue to evolve according to issues encountered.

Consistent with the trend for higher immunisation coverage, public clinic attendance has grown. Three contributing reasons have been:

- an 8% increase of two-month-old infants attending for their first vaccinations
- improved awareness for children to have yearly influenza vaccination
- an increase in migrant families living within our communities.

Another trend developing at public clinics is the request for catch-up vaccination. The servicing of catch-up needs is a growing role for immunisation staff and often a complex and time-consuming process. The trend may again be attributable to the increase in migrant families living within our communities. The children of these families often require their immunisation status to be updated inline with the National Immunisation Program.

During the year, an updated specialised immunisation computer program called ImPS 2.5 was installed. The Department of Health facilitated rollout of the program to 34 immunisation service providers in South Australia once each provider entered into a service agreement. Internal training was provided to immunisation staff following training of a limited number of staff by the software developer.

There have been several changes to the National Immunisation Program this year. This meant that immunisation providers administered two different schedules to infants simultaneously from 1 March 2008, dependent upon their age. The introduction of the Rotavirus vaccine, shown in the photo below, was new to the National Immunisation Program.



Administering the Rotavirus vaccine

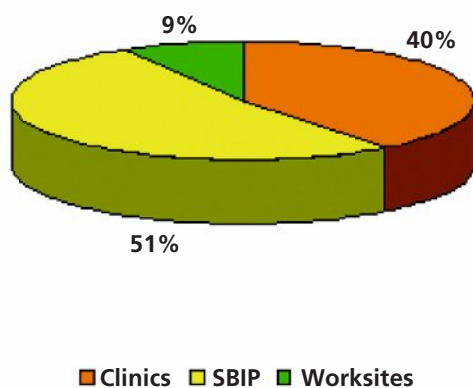
SECTION 6 Immunisation

The vaccines offered as part of the Authority's immunisation services provide protection against the following 16 infectious diseases:

- Diphtheria
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Haemophilus Influenzae Type B
- Human Papillomavirus
- Influenza
- Measles
- Meningococcal C
- Mumps
- Pertussis
- Pneumococcal
- Poliomyelitis
- Rotavirus
- Rubella
- Tetanus
- Varicella-Zoster

An analysis of the Authority's immunisation services, represented in the graph below, shows the proportion of vaccines administered in each of the three programs - public clinics, school based immunisation and worksites.

Immunisation services provided



Administration officer with a client at the Adelaide South West clinic



PUBLIC IMMUNISATION CLINICS

The Authority conducts between 27 and 30 public immunisation clinics per month at seven different locations. A brochure containing clinic details is widely distributed throughout the community and available on the Authority's website.

During the year, 4685 clients attended the Authority's public clinics and received 9676 vaccinations reflecting a 14% increase of vaccines administered. Client attendance increased by 15% from the previous year, totalling a 25% increase in attendance over the last two years. As shown in the table below, there was a notable boost to client numbers at the Adelaide and Burnside clinics with a 122% and 95% increase respectively.

PUBLIC CLINICS ATTENDANCE BY VENUES 2007-08	CLIENTS	CLIENT ATTENDANCE INCREASE	VACCINES
Adelaide	292	122%	489
Burnside	512	95%	1008
Campbelltown	507	20%	868
Norwood Payneham St Peters	2934	6%	6555
Prospect	226	42%	381
Walkerville	214	25%	375
Total	4685		9676

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The table below shows that clients, from infants to adults, reside in many localities with 10.5% living outside of the Authority's area.

PUBLIC CLINIC ATTENDANCE BY CLIENT'S COUNCIL OF ORIGIN 2007-08	CLIENTS	VACCINES
Adelaide City Council	260	564
City of Burnside	837	1721
Campbelltown City Council	980	1986
City of Norwood Payneham St Peters	1621	3716
City of Prospect	261	474
Corporation of The Town of Walkerville	233	452
Other Council Areas	493	763
Total	4685	9676

An increase in clients attending the Burnside, Campbelltown and St Peters clinics required a second immunisation nurse to be rostered, alleviating waiting times experienced by clients. A reassessment of the busier clinics resulted in the following changes that took effect from January 2008:

- the monthly Burnside clinic increased to every second and fourth Monday of the month
- the monthly Campbelltown evening clinic changed from a drop-in to an appointment based clinic.

The modifications have reduced client waiting time, ensured safe practice and improved customer service.

There has been an increasing trend for influenza vaccination at the Authority's council clinics. During the year, clients received 611 influenza vaccinations, a 74% increase upon the previous year. Reasons for the increase include:

- approximately 20% of influenza vaccinations were given to clients absent from worksite programs conducted by the Authority
- awareness for children to have yearly influenza vaccination has improved.

Childhood influenza vaccination was a significant cause for the overall increase in client attendance at public clinics and for several months of extremely high attendance.

Immunisation nurse with a family at the Payneham Clinic



Vaccinations administered for the 2007–08 SBIP

School Programme 2007–08	Hep B	VZ	HPV	dTpa	Total
Adelaide	1116	208	3340	163	4827
Burnside	632	87	1826	231	2776
Campbelltown	548	167	1725	299	2739
Norwood Payneham St Peters	866	136	1641	0	2643
Prospect	282	60	86	30	458
Walkerville	79	5	356	0	440
Total	3523	663	8974	723	13883

SCHOOL BASED IMMUNISATION PROGRAM

During 2007, the School Based Immunisation Program (SBIP) was varied to accommodate the Human Papillomavirus catch up immunisation program and involved all year levels at 32 secondary schools. As a result, the SBIP did not include diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis immunisation.

Seventy-eight sessions at 25 high schools have been booked for the SBIP in 2008. This year's SBIP involves:

- year eight male and female students - two doses of Hepatitis B vaccine
- year eight male and female students – one dose of Varicella-Zoster vaccine
- year eight female students – three doses of Human Papillomavirus vaccine
- year nine male and female students – one dose of Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis vaccine.

As shown in the table above, the SBIP delivered 13883 vaccines during 2007-08 representing a decrease of 3154 or 18.5% reduction from the previous year. The reasons for the decrease were due to:

- no diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis immunisation in 2007
- no catch up Human Papillomavirus immunisation in 2008.

The ongoing SBIP is significantly larger since the introduction of the three-dose Human Papillomavirus vaccine for year eight female students in 2007. Even with an 18.5% reduction for 2008, the increase in vaccines administered remains at 116% since 2006.

Pre-vaccination assessment must take place before immunisation is given to any client including school students as shown in the photo below.



A year 8 student having pre-vaccination assessment and vaccination at school

SECTION 6 Immunisation

WORKSITE PROGRAM

As part of the Authority's occupational health and safety program, 14 or 93% of staff received influenza immunisation this year.

During February 2008, the immunisation staff distributed 180 worksite packages to existing and potential clients. A quick response to the mail-out saw clients booking dates from the middle of March 2008. Staff absent on the day of vaccination, or small worksites, had the opportunity to attend one of the Authority's public clinics.

As shown in the table below, the worksite program delivered 2090 vaccinations during the year, which is 414 or 16.5% less than the previous year. The decrease is contrary to the increased awareness and demand for workplace vaccination programs. However, this may be the cause as the high demand has stimulated a recent growth of providers offering workplace immunisation programs.

Vaccinations administered for the 2007-08 Worksite Program

VACCINE TYPE	TOTAL
Influenza	1979
Hepatitis A	17
Hepatitis B	26
Hepatitis A & B	49
ADT	9
dTpa	2
MMR	8
Total	2090

VACCINE & COLD CHAIN MANAGEMENT

In line with National vaccine storage guidelines, immunisation nurses maintain the 2°C - 8°C vaccine cold chain to ensure effective immunisation programs.

Cold chain management includes:

- recording of the pharmaceutical refrigerator temperature at the beginning and end of each working day
- checking of freeze sensitive monitors placed in the pharmaceutical refrigerator
- download of temperature graphs weekly from three digital temperature loggers placed in the pharmaceutical refrigerator
- calibration and service of digital temperature loggers annually by a NATA approved agent
- service of the pharmaceutical refrigerator in August 2007 and June 2008.

STANDING DRUG ORDERS

During the year a review took place of the South Australian Immunisation Resource Kit, incorporating the Authority's Standing Drug Orders (SDO). Amendments replicated changes to the South Australian National Immunisation Program. The endorsement committee comprising the Authority's Medical Officer of Health and the Chief Executive Officer authorised the SDOs in March 2008. The immunisation nurses reviewed the recommendations and signed the updated SDOs.

SECTION 7 Disease Control

'Environmental Health comprises those aspects of human health, including quality of life, that are determined by chemical, physical, biological, social and psychosocial factors in the environment. It also refers to the theory and practice of assessing, correcting, controlling and preventing those factors in the environment that can potentially affect adversely the health of present and future generations.'

(World Health Organisation 1972)

The Public and Environmental Health Act 1987 and Regulations are mechanisms employed by the Authority to fulfil its duty of care for the constituent councils. The Act deals with the following environmental health issues:

- prevention of insanitary conditions
- remediation of housing unfit for human habitation
- surveillance of swimming pool, spa pool and cooling tower operation
- assessment of hairdressing salons, beauty salons, acupuncture clinics and tattoo parlours
- approval and inspection of waste control systems
- control of offensive activities and discharges of waste to the environment
- prevention and control of notifiable diseases.

Environmental health often requires a multidisciplinary approach. In the course of investigating complex issues, Environmental Health

Officers work together and co-operate with other local government professionals and State government departments.

An educative approach is normally used in the first instance to manage non-compliance with legislation. Environmental Health Officers will inform individuals of their responsibilities concerning a particular issue and encourage behaviour change. In most instances during the year, this proved sufficient to achieve the desired outcome. Where information and advice was disregarded, enforcement mechanisms were utilised.

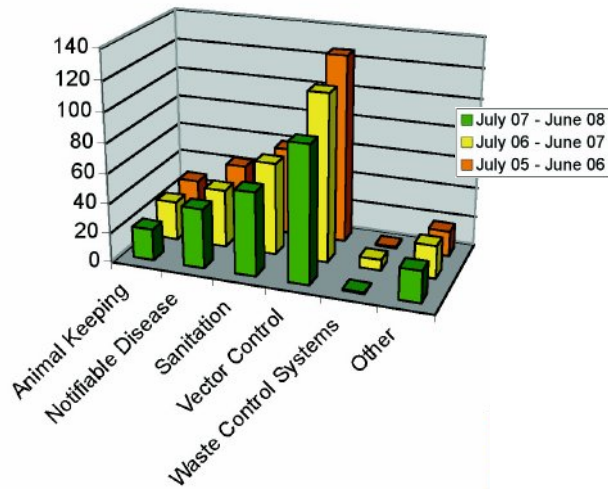
COMPLAINTS AND REFERRALS

The Authority investigates complaints lodged by the public or referrals from the Department of Health about matters that present a risk to public health. The table below shows a breakdown of the 230 disease control related complaints received for 2007-08 based on the type and location of complaint. The graph that follows provides a comparison of the complaints received from 2005 to 2008. There was a 14% reduction in the number of complaints received this year when compared with the previous year.

Disease control complaints received for the period 1 July 2007 – 30 June 2008

	BURNSIDE	CAMPBELLTOWN	NPS	PROSPECT	WALKERVILLE	TOTAL
Animal Keeping	6	3	8	4	0	21
Notifiable Disease	14	11	10	4	1	40
Sanitation	13	11	27	3	2	56
Vector Control	27	31	30	2	1	91
Waste Control Systems	1	0	0	0	0	1
Other	4	6	9	2	0	21
Total	65	62	84	15	4	230

Comparison of Disease complaints received 2005-2008



Animals

Twenty-one complaints were received about the keeping of animals including poultry, cats, pigeons and dogs. Health risks associated with the activity were assessed and where necessary appropriate action taken. On occasion, joint inspections were conducted with assistance of the General Inspector from the constituent council.

Notifiable Disease

The Public and Environmental Health Act prescribes 72 diseases that must be notified to the Communicable Disease Control Branch (CDCB) of the Department of Health. Notification enables investigation and surveillance of these diseases in order to prevent their spread within the community. The table following provides a comparison of notified diseases reported over the last three years within the Authority's area.

Example of notifiable diseases reported to the Department of Health for the region covered by the Eastern Health Authority

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Campylobacter infection	216	365	186
Salmonella infection	87	80	60
Legionella pneumophilla	3	2	1
Legionella Longbeachae	3	5	0
Ross River Virus	19	9	0
Cryptosporidium infection	32	55	5

The CDCB referred 40 cases to the Authority for investigation during the year. The majority of referrals required either:

- inspection of an aged care facility in response to an outbreak of a gastrointestinal illness
- information to be supplied to clients working in health care, food or child care industries about when it is safe to return to work and general hygiene advice.

In some instances, a referral required the Environmental Health Officer to collect further information such as a history of food consumed by the client prior to the onset of illness. CDCB collects, collates and compares this information to identify potential outbreaks of disease and reservoirs of infection.

Sanitation

Environmental Health Officers investigated 56 complaints of insanitary conditions relating to residential and commercial premises during the year. A majority of the complaints related to the accumulation of rubbish and other materials that had the potential to attract and harbour vermin. One notice was issued under the Public and Environmental Health Act 1987 addressing unsatisfactory waste management at a commercial premises. An expiation notice was issued for the offence.

One outstanding notice from 2006-07, which had declared the premises to be unfit for human habitation, was removed following the premises being cleaned and renovated.

The photo below is an example of an insanitary condition in a residential dwelling. In this instance, the kitchen is unclean and running water is not connected.



The kitchen of a residential dwelling in an insanitary condition

Vector Control

There has been a reduction in the number of vector complaints over the past three years. This year there were 91 complaints that were investigated by Environmental Health Officers, which is 28% less than in 2005-06. Due to the transient nature of most vectors, a community approach to control is encouraged to assist in eradication. The majority of complaints arose from sightings of vermin on residential properties. Where premises were determined to be conducive to the harbourage of vermin, residents were informed of remedial action required.

Waste Control Systems

Waste control systems are predominantly installed in non-sewered areas such as the Adelaide Hills Face Zone, as shown in the photo right. However, in the past year applications were received for both sewered and non-sewered areas. Improved awareness about the pressure on reticulated water supplies in South Australia has resulted in greater interest in the recycling and reuse of water.

A biolytix system was installed within a sewered area that allowed the homeowners to re-use a portion of their wastewater for gardening purposes. Approval from both the Department of Health and SA Water was required for this installation. Despite numerous enquiries, the Authority approved only one application during the year.

MONITORING AND SURVEILLANCE

Hairdressing, Beauty Salons, Acupuncture Clinics and Tattoo Parlours

Sixteen hairdressing salons, three beauty salons, seven acupuncture clinics and two tattoo parlours were inspected this year. Both tattoo parlours opened for business during the year and are the first to operate in the Authority's area.

A proposal to move toward self-assessment of hairdressing salons is being considered. This will involve the operator completing a self-assessment form to gauge their knowledge and highlight any areas of concern. An Environmental Health Officer will then look into any responses that do not conform with the Department of Health's 'Guideline on the Public Health Standards of Practice for Hairdressing'. Under the proposal a random selection of salons will continue to be inspected each year. Due to the higher level of risk associated with skin penetration activities, all businesses that perform these services will continue to be inspected.

Underfloor plumbing is inspected prior to installation of a waste control system



Legionella Control

Thirty-four cooling towers at 21 premises were inspected during the year against the structural and maintenance requirements of the relevant Australian Standards. During each inspection, an assessment was made of the business' maintenance program and a water sample collected from the cooling tower for microbiological analysis. High levels of Legionella, total bacterial counts or both were identified from cooling towers at three sites. Operators were immediately contacted and required to decontaminate the cooling tower and review their maintenance program.

Two cooling towers were decommissioned in the past year, and another two were replaced with new cooling towers.

New legislation that will regulate the control of Legionella organisms in manufactured water systems is expected to commence in the new financial year. This will encompass cooling towers and warm water systems, and provide a framework under which the maintenance of manufactured water systems will be enforceable. Local government will be responsible for the administration of the legislation and the Authority's Legionella control program will expand as a result.

As displayed in the photo right, cooling towers can range in shape and size, and encompass lengthy pipe-work in which Legionella grow.

Lodging Houses

Lodging houses in the eastern suburbs provide short to medium term accommodation for students or shelter for people close to homelessness. There is currently no legislation in South Australia setting out the rights and responsibilities of occupants or operators of lodging houses. As such, the protection given by the law is much less than that given to a person under a usual tenancy agreement.

Legionella grows in pipe-work connected to cooling towers

Routine inspections were made of eight lodging houses to ensure reasonable living standards using a guide supplied by the Housing Improvement Branch of Housing SA. Owners were requested to carry out maintenance including:

- repainting of walls and ceilings where paint was flaking
- rectifying unfinished electrical work where bare wires were exposed
- removal of excess materials that could pose fire hazards
- management of personal items left behind by lodgers.

Public Swimming Pools and Spas

Within the Authority's area there are 49 public swimming and spa pools that operate at 35 locations. Seventy-five public pool assessments were undertaken during the year.

Operator competence plays a large part in a healthy pool. The manner in which an operator's skill and knowledge is tested is changing. In the past, this has been indirectly measured by comparing test results. This year each pool was assessed using a new inspection procedure developed by the Australian Institute of Environmental Health. Coupled with the Environmental Health Survey of Public Pools and Spas a comprehensive review of pool hygiene and safety occurred at each site.

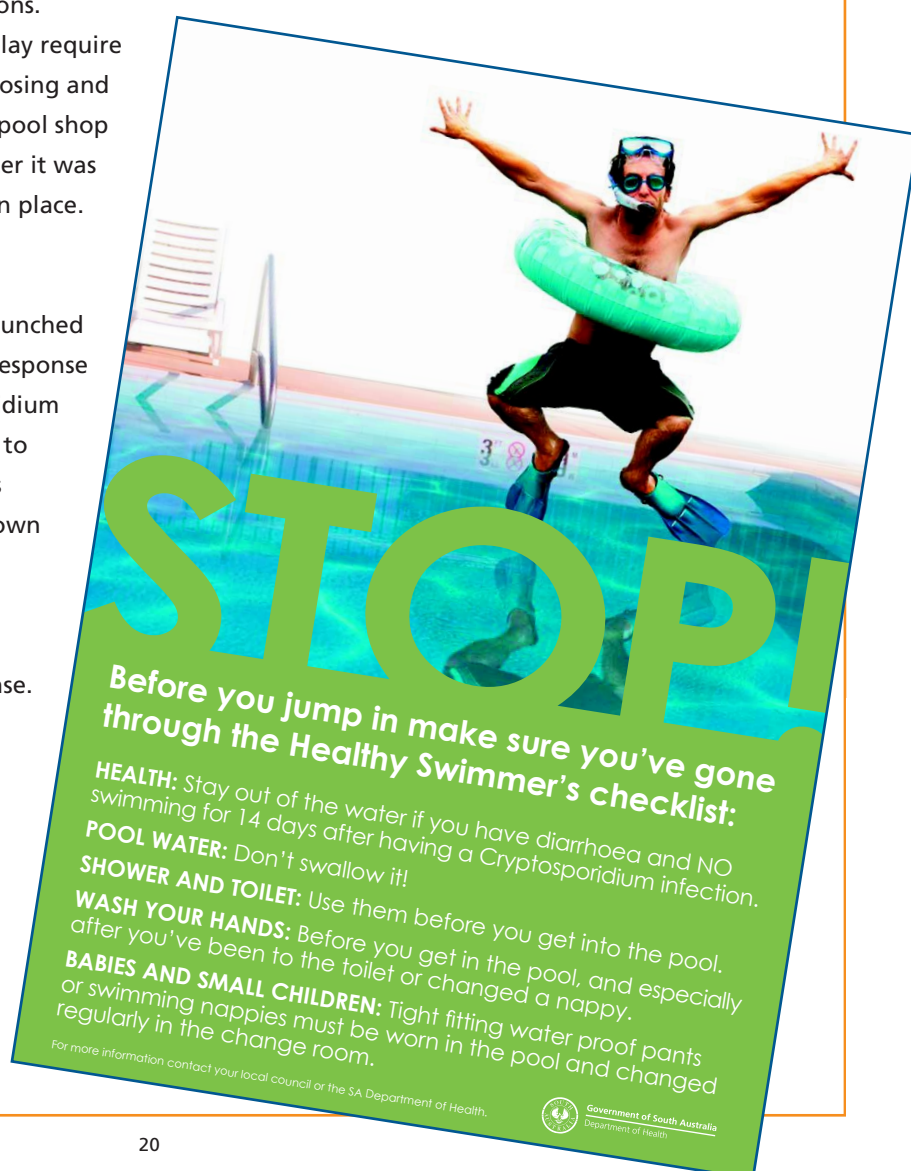


Managers were given the opportunity to correct non-complying conditions at the time of the inspection. If the operator could not rectify the situation or it was determined that damaged or poorly maintained equipment was the cause of poor water quality, the pool was closed. Environmental Health Officers closed three pools due to unsatisfactory test results. Each pool was reopened when the officer confirmed that the pool was operating within the regulations.

Two complaints regarding poor water quality in public swimming pools were received. Investigations into both allegations resulted in closure of the pools. In the first instance, testing of water quality was being undertaken with inaccurate equipment. Failure of both the heater and automatic dosing machinery caused poor water quality in the second instance.

Retail display and demonstration spa pools are defined as a public pool under the regulations. Because of this, all operational spas on display require automatic pH control, automatic chlorine dosing and continual analysis of these variables. A spa pool shop was required to comply with a direction after it was discovered that automatic dosing was not in place. The spa pools were subsequently drained.

A public health awareness campaign was launched prior to the swimming season. This was in response to an unusually high number of cryptosporidium notifications early in 2007 that were linked to public pools. Environmental Health Officers supplied pool operators with the poster shown right to be placed in strategic positions. Supported with radio advertisements, the poster campaign informed pool users of how to minimise the risk of spreading disease.



SECTION 8 Food Safety

Safe food is something we take for granted in Australia as we have access to a large variety of foods manufactured here and around the world. To ensure the food we consume everyday remains safe and does not become contaminated physically, chemically or microbiologically, legislation is in place and enforced by the Authority within its jurisdiction.

The Food Act 2001 in conjunction with the Food Safety Standards (Chapter 3 of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code) aims to:

- ensure food for sale is both safe and suitable for human consumption
- prevent misleading conduct in connection with the sale of food
- provide for the application of the Food Standards Code.

As per the mission statement, the Authority monitors, protects and promotes food safety by:

- Conducting regular assessments of food premises including vehicles and special events using the Australian Food Safety Assessment inspection tool.
- Investigating food related complaints, alleged food poisonings and food recalls.
- Ensuring receipt of notification from all food businesses operating within the Authority's jurisdiction.
- Maintaining Health Manager (electronic database) to ensure effective reporting to the Board of Management, constituent councils and Department of Health.
- Providing advice and information to food proprietors and the community on matters relating to food safety.
- Distributing the South Australian Food Handler Update (SAFHU) newsletter to food proprietors on a quarterly basis.
- Providing training on food safety and hygiene principles to food handlers within the Authority's jurisdiction.

- Conducting special initiatives that raise awareness of food safety amongst the community and food handler's understanding of food hygiene.
- Being involved with the Australian Institute of Environmental Health to promote uniformity and professional consistency.

FOOD BUSINESS NOTIFICATION

The notification process requires all proprietors to provide specific details about their food business to the Authority. If any change occurs, such as ownership or food handling activities, the proprietor must again notify.

As at 30 June 2008 there were 1056 known food premises operating within the Authority's jurisdiction. This equates to an increase of eight premises and is comparable with the previous year. The table below provides a breakdown of the number of food premises per constituent council area.

Number of Food Premises as at 30 June 2008

	TOTAL
Burnside	246
Campbelltown	240
Norwood, Payneham, St Peters	391
Prospect	141
Walkerville	38
Total	1056



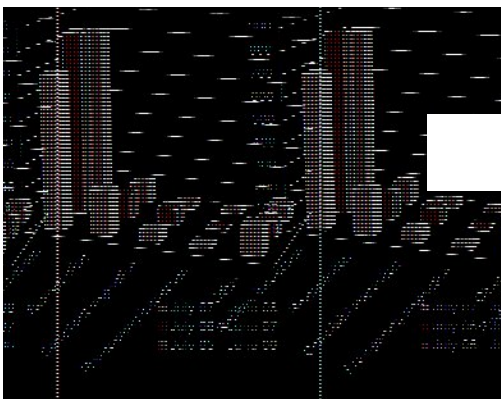
INSPECTIONS

During the year 1100 inspections of food premises were conducted. The table below gives the number of food inspections performed in each constituent council area. Routine inspections made up 62% of the total followed by re-inspections, complaint inspections and pre-opening inspections. Whilst there was a decrease in the number of routine inspections when compared with recent years, there was a 43% increase in the number of re-inspections. This is demonstrated in the graph below which shows a comparison of the types of food inspections performed over the last three years.

Number of Food Inspections performed for the period 1 July 2007 – 30 June 2008

	TOTAL
Burnside	212
Campbelltown	282
Norwood, Payneham, St Peters	454
Prospect	120
Walkerville	32
Total	1100

Comparison of the types of food inspections performed



Environmental Health Officers have found that some food businesses repeatedly breach the Food Safety Standards. These Standards have been in place for over five years. Given this amount of time, businesses should be familiar with their requirements. The Authority's enforcement procedures ensure businesses that repeatedly put the public at risk due to poor levels of cleanliness or hygiene are dealt with appropriately. This has equated to an increase in re-inspections being performed. Enforcement action is resource intensive, however it is imperative that the safety and suitability of food is not compromised. The following photos depict examples of inadequate maintenance and cleanliness in food preparation areas.

Poor standard of cleanliness of cooking equipment



Poorly maintained floor with build up of grease and grime.



SECTION 8 Food Safety

There has been a significant increase in the number of new food proprietors with English being their second language. Effective communication is imperative and to ensure these proprietors have adequate skills and knowledge in food safety, Environmental Health Officers have worked closely with them. The services of an interpreter were successfully used during the reporting period, allowing the officer and proprietor to converse. As a result, the officer was able to gain a better appreciation of the businesses procedures and practices, and the proprietor received helpful advice specific to their business. Another related issue is the need for officers to be able to identify foods and ingredients that are specific to different cultures. The development of a food atlas is being considered for this reason.

IMPROVEMENT NOTICES

The Food Act 2001 provides for improvement notices to be issued for repeat offences or serious breaches of the Food Safety Standards.

If an authorised officer believes, on reasonable grounds, that:-

- (a) any premises used by a food business in connection with the handling of food intended for sale or any equipment or food transport vehicle is in an unclean or insanitary condition or is otherwise unfit for the purpose for which it is designed or intended to be used; or
- (b) any premises used by a food business in connection with the handling of food intended for sale or any equipment or food transport vehicle does not comply with a provision of the Food Safety Standards; or
- (c) in relation to any premises used in connection with the handling of food for sale or food transport vehicle, any relevant food safety program prepared in accordance with the regulations is not being implemented adequately by a food business; or

- (d) any provision of the Food Standards Code is being contravened in relation to the handling of food intended for sale on any premises or in any food transport vehicle used by a food business in connections with the handling of food intended for sale,

the authorised officer may serve an improvement notice on the proprietor of the food business.

In the 2007-08 period, 68 improvement notices were issued under the Food Act 2001 compared with 45 improvement notices during 2006-07 and 23 during 2005-06. The 51% increase in improvement notices is a result of the Authority's commitment to ensure repeat offences and serious breaches are resolved in a suitable and timely manner.

Improvement notices specify the actions required for the business to comply with the Food Safety Standards. Most improvement notices addressed multiple breaches of the Standards including:

- unacceptable standards of cleanliness
- deteriorated floors
- failure to have a thermometer onsite
- inadequate skills and knowledge
- poor storage of food
- temperature abuse of potentially hazardous foods
- obstructed hand washing facilities
- hand washing facilities without soap or paper towel.





Obstruction of hand wash basin

Where necessary, proprietors were invited to the Authority's office to discuss significant deficiencies in food safety that were observed during inspections of their food business. This approach has been beneficial in building a professional relationship between the Authority and food proprietors and has increased awareness and understanding of proprietors' responsibilities under the Food Act 2001. The photos above and below demonstrate examples of food safety deficiencies that resulted in improvement notices being issued.

PROHIBITION ORDER

A prohibition order can be issued to a proprietor of a food business under the Food Act 2001 to prevent a serious danger to public health. Upon receipt of a prohibition order, a proprietor must ensure that no food intended for sale is to be handled, stored or sold within the specified area of the premises until the Authority gives a certificate of clearance.

One food business was issued with a prohibition order due to evidence of vermin infestation within a manufacturing area. A certificate of clearance was given after the vermin infestation was eliminated and the structure made vermin proof.

Unacceptable standard of cleanliness and poor maintenance of cooking equipment



SECTION 8 Food Safety

EXPIATIONS

The Authority expiated 25 offences under the Food Act 2001 during the year. This was a 32% increase from the previous year. Breaches of the Food Safety Standards are a serious concern and where warranted an expiation notice may be issued. The following table itemises the expiations issued for offences under the Food Act 2001 for the 2007-08 period.

Section	Offence	Number Expiations Issued
Food Act 2001 Section 17(2)	A person must not sell food that is unsuitable.	1
Food Act 2001 Section 21 Food Safety Standard 3.2.3 Clause 3(d)(i)(ii)	The design and construction of a food premises must to the extent that is practicable: (i) exclude dirt, dust, fumes, smoke and other contaminates; and (ii) not permit the entry of pests	1
Food Act 2001 Section 21 Food Safety Standard 3.2.2 Clause 6(1)a	A food business must when storing food, store the food in such a way that it is protected from the likelihood of contamination.	3
Food Act 2001 Section 21 Food Safety Standard 3.2.3 Clause 10	Floors must be designed and constructed in a way that is appropriate for the activities conducted on the food premises. (2) Subject to subclause (3), floors must be able to be effectively cleaned, be unable to absorb grease, food particles or water; be laid so that there is no ponding of water; and to the extent that is practicable, be unable to provide harbourage for pests.	1
Food Act 2001 Section 21 Food Safety Standard 3.2.3 Clause 14(1)	A food premises must have hand washing facilities that are located where they can be easily accessed by food handlers.	2
Food Act 2001 Section 21 Food Safety Standard 3.2.2 Clause 17(1)(a)	A food business must, for each food premises: maintain easily accessible hand washing facilities.	2
Food Act 2001 Section 21 Food Safety Standard 3.2.2 Clause 18(3)c	A food business must take all practicable measures to ensure all people on the food premises of the food business (c) do not spit, smoke, or use tobacco or similar preparations in areas where there is unprotected food or surfaces likely to come into contact with food.	1
Food Act 2001 Section 21 Food Safety Standard 3.2.2 Clause 19(1)	A food business must maintain food premises to a standard of cleanliness where there is no accumulation of garbage, except in garbage containers; recycled matter, except in containers; food waste; dirt; grease or other visible matter.	10
Food Act 2001 Section 21 Food Safety Standard 3.2.2 Clause 24(i)(d)	A food business must take all practicable measures to eradicate and prevent the harbourage of pests on the food premises and those parts of vehicles used to transport food.	1
Food Act 2001 Section 50	A person must not, without reasonable excuse, contravene or fail to comply with an improvement notice or a prohibition order served on the person under this Part.	3

List of expiated offences for the period 1 July 2007 – 30 June 2008

TEMPORARY EVENTS

Stall holders at special events are required to ensure that the Food Safety Standards are met. Environmental Health Officers communicate and provide information about food safety to stall holders and event organisers in relation to the types of activities they plan to undertake.

Examples of temporary events include:

- community fundraisers/drives
- cake stalls
- school fetes
- charity events
- sausage sizzles
- shows
- festivals
- concerts.

Environmental Health Officers carry out inspections on the day of the event to ensure that proper standards of food safety are upheld.

Food businesses at events are assessed against the following criteria:

- provision of hand washing facilities
- safe food storage including temperature control
- adequate cooking and heating facilities
- avoidance of cross contamination
- supply of sufficient potable water
- proper waste management
- sufficient toilet facilities for expected attendance
- adequate sanitation of facilities
- appropriate packaging and labelling of food.

Events attended during the year included:

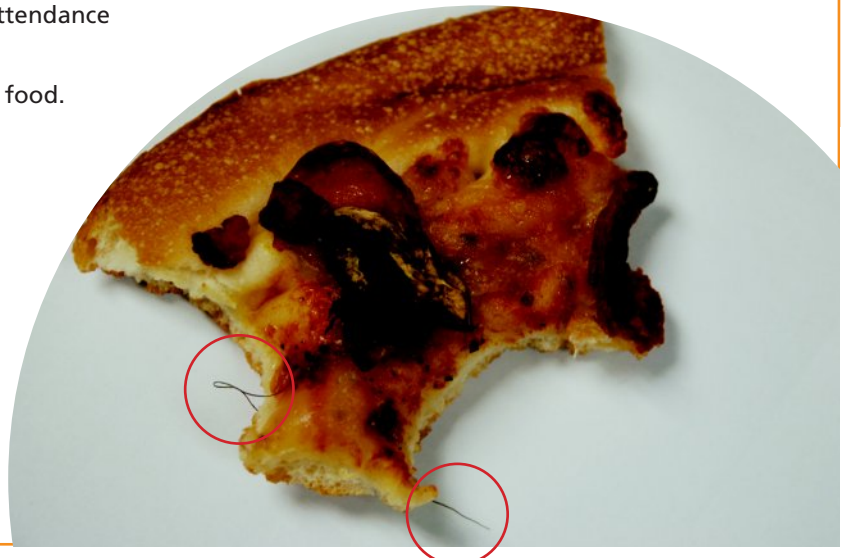
- St Peters Annual Fair
- Prospect Up Market Fair
- Prospect Fair
- The Natuzzi Parade Food & Wine Fair 2008
- Campbelltown Proud Day
- Walkerville Village Fair

Environmental Health Officers have observed an improved standard of food handling by participants. However, two stallholders were required to cease the sale of food when food safety was compromised because of non-compliance with the Food Safety Standards.

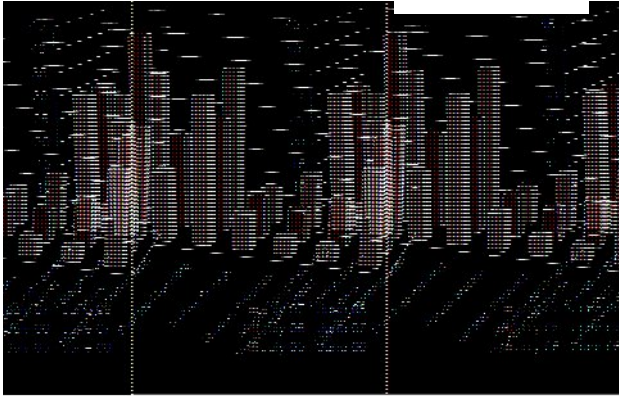
FOOD COMPLAINTS

Environmental Health Officers investigate food complaints received from the public. The Authority received 158 food related complaints during the reporting period as compared to 167 from the previous year. Poor food handling practices and alleged food poisoning cases contributed to 40% of the complaints received. This highlights that poor food handling practices are an important food safety issue for food businesses. The development and delivery of the Authority's in-house food safety training initiative aims to address this problem. The graph on the next page demonstrates that poor food handling has been an issue for the last three financial years.

Example of unsuitable food containing foreign matter – a hair in pizza



Food complaints received 1 July 2005 - 30 June 2008



FOOD RECALLS

Nineteen recalls issued by the Department of Health were monitored and actioned during the year in an aim to:

- advise relevant food businesses about the recall
- stop as soon as possible any further distribution and sale of the unsafe product
- effectively retrieve unsafe food.

INSPECTION FEES

To ensure fair and consistent application of inspection fees upon businesses that are inspected under the Food Act 2001, a policy was adopted in 2003. During the reporting period the 'Policy For Inspection Fees for Food Businesses' was reviewed.

The revised policy came into effect on 30 January 2008. It better clarifies which businesses are charged a fee and which are exempt, specifically community and charitable organisations. Additionally the revised policy provides for fees to be charged for re-inspections. The fee is applied only in the event more than one re-inspection is required because a non-conformance has not been rectified within an agreed timeframe. This provides Environmental Health Officers with another tool to encourage business operators to complete any improvements within a reasonable period of time and therefore enhance standards of food safety. A copy of the revised policy was distributed to all food businesses.

*Example of unsuitable food containing foreign matter
- a metal fragment in sandwich*



CHANGE TO LEGISLATION

During the reporting period, the Department of Health (DH) informed local government of new standards under the Food Standard Code that had come into effect in South Australia. It came to light that the standards, 'Standard 4.2.2 Primary Production and Processing Standard for Poultry Meat' and 'Standard 4.2.3 Production and Processing Standard for Meat', may apply to businesses such as continental delicatessens that repackage ready to eat meat in a modified atmosphere package (eg: vacuum packaging). Environmental Health Officers visited selected businesses and discussed the implications of the standards. Most chose to pursue alternative processes to avoid the need to implement complicated food safety management systems that are required due to the high risk nature of the activity.

Standard 3.3.1 'Food Safety Programs for Service to Vulnerable Persons' was included into the Food Standards Code on the 5 October 2006. Standard 3.3.1 applies mandatory food safety programs (FSP) to food businesses that process or serve potentially hazardous food to vulnerable persons. Businesses affected include hospitals, aged care, childcare centres and delivered meals organisations. The new standard has a two year transition period. This means that businesses identified by Standard 3.3.1 must develop and implement a FSP and have it audited by an approved auditor by 5 October 2008. Correspondence explaining these requirements has been sent to proprietors.

In preparation, Environmental Health Officers are in the final stages of seeking approval from DH to become auditors. Furthermore, to ensure the Authority offers a consistent service a standard operating procedure in food auditing has been developed.

2007 NATIONAL FOOD HANDLING SURVEY

On request from Food Standards Australia New Zealand, a food handling survey of retail food businesses was conducted during the reporting period. The aim of the survey was to quantify changes in food safety knowledge since the introduction of the Australian New Zealand Food Standards Code. Results will be obtained by comparing the survey data with a benchmark survey undertaken in 2001.

Businesses from all over Australia were selected. This included twenty businesses from the constituent councils. Environmental Health Officers approached the selected businesses and completed the survey.

Specific food handling practices of the businesses were observed and recorded. To complete the survey, the manager was then interviewed. Preliminary results demonstrate an increased knowledge of safe food handling and improved food handling practices since the implementation of the Food Safety Standards in 2002. On a national scale, a number of gaps in food handling knowledge have been identified. This includes correct hand washing techniques and the adequate supervision of ready to eat foods on display. It is anticipated that the results will help target education and assist with enforcement strategies.



SUPPORTED RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

A research paper prepared by the Department of Health in 2003 entitled 'Somewhere to Call Home - Supported Residential Facilities: the sector, its clientele and its future' defines a supported residential facility as:

'Supported Residential Facilities are (predominantly) privately operated facilities providing accommodation to people who require personal care and support. People living in Supported Residential Facilities can be assumed to have some form of disability or impairment, whether that be physical, intellectual or psychiatric. Supported Residential Facilities thus sit as private providers within the arena of accommodation and support services to people with disabilities and services for vulnerable adults.'

Supported residential facilities (SRFs) accommodate a large variety of residents with different needs. People living in SRFs often have some form of disability or impairment and require assistance in order to function on a day-to-day basis. The age of residents varies but those that are most vulnerable are under 25 years of age or over 80 years of age.

The services offered by SRFs can vary, hence the importance of locating a resident in suitable accommodation. In general, residents receive accommodation, meals and assistance with basic personal care, medication and pocket money.

The Authority is responsible for licensing SRFs within the jurisdiction (City of Burnside, Campbelltown City Council, City of Norwood Payneham and St Peters, City of Prospect and the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville). Early in 2008, the Authority entered into a contract with the City of Unley to act as the licensing authority under a fee for service arrangement. Four licensed SRFs are located within the City of Unley.

A resident's bedroom

LICENSING

Licensing of SRFs occurs on an annual basis. Initially Environmental Health Officers conduct a desktop review of documentation to ascertain the adequacy of record keeping. An inspection then takes place to assess factors such as maintenance, amenities (including bedrooms, example below) and meal service in order to determine the appropriateness of each facility.

During the 2008-09 licensing period, the Authority renewed 18 licences. Licence conditions were imposed on eight SRFs in relation to record keeping and fire safety.

Unannounced inspections of SRFs occurred midway during the licensing period. This provided Environmental Health Officers with an opportunity to assess the day-to-day operation of the facility and, where applicable, confirm that the proprietor adhered to licence conditions.

During the year, a transfer of licence application was approved. The Environmental Health Officer considered many factors to determine the suitability of the applicant, including their financial stability, proposed staffing and service standards (specifically personal care standards).



Where a proprietor of a SRF isn't actively involved with the management of the facility or is a body corporate, a person is appointed to undertake this role. Under the Supported Residential Facilities Act 1992 the person appointed as manager requires approval of the licensing authority. During 2007-08, three applications were received and approved. When assessing each application, consideration was given to documents supporting the application such as a police clearance, senior first aid certificate and training certificates. References were also checked to gauge the suitability of the applicant.

During April 2008, the proprietors of Osmond House announced the impending closure of the SRF. A meeting was promptly arranged with the proprietors and the Department of Families and Communities to discuss an appropriate process to relocate 17 male residents. Environmental Health Officers visited Osmond House on a fortnightly basis to ensure that residents continued to receive an adequate level of care whilst the closure proceeded. The SRF ceased operating just prior to its licence expiring. Officers visited the property on this day to confirm appropriate relocation of all residents to alternative accommodation.

FIRE SAFETY

The Building Fire Safety Committee (BFSC) of each council is responsible for evaluating a SRFs compliance with the fire safety provisions of the Building Code of Australia. Each council then provides the Authority with BFSC reports for consideration as part of the relicensing process.

Environmental Health Officers reviewed the BFSC reports of each SRF to determine compliance with the fire safety requirements of the Supported Residential Facilities Regulations 1994. Licence conditions addressing fire safety deficiencies related to:

- breaches of firewalls
- provision of appropriate staffing at night until sprinkler systems are commissioned
- minor maintenance and operational issues.

Conditions remain in place until the proprietor can demonstrate compliance with building fire safety standards.

COMPLAINTS AND QUERIES

Five complaints were received during the year in relation to four SRFs. The issues of concern raised by way of complaint were varied and included:

- the quality and quantity of food served to residents
- inadequate maintenance, in particular the operation of air-conditioning and heating appliances
- the behaviour of residents
- poor standards of hygiene and cleanliness
- inadequate staff training
- dignity and respect of residents
- the presence of vermin.

While some issues were straightforward and easily resolved, some were complex and required monitoring over a period. All complaints were resolved through negotiation without the need for enforcement action.

This year the Authority was informed on two separate occasions of the death of a resident of a SRF. Upon receiving this advice, an Environmental Health Officer visited the facility to obtain an account of the events. On both occasions the officer confirmed that proper procedures were followed.



One enquiry was received from a person who proposed to commence operation of a SRF within the Authority's jurisdiction. The Environmental Health Officer provided the relevant licence application forms and a copy of the 'Supported Residential Facilities Act 1992 Guidelines and Standards'. The officer also advised the development staff of the relevant council of the proposal. An application is yet to be received.

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

Norwood continued to make headlines in the local Messenger newspaper in relation to 'begging on The Parade'. The City of Norwood Payneham and St Peters formed a working party comprising elected members, key staff and other government and community representatives, including the Authority. The role of the working party was to investigate and implement strategies to address reasons why local residents, in particular residents of Osmond House, regularly beg. With the closure of the SRF, the issue appears to have resolved itself.

PROPOSED 'NEW' ACCOMMODATION ACT

During 2006 the Department of Families and Communities released a background paper titled 'Development of New Legislation to Replace the Supported Residential Facilities Act 1992 and the Supported Residential Facilities Guidelines 1994'. Since the consultation stage, no further information has been received. In the interim, the Authority continues to support the development of new legislation that will benefit SRF residents and proprietors.

FOOD SAFETY PLANS FOR SRFs

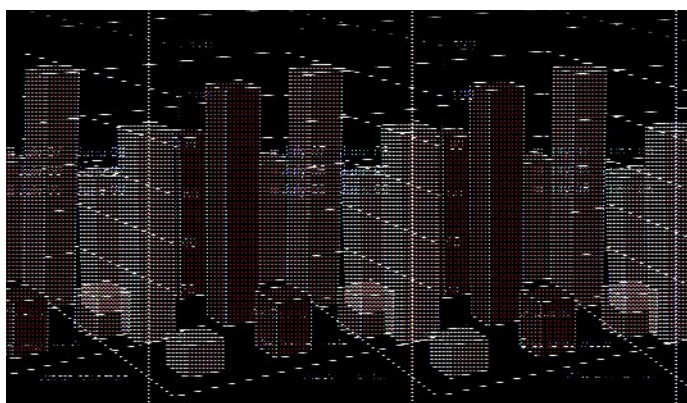
Standard 3.3.1 'Food Safety Programs for Service to Vulnerable Persons' was included into the Food Standards Code on the 5 October 2006. Standard 3.3.1 requires food businesses that process or serve potentially hazardous food to vulnerable persons to develop and implement a food safety program by 5 October 2008. Businesses that are affected include hospitals, aged care, childcare centres and delivered meals organisations.

SRFs licensed by the Authority were sent a letter during 2007 informing them of the implications of Standard 3.3.1. The introduction of mandatory food safety programs and its scope across the SRF sector is being further investigated.

A range of legislation, policies and guidelines addressing environmental health and environment protection are used to address environmental management and sustainability. Environmental Health Officers perform educative, preventative and reactive duties that aim to reduce unwarranted pollution of the environment.

For the year ending 30 June 2008, 160 complaints relating to environmental management and sustainability were received, as depicted in the bottom table. The graph above provides a comparison of the complaints received in previous years. There was a 18% reduction in complaints received this year when compared with 2006-07.

Comparison of environmental management complaints with previous years



AIR QUALITY

Smoke from domestic wood heaters, dust, odours and chemical spray drift make up the majority of air quality complaints.

As expected, wood smoke complaints increased in the colder months of the year. Wood smoke can cause breathing difficulties in vulnerable members of the community, such as asthmatics, young children or aged people. However, the disruption of home comfort accounts for the majority of complaints.

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) position is to encourage neighbours to resolve problems between themselves or through mediation. In response to complaints about wood smoke, Environmental Health Officers provided advice and guidance so that callers could resolve the issue themselves. Officers made complainants aware of EPA guidelines and encouraged them to contact the source of the problem directly. If the complainant explained that they were unable to resolve the problem by using this approach, an officer provided assistance. Information was sent to the alleged property, and in some instances, this was followed with an inspection. EPA guidelines were used to point out ways that the resident can minimise the effects of smoke upon their neighbours.

Environmental Management Complaints Received 1 July 2007 – 30 June 2008

	BURNSIDE	CAMPBELLTOWN	NPS	PROSPECT	WALKERVILLE	TOTAL
Air Quality	15	17	20	8	0	60
Discharge of Waste/ Stormwater	19	29	37	2	0	87
Waste Control/sharps	0	7	2	2	2	13
Total	34	53	59	12	2	160

Low rainfall and hot weather experienced during the year provided a challenge for building site developers. Numerous dust complaints were received from residents living next to demolition work. Officers commonly found that in these circumstances, dust suppression measures were not in place. As demonstrated in the photo below water may be used as a method of dust suppression. With a high public awareness of water restrictions and the enforcement of breaches by water conservation officers, site managers have been reluctant to use water to suppress dust. Site managers needed to be reassured that the use of sprinklers and hoses is allowed for health or legal requirements.



Water used as a dust suppressant on a building site

An abnormal number of complaints relating to odorous bins were recorded during the Christmas festive period. It is likely that the combination of extreme heat, disrupted garbage collection and excess food waste caused this spike in complaints. Residents leaving on vacation also placed bins out early exposing odours to neighbours and passers-by. All complaints were resolved when bins were emptied on collection day.

Mud dragged onto the road from a building site



STORMWATER POLLUTION

Following the introduction of the Water Quality Policy in 2002, deliberate discharge of pollution to stormwater has significantly decreased. A total of 87 complaints were received during the year, approximately half the number received in the first year the policy commenced. This shows that improved awareness amongst business and the public has resulted in a change in behaviour.

Common complaints received this year related to:

- mud dragged from building sites onto the road by vehicles (as depicted in the photo below)
- washing of equipment, allowing wash water to run onto the street
- unidentified materials in creeks and river ways.

Raw sewerage discharges on public land were referred to SA Water to rectify once it was confirmed that no one had been exposed.

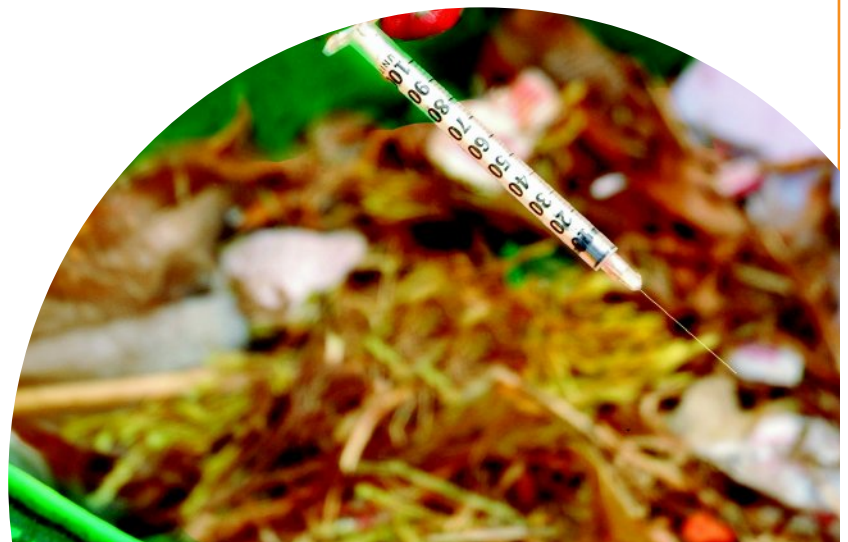
Three expiation notices were issued under the Environment Protection Act 1993 for breaches of the Water Quality Policy. They related to concrete cutting waste and high-pressure cleaning discharges to the storm water system. In each instance it was proven that poor management of wastewater was the reason for the discharge.

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

Complaints and enquiries about hazardous substances received during the year predominantly related to discarded asbestos materials and structures containing asbestos. Housing renovation and demolition activity can expose materials that may contain asbestos. Information from the EPA, SafeWork SA and the Mineral Fibres Branch of the Department of Health was provided where appropriate. Where necessary, residents were also referred to waste collection stations that receive asbestos for disposal.

INFECTIOUS WASTES

As an ongoing service, syringe and needle disposal was provided for residents during the year. Full sharps containers were exchanged with a new container for a minimal fee. In addition, sharps discarded in public places were promptly collected by Environmental Health Officers. All infectious wastes were promptly disposed of together with medical waste generated by the Authority's immunisation service.



The 'Working Together to Manage Emergencies' initiative was developed in recognition of the need for communities and local government to develop self reliance and therefore, enhance community safety. The scheme, introduced by the Australian Government and administered by Emergency Management Australia, assists communities to:

- develop and implement emergency risk management initiatives
- enhance protective measures for critical infrastructure
- provide emergency management and security awareness training for staff working in local government.

A successful application was submitted to obtain funding for 2007-08 to produce the Eastern Health Authority Emergency Management Plan (the plan). Emergencies can result in adverse environmental changes that can affect the health of the community. The intent of the plan is to build capability of the Authority and increase integration with emergency management organisations and the constituent councils.

A project officer was appointed and John Salter of EPBC Risk Management Services engaged as a consultant to the project. The consultant's expertise in emergency management was utilised to provide guidance and ensure the plan integrated with local, regional and state emergency management plans.

The project officer and consultant worked closely with the constituent councils who also received funding under the scheme to produce the Eastern Regional Emergency Risk Management Plan. This plan provides a whole of council approach to emergency management for the region. The risk analysis findings were drawn upon to ensure the outcomes of the Authority's plan are consistent with this project.

Authority staff with Allan McDougal, State Emergency Service, at an emergency recovery workshop

The plan is also consistent with state emergency management arrangements as outlined in the Emergency Management Act 2004 and State Emergency Management Plan. The approach taken to create the plan aligns with Standards Australia: AS/NZS 3460:2004 Risk Management and the four steps of Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Recovery (PPRR).

The plan will advise and guide the Authority to the actions required during the response and recovery phases of an emergency. The plan addresses:

- Emergency management arrangements in South Australia and where the Authority fits into these arrangements.
- The role and responsibilities of the Authority in an emergency.
- Hazards that may affect the region and are likely to have significant environmental health implications specifically: pandemic disease, disease arising within the Authority's area, flooding, earthquake and bushfire.
- Operational arrangements to be instituted during an emergency (e.g. activation of staff, coordination with constituent councils, requests for assistance, reporting and briefings, and information management.
- Communication with the community via the media during an emergency.



In addition, the plan includes:

- Standard operating procedures, proformas and community information specific to situations that may arise during an emergency.
- A business continuity plan for the Authority should an emergency affect the organisation directly.

Prior to finalising the plan, an electronic survey was used to obtain comment from key stakeholders. Invitations were sent to external organisations requesting their feedback on the plan and views about the integration of public and environmental health resources with other emergency management agencies.

Staff were also consulted on the draft plan and their comment sought. Because staff will ultimately be those who will use the plan, their requested feedback was guided toward the content of the plan and its usability.

Until an emergency occurs, it will never be known exactly what is required as every situation is different. However, the plan puts the Authority in a better place to manage the problems that will arise.

The importance of professional development and continuous improvement can not be understated. Professional development enables staff to maintain competency and the Authority to effectively fulfill its purpose. Staff seek to expand their knowledge and be informed through education and affiliation with professional associations.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Business Continuity Management

The Senior Environmental Health Officer attended a training course in Business Continuity Management, presented by Emergency Management Australia during 24 – 27 September 2007. The speakers, who had extensive experience in business continuity management, delivered a practice-based course with presentations interspersed with group activities. The meaning of business continuity and the steps involved in developing a plan were explained. This information was applied during group activities and in the completion of an assignment that was required following the course.

Australian Institute of Environmental Health 30th State Conference

All Environmental Health Officers were afforded the opportunity to attend the three day State Conference of the South Australian Branch of the Australian Institute of Environmental (AIEH), held in the Barossa Valley. Topics on the program addressed the workforce crisis facing environmental health, environmental health impacts during an emergency and review of the Public & Environmental Health Act. Keynote speakers included Prof Valerie Brown AO and Dr Peng Bi. They challenged attendees to consider the role of environmental health practitioners in the context of creating a sustainable future and global impacts upon health eg: climate change.

International Federation of Environmental Health 10th World Congress

The Chief Executive Officer and Senior Environmental Health Officer attended the tenth World Congress on Environmental Health held in Brisbane, Queensland.

The inaugural World Congress took place in Sydney 20 years ago and the tenth was the second to be held in Australia. The program reflected upon the challenges facing environmental health 20 years ago and the emergence of global issues that we now face to create a sustainable future.

Presenters highlighted that environmental health has an important role in assisting communities adapt to the changes we are to face because of climate change. Various presentations showcased examples of public health planning and creation of healthy settings. These were of special interest as they are relevant to the Authority's broader role, its relationship with the constituent councils and in particular the development of a Public Health Plan, a new initiative for 2008-09.

Pandemic Planning Seminar

The Australian Institute of Environmental Health (AIEH) presented a seminar about management of and planning during disease outbreaks, particularly in the event of a pandemic. Speakers presented on topics including quarantine, local community planning and the value of public health promotion during outbreaks. The recent horse Flu outbreak was used to highlight management difficulties and potential consequences of pandemic influenza. The seminar provided both environmental health and immunisation staff the chance to network with a diverse range of health professionals.



Pandemic planning involves cooperation between many agencies, most of which were present at the seminar. The information gathered was applied to the Authority's Emergency Management and Business Continuity Plans.

Department of Health / Local Government

Planning Day

The 2008 Department of Health/Local Government Planning Day, hosted by the Department of Health, is the second such event with the first occurring in December 2006. Attended by over 50 representatives from metropolitan and regional councils, the forum provides an opportunity for the public health roles of local and State government to be discussed. Informative presentations were delivered on a range of current topics and the input of attendees was invited in relation to areas identified as needing review.

Auditing Food Safety Management Systems

Environmental Health Officers attended a training course in the auditing of food safety management systems. The five-day course concentrated on the types of food safety management systems participants could expect to audit and the methods of conducting audit activities. Successful completion of the course has been necessary to meet the Department of Health's requirements for approval as a food safety auditor. Later in 2008, Environmental Health Officers will commence auditing food businesses that serve vulnerable populations such as private hospitals, childcare centres and nursing homes.

Integrated Risk Management

To complement the Auditing of Food Safety Management Systems training course, a follow up course in Integrated Risk Management was offered. Two Environmental Health Officers attended the course that addressed risk management systems, use of risk management to assist decision-making and implementation of effective strategic organisational objectives. The course was based on the requirements of AS/NZS 4360:2004 Risk Management.

The knowledge gained in this course was beneficial in the creation of the Emergency Management Plan and Business Continuity Plan. It will also assist with the auditing of food businesses to commence in the near future.

Travel Medicine Update and 'Strive for 5' DVD Launch

During July 2007, two Immunisation Nurses attended an evening seminar on vaccine cold chain management and travel vaccination. The guest speaker, medical director of The Travel Doctor Adelaide, gave an interesting and informative presentation on vaccinations recommended for travel. The evening included the launch of the 'Strive for 5' DVD, sponsored by Sanofi Pasteur Vaccine Company. The DVD, an additional resource to the Australian Government publication 'Strive for 5 - National Vaccine Storage Guidelines', is a valuable aid for managing the vaccine cold chain.

Infectious Diseases in the Refugee Community Seminar

During November 2007, an Immunisation Nurse attended this informative seminar provided by the South Australian Refugee Health Network held at The Cancer Council. Medical specialists presented on the topics of Hepatitis B and Tuberculosis diseases.



South Australian Immunisation Research Network Symposium Forum

Two Immunisation Nurses attended this annual forum sponsored by the University of Adelaide. This year's topic on 'The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine – Key Considerations and Challenges' and 'The Economic and Political Considerations in HPV Vaccination' provided a thought provoking presentation. Guest speakers included the Professor and Chair in Public Health Policy, Discipline of Public Health, University of Adelaide.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Refresher

During February 2008, thirteen immunisation staff attended the annual CPR update presented by the St John Ambulance SA Inc.

State Government Conference – 'Side by Side'

One Immunisation Nurse attended a conference designed for a broad range of service providers working with Muslim communities. Information and practical handouts obtained provided a useful insight to delivering services to a different culture through the Authority's immunisation programs.

Royal District Nursing Service - launch of 'A Resource Guide for Managing Pandemic Influenza'

In May 2008, an Immunisation Nurse and Environmental Health Officer attended the launch of a guide for managing pandemic influenza. The resource folder includes material for the public to help them prepare for a pandemic influenza outbreak and contain the spread of infection.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

South Australian Immunisation Network

During the year, immunisation nurses attended meetings of the South Australian Immunisation Network, held every two months at a nominated local council. During October 2007 the yearly country meeting, held as an opportunity for regional providers to attend, was in the South Eastern region. Items discussed at meetings were relevant to the current National Immunisation Program and the frequent changes in progress. Topics covered by guest speakers included:

- indigenous Health and Immunisation in a Correctional Setting
- 'Operation Hawk – A Pandemic Flu exercise' conducted by the Limestone Coast Division of General Practice
- professional updates covering the School Based Immunisation Program, influenza vaccination and National Immunisation Program changes.

ImPs Users Group

In September 2007, bi-monthly ImPS Users Group meetings recommenced due to the installation of the new ImPS computer program - version 2.5. Thirty-four public immunisation providers use the ImPS 2.5 computer program in South Australia. Immunisation staff regularly attend the two monthly meetings. Members brainstorm and troubleshoot users concerns and work towards achieving solutions.



Adelaide North East Immunisation Stakeholders Group

During the year, the Authority's immunisation nurses attended quarterly meetings held by the Adelaide North East Division of General Practice. The meetings give providers the opportunity to work together to implement ideas for improved immunisation service and coverage in their geographic areas.

Disease Control / Emergency Management Special Interest Group (Australian Institute of Environmental Health)

The Disease Control/Emergency Management Special Interest Group (SIG) is a forum for environmental health officers to discuss issues of common interest and pursue initiatives that encourage consistency in professional practice. Environmental Health Officers regularly attended meetings during the year.

Presentations by various guest speakers addressed topics such as:

- the role of the Housing Improvement Branch (Housing SA)
- responsibilities of the Communicable Disease Control Branch (Department of Health)
- environmental health involvement in the Kangaroo Island bushfire
- new Legionella regulations.

In recognition of the Emergency Management Course for Environmental Health Practitioners developed by members of the SIG (which included two staff of the Authority), the Institute was a recipient of a certificate of commendation under the 2007 Safer Communities Award.

Food Safety Special Interest Group (Australian Institute of Environmental Health)

There has been a great deal of change in food safety legislation recently. The Food Safety Special Interest Group (SIG) provides a forum that enables Environmental Health Officers to be kept informed and have input into the implementation of these changes. The SIG met on six occasions during the reporting period and Environmental Health Officers regularly attended meetings.

The imminent introduction of food safety programs and auditing of businesses that serve vulnerable populations is a significant step in a new direction for food safety. Ongoing updates were provided by the Department of Health at meetings and associated issues were discussed such as audit fee structures and the separation of enforcement and auditing responsibilities.





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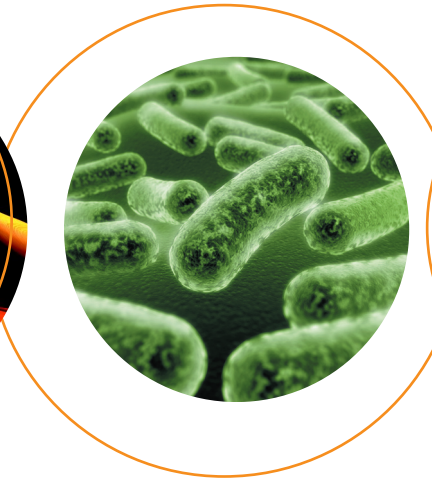


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Income Statement
for the year ended 30 June 2008

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
INCOME			
Council Contributions	2	903,700	869,000
Statutory charges	2	98,491	85,372
User charges	2	123,495	223,906
Grants	2	151,276	360,582
Investment income	2	40,889	21,526
Other income	2	13,669	37,539
Total Income		<u>1,331,520</u>	<u>1,597,925</u>
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	3	929,338	812,278
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	413,168	368,199
Finance costs	3	-	-
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	13,040	8,601
Total Expenses		<u>1,355,546</u>	<u>1,189,078</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(24,026)	408,847
Net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets	4	-	(24,593)
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		<u>(24,026)</u>	<u>384,254</u>

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Balance Sheet
as at 30 June 2008

		2008	2007
ASSETS	Notes	\$	\$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	599,563	318,670
Trade & other receivables	5	58,690	411,085
Total Current Assets		<u>658,253</u>	<u>729,755</u>
Non-current Assets			
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	6	28,986	27,788
Total Non-current Assets		<u>28,986</u>	<u>27,788</u>
Total Assets		<u>687,239</u>	<u>757,543</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	7	124,413	174,878
Provisions	7	71,798	61,532
Total Current Liabilities		<u>196,211</u>	<u>236,410</u>
Non-current Liabilities			
Provisions	7	22,674	28,753
Total Non-current Liabilities		<u>22,674</u>	<u>28,753</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>218,885</u>	<u>265,163</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>468,354</u>	<u>492,380</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		95,230	119,256
Asset Revaluation Reserve	8	-	-
Other Reserves	8	373,124	373,124
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>468,354</u>	<u>492,380</u>

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Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 30 June 2008

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Notes		
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS		
Balance at end of previous reporting period	119,256	100,464
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year	(24,026)	384,254
Transfers to Other Reserves	(123,500)	(365,462)
Transfers from Other Reserves	123,500	-
Balance at end of period	<u>95,230</u>	<u>119,256</u>
OTHER RESERVES		
8		
Balance at end of previous reporting period	373,124	7,662
Transfers from Accumulated Surplus	123,500	365,462
Transfers to Accumulated Surplus	(123,500)	-
Balance at end of period	<u>373,124</u>	<u>373,124</u>
TOTAL EQUITY AT END OF REPORTING	<u>468,354</u>	<u>492,380</u>
<i>Total of all revenues recognised directly in Equity</i>	-	-
<i>Total of all expenses recognised directly in Equity</i>	-	-
NET CHANGE IN EQUITY	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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Cash Flow Statement
for the year ended 30 June 2008

	Notes	2008	2007
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		\$	\$
<u>Receipts</u>			
Operating receipts		1,643,026	1,228,083
Investment receipts		40,889	26,192
<u>Payments</u>			
Operating payments to suppliers & employees		<u>(1,388,784)</u>	<u>(1,188,195)</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities		295,131	66,080
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Sale of replaced assets			
Sale of surplus assets			
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		<u>(14,238)</u>	<u>(12,865)</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(14,238)	(12,865)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from Borrowings			
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of Borrowings		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		-	-
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		280,893	53,215
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period		<u>318,670</u>	<u>265,455</u>
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period		<u>599,563</u>	<u>318,670</u>

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

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

1 Basis of Preparation

1.1 Compliance with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards

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

The Authority is a Local Government Authority Section 43 Regional Subsidiary under the control of the City of Burnside, City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters, Campbelltown City Council, City of Prospect and the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville.

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

1.2 Historical Cost Convention

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

1.3 Critical Accounting Estimates

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

1.4 Rounding

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

2 Income Recognition

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

3 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

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

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

All financial instruments are recognised at fair value at the date of recognition.

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

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

4 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

4.1 Initial Recognition

All assets are initially recognised at cost. Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition. For assets acquired at no cost or for nominal consideration, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition.

4.2 Materiality

Assets with an economic life in excess of one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds established by the Authority for each type of asset. In determining (and in annually reviewing) such thresholds, regard is had to the nature of the asset and its estimated service life. Examples of capitalisation thresholds applied during the year are as follows:

Office Furniture & Software	\$1,000
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4.3 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

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

Depreciation is recognised on a straight-line basis. Major depreciation periods for each class of asset are shown below:

	<u>Estimated Useful Life</u>
Office Furniture	10 Years
Software	3 Years
Computer Equipment	5 Years
General Equipment	5 Years

5 Payables

5.1 Goods & Services

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

5.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

Amounts received from external parties in advance of service delivery, are recognised as liabilities until the service is delivered.

6 Borrowings

The Authority does not have any loans as at the 30 June 2008.

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

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

7 Employee Benefits

7.1 Salaries, Wages & Employee Entitlements

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

Liabilities for employee benefits not expected to be paid or settled within 12 months are shown as a non current provision (including payroll based oncosts) to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date.

No accrual is made for sick leave as the Authority's experience indicates that, on average, sick leave taken in each reporting period is less than the entitlement accruing in that period, and this experience is expected to recur in future reporting periods.

7.2 Superannuation

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

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

Defined Benefits Members: The Authority makes employer contributions to the defined benefits categories of the Scheme at rates determined by the Scheme's Trustee. The rate is currently 6% (6% in 2006/2007) of superannuation salary. Employees also make member contributions to the Fund. As such, assets accumulate in the Fund to meet the member's benefits, as defined in the Trust Deed, as they accrue. Council currently also makes an additional employer 3% (3% 2006/07) contribution to the Accumulation Fund

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

8 Lease

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

In respect of finance leases, where the Authority substantially carries all of the risks incident to ownership, the leased items are initially recognised as assets and liabilities equal in amount to the present value of the minimum lease payments. The assets are disclosed as assets under lease, and are amortised to expense over the period during which the Authority is expected to benefit from the use of the leased assets. Lease payments are allocated between interest expense and reduction of the lease liability, according to the interest rate implicit in the lease.

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

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

9 GST Implications

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

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

10 Comparative Information & Transition to AIFRS

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

11 New Accounting Standards

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

- AASB 8 Operating Segments
- AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements
- AASB 123 Borrowing Costs
- AASB 1004 Contributions
- AASB 1050 Administered Items
- AASB 1052 Disaggregated Disclosures
- AASB 2007-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 8 [AASB 5, AASB 6, AASB 102, AASB 107, AASB 119, AASB 127, AASB 134, AASB 136, AASB 1023 & AASB 1038]
- AASB 2007-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 123 [AASB 1, AASB 101, AASB 107, AASB 111, AASB 116 & AASB 138 and Interpretations 1 & 12]
- AASB 2007-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards [AASB 1, AASB 2, AASB 4, AASB 5, AASB 107 & AASB 128]
- AASB 2007-9 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Review of AASs 27, 29 and 31 [AASB 3, AASB 5, AASB 8, AASB 101, AASB 114, AASB 116, AASB 127 & AASB 137]
- Interpretation 4 Determination whether an Arrangement contains a Lease
- Interpretation 13 Customer Loyalty Programmes

- Interpretation 14 AASB 119 – The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction
- Interpretation 129 Disclosure – Service Concession Arrangements
- Interpretation 1038 Contributions by Owners Made to Wholly-Owned Public Sector Entities

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

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

Note 2 - INCOME

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
COUNCIL CONTRIBUTIONS			
<u>Contributions</u>			
City of Burnside		218,647	204,208
City of Campbelltown		231,747	208,946
City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters		288,224	303,797
City of Prospect		114,061	103,393
Town of Walkerville		51,021	48,656
		<u>903,700</u>	<u>869,000</u>
 STATUTORY CHARGES			
Licences		9,070	5,495
Inspection Fees		52,611	54,532
Fines		36,810	25,345
		<u>98,491</u>	<u>85,372</u>
 USER CHARGES			
Immunisation Fee for Service		65,818	91,691
City of Adelaide		57,677	132,215
		<u>123,495</u>	<u>223,906</u>
 INVESTMENT INCOME			
Local Government Finance Authority		40,416	21,226
Bank Interest		473	300
		<u>40,889</u>	<u>21,526</u>
 OTHER INCOME			
Motor Vehicle Reimbursements		11,268	7,944
Sundry		2,401	29,595
		<u>13,669</u>	<u>37,539</u>
 GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS			
Immunisation Fees - Schools		81,574	340,362
Emergency Management Grant		31,818	-
Child Immunisation Register		37,884	20,220
		<u>151,276</u>	<u>360,582</u>

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

Note 3 - EXPENSES

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Salaries and Wages		846,747	738,950
Superannuation		73,345	65,684
Workers' Compensation Insurance		9,246	7,644
Total Operating Employee Costs		929,338	812,278
Total Number of Employees		13.45	11.90
<i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i>			
MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES			
<u>Prescribed Expenses</u>			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the financial reports		6,000	4,800
Board of Management		4,771	5,774
Operating Leases		113,337	96,984
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		124,108	107,558
<u>Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses</u>			
Contractors		119,776	109,103
Energy		9,603	5,945
Fringe Benefits Tax		23,352	19,322
Insurance		29,148	28,876
Maintenance		14,156	20,138
Legal Expenses		21,197	8,547
Parts, accessories & consumables		29,082	34,868
Postage, Printing & Stationery		13,872	18,379
Telephone		11,690	12,587
Sundry		17,184	2,876
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		289,060	260,641
		413,168	368,199
DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT			
Depreciation			
Office Furniture & Software		13,040	8,601
		13,040	8,601

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

Note 4 - ASSET DISPOSAL & FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

	2008	2007
Notes	\$	\$
INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
<i>Assets renewed or directly replaced</i>		
Proceeds from disposal	-	-
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold	-	-
Gain (Loss) on disposal	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Assets surplus to requirements</i>		
Proceeds from disposal	-	-
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold	-	24,593
Gain (Loss) on disposal	<u>-</u>	<u>(24,593)</u>
 NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION OF ASSETS	 <u>-</u>	 <u>(24,593)</u>

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

Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS

	2008	2007
Notes	\$	\$
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS		
Cash on Hand and at Bank	28,962	146,551
Short Term Deposits & Bills, etc	<u>570,601</u>	<u>172,119</u>
	<u>599,563</u>	<u>318,670</u>
TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Accrued Revenues	11,558	4,624
Debtors - general	48,377	407,706
Total	59,935	412,330
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts	<u>1,245</u>	<u>1,245</u>
	<u>58,690</u>	<u>411,085</u>

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

Note 6 - PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	2007				2008			
	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT
Office Furniture & Software	-	59,947	(32,159)	27,788	-	74,185	(45,199)	28,986
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	-	59,947	(32,159)	27,788	-	74,185	(45,199)	28,986
<i>2007 Totals</i>					-	59,947	(32,159)	27,788

	2007	CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR						2008
	\$	\$						\$
	CARRYING AMOUNT	Additions		Disposals	Depreciation	Impairment	Net Revaluation	CARRYING AMOUNT
	New/Upgrade	Renewals						
Office Furniture & Software	27,788	14,238	-	-	(13,040)	-	-	28,986
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	27,788	14,238	-	-	(13,040)	-	-	28,986
<i>2007 Totals</i>	48,118	14,944		(24,593)	(10,681)			27,788

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

Note 7 - LIABILITIES

	Notes	2008		2007	
		Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
		\$		\$	
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES					
Trade Payables		34,207	-	26,963	-
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements		66,330	-	64,097	-
Accrued expenses - other		17,151	-	17,608	-
GST Payable/Claimable		(989)	-	36,101	-
Other		7,714	-	30,109	-
		<u>124,413</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>174,878</u>	<u>-</u>
PROVISIONS					
Employee entitlements (including oncosts)		71,798	22,674	61,532	28,753
		<u>71,798</u>	<u>22,674</u>	<u>61,532</u>	<u>28,753</u>
<i>Movements in Provisions - 2008 year only (current & non-current)</i>					
<i>Opening Balance</i>				<i>90,285</i>	
<i>Add Additional amounts recognised</i>				<i>16,872</i>	
<i>(Less) Payments</i>				<u><i>(12,685)</i></u>	
<i>Closing Balance</i>				<u><i>94,472</i></u>	

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

Note 8 - RESERVES

RESERVES	01/07/2007	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/06/2008
Sick Leave Reserve	7,662	-	-	7,662
Committed Expenditure Reserve	249,500	-	(123,500)	126,000
Contingency Reserves	115,962	123,500	-	239,462
TOTAL OTHER RESERVES	373,124	123,500	(123,500)	373,124
	<i>2007 Totals</i>	7,662	365,462	-
				373,124

PURPOSES OF RESERVES

Sick Leave Reserve

The sick leave reserve is used to set aside funds required for employee's sick leave entitlements.

Committed Expenditure Reserve

The committed expenditure reserve is to fund committed or budgeted projects that have not been completed by the end of the financial year and are to be carried forward for use in the following financial year.

Contingency Reserve

The contingency reserve is to fund future projects that might arise without the need to substantially raise fees to constituent councils.

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

Note 9 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

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

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
Total cash & equivalent assets	5	<u>599,563</u>	<u>318,670</u>
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		<u>599,563</u>	<u>318,670</u>

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)		(24,026)	384,254
Non-cash items in Income Statement			
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment		13,040	8,601
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals		-	24,593
		<u>(10,986)</u>	<u>417,448</u>
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (increase) decrease in receivables		352,395	(389,314)
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables		(50,465)	57,126
Net increase (decrease) in other provisions		<u>4,187</u>	<u>(19,180)</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations		<u>295,131</u>	<u>66,080</u>

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

Note 10 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Recognised Financial Instruments

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 5% and 7% (2007: 4% and 6%).</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.</p>
Receivables - Fees & other charges	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although the Authority is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Authority's boundaries.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
Receivables - other levels of government	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal value.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. All amounts are due by Departments and Agencies of the Governments of the Commonwealth & State.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals	<p>Accounting Policy: Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Authority.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Finance Leases	<p>Accounting Policy: accounted for in accordance with AASB 117.</p>

Net Fair Value

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

Risk Exposures

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

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

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

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

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

Note 10 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Liquidity Analysis

2008	Floating Interest Rate \$	Fixed interest maturing in			Non- interest bearing \$	Total \$
		≤ 1 year \$	> 1 year ≤ 5 years \$	> 5 years \$		
Financial Assets						
Fair Value through P&L						
Cash Assets	28,962	570,601	-	-	-	599,563
Loans & Receivables						
Receivables	-	-	-	-	47,132	47,132
Total	28,962	570,601	-	-	47,132	646,695
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	6.50%					

Financial Liabilities

Payables	-	-	-	-	40,932	40,932
Total	-	-	-	-	40,932	40,932
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>						

**EXCESS OF FINANCIAL
ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES**

28,962	570,601	-	-	6,200	605,763
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2007	Floating Interest Rate \$'000	Fixed interest maturing in			Non- interest bearing \$'000	Total \$'000
		≤ 1 year \$'000	> 1 year ≤ 5 years \$'000	> 5 years \$'000		
Financial Assets						
Fair Value through P&L						
Cash Assets	318,670	-	-	-	-	318,670
Loans & Receivables						
Receivables	-	-	-	-	411,085	411,085
Total	318,670	-	-	-	411,085	729,755
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	5.75%					

Financial Liabilities

Payables	-	-	-	-	93,173	93,173
Total	-	-	-	-	93,173	93,173
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>						

**EXCESS OF FINANCIAL
ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES**

318,670	-	-	-	317,912	636,582
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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 June 2008**

Note 11 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

	2008	2007
<p>These Financial Indicators have been calculated in accordance with <i>Information Paper 9 - Local Government Financial Indicators</i> prepared as part of the LGA Financial Sustainability Program for the Local Government Association of South Australia. Detailed methods of calculation are set out in the SA Model Statements.</p>		

Operating Surplus	(24,026)	384,254
<i>Being the operating surplus (deficit) before capital amounts .</i>		

Operating Surplus Ratio		
<u>Operating Surplus</u>	(3%)	47%

This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of general and other rates, net of NRM levy.

Net Financial Liabilities	(439,368)	(464,592)
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Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets (excluding equity accounted investments in the Authority's businesses).

Net Financial Liabilities Ratio		
<u>Net Financial Liabilities</u>	(33.0%)	(29.1%)
Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy		

Interest Cover Ratio		
<u>Net Interest Expense</u>	(3.2%)	(1.4%)
Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy less Investment Income		

Asset Sustainability Ratio		
<u>Net Asset Renewals</u>	0%	0%
Depreciation Expense		

Net asset renewals expenditure is defined as net capital expenditure on the renewal and replacement of existing assets, and excludes new capital expenditure on the acquisition of additional assets.

Asset Consumption Ratio		
<u>Carrying value of depreciable assets</u>	39%	46%
Gross value of depreciable assets		

Total carrying value of depreciable assets divided by total reported value of depreciable assets before accumulated depreciation.

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

Note 12 - UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

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

All Councils in South Australia voluntarily have agreed to summarise annual budgets and long-term financial plans on the same basis.

The arrangements ensure that all Councils provide a common 'core' of financial information, which enables meaningful comparisons of each Council's finances

	2008 \$	2007 \$
Operating Revenues	1,331,520	1,597,925
<i>less</i> Operating Expenses	<u>(1,355,546)</u>	<u>(1,189,078)</u>
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(24,026)	408,847
<i>less</i> Net Outlays on Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	-	-
<i>less</i> Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	(13,040)	(8,601)
<i>less</i> Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	(13,040)	(8,601)
<i>less</i> Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets <i>(including investment property & real estate developments)</i>	14,238	12,865
<i>less</i> Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	-	-
<i>less</i> Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets <i>(including investment property and real estate developments)</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	14,238	12,865
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	<u>(25,224)</u>	<u>404,583</u>

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

Note 13 - OPERATING LEASES

Lease payment commitments of the Authority

The Authority has entered into non-cancellable operating leases for various items of computer and other plant and equipment.

Contingent rental payments exist in relation to the lease of one grader if utilisation exceeds 250 hours during any month. No contingent rentals were paid during the current or previous reporting periods.

No lease imposes any additional restrictions on the Authority in relation to additional debt or further leasing.

Leases in relation to computer and office equipment permit the Authority, at expiry of the lease, to elect to re-lease, return or acquire the equipment leased.

No lease contains any escalation clause.

Commitments under non-cancellable operating leases that have not been recognised in the financial statements are as follows:

	2008	2007
	\$'000	\$'000
Not later than one year	17,265	42,884
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	15,383	32,436
Later than 5 years	-	-
	<u>32,648</u>	<u>75,320</u>

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S STATEMENT

**Financial Statements
1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008**

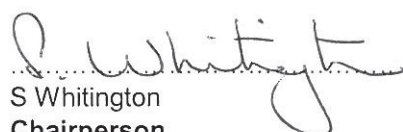
I, Michael Livori, the Chief Executive Officer of the Eastern Health Authority Inc, do hereby state that the Operating Statement, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2008 together with the supporting schedules and Notes to the accounts are, to the best of my knowledge, presented fairly and in accordance with accounting procedures which have been maintained in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999, and the Local Government Accounting Regulations made under that Act.

Signed  Dated *21/8/08*

M Livori
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ADOPTION STATEMENT

Laid before the Board of Management of the Eastern Health Authority and adopted on
27 August 2008.


S Whittington
Chairperson


M Livori
Chief Executive Officer



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21 August 2008

Chief Executive Officer's Certificate of Compliance – Auditor Independence

I Michael Livori, the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive officer of the Eastern Health Authority do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation 16A(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999) that the Authority's auditor, Dean Newbery and Partners, has not been engaged by the Authority to provide services to the Authority outside of the scope of the audit functions prescribed by the Local Government Act 1999.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Livori", written over a dotted horizontal line.

(Signed)

A handwritten date "21/8/08" in black ink, written over a dotted horizontal line.

(Dated)

Michael Livori
Chief Executive Officer

DEAN NEWBERY & PARTNERS
REGISTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Office Whittington
 Chairperson
 Board of Management
 Eastern Health Authority
 101 Payneham Road
 ST PETERS SA 5069

Dear Cr Whittington,

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT PROVISIONS

Annual Financial Statement Provisions for the period ended 30 June 2008.

Our report is as follows:-

No report is required to the Minister.

matters raised

Board of Management Affairs

Auditor's Independence Declaration

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Yours sincerely



Don Venn
 Partner

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
EASTERN HEALTH AUTHORITY INC**

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the Eastern Health Authority Inc ('Authority') which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2008, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity, cash flow statement, a summary of the significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the Chief Executive Officer's Statement for the financial year ended on that date.

Chief Executive Officer's Responsibility for the Financial Report

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

Auditor's responsibility

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

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

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

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999. In accordance with Regulation 16A of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999, we state as follows:


We confirm that for the audit of the financial statements of the Eastern Health Authority Inc) for the year ended 30 June 2008, we have maintained our independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Section 290, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, and in accordance with requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 made under that Act.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion financial report of the Eastern Health Authority Inc is in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Eastern Health Authority Inc financial position as at 30 June 2008 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations); and
- (c) complying with Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999; and
- (d) in accordance with the provisions relating to Regional Subsidiaries of the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999.

**DEAN NEWBERY & PARTNERS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
COUNCIL AUDITOR**



**DON VENN
PARTNER**

Signed on the 21st day of August 2008,
at 214 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide, South Australia 5006.

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


DEAN NEWBERY & PARTNERS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

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Auditor's Independence Declaration Under Section 16A of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 to the Eastern Health Authority Inc.

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DON VENN

Partner

**DEAN NEWBERY & PARTNERS
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NORTH ADELAIDE, this 22nd day of August 2008



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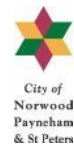
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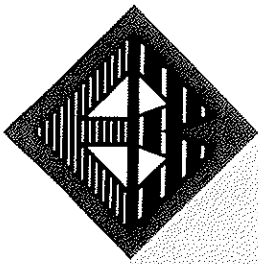
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Independent Member

Report from the Chairperson: Looking forward, looking back

The last financial year has been a wake up call to East Waste, the councils using our services and the wider world. We have gone from a generally untroubled economy to one facing a number of uncertainties and volatilities that will affect us all on many fronts.

The heightened perception of uncertainty will have us all making plans and having to revisit those plans on a regular basis to assess our progress against our plans. In the Authority's case, it is our own major budget expenses of fuel, wages and repairs or our capacity to maintain business in an area that is constantly demanding more from the Authority as collection weights and volumes grow each year.

As I write, the Australian dollar has fallen over 18 cents in a matter of a few weeks, and OPEC have just announced they are to cut production by half a million barrels a day. We all need to be flexible, far-sighted and clear-sighted enough to meet the challenges that are thrown up in short time frames. Nothing can be guaranteed anymore.

Thankfully a lot of work has been done by our staff over many months to provide a clear picture of the expenditure patterns of the Authority in close detail, down to every expense on each truck, not just a general fleet overview. So now we can be pre-emptive in approaching our maintenance regime on what is now a very tight fleet due to the increasing level of collections. This approach has also alerted us to the shortcomings of some previous budgets, but it also highlighted to us that we had not

been recovering full costs from our constituent councils in recent years. Obviously the higher than anticipated rises to our constituent councils in the 2008/2009 budget were never going to be popular, but those rises cannot be ignored if the Authority is to be sustainable.

The move to understand every cost and timing of those costs and the establishment of an accurate hourly cost per truck has been a backroom achievement of seismic shift proportions for the Authority. I consider it places us in a strong position to quickly assess the immediate and longer term impact of any cost lever out of our control, and whether the figures will be popular or not, we know the figures are based on hard historical experience.

Of course, the Authority's great achievement for the year was to collect the bins of 30% of Adelaide's population with barely a hiccup, and I consider that is always the main game.

I take this opportunity to thank each and every one at the Authority who contributed to quietly achieve that great result.

KATE HOSKING
Chairperson



General Manager's Report



The last twelve months has seen major changes in the operations of East Waste and the business environment that the Authority operates in. External business environment issues such as a 55% increase in the price of diesel from July 2007 to June 2008 and volume increases of almost 5% from existing household numbers have created serious cost increases.

East Waste is conducting a formal capacity analysis and structural review to best position the business to manage these external changes.

During the period East Waste commenced the City of Unley kerbside collection contract which increased the number of households serviced weekly to 123,000. This is approximately 30% of metropolitan Adelaide. Our staff have achieved the integration of this contract with minimal disruption to residents and to the business. The efforts of our staff in this matter and in fact in all areas of the business during the period, is to be commended.

We maintain a continuous improvement philosophy and have increased the levels of staff support and training. It is our prime focus to continue East Waste as a sustainable business with an enviable market positioning into the future. The Authority has focused on areas such as governance, strategic planning, innovation and core and distinctive competencies to ensure the maintenance of our competitive advantage. As we end this period and move to the future, East Waste remains the market leader in the industry.



Summary of Business Activities

Collection Service

East Waste continues to provide weekly services for the ratepayers and residents of the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters, City of Burnside, City of Mitcham, Adelaide Hills Council, Campbelltown City Council and The Corporation of the Town of Walkerville as Constituent Councils, with the City of Unley joining our business as a Client Council. During the past financial year we serviced with kerbside collection of wheelie bins approximately 123,000 households, or approximately 30% of metropolitan Adelaide, on a weekly basis.

East Waste continues to live up to its motto of, "*Proudly Serving Our Communities*".

New Contracts

East Waste has used the period as a time of consolidation for all Constituent Councils and our Client Council. Understanding the priority to undertake continuous improvement of our existing business and the integration of a large new contract, we have not sought new business during the period.

Hard Refuse

During the period East Waste has continued to provide hard refuse collections for the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters and the City of Mitcham. We continue to refine our service offering in this segment of waste

management and we are looking at future developments that will provide enhanced services.

Hooklift

East Waste has continued to provide Transfer Station services for Constituent Councils and selected Client Councils.

During the period this was a division of the business that we have looked at closely and refined operationally to ensure sustainable and continued service enhancement.



Landfill Diversion Rates

East Waste and the Councils that we service continue to show enviable diversion rates from landfill. All Councils in the East Waste family are now diverting above 50% from landfill. Our focus must now turn to assisting our Constituent and Client Councils in the reduction of household waste.

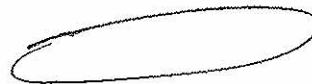
We will continue to focus on this as a key success factor as we move forward.

Environmental Sustainability

East Waste has concluded a formal arrangement with Logicoil Pty Ltd to be our supplier of Bio-Diesel. We will be converting our entire fleet during the first half of the 2008 / 2009 financial year to a 20% BioBlend. This is estimated to achieve annual fuel savings of approximately \$100,000, while reducing our emissions by approximately 25%.

East Waste continues to investigate other possible options such as Hydrogen Reactors and Compressed Natural Gas.

During the period the Authority has developed an Environmental Management System and this will be rolled out during the financial year 2008 / 2009.



Brett Buckley
General Manager



Eastern Waste Management Authority Inc

Summary of the Operating Statement for the year ended 30 June 2008

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Collection Charges	8,135,616	6,799,583
Interest Income	44,706	66,161
Sundry Income	899,878	879,649
TOTAL REVENUE	\$9,080,200	\$7,745,393
 EXPENSES		
Employee costs	3,086,020	2,560,986
Materials, contracts & other expenses	4,054,465	3,264,997
Finance costs	700,141	587,026
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	1,614,147	1,409,123
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$9,454,773	\$7,822,132
 Surplus (Deficit) before tax equivalent	(374,573)	(76,739)
Income Tax Equivalent Charge arising from the Principle of Competitive Neutrality	(19,848)	(6,076)
Net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets	(40,495)	44,725
Net surplus (Deficit) resulting from operations	(\$434,916)	(\$38,090)
 CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	336,313	434,134
Trade and Other receivables	408,378	281,975
Other	47,304	38,938
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$791,995	\$752,047
 NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	9,686,667	8,869,700
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	\$9,686,667	\$8,869,700
TOTAL ASSETS	\$10,478,662	\$9,621,747
 CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	1,151,760	657,682
Provisions	40,098	46,015
Borrowings	2,485,236	2,293,846
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$3,677,094	\$2,997,543
 NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Provisions	113,532	108,759
Borrowings	7,090,974	6,483,467
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$7,204,506	\$ 6,592,226
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$10,881,600	\$9,589,769
NET ASSETS	(\$402,938)	\$31,978
 EQUITY		
Accumulated surplus (Deficit)	(402,938)	31,978
TOTAL EQUITY	(\$402,938)	\$ 31,978

Eastern Waste Management Authority Inc

General Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2008

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Eastern Waste Management Authority Inc

**INCOME STATEMENT
for the year ended 30 June 2008**

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
INCOME			
Collection Charges	2	8,135,616	6,799,583
Investment income	2	44,706	66,161
Other income	2	899,878	879,649
Total Income		<u>9,080,200</u>	<u>7,745,393</u>
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	3	3,086,020	2,560,986
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	4,054,465	3,264,997
Finance costs	3	700,141	587,026
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	1,614,147	1,409,123
Total Expenses		<u>9,454,773</u>	<u>7,822,132</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(374,573)	(76,739)
Net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets		(40,495)	44,725
Income Tax Equivalent Charge arising from the Principle of Competitive Neutrality		<u>(19,848)</u>	<u>(6,076)</u>
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		<u>(434,916)</u>	<u>(38,090)</u>

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

Eastern Waste Management Authority Inc

BALANCE SHEET as at 30 June 2008

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	336,313	431,134
Trade & other receivables	4	408,378	281,975
Inventories	4	47,304	38,938
Total Current Assets		<u>791,995</u>	<u>752,047</u>
Non-current Assets			
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	5	9,686,667	8,869,700
Total Non-current Assets		<u>9,686,667</u>	<u>8,869,700</u>
Total Assets		<u>10,478,662</u>	<u>9,621,747</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	6	1,151,760	657,682
Borrowings	6	2,485,236	2,293,846
Provisions	6	40,098	46,015
Total Current Liabilities		<u>3,677,094</u>	<u>2,997,543</u>
Non-current Liabilities			
Borrowings	6	7,090,974	6,483,467
Provisions	6	113,532	108,759
Total Non-current Liabilities		<u>7,204,506</u>	<u>6,592,226</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>10,881,600</u>	<u>9,589,769</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>(402,938)</u>	<u>31,978</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		(402,938)	31,978
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>(402,938)</u>	<u>31,978</u>

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

Eastern Waste Management Authority Inc

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

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
	Notes	
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS		
Balance at end of previous reporting period	31,978	70,068
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year	<u>(434,916)</u>	<u>(38,090)</u>
Balance at end of period	<u>(402,938)</u>	<u>31,978</u>

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

Eastern Waste Management Authority Inc

CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 30 June 2008

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Operating receipts		8,909,091	7,662,664
Investment receipts		44,706	66,161
<u>Payments</u>			
Interest Expenses		(700,141)	(546,326)
Tax Equivalents		(19,848)	(6,076)
Operating payments to suppliers & employees		<u>(6,655,917)</u>	<u>(5,956,346)</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities	7	1,577,891	1,220,077
 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Sale of replaced assets		112,918	161,997
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		<u>(2,584,527)</u>	<u>(1,667,530)</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(2,471,609)	(1,505,533)
 CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from Borrowings		2,488,524	1,640,028
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of Borrowings		<u>(1,689,627)</u>	<u>(1,329,582)</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		798,897	310,446
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		(94,821)	24,990
 Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period		 <u>431,134</u>	 <u>406,144</u>
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	4	<u>336,313</u>	<u>431,134</u>

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

Eastern Waste Management Authority Inc

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

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

1 Basis of Preparation

1.1 Compliance with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards

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

The financial report was authorised for issue by certificate under clause 11 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 dated 3 September 2008.

1.2 Historical Cost Convention

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

1.3 Critical Accounting Estimates

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

1.4 Rounding

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

2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

East Waste Management Authority ("The Authority") is a Local Government Authority Section 43 Regional Subsidiary under the control of the City of Burnside, City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters, Campbelltown City Council, Corporation of the Town of Walkerville, City of Mitcham and Adelaide Hills Council.

3 Revenue Recognition

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

4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

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

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

All financial instruments are recognised at fair value at the date of recognition. A detailed statement of accounting policies applied to financial instruments forms part of Note 8.

Eastern Waste Management Authority Inc

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

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

5 Property, Plant & Equipment

5.1 Initial Recognition

All assets are initially recognised at cost. Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition.

5.2 Materiality

Assets with an economic life in excess of one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds established by the Authority for each type of asset.

5.3 Subsequent Recognition

Certain asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value.

5.4 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including building and capitalised lease assets, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Plant and Equipment 10% - 20%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at each balance date.

Consistent with AASB 116: Property, Plant and Equipment, East Waste for the year ended 30 June 2008 recognises residual values for certain assets, such as trucks. This has the effect of reducing depreciation expense in the Income Statement, now based on the cost of the asset net of the estimated residual value. In accordance with AASB 108: Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors, the financial effect of this change in accounting treatment of depreciation is to reduce the depreciation expense for the year ended 30 June 2008, as follows:

* total depreciation expense consistent with no asset residual values \$1,755,638

* total depreciation expense determined after taking into account residual values \$1,614,147

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the income statement. When re-valued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

5.5 Impairment

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

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

Eastern Waste Management Authority Inc

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

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

6 Payables

6.1 Goods & Services

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

6.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

Amounts received from external parties in advance of service delivery, are recognised as liabilities until the service is delivered.

7 Borrowings

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

8 Employee Benefits

8.1 Salaries, Wages & Employee Entitlements

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

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

No accrual is made for sick leave as the Authority's experience indicates that, on average, sick leave taken in each reporting period is less than the entitlement accruing in that period, and this experience is expected to recur in future reporting periods.

8.2 Superannuation

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

Accumulation Fund Members

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

Defined Benefits Members: The Authority makes employer contributions to the defined benefits categories of the Scheme at rates determined by the Scheme's Trustee. The rate is currently 6% (6% in 2006/2007) of superannuation salary. Employees also make member contributions to the Fund. As such, assets accumulate in the Fund to meet the member's benefits, as defined in the Trust Deed, as they accrue. Council currently also makes an additional employer 3% (3% 2006/07) contribution to the Accumulation Fund

Eastern Waste Management Authority Inc

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

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

9 Lease

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

In respect of finance leases, where Council substantially carries all of the risks incident to ownership, the leased items are initially recognised as assets and liabilities equal in amount to the present value of the minimum lease payments. The assets are disclosed as assets under lease, and are amortised to expense over the period during which the Council is expected to benefit from the use of the leased assets. Lease payments are allocated between interest expense and reduction of the lease liability, according to the interest rate implicit in the lease.

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

10 GST Implications

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

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

11 Competitive Neutrality

The Authority undertakes commercial (for profit) activities being the collection and disposal of domestic waste on behalf of non member councils. This non core business constitutes a significant business activity of the Authority, as such, for the purposes of the national competition policy, it is an activity to which the principles of competitive neutrality will apply.

Principles of Competitive Neutrality

The Authority recognises the objective of competitive neutrality as the intention to remove any net competitive advantages from its commercial (for profit) activities. Accordingly, the Authority is implementing principles of competitive neutrality, in particular tax equivalents and debt guarantee fees, where it competes with the private sector.

These tax equivalents include:

- 1.1 payroll tax;
- 1.2 stamp duty;
- 1.3 council rates;
- 1.4 fuel excise;
- 1.5 Work Cover levies;
- 1.6 prevailing commercial interest rates applicable to the purchase of operating plant;
- 1.7 debt guarantee fees, where required;
- 1.8 standard interest rates on borrowings;
- 1.9 income tax

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Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Authority will annually and proportionately disburse to its member councils, the equivalent of all of the costs referred to above together with the equivalent of company taxation on the net profit derived from its commercial (for profit) activities. The disbursements made to the member councils will not and are not intended to be directly or indirectly returned to the Authority.

In bidding for the new commercial (for profit) business activities, the Authority will fully account for all costs including all taxes, licences, fees, charges and guarantees that are applicable to the private sector operating in the same market place, unless all bidders are both equally directed to do otherwise and have the benefit of all exemptions to which the Authority is entitled.

The Authority has obtained and will maintain for its commercial (for profit) activities a prescribed activity license from the Environment Protection Authority for the collection or transport of waste from domestic premises on behalf of non member councils.

12 New Accounting Standards

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

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

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

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Note 2 - INCOME

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
COLLECTION CHARGES			
Household Refuse		3,229,161	2,773,152
Green Organics		1,609,428	1,293,952
Recyclables		2,660,724	2,132,589
Hard Refuse Collection		308,833	287,298
Hooklift		327,470	312,592
		<u>8,135,616</u>	<u>6,799,583</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Interest on Deposits		17,098	-
Bank Interest		27,608	66,161
		<u>44,706</u>	<u>66,161</u>
OTHER INCOME			
Bin Supply		888,763	845,780
Sundry		11,115	33,869
		<u>899,878</u>	<u>879,649</u>

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Note 3 - EXPENSES

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Salaries and Wages		2,268,488	1,824,145
Employee leave expense		21,794	20,203
Superannuation		152,262	131,004
Workers' Compensation Insurance		55,436	84,195
Wages Casual Agency Staff		565,761	483,161
Other		22,279	18,278
Total Operating Employee Costs		<u>3,086,020</u>	<u>2,560,986</u>
Total Number of Employees		37	32
<i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i>			
MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES			
<u>Prescribed Expenses</u>			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the financial reports		9,400	12,681
- Other Services		-	4,500
Board Fees		41,911	69,693
Operating Lease Rentals		94,115	92,259
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		<u>145,426</u>	<u>179,133</u>
<u>Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses</u>			
Contractors		34,643	39,818
Dumping Fees		311,191	180,684
Energy		18,160	16,544
Fringe Benefits Tax		5,228	9,101
Fuel, Gas & Oil		1,203,398	886,438
Insurance		11,939	12,043
Maintenance		1,218,515	962,460
Legal Expenses		20,142	40,427
Printing, Stationery, Postage & Courier		21,456	21,106
Promotion & Advertising		38,126	30,221
Parts, accessories & consumables		37,097	28,084
Professional services		147,997	148,073
Registration & Insurance - Trucks		188,699	147,044
Telephone		29,663	33,045
Sorting Fees		525,590	485,219
Sundry		97,195	45,557
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		<u>3,909,039</u>	<u>3,085,864</u>
		<u>4,054,465</u>	<u>3,264,997</u>

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Note 3 - EXPENSES

	2008	2007
Notes	\$	\$
FINANCE COSTS		
Bank Charges & Bill Fees	8,413	8,760
Interest on Loans	<u>691,728</u>	<u>578,266</u>
	<u>700,141</u>	<u>587,026</u>
DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT		
Depreciation		
Buildings & Other Structures	639	1,394
Plant & Equipment	<u>1,613,508</u>	<u>1,407,729</u>
	<u>1,614,147</u>	<u>1,409,123</u>

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Note 4 - CURRENT ASSETS

	2008	2007
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS		
Notes	\$	\$
Cash on Hand and at Bank	309,152	151,071
Short Term Deposits & Bills, etc	27,161	280,063
	<u>336,313</u>	<u>431,134</u>
TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Trade Receivables	383,974	257,163
Prepayments	24,404	24,812
	<u>408,378</u>	<u>281,975</u>
INVENTORIES		
Stores & Materials	47,304	38,938
	<u>47,304</u>	<u>38,938</u>

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Note 5 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	2007				2008			
	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT
Buildings & Other Structures	12,774	-	(1,597)	11,177	12,774	-	(2,235)	10,539
Plant & Equipment	-	11,995,636	(3,137,113)	8,858,523	-	14,367,746	(4,691,618)	9,676,128
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	12,774	11,995,636	(3,138,710)	8,869,700	12,774	14,367,746	(4,693,853)	9,686,667
<i>2007 Totals</i>								

	CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR							2008
	2007 \$	Additions		Disposals	Depreciation	Impairment	Net Revaluation	\$
	CARRYING AMOUNT	New/Upgrade	Renewals					CARRYING AMOUNT
Buildings & Other Structures	11,177	-	-	-	(638)	-	-	10,539
Plant & Equipment	8,858,523	-	2,584,527	(153,411)	(1,613,509)	-	-	9,676,128
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	8,869,700	-	2,584,527	(153,411)	(1,614,147)	-	-	9,686,667
<i>2007 Totals</i>	8,728,565		1,667,530	(117,272)	(1,409,123)			8,869,700

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Note 6 - LIABILITIES

	Notes	2008		2007	
		\$		\$	
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES		Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Trade Payables		935,021		519,921	
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements		154,622	-	131,685	-
Accrued expenses - other		42,269	-	-	-
Provision - tax equivalents		19,848	-	6,076	-
		<u>1,151,760</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>657,682</u>	<u>-</u>
BORROWINGS					
Lease and goods mortgage liability	15	1,640,200	7,090,974	1,511,664	6,483,467
Loan from Highbury Landfill Authority		845,036	-	782,182	-
		<u>2,485,236</u>	<u>7,090,974</u>	<u>2,293,846</u>	<u>6,483,467</u>
PROVISIONS					
Employee entitlements (including oncosts)		40,098	113,532	46,015	108,759
		<u>40,098</u>	<u>113,532</u>	<u>46,015</u>	<u>108,759</u>
Movements in Provisions - 2008 year only					
<i>(current & non-current)</i>					
<i>Opening Balance</i>					
				<i>Employee Entitlements</i>	
				<i>154,774</i>	
Add	<i>Additional amounts recognised</i>			<i>34,209</i>	
(Less)	<i>Payments</i>			<i>(35,353)</i>	
	<i>Closing Balance</i>			<u><i>153,630</i></u>	

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Note 7 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

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

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
Total cash & equivalent assets	5	<u>336,313</u>	<u>431,134</u>
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		<u>336,313</u>	<u>431,134</u>

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)		(434,916)	(38,090)
Non-cash items in Income Statement			
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment		1,614,147	1,409,123
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals		<u>40,495</u>	<u>(44,725)</u>
		<u>1,219,726</u>	<u>1,326,308</u>
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (increase) decrease in receivables		(126,403)	(16,568)
Net (increase) decrease in inventories		(8,366)	(4,915)
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables		494,078	(108,737)
Net increase (decrease) in provisions		(1,144)	20,205
Net increase (decrease) in other liabilities		-	3,784
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations		<u>1,577,891</u>	<u>1,220,077</u>

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Note 8 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Recognised Financial Instruments

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits	Accounting Policy: Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned. Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 6% and 7% (2007: 5% and 6%). Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.
Liabilities - Interest Bearing Loans	Accounting Policy: Carried at the principal amounts. Interest is charged as an expense as it accrues. Terms & conditions: secured over future revenues, loans are repayable (describe basis); interest is charged at fixed (or variable - describe) rates between 6% and 8% (2007: 5% and 7%) Carrying amount: approximates fair value.
Liabilities - Finance Leases	Accounting Policy: accounted for in accordance with AASB 117.

Net Fair Value

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

Risk Exposures

Credit Risk represents the loss that would be recognised if counterparties fail to perform as contracted. The maximum credit risk on financial assets of the Authority is the carrying amount, net of any provision for doubtful debts.

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

Liquidity Risk is the risk that the Authority will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations with financial liabilities. In accordance with the model Treasury Policy (LGA Information Paper 15), liabilities have a range of maturity dates based on cash inflows.

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

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Note 8 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

2008	Floating	<u>Fixed interest maturing in</u>			Non- interest bearing	Total
	Interest Rate	≤ 1 year	> 1 year ≤ 5 years	> 5 years		
<u>Financial Assets</u>	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Cash	309,152	-	-	-	-	309,152
Short Term Deposits	27,161	-	-	-	-	27,161
Total	336,313	-	-	-	-	336,313
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	5.39%					

<u>Financial Liabilities</u>						
Current Borrowings	-	2,532,009	-	-	-	2,532,009
Non-Current Borrowings	-	-	5,970,482	1,120,492	-	7,090,974
Total	-	2,532,009	5,970,482	1,120,492	-	9,622,983
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	6.79%		6.73%	6.73%		

2007	Floating	<u>Fixed interest maturing in</u>			Non- interest bearing	Total
	Interest Rate	≤ 1 year	> 1 year ≤ 5 years	> 5 years		
<u>Financial Assets</u>	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Cash	151,071	-	-	-	-	151,071
Short Term Deposits	280,063	-	-	-	-	280,063
Total	431,134	-	-	-	-	431,134
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	5.77%					

<u>Financial Liabilities</u>						
Current Borrowings	-	2,293,846	-	-	-	2,293,846
Non-Current Borrowings	-	-	5,072,200	1,299,984	-	6,372,184
Total	-	2,293,846	5,072,200	1,299,984	-	8,666,030
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	6.04%		6.46%	6.46%		

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Note 9 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

	2008	2007
	<u>Notes</u> \$'000	\$'000
Finance Lease Commitments		
Commitments under finance leases at the reporting date are as follows:		
Not later than one year	2,170,028	2,002,525
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	6,922,991	6,239,080
Later than 5 years	1,171,855	1,077,839
Minimum lease payments	<u>10,264,874</u>	<u>9,319,444</u>
Less: future finance charges	<u>(1,533,700)</u>	<u>(1,435,598)</u>
Net Lease Liability	<u>8,731,174</u>	<u>7,883,846</u>

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Note 10 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

	2008	2007
These Financial Indicators have been calculated in accordance with <i>Information Paper 9 - Local Government Financial Indicators</i> prepared as part of the LGA Financial Sustainability Program for the Local Government Association of South Australia. Detailed methods of calculation are set out in the SA Model Statements.		
Operating Surplus	(374,573)	(76,739)
<i>Being the operating surplus (deficit) before capital amounts .</i>		
Operating Surplus Ratio		
<u>Operating Surplus</u>	(5%)	(1%)
Rates - general & other less NRM levy		
<i>This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of general and other rates, net of NRM levy.</i>		
Net Financial Liabilities		
	10,136,909	8,876,660
<i>Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets (excluding equity accounted investments in Council businesses).</i>		
Net Financial Liabilities Ratio		
<u>Net Financial Liabilities</u>	112%	115%
Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy		
Interest Cover Ratio		
<u>Net Interest Expense</u>	7.3%	6.8%
Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy less Investment Income		
Asset Sustainability Ratio		
<u>Net Asset Renewals</u>	153%	107%
Depreciation Expense		
<i>Net asset renewals expenditure is defined as net capital expenditure on the renewal and replacement of existing assets, and excludes new capital expenditure on the acquisition of additional assets.</i>		
Asset Consumption Ratio		
<u>Carrying value of depreciable assets</u>	67%	74%
Gross value of depreciable assets		
<i>Total carrying value of depreciable assets divided by total reported value of depreciable assets before accumulated depreciation.</i>		

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Note 11 - UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

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

All Councils together with Regional Subsidiaries in South Australia voluntarily have agreed to summarise annual budgets and long-term financial plans on the same basis.

The arrangements ensure that all Councils together with Regional Subsidiaries provide a common 'core' of financial information, which enables meaningful comparisons of each Council's finances.

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Operating Revenues	9,080,200	7,745,393
<i>less</i> Operating Expenses	<u>(9,454,773)</u>	<u>(7,822,132)</u>
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(374,573)	(76,739)
 <i>less</i> Net Outlays on Existing Assets		
<i>less</i> Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	(1,614,147)	(1,409,123)
<i>less</i> Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	<u>(112,918)</u>	<u>(161,997)</u>
	(1,727,065)	(1,571,120)
 <i>less</i> Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets <i>(including investment property & real estate developments)</i>	2,584,527	1,667,530
	<u>2,584,527</u>	<u>1,667,530</u>
 Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	 <u>(1,232,035)</u>	 <u>(173,149)</u>

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Note 12 - HIGHBURY LANDFILL AUTHORITY INC.

The Eastern Waste Management Authority, originally known as the East Torrens Municipal Destructor Trust, was established on 19 July 1928 (the name change took place in 1993).

As at 1 July 2004, the Eastern Waste Management Authority comprised 3 member Councils, being the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters, the City of Burnside and the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville.

On 5 August 2004, the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters, the City of Burnside and the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville established the Highbury Landfill Authority Inc. Its purpose included the facilitation of the closure and the post-closure of the Highbury Landfill site, as well as managing the joint interests and liability of the Councils in relation to the closure of the site.

On 31 December 2004 the property known as the Highbury Landfill site was transferred from East Waste to Highbury Landfill Authority Inc.

On 1 January 2005 the Eastern Waste Management Authority Inc. Charter was amended to include the three new member Councils - the City of Mitcham, the City of Campbelltown and Adelaide Hills Council.

Note 13 - RELATED PARTY INFORMATION

Cr Catherine Hosking – Chairperson – re-elected November 2006 for 2 years, Cr Peter Pavan elected November 2006 for 4 years, Cr John Rich re-elected November 2006 for 3 years, Mayor Robert Bria elected November 2006 for 1 year, re-elected November 2007 for 3 years, Cr Elaine Grimm elected November 2006 for 1 year, re-elected November 2007 for 1 year, Area Cr Justin Lang elected November 2006 for 4 year, Mr Paul Lightbody re-elected July 2006 for 3 years, resigned 30th June 2008. There were no board members, through entities associated with them, who provided goods and services during the year.

Note 14 - KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION

The table below summarises in aggregate the remuneration of all senior management personnel and Board members of the Eastern Waste Management Authority Inc.

	Salary	Superannuation Contributions	Non-Cash Benefits	Motor Vehicle Allowance	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2008	102,000	9,180	Nil	12,500	123,680
2007	82,569	7,431	15,000	Nil	105,000

Board member compensation for the years ended 30 June 2007 were:

Chairperson \$15,000 pa

6 Board Members at \$9,500 pa

1 Board Member has elected not to receive the remuneration.

Board member compensation for the years ended 30 June 2008 were:

Chairperson \$13,800 pa

5 Board Members at \$4,800 pa

1 Board Member has elected to receive \$2,000 pa

1 Board Member has elected not to receive the remuneration.

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GENERAL MANAGER'S STATEMENT

I, Brett Buckley, the General Manager of the Eastern Waste Management Authority Inc. do hereby state that the Income Statement of the Authority as at 30 June 2008 and the Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity and the Statement of Cash Flows, together with supporting notes, for the year ended on that date are to the best of my knowledge presented fairly and in accordance with accounting procedures which have been maintained in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999, and the Local Government Accounting Regulations made under that Act.


.....
Brett Buckley

General Manager

Dated this 03 day of September 2008

ADOPTION STATEMENT

Laid before the Board of Eastern Waste Management Authority Inc. and
adopted on the 03 day of September 2008


.....
Catherine Hosking
Chair of the Board

3/9/2008


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CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of Eastern Waste Management Authority Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2008, the Authority's Auditor, Cleland McFarlane Selth Pty Ltd, has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 made under that Act.

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



03/09/2008

Brett Buckley
General Manager



3/9/2008

Presiding Member Audit Committee



Cleland McFarlane Selth

Chartered Accountants ■ Business Advisors

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

TO THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF

EASTERN WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY INC.

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the attached financial report of the Eastern Waste Management Authority Incorporated ("the Authority") which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2008 and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement by the General Manager.

General Manager's Responsibility for the Financial Report

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Independence

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

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

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion the financial report presents fairly in all material respects, the financial position of the Authority as of 30 June 2008 and of its financial performance for the financial year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the provisions of the Local Government Act 1934, as amended, and the Local Government Accounting (Financial Management) Regulations 1999.

Cleland McFarlane Selth
Chartered Accountants


R J Selth - Partner

Dated this ^{5th} day of September 2008.

Highbury Landfill Authority

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BURNSIDE



Cr Peter Pavan
Chairman



Cr Andrew Hillier
(Proxy)

WALKERVILLE



Mayor
David Whiting
Board Member



Mark Draper
(Proxy)

GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The past year has seen a change in the composition of the Board of the Highbury Landfill Authority (HLA). In June 2007 Mr Lindsay Carthew, one of the two Independent Board Members, resigned from the Board. This position is yet to be filled given that the Charter is to be reviewed to accommodate the post-closure management phase of the Highbury Landfill. In September 2007 Cr John Rich resigned from the Board. John is sincerely thanked for his dedicated Chairmanship, commitment, hard work and valuable contribution he gave to the rehabilitation of the Highbury Landfill. John is succeeded by Mayor David Whiting as Walkerville Council's Board Member, and Cr Peter Pavan has been appointed Chairman of the Board.

September 2007 also saw the newly-appointed HLA Audit Committee convene its first meeting. The Committee is made up of Cr Peter Pavan (the Presiding Member), Mayor David Whiting, Cr John Minney, Mr Andrew McLachlan (the Independent Member) and Mr Trevor Hockley, the Executive Officer (EO).

The Highbury Landfill continued its outsourcing contract for Administration services with TJH Management Services Pty Ltd throughout the year. Trevor Hockley, EO of HLA, is also the Director of this company.

NORWOOD, PAYNEHAM & ST PETERS



Cr John Minney
Board Member



Peter Perilli
(Proxy)

INDEPENDENT MEMBER



Paul Lightbody

CLOSURE & POST-CLOSURE MANAGEMENT OF THE HIGHBURY LANDFILL

Work Commences on the Highbury Closure Plan

During the year, the Highbury Landfill Authority undertook an exhaustive procurement process that resulted in Lucas Earthmovers being awarded a lump sum contract to undertake the capping and closure works at Highbury. The EO process and subsequent tender submissions highlighted that the existing specification to use onsite clay material posed too great a risk to the contractors to enter into a lump sum contract. As a consequence HLA worked with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to modify the specifications to allow the use of a geo-synthetic clay liner (GCL) to replace the compacted clay liner in the original specifications. This product provides an equivalent performance to clay and the cost to supply and lay this product can be estimated with a high degree of accuracy. Tenders were recalled with this alternative specification resulting in an acceptable contract to both HLA and its Member Councils.



Lucas Earthmovers commenced on site in July and has a construction program over a six month period subject to weather delays (GCL cannot be laid in wet weather). The key components for the closure works are:

- Preliminary earthworks to re-shape the site to form more gentle contours
- Terraces along the western and eastern quarry faces to improve soil stability and the appearance of the site
- A computerized landfill gas management system to continuously monitor in real time the gas produced by the landfill. This will maximize the performance of the system that extracts gas to produce 'green' electricity
- Seal the landfill with a synthetic cap. The cap will be covered with one metre of soil
- Revegetation and native plantings.

Environmental Monitoring of the Site

HLA has a requirement to continually monitor the landfill site to ensure that it conforms to the conditions set out in the EPA licence.

Landfill Gas Management: and Monitoring

Three automated landfill gas monitoring stations are to be installed on the landfill boundary. This will reduce the cost of landfill gas monitoring and improve the performance of gas extraction by Energy Developments Ltd in producing 'green' electricity. EDL produce 1 megawatt of power for the national grid 14-16 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Surface and Groundwater Monitoring

URS was appointed to undertake the groundwater monitoring of the Highbury landfill in the 2007/2008 year. New EPA guidelines regarding monitoring require additional responsibilities for consultants in reporting under the new Land Contamination Bill. The Highbury Landfill has an extensive data set of monitoring groundwater on the site and a report is prepared each year for the EPA.



Highbury Landfill Authority

Communication with our Neighbours and Tea Tree Gully Council (TTG)

The Board of the HLA appreciates the patience of our neighbours and TTG during the time it has taken to negotiate a contract and commence the closure works. HLA has during the year made sure that residents and the council understood all the issues associated with finally commencing the earthworks to implement the approved closure plan for the site.

Urban Boundary Realignment

HLA made a detailed submission to Planning SA on its position regarding the proposed Urban Boundary Realignment, in conjunction with a letter to the Minister for Urban Development and Planning. The letter noted that the EPA licence conditions were agreed prior to any proposal to change the adjacent land use, and also advised of the infrastructure HLA has developed to manage methane gas on the landfill site and produce the green energy for the State grid. HLA assured the Government that it was willing to cooperate in achieving the best outcome for the Highbury precinct that will not compromise HLA's financial or environmental risk exposure. **HLA sought confirmation from the EPA that it will ensure that no new residential development takes place closer than 500m from the Highbury landfill boundaries consistent with the EPA guidelines. The rigid application of the EPA guidelines is strongly supported by the HLA.**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

INCOME STATEMENT AS AT 30 JUNE 2008			BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2008		
	2008	2007		2008	2007
	\$	\$			
REVENUE			CURRENT ASSETS		
Highbury levy	77,000	77,000	Cash	84,204	28,405
Interest Received	223,721	179,420	Investments LGFA	2,202,457	2,293,916
Sundry Income	4,100	4,008	Loan East Waste	845,036	782,182
TOTAL REVENUE	304,821	260,428	Other	6,734	1,760
EXPENSES			Total Current Assets	3,138,431	3,106,263
Materials Contracts & Other Services	243,796	133,537	NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Finance Costs	505	269	Plant & Equipment	7,161	8,954
Depreciation	1,793	2,241	Total Non-Current Assets	7,161	8,954
Designated Expenses	45,641	22,148	TOTAL ASSETS	3,145,592	3,115,217
Highbury Closure Provision	2,176,179	76,138	LIABILITIES		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	2,467,914	234,333	CURRENT LIABILITIES		
NET PROFIT/DEFICIT RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	(2,163,093)	26,095	Trade and Other Payables	24,990	11,740
			Other	4,040	
			Provisions	4,790,351	2,614,173
			Total Current Liabilities	4,819,381	2,625,913
			TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,819,381	2,625,913
			NET ASSETS	(1,673,789)	489,304
			EQUITY		
			Accumulated Surplus	(1,673,789)	489,304
			TOTAL EQUITY	(1,673,789)	489,304

MEMBER COUNCILS



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**INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2008</u> \$	<u>2007</u> \$
<u>REVENUE</u>			
Highbury levy		77,000	77,000
Interest Received		223,721	179,420
Sundry income		4,100	4,008
TOTAL REVENUE	2	<u>304,821</u>	<u>260,428</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Materials Contracts & Other Services		243,796	133,537
Finance Costs		505	269
Depreciation		1,793	2,241
Designated Expenses		45,641	22,148
Highbury closure provision		2,176,179	76,138
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	3	<u>2,467,914</u>	<u>234,333</u>
NET (DEFICIT) RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS		<u>(2,163,093)</u>	<u>26,095</u>

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2008**

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2008</u> \$	<u>2007</u> \$
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Cash	4	84,204	28,405
Investments LGFA		2,202,457	2,293,916
Loan East Waste		845,036	782,182
Other		6,734	1,760
Total Current Assets		<u>3,138,431</u>	<u>3,106,263</u>
<u>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Plant & Equipment	5	7,161	8,954
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>7,161</u>	<u>8,954</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>		<u>3,145,592</u>	<u>3,115,217</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
Trade and other payables	6	24,990	11,740
Other		4,040	
Provisions	6	4,790,351	2,614,173
Total Current Liabilities		<u>4,819,381</u>	<u>2,625,913</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>4,819,381</u>	<u>2,625,913</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>(1,673,789)</u>	<u>489,304</u>
<u>EQUITY</u>			
Accumulated Surplus		(1,673,789)	489,304
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>(1,673,789)</u>	<u>489,304</u>

This statement to be read in conjunction with the attached notes.

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

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2008</u> \$	<u>2007</u> \$
<u>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS</u>			
Balance at beginning of the year		489,304	463,209
Change in financial position resulting from operations		<u>(2,163,093)</u>	<u>26,095</u>
Balance at end of the year		<u>(1,673,789)</u>	<u>489,304</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2008</u> \$ Inflows (Outflows)	<u>2007</u> \$ Inflows (Outflows)
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</u>			
<i>Payments</i>			
Payments to suppliers		(277,585)	(167,687)
<i>Receipts</i>			
Highbury Levy		76,958	84,742
Interest received		160,867	151,389
Sundry income		4,100	8,321
Net cash provided by operating activities	7	<u>(35,660)</u>	<u>76,765</u>
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</u>			
Payments for property, plant and equipment			
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</u>			
Transfers from Eastern Waste Management Authority			
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash held		(35,660)	76,765
Cash at beginning of the year		2,322,321	2,245,556
Cash at end of the year		<u>2,286,661</u>	<u>2,322,321</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

Highbury Landfill Authority (the Authority) is a Local Government Act Section 43 Regional Subsidiary under the control of the City of Burnside, City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters and the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville.

The financial report of the Authority complies with all Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS) as they apply to not-for-profit entities, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards and relevant South Australian legislation.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Authority in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

Basis of preparation

Reporting Basis and Conventions

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs modified by the revaluation of selected non-current assets, and financial assets and financial liabilities for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied

Accounting Policies

(a) Competitive Neutrality

The Authority does not undertake commercial (for profit) activities.

Principal of Competitive Neutrality

1. The Authority recognises the objective of competitive neutrality as the intention to remove any net competitive advantages from its commercial (for profit) activities. Accordingly, the Authority is implementing principles of competitive neutrality, in particular tax equivalents and debt guarantee fees, where it competes with the private sector.

These tax equivalents include:

- 1.1 payroll tax;
- 1.2 stamp duty;
- 1.3 council rates;
- 1.4 fuel excise;
- 1.5 Work Cover levies;
- 1.6 prevailing commercial interest rates applicable to the purchase of the operating plant
- 1.7 debt guarantee fees, where required;
- 1.8 standard interest rates on borrowings;
- 1.9 income tax

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

The Authority will annually and proportionately disburse to its member councils, the equivalent of all of the costs referred to above together with the equivalent of company taxation on the net profit derived from its commercial (for profit) activities. The disbursements made to the member councils will not and are not intended to be directly or indirectly returned to the Authority.

In bidding for the new commercial (for profit) business activities, the Authority will fully account for all costs including all taxes, licences, fees, charges and guarantees that are applicable to the private sector operating in the same market place, unless all bidders are both equally directed to do otherwise and have the benefit of all exemptions to which the Authority is entitled.

The Authority has obtained and will maintain a prescribed activity license from the Environment Protection Authority for the landfill site.

(b) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the committee members/directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including building and capitalised lease assets, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Plant and equipment	10%-20%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at each balance date.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the income statement. When re-valued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

(c) Financial Instruments

Recognition

Financial instruments are initially measured at cost on trade date, which includes transaction costs, when the related contractual rights or obligations exist. Subsequent to initial recognition these instruments are measured as set out below.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss

A financial asset is classified in this category if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short-term or if so designated by management. Derivatives are also categorised as held for trading unless they are designated as hedges. Realised and unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of these assets are included in the income statement in the period in which they arise.

Available for sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets include any financial assets not included in the above categories.

Available-for-sale assets are reflected at fair value. Unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in fair values are taken directly to equity.

Financial liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities are recognised at amortised cost, comprising original debt less principal payments and amortisation.

(d) Impairment

At each reporting date, the Authority assess whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. In the case of available-for-sale financial instruments, a prolonged decline in the value of the instrument is considered to determine whether impairment has arisen. Impairment losses are recognised in the income statement.

(e) Cash And Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

(f) Investments

Investments represent monies on deposit at twenty-four hour call and on fixed deposit for twelve months or less.

(g) Revenue

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

(h) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST

(i) Comparative Figures

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The Authority evaluates estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are abased on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the association.

Key Estimates - Impairment

The Authority assesses impairment at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the group that may lead to impairment of assets. Where an impairment trigger exists, the depreciated replacement cost of the asset is determined.

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NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

New Accounting Standards

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

- AASB 8 Operating Segments
- AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements
- AASB 123 Borrowing Costs
- AASB 1004 Contributions
- 1050 Administered Items
- AASB 1052 Disaggregated Disclosures
- AASB 2007-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 8 [AASB 5, AASB 6, AASB 102, AASB 107, AASB 119, AASB 127, AASB 134, AASB 136, AASB 1023 & AASB 1038]
- AASB 2007-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 123 [AASB 1, AASB 101, AASB 107, AASB 111, AASB 116 & AASB 138 and Interpretations 1 & 12]
- AASB 2007-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards [AASB 1, AASB 2, AASB 4, AASB 5, AASB 107 & AASB 128]
- AASB 2007-9 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Review of AASs 27, 29 and 31 [AASB 3, AASB 5, AASB 8, AASB 101, AASB 114, AASB 116, AASB 127 & AASB 137]

- Interpretation 4 Determination whether an Arrangement contains a Lease

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

Going Concern Basis

The Board of Management of HLA notes the negative equity of \$1,673,789 in the HLA Balance Sheet. This is due to the increased cost to implement the EPA approved closure plan. HLA, as a Regional Subsidiary, has a statutory guarantee from its Member Councils to meet all financial obligations, and accordingly the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

NOTE 2: REVENUE	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
	\$	\$
Operating activities		
Highbury levy*	77,000	77,000
Interest Income	223,721	179,420
Sundry Income	4,100	4,008
	<u>304,821</u>	<u>260,428</u>

* Highbury Levy is a recurrent yearly fee to Member Councils in their equity percentages designed to cover the post closure management of the Highbury Landfill and administration of the Highbury Landfill Authority. The table below sets out the Member Council equity percentages.

Constituent Council	Equity Share
City of Burnside	50.406%
City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters	40.357%
Corporation of Town of Walkerville	9.237%
Total	100%

NOTE 3: EXPENSES

Material contracts & Other Services		
Contracts & Administration Expenses	63,479	47,338
Consulting		1,035
Landfill Gas Monitoring	38,820	44,865
Environmental Improvements		2,727
Groundwater monitoring	22,360	35,450
Public Consultation & Rehabilitation	7,651	2,122
Highbury Site Closure Costs	111,486	
	<u>243,796</u>	<u>133,537</u>
 Finance Costs	 505	 269
 Depreciation		
Plant & equipment	1,793	2,241
 Designated Expenses		
Auditors remuneration 05/06		2,550
Auditors remuneration 06/07		2,750
Auditors remuneration 07/08	1,250	
Insurance	5,443	5,300
Legal fees	36,014	6,828
Board fees	2,934	4,720
	<u>45,641</u>	<u>22,148</u>
 Highbury Closure Provision	 <u>2,176,179</u>	 <u>76,138</u>

NOTE 4: CURRENT ASSETS

Bank SA - Current Account	84,204	28,405
Investments LGFA	2,202,457	2,293,916
Loan Eastern Waste Management Authority Inc	845,036	782,182
Other	6,734	1,760
	<u>3,138,431</u>	<u>3,106,263</u>

NOTE 5: NON CURRENT ASSETS

Plant & Equipment	14750	14750
Less Accumulated Depreciation	-7589	-5796
	<u>7161</u>	<u>8954</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

NOTE 6: CURRENT LIABILITIES

Creditors	24,990	4,270
Accrued expenses	4,040	7,470
Provision for Highbury Closure	<u>4,790,351</u>	<u>2,614,173</u>
	<u>4,819,381</u>	<u>2,625,913</u>

The provision for the Highbury landfill closure has been increased by \$2,176,179. This is based on the tendered cost in the construction contract to implement the approved closure plan from August 2008 to March 2009 and estimates of supervision, testing and revegetation provided by Golder Associates to the Authority. The work will be completed in 12 months and accordingly the provision is a current liability.

The increase in the provision is due to the Authority accepting an alternative specification to use a manufactured geo-synthetic clay liner in place of the 600mm compacted clay liner in the original specification and the prevailing market conditions for highly supervised and EPA regulated capping and closure works on landfills in South Australia.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

	<u>2008</u> \$	<u>2007</u> \$
<u>NOTE 7: RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES TO NET DEFICIT RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS</u>		
Net Profit Resulting from Operations	(2,163,093)	26,095
Change in operating assets and liabilities		
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	(62,854)	(28,031)
(Decrease)/Increase in GST Payable	(4,974)	(1,410)
(Decrease)/Increase in Creditors and Provisions	17,290	(1,018)
Non-Operating/ Non-Cash Items		
Depreciation	1,793	2,241
(Decrease)/Increase in Provision	2,176,178	76,138
Increase loan to East		
Increase Accrued Expense		2,750
Net cash Provided by operating activities	<u>(35,660)</u>	<u>76,765</u>
<u>RECONCILIATION OF CASH</u>		
Cash at Bank	84,204	28,405
LGFA Investment A/C	2,202,457	2,293,916
	<u>2,286,661</u>	<u>2,322,321</u>

**NOTE 8: CONTINGENCIES & ASSETS & LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED IN THE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

The Authority has provided the following performance guarantee to the following entity

Environment Protection Authority	25,000	25,000
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Post Closure Management

The Authority has an obligation under the EPA licence to manage the post closure of the Highbury landfill site after the closure plan has been implemented. This will involve maintenance of the site and environmental monitoring of landfill gas, ground and surface water **for a minimum period of 25 years or longer as determined by the EPA**. The cost of this work is estimated at \$25,000 per annum. The Authority also has a commitment to extract landfill gas 24 hours a day after capping the landfill and negotiations have commenced with Energy Developments Ltd (EDL) under the existing agreement to comply with this condition. If EDL considers 24 hour landfill gas extraction is not commercially viable then HLA may incur a cost to flare the landfill gas, estimated to be \$40,000 per annum. These costs are a best estimate only and are subject to change.

Future Environmental Liability

The Authority has developed a Risk Management Plan for the site that has been incorporated into the EPA licence. This plan identifies the major risk for the landfill to be the migration of landfill gas and potential for leachate to enter the groundwater aquifer. The ongoing environmental monitoring is designed to detect these risks and it is possible for the EPA to require remedial action. If this was to occur then the Authority would incur significant expenditure to remediate landfill gas migration or leachate entering groundwater.

HIGHBURY LANDFILL AUTHORITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

NOTE 9: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(a) Interest Rate Risk

The Authority's exposure to interest rate risk, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates, and the effective weighted average interest rates on those applicable financial assets and liabilities is as follows:

	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Fair Value of Variable Interest Rate Instruments	Fair Value of Fixed Interest Rate Instruments Maturing within one year	Fair Value of Non-Interest Bearing Instruments
	2008	2008	2008	2008
Financial Assets:				
Cash	6.00%	84,204		-
Short Term LGFA	7.30%	423,183	1,738,881	
East Waste loan	6.90%	845,036		
Total Financial Assets		1,352,423	1,738,881	0
Financial Liabilities:				
Creditors	0.00%	-	-	24,990
Total Financial Liabilities		0	0	24,990
	2007	2007	2007	2007
Financial Assets:				
Cash	1.00%	28,405		-
Short Term LGFA	6.20%	555,035	1,738,881	
East Waste loan	5.25%	782,182		
Total Financial Assets		1,365,622	1,738,881	0
Financial Liabilities:				
Creditors	0.00%	-	-	4,270
Total Financial Liabilities		0	0	4,270

(b) Credit Risk

Credit risk represents the loss that would be recognised if other entities failed to perform as contracted.

The Authority's exposure to credit risk is summarised as follows;

- Trade and other debtors - the Authority's maximum exposure is disclosed in the financial statements net of any provision for doubtful debts.
- The LGFA investments included in Financial Assets above, are capital guaranteed.

(c) Net Fair Value

The net fair value of a financial instrument is defined as its value net of all costs to settle the asset or liability.

The financial assets and liabilities as stated or referred to in notes (a) and (b) above, are stated at their face value (less provision for doubtful debts if applicable).

Due to the nature of the financial instruments held by the Authority, the costs associated with their settlement would not be material, and hence, have not been considered.

HIGHBURY LANDFILL AUTHORITY

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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



Trevor Hockley
EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Dated this 18th day SEPT, 2008

ADOPTION STATEMENT

HIGHBURY LANDFILL AUTHORITY

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

STATEMENT BY PRESIDING MEMBER, HLA AUDIT COMMITTEE

I, Peter Pavan, the person for the time being occupying the position of Presiding Member of the Highbury Landfill Authority, Audit Committee state to the best of my knowledge and belief the Auditor of the Authority, Cleland McFarlane Selth, has complied with Regulation 16A(1) of the Local Government (Financial Management Regulations 1999), in that the Auditor for the Authority has not undertaken any services to the Authority outside the scope of the Auditor's function under the Local Government Act 1999.



Peter Pavan

PRESIDING MEMBER, AUTHORITY AUDIT COMMITTEE

Dated this 19 day Sept 2008

STATEMENT PURSUANT TO CLAUSE 16A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
(FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 1999



Cleland McFarlane Selth

Chartered Accountants ■ Business Advisors

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

TO THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF

HIGHBURY LANDFILL AUTHORITY INC.

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the attached financial report of the Highbury Landfill Authority Incorporated (“the Authority”) which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2008 and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement by the Executive Officer.

Executive Officer’s Responsibility for the Financial Report

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

Auditor’s Responsibility

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

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

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

Independence

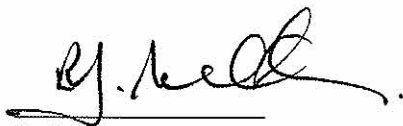
I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of the Authority for the financial year ended 30 June 2008, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Section 290, published by the Accounting Professional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

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

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion the financial report presents fairly in all material respects, the financial position of the Authority as of 30 June 2008 and of its financial performance for the financial year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the provisions of the Local Government Act 1934, as amended, and the Local Government Accounting (Financial Management) regulations 1999.

Cleland McFarlane Selth
Chartered Accountants



R J Selth - Partner

Dated this 22nd day of September 2008.





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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2008

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Mr David Banks
A/Board Member

CAMPBELLTOWN



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Board Member



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Deputy Board Member

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Mr Peter Perilli
Deputy Chairman



Cr John Frogley
Deputy Board Member

PROSPECT



Mr Thornton Harfield
Board Member



Cr Tim Newall
Deputy Board Member

WALKERVILLE



Cr Philip Cheesman
Board Member



Mr Mark Draper
Deputy Board Member



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In this, my second Annual Report as Chairman of Waste Care SA I am delighted to report that the solid waste market conditions in Adelaide are improving, and this has resulted in an emerging confidence with an improved financial performance of the Waste Care SA facility.

Waste Care SA has recorded a trading profit of \$83,094 for the year and the Balance Sheet has been strengthened by a revaluation of the Waste Care SA facility from its original cost of \$11 million to the Knight Frank valuation of \$12.6 million as at 30th June 2008.

Waste Care SA's Operations Agreement with its contractor, Transpacific Industries Group Ltd (TPI), controls Member Councils' gate rates for their waste. It also allows for potential profit sharing opportunities in the operation of the Waste Care SA facility. TPI has a policy for each business unit to use the services of the other business units. With its purchase of Cleanaway in 2007 this has meant improved throughput into the Waste Care SA facility. TPI has also undertaken a

personnel restructuring which now has Mr Phil Carbins, General Manager, Landfills, and Mr Geoff Webster, SA Landfills Manager Solid Waste, attending Waste Care SA Board Meetings on behalf of TPI.

Throughout the year TPI has consistently worked with all the tenants of the Wingfield Waste & Recycling Centre (WWRC) to maximize the commercial opportunities to recover resources from the various waste streams including Adelaide Resource Recovery (construction & demolition material), AMCOR (dry recyclables) and Jeffries (green waste).

Congratulations go to TPI on its success in winning the silver award in the Waste Management Association of Australia's National Landfill Excellence Awards, for its well engineered site at the Inkerman landfill.

Waste Care SA followed up on its joint submission with NAWMA and SRWRA on the EPA Solid Waste Levy Review by writing to the Minister for Environment & Conservation outlining the necessity of consulting with stakeholders in future decision making regarding the application of the levy. Follow up meetings were held with Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and Zero Waste SA (ZWSA) with assurances by the Officers that it will consult with Local Government and Industry on the future of the levy.

In December Tony Circelli, Director Regulation & Compliance, EPA, gave a presentation to the Board on the EPA Board Waste to Resources Subcommittee Report October 2007. The Board agreed that EPA, ZWSA and Waste Care SA would continue working closely together.

During the year the Executive Officer (EO) attended a ZWSA Food Forum where consideration was given to the level of support from Metropolitan Councils on the introduction of the co-collection of food waste with the green organics collection. A business case on this initiative (co-authored by the EO) had been commissioned by ZWSA, and ZWSA is offering support and funding for Councils to trial the service and test the assumptions made in the business case study. The Councils of Norwood Payneham & St Peters, Campbelltown and Charles Sturt will be participating in this trial.

Waste Care SA is required to respond to the changing policies and regulatory framework set by the State and Federal Governments. The Regional Subsidiary is likely to be significantly influenced by the increased emphasis on climate change policy and initiatives being pursued by the Governments. The policies and regulations that govern the waste industry in South Australia were taken into consideration during the development of the Waste Care SA Business Plan for 2008 – 2011 which, after wide consultation with Member Councils, was distributed earlier this year.

Waste Care SA continues to research and advocate on behalf of Local Government, and keep abreast of the ever changing issues surrounding the waste industry.

The Board Members of Waste Care SA are to be commended for their commitment to the success of Waste Care SA's original purpose which was to control costs for its Member Councils. They are a tremendous support for me, as Chairman, and I thank them for their contribution over the year. I would also like to express my appreciation to *TJH Management Services Pty Ltd* for the efficient administration and management of Waste Care SA during this year.

I am proud to commend the 2007/2008 Waste Care SA Annual Report to you.



Adrian Sykes
CHAIRMAN



THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Member Councils approved an Annual Plan for the current year and this review highlights the achievements of Waste Care SA under the functional headings set out in that Annual Plan.

● *Project and Contract Management – Waste Care SA Facility*

TPI purchased a new excavator to pre-sort commercial and industrial waste in the facility prior to the residual waste being transported to the Inkerman Landfill. The inside of the facility was reconfigured so that domestic traffic (cars and trailers) accessed the southern end with recycling options prior to tipping. The main floor has been divided into a residual waste section and a pre-sort section to maximize recovery of resources from the commercial/industrial waste stream.



Pre-sort Excavator



Commercial/Industrial Sorting



Car & Trailer Recycling

Regular inspections and Management Committee Meetings were held during the year and a template was developed to ensure compliance with the Project Agreement and to monitor the Asset Management Plan for the facility.

● *Wingfield Waste & Recycling Centre (WWRC)*

Site visits were convened during the year for Elected Members of Member Councils and the Board of Zero Waste SA. Adelaide City Council (ACC) is responsible to manage the common weighbridge for this facility and monitor tenants permitted uses within the precinct. During the year ACC sold the old landfill site to Adelaide Resource Recovery (a tenant on the WWRC) and foreshadowed its intention to divest itself of all waste management assets.



Common Weighbridge for the WWRC

The Business Plan prepared during the year for the next three financial years has addressed this issue to ensure that Waste Care SA maximizes its investment in the Waste Care SA facility and continues the key role it plays in the Wingfield Waste & Recycling Centre.

● *Financial Management & Reporting*

Waste Care SA operated with an Audit Committee for the first time this year. Mr Tim Campbell was appointed as the Independent Member for this Committee and has provided a valuable contribution. In accordance with the Accounting Standard AASB116, the Waste Care SA facility (a leasehold asset) was revalued by Knight Frank at \$1.6 million more than the original cost of \$11 million. This new value has been incorporated into the Financial Statements of Waste Care SA and a profit of \$83,094 was recorded for the first time since Waste Care SA commenced trading in January 2005.

● *Administration & Governance of Waste Care SA*

The Board of Waste Care SA devoted considerable resources to the development of a new three year Business Plan that takes effect from July 2008. This involved extensive consultation with Member Councils, TPI and other stakeholders. The Business Plan reconfirms the original purpose of Waste Care SA to minimize the cost impacts of waste management for its Member Councils. The administration of Waste Care SA is outsourced to *TJH Management Services Pty Ltd* that provides a separate independent administration and office for the Regional Subsidiary.

● *Broader Local Government & Member Council Issues*

Waste Care SA continues to take the lead in advocating for Local Government across all the State Government Agencies relating to environmental and waste issues. The LGA Cossey Report titled "Future Directions in Waste Management" was circulated for consultation during the year. Waste Care SA responded to this report and has followed up with the LGA in subsequent workshops. Regular meetings are now convened with Zero Waste SA and other Regional Waste Subsidiaries. Waste Care SA is also responding to the mid-term review of the State Waste Strategy.

Trevor Hockley
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
	\$	\$
<u>INCOME</u>		
Members' Contributions	134,317	134,317
Investment Income	19,553	18,810
Commercial Activities	1,215,363	1,117,964
TOTAL INCOME	1,369,233	1,271,090
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Materials Contracts & Other Services	238,570	256,816
Finance Costs	776,764	774,134
Depreciation & Amortisation	28,170	28,170
Designated Expenses	242,635	239,217
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,286,139	1,298,337
NET SURPLUS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	83,094	(27,246)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2008

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	55,962	237,377
Receivables	591,444	264,687
Other Current Assets	495	
Total Current Assets	647,901	502,064

NON-CURRENT ASSETS

Plant & Equipment	12,769,018	11,197,188
Total Non-Current Assets	12,769,018	11,197,188

TOTAL ASSETS

	13,416,919	11,699,252
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LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Trade & Other Payables	619,219	473,213
Borrowings		110,000
Other Current Liabilities	5,113	6,546
Total Current Liabilities	624,332	589,759

NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

Long Term Loan	11,281,600	11,281,600
Total Non-Current Liabilities	11,281,600	11,281,600

TOTAL LIABILITIES

	11,905,932	11,871,359
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NET ASSETS

	1,510,987	(172,107)
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EQUITY

Accumulated Surplus	(89,013)	(172,107)
Asset Revaluation Reserve	1,600,000	
TOTAL EQUITY	1,510,987	(172,107)

WASTE CARE SA

**GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORTS
for the year ended 30 June 2008**

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WASTE CARE SA
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2008</u> \$	<u>2007</u> \$
<u>INCOME</u>			
Members Contributions		134,317	134,317
Investment Income		19,553	18,810
Commercial Activities	2	<u>1,215,363</u>	<u>1,117,964</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>1,369,233</u>	<u>1,271,090</u>
 <u>EXPENSES</u>			
Materials contracts & other Services	3	238,570	256,816
Finance Costs	3	776,764	774,134
Amortisation	3	28,170	28,170
Designated expenses	3	<u>242,635</u>	<u>239,217</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>1,286,139</u>	<u>1,298,337</u>
 NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		 <u>83,094</u>	 <u>(27,246)</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

WASTE CARE SA
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2008

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2008</u> \$	<u>2007</u> \$
<u>ASSETS</u>			
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents		55,962	237,377
Receivables		591,444	264,687
Other Current Assets		495	
Total Current Assets	4	<u>647,901</u>	<u>502,064</u>
<u>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Plant & Equipment	5	12,769,018	11,197,188
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>12,769,018</u>	<u>11,197,188</u>
Total Assets		<u>13,416,919</u>	<u>11,699,252</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
Trade & other payables		619,219	473,213
Borrowings			110,000
Other Current Liabilities		5,113	6,546
Total Current Liabilities	6	<u>624,332</u>	<u>589,759</u>
<u>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
Long Term Loan	7	11,281,600	11,281,600
Total Non-Current Liabilities		<u>11,281,600</u>	<u>11,281,600</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>11,905,932</u>	<u>11,871,359</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>1,510,987</u>	<u>(172,107)</u>
<u>EQUITY</u>			
Accumulated Deficit		(89,013)	(172,107)
Asset Revaluation Reserve	8	1,600,000	
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>1,510,987</u>	<u>(172,107)</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

WASTE CARE SA

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

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2008</u> \$	<u>2007</u> \$
<u>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)</u>			
Balance at beginning of the Year		(172,107)	(144,861)
Net Surplus/ (Deficit) for the Year		<u>83,094</u>	<u>(27,246)</u>
Balance at end of the year		(89,013)	(172,107)
<u>ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE</u>			
Balance at beginning of the Year	5(a), 8	-	-
Increase on revaluation of RRWTS		<u>1,600,000</u>	-
Balance at end of the Year		<u>1,600,000</u>	-
TOTAL EQUITY AT END OF YEAR		<u>1,510,987</u>	<u>(172,107)</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

WASTE CARE SA

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

	Note	<u>2008</u> \$ Inflows (Outflows)	<u>2007</u> \$ Inflows (Outflows)
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</u>			
<i>Payments</i>			
Contractual Services		(269,970)	(256,816)
Designated Expenses		(242,135)	(239,243)
<i>Receipts</i>			
Members contributions		138,930	134,317
Commercial Activities		1,060,187	1,022,515
Investment Income		19,553	18,810
Net cash Provided by operating activities	9	<u>706,565</u>	<u>679,584</u>
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</u>			
<i>Payments</i>			
Payments to WIP for Capital works including capitalised interest payments LGFA loan		-	
Finance Charges		(777,980)	(771,036)
Repaid short term loan		(110,000)	
<i>Receipts</i>			
Loan LGFA Long term		-	
Over draft			60,000
Over revenue		-	
Net cash (Used in) other activities		<u>(887,980)</u>	<u>(711,036)</u>
Net (decrease) in cash held		(181,415)	(31,453)
Cash at beginning of the year		237,377	268,830
Cash at end of the year	4	<u>55,962</u>	<u>237,377</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations and other authoritative pronouncement of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999. The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

Waste Care SA is a Regional Subsidiary under Section 43 and Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1999. The Constituent Councils and their respective percentages of equity are as follows:

Constituent Council	Equity Share%
Adelaide City Council	23.75
City of Campbelltown	23.75
City of Charles Sturt	23.75
City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters	17.81
City of Prospect	5.00
Town of Walkerville	5.94

Waste Care SA operates a Resource Recovery and Waste Transfer Station facility (RRWTS) within an Integrated Resource Management Centre (IRMC) at Wingfield, South Australia

Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Subsidiary in the preparation of the financial report:

(a) Income Tax

The Waste Care SA operated as a regional subsidiary of the member councils pursuant to section 43 of the Local Government Act 1999. Accordingly, it is not liable to pay income tax.

(b) Infrastructure Plant and Equipment etc

Plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation, amortisation and impairment losses. Selected assets are depreciated over their useful lives commencing from the time that the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for items of plant & equipment are:

Furniture and fittings	20%
Computer equipment	33%
Other equipment and vehicles	20%

The asset representing the Resource Recovery and Waste Transfer Station (RRWTS), being a facility within the Integrated Resource Management Centre (IRMC) has been revalued in accordance with AASB 116 and is shown at \$12,600,000.

There is a legal agreement (Project Agreement) between Waste Care SA (the principal) and the contractors (or its related nominee entity) whereby after 10 years Waste Care SA under the Project Agreement (Section 31) may enforce a compulsory purchase of the RRWTS by the Contractors (or its nominee related entity) at its full historic cost of \$11 million. The lease with the Adelaide City Council (ACC) may also be assigned.

The Board of WCSA has resolved to change its policy of not depreciating the RRWTS. Depreciation expense will be charged from 1 July 2008 and revaluations of the asset will occur every three years, consistent with AASB116.

WASTE CARE SA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (contd)

(c) Cash Assets, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

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

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

All financial instruments are recognised at fair value at the date of recognition.

(d) Leases

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

(e) Revenue

Revenue from the sale of services is recognised upon the delivery of the service to customers.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(f) Borrowing Costs

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to prepare for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale.

All other borrowing costs are recognised in the income statement in the period in which they are incurred.

(g) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

(h) Comparative Figures

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

(i) Financial Instruments

Recognition

Financial instruments are initially measured at cost on trade date, which includes transaction costs, when the related contractual rights or obligations exist. Subsequent to initial recognition these instruments are measured as set out below.

Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss

A financial asset is classified in this category if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short-term or if so designated by management. Derivatives are also categorised as held for trading unless they are designated as hedges. Realised and unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of these assets are included in the income statement in the period in which they arise.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008****NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (contd)****Available-for-sale financial assets**

Available-for-sale financial assets include any financial assets not included in the above categories. Available-for-sale financial assets are reflected at fair value. Unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are taken directly to equity.

Financial liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities are recognised at amortised cost, comprising original debt less principal payments and amortisation.

Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The Board of Members evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information.

Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the subsidiary.

Key Estimates - Impairment

The subsidiary assesses impairment at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the subsidiary that may lead to impairment of assets. Where an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. Value-in-use calculations performed in assessing recoverable amounts incorporate a number of key estimates.

Key Judgments - Doubtful Debts Allowance

Accounts receivable are reviewed at each reporting date to establish the collectability.

Going Concern Basis

The Board of Management of WCSA notes the accumulated deficit of \$89,013. The objective of WCSA is to minimise the cost impact of services provided to its Member Councils. WCSA has a statutory guarantee from its Member Councils to meet all financial obligations and accordingly has prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

WASTE CARE SA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2008</u> \$	<u>2007</u> \$
<u>NOTE 2: REVENUES</u>			
Gate Fees for delivery		307,052	203,058
Commercial Contributions		888,814	895,291
Jeffries Profit Share		13,306	7,454
Rent Wingfield			5,541
Sundry income		6,191	6,620
		<u>1,215,363</u>	<u>981,344</u>
<u>NOTE 3: EXPENSES</u>			
MATERIALS CONTRACTS AND OTHER SERVICES			
Managerial Services		163,323	180,818
Council Rates		61,387	59,329
Emergency Services Levy		8,115	6,296
Consultancy Costs- valuation plant		3,500	8,990
Sundry		2,245	1,383
		<u>238,570</u>	<u>184,693</u>
FINANCE COSTS			
Loan Interest		776,460	773,909
Bank Charges		304	225
		<u>776,764</u>	<u>756,371</u>
DEPRECIATION & AMORTISATION			
Capitalised Interest	1(b)	23,608	23,608
Disbursement Sum	1(b)	4,562	4,562
		<u>28,170</u>	<u>28,170</u>
DESIGNATED EXPENSES			
Legal expenses		1,922	9,868
Audit Fees		2,800	1,700
Lease Adelaide City Council	1(d)	183,135	178,058
Insurance		54,068	49,590
Sundry		710	
		<u>242,635</u>	<u>246,111</u>
<u>NOTE 4: CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Cash at Bank		55,962	237,377
Receivables		591,443	264,687
Other Current Assets Net GST Claimable			
GST Claimable		42,052	
GST Payable		(41,557)	
		495	
		<u>647,900</u>	<u>502,064</u>

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	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2008</u> \$	<u>2007</u> \$
<u>NOTE 5: NON CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
<u>Plant & Equipment</u>			
RRWTS - at Cost	1(b)	11,000,000	11,000,000
Revaluation	5(a)	<u>1,600,000</u>	<u> </u>
		12,600,000	<u> </u>
Disbursement - at Cost		45,612	45,612
Capitalised Interest - at Cost		<u>236,084</u>	<u>236,084</u>
		12,881,696	11,281,696
Less amortised disbursement and capitalised interest		(112,678)	(84,508)
		<u>12,769,018</u>	<u>11,197,188</u>

NOTE 5(a): The revaluation was conducted by Knight Frank Valuations SA on 30 June 2008 with the revalued amount assessed as \$12.6 million. The RRWTS has been revalued in accordance with the Revaluation Model as per AASB116.

NOTE 6: CURRENT LIABILITIES

Creditors		619,219	473,213
Short term borrowings			110,000
Net GST payable			36,634
GST Payable			<u>(30,088)</u>
GST Claimable			6,546
Other Current Liabilities		<u>5,113</u>	<u> </u>
		624,332	589,759

NOTE 7: NON CURRENT LIABILITIES

Long term Loans		<u>11,281,600</u>	<u>11,281,600</u>
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NOTE 8: ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE

related to Resource Recovery & Waste Transfer Station (RRWTS)			
Balance brought forward 2007		-	-
Revaluation as per AASB116	5(a)	<u>1,600,000</u>	-
Closing Balance 2008		<u>1,600,000</u>	-

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	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
	\$	\$
<u>NOTE 9: RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES TO NET DEFICIT RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS</u>		
Net Surplus (Deficit) Resulting from Operations	83,094	(27,246)
Change in operating assets and liabilities		
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(326,756)	(60,106)
Increase/(Decrease) in GST Payable	(7,042)	5,813
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors and Provisions	146,006	(38,083)
Non-Operating/ Non-Cash Items		
Amortisation	28,170	28,170
Finance Charges	777,980	771,036
Other Revenue	5,113	-
Net cash Provided by operating activities	<u>706,565</u>	<u>679,584</u>
 <u>NOTE 10: LEASING COMMITMENTS</u>		
Payable not later than one year	<u>191,184</u>	<u>186,142</u>

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NOTE 11: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(a) Interest Rate Risk

The Authority's exposure to interest rate risk, which is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates, and the effective weighted average interest rates on those applicable financial assets and liabilities is as follows:

Weighted Average Interest Rate	Fair Value of variable interest rate instruments	Fair value of fixed interest rate instruments maturing within one year	Fair value of non-interest bearing instruments
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Financial Assets:

Cash	1.50%	237,377	-	-
Receivables	0.00%	-	-	591,443
Total Financial Assets		237,377	-	591,443

Financial Liabilities:

LGFA Loan Fixed 10 yrs	6.95%	6,100,000	-	-
LGFA Loan Fixed 5 yrs	6.72%	5,181,600	-	-
Creditors and Provisions	0.00%	-	-	619,219
Total Financial Liabilities		11,281,600	0	619,219

(b) Credit Risk

Credit risk represents the loss that would be recognised if other entities failed to perform as contracted.

The Authority's exposure to credit risk is summarised as follows;

- Trade and other debtors - the Authority's maximum exposure is disclosed in the financial statements net of any provision for doubtful debts.
- The LGFA investments included in Financial Assets above, are capital guaranteed.

(c) Net Fair Value

The net fair value of a financial instrument is defined as its value net of all costs to settle the asset or liability.

The financial assets and liabilities as stated or referred to in notes (a) and (b) above, are stated at their face value (less provision for doubtful debts if applicable).

Due to the nature of the financial instruments held by the Authority, the costs associated with their settlement would not be material, and hence, have not been considered.

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STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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



Trevor Hockley
EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Dated this 18th day Sept 2008

ADOPTION STATEMENT

WASTE CARE SA

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

The Board have determined that this general purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Members of the Board:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 1 to 11:
 - (a) comply with Accounting Standards and the Local Government Act 1999 and Regulations; and
 - (b) give a true and fair view of Waste Care SA's financial position as at 30 June 2008 and its performance for the year then ended.

2. There are reasonable grounds to believe that Waste Care SA will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Members of the Board by:

Member


Member


Dated this 18th day of September 2008

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STATEMENT BY PRESIDING MEMBER, AUDIT COMMITTEE

I, Adrian Sykes, the person for the time being occupying the position of Presiding Member of the Waste Care SA Audit Committee, state to the best of my knowledge and belief, the Auditor of Waste Care SA, HLB Mann Judd, has complied with Regulation 16A(1) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999, in that the Auditor for Waste Care SA has not undertaken any services to Waste Care SA outside the scope of the Auditor's functions under the Local Government Act 1999.



Adrian Sykes
PRESIDING MEMBER, WASTE CARE SA AUDIT COMMITTEE
Dated this 18th day Sept. 2008

**STATEMENT PURSUANT TO CLAUSE 16A(2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
(FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 1999**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
WASTE CARE SA**

To the members of Waste Care SA:

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Waste Care SA (regional subsidiary), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2008, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes as set out on pages

Board's responsibility for the Financial Report

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

In Note 1, the board also state, in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements, that compliance with the Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards ensures that the financial report, comprising the financial statements and notes, complies with International Financial Reporting Standards

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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


Our audit did not include an analysis of the prudence of business decisions made by the Board or management.

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

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Liability limited by a scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies and the Local Government Act and Regulations.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion:

- (a) the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Waste Care SA as at 30 June 2008 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Local Government Act 1999 and Regulations; and
- (b) the financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in Note 1



HLB MANN JUDD

Dated *18th* September 2008
Adelaide



TREVOR HIRTH
Partner

Appendix

RATING POLICY

Introduction

This is Council's Rating Policy. This Policy and Council's budget and other strategic documents are also available for inspection or purchase, at:

The Corporation of the Town of Walkerville
66 Walkerville Terrace
Gilberton SA 5081

The Walkerville Library
62 Walkerville Terrace
Gilberton SA 5081

Council website: <http://www.walkerville.sa.gov.au>

Strategic Focus

In setting Council's rates for the 2007/08 financial year, the Council has considered the following:

- the Strategic Plan, The Corporation of the Town of Walkerville – Directions for the Future, which has been adopted by Council. This Plan outlines Council's approach to providing the service levels required and sets the goals and objectives toward achieving a sustainable future for all residents of the Town;
- the current economic climate;
- the budget for the 2007/08 financial year and any longer term financial planning;
- the financial implications of complying with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999;
- the specific issues faced by our community, which are:
 - the ongoing requirements for a significant capital program to replace, upgrade and maintain infrastructure assets which includes roads, paths and public buildings;
 - the proposed redevelopment of the Town Centre Precinct;
 - the review of the Development Plan pursuant to Section 30 of the Development Act;
 - the development of a community service program based on community needs;
 - implementation of Environmental Management System;

Method Used to Value Land

All land within the Council area, except for land specifically exempt (eg Crown land and land owned by Council), is rateable.

This Council has decided to continue to use capital value as the basis for valuing land within the Council area. Council considers that this method of valuing provides the fairest method of distributing the rate burden across all ratepayers. Council has adopted the valuations made by the Valuer-General as effective from the 16 June 2007. You may object to the valuation referred to in your rates notice by writing to the Valuer-General within 60 days after the date of service of the rate notice. Objections are to be forwarded to:

The State Valuation Office, 101 Grenfell Street, Adelaide SA 5000. Phone: 1300 653 345 or email: lsg.objections@saugov.sa.gov.au. Council has no role in this process. ***It is important to note that the lodgement of an objection does not change the due date for payment of rates.***

General Rates

The Local Government Act 1999 provides for a Council to raise revenue for the broad purposes of the Council through a general rate which applies to all rateable property. At the Council meeting held on the 24 September 2007, Council decided to raise \$4,433,253 rate revenue in a total revenue budget of \$5,893,201. As a result of this decision, Council has set a general residential rate of 0.002158 in the dollar and for all 'other' properties a rate of 0.003150 cents in the dollar to raise the necessary

revenue. The minimum rate is \$730.90. The minimum rate is levied against the whole of an allotment (including land under separate lease or licence) and only one minimum rate is levied against two or more pieces of adjoining land owned and occupied by the same ratepayer. The minimum rate will affect 1026 (30.6%) of rateable properties and will raise \$146,428 of rate revenue. Land use is used as a factor to levy differential rates.

If a ratepayer believes that a particular property has been wrongly classified as to its land use, then the ratepayer may object to that land use within 60 days of being notified. The objection must set out the basis for the objection and details of the land use that should be attributed to that property. The Council may then decide on the objection as it sees fit and notify the ratepayer accordingly. A ratepayer has the right to appeal against the Council's decision to the Land and Valuation Court. Objections to Council's land use classification may be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation of the Town of Walkerville, PO Box 55, Walkerville SA 5081. ***It is important to note that the lodgement of an objection does not change the due date for payment of rates.***

Concessions

Rate Concessions

The State Government, in providing equity across SA in this area, funds a range of concessions on Council rates. The concessions are administered by various State Agencies who determine eligibility and pay the concession directly to Council on behalf of the ratepayer. Concessions are only available on the principal place of residence.

Ratepayers who believe they are entitled to a concession should not withhold payment of rates pending assessment of an application by the State Government as penalties apply to overdue rates. A refund will be paid to an eligible person if Council is advised that a concession applies and the rates have already been paid.

State Seniors Card Ratepayer (Self-Funded Retiree)

This concession is administered by RevenueSA. If you are a self-funded retiree and currently hold a State Seniors Card you may be eligible for a concession towards Council rates. In the case of couples, both must qualify, or if only one holds a State Seniors Card, the other must not be in paid employment for more than 20 hours per week. If you have not received a concession on your rates notice or would like further information please contact the RevenueSA call centre on 1300 366 150.

Pensioner Concession

An eligible pensioner holding a Pension Card, State Concession Card or a Repatriation Health Card marked TPI Gold or War Widow and may be entitled to a concession on Council rates (and water and effluent charges where applicable). Application forms, which include information on the concessions, are available from the Council, SA Water Corporation and its District Offices or the Department of Human Services and further information can be obtained by telephoning SA Water.

Other Concessions

The Department of Families and Community (DFCS) – Families SA administers Council rate concessions available to a range of eligible persons receiving State and Commonwealth allowances. This includes, but is not limited to, ratepayers who are in receipt of: Austudy, Newstart, Parenting Payment, Partner Allowance, Sickness Allowance, Special Benefit, Widow Allowance, Youth Allowance, Abstudy, CDEP or a New Enterprise Initiative Scheme. It may also apply to ratepayers in receipt of a pension as a war widow under legislation of the United Kingdom or New Zealand and the holders of a State Concession Card issued by DFC. All enquiries should be directed to your nearest Families SA District Centre by phoning the Concessions Hotline on 1800 307 758.

Natural Resources Management Levy

Council collects a regional Natural Resources Management (NRM) Levy on all rateable properties on behalf of your regional NRM Board. The levy funds vital NRM projects and is the new name for

contributions South Australian ratepayers have been making for many years through their Catchment Water Management Levies and/or Animal and Plant Control rate revenue contributions from Local Government. For more information about the projects your regional NRM Levy helps fund contact the Adelaide & Mount Lofty Ranges NRM Board 1300 764 489. A separate rate of 0.0074 cents has been levied against all rateable properties as per State Government Legislation.

Payment of Rates

The Council has decided that the payment of all rates will be either by full payment – due by the 06 November 2007 or by quarterly instalments due on the following dates:

06 November 2007
22 January 2008
08 April 2008
17 June 2008

Rates may be paid by:

- Bpay Service (you need to register with your Bank, Credit Union or Building Society, if you have not already done so, to use this service);
- Telephone 1300 303 201 using MasterCard or Visa Card;
- Internet through Council's website using MasterCard or Visa Card;
- In person at the Council Offices (66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton SA 5081) during office hours of 9.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays)
 - Cheque, money order, cash, EFTPOS, MasterCard or Visa Card facilities are available for payments (American Express and Diners Club cards are not acceptable)
- Post, addressed to the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville, PO Box 55, Walkerville SA 5081, *or*
- Mail chute in front of the Council Offices, 66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton (*please do not pay by cash using chute*).

Any ratepayer who may, or is likely to experience difficulty in meeting the standard payment arrangements is invited to write to the Rates Department, PO Box 55, Walkerville SA 5081 to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

Late Payment of Rates

The Local Government Act provides that a Council may impose a penalty of 2.0% on any payment for rates, whether by instalment or otherwise, that is received late. A payment that continues to be late is then charged a prescribed interest rate for each month it continues to be late. This rate for 2007/08 will be calculated using the Cash Advance Debenture Rate, plus 3.0% divided by twelve.

When rates are unpaid by the due date, Council issues a Final Notice for payment of the rates. Should rates still remain unpaid after the issue of the Final Notice then Council refers the debt to a debt collection agency for collection. The debt collection agency charges collection fees to the ratepayer. When Council receives a payment in respect of overdue rates the Council applies the money received as follows:

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

Postponement of Rates – Seniors

Ratepayers who hold a State Seniors Card (or who are eligible to hold a State Seniors Card and have applied for one) are able to apply to Council to postpone payment of rates on their principal place of residence. Postponed rates remain as a charge on the land and are not required to be repaid until the property is sold or disposed of. Phone 8344 7711 or email walkervl@walkerville.sa.gov.au for further information.

Remission and Postponement of Rates due to Hardship

The Local Government Act permits a Council, on the application of the ratepayer, to partially or wholly remit rates on the basis of hardship. Where a ratepayer is suffering hardship in paying rates he/she is invited to contact the Rates Department on 8344 7711 to discuss the matter. Such enquiries are treated confidentially by Council. While arrangements for extended payments of rates is negotiable, remission of rates in whole or in part is rarely approved due to the inequitable situation for the rest of the community.

Statutory Rebate of Rates

The Local Government Act requires Council to rebate the rates payable on some land including; 100% on land used solely for religious purposes; a minimum of 75% for land used predominantly for educational purposes (subject to some qualifications) and a minimum of 75% on land used for the provision of supported accommodation.

Discretionary Rebates

A Council may grant a rebate of rates or services charges in certain circumstances, as per section 166 of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

The Council has an absolute discretion –

- ❖ to grant a rebate of rates or service charges as per the *Local Government Act 1999*; and
- ❖ to determine the amount of any such rebate.

Persons who or bodies which seek a discretionary rebate will be required to submit an application form to the Council and provide to the Council such information as stipulated on the application form and any other information that the Council may reasonably require.

Sale of Land for Non-Payment of Rates

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 owner 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 one month.

Disclaimer

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. Where a ratepayer believes that the Council has failed to properly apply this policy they should raise the matter with the Rates Department on 8344 7711.



Freedom of Information

Statement 2007 / 08

Adopted: Council 1st August 2005 (CNC010805/12.4.6)
Council 7th August 2006 (CNC070806/11.3.2)
Council 5th November 2007 (CNC051107/17.2.4)

1. Introduction

Information Statement

This Information Statement is published by the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 1991.

The Corporation of the Town of Walkerville is pleased to comply with the legislation and welcomes enquiries on any information listed in this statement.

An updated Information Statement is published every twelve months.

The Information Statement is available for viewing at the Council Office, 66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton or on Council's web site: www.walkerville.sa.gov.au.

A copy of the Information Statement can be purchased for a fee of 10c per side (as per Councils Fees & Charges listing). An administration fee of \$5.00 per document will apply if staff are requested to do the photocopying of the document.

2. Structure and Functions of the Council

2.1 Council

Council, consisting of nine Ward Councillors (3 for each of the three Wards) and the Mayor, is the decision-making body on all policy matters.

In keeping with legislative requirements the Council:

- ♦ Determines the policies to be applied by the Council in exercising its discretionary powers;
- ♦ Determines the type, range and scope of projects to be undertaken by the Council;
and
- ♦ Determines the resources which are to be made available to undertake such works and services.

Ordinary meetings of the full Council are held on the 1st Monday (except public holidays when meetings are held on the Tuesday) of every month at 7.30pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

2.2 Committees

Committees have been formed to streamline Council business where necessary.

The committees are: Town Centre Committee

 Audit Committee

 Building Fire Safety Committee (Section 71, Development Act 1993)

The meet irregularly for special, specified purposes / projects.

2.3 Development Assessment Panel

The Council has established a Development Assessment Panel pursuant to Section 56A of the Development Act 1993.

The Panel has delegated authority from Council to carry out the assessment of Development Applications.

Meetings of the Panel are held as required on the second Monday of each month (or the second Tuesday, if the Monday is a public holiday) commencing at 5.30 pm in the Town Hall, 66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton or as such place as the Development Assessment Panel determines. Meetings are not held if there is no business for the Panel to discuss.

Members of the public may attend Development Assessment Panel meetings.

2.4 Agendas and Minutes

Council, Town Centre Committee, Audit Committee and Development Assessment Panel agendas are placed on public display not less than three days prior to the meetings. Minutes of the meetings are on display within five days of the meetings at both the Council Offices and the Walkerville Public Library.

Meeting agendas and minutes can also be viewed on Council's web site: www.walkerville.sa.gov.au

2.5 Working Parties and Groups

A number of staff committees have been established to assist with the Management of the Council and to comply with legislative requirements. These include (but are not inclusive):

- Executive Management Team
- Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare; Risk Management & Environmental Management Committee

2.6 Delegations

The Chief Executive Officer has the delegated authority from Council to make decisions on a number of specified administrative and regulatory matters. The Chief Executive Officer may sub-delegate such authority to other officers in particular circumstances.

The Council makes policy decisions which direct and/or determine its activities and functions. Such decisions include the approval of works and services to be undertaken, and the resources which are to be made available to undertake such works and services.

3. Services for the Community

Local Government is a multi-disciplinary business primarily serving the needs of its community.

The following list is indicative of the core functions:

- Administrative Services
- Asset Management & Maintenance
- Community Services
- Construction & Project Management
- Corporate Communications & Marketing
- Corporate Planning
- Development Assessment
- Development Plan Policy
- Economic & Business Development
- Elections
- Environmental Management
- Financial Management
- Fleet Management
- Governance
- Historical Records
- Home & Community Care
- Library Service
- Legislative Compliance
- Parks & Gardens
- Policy Development
- Public Health
- Significant Trees
- Subsidiaries
- SWAP Library Network
- Town Planning

The range of services provided by Local Government is in response to the needs and priorities of the community as determined by the Council. The services will be depending upon the Council's geographical location and size, development and growth patterns, and population profile.

Some services, however, Councils are required to provide by legislation.

4. Public Participation

4.1 Council and Committee Meetings

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

- Public Consultation Policy
- Code of Practice – access to Council meetings, Council committees and Council documents
- Code of Practice – procedures at meetings

These documents are available from the Council Offices or the Walkerville Library for a small fee. They are also available on Councils website at www.walkerville.sa.gov.au.

5. Access to Council Documents

5.1 Documents Available for Inspection

The following documents are available for public inspection at the Council Offices, 66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm weekdays. Members of the public may purchase copies of these documents by payment of the fees set out in the Fees and Charges Register.

Inquiries concerning the procedures for inspecting and purchasing the Council's policy documents should be directed to Council staff.

Council Documents

- Annual Business Plan
- Audited Financial Statements
- Annual Report
- Assessment Record
- By-Laws
- Charters of subsidiaries that Council is a constituent Council (eg Eastern Health Authority; Eastwaste; Wastecare; Highbury Landfill)
- Committee Agendas
- Committee Minutes
- Council Agendas
- Council Minutes
- Community Land Management Plans
- Delegations – recorded under Local Government Act 1999
- Development Assessment Panel Agendas
- Development Assessment Panel Minutes
- Development Plan Amendment (once authorised for Public Consultation)
- Fees and Charges Listing
- Freedom of Information Statement
- Occupational Health Safety & Welfare Policy Manual
- Plan Amendment Reports
- Policy Manual
- Strategic Management Plan
- Voters Roll (LG (Elections) Act 1999)

Policies

- Advertising Charges

Codes

- Code of Conduct for Elected Members
- Code of Conduct for Employees
- Code of Practice - Access to Council Meetings, Council Committees and Council Documents
- Code of Practice – procedures at meetings

Registers

- Register of Campaign Donations Returns
- Register of Community Land
- Register Development Applications / Consents / Approvals
- Register Dogs
- Register of Elected Members Allowances & Benefits
- Register of Interests – Elected Members
- Register of Parking Controls
- Register of Public Roads
- Register of Remuneration, salaries & benefits – staff
- Memorial Gardens – use of for wedding ceremonies / photographs

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- Bluestone Kerbing
 - Budget – Implementation of Programs
 - Building Inspections
 - Building on or near Boundary Alignments
 - Chief Executive Officer – appointment of Acting
 - Circulation of Agendas and Minutes to the media & other groups
 - Community Fund Guidelines
 - Computer Network, internet & email access / usage policy & guidelines
 - Consultation – public
 - Contracts & Tenders
 - Customer Service Standards
 - Development – Building over easements
 - Development – extensions of planning consents
 - Development – public notification
 - Development / Building work – repair damage
 - Development Act Delegations
 - Disposal of surplus equipment
 - Dog & Cat Management – control of cats
 - Education, Training, Seminars & Conferences
 - Elected Members Allowances, Benefits Facilities & Support Policy
 - Elected Members Training & Development
 - Election signs – control of
 - Environmental Management
 - Equal Employment Opportunity
 - Fines / Charges – waiving of
 - Footpath & Nature strip maintenance
 - Grants Information
 - Internal Review of Council Decisions
 - Investments & Review of investments
 - Order Making
 - Outdoor Dining
 - Parking Permits – residential
 - Parks, Gardens & Reserves – use of
 - Playground Risk Management
 - Possums – trapping and the destruction of
 - Records Management
 - Risk Management
 - Roundabout and Protuberance Landscaping
 - Sign-post erection
 - Signs & Minor Traffic devices
 - Sponsorship – accepting & provision of
 - Staff – annual leave
 - Staff – immunisation against influenza
 - Staff – Membership of Professional Associations
 - Staff – sick leave
 - Staff – uniforms / corporate wardrobe
 - Stobie Pole Decoration
 - Street Lighting
 - Telecommunications overhead infrastructure
 - Temporary Road Closure – events on roads
 - Town Hall / Meeting Room – free hire to community groups / educational bodies
 - Tree Policy
 - Undergrounding of Powerlines
 - Vandalism & Graffiti Management
 - Volunteers
 - Walkerville Oval & Levi Oval – hire of
 - Wesleyan Cemetery – restoration of gravesites
 - Wesleyan Cemetery – Smith Street
 - Wilderness Home Help Fund

5.2 Freedom of Information

Requests for access to other Council documents will be considered in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 1991. Under this legislation, a written application accompanied by the prescribed application fee is required.

The application fee and the fees for dealing with the application (including photocopying of documents) are prescribed in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2003. The Council must waive or remit fees for pensioners and other prescribed persons.

Freedom of Information requests should be addressed to:

Freedom of Information Officer
Town of Walkerville
PO Box 55
WALKERVILLE SA 5081

Forms are available from the Council Offices, 66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton.

Applications will be responded to as soon as practicable and in any event within 30 days of Council receiving a proper written request, together with the prescribed application fee.

6. Amendment of Council Records

A person to whom access to Council documents has been given may apply under the Freedom of Information Act 1991 for the amendment of the Council's records if –

- the document contains information concerning the person's personal affairs;
and
- the information is available for use by the Council in connection with its administrative functions;
and
- the information is, in the person's opinion, incomplete, incorrect, out-of-date and misleading.

Applications must be in writing and contain the information specified in Section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act 1991. Forms for this purpose are available at the Council Office, 66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton.

Helen Dyer

Chief Executive Officer

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