

Annual Report



2005-2006

*The Corporation of the
TOWN OF WALKERVILLE*



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



The past year has again been very busy and exciting period for the Town of Walkerville.

As is usual, Council sought to maximise services and projects whilst minimising rate increases.

150th Celebrations

One of the most exciting projects for the year was the 150th celebrations that were launched on Australia Day 2005 and included a number of events throughout the calendar year.

On July 1, Council launched time capsules, and a CD-Rom that includes important information about the Council and our time. The ceremony was assisted with performances of our local school students who all received information packs.

In August we held a reception for residents in the Walkerville Town Hall. This was followed by another key event of the celebrations; the special 150th dinner dance that was held at the Observatory function centre on 7 October 2005. The event was hailed as a great success with all those in attendance enjoying themselves.

The 150th celebration continued with the biennial Walkerville Village Fair that was held on Sunday 30 October. The fair was host to special 150th events such as the 150th Parade. The Parade, comprising local students, and the community commenced from the Council car park. The floats, school representatives, bands, motorcade of vintage cars and clowns to name just some of the attractions, moved north along Walkerville Terrace finally stopping at the oval prior to the fair being declared open and entertainment for all.

Community Cabinet

The State Government's Community Cabinet met at the Walkerville Town Hall on 5 September 2005. The community cabinet provided an opportunity for the Council to bring issues directly to the attention of the Premier and his Ministers. The Council raised a number of the issues that it considers will provide a challenge over the coming months and years including car parking, the future of Transport SA Land and infill development. An afternoon tea was held for the Premier and the Ministers at the Walkerville Bowling Club providing an additional opportunity for volunteers and community groups to speak directly with our elected State representatives.

Financial Sustainability and Resource Sharing

Focus in 2005/2006 was put on the Local Government sector as the Local Government Association undertook its financial sustainability inquiry. Resource sharing is a key initiative within the eastern region as a means to ensuring sustainability. Walkerville has for a long time been a member of East Waste, the regional waste collection body and SWAP the shared library service. In 2005 Walkerville, along with Prospect, became a member of the

Eastern Health Authority (EHA). EHA as a subsidiary of the Council, undertakes Council's public and environmental health duties including inspections of food premises, health and beauty establishments, supported residential facilities, and cooling towers as well as providing a valuable immunisation service.

Environment

Council extended its rainwater tank rebate to cover the 2005/2006 year. A contribution of \$400 was available from the Council to those people installing a new rainwater tank or re-plumbing a rainwater tank plumbed for use for internal water appliances.

Town Centre

The year saw a number of key milestones being reached in relation to the Town Centre project. Plans for the town centre development were publicly displayed at the Fair. Late in the financial year the developer purchased properties along Walkerville Terrace. The future of the Rusk Cottages was assured through agreements and the proposed Local heritage listing of the cottages via the Local Heritage Places PAR.

Development Plan Amendments

During the reporting period the Council's Town Centre Plan Amendment Report was authorised and the Local Heritage Places Plan Amendment Report was placed on concurrent interim authorisation and public consultation.

Major Infrastructure works.

The Almond Court stormwater drain, which connects Almond Court to the Angas Avenue drain was replaced with a larger drain that can cope with a 1 in 100year event.

Footpaths in Bardini Street and river Street were brick paved.

The Walkerville Oval bore and Memorial Gardens irrigation systems were upgraded.

Linear Park Boardwalks were upgraded and sections of the shared use path were re-sealed.

Switchboards and interior lighting were upgraded at the Walkerville Bowling Club and the Walkerville YMCA

Passing away of Former Mayor, Ian McBryde

Council was sad to hear that former Mayor, Ian McBryde passed away just before Christmas, 2005. Mr McBride, a professional engineer was elected Councillor for Medindie Ward in July 1979 and represented Council most creditably when Walkerville Terrace was under threat as a possible route for the Northeast O'Bahn service.

When his term of office expired in July 1981 he decided not to re-nominate but he did return to Council as a Walkerville Ward representative in May 1987. He also aptly served Walkerville as Mayor from 1991 – 1995. Mr McBryde had a long association with the Scout movement and he was made a Member of the Order of Australia for his services in this field.

MISSION STATEMENT

“To enhance the identity,

character and quality

of life of Walkerville,

through care,

integrity and service”

CORPORATE PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

The Corporation of the Town of Walkerville will pursue this mission by:-

- *ensuring that future development is aesthetically compatible with the local environment;*
- *identifying and providing for the realistic needs of the community;*
- *providing prompt, accurate and courteous service to individuals and organisations;*
- *actively developing harmonious relationships with the community.*

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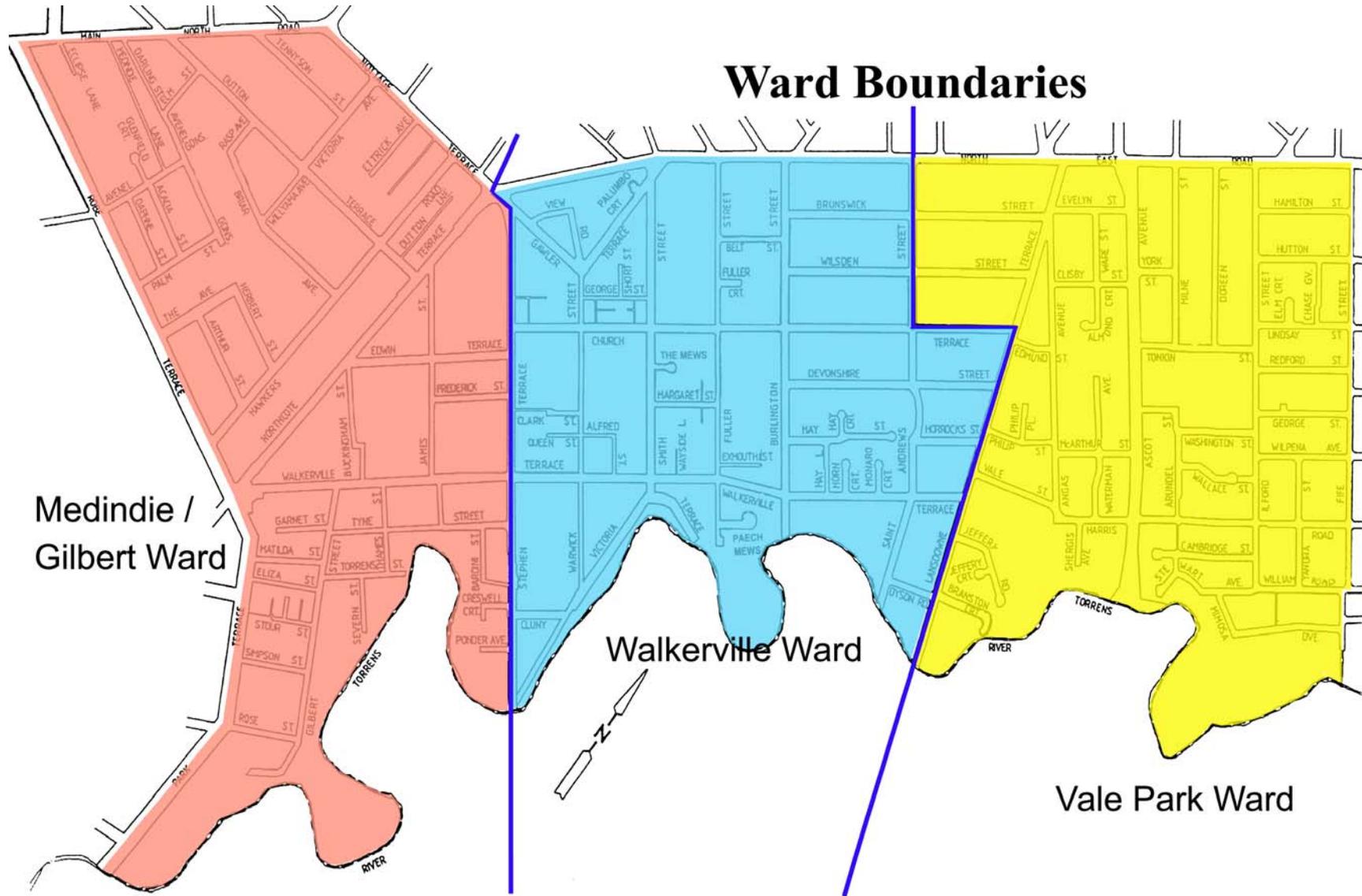
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COUNCIL STRUCTURE

COUNCIL

Mayor John Rich
(Chairperson)

PERMANENT COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

**ALL COMMITTEES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE LEVI PARK MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE AND THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE
CONSIST OF ALL ELECTED MEMBERS**

Strategic Planning & Policy	Financial Management	Planning & Development	Environmental Services & Health
(Chairperson) Mayor John Rich	(Chairperson) Councillor Tony Pederick	(Chairperson) Councillor David Whiting	(Chairperson) Councillor Rex Adams
Works Assets & Management	Community Services Committee	150th Anniversary Committee	Levi Park Management
(Chairperson) Councillor Alan Hedges	(Chairperson) Councillor Pat Eady	(Chairperson) Councillor David Whiting	(Chairperson) Councillor Tony Pederick

CORPORATE MANAGEMENT TEAM

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	MANAGER WORKS & INFRASTRUCTURE	MANAGER PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	MANAGER COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
<i>Ron Wallace</i>	<i>Mark Draper</i>	<i>Deryn Atkinson</i> <i>Anthony Marroncelli</i>	<i>Anne Sawtell</i>
Corporate Services	Traffic Management	Town Planning	Community Services
Administrative Services	Streets & Footpaths	Development Assessment	Library Services
Financial Management	Stormwater Drainage	Heritage	Community Events
Employee Relations & Training	Open Spaces	Economic Development	Home & Community Care
Information Technology	Street Trees & Nature Strips	Environmental Control	Historical Records
Strategic Planning	Waste Management		
Policy Development	Sanitation		Volunteer Coordination
Subsidiaries	Fleet Management		Editor Walkerville News
Legislative Compliance	Depot Operations		Community Information
Occupational Health Welfare & Safety	Recreation & Sport		Freedom of Information Officer Public Health
Risk Management	Asset Management		
Dog & Cat Management			
Traffic Inspection			
Public Safety			

MEETING ATTENDANCE COUNCIL

Member's attendance at meetings are detailed below in accordance with Council's directive;

There were twenty three ordinary meetings of Committees.

Council

Mayor Rich	22
Councillor Adams	17
Councillor Eady	18
Councillor Hedges	22
Councillor Pederick	20
Councillor Rossis	18
Councillor Wright	20
Councillor Whiting	19
Councillor Linn	23
Councillor Westenberg	19

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are held the 1st Monday and 3rd Monday of every month in the Council Chambers 66 Walkerville Tce Gilberton, commencing at 7.00pm. Where the 1st Monday falls on a public holiday, the Council meeting will be held on the Tuesday immediately following the 1st Monday of the month.

Agendas for the meetings can be read at the Council Office or Library from the Friday prior to the meetings. They are also available on the Walkerville Council Web page at www.walkerville.sa.gov.au

Members of the community are welcome to attend both Council and Committee meetings.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATION TO COMMUNITY GROUPS

To ensure Council and staff keep in touch with community needs and concerns; they attend meetings and report back to Council on a monthly basis

Walkerville Primary School – Cr Eady

Vale Park Primary School – Cr Whiting

The Walkerville Y – Cr Westenberg

The Walkerville Sports Club Inc – Cr Hedges

Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Concert - Cr Adams

Walkerville Society – CEO

COUNCIL REPRESENTATION TO OUTSIDE BODIES

To assist Councils with future directions and to keep abreast of legislative and ongoing changes to State and Federal requirements of the community as a whole, Council is represented on various outside boards

Metropolitan Eastern Regional Organisation – Mayor Rich & CEO Ron Wallace

Metropolitan Local Government Group – Mayor Rich & CEO Ron Wallace

WastecareSA – Mayor Rich & CEO Ron Wallace

East Waste Management Authority - Mayor Rich

Murray Darling Association – Cr Adams

Local Government Waste Management Committee – Mayor Rich

Local Government State Executive Committee – Mayor Rich

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Section 7(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information (Miscellaneous) Act 2001 requires all Councils to prepare an information statement containing a description of the structure and functions of the Council, descriptions of various documents that are available for public inspection and other information. Council has prepared the required statement and a summary of that information is contained on page 19 of this Annual Report. The Freedom of Information Statement will be updated and published annually and is available for inspection or purchase by members of the public.

The Freedom of Information provisions of the Freedom of Information (Miscellaneous) Act 2001 requires that a statement be made in Council's Annual Report concerning the issue of certain restricted documents.

We received 11 FOI applications during 2005/2006 financial year.

RATING

Once again Council had the very difficult task of balancing community needs and expectations against the rates required to run the Town of Walkerville. Council and staff are very conscious of the importance of replacing, upgrading and maintaining Council's infrastructure assets to ensure they add significantly to the value of the Town and therefore have embarked upon a major works program.

This year Council has once again had the opportunity to maintain the level of services. The residential rate in the dollar was increased from 0.2266 cents in the dollar to 0.2270 cents in the dollar (up 0.18%), while the commercial and "other" properties rate in the dollar has been increased from 0.3320 cents in the dollar to 0.3332 cents in the dollar (up 0.36%). However, as a result of a wide variation in valuation increases of properties the amounts payable by way of rates will also vary with some paying more while others will pay less this year than they did last year. The minimum rate has been increased to \$642.50 up by 4.5%.

ELECTOR REPRESENTATION

The current representation of Council is by a Mayor and nine Councillors representing three wards. The three wards are Medindie/Gilbert, Walkerville and Vale Park. (refer map on page 5 for boundaries - The following table indicates elector representation.

Ward	Crs	Electors	Elector Ratio	%Quota Variance
1	3	2,116	1:705	+5.91
2	3	1,912	1:637	-4.31
3	3	1,966	1:655	-1.60

Note: 1 = Medindie/Gilbert
2 = Walkerville
3 = Vale Park

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 will be required to conduct 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 finalized.

COMPETITIVE TENDERING

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

The following principles will be adopted in determining core and non-core services, which are to be used as a basis for determining the most appropriate method of delivering Council services:

- Strategic and corporate planning goals and objectives are to be met
- Services are to be provided at minimal risk to Council
- Services are to be provided within Council's existing resource levels
- There is to be no negative effect on disadvantaged groups
- All statutory obligations are to be met
- There must be sufficient competitors in the market place
- Council's ability to respond to emergency services must not be put at risk
- Council's service providers may compete externally for work as long as Council and Council's services are not at risk.
- Local providers of goods and services will be given preference where practicable and competitive with other providers.

NATIONAL COMPETITION

The Corporation of the Town of Walkerville does not operate any significant business activities, but is a party to a regional subsidiary, and Eastern Waste Management Authority, under section 43 of the Local Government Act.

No Complaints were received through our competitive neutrality complaints mechanism, therefore none were referred to the State Competition Commissioner. There were no complaints in the progress at the end of the reporting period.

MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR COMMUNITY LAND

Management Plans for all "Community Land" held by Council or under the care and control of Council have been implemented and endorsed by Council.

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

The Corporation of the Town of Walkerville's Senior Management team consisted of the Chief Executive Officer and three Senior Managers.

Ron Wallace	Chief Executive Officer
Mark Draper	Manager Works & Infrastructure
Anne Sawtell	Manager Community & Environmental Services
Anthony Marroncelli	Manager Planning & Development (commenced May 06)

ALLOWANCES PAID TO SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Salary packages for members of the senior management team included a cash salary, fully maintained motor vehicle and statutory superannuation.

ELECTED MEMBERS ALLOWANCES

The Members of Council receive the following allowances pursuant to Section 76(8) of the Local Government Act 1999

Mayor	\$13,734 per annum
Presiding Members	\$ 4,292 per annum
Members	\$ 3,4336.50 per annum

Allowances are paid in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999. The minimum base amount for members is \$1,670 per annum and a maximum amount of \$6,680 per annum. The minimum base amount for the Mayor is \$6,680 per annum and a maximum amount of \$26,720, which is four times the amount paid for an Elected Member in accordance with Regulation 12 of the Local Government (Members Allowances and Benefits) Regulation 1999.

CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1999 AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 1993:

The provisions of Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 (exclusion of public from meetings), was used on eight (8) occasions during the year).

Section 56(a) of the Development Act 1993 was used on nil occasions to exclude the public from meetings and access to reports and minutes.

2005/2006 RATING POLICY

Strategic Focus

In setting Council's rates for the 2005/2006 financial year, the Council has considered the following:

- Strategic plan. *The Corporation of the Town of Walkerville – Directions for the Future.*
- The current economic climate
- The financial implications of complying with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999
- Specific issues faced by our community, that are the ongoing requirements for a significant capital program to replace, upgrade and maintain infrastructure assets
- The proposed redevelopment of the Town Centre Precinct which aims to improve access to parking and to revitalise the commercial areas of the town
- A review of the waste management and recycling programs and the possibility of introducing a green waste collection service

- The improvement of access to facilities to comply with Disability Discrimination Act
- Development of a community service program based on community needs
- Implementation of Environmental Management Systems and Local Agenda 21 commendations
- The continuing development of a consistent streetscape theme with emphasis on footpath treatment, tree planting, street furniture and lighting
- Provision of enhanced feeder roads with under grounding of overhead cables, road pavement treatment, plantings and street furniture

Method used to Value Land

All land within a Council area, except for land specifically exempt (e.g. Crown land), is rateable.

The Corporation of the Town of Walkerville 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 land provides the fairest method of distributing the rate burden across all ratepayers. Council has adopted the valuations made by the Valuer-General as effective on 18th July 2005. Property owners may object to the valuation referred to in their 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:

Office of the Valuer-General, 101 Grenfell Street Adelaide SA 5000;
Tel:1300 653 345 or Email: objections@saugov.sa.gov.au

Council has no role in this process. It is important to note that the lodgment 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 its meeting on 18 July 2005, Council decided to raise \$3,845,000 rate revenue in a total revenue budget of \$7,033,170. As a result of this decision, Council has set a general residential rate of 0.2270 cents in the dollar and for 'other' properties a rate of 0.3332 cents in the dollar to raise the necessary revenue. The minimum rate is \$642.50. The minimum rate is levied against the whole of an allotment (including land under a separate lease or licence) and only one minimum rate is levied against two or more pieces of adjoining land owned by the same owner and occupied by the same occupier. The minimum rate will affect 900 (27.21%) of rateable properties and will raise \$99,593 (2.6%) 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. A ratepayer also has the right to appeal against the Council's decision to the Land and Valuation Court. Objections to the Council's land use classification may be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer, PO Box

55, Walkerville, SA 5081. Lodgment of an objection does not change the due date for payment of rates.

Concessions

Pensioner Concessions

A person 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 about the concessions, are available from the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville 66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton.

State Seniors Card Ratepayer

If you are a self-funded retiree and currently hold a State Seniors Card you may be eligible for a concession toward 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. Application forms are available from RevenueSA Call Centre on 1300 366 150.

Other Concessions

The Department of Family and Youth Services administers Council rate concessions available to a range of eligible persons receiving State and Commonwealth allowances. These include but are 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 Enterprises Initiative Scheme. They 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 Family and Youth Services. All enquires should be directed to the nearest branch of Family and Youth Services.

Water Catchment Levy

The Council is in the Torrens Catchment area and is required under the Water Resources Act to fund, with other Councils, the operations of the Torrens Catchment Water Management Board. It does so by imposing a separate rate of 0.0083 cents in the dollar against properties in the catchment area. The Council is operating as a revenue collector for the Torrens Catchment Board in this regard and does not retain this revenue.

Payment of Rates

As prescribed by the Local Government Act 1999 the payment of rates will be by quarterly installments. – dates due are

1st quarter – 15th September 2005;

2nd quarter – 15th December 2005;

3rd quarter – 15th March 2006;

4th and final quarter – 15th June 2006.

Rates may be paid by;

Bpays; (you need to register with your Bank, Credit Union or Building Society, if you have not already done so);

Telephone: call 1300 303 201 and using Bankcard, MasterCard or Visa Card.

Internet: through Council's web site and using Bankcard, MasterCard or Visa Card;

In person: at the Council Offices (66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton SA 5081) during the hours of 9.00am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday (excluding Public Holidays) Cheque, money order; cash, EFTPOS; Bankcard, MasterCard, and Visa Card; facilities are available for payments (Unfortunately, American Express and Diners Club cards are not accepted)

Post: addressed to the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville, PO Box 55, Walkerville SA 5081; or

By mail chute: in front of the Council Offices, 66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton (please do not pay by cash if using this system).

Any ratepayer who does, or is likely to experience difficulty with meeting the standard payment arrangements, is invited to write to the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation of the Town of Walkerville PO Box 55, Walkerville to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

Late Payment of Rates

The Local Government Act provides that Councils may impose a penalty of 2% on any late payment of rates, whether by installment or otherwise. A payment that is overdue is charged a prescribed interest rate for each month it continues to be late. The rate for 2005/2006 was calculated using the Cash Advance Debenture Rate, plus 3% divided by twelve.

When rates are unpaid by the due date the Council issues a final notice for payment of rates. Should rates remain unpaid after the issue of the final notice then the Council refers the debt to a debt collection agency. The debt collection agency charges collection fees to the ratepayer. When the Council receives a payment in respect of overdue rates the Council applies the money received as follows; first – to 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 date order of their imposition.

Sale of Land for Non Payment of Rates

The Local Government Act 1999 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 notify 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.

Rebate of Rates

The Local Government Act 1999 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.

Rate Rebate Requests

One Discretionary Rate rebate application was received from a resident within the town. Our Rates Officer processed the application. Applications that met Council's criteria were granted a rebate.

TOWN PLANNING

Planning & Development

The past 12-months has been an extremely active period for the Planning and Development department at Walkerville. A record number of development applications were received, including those for two of the most substantial redevelopment projects undertaken in the Town. In addition, two significant Plan Amendment Reports (PARs) were authorized, and a third endorsed for commencement.

Planning and Development staff also processed 260 property search enquiries, a reflection of an increasingly buoyant real estate market in Walkerville. The Walkerville Development Assessment Panel considered 32 applications and heard 26 representations. Despite the heightened building activity, there were no appeals lodged with the Environment, Resources and Development Court against Council decisions during the past year.

The Planning and Development department also implemented procedural changes resulting from amendments to the Development Act through the Sustainable Development Bill, including broadened public notification requirements, refined and more detailed system indicator reporting, and developed strategies in preparation for the revised composition and operations of Development Assessment Panels.

The Planning and Development department continued to work towards collaborative outcomes through consultation with its Heritage Adviser and Arboriculturalist for more informed decision making to reflect community expectations for the assessment of development proposals. The Town of Walkerville also implemented an electronic method for the recording of development applications in collaboration with the Valuer General's Department as a means to streamline transactions and information delivery between State and Local Government.

Plan Amendment Reports (PARs)

Two significant milestones were achieved in the authorization of both the Heritage Places and Areas (Interim) PAR, and the Town Centre PAR. The Heritage Places and Areas PAR listed over 700 properties as either Local or Contributory Places. The PAR refined the Town's Historic (Conservation) Policy Areas and provisions relating to built heritage in its Development Plan to help preserve the character of specific localities, not just individual properties. The PAR was generally well received attracting only 60 written objections, most of which were quickly resolved. Any outstanding matters will be considered by the State Development Policy Advisory Committee.

The Town Centre PAR, was also endorsed. This PAR introduced revised Development Plan criteria, including statements about the desired character for the Town Centre and provisions that seek to achieve sustainable outcomes.

The Residential and General PAR was given the green light for commencement following endorsement for the Statement of Intent. This PAR affects the whole of the Council area by virtue of amendments to the Council wide section of the Development Plan. The PAR represents the first comprehensive review of the Walkerville Development Plan since July 1993. The PAR will focus on urban design and character protection, development adjacent the River Torrens, residential zones and development generally, housing for the aged, development along arterial roads and interface issues.

Development Assessment

The Planning and Development department dealt with an unprecedented 266 applications in 05/06, a 15% increase in the number received for the previous year. Furthermore, applications were received for the redevelopment of several high profile sites including the Channel 7 land at Gilberton, and portion of the Transport SA site at Walkerville. These two proposals alone have a combined development value of \$50m. The imminent offering of the Cora Barclay Centre land at Gilberton makes it a trio of imminent and high profile redevelopment projects. The total construction value of development assessed over the past 12-months was in excess of \$72m, yet another record for Walkerville.

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 –

Road Maintenance

Patching and repair of potholes and failed pavement

852 square metres (0.26% of total road network)

Path and Cycle Track Maintenance

Removal of trip points and failed sections of pavement

205 square metres (0.16% of total path network)

Kerb & Gutter Maintenance

Remove and replace kerbing damaged by tree roots

170 linear meters (0.2% of total kerb network)

Street Tree Maintenance

450 mature street trees were pruned by council staff and a further 160 were pruned by contractors. A total of 610 trees (16.7% of street trees).

Work has also commenced on a program to formatively prune 1 and 2 year old street trees.

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. Trails of sweeping footpaths on arterial roads using a contract mechanical footpath sweeper have been undertaken. It is anticipated that the process will be

extended to other problem footpaths, subject to the availability of funding and further trials.

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.

Hard Waste Collection

The annual hard was collection occurred in early October 2005 with 95 tonnes of waste being collected in a four day period.

Domestic Waste Collection

Council's three bin system (140litre domestic waste bin collected weekly, 240litre recyclables bin collected fortnightly and 240 litre green organic bin collected fortnightly), which was introduced in December 2004, produced the following annual collection figures in 2005/2006 –

1369 tonnes of domestic waste

1026 tonnes of green organics

803 tonnes of recyclables

The system has resulted in 56.89% diversion of waste from landfill

Litter Bins

A total of 95 litter bins located throughout 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

12 doggy-do-bag dispensers are located throughout the town on streets and in reserves. The replacement of bags takes place as the contractor collects refuse from adjacent litter bins.

Bus Stop Shelters

Three bus stop shelters (stop 15B Ascot Avenue, stop 8 Walkerville Terrace and stop 10A Smith Street) were replaced during 2005/2006. 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.

Line marking

During the past 12 months the suburb of Vale Park (Lansdowne Terrace to Fife Street) was relined. The Town is relined on a three year basis.

Reserve Maintenance

Council maintains approximately 12.4 hectares of reserve area which includes formal gardens, ovals and passive reserves. The Torrens River 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.

Extraordinary Maintenance

In November 2005 a significant high flow, estimated to be a 1 in 30 year event, occurred in the Torrens River. The sections of Linear Park located between Ascot Avenue and Levi Park, Frome Reserve, Lansdowne Terrace to Burlington Street, Creswell Park, and Lower Gilberton were all subject to flooding. The high flow created erosion, deposited silt on reserve areas, undermined paths and damaged lighting columns and electric BBQ's. Substantial resources were allocated to the reshaping of reserves, replacement of missing or damaged planks on boardwalks and bridges, repositioning and rewiring of lighting columns and replacement of electric BBQs.

ASSET RENEWAL

The following projects were undertaken to renew existing assets –

Avenel Gardens Road Reconstruction

The reconstruction of Avenel Gardens Road was completed. This project resulted in the renewal of the following assets –

4,336 square metres of road pavement (1.3% of network)

1,084 linear meters of bluestone kerb & gutter (1.27% of network)

1,474 square metres of footpath (1.11% of network)

The works also included the construction of 500 linear meters of new storm water drain from Dutton Terrace to Robe Terrace via Elm Street and Avenel Gardens Road.

Almond Court Storm Water Drainage Renewal

The existing storm water drain which connects the Almond Court cul-de-sac to Angas Avenue via easements through 14 Almond Court and 39 Angas Avenue had been identified as being below standard and subject to flooding. The proposal to redevelop the 39 Angas Avenue site allowed council the opportunity to reconstruct the drain to a 1 in 100year standard at a significantly reduced cost.

Bardini Street / River Street footpaths

The existing bitumen paths in Bardini Street and River Street were replaced with brick paved footpaths (672 square meters or 0.5% of network).

Road Surface Management Software

In conjunction with the Eastern Region of Councils, Tonkin Consulting was selected to develop and supply a road pavement management software program for the member councils. The software is an extensive redevelopment of existing software (ALARMS) and will assist council prepare detailed long term road reconstruction / rehabilitation programs. The

software was completed in June 2006 and will be provided to councils in 2006/2007. Condition rating assessment of road infrastructure will be undertaken on a regional basis in 2007/2008.

Memorial Gardens Irrigation

The memorial Gardens watering system has been upgraded with a new controller installed and replacement of the existing corroded water service from Warwick Street.

Walkerville Oval Irrigation

The Walkerville oval bore submersible pump has been renewed and aging pipe work associated with the storage tanks and irrigation pump has been replaced.

Linear Park Boardwalks

The St. Andrews and lower Gilberton boardwalks have had approximately 25% of decking boards replaced and research has taken place on the most appropriate non-slip surface for decking.

Walkerville Cemetery

The central pathway of the Walkerville cemetery has been sealed and the existing chain gate has been replaced with heritage bollards that match the lighting columns erected in 2004/2005.

Walkerville Depot

The depot storm water pollution prevention program has been completed with the upgrading of the depot wash down bay to industry standards and installation of an in line gross pollution trap in the drainage system connecting the depot to the Fuller Street drain.

Walkerville YMCA

A contract to replace the YMCA asbestos roof was let with part of the contract, replacement of the amenities roof, being completed in 2005/2006. The remainder of the contract will be carried out in December 2006.

The lighting in the stadium and the squash courts has been upgraded to comply with standards.

The YMCA switchboards have been upgraded to comply with standards.

Walkerville Bowling Club

The switch board has been upgraded and minor changes to interior lighting have been carried out.

FORWARD PLANNING

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

Data collection and analysis for a review of traffic control treatments

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.

Design and public consultation in relation to the reconstruction of Gawler Terrace, Walkerville. The civil works will include the reconstruction of the road, kerb & gutter, driveway crossovers, and traffic control treatments. A storm water drainage system will be installed from the Warwick Street drain to Smith Street in preparation for a future upgrade of the North East Road drainage system.

Design and public consultation for the proposed extension and renewal of the Walkerville YMCA car park

Design of modified street parking in Smith Street, Walkerville, adjacent to the Walkerville Oval.

Survey of Acacia Street, Daphne Street, Buckingham Street and Waterman Avenue (McArthur Street to end) in preparation for detailed design work to occur in 2006/2007 and construction in 2007/2008

Collection of infrastructure data in preparation for development of Asset Management Plans in 2006/2007.

Preparation of a draft Emergency Management Plan. To be completed in 2006/2007

REGISTERS

The following list of Registers are kept as required under the Local Government Act and the Local Government (Elections) Act 1999:

Elected Members' Register of Allowance & Benefits (Section 79 Local Government Act)

Elected Members' Register of Interests (Section 68 Local Government Act)

Register of remuneration, salaries and benefits (Section 105 Local Government Act)

Officers' Register of Interests (Section 116 Local Government Act)

Register of Public Roads (Section 231 Local Government Act)

Register of Campaign Donations (Section 81 Local Government (Elections) Act)

Register of Community Land (Section 207 Local Government Act)

Register of by-laws and Certified Copies (Section 252 Local Government Act)

All Registers with the exception of the Officers' Register of Interest are available for public inspection.

CODES OF CONDUCT OR PRACTICE

Council has adopted the following codes of Conduct and Practice as required by the Local Government (Section 63 Local Government Act 1999):

Code of Conduct for Elected members, Council Employees (Section 110 Local Government Act)

Code of Practice – Access to Council Meetings, Council Committees and Council documents (Section 92 Local Government Act).

COUNCIL POLICIES

To assist with consistent and orderly decision making the following policies have been adopted by Council:

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Public and Community consultation
- ◆ Community Fund Guidelines
- ◆ Contracts and Tenders
- ◆ Customer Service Standards
- ◆ Depot Transfer Station
- ◆ Development – Building Over Easements
- ◆ Development – Extensions of Planning Consents
- ◆ Development – Public Notifications
- ◆ Development/Building Work – Repair Damage
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Equal Employment Opportunity
- ◆ Environmental Management
- ◆ Fines/charges - Waiving of
- ◆ Footpath and Nature Strip Maintenance
- ◆ Grants Information
- ◆ Internal Review of Council's Decisions
- ◆ Investments & Review of Investments
- ◆ Meeting Times and Procedures
- ◆ Memorial Gardens – use of for Weddings, Ceremonies and Photographs
- ◆ New Building/Developments – Driveway Construction
- ◆ Order Making
- ◆ Parks, Gardens and Reserves - use of
- ◆ Parking Permits – Residential
- ◆ Planning/Building – Delegation guidelines
- ◆ Playground Risk Management
- ◆ Possums – Trapping and the Destruction of

- ◆ Rainwater Tank Rebates
- ◆ Rate Rebates
- ◆ Rating Policy/Statement
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Stobie Pole Decoration
- ◆ Street Lighting
- ◆ Telecommunications - Overhead Infrastructure
- ◆ Town Hall – one free hire per year to community groups
- ◆ Tree Policy
- ◆ Under grounding of Powerlines
- ◆ Vandalism and Graffiti Management
- ◆ Volunteers
- ◆ Walkerville Oval & Levi Oval – Hire Of
- ◆ Wesleyan Cemetery – Restoration of Gravesites
- ◆ Wesleyan Cemetery – Smith Street
- ◆ Wesleyan Cemetery – Weed Removal

STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

In complying with Councils Strategic Management Plan 2001-2006 “Directions for the Future”, Council established a number of objectives (contained within the Budget) that were to be achieved during the year:

Central Records Maintenance – Sentencing, boxing and listing of records as per State Records Requirements - Ongoing

Wesleyan Cemetery -Ongoing

Town Centre and General Residential PAR'S - Ongoing

150th Events & Miniature Christmas Pageant - Achieved

Linear Park Signage Upgrade - Achieved

Gilbert Street Reserve Car Park - Achieved

Walkerville Oval Surrounds – Redevelopment - Achieved

Upgrade of Walkerville Sports Club & Walkerville Bowling Club Buildings - Achieved

Avenel Gardens Road Construction & Drainage - Achieved

Footpath Construction-Ascot Avenue West Side - Achieved

Alarms Pavement Management System - Deferred

In preparation for the 2006/2007 financial year Council is planning Traffic Management Review of existing traffic management to identify problem areas. The review will focus on vehicle and pedestrian safety while ensuring the efficient movement of vehicles is maintained.

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.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION STATEMENT

This information statement is provided by the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville in accordance with the requirement of section 7(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information (Miscellaneous) Act 2001.

Any enquires concerning the information listed in this statement are welcomed.

Policy and Administrative Documents

The Town of Walkerville's policy and administrative documents are as follows:-

- ◆ Annual budget
- ◆ Annual report
- ◆ Assessment book
- ◆ Audited financial statements
- ◆ Code of conduct – elected members & employees
- ◆ Delegations – recorded under the LG Act 1999
- ◆ Development application register
- ◆ List of fees and charges levied by Council
- ◆ Management plans for community land Plan Amendment Reports
- ◆ Policy manual (currently being reviewed)
- ◆ Register of allowances and benefits – elected members
- ◆ Register of by-laws & certified copies
- ◆ Register of campaign donation returns
- ◆ Register of community land (currently being prepared)
- ◆ Register of interests – elected members
- ◆ Register of public roads
- ◆ Register of remuneration, salaries & benefits – staff
- ◆ Strategic management plan

These documents are available for public inspection at the Council Offices between 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday. Members of the public may also purchase copies of these documents from the Freedom of Information Officer.

INFORMATION STATEMENT

This is published as required under the Freedom of Information Act. The most recent Statement was published in November 2005 and a copy is available from the Council Offices or the Walkerville Library.

BY LAWS

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

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

STATISTICS

	2005/2006	2004/2005
Dogs		
Dog Registrations	967	960
Dog Expiation Tickets Issued	37	33
Parking		
Parking Expiation Tickets issued	1152	1034
Receipting		
Internet	315	273
Call Centre	527	488
IVR	1120	1195
Library		
Borrowers	6438	5734
Library users (door count)	67238	64779
Library Material (books, videos, cd, etc)	23574	23081
Loans (all material)	100768	103571
Waste Management		
Domestic Waste (tonnes)	1369	1968
Recycling (tonnes)	803	632
Green Organics	1026	469

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

The Community and Environmental Services section covers a wide range of Council functions. Staff who are directly supervised by the Manager Community and Environmental Services, Ms Anne Sawtell include the SWAP Systems Administrator, Ms Leonie Edwards and her support staff member (1.6FTE SWAP staff) and Library Manager, Mrs Julie Wells and Library Officers (4 part time permanent Officers and 3 Casuals (4.0FTE Library staff).

The SWAP Library Network was established in 1989 and it was a joint venture initiated by St Peter's Council, the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville and the City of Prospect – the acronym of SWAP was derived from the first letter of the three councils. With St Peter's Council amalgamating with Norwood/Kensington and Payneham, the SWAP Library Network grew. In January 2004 Campbelltown City Council also joined the SWAP Library Network. The four councils share and have access to the SWAP computer (including library management software and hardware) as well as dedicated staff members. The SWAP mainframe and staff are based at the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville.

The Walkerville Library holds approximately 23,600 items. Last financial year (2005/2006) almost 67,250 people visited the Library and staff issued 100,768 items to registered borrowers. The Walkerville Library is part of the SWAP Library Network and this means our borrowers, by accessing the Library catalogue are able to reserve and borrow resources from seven library sites (Campbelltown, Norwood Payneham & St Peters, Prospect and of course Walkerville). Borrowers are able to utilise the SWAP catalogue at home via the Internet – www.swaplib.sa.gov.au. The Library is certainly more than a book lending service – we hold regular pre-schoolers storytelling sessions, baby bounce and rhyme sessions, school holiday programmes and “Little” and “Big Book Club” activities. Walkerville has been fortunate to host two Big Book Club launches – William McInnes (actor from Seachange) and Peter Goldsworthy (who is also the Chairman of the Libraries Board).

Community Information is also provided on a regional basis and this information can be found at the SWAP Library website. Norwood, Payneham & St Peters, Prospect and Walkerville share the services of a Community Information Officer (.4FTE) who is based at Prospect.

Other Community Services include:

- Events/Receptions – a number of events are held on an annual basis eg Carols in the Village, Australia Day ceremony, Volunteer Reception, Miniature Christmas Pageant Presentation whilst some are held every two years eg Village Fair and Art Show . In 2005 Walkerville Council reached a milestone - 150 years of local government serving its community - and a range of celebrations were held throughout the year.
- Volunteers –Liaising with our volunteers including the Wesleyan Cemetery Committee (previously known as the Friends of the Wesleyan Cemetery) - a group of local residents who meet every two months. The 'Friends' fund raising activities have helped to restore a number of headstones, mainly located along the central pathway at the Wesleyan Cemetery. Also co-ordinating the nominees for Council Awards including the Volunteer of the Year, Australia Day Citizen and Junior Citizen.
- Community Fund – to financially assist community groups with their local projects.
- Home Assist – in conjunction with the City of Prospect this service assists our elderly, frail residents and their carers to remain living independently. Prospect staff visit and assess the needs of the

person and deliver the appropriately required services eg domestic assistance, social support, home maintenance, transport, 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 local government. Council also offers a community bus service (which also attracts HACC funds). This service is run each Friday and the outsourced bus service picks up the user from their home, takes them to the North Park shopping centre and returns them home.

- Walkerville Newsletter – is a quarterly publication which is delivered to all Walkerville households. The newsletter focuses on Council issues and services and there are also opportunities for local community groups to publicise their events/meetings.

Environmental Services include:

- Environmental Health Services – a wide range of environmental health functions are performed by the Eastern Health 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.
- Rainwater tank rebate scheme– cost of plumbing a rainwater tank (minimum of 2000 litres) and connecting it to the house – maximum of \$400, one per household.
- Environmental Awareness Programmes – eg World Environment Day, ICLEI water campaign.

COMMUNITY EVENTS 2005-2006

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS 2006

On Thursday, January 26th over 100 people attended and enjoyed Council's Australia Day celebrations. Mayor Rich conducted the Australian citizenship ceremony for four residents, before he announced the winner of this year's Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award.

Council received two nominations for this year's Australia Day Citizen Award. Mrs Lyn O'Grady received a merit certificate for her continuing outstanding service to the community and her dedication to recording Walkerville's history. Mrs O'Grady also won the Australia Day Award in 2000; however her commitment to Walkerville has certainly not wavered. She has been involved with the Walkerville Neighbourhood Watch and has served as long term member of the Walkerville Society Inc. Mrs O'Grady was one of the original instigators of the Walkerville Historical Society and is still a driving force behind the Society's many achievements. She has recorded over 150 oral histories and has taken over 7,000 digital photographs of all the houses in the Town. Over the years, Lyn has diligently researched and compiled a wealth of information about our Town, and as part of our celebrations this valuable information has been compiled into a CD Rom which will shortly be available at our Library.

This year's winner of Walkerville Council's Australia Day Citizen of the Year was Mr David Higbed. Mr Higbed was actively involved in the campaign for the suburb of Vale Park being seceded from Enfield Council and becoming part of the Town of Walkerville in the late 1960's. From 1991 to 1995, he served two and a half terms as a Walkerville Elected member. Mr Higbed has been a member of the Walkerville Society since its inception, other than the time when he was a Councillor, and he has been the Society's driving force and Chairman since 1997. He was also one of the founding members

of the Wesleyan Cemetery Committee, on which he still actively serves, and he attends their working bees and assists at their fundraising functions.

WALKERVILLE TOWN HALL – “ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC”

150th CELEBRATION – LAUNCH OF TIME CAPSULE, INFORMATION PACK AND CD-ROM

On Friday, July 1st 2005, as part of our 150th anniversary celebrations, Mayor Rich officially launched our Time Capsules, Information packs and CD-Rom in front of 200 children, Elected Members and representatives from our community groups.

Entertainment was provided by local schools. The Wilderness Junior School Concert choir started the musical proceedings. Followed by St Andrew's School Table Bell Team and Saxophone Ensemble and the St Monica's Parish School Year 2 and 4 Singers. The Walkerville Primary Recorder Group and Year 4 and 5 students 'creative dramatic' performance wrapped up a wonderful and varied morning's entertainment.

The time capsules will be opened in 2055.

Rotary Club of Walkerville

Pride of Workmanship Awards

On Wednesday, May 10th SWAP Systems Administrator Ms Leonie Edwards and local businessman Mr Joe Giannini were recipients of the Rotary Club of Walkerville's Pride of Workmanship Awards.

Joe is well known in Walkerville for the excellent standard of customer service he provides in his shoe repair shop. His attention to detail is certainly a credit to him and many Walkervillian shoes have had their life extended by Joe.

For over 17 years, Leonie has worked for the SWAP Library Network (the Cities of Prospect; Norwood, Payneham & St Peters; Campbelltown and the Town of Walkerville) to implement and maintain a shared computer network for the four Councils. Her dedication and commitment to her job is well known and respected.

SWAP Nestle Zone Presentation

The SWAP Library Network's staff joined forces to host the Nestle Write around Australia creative writing competition for Year 5 and 6 students. Over 480 entries were received this year and the judges had the unenviable task of narrowing down the finalists to just 10 students from each Year.

On Tuesday, September 27th Mayor Rich announced the Zone winners for the Central Metropolitan Region at the Walkerville Town Hall. Petros Barkopoulos from St Peter's College was the Year 5 winner whilst the Year 6 Zone winner was Brooke Jarvis from Our Lady of Hope School.

WALKERVILLE VILLAGE PARADE AND FAIR-

On Sunday, October 30th Walkerville Council celebrated our 150th anniversary. Commencing from the Town Hall at 9.30am, Mayor Rich led a Parade including the Elected Members, politicians and school children flanked by bands, acrobats, a 'one man band', jugglers, stilt walkers and cyclists on penny farthings. in a vintage car which proceeded along Walkerville Terrace before turning into Smith Oval and finally the Walkerville Sports Oval.

The Walkerville Primary pupils won a \$200 prize for the best dressed school.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2006

On Thursday, May 18th over 110 people were present at the Walkerville Town Hall for a civic reception when Mayor Rich announced the winners of the Volunteer of the Year Award.

Council received three nominations for this Award.

Mrs Sue Davidson – A former Councillor representing the North Walkerville Ward. Sue was instrumental in Council supporting a Village Fair and she always been actively involved in community spirited Fairs. Following Sue's suggestion that Council restores the Wesleyan Cemetery, a Committee was subsequently formed. Funds were approved by Council and now the Cemetery has been subsequently restored (with assistance from the Wesleyan Cemetery Committee). Sue was also actively involved in the Smith Street Community Centre. One of Council's memorable 150th anniversary events was the Dinner Dance. Sue's dedicated services to the Walkerville community were recognised in 1989 when she was awarded the Australia Day Citizen of the Year title.

Mrs Diana Roberts – Has been a long term resident of Gilberton and she has been a volunteer worker since the 1970's when she was involved in the Walkerville Primary School's Parents Association. Diana was a member of the Walkerville Community Services Advisory Committee and when that Committee was dissolved she became a foundation member of the Friends of the Wesleyan Cemetery, now known as the Wesleyan Cemetery Committee. She regularly attends the Cemetery group's working bees and assists at their fundraising events. Diana researched and compiled a historical walk leaflet for self guided tours at Gilberton – these leaflets are available at the Council Office and Library. Diana has also conducted guided tours around the Town on behalf of the Walkerville Historical Society. Until recently Diana has been a driving force behind the Walkerville Art Show. In addition to helping 'behind the scenes', her artistic skills have added significantly to the way the paintings were displayed. As a mature age student, Diana completed her Bachelor of Arts majoring in history. Nowadays she conducts tours around the University of Adelaide as well as being a member of the "Friends of the Art Gallery" where she assists at the Visitor Information stand and a member of "Friends of the State Opera".

Mr and Mrs Austin were joint winners of the Volunteer of the Year Award. Sue and Norman Austin were nominated by the Walkerville Residential Care Centre in recognition of all their hard work. Originally Sue was a staff member at the Centre until she retired in 2001. Sue was joined by her husband as a volunteer and they jointly run weekly sing-a-long mornings at the Centre. Sue and Norman also coordinate the weekly carpet bowls sessions for 'high care needs' residents. The Centre's Lifestyle team rely on the Austins to assist at the numerous concerts and special events they hold. Volunteers at the Residential Care Centre make an enormous positive impact on the residents' quality of enjoyable life' and Sue and Norman Austin are no exception.

RESIDENTS DRINKS RECEPTION

On Friday, August 23rd over 100 residents attended a "Residents Drinks" reception held at the Walkerville Town Hall, in honour of our 150th celebratory year.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2005

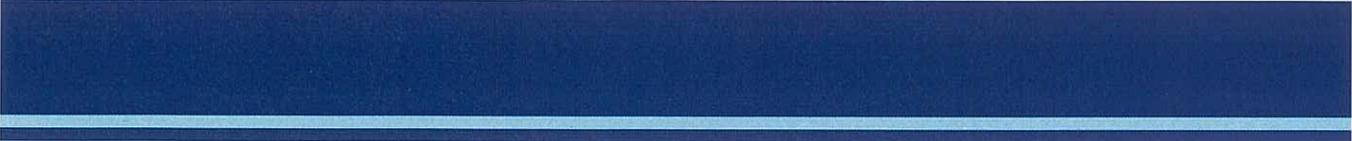
On Friday, September 23 2005 over 120 representatives from Walkerville's various community groups, churches and schools attended the Volunteer of the Year function at the Walkerville Town Hall.

Council received three nominations for this Award. Mr Allan Beames and Mrs Bernie Weber were both presented with merit certificates for their outstanding voluntary service to the Walkerville community.

Mr Allan Beames and his late wife were among the very early residents of Vale Park in the early 1950's. He has always been the 'first point of call' for anyone who needs assistance and gladly puts out bins, collects mail for people who are away and acts as a contact point for tradesmen. He was a foundation member of the Vale Park Neighbourhood Watch until it went into recess in the late 1990's. The Vale Park Neighbourhood Watch group reformed in 2002 and he regularly attends their meetings and delivers newsletters. He was a regular volunteer with the Cancer Council of SA for over ten years.

Mrs Bernie Weber and her husband Bert were very surprised when they were named joint winners of the Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award in 2001. Bernie and Bert regularly visit the Walkerville Library and handpicks reading materials for grateful residents at the Walkerville Residential Care Centre, as well as being involved in the Centre's social activities. Bernie also assists at the Red Cross by serving refreshments to blood donors. She was a founding member of the Walkerville Historical Society and is currently their Treasurer. Bernie has been a Zone Representative for the Walkerville Neighbourhood Watch for over ten years.

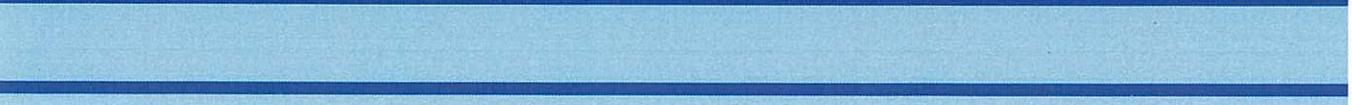
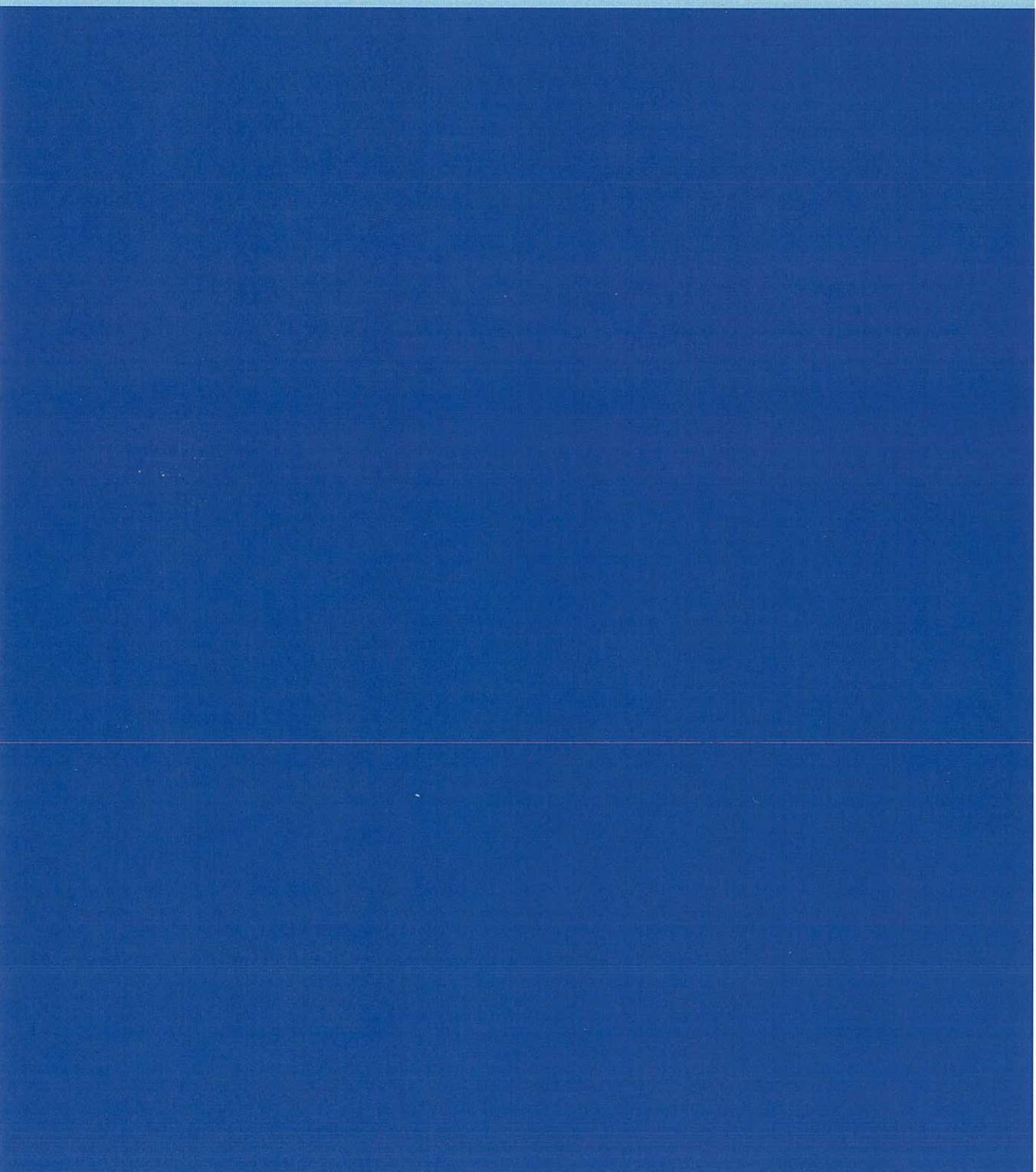
Mrs Heather Whiting as this year's winner of the Volunteer of the Year Award. Mrs Whiting has been a driving force behind the success of the Vale Park Primary School's "Our Patch" programme. This project commenced in 2000 and was a joint initiative between Vale Park Primary School, Walkerville Council, KESAB and the Rotary Club of Walkerville. The goal of the project is to revegetate sections of the Torrens River at Vale Park which entails three main components. Firstly the children at Vale Park Primary School are involved in a number of 'hands on' projects at the River ranging from planting native trees, weed control, studying the diverse wildlife and establishing an aboriginal and environmental trails.



Corporation of the Town of Walkerville

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

year ended 30 June 2006



Corporation of the Town of Walkerville

INCOME STATEMENT

for the year ended 30 June 2006

	Note	2006	2005
Operating Revenues			
Rates - General	3	3,751,445	3,580,047
Rates - Water Catchment Levy	3	120,995	122,968
Statutory Charges		128,382	134,088
User Charges		58,387	77,163
Operating Grants & Subsidies	4	257,226	298,063
Investment Revenue		37,081	35,328
Reimbursements		31,138	81,320
Gain on Disposal of Assets		399,135	0
Commercial Activities		365,374	360,535
Donations & Contributions		8,319	7,069
Other Revenue		85,908	14,921
Total Operating Revenue		5,243,390	4,711,502
Operating Expenses			
Employee Benefits		1,488,462	1,335,362
Contractual Services		1,663,531	1,265,999
Materials		426,562	375,609
Finance Costs	5	110,258	88,068
Depreciation	6	1,186,981	1,080,300
Loss on Disposal of Assets		0	5,308
Share of Loss - Regional Subsidiaries	8	13,894	0
Other expenses	7	481,346	539,968
Total Operating Expenses		5,371,034	4,690,614
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) Before Capital Revenues		(127,644)	20,888
Capital Revenues			
Capital Grants & Subsidies		0	0
Physical resources received free of charge		0	0
Net Surplus/(Deficit) resulting from Operations		(127,644)	20,888

The Income Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Corporation of the Town of Walkerville

BALANCE SHEET

for the year ended 30 June 2006

	Note	2006	2005
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	11	1,538,239	1,518,690
Trade and Other Receivables	12	1,468,871	58,109
Inventories		7,410	7,090
Prepayments	13	24,716	38,912
Other		83,652	27,673
Total Current Assets		3,122,888	1,650,474
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	14	1,598,539	913,418
Short Term Provisions	15	313,957	281,141
Short Term Borrowings	16	913,533	1,041,384
Total Current Liabilities		2,826,029	2,235,943
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(CURRENT LIABILITIES)		296,859	(585,469)
Non-Current Assets			
Non-Current Investments	17	297,884	328,570
Land	18	27,235,795	28,184,571
Buildings	18	5,309,228	5,160,148
Infrastructure	18	20,781,485	21,429,947
Plant & Equipment	18	508,752	206,041
Furniture, Fittings & Office Equipment	18	216,497	177,719
Other	18	221,592	218,581
Total Non-Current Assets		54,571,233	55,705,577
Non-Current Liabilities			
Long Term Provisions	15	25,530	30,585
Long Term Borrowings	16	1,199,927	1,319,247
Total Non-Current Liabilities		1,225,457	1,349,832
NET NON-CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		53,345,776	54,355,745
NET ASSETS		53,642,635	53,770,276
Equity			
Accumulated Surplus		34,012,797	34,336,944
Reserves		19,629,838	19,433,332
EQUITY		53,642,635	53,770,276

Corporation of the Town of Walkerville

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the year ended 30 June 2006

	2006	2005
Accumulated Surplus		
Balance at beginning of Period	34,336,944	34,438,713
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(127,644)	20,888
Transfers from Reserves	811,876	318,706
Transfers to Reserves	(1,008,379)	(441,363)
Balance at End of Period	34,012,797	34,336,944
Asset Revaluation Reserve		
Balance at beginning of Period	18,522,045	18,522,045
Revaluations this Period	0	0
Balance at End of Period	18,522,045	18,522,045
Plant Replacement Reserve		
Balance at beginning of Period	209,504	105,504
Transfers to Reserve	236,320	104,000
Transfers from Reserve	(327,308)	0
Balance at End of Period	118,516	209,504
Long Service Leave Reserve		
Balance at beginning of Period	0	0
Transfers to Reserve	378,314	0
Transfers from Reserve	(39,983)	0
Balance at End of Period	338,331	0
Office Furniture & Equipment Reserve		
Balance at beginning of Period	133,082	106,652
Transfers to Reserve	120,000	140,000
Transfers from Reserve	(89,597)	(113,570)
Balance at End of Period	163,485	133,082
Project Fund Reserve		
Balance at beginning of Period	130,616	260,616
Transfers to Reserve	14,270	0
Transfers from Reserve	0	(130,000)
Balance at End of Period	144,886	130,616

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the year ended 30 June 2006

	2006	2005
Works In Progress Reserve		
Balance at beginning of Period	438,088	315,861
Transfers to Reserve	259,475	197,363
Transfers from Reserve	(354,988)	(75,136)
Balance at End of Period	342,575	438,088
Total Reserves	19,629,838	19,433,335
TOTAL EQUITY	53,642,635	53,770,279

The Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

for the year ended 30 June 2006

	Note	2006	2005
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Receipts		3,292,705	4,835,623
Interest Received		37,081	35,328
Interest Reimbursed		0	3,643
GST Received		103,707	372,743
Payments		(3,057,013)	(3,381,598)
Interest		(110,258)	(60,228)
GST Paid		(332,109)	(385,379)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	19	(65,887)	1,420,132
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Receipts			
Reimbursement Loan Principal		16,042	10,739
Loan Funds Received		0	921,000
Payments			
Loan Principal Repaid		(263,213)	(125,432)
Loans to Community Organisations		0	(208,000)
Net Cash Inflows/(Outflows) from Financing Activities		(247,171)	598,307
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Receipts			
Sale of Assets		1,507,000	(5,308)
Payments			
Non-Current Infrastructure Assets		(299,543)	(966,534)
Purchase of Furniture & Equipment		(90,104)	(78,461)
Purchase of Plant & Equipment		(493,733)	(8,710)
Purchase of Land & Buildings		(243,457)	(775,329)
Purchase of Other Assets		(47,559)	(47,977)
Net Cash Inflows/(Outflows) from Investing Activities		332,604	(1,882,319)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held		19,546	136,120
Cash at beginning of Reporting Period		1,518,689	1,382,569
Cash at end of Reporting Period	11	1,538,235	1,518,689

The Cash Flow Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2006

1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis Of Accounting Preparation

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, and the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999.

The financial report covers the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville ("Council") as an individual entity in South Australia under the Local Government Act 1999.

The financial report of the Council as an individual entity complies with all Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS) in their entirety.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Council in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

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.

First-time Adoption of Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards

The Council has prepared financial statements in accordance with the Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS) from 1 July 2005. In accordance with the requirements of AASB 1: First-time Adoption of Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards, adjustments resulting from the introduction of AIFRS have been applied retrospectively to 2005 comparative figures excluding cases where optional exemptions available under AASB 1 have been applied.

These accounts are the first financial statements of the Council to be prepared in accordance with AIFRS.

The accounting policies set out below have been consistently applied to all years presented.

Council has however elected to adopt the exemptions available under AASB 1 relating to AASB 132: Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation, and AASB 139: Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. Refer Note 22 Change in Accounting Policy for further details.

On transition to AIFRS, there were no adjustments to equity or profit or loss between previous Australian GAAP and AIFRS.

The Local Government Reporting Entity

All material funds, through which the Council controls resources to carry on its functions are reported in the Financial Statements.

In the process of reporting on the Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between those material funds (for example, loans and transfers between funds) have been eliminated. Amounts received as tender deposits and retention amounts controlled by Council are in the amounts disclosed as creditors within current liabilities.

Accounting Policies

Principles Of Consolidation

There were no reporting entities controlled by Council during the reporting period and consolidated into these financial statements.

The net results of entities in which Council exerts a significant (but not a controlling) influence have been equity accounted for in the Income Statement.

Trust Funds

Only those Trust funds which the Council controls are included in the Financial Statements. Amounts received as tender deposits and retention amounts under the Development Act which are controlled by the Council are included within current liabilities until they are refunded or forfeited.

Property, Plant & Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Property

Freehold land, buildings and improvements are shown at their fair value (being the amount for which an asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable willing parties in an arm's length transaction), based on periodic, but at least five (5) yearly, valuations by external independent valuers, less subsequent depreciation and impairment for buildings and improvements.

Any additions made during the periods between revaluations are carried at cost.

Plant & Equipment

Plant machinery and contents are shown at their fair value (being the amount for which an asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable willing parties in an arm's length transaction), based on periodic, but at least five (5) yearly, valuations by external independent valuers, less subsequent depreciation and impairment.

Motor vehicles are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment.

Any additions made during the periods between revaluations are carried at cost.

Infrastructure

The cost of fixed assets constructed within the Council includes the cost of materials, direct labour, borrowing costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Council and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Revaluation of Non-Current Assets

When assets are revalued to Written Down Current Replacement Cost, both the gross amount and the accumulated depreciation are restated. Revaluations are conducted at least every five years. Revaluations do not result in the carrying value of non-current assets exceeding their remaining benefits expected to be used or recovered by the Council in the future. Where the carrying amount of an individual non-current asset is greater than the amount expected to be recovered or used the asset is revalued to its recoverable amount.

Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful lives to the Council, commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation lives used for each class of depreciable asset are:

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Type of Asset:	Estimated Life	Depreciation Rate
Buildings	100	1%
Structures	50	2%
Major Plant	10	10%
Sedans; Utilities; Vans	5	20%
Minor Plant	5	20%
Furniture & Fittings	20	5%
Office Equipment	10	10%
Computer Equipment	5	20%

Construction Work In Progress

The cost of non-current assets being constructed by the Council includes the cost of materials, direct labour and an appropriate proportion of labour overheads. Once assets are completed and held ready for use, work in progress balances are transferred to acquisition accounts.

Recognition Of Non Current Assets

Council has recognised and revalued all material assets in accordance with AASB27 and related standards except for land under roads and trees. These assets have not been brought to account as there are significant practical problems in determining a reliable measure of the carrying amount. Under AASB27A, a transitional provisions apply until 31 December 2006 for the asset land under roads.

Impairment of Assets

At each reporting date, the Council reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value-in-use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the income statement.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, Council estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Maintenance and Repairs

Maintenance, repair costs and minor renewals are charged as expenses as incurred.

Employee Entitlements

Provision is made for the Council's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits.

Retirement benefit obligations

Council is the sponsor of a defined benefit superannuation fund. Under previous Australian GAAP, a liability or asset in respect of defined benefit superannuation did not need to be recognised in the provision for employee benefits. Under AASB 119 Employee Benefits, a liability or asset in respect of defined benefit superannuation is recognised and measured as the difference between the present value of employees' accrued benefits at the reporting date and the net market value of the superannuation fund's assets at that date.

Revenue Recognition

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All revenue is recognised when the transaction is completed. Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Rates, Grants, Donations and other Contributions

Rates, grants, donations and other contributions are recognised as revenues when Council obtains control over the assets comprising the contributions. Control over assets acquired from rates is obtained at the commencement of the rating period or, where earlier, upon receipt of the rates. Control over assets received by way of grant(s) is normally obtained upon their receipt or upon prior notification that a grant has been secured. The timing of control commencement depends upon the arrangements between the grantor and Council.

Unreceived contributions over which Council has control are recognised as receivables.

The notes also disclose the amount of contributions recognised as revenues in a previous reporting period that were obtained for Council's operations in the current period.

Income Tax

The Council is exempt from Income Tax under Section 50 – 25 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

Goods and Services Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the item of expense.

Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the cash flow statement on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

Inventories

Inventories have been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Leases

A distinction is made between finance leases where the Council effectively owns the leased non-current assets, and operating leases under which the lessor retains ownership.

Where a non-current asset is acquired by means of a finance lease the asset is recorded at its fair value. A liability is recorded for the same amount. Lease payments are allocated between the principal component and the interest expense. Operating lease payments are charged to the operating statement in the periods in which they are incurred.

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.

Comparatives

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

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Financial Instruments

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.

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Held-to-maturity investments

These investments have fixed maturities, and it is the Council's intention to hold these investments to maturity. Any held-to-maturity investments held by the Council are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

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.

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2 Functions/Activities Report

OPERATING REVENUES	RATES	STATUTORY CHARGES	USER CHARGES	GRANTS & SUBSIDIES	REIMBURSEMENTS	OTHER	TOTAL
Administration	3,872,440	118	1,069	118,492	1,385	92,165	4,085,669
Public Order & Safety	0	26,795	0	0	726	380	27,901
Health	0	0	1,031	0	0	0	1,031
Social Security & Welfare	0	0	11,401	6,011	0	19,109	36,521
Housing & Community Amenities	0	54,537	114	9,482	6,940	5,453	76,526
Protection of the Environment	0	286	573	0	0	0	859
Sport & Recreation	0	0	43,769	46,635	2,256	6,184	98,844
Mining/Manufacturing/Construction	0	6,894	0	0	0	0	6,894
Transport & Communication	0	39,752	430	76,606	3,525	1,910	122,223
Economic Affairs	0	0	0	0	0	770,616	770,616
Other Purposes N.E.C.	0	0	0	0	16,306	0	16,306
Total Operating Revenues	3,872,440	128,382	58,387	257,226	31,138	895,817	5,243,390

OPERATING EXPENSES	EMPLOYEE COSTS	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	MATERIALS	FINANCE CHARGES	DEPRECIATION	OTHER	TOTAL
Administration	314,141	182,903	27,040	20,101	38,414	77,343	659,942
Public Order & Safety	11,653	19,183	161	0	0	9,956	40,953
Health	7,212	47,852	1,551	0	0	986	57,601
Social Security & Welfare	78,790	85,211	16,738	0	1,560	39,284	221,583
Housing & Community Amenities	230,246	514,138	98,511	0	3,632	18,772	865,299
Protection of the Environment	316	2,669	69	0	0	119,973	123,027
Sport & Recreation	350,763	230,108	121,672	0	99,966	39,830	842,339
Mining/Manufacturing/Construction	67,061	5,903	1,140	0	0	2,823	76,927
Transport & Communication	104,727	170,500	51,449	0	948,005	16,222	1,290,903
Economic Affairs	104,932	362,509	50,366	0	19,448	140,692	677,947
Other Purposes N.E.C.	218,621	42,555	57,865	90,157	75,956	29,359	514,513
Total Operating Expenses	1,488,462	1,663,531	426,562	110,258	1,186,981	495,240	5,371,034

Net Surplus/(Deficit) resulting from Operations	(127,644)
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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2006

	2006	2005
3 RATES GENERAL		
General Rate Revenue	3,848,515	3,661,617
Fines & Interest	6,594	5,796
Council Rebates	(99,477)	(82,500)
Appeals & Objections	(3,470)	(4,629)
Remissions	(717)	(237)
Total Rates General	3,751,445	3,580,047
RATES WATER CATCHMENT LEVY		
Rates Water Catchment Levy	120,995	122,968
Total Rates Water Catchment Levy	120,995	122,968
4 OPERATING GRANTS & SUBSIDIES		
Grants Commission Funding (untied)	118,938	113,250
Zero Waste Incentive Program	7,482	0
Home & Community Care Program	3,690	13,473
Community Information Grant	2,321	2,267
Torrens Catchment Water Board	0	7,918
Library Maintenance	19,248	18,945
Library Books	27,387	26,751
Sport & Recreation	0	50,000
Wesleyan Cemetery	2,000	1,265
Road Maintenance	4,000	3,636
Local Road Funding	72,160	60,558
Total Operating Grants & Subsidies	257,226	298,063
5 FINANCE CHARGES		
Interest Paid - LGFA Loans	86,725	70,355
Other Charges	23,533	17,713
Total Finance Charges	110,258	88,068
6 DEPRECIATION		
Buildings & Structures	70,987	54,684
Infrastructure	948,005	843,143
Plant & Machinery	72,115	98,301
Furniture & Equipment	51,326	49,300
Other Community Assets (Books)	44,548	34,872
Total Depreciation	1,186,981	1,080,300

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	2006	2005
7 OTHER EXPENSES		
Auditors Remuneration - Audit & Review of Financial Statements	8,459	6,700
Auditors Remuneration - Other Services	2,860	0
Civic Functions/Expenses	12,588	6,239
Community Centre Expenses	0	22,597
Contribution to SWAP Network	95,483	91,868
Elected Members Expenses	61,933	62,319
Insurance Costs	114,451	99,133
River Torrens Catchment Levy	120,995	123,175
Subscriptions	15,887	13,317
Telephone Expenses	18,144	15,396
Other	30,546	99,224
Total Other Expenses	481,346	539,968

8 Outside Equity Interests/Investments in Associates

Eastern Waste Management Authority Inc. (East Waste)

The Corporation of the Town of Walkerville is one of six member Councils of the Eastern Waste Management Authority Inc. The other member Councils are; City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters, City of Burnside, City of Mitcham, City of Campbelltown and Adelaide Hills Council.

During the reporting period, the Town of Walkerville owned 3.229053% of the \$70,068 equity in East Waste as at 30 June 2006 which represents \$2,263.

The principal activity of the authority is to collect and dispose of each Council's garbage. Annually, the Member Councils contribute to East Waste's budget in proportion to their estimated usage of facilities. For the year ended 30 June 2006 the contribution by Walkerville was \$268,275 as compared to \$231,748 for the year ended 30 June 2005.

Summary of Assets, Liabilities & Equity in East Waste

Current Assets	21,982	17,646
Non-Current Assets	281,850	320,930
Total Assets	303,832	338,576
Current Liabilities	63,423	63,773
Non-Current Liabilities	238,146	273,214
Total Liabilities	301,570	336,987
Net Assets	2,263	1,589
Accumulated Surplus Brought Forward	2,263	1,589
Total Equity	2,263	1,589

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2006

2005

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 into 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.

During the reporting period, the Town of Walkerville owned 9.237% of the \$463,209 equity in the Highbury Landfill Authority as at 30 June 2006 which represents \$42,787.

Summary of Assets, Liabilities & Equity in Highbury Landfill

Current Assets	207,422	202,197
Non-Current Assets	70,695	70,155
Total Assets	278,117	272,352
Current Liabilities	28,603	30,088
Non-Current Liabilities	206,727	193,515
Total Liabilities	235,330	223,603
Net Assets	42,787	48,749
Accumulated Surplus Brought Forward	42,787	48,749
Total Equity	42,787	48,749

Wastecare SA

The Corporation of the Town of Walkerville, in conjunction with the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters, City of Campbelltown, City of Prospect, City of Charles Sturt and the City of Adelaide have established a regional subsidiary to build an Integrated Waste Management Centre at Wingfield to be operated by the private sector and linked to landfill that met the requirements of the South Australian Environment Protection Authority.

During the reporting period, the Town of Walkerville owned 5.94% of the \$144,861 negative equity in Wastecare SA as at 30 June 2006 which represents negative \$8,605.

Summary of Assets, Liabilities & Equity in Wastecare SA

Current Assets	28,121	50,512
Non-Current Assets	666,786	668,460
Total Assets	694,907	718,971
Current Liabilities	33,385	57,883
Non-Current Liabilities	670,127	665,280
Total Liabilities	703,512	723,163
Net Assets	(8,605)	(4,192)
Accumulated Surplus Brought Forward	(8,605)	(4,192)
Total Equity	(8,605)	(4,192)

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	2006	2005
9 Resource Sharing (S.W.A.P.)		
A resource sharing agreement between the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters, the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville, the City of Prospect and the City of Campbelltown to provide an integrated library computerised networking system. Council's contribution for 2005/06, included as other charges amounted to \$95,483.		
10 Trust Funds		
The Council holds in trust an amount of \$ 7,684.50 for the Wilderness Home Help Trust Fund.		
11 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash at Bank	132,800	52,046
Cash on Hand	1,010	1,010
Total Cash	133,810	53,056
INVESTMENTS		
LGFA Deposits (24 Hour Deposit)	1,200,934	1,213,404
Levi Park Investment	203,495	252,230
Total Investments	1,404,429	1,465,634
BALANCE AS PER STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS	1,538,239	1,518,690
12 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Rates Receivable	48,422	34,974
Other Receivables	1,420,449	23,135
Total Receivables	1,468,871	58,109
13 PREPAYMENTS		
Insurance	0	608
Members Allowances	2,933	2,933
Subscriptions	687	720
Other	21,096	34,651
Total Prepayments	24,716	38,912
14 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
Trade Creditors	895,419	446,391
Accrued Employee Benefits - AL & SL	228,680	250,166
Accrued Salaries & Wages	37,806	0
Accrued Interest Expense	26,694	29,820
Levi Park Amounts in Advance	60,017	57,717
Amounts in Advance	130,634	27,690
Other	219,289	101,634

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	2006	2005		
Total Trade and Other Payables	1,598,539	913,418		
15 PROVISIONS				
Provision for LSL - Current	313,957	281,141		
Provision for LSL - Non-Current	25,530	30,585		
Total Provisions - Non Current	339,487	311,726		
Provisions Movements				
Opening Balance 1 July 2005	311,726			
Additional Provisions raised during the year	67,744			
Provisions used during the year	39,983			
Closing Balance 30 June 2006	339,487			
16 Borrowings - Current				
Loans - LGFA	95,945	95,384		
Short Term Loan - LGFA	817,588	946,000		
Total Borrowings - Current	913,533	1,041,384		
Borrowings - Non Current				
Loans - LGFA	1,199,927	1,319,247		
Total Borrowings - Non Current	1,199,927	1,319,247		
Borrowing Facilities				
Loan Number	%	Maturity		
61	8.90	15/03/2006	0	3,730
63	5.40	15/11/2006	2,360	6,897
64	6.39	15/01/2012	403,994	457,710
65	Variable	5/02/2007	691,000	691,000
66	6.70	15/12/2013	32,321	35,545
67	Variable	15/06/2007	114,900	255,000
68	6.55	15/09/2019	478,230	499,749
69	6.49	15/03/2020	66,267	68,000
70	6.49	15/03/2020	136,430	140,000
71	6.40	17/05/2015	187,958	203,000
Total Borrowings			2,113,460	2,360,631

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	2006	2005
17 Non Current Investments		
Loans and Advances	237,810	254,603
Main Street Pergolas	23,629	23,629
Highbury Landfill Authority	42,787	48,749
East Waste Equity	2,263	1,589
Wastecare	(8,605)	0
Total Non Current Investments	297,884	328,570
18 Property, Plant & Equipment		
Land		
Land - At Valuation	27,220,395	28,184,571
Land - At Cost	15,400	0
Total Land	27,235,795	28,184,571
Buildings		
Buildings - At Valuation	11,335,395	11,335,395
Buildings - At Cost	991,133	775,329
Buildings - Accumulated Depreciation	(7,017,300)	(6,950,576)
Total Buildings	5,309,228	5,160,148
<p>Valuations of land and buildings as at 30 June 2004 were at written down current cost as determined by Maloney Field Services and certified by Andrea Jane Carolan, Certified Practising Valuer of the Australian Institute of Valuers and Land Economists.</p>		
Infrastructure (Roads, Bridges, Footpaths and Stormwater Drainage)		
Infrastructure - At Valuation	29,947,336	29,947,336
Infrastructure - At Cost	1,266,077	966,534
Infrastructure - Accumulated Dep'n	(10,431,928)	(9,483,923)
Total Infrastructure	20,781,485	21,429,947
<p>Valuations of roads, bridges, footpaths and stormwater drainage as at 30 June 2004 are at written down current costs as determined by BC Tonkin & Associates and Maloney Field.</p>		
Plant & Equipment		
Plant & Equipment - At Written Down Value	685,063	685,063
Plant & Equipment - At Cost	83,632	5,755
Plant & Equipment - Accumulated Dep'n	(259,943)	(484,777)
Total Plant & Equipment	508,752	206,041

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	2006	2005
Furniture, Fittings & Office Equipment		
Furn, Fitt & Office Equip - At Written Down Value	759,084	759,084
Furn, Fitt & Office Equip - At Cost	102,120	28,056
Furn, Fitt & Office Equip - Accumulated Dep'n	(644,707)	(609,421)
Total Furniture, Fittings & Office Equipment	216,497	177,719

Library Books

Library Books - At Cost	445,487	397,928
Library Books - Accumulated Dep'n	(223,895)	(179,347)
Total Furniture, Fittings & Office Equipment	221,592	218,581

Material Capital Commitments as at 30th June 2006

As at 30 June 2006 there were no material capital commitments.

Asset Movement Schedule

	Land	Buildings	Infrastructure	Plant & Equipment	Furniture & Fittings	Other	Total
Opening Balance	28,184,571	5,160,148	21,429,947	206,041	177,719	218,581	55,377,007
Additions	15,400	228,057	299,543	493,733	90,104	47,559	1,174,396
Disposals	(964,176)	(7,990)	0	(118,907)	0	0	(1,091,073)
Revaluations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Depreciation	0	(70,987)	(948,005)	(72,115)	(51,326)	(44,548)	(1,186,981)
Closing Balance	27,235,795	5,309,228	20,781,485	508,752	216,497	221,592	54,273,349

19 Reconciliation Of Increase In Net Assets Resulting From Operations To Net Cash Inflow From Operating Activities

Net surplus/(deficit) resulting from operations	(127,644)	20,888
Depreciation expense	1,186,981	1,080,300
Net (Gain)/Loss on disposal of non-current assets	(385,241)	5,308
(Increase)/Decrease in Rates Receivable	(13,448)	(19,107)
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Receivables	(1,397,314)	189,866
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventory	(320)	121
(Increase)/Decrease in Prepayments	14,196	(14,767)
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Current Assets	(55,979)	(20,234)
Increase/(Decrease) in Employee Entitlements	27,761	62,349
Increase/(Decrease) in Trade Payables	449,028	11,868
Increase/(Decrease) in Amounts Received in Advance	105,244	(7,666)
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities	130,849	111,208
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	(65,887)	1,420,134

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20 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Interest Rate Risk Exposure

The Council's exposure to interest rate risk and the effective weighted average interest rate for each class of financial asset and financial liability is set out below.

Exposures arise predominantly from assets and liabilities bearing variable interest rates as the Council intends to hold fixed rate assets and liabilities to maturity.

	2005/06					
	Floating Interest Rate	Fixed Interest Maturing in:			Non Interest Bearing	Total
		1 year or less	Over 1 to 5 years	More than 5 years		
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial Assets						
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,404,429	133,810	0	0	0	1,538,239
Loans to Community Groups	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trade & Other Receivables	0	1,468,871	0	0	0	1,468,871
Total Financial Assets	1,404,429	1,602,681	0	0	0	3,007,110
Weighted Ave Interest Rate		5.00%	5.39%			
Financial Liabilities						
Trade & Other Payables	0	1,332,053	0	0	0	1,332,053
Borrowings	0	913,533	494,657	705,271	0	2,113,461
Other Liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Financial Liabilities	0	2,245,586	494,657	705,271	0	3,445,514
Weighted Ave Interest Rate		6.35%	6.50%	6.50%		

	2004/05					
	Floating Interest Rate	Fixed Interest Maturing in:			Non Interest Bearing	Total
		1 year or less	Over 1 to 5 years	More than 5 years		
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial Assets						
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,465,634	53,056	0	0	0	1,518,690
Loans to Community Groups	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trade & Other Receivables	0	58,109	0	0	0	58,109
Total Financial Assets	1,465,634	111,165	0	0	0	1,576,799
Weighted Ave Interest Rate						
Financial Liabilities						
Trade & Other Payables	0	663,252	0	0	0	663,252
Borrowings	0	1,041,384	1,272,528	46,719	0	2,360,631
Other Liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Financial Liabilities	0	1,704,636	1,272,528	46,719	0	3,023,883
Weighted Ave Interest Rate						

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21 (a) COMPARISON BUDGET TO ACTUAL REVENUES AND EXPENSES

Explanations are provided where there are material variance between budget and actual costs for the following revenue and expense items:

	Budget	Actual	fav/(unfav) Variance	Note
	\$	\$	\$	
OPERATING REVENUES				
Rates - General	3,757,110	3,751,445	(5,665)	
Rates - Water Catchment Levy	129,950	120,995	(8,955)	
Statutory Charges	101,030	128,382	27,352	
User Charges	38,540	58,387	19,847	
Operating Grants & Subsidies	181,410	257,226	75,816	a
Investment Revenue	31,030	37,081	6,051	
Reimbursements	51,160	31,138	(20,022)	
Gain on Disposal of Assets	0	399,135	399,135	b
Commercial Activities	337,000	365,374	28,374	
Donations & Contributions	2,000	8,319	6,319	
Other Revenue	1,302,200	85,908	(1,216,292)	c
Total Operating Revenue	5,931,430	5,243,390	(688,040)	
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Employee Benefits	1,502,270	1,488,462	13,808	
Contractual Services	1,706,810	1,663,531	43,279	
Materials	401,150	426,562	(25,412)	
Finance Costs	139,660	110,258	29,402	
Depreciation	750,140	1,186,981	(436,841)	d
Share of Loss - Regional Subsidiaries	0	13,894	(13,894)	
Other expenses	883,130	481,346	401,784	e
Total Operating Expenses	5,383,160	5,371,034	12,126	
Capital Grants & Subsidies	53,860	0	(53,860)	f
Net Surplus/(Deficit) resulting from Operations	602,130	(127,644)	(754,026)	

Notes

(a) Reclassification change from Capital Grants & Subsidies to Operating Grants & Subsidies.

(b) This represents the difference between gross sale proceeds and cost of sale.

(c) The budget included the gross sale proceeds.

(d) Actual depreciation reflects changed policy.

(e) Other expenses previously budgeted now allocated direct.

(f) Reclassification change from Capital Grants & Subsidies to Operating Grants & Subsidies.

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22 CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICY

- (a) The Council has adopted the following accounting Standards for application on or after 1 January 2005:
- AASB 132: Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation
 - AASB 139: Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement

The changes resulting from the adoption of AASB 132 relate primarily to increased disclosures required under the standard and do not affect the value of amounts reported in the financial statements.

The adoption of AASB 139 has not resulted in material differences in the recognition and measurement of the Council's financial instruments.

- (b) The following Australian Accounting Standards issued or amended and are applicable to the Council but are not yet effective and have not been adopted in preparation of the financial statements at reporting date.

AASB Amendment	AASB Standard Affected	Nature of change in Accounting Policy and Impact	Application Date of the Standard	Application Date for the Council
2005-5	AASB 1: First-time Adoption of AIFRS	No change, no impact	1-Jan-06	1-Jul-06
	AASB 139: Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement	No change, no impact	1-Jan-06	1-Jul-06
2005-6	AASB 3: Business Combinations	No change, no impact	1-Jan-06	1-Jul-06
2005-10	AASB 139: Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement	No change, no impact	1-Jan-07	1-Jul-07
	AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements	No change, no impact	1-Jan-07	1-Jul-07
	AASB 114: Segment Reporting	No change, no impact	1-Jan-07	1-Jul-07
	AASB 117: Leases	No change, no impact	1-Jan-07	1-Jul-07
	AASB 133: Earnings per Share	No change, no impact	1-Jan-07	1-Jul-07
	AASB 132: Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation	No change, no impact	1-Jan-07	1-Jul-07
	AASB 1: First-time Adoption of AIFRS	No change, no impact	1-Jan-07	1-Jul-07
	AASB 4: Insurance Contracts	No change, no impact	1-Jan-07	1-Jul-07
	AASB 1023: General Insurance Contracts	No change, no impact	1-Jan-07	1-Jul-07
	AASB 1038: Life Insurance Contracts	No change, no impact	1-Jan-07	1-Jul-07
New Standard	AASB 7: Financial Instruments: Disclosure	No change, no impact	1-Jan-07	1-Jul-07

AASB Amendment	AASB Standard Affected
2004-3	AASB 1: First-time Adoption of AIFRS
	AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements
	AASB 124: Related Party Disclosures
2005-1	AASB 139: Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement
2005-2	AASB 1023: General Insurance Contracts
2005-4	AASB 139: Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement
	AASB 132: Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation
2005-9	AASB 4: Insurance Contracts
	AASB 1023: General Insurance Contracts
	AASB 139: Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement
	AASB 132: Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation
2006-1	AASB 121: The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates New Standard
2006-2	AASB 1: First-time Adoption of AIFRS
New Standard	AASB 119: Employee Benefits: December 2004

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S STATEMENT

I, Helen Dyer, the 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 2006 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.

Signed Helen R. Dyer

Dated 29.11.06

ADOPTION STATEMENT

Laid before the COUNCIL and adopted on 4th December 2006.

Helen R. Dyer
Chief Executive Officer

Chris C. Anthony
Mayor

REGIONAL SUBSIDIARIES

(ESTABLISHED UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1999)

EASTERN HEALTH AUTHORITY

The Eastern Health Authority is a Regional Subsidiary of the Councils of Walkerville, Norwood, Payneham & St Peters, Burnside and Campbelltown and undertakes the public environmental health management role on behalf of the member Councils.

In particular the Eastern Health Authority:

- Provides a free immunization clinic every 4th Wednesday of the month 2.30 – 4.30pm in the Walkerville Town Hall.
- Provides a medical needle disposal service
- Notifies of infectious diseases
- Manages environmental sanitation including pollution incident reporting and the eastern metropolitan stormwater protection project
- Inspects and monitors the quality of food premises
- Administers the requirements under the Supported Residential Facilities Act, The Environment Protection Act, The Food Act and the Public and Environmental Health Act.

The Eastern Health Authority is managed by a Board comprising Elected Members from each of the constituent Councils. The Members representing the Town of Walkerville is Councillor Jeannette Linn OAM.

Extracts from the audited Eastern Health Authority Annual Report are included in the following pages of this report for reader's information.

EAST WASTE

East Waste is a Regional Subsidiary setting national benchmarks in the provision of suburban waste collection, resource recovery services and related community education. It is a respected and highly regarded Local Government owned business in South Australia.

The Corporation of the Town of Walkerville, in conjunction with the City of Burnside and the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters is part of a Regional Subsidiary established to operate a waste collection service and disposal service for each Council. Walkerville has a 3.229% share of the net assets, which at the 30th June 2006 was \$1,589.

The Council endorsed the Business Plan for East Waste and the strategic outcomes contained in the Business Plan, include the following:

- ensure that waste collection systems for Member Councils meet the environmental and economic objectives of Member Councils and Zero Waste SA policy;
- improve recycling within the community by promoting and explaining new collection services introduced by Member and Client Councils;
- develop a more secure financial base by increasing the membership of East Waste;
- expand the waste collection services of East Waste;
- secure a Resource Recovery Centre within the Eastern region of Adelaide to service the community and meet the specific needs of Member Councils;
- establish an East Waste depot and maintenance facility and maintain a safe and challenging work environment for the management and staff of East Waste;

- monitor national and international trends in technology within the waste industry; and
- respond to Local, State and Federal Government on waste policy initiatives.

Extracts from the audited Eastern Waste Management Authorities Annual Report are included in the following pages of this report for reader's information.

WASTECARESA

The Corporation of the Town of Walkerville, in conjunction with the Cities of Adelaide, Campbelltown, Charles Sturt, Norwood Payneham & St Peters and Prospect is part of a Regional Subsidiary established to operate a waste transfer service for each Council. Walkerville has a 5.94% share of the net assets.

This facility processes the inner urban recycling and waste from Member Councils, Client Councils, businesses and the public and is located adjacent to the Adelaide City Council's new eco-resource management centre at Wingfield. Member Councils have a controlling stake in the recycling and waste industry to provide a revenue stream to offset the rising cost of resource recovery, and are in an ideal position to take advantage of emerging technologies and opportunities in recycling.

Extracts from the audited WastecareSA Annual Report are included in the following pages of this report for reader's information.



HIGHBURY LANDFILL AUTHORITY

The Corporation of the Town of Walkerville, in conjunction with the Cities of Burnside and Norwood Payneham & St Peters is part of a Regional Subsidiary established to affect the closure of the Highbury Landfill site. Walkerville has a 9.237% share of the net assets.

Extracts from the audited Highbury Landfill Authority Annual Report are included in the following pages of this report for reader's informatio



EASTERN HEALTH AUTHORITY

2005 - 06 ANNUAL REPORT





CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD

The Authority is held in high regard throughout Australia as an effective and efficient public health model.

This year the Eastern Health Authority welcomed the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville and the City of Prospect as member Councils. The Authority now has five constituent councils and is a fine example of regional co-operation within Local Government. It is held in high regard throughout Australia as an effective and efficient public health model.

The Eastern Health Authority is currently responsible for the licensing and auditing of standards in eighteen supported residential facilities (SRFs) in our member Councils' areas. These facilities accommodate some of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable people in our community. Unfortunately, this year it was necessary to appoint an Administrator to two facilities, a highly undesirable outcome for the clients involved. The Minister for Families and Communities is currently drafting a new Act relating to SRFs, boarding houses and like forms

of accommodation. As a key stakeholder we look forward to contributing to the drafting of the Bill, which we hope will result in some much needed reforms to address the complex issues and varied needs of the clients in this sector.

The demand for accessible and professional immunisation services continues and this year, in conjunction with the Department of Health we commenced a clinic for newly arrived refugees. The new arrivals clinic is a very valuable and necessary service to meet the immunisation needs of these people, many of whom have inadequate protection from communicable diseases.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the CEO and staff on being awarded the State Government's inaugural Public and Environmental Health Award, for the metropolitan area. This was a well deserved accolade for the Authority and staff. The constituent councils

can certainly feel justifiably proud of this recognition.

Once again it has been my pleasure to work with the committed and enthusiastic CEO, staff members and Board. I thank them all for their diligence and hard work in providing an excellent environmental health service to our community

S WHITINGTON, CHAIRPERSON



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1 EASTERN HEALTH AUTHORITY

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

Since its inception in 1899 as the East Torrens County Board, the Authority has played a significant role in the promotion and enforcement of public health standards. In 1986 the organisation evolved into the Eastern Metropolitan Regional

Health Authority and was renamed the Eastern Health Authority in 2001.

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

- The City of Burnside
- The Campbelltown City Council,
- The City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters, (NPS)
- The City of Prospect
- The Corporation of the Town of Walkerville.

In addition, the City of Adelaide contracts the Authority to provide its immunisation program.

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 details some of the environmental health services that are provided for each constituent council.

	Burnside	NPS	Campbelltown	Prospect	Walkerville	Total
Rateable properties	19840	18420	19387	8721	3300	69668
Population of council	41000	32272	44763	19276	6800	144111
No. of Food Premise Assessments	226	359	229	134	38	986
Swimming Pools	16	26	3	4	1	50
Cooling Towers	7	19	10	1	2	39
Supported Residential Facilities	4	3	3	4	1	15
Environmental Health Complaints	159	207	139	61	20	586
Hairdressers/Beauty Treatment	72	124	70	40	10	316
School Immunisation Yr 8 & 9 no's	1611	1420	784	351	128	4294
Public Immunisation Clinics (numbers attending)	1368	1820	1551	550	361	5650

The Authority ensures that its constituent councils are meeting their wide range of legislative responsibilities which relate to Environmental Health and which are mandated in the following legislation:

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

The increasingly complex environmental health field encompasses elements of biological and chemical science, microbiology, sociology, epidemiology, food technology, health promotion, prevention of communicable diseases and general public health principles. This diversity makes it difficult for small organisations to have staff experienced and fully competent across all spheres of the profession. The Authority is structured to ensure that specialised staff offer proficient delivery of all required services to its constituent councils and is an excellent example of regional co-operation.

Mission Statement
 "To protect and promote public and environmental health for the well being of the community on behalf of the constituent councils"



2 BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

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

The Board is comprised of two elected members from each of the Authority's constituent councils and currently consists of ten (10) members. The Board attends scheduled meetings at the Authority's offices and all meetings are open to the public. The meetings were conducted in accordance with the Local Government (Procedures and Meetings) Regulation 2000. The Board met 6 times for the year (including one special meeting) to consider Authority business.

Board of Management 2005/2006

CITY OF BURNSIDE

Cr Jane Davey (Deputy Chairperson)
Cr Allan Ward
Proxy Cr Peter Harris

CAMPBELLTOWN CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Steve J Woodcock
Cr Jim Durden

CITY OF NORWOOD, PAYNEHAM & ST PETERS

Cr Sue Whittington (Chairperson)
Cr Lance Manser

CITY OF PROSPECT

Mayor Kristina Barnett
Cr Tim Newall

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WALKERVILLE

Cr Jeanette Linn
Cr Helen Rossis
Proxy Cr Rex Adams,
Cr Heather Wright

The Board attends scheduled meetings at the Authority's offices and all meetings are open to the public.



Back Row: Cr A Ward, Mayor S Woodcock, Cr J Durden, Cr L Manser
Front Row: Cr J Linn, Cr S Whittington, Cr J Davey
Absent: Mayor K Barnett, Cr T Newall, Cr H Rossis

3 ADMINISTRATION



Administration Staff

Immunisation Staff



Environmental Health Officers

The Board of Management appoints a Chief Executive Officer to manage the business of the Board. The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the efficient and effective management of the affairs of the Authority including the employment of a range of staff to ensure that the Authority's day to day operations and responsibilities are effectively undertaken.

The current staffing of the Authority is detailed below:

- Chief Executive Officer
- Senior Environmental Health Officer
- Environmental Health Officers (5 FTE)
- Team Leader Immunisation Services
- Immunisation Nurses (0.8FTE, 0.6FTE plus casuals employed as required)
- Team Leader Administration
- Clerical Officers (0.5FTE X 2)
- A Medical Officer of Health (Dr Rodney Pearce - consultant)
- An Auditor (Dean Newberry and Partners)
- Accountancy services (outsourced to the City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters)

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the efficient and effective management of the affairs of the Authority.



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT



Michael Livori receives the award from the Director of Public Health, Dr Kevin Buckett at the Local Government Annual General Meeting held in March 2006

The Authority has had a busy and successful year in 2005/2006 which included the transition from three constituent councils to five, the development of a Strategic and Business Plan, the finalisation of an Enterprise Agreement with staff and the commencement of an immunisation clinic to cater for newly arrived refugees.

I am extremely proud to be able to report that the Eastern Health Authority was judged to be the winner of the inaugural 'Public and Environmental Health – Metropolitan Council of the Year Award' which was developed to recognise and reward local Council's efforts in attaining excellence in the field of public and environmental health.

The judging panel was quoted as being "particularly

impressed with the Authority's proactive approach to environmental health issues and its strong community education and consultation practices". It commented that "the Authority showed strong and effective communication skills in its approach to health education and promotion through its activities including a number of local schools, child care centres and food handlers on a variety of environmental health related issues."

This external recognition is extremely pleasing and is a reflection of the commitment that both the Board of Management and the Authority's staff have to environmental health. It also demonstrates that the Eastern Health Authority is an effective model of regional cooperation.

Messenger East Torrens Messenger 11th April 2006 pg 11

Accolade for eastern health body

THE Eastern Health Authority was awarded an inaugural public and environmental health award at the Local Government Association's AGM last month.

EHA Chairwoman and Norwood, Payneham & St Peters councillor Sue Whittington said this was a "well-deserved accolade" for the Eastern Health Authority. "All the constituent councils can be proud," she told the NP&SP meeting last week. The authority comprises

"We believe the authority is an excellent example of regional cooperation."

Michael Livori, EHA

five eastern region councils - Norwood, Payneham & St Peters, Campbelltown, Burnside, Prospect and Walkerville

The award was presented by Kevin Buckett, presiding member of the Public

and Environmental Health Council, a state government body. Criteria for the award included initiative leading to an improvement in health of the community, proactively promoting the field of public and environmental health, and effective consultation with the community.

EHA chief executive Michael Livori said the authority was pleased with the recognition.

"We believe the authority is an excellent example of regional cooperation."

The Advertiser

The Advertiser 6th April 2006 pg 24

Pacesetters for health

ALEXANDRINA Council and the Eastern Health Authority have taken out the inaugural Council of the Year Award for public and environmental health.

The authority, a cooperative of five metropolitan councils, was recognised for significantly increasing its immunisation program.

The council promoted food safety.

The commitment of both the Authority's Board of Management and its staff has resulted in the Authority being recognised as a leader in Environmental Health in South Australia

As a regional subsidiary, the Eastern Health Authority is required by the Local Government Act 1999 to prepare, adopt and periodically review a Business Plan. In February 2006, the Authority adopted a three year Strategic and Business Plan as a blueprint and communication tool for the organisation. The plan was developed following extensive consultation with Board of Management members, constituent councils and Authority staff. The Strategic Plan details the Authority's Policy directions while the Business Plan details the Authority's core activities.

The profile of refugees arriving in Australia has changed in the last three years, with an increasing number coming from African countries such as Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. Of the 10,000 or so people who migrate to Australia annually under the Refugee and Special Humanitarian Program, around one third are children aged

under 16. These children may have had traumatic experiences and many refugee children may have incomplete immunisation.

The Authority's partnership agreement with the Migrant Health Service and the SA Immunisation Coordination Unit staff for the provision of an immunisation clinic for newly arrived refugees who are settling within our constituent council areas was an exciting development. The clinic which has interpreting services available, is a solution to the complex issue of navigating refugee immunisation assessment and provision.

As mentioned previously, the commitment of both the Authority's Board of Management and its staff has resulted in the Authority being recognised as a leader in Environmental Health in South Australia. I would like to personally thank them for their invaluable support during this busy year and their continuing dedication in ensuring that

the Eastern Health Authority provides a high level of service to its community.

Freedom of Information Act

The Authority did not receive any Freedom of Information Applications in 2005/2006.

Confidentiality Provision Invoked Under the Local Government Act, 1999

During this year the provision of Section 90(2) excluding the public from Authority meetings was used on 11 occasions and the provision of section 91(7) keeping reports confidential and supporting documents and/or minutes were used on 11 occasions.

The rationale for use of Section 90(2) provisions were as follows:

Matters relating to legal advice or possible litigation	8
Matters relating to personnel	3
Total:	11

Michael Livori
Chief Executive Officer



4 HEALTH EDUCATION & PROMOTION

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

S12 (2) it is the duty of a local council –
(a) to promote proper standards of public and environmental health in its area and
(c) to take reasonable steps –
(i) to prevent the occurrence and spread of notifiable diseases within its area.

The Authority has a strong commitment to health promotion within the community it serves. Health promotion is vital to creating healthier living environments and positive health outcomes. The Authority actively participates in health promotion activities.

Environmental Health Promotion
 The Environmental Health team of the Authority has undertaken a range of health promotion activities during the year, including:

- Provision of health, hygiene and food handling talks to both primary and secondary school groups
- Distribution of the South Australian Food Handler Update (SAFHU) publication to all food businesses
- Displaying regularly updated brochures at the Authority's office reception, and council offices advertising the Authority's services and public health issues
- Providing direct advice to the public on a range of environmental health issues in response to queries or concerns

- Promotion of public health messages via articles produced for distribution by our constituent councils

2005 Food Safety Week

For the 2005 Food Safety Week promotion "Food on the Move" - poster board displays at six locations including local council receptions and libraries were constructed. The food safety topics covered in these displays included:

- Food transported from the supermarket to home
- Food served at picnics and BBQs
- Lunchbox food storage safety
- Food taken on long car or road trips
- Take away food safety

Quizzes, flyers and a safe lunchbox food storage model were incorporated to provide additional information to the public.

School aged children from reception to Year 2 were invited to enter a competition to draw the food items they keep in their lunchboxes and were asked to think about how these foods could be kept safe by discussing this with their caregivers, teachers and friends.



Food safety lecture provided to a school



Food safety week display

A total of 39 entries were received and prizes of insulated lunchboxes were awarded to the most creative and colourful entries.

The Authority was invited to present a food safety presentation at two of the participating schools. Five food safety presentations were conducted covering year groups ranging from reception to year 7. These presentations were designed, in consultation with teaching staff, to both introduce and develop children's understanding of basic hygiene principles and elementary microbiology.



Prize winning entries of the Food Safety Week 2005 drawing competition

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION

Bakery Food Safety

Since 1995 there have been seven food poisoning outbreaks in South Australia and numerous others in other states of Australia associated with bakery products.

Investigations conducted by the Authority and other organisations have helped to heighten awareness of risk factors in bakeries and have prompted the Food Branch of the Department of Health to introduce a strategy to address the identified risk factors associated with bakeries and certain baked goods.

The Authority responded to a Department of Health survey which aimed to identify the highest risk bakeries within each council area as part of their strategy to focus effort and resources on these premises.

Many small retail bakeries produce a range of potentially hazardous foods; however the goods most frequently implicated in food poisoning outbreaks are sweet bakery products containing custard or cream and cold-set products such as cheesecake. These fillings are generally applied to the product after the baking process and provide a nutrient rich environment suited to the growth of pathogens such as Salmonella species.

In recent years the Authority, in conjunction with the Food Branch and the Communicable Diseases Control Branch of the Department of Health, has been involved in the investigation of two of the seven outbreaks in bakeries. Investigation findings by the Authority were published in a journal article co-authored by an Authority staff member.

In response to the issues identified in the investigations such as poor food handling and sanitising practices, poor temperature control, and the cross-contamination of fillings with raw ingredients such as meats and eggs, the Department of Health developed a comprehensive guideline and information package. This was circulated to bakeries by the Authority's environmental health officers throughout March and April 2006.

A new inspection template has also been developed with assistance from environmental health officers from various councils to promote more thorough assessment of conditions in bakeries at the time of routine inspections.

As a result of the distribution of the information packages, the Department of Health has requested quarterly reports for a 12 month period to determine the progress and

standards in the bakery sector. The Authority submitted the first quarterly report to the Department of Health for the months of April to June 2006. The report identifies the bakery name, inspection date, and non-compliance details which are categorised into several categories. These categories include skills and knowledge, receipt and storage of food, temperature control, protection of foods, cross-contamination, staff illness, handwashing, cleaning and sanitation, design and construction, equipment, waste and pest control. The report also identifies whether these non-compliance issues have been rectified and if not, the stipulated timeframe for appropriate rectification is documented and is further assessed and reported by the authorised officer in due course.



Immunisation

Opportunistic immunisation was offered when the Authority promoted staff Worksite Vaccination Programs at a 2 day Local Government Association (LGA) Showcase Conference.



Worksite immunisation promotion at the LGA Showcase Conference

Eastern Health Authority Information Brochures

The Staff of the Authority updated and redesigned the Eastern Health Authority's information brochure and its immunisation brochure. These brochures have been distributed to all constituent councils for dissemination to the public.

Immunisation

Immunisation is a simple, safe and effective way of protecting children and adults against certain diseases. Immunisation increases the general level of immunity in the community and reduces the spread of infectious diseases.

The Eastern Health Authority provides:

- Public immunisation clinics for infants, children, adolescents and adults. There are drop-in and appointment clinics available including after hours clinics. Timetables can be provided upon request.
- Clinics are held at:
 - Burnside Council Chambers
 - Combarbellon Council Chambers
 - Homecroft - Child & Youth Health Centre
 - Prospect Council Chambers
 - St Helens Park Centre
 - Willesville Council Chambers
- School based immunisation for year 9 students.
- Worksite immunisations which are arranged by appointment. They include influenza, Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B programs.

Telephone (08) 8132 3600 for details of clinic venues, times and costs of free vaccines.

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The Authority's Mission is "to protect and promote public and environmental health for the well being of its community"

National Immunisation Program

AGE	VACCINE	DELAYS/MISSING DOSES
1 week	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP)	None
2 weeks	Polio (IPV)	None
4 weeks	Polio (OPV)	None
6 weeks	MM2	None
18 weeks	MM2	None
2 years	MM2	None
4 years	MM2	None
5 years	MM2	None
7 years	MM2	None
10 years	MM2	None
15 years	MM2	None
18 years	MM2	None
20 years	MM2	None
25 years	MM2	None
30 years	MM2	None
35 years	MM2	None
40 years	MM2	None
45 years	MM2	None
50 years	MM2	None
55 years	MM2	None
60 years	MM2	None
65 years	MM2	None
70 years	MM2	None
75 years	MM2	None
80 years	MM2	None
85 years	MM2	None
90 years	MM2	None
95 years	MM2	None
100 years	MM2	None

What to do if you miss a session

Do not worry if you miss a session. You can still get the vaccine. You should get the vaccine as soon as possible after you miss a session. You should get the vaccine as soon as possible after you miss a session.

What to take to the Immunisation session

Your child's personal Health Record Book and Medicare Card must be taken to every immunisation session you attend. Immunisation programs are also available.

For further information, to book an appointment or to enquire about our non-schedule fee vaccines:
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5 DISEASE CONTROL

5.1 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

"Environmental health comprises of 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 related Regulations are the base regulatory mechanisms employed by the Authority to administer and fulfil its duty of care for its constituent councils and community. The administration of the Act encompasses the following environmental health issues:

- insanitary conditions
- notifiable diseases
- swimming pools, spa and cooling tower operation
- hairdressing, beauty and skin penetration salons
- septic tank inspection and approvals
- discharges of waste to the environment

Officers continue to collaborate and co-operate with state government departments such as the Communicable Disease Control Branch, the Environmental Surveillance Branch, the Food Branch and the Environmental Protection Agency in the course of investigating disease control issues. Detailed reports were submitted to various state government departments on matters of significance.

The Authority maintained its educative approach to poor

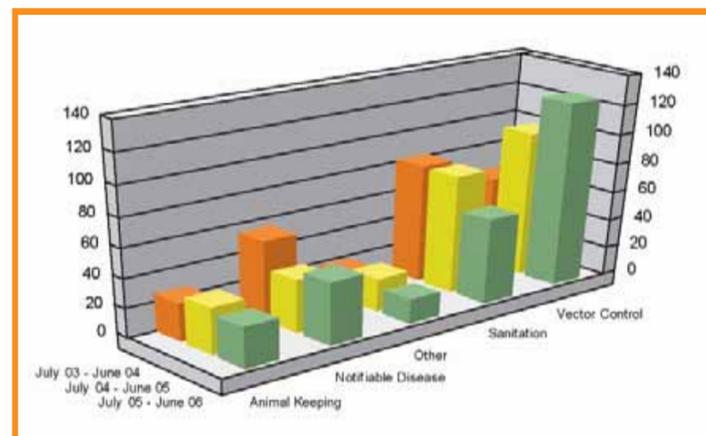
compliance or non-compliance with legislation, generally choosing to provide information concerning a particular issue as the preferred approach. In most cases this proved sufficient to achieve the desired remedial action or change. Where information or advice was not heeded or was disregarded, enforcement mechanisms were utilised.

A total of 273 complaints relating to disease control were received for the year ending 30 June 2006.

Disease Control Complaints Received 2005 - 2006

	BURNSIDE	CAMPBELLTOWN	NPS	PROSPECT	WALKERVILLE	TOTAL
Animal Keeping	3	12	8	4	1	28
Other	4	6	4	3	0	17
Sanitation	18	11	22	7	1	59
Vector Control	41	29	47	4	5	126
Notifiable Disease	11	15	13	3	1	43
Total	77	73	94	21	8	273

The graph details disease control complaints received by the Authority from 2003 to 2006.



Comparison of Disease Control Complaints Received 2003 - 2006

Sanitation

A total of 59 complaints were investigated in relation to insanitary conditions in residential and commercial premises, with the majority involving the accumulation of rubbish and materials on properties which had the potential to attract and harbour vermin. This is a 26 percent reduction from the previous reporting period. From our records we are unable to explain the reasoning for this reduction.

Following is an example of a significant complaint which was received and involved collaboration with other government agencies:

The complainant alleged that an elderly woman was living without adequate sanitary facilities, namely no running water and no electricity to her

rented premises. The complaint was forwarded to the Authority from the Community Services officers of the local council. Community Services were concerned about her general health, alleging that the resident was infested with head lice and that her living conditions were not adequate.

A confirmation letter under Section 20 of the Public and Environmental Health Act, 1987 was served on the landlord to provide adequate facilities for sanitation namely "repair the defective mains plumbing supply to the house to allow the mains water to remain turned on at all times".

The Authority contacted a non government community organisation who acted diligently in finding some relief accommodation for the elderly woman while a

more permanent residence was being sought. The lady was temporarily housed in a woman's shelter until further assistance including an Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) assessment could be arranged.

Vermin and pests

126 vermin and pest complaints were received across all council areas. There has been an increase in general vermin and pest complaints. This could be due to mild weather conditions throughout the year and the abundance of food sources available all year round. Where appropriate, premises were inspected for conditions conducive to vermin harbourage and attraction and, in some instances: residents were directed to undertake remedial actions to reduce the potential for vermin infestation. Advice was provided over the phone and over the counter,

while vermin and mosquito control leaflets were posted to many residents. Small quantities of rodenticide were also provided to residents.

Three complaints were received concerning children with head lice. Relevant advice on eradication measures was provided to the families and the principals of the schools concerned. School principals were directed to the Department of Health guidelines which recommend that children are excluded from class and that parents are contacted to collect the child and begin treatment. The Authority also has sourced lice combs that can be sold to concerned parents and schools for their use.

The Department of Health issued a press release warning South Australians of the risk of mosquito borne diseases and preventative measures that can be taken regarding mosquitoes. The Authority assisted to proactively promote personal protection and avoidance measures to the community to reduce both the nuisance and illness impacts of mosquitoes. The Authority passed on the media release issued by the Department of Health to its constituent councils to be included in future publications. The Authority has also ensured

that council offices, libraries and other public places have copies of 'Fight the Bite' brochures produced by the Department of Health for distribution to the public.

Animals

A total of 28 complaints were received regarding the keeping of animals, most of which concerned offensive odours coming from poorly maintained poultry enclosures or from the keeping of cats and dogs.

On occasions, joint inspections were conducted with assistance from council general inspectors and representatives from the South Australian Housing Trust.



An example of inappropriate keeping of animals

Waste Control Systems

Waste Control Systems are predominantly installed in non sewerred areas such as the Adelaide Hills Face Zone. Seven applications for new and or upgrading waste control systems were received, assessed and approved by the Authority.

The installation of a waste control system requires the proponent to make application to the Authority by completing an application form which requires the inclusion of the following details; the location of the installation, the owner/ applicant name, the type of premises and waste control system intended, any non standard fixtures, septic tank specifications, land and soil capacity for the disposal method and a declaration and signature by the owner and person making the application.

Site inspections are conducted prior to approval of the system and inspections are also conducted during installation and prior to the commissioning of the system.



Typical Aerobic Septic Tank Installation

Legionella Control

Routine inspections of 39 cooling towers on commercial premises were conducted to ascertain compliance with structural and maintenance requirements of the relevant Australian Standards and Codes of Practice.

Two new cooling towers were located and added to the Authority's routine inspection schedules, while two other sites had their cooling towers decommissioned.

Improvements to cooling tower systems, such as the implementation of automated dosing systems and improved maintenance and management of cooling towers on site, was achieved at several locations as a result of inspections.

Routine sampling of cooling towers identified high total bacterial counts and/or Legionella species in eleven towers necessitating directions to operators to immediately decontaminate the potentially hazardous towers and to investigate the management of their cooling tower.

Inspections of cooling towers were also conducted following reports from operators of test results of high bacterial counts, to confirm that appropriate

treatment and remedial action had been undertaken.

The Department of Health advised the Authority of six cases of Legionellosis (Legionnaires Disease), a notifiable disease. Legionnaires disease mainly affects people who are immuno-compromised such as the elderly, diabetics, smokers and people with respiratory problems.

Investigations of reported cases were conducted to determine the possible source of the Legionellosis infections. Investigations included the inspection of places where the person had been prior to infection to determine where the Legionellosis may have been contracted. Inspections of supermarkets, churches, restaurants, shops and the homes of the infected persons were conducted. Water samples and environmental swabs were taken for the six

Legionellosis investigations that were conducted. Samples were taken from any cooling towers that were within the area of investigation. Samples and swabs were also taken from the home hot water service of the infected person.

Legionella species were identified from samples taken at two locations but it was not the Legionella pneumophila species with which the persons were infected with. As the species found were not of the type causing the illness, no sources were identified in these cases.

In conclusion, no sources for the Legionella infections were identified through the sampling undertaken by the Authority. The results of the investigations and testing were forwarded to the Department of Health for their information and records.



Collection of a water sample from a hot water system

The Authority has provided comments regarding the draft SA Public and Environmental Health (Legionella) Regulations 2006 and the Draft Standard for the Control of Legionella in Manufactured Water Systems in South Australia. A submission was provided to the Australian Institute of Environmental Health, the Local Government Association and the Department of Health.

Environmental Health Officers routinely inspect cooling towers for compliance with the Public and Environmental Health Act. There is no legislative requirement for councils to inspect cooling towers, but the Authority do so under their environmental health duty of care. Currently there are no legally specified provisions or standards that owners and operators of cooling towers must meet in South Australia. Many councils in South Australia have been using the Australian/New Zealand Standard (AS/NZS) 3666: Parts 1,2 and 3, Air-handling and water systems of buildings – microbial control, as a best practice document for reference. This document is not enforceable and as such councils have not been able to ensure that all cooling towers are maintained to a set standard.

The Department of Health has been reviewing the Public and Environmental Health Regulations and has drafted new regulations which are aimed at providing a legislative framework that can be used for the construction, operation and maintenance of manufactured water systems. The aim of the legislation is to minimise the risk of outbreaks of legionellosis within the community.

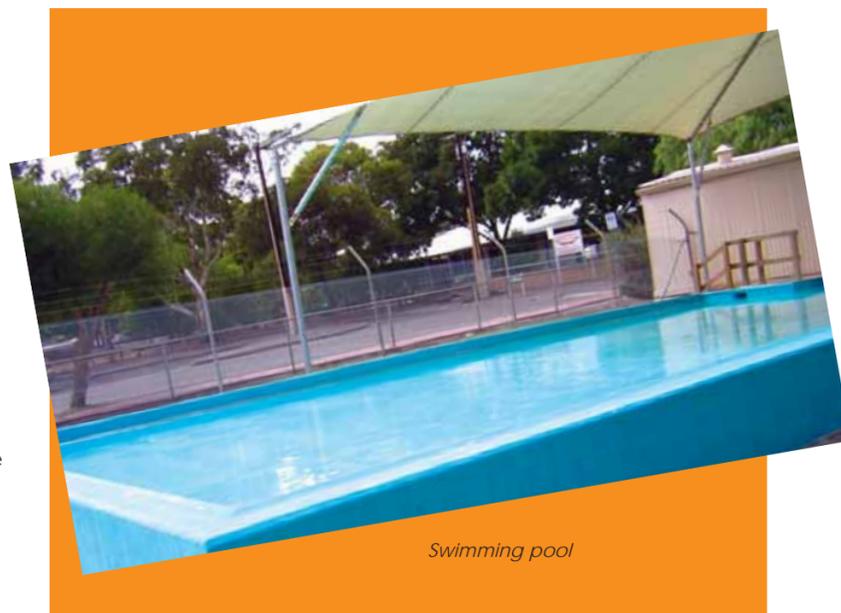
The legislation will provide relevant authorities with greater powers to require owners and operators of manufactured water systems to comply with the Legionella Standards as well as other Australian Standards and Handbooks that have been prescribed under the regulations.

Public Swimming Pools and Spas

A total number of 74 inspections were conducted at public swimming pools and spas to determine compliance with the Regulations under the Public and Environmental Health Act, 1987, and the Department of Health Standards for the Operation and Maintenance of Swimming Pools and Spa Pools.



Typical plant room set up



Swimming pool



At various locations and when required, pool operators were directed to undertake remedial action to satisfy legal standards to ensure water quality for bathers. The Authority instructed pool operators that the pools were not to be used by the public when legal requirements were not met. This occurred on ten occasions. The pools were reopened for public use when pool operators could demonstrate that the pools were operating within the prescribed water quality parameters.

At three sites plant equipment from pools was upgraded due to ongoing non compliances that were noted during routine inspections.

Three new premises that included swimming pools, spa and hydrotherapy pools were identified and included in the Authority's pool database. These pools were added to the inspection schedule in the reporting period.

Hairdressing, Beauty Salons and Acupuncture Clinics

120 hairdressers, beauty salons and acupuncture clinics were inspected for compliance with the Department of Health Guidelines on the Standards of Practice for Hairdressing and Skin Penetration. Proprietors were also encouraged to

utilise a 'Hazard Analysis & Critical Control Points (HACCP)' template to identify risks associated with their practices.



Routine hairdresser inspection

The publication, Guidelines on the Public Health Standards of Practice for Hairdressing (Guidelines) was prepared by the Department of Health on behalf of the Public and Environmental Health Council.

The guidelines aim to raise awareness amongst hairdressing operators about the risks involved with hairdressing procedures and the importance of reducing the risk of transfer of micro-organisms to clients and staff. The basic principles to minimise health risks are: the premises must be kept in a clean and hygienic state; any article that has been used on a client must be cleaned before using it on another person; operators must keep themselves and their clothing

clean and have no exposed cuts, abrasions or wounds.

Copies of the guidelines on the Public Health Standards of Practice for Hairdressing were distributed to hairdressing salons within the Authority's constituent councils.

Lodging Houses

The Authority on behalf of its constituent councils enforces proper standards of public and environmental health in its jurisdiction as required under section 12 of the Public and Environmental Health Act 1987. As part of this duty, the Authority conducts routine inspections of lodging houses.

Public and Environmental Health Act, 1987

12a(2) it is the duty of a local council

- (a) to promote proper standards of public and environmental health in its area*
- (b) to take adequate measures to ensure that the provisions of Part III (protection of public health) are observed in its area.*

Residents of Lodging Houses are commonly vulnerable people in the community who seek a cheaper form of accommodation as they have



no alternative place to live, little disposable income and varied social and or health issues. Inspections of six known lodging houses were conducted to ensure that satisfactory living standards are being maintained.

The Code of Practice (by the Department of Health) for the Provision of Facilities for Sanitation and Personal Hygiene is used as a reference.

All rooms of the lodging houses were inspected to determine the level of general cleanliness and the standard of structural conditions. Follow-up inspections were conducted where remedial action was required. Fire safety inspections were conducted by the respective councils' Building Fire Safety Committees.

The Authority also responds to complaints concerning lodging houses. An example of a complaint investigated by the Authority involved the allegation that an elderly male occupant of a lodging house was using human faeces to fertilise surrounding council vegetation.

From the investigation and discussions with the alleged offender it was determined that the complaint was justified. It was suspected that the elderly gentleman suffered a mental

health condition. A referral was made to the Eastern Mental Health unit. A psychiatric assessment was conducted but the gentleman was not considered to be at risk to himself or to anyone else.

Contact was also made with the owners of the lodging house to ensure that the behaviour of the gentleman is monitored. Written correspondence was provided to the alleged offender, the landlord and to the mental health unit to reiterate the importance of ensuring that this behaviour desists.



Lodging House Hallway

Notifiable Disease Notifications

There are currently 35 diseases that must be notified to the Communicable Disease Control Branch (CDCB) of the Department of Health under the Public and Environmental Health Act. The reporting of these diseases enables the CDCB to monitor and investigate these diseases in the community in order to prevent their spread and reduce their impact on others.

The CDCB referred 43 confirmed cases of notifiable diseases between 1 July, 2005, and 30 June, 2006 for further investigation. Not all cases are referred, only those that may have a possible link to a source within the area.

Generally, food histories and other relevant information was collected and forwarded to the CDCB for the referred disease cases. In some circumstances, inspections of food premises, nursing homes, cooling towers and swimming pools were conducted during the notifiable disease investigation. Food and water samples and environmental swabs were submitted for laboratory assessment in the course of several investigations.

Officers from the Authority worked with their counterparts from the Department of Health Food Branch, Environmental Surveillance Branch and CDCB on several cases.

The following table demonstrates the incidence of a selection of notifiable diseases in the Authority's area.

	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006
Campylobacter Infection	218	233	216
Salmonella Infection	65	53	87
Legionella pneumophilia	1	0	3
Legionella longbeachae	6	8	3
Ross River Virus	5	2	19
Cryptosporidium Infection	6	8	32

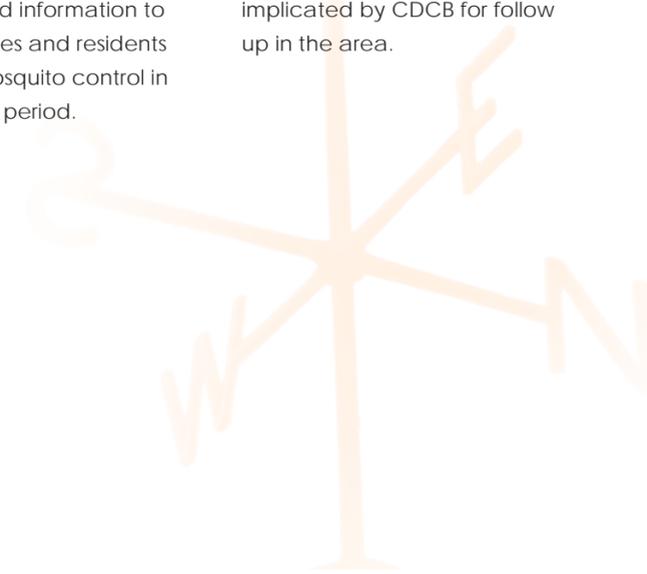
NB This is not a complete list of notifiable diseases. Some disease cases in the general population are not able to be accurately diagnosed and are therefore not reported to the CDCB.

Campylobacter infection remains the most commonly reported notifiable disease in South Australia.

Ross River Virus is not reported to the Authority for investigation however figures of its incidence in the jurisdiction are known. The majority of cases either resided in or have recently travelled to

the Riverland, South-East and Far North of South Australia. The incidence of Ross River Virus confirms the need to ensure preventative measures for mosquito control are promoted in the community. The Authority has distributed information to council libraries and residents regarding mosquito control in the reporting period.

The incidence of Cryptosporidium infections increased within the reporting period, however these cases were not referred on to the Authority for further investigation indicating that no sources were implicated by CDCB for follow up in the area.



5.2 IMMUNISATION

Immunisation is a global primary health care strategy for the prevention of illness. Immunisation programs aim to protect, control and eliminate particular infectious diseases by vaccinating 100 percent of the population using safe, effective vaccines continuously, until a disease is eradicated from the world. This is achieved through sustaining high levels of vaccination in target populations.

The Authority's immunisation program contributes to attaining this goal by providing a high quality, sustainable service delivery system. The Authority is able to achieve this by a collaborative approach, with support from their constituent councils and the client council – City of Adelaide and the South Australian Immunisation Coordination Unit (SAICU) - Department of Health.

The Authority provided 317 public immunisation clinics within six council areas for the year. The clinics offered to residents continue to be successfully attended due to the professional services provided, easy access, and the availability to all family members and age groups.

The Authority also delivers the government school based immunisation programs to 25

high schools and 55 primary schools within the council areas' jurisdiction.

The Authority's Worksite Programs were again in high demand, with a marked increase for influenza immunisation services. An excellent response was achieved from the annual mail out of promotional material, with previous clients re-booking and many sites requiring higher numbers of staff to be vaccinated. The Authority also provided influenza programs to new workplaces, either through referrals or in response to the mail out.

Customer service for immunisation queries remains a complex task. There has been a noticeable increase in requests from families for assessment of their overseas immunisation records and for information in relation to their catch-up schedules. This often involves completion of a Medicare Australia Immunisation History form which is sent to the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register for family allowance payments.

A range of vaccines are offered as part of the Authority's immunisation services against the following 14 infectious diseases:

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

Clinics

The Authority conducts 27 clinics per month within the council areas of Adelaide City, Burnside, Campbelltown, Norwood, Payneham & St Peters, Prospect and Walkerville.

The Authority's public immunisation services include: four clinics every week at Norwood, located in the Child & Youth Health One Stop Shop, three clinics per month at the Authority's St Peter's office, two clinics per month at the Campbelltown Community Centre, and all other venues have a clinic once a month. Three clinics provide an after-hours service.

New Contract Clinics

During August 2005 the Authority was successful in its tender for a 12 month contract with the City of Adelaide Council to provide

a monthly public immunisation clinic. This clinic commenced in October 2005 and is due to be reviewed early next financial year. The Adelaide South West City clinic has shown a steady increase in attendance, with the May 2006 clinic providing 25 vaccines to 16 clients. The April & May 2006 clinics administered a high percentage of influenza vaccines to adults employed in the City.

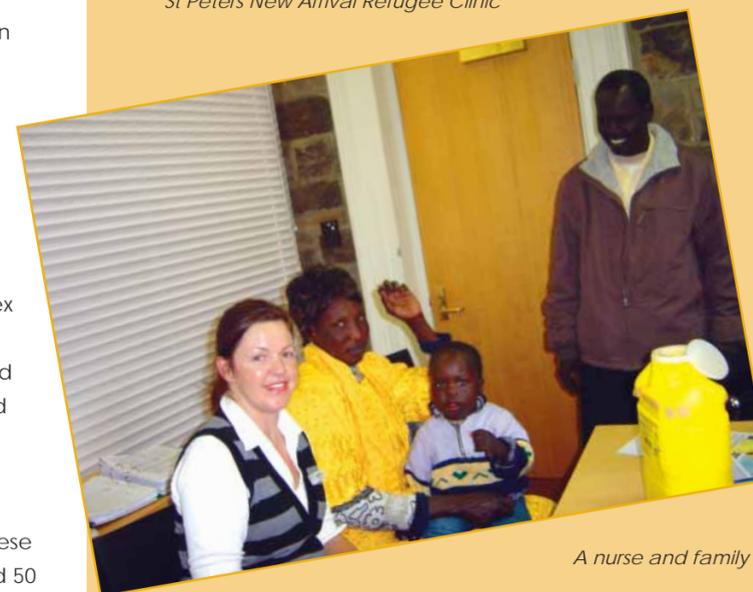
During September 2005, the Migrant Health Service, in conjunction with the South Australian Immunisation Coordination Unit (SAICU), Department of Health, compiled a proposal to fund four metropolitan councils for the immunisation service delivery of a monthly New Arrival Refugee Immunisation Clinic (NARI clinic), with interpreter services. The Authority was targeted as one of the four areas requiring such services.

The project was initiated to find a solution to the complex issues of navigating refugee immunisation assessment and provision at both private and public clinics with 1200 to 1300 refugees estimated to be arriving in South Australia each year. 70 percent of these refugees are from Africa and 50 percent are children.

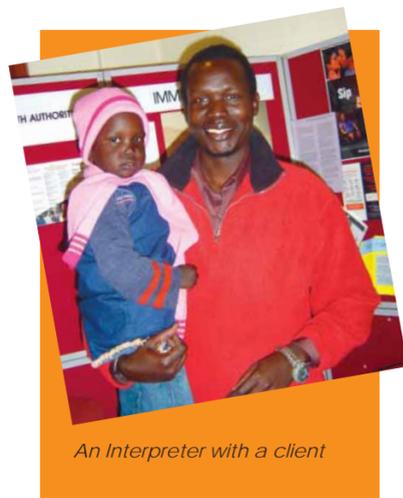
The St Peter's NARI clinics have been at full capacity, with two specialist immunisation nurses and two interpreters available to provide a quality service for up to 22 clients, requiring 50 vaccines.



St Peters New Arrival Refugee Clinic



A nurse and family



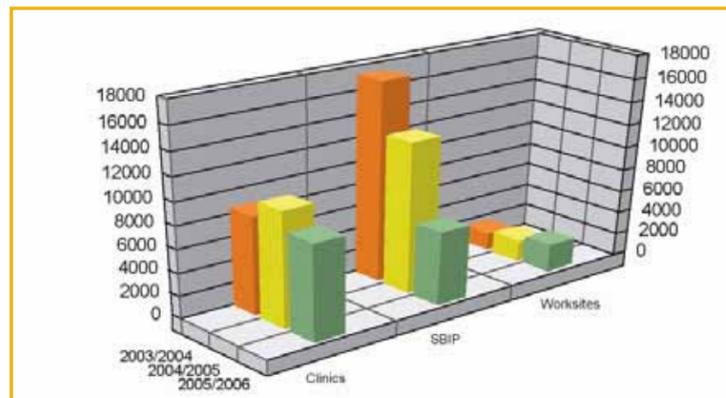
An Interpreter with a client

A change of venue commenced in January 2006, moving the monthly Wednesday Norwood morning clinic from the Child & Youth Health site to the Authority's offices at St Peter's. This transition has been successful with full clinics every month. Easier parking is available and access to the public library in conjunction with the immunisation clinic is proving popular with families. The clinic is available by appointment only, usually requiring 5, 10 or 15 minute blocks. The Authority has found that appointment clinics work well for more complicated assessment and catch-up vaccinations.

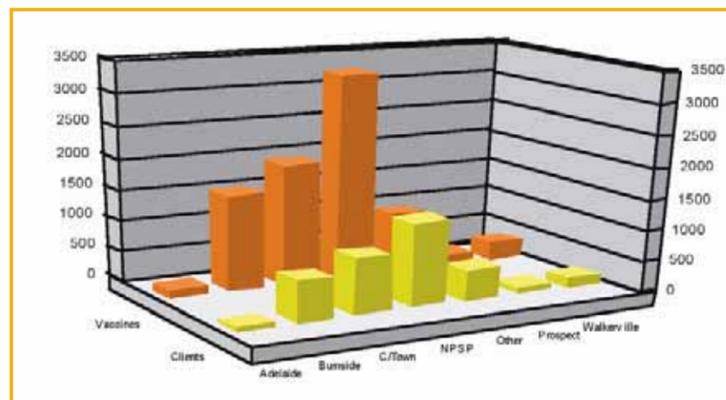
From 1 November 2005 the National Immunisation Program introduced and funded two new combination vaccines, a 4 in 1 injection - the Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis/Polio vaccine, and a 2 in 1 injection - Hepatitis B/Haemophilus Influenzae Type

B vaccine. Also introduced were 2 other vaccines, the Varicella-Zoster vaccine and for Indigenous Australians only, the Hepatitis A vaccine. The oral live virus polio vaccine was removed from the schedule and is no longer offered. The Authority has introduced the fee injectable polio vaccine at their public clinics for clients who are not eligible for the funded National Immunisation Program vaccine.

In November 2005 the Authority provided an end of year Immunisation clinic at St Peter's Child Care Centre where a total of 29 vaccines were given. Working parents appreciated this convenient service provided by the Authority with the support of the Child Care staff.



Total Vaccines Administered 2003 - 2006
Please note the Adelaide City Council clinics commenced in October 2005, The NARI Clinic began in November 2005, The City of Prospect Clinic Commenced in January 2005



Client's Attendance & Vaccines administered at EHA's public clinics on Clients Council of Origin 2005/2006



Norwood Clinic



St Peters' Evening Clinic

For 2005/2006 a total of 8,390 vaccines were administered to 3,696 clients at the Authority's 317 clinics, reflecting a 16 percent decrease of vaccines administered over the previous year.

The reason for fewer vaccines administered is partly due to the completion of the meningococcal C 1 - 4 year old catch-up program and the changes to the National Immunisation Program (NIP). The oral polio vaccine ceased to be administered at 2, 4, 6 months and 4 years of age and has been replaced with a new combination vaccine to include inactivated polio with the diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis vaccine. The NIP changes also introduced the Varicella Zoster vaccine at 18 months of age; however overall, each child requires three less vaccines to be administered.

School Based Immunisation Program (SBIP)

During the period of review the six council areas' SBIPs, involved 25 high schools for Years 8 - 9 and 55 primary schools for the Years 1- 7 Meningococcal C program.

- Year 8 Hepatitis B 2-dose Program
- Year 8 Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis Program
- Year 8 Varicella-Zoster Program
- Year 9 Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis Program
- Years 1 - 7 Meningococcal C Program

The November 2005 National Immunisation Program changes has meant that four vaccinations are now administered to the Year 8 students, two at each visit. At the first visit the Varicella-Zoster and first dose of Hepatitis B are

administered. At the second visit Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis is given with the second dose of Hepatitis B.

At the end of 2005 the Year 9 Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis and Years 1- 7 Meningococcal C SBIP were completed.

The total vaccines administered for the School Based Immunisation Program (SBIP) for 2005/2006 was 6,414.

School immunisation program





Vaccines administered for the SBIP for 2005/2006

SCHOOL BASED IMMUNISATION PROGRAM (SBIP)	2005/2006
Year 8 Hepatitis B program	3,867
Year 8 & 9 Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis program	776
Years 1-7 Meningococcal C program	1,368
Year 8 Varicella-Zoster program	403
TOTAL VACCINES FOR 2005/2006 SBIP	6,414

Worksite Programs

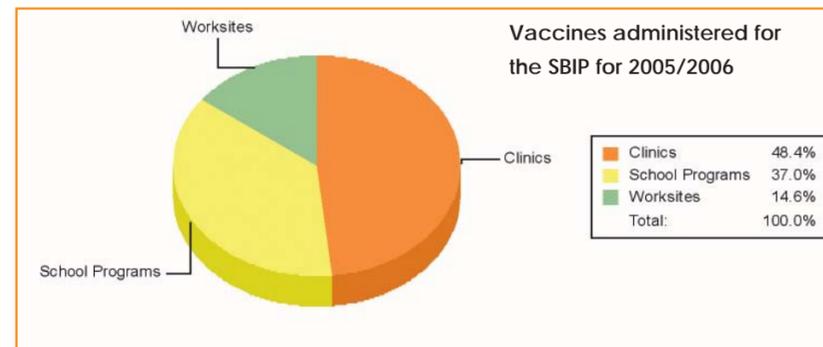
A review of the 2006 Authority worksite information packages saw the inclusion of information on Avian and Pandemic Influenza prior to a mail out to 130 potential clients. There have been an increased number of enquiries and bookings made for the 2006 influenza season. Worksite sessions commenced in March 2006 and 75 sites were visited up until the end of June 2006.

Staff absent on the day of workplace vaccination, or smaller worksite programs, have had the opportunity to attend one of the Authority's public clinics for immunisation.

Vaccines administered for the 2005/2006 worksite program

WORKSITE IMMUNISATION PROGRAM	2005/2006
Influenza	1,919
Hepatitis A	128
Hepatitis B	69
Hepatitis A & B	335
Adsorbed Diphtheria/Tetanus	74
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (Boostrix)	6
TOTAL VACCINES FOR 2005/2006 WORKSITE	2,531

The 2005/2006 Worksite Program administered 2,531 vaccinations representing a 30 percent increase over the previous year. There were 407 more influenza vaccines administered this financial year which represents 69 percent of the total 2005/2006 increase.



Cold Chain Management

As a matter of housekeeping and continual improvement there was an upgrade of cold chain equipment in July 2005, as four eskies used for transporting vaccines to clinics were replaced with two larger lightweight eskies that are Department of Health approved for medical transport. There has also been an upgrade of the trolleys used for vaccine transport to and from the schools and clinics. Replacement of this equipment was made possible with funding to Local Government Immunisation Providers for Vaccine Cold Chain improvement from the SA Immunisation Coordination Unit, Department of Health.

During the period of review cold chain management included servicing of the pharmaceutical refrigerator, checking alarm and control set points, condenser, evaporator, compressor, gas charge and operation of the motor system.

The vaccine fridge temperature is recorded twice daily and the temperature control settings are tested weekly. Two additional temperature loggers were purchased and all loggers were re-calibrated. The loggers, programmed to record the temperature at two minute intervals, are evenly distributed throughout the 3-door vaccine fridge, and are checked twice daily and the readings downloaded weekly. During June 2006 a faulty digital thermostat controller was replaced.

Standing Drug Orders

The SA Immunisation Resource Kit, incorporating The Authority's Standing Drug Orders was reviewed, updated and endorsed by the Authority's Medical Officer of Health, Chief Executive Officer, Team Leader and Immunisation Nurse Providers, to reflect the changes of the National Immunisation Program in South Australia.

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6 FOOD SAFETY

Consumers have the right to expect the food they eat is protected from microbiological contamination, foreign matter, poor hygiene or poor handling practices. As a local authority food safety and hygiene regulator the Eastern Health Authority is committed to ensuring food safety standards are applied and enforced within its jurisdiction.

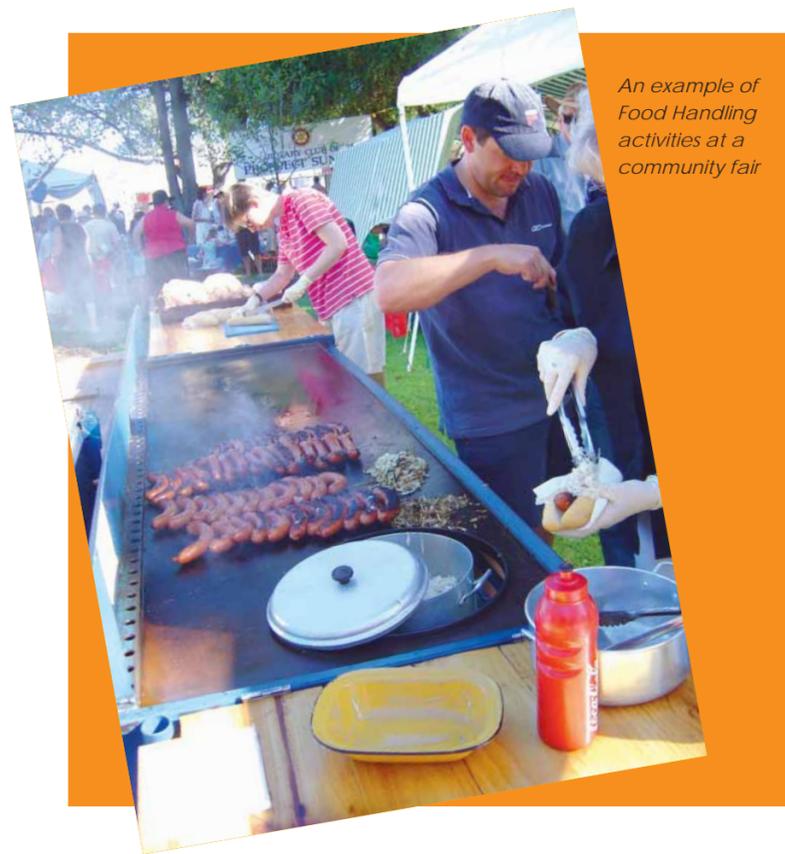
The *Food Act 2001* in conjunction with the Australian & New Zealand Food Safety Standards aims to:

- 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 Authority's mission statement the Authority monitors, protects and promotes food safety using the Food Act via:

- Conducting regular assessments of food premises. Ensuring the optimum percentage of food premises and vehicles are assessed, including special events and after-hours premises using the Australian Food Safety Assessment working tool.
- Investigation of food related complaints, alleged food poisonings and food recalls.

- Maintenance of the Health Manager Database ensuring effective dissemination of information to the Department of Health.
- The receiving and processing of food notifications of businesses ensuring the Authority's food premises database is up to date.
- Provision of advice and information to food proprietors and the community on matters relating to food safety.
- Distribution of the South Australian Food Handler Update to food proprietors on a quarterly basis.
- Presenting food safety and hygiene lectures to interested groups upon request.
- Involvement with the Australian Institute of Environmental Health (AIEH), State and Local Government Authorities to review best practice standards and promote uniformity and professional consistency.
- Communication to the Board of Management and councils regarding all Food Act activities undertaken.
- Participation in the AIEH Food Special Interest Group



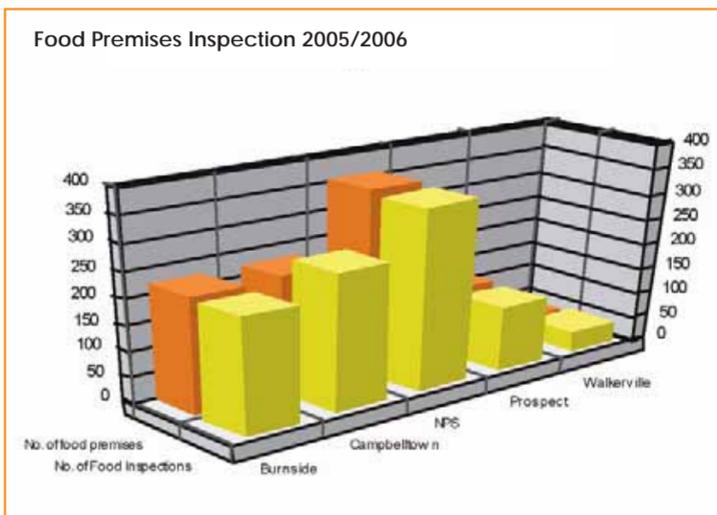
An example of Food Handling activities at a community fair

On 30 June 2006 the numbers of known food premises within the Authority's jurisdiction were:

	Total
NPS	359
Burnside	226
Campbelltown	229
Walkerville	38
Prospect	134
TOTAL	986

Inspections

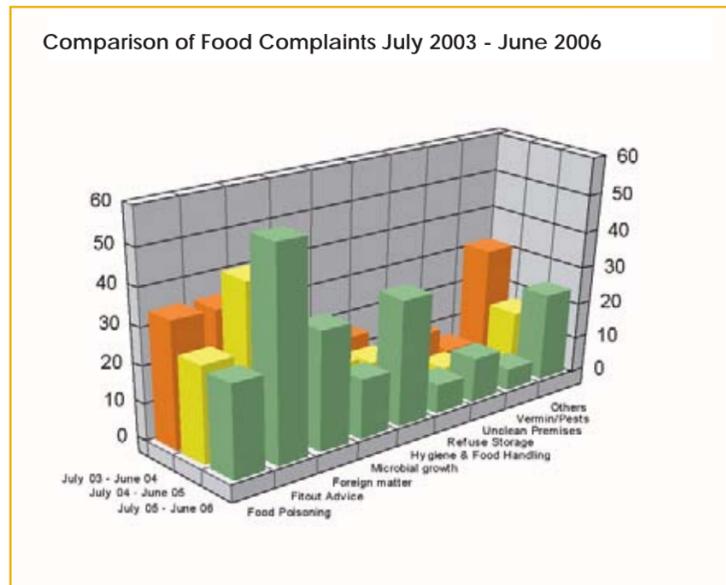
During this reporting period 1,014 inspections were conducted. The officers of the Authority have continued to use the Australian Institute of Environmental Health's Food Safety Standard of Practice incorporating the Australian Food Safety Assessment (AFSA) to assess food premises.



Non compliance with the Food Safety Standards

Food Complaints received for the period 1 July 2005 – 30 June 2006

	Burnside	Campbelltown	NPS	Prospect	Walkerville	Total
Alleged Food Poisoning	5	6	12	1	1	25
Fit out advice	16	11	13	9	6	55
Food unfit / unsuitable/ unsafe-foreign matter	5	6	13	3	3	30
Food unfit / unsuitable / unsafe – microbial contamination / growth	2	6	7	1	0	16
Poor personal hygiene / poor food handling practices	7	8	10	7	2	34
Refuse storage	3	3	2	0	0	8
Unclean premises	2	4	4	1	1	12
Vermin / insects / pests	0	2	1	2	1	6
Others	2	7	8	4	3	24
Total	42	53	70	28	17	210



Food Complaints

The total number of complaints received for this reporting period is approximately 25 percent higher than the previous year. The total number of food unfit/unsuitable/unsafe due to foreign matter complaints and poor personal hygiene or poor food handling practices complaints has doubled since last year.

The majority of the complaints associated with food that is unfit/unsuitable/ unsafe was due to the presence of foreign objects in the food such as insects (including maggots, weevils, cockroaches, and moths). The Authority is unable to explain the increase in this category of food complaints. Approximately half of these foreign object food complaints received were forwarded to relevant authorities including interstate agencies and local government councils, Department of Primary Industries and Resources of South Australia (including the Meat Hygiene Unit and the Dairy Authority) for further investigation.

There was an increase in complaints associated with poor personal hygiene or poor food handling practices which included issues such as inadequate hand washing facilities, temperature control, uncovered food, smoking



An unsuitable foreign object in a food item

and non compliance with use-by dates. These issues aforementioned indicated that some food businesses require further training regarding skills and knowledge commensurate with the work they undertake in the food business.

Improvement Notices under the Food Act 2001

The Authority issued improvement notices for repeated offences or serious non-compliance of Food Safety Standards. These notices outline the required actions to comply with the Food Standards Code.

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 connection with the handling of food intended for sale,

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

Twenty three improvement notices were issued under the Food Act 2001 during the reporting period.



A cigarette found in a food preparation area

Expiations

The Authority issued 5 expiation notices that included 8 offences under the Food Act 2001. Three expiations were issued as a result of proactive food inspections where it was found that the proprietor(s) failed to comply with food safety standards. The other two expiations were issued as a result of food complaint investigations.

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Photo 1 demonstrating a defective wall in a food preparation area resulting in an improvement notice / Photo 2 Defective wall repaired to the satisfaction of the authorised officer complying with the improvement notice

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Expiation	Offence	Penalty
1	That the proprietor in contravention of the Food Standards Code 1.2.5 Clause (3) 'Prohibition on sale of food after the use-by-date – Food must not be sold past its use-by date'.	\$500
1	That the proprietor failed to comply with the Food Act 2001 Section 17 (2) 'A person must not sell unsuitable food' Specially, a fly was found in a Cornish pasty.	\$500
1	That the proprietor failed to comply with the Food Act 2001, Section 21(1) Compliance with Food Standards Code, namely Food Safety Standard 3.2.2 Section 8 Food Display(1) 'A food business must, when displaying food, take all practicable measures to protect the food from the likelihood of contamination'. 2)(c) 'A food business must, when displaying unpackaged ready-to-eat food for service provide protective barriers that minimise the likelihood of contamination by customers'.	\$500
1 x 2 offences	That the proprietor failed to comply with the Food Act 2001. The Food Standards Code Section 21, (1) 'A person must comply with a requirement imposed on the person by a provision of the Food Standards Code in relation to the conduct of a food business or to food intended for sale or food for sale'. Standard 3.2.3 clause 11 Specifically walls were not sealed to prevent the entry of dirt, dust and pests; were able to absorb grease, food particles or water; and were not able to be easily and effectively cleaned. Standard 3.2.3 clause 10 Specifically floors were able to provide harbourage for pests, were able to absorb grease, food particles or water; were not able to be easily and effectively cleaned; and allowed ponding of water.	\$500
	That the proprietor failed to comply with the Food Act 2001. The Food Standards Code Section 21, (1) states that 'A person must comply with a requirement imposed on the person by a provision of the Food Standards Code in relation to the conduct of a food business or to food intended for sale or food for sale'. Standard 3.2.2 clause 19 Specifically that the proprietor did fail to ensure that a food premises is maintained to a standard of cleanliness.	\$500

Expiation	Offence	Penalty
1 x 3 offences	That the proprietor failed to comply with the Food Act 2001, Section 21 (1) 'A person must comply with any requirement imposed on the person by a provision of the Foods Standards Code in relation to the conduct of a food business or to food intended for sale or food for sale'. Food Safety Standard 3.2.2 Section 6 (1) 'A food business must, when storing food, store the food in such a way that: (a) it is protected from the likelihood of contamination'. (b) the environmental conditions under which it is stored will not adversely affect the safety and suitability of the food.	\$500
	That the proprietor failed to comply with the Food Act 2001, Section 21 (1) 21 (1) 'A person must comply with any requirement imposed on the person by a provision of the Foods Standards Code in relation to the conduct of a food business or to food intended for sale or food for sale'. Food Safety Standard 3.2.2 Section 15(1)(g) A food business must, when engaging in any food handling operation not spit, smoke or use tobacco or similar preparations in areas in which food is handled'.	\$500
	That the proprietor failed to comply with the Food Act 2001, Section 21 (1) 21 (1) 'A person must comply with any requirement imposed on the person by a provision of the Foods Standards Code in relation to the conduct of a food business or to food intended for sale or food for sale'. Food Safety Standard 3.2.2 Section 19(1) A food business must maintain food premises to a standard of cleanliness where there is no accumulation of food waste, dirt, grease or other visible matter.	\$500

Food Recalls

Food recalls issued by the Department of Health are monitored and actioned as required. A total of twelve recalls were actioned. These recalls aim to:

- Stop any further distribution and sale of the unsafe product as soon as possible;
- Tell the public and the relevant authorities about the problem; and
- Effectively retrieve the unsafe food.

Conroys Recall

The Authority was significantly involved in the food recall regarding Conroys Pty Ltd products. On 12 December 2005 Conroys Pty Ltd conducted a consumer level recall of a range of ready-to-eat smallgoods as a precautionary health measure in response to testing which indicated the presence of *Listeria monocytogenes* on food contact surfaces at the factory. The Authority actively monitored the removal of the recalled products from premises in the jurisdiction.

Aged care facilities and other premises that provide meals to at-risk populations were also contacted to ensure that the facilities were aware of all of the recalled products. A total of 159 food premises were contacted via phone or visited directly.

Out of hours duties with inspections

The Authority provides advice and information on food safety for community events where food is sold. The Authority also conducts inspections on the day to ensure compliance.

Such events included the:

- St Peters Annual Fair
- Prospect Up Market Fair
- The Natuzzi Parade Food & Wine Fair 2006
- Campbelltown Proud Day
- Walkerville 150 year Jubilee Anniversary
- Other community events

Temporary Events

Many temporary events involving the sale or supply of food occur in the community each year. These activities range from large organised community functions such as fairs and festivals to small group events such as church or club gatherings.



Typical temporary event

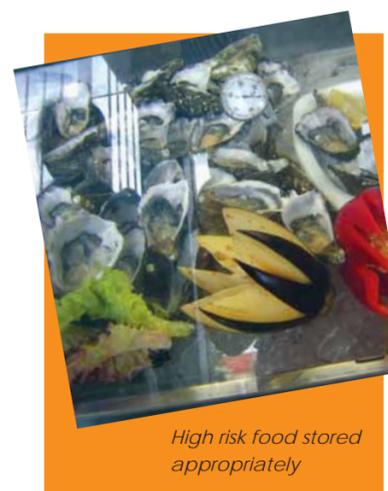
Temporary events pose unique challenges in terms of ensuring food safety. These events are usually brought to the attention of the Authority either via community announcements or from fielding direct queries from event organisers. In the case of large events such as food & wine fairs, council events and large school fetes (run on an on-going yearly basis) the Authority actively seeks out the event organiser to ensure consideration has been given to the nature of the event and any special conditions that may apply.

Examples of Temporary Events include:

- Community fundraisers/drives
- Cake stalls
- School fetes
- Charity events
- Sausage sizzles
- Shows
- Festivals
- Concerts
- Food & Wine Fairs

Temporary Food Business Considerations:

- Presence of sufficient and potable water supply
- Hand washing facilities
- Provision for safe food storage (e.g. temperature control)
- Provision of adequate cooking and heating facilities
- Avoidance of cross contamination



High risk food stored appropriately

- Provision of toilet facilities for expected attendance
- Provision for proper waste management & disposal post event
- Ensuring adequate sanitation of facilities
- Ensuring food products are packaged & labelled appropriately



Temporary hand washing facility

Inspections of temporary events have resulted in improved standards of food safety practices. The above is an example of an innovative hand wash facility design at a temporary event.

Food Business Notification

The Authority continues to process food business notifications as required under the Food Act.

The notification process requires all food businesses to provide ownership and location details, number of staff handling food and some specific business sector information. Where any information has changed, the proprietor is required to notify the Authority of the change.

Notification is made by either completing a hard copy form or on line via the Department of Health's web site.

Food Premises Inspection Fees

The Authority continues to administer its policy for charging fees for routine food premises inspections. The fees have been applied as per Regulations under the Food Act 2001 Part 4 and the Authority's policy.

Food Safety Kits for Inspection & Sampling

Officers have been supplied with individual 'food safety kits' for use whilst conducting both routine and complaint inspections.

Two further kits were constructed for use in conjunction with the basic kit. It is envisaged that officers will be able to use the kits to collect and transport food samples as required.

Food Act Report

A comprehensive report on the activities under the Food Act for the year 2005/2006 was provided to the Department of Health on behalf of the constituent councils.



7 HEALTH CARE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Supported Residential Facilities
The *Supported Residential Facilities Act, 1992* defines a Supported Residential Facility as

'a premises at which, for monetary or other consideration (but whether or not for profit), residential accommodation is provided or offered together with personal care services (other than for members of the immediate family of the proprietor of the facility).'

Supported Residential Facility accommodation includes the provision of personal care services such as (but not limited to) assistance or supervision with dressing, bathing and personal hygiene of a resident. Other services that can be offered depending on the facility are assistance with management of resident's medication, assistance with mobility and management of personal finances.

The Authority in its capacity as a regional subsidiary of the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters, the Campbelltown City Council, the City of Burnside, the City of Prospect, the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville ("Constituent Councils") established under Section 43 of the Local Government Act 1999, acts

under delegated authority from its Constituent Councils. This authority includes the power under section 10 of the Supported Residential Facilities Act, to act as the "licensing authority" for Supported Residential Facilities (SRFs) that are located within all of its Constituent Councils' areas.

In addition to acting as the licensing authority, the Authority has the responsibility through delegated authority to ensure the number of principles in relation to the management and administration of the facilities are monitored and enforced to ensure that the objectives of the Act are met.

1. Licensing

To ensure the objectives and principles of the SRF Act are observed within the facilities, an annual licensing audit is conducted by the Authority. Objectives and principles of the SRF Act are assessed at the time of the audit, by interview with the manager, inspection of the facility, grounds and utilities and review of relevant documents. Audits are carried out by two authorised officers, as defined by the SRF Act.

Unannounced visits were made to all SRFs during the year. Pre-licence inspections were conducted by appointment

as considerable time and preparation is required for the inspection.

All SRFs listed in this report have been audited and inspected as required by the Act prior to the renewal of the licence.

Eighteen SRFs were licensed in the Authority's area (being the collective area of all of the Constituent Councils) during the period of this report. Thirteen of the licences re-issued for the period commencing 1 July, 2005, were subject to conditions, most of which related to fire safety issues.

2. Fire Safety

Fire safety in Supported Residential facilities remained a matter of concern for the Authority and for the Department for Families and Communities.

Throughout the reporting period the Authority continued to consult with representatives from constituent councils' Building Fire Safety Committees and acted upon their instruction / advice to re-issue some SRFs with conditional licences subject to the resolution of fire safety matters.

3. SRF Complaints/Queries

The Authority received and responded to thirteen SRF related complaints/queries during the reporting period.

Two queries were received requesting information and advice regarding the possible establishment of SRF facilities within the Authority's area. These facilities have not been established in this reporting period.

Complaints varied in nature and included matters such as: the general cleanliness and hygiene standards of facilities, the level of care that clients were receiving, the quality of food being served and client behaviour.

Three appeal notices were received by the Authority in response to notices identifying and alleging breaches/contravention of the SRF Act. Two appeals are listed for court hearing in the next financial year.

Two serious complaints regarding Supported Residential Facilities were extensively investigated by the Authority requiring considerable investment of the Authority's resources. One investigation resulted in the appointment of an administrator and closure of a facility. The other investigation resulted in a voluntary surrender

of a licence of a facility, and the appointment of an administrator for a second facility that was also under the management of the same proprietor.

3.1 Cancellation of licences

Section 31 of the Supported Residential Facilities Act, provides that the Authority may elect to cancel a licence of a SRF if there are reasonable grounds to do so. Grounds such as:

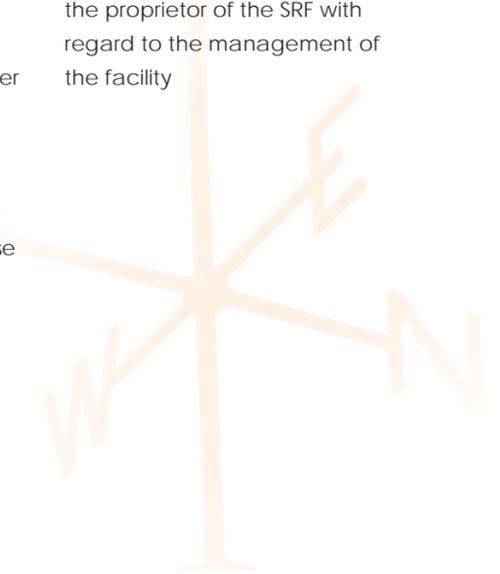
- licence has been obtained improperly; or
 - contravened, or failed to comply with, a condition of the licence; a provision of this Act; or
 - failure to administer the facility in accordance with the principles prescribed by Part 2; or
 - that serious irregularities have occurred in the management or in relation to the care of any resident; or
 - failure to provide a resident with personal care services
 - negligent or improper conduct
 - insolvent or imminent danger of becoming insolvent
 - no longer a fit and proper person
 - state of the premises renders the premises unsuitable for use
- are prescribed as being "reasonable grounds".

3.2 Appointment of Administrator

If a circumstance exists where residents cannot be adequately protected by the imposition of a condition to a licence it may be necessary to immediately appoint an administrator. The administrator will have full and exclusive power to manage the facility on behalf of the licensing authority and to provide for the care of any resident of the facility.

The proprietor will be liable for the remuneration of the administrator and all other costs and expenses arising out of the management/care of any resident and any unpaid amount may be recovered as a debt in a court of competent jurisdiction.

The administrator must report regularly to the licensing authority, and on termination of the appointment, fully account to the licensing authority and the proprietor of the SRF with regard to the management of the facility



3.3 Supported Residential Facility - Closure

An investigation was conducted in response to a complaint received from a resident's advocate.

Interviews were conducted with each of the proprietors of the relevant SRF, a staff member, the resident, and her advocate. The Authority's officers identified serious breaches of the SRF Act and Regulations.

A Notice of Cancellation was served on the proprietors of the relevant facility after the proprietors failed to adequately demonstrate why the licence should not be cancelled as requested to do so in a Notice of Proposed Cancellation.

The action to cancel the licence was instigated by the Authority in close consultation with the Council, solicitors, and the Department for Families and Communities. An article that was published in the Messenger dated 22 March 2006 in relation to the facility appears adjacent.



The care and wellbeing of the residents was of paramount concern for all parties involved and the appointed administrator engaged the services of a care services organisation to ensure that the needs of the residents were appropriately catered for.

Throughout the Administrator's appointment the Authority maintained close liaisons with the Administrator, the

Department for Families and Communities, the Council and solicitors to ensure that all parties were kept informed.

On recommendation from the Administrator, the Authority and the Council made the decision to relocate the residents and close the facility given that the business was not financially viable.

The relocation of residents was facilitated by the Administrator and the Department for Families and Communities.

3.4 SRF Facility – Voluntary Surrender of Licence

An investigation was conducted with regard to allegations of financial impropriety of a supported residential facility in the Authority's area.

The Authority conducted interviews with several persons, including the proprietor and obtained documentation, justifying the allegation. In response, the Authority issued a Notice of Proposed Cancellation of Licence to the proprietor. The proprietor was also the proprietor of a supported residential facility (in another Council area) within the Authority's area. Therefore the Authority also issued a Notice of Proposed Cancellation for this facility.

Following the issuing of the Notice of Proposed Cancellation of Licence for the first facility under investigation, residents were voluntarily relocated by the proprietor to alternative accommodation. The proprietor then voluntarily surrendered the licence for this facility during the term of the notice of proposed cancellation of licence. The Authority accepted the surrender of licence.

3.5 SRF Facility– Appointment of Administrator

The second facility under investigation managed by the same proprietor also had a notice of proposed cancellation of licence issued in response to the investigations conducted.

The proprietor lodged a notice of appeal with the Administrative and Disciplinary Division of the District Court pursuant to Section 31 of the Supported Residential Facilities Act. It was considered by the Authority that actions taken by the landlord could seriously jeopardise the care and welfare of the residents of the facility. The Authority formed the view in consultation with the Department for Families and Communities, the Council and solicitors that the appointment of an administrator would be necessary in order to

adequately protect the interests of the residents of the facility.

During the appointment of the Administrator the proprietor lodged a notice of discontinuance with regard to the notice of appeal.

The Authority has maintained close liaisons with the Administrator, the Department for Families and Communities, the Council and solicitors to ensure that all parties are appropriately informed. This matter is ongoing and will continue through to the next financial year. Officers will continue to monitor the facility.

4. Correspondence Need for a Review of Supported Residential Facilities Act

The Chief Executive Officer of the Authority wrote to the Minister for Families and Communities in response to a request by the Board of Management regarding the necessity for a review of the Supported Residential Facilities Act. Specific issues included staffing, multiple occupancy of rooms, resource implications with regard to licensing and monitoring by local government was raised in the correspondence.

The Authority requested that the Minister commence a review of the current SRF legislation as soon as is possible to ensure that this vulnerable population group are provided with supported accommodation that ensures their safety and wellbeing and as part of the review process Local Government resource implication and the consistency of monitoring and enforcement be addressed.

The Minister responded to the Authority and advised that the current Supported Residential Facilities Act will be replaced by a proposed Accommodation Act. The Act will cover the Supported Residential Facilities sector, the boarding house sector and other like forms of accommodation. In the process of developing the new Act, consideration will be given to the problems and gaps in the current requirements placed on the operation of Supported Residential Facilities, and in the administration of monitoring and enforcement functions.

5. Development of New Legislation to replace Supported Residential Facilities Act.

A consultation paper with regard to Accommodation and Personal Support For People with Disabilities in South Australia was released for comment in June 2006.

A Supported Accommodation Task Force was established by the Minister for Disability to oversee development and implementation of a Supported Accommodation service plan and lead achievement of the South Australian Strategic Plan Target to increase the amount of community based accommodation options for which the Department for Families and Communities has lead responsibility. The group will also have a role in overseeing policy development, planning and service development for supported accommodation across Department of Families and Communities, and advising the Chief Executive and the Minister for Disability on resource allocation, new initiative development and funding and risk management in relation to supported accommodation.

The intention of the proposed legislation is to develop an improved protective regulatory framework for vulnerable people residing in SRFs, boarding houses and other like forms of congregate care.

The Authority will provide a submission in response to the consultation paper in the next financial year.

6. SRF Meetings

During the reporting period staff attended routine meetings for 'Authorised Officers Appointed under the Supported Residential Facilities Act'. Facilitated by the Department for Families and Communities, the meetings provide a platform to table local government SRF issues and increase understanding and working knowledge of the legislation.

With guest speakers regularly attending and providing information on a variety of SRF related issues, the meetings present an informative opportunity for authorised officers.

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8 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

Environmental Management & Sustainability Complaints Received

A total of 176 complaints relating to environmental management and sustainability were received for the year ending 30 June 2006.

Complaints Received for 2005/2006

	Burnside	Campbelltown	NPS	Prospect	Walkerville	Total
Air Quality	8	14	22	10	1	55
Discharge of Waste/Stormwater	9	46	46	0	2	103
Waste Control/Sharps	1	6	9	1	1	18
Total	18	66	77	11	4	176

Air Quality

Air quality complaints received by the Authority primarily related to dust, wood heaters, odorous bins, animal keeping and chemical odours. There was an increase in the number of air quality complaints during the 2005/2006 period as compared to the previous year.

Odour and smoke issues caused by wood heaters made up 20 percent of air quality complaints. The Authority's response to these complaints is to provide Environmental Protection Agency guideline information, followed by an inspection of the alleged offender's wood heater and timber supplies if complaints continued. In some circumstances maintenance or modifications to wood heaters and chimney flues

or modification of burning practices were requested.

Dust complaints from building sites resulted in 21 percent of complaints with the Authority requiring improved site management practices.

Of the further 55 complaints received, 12 percent were related to chemical odours including solvents and paints, 9 percent were related to odours generated by food businesses and 5 percent were related to public concerns about asbestos.

Discharges of waste to stormwater

A total of 103 complaints were received under the category of 'discharges of waste to stormwater'. 58 percent related to building site activities where concrete slurry, brick cutting waste and the drag-

out of mud had entered the stormwater system due to poor site management. A continual reduction in the number of complaints received about swimming pools, car washing activities and air conditioners may be an indicator of a positive behavioural change within the community towards stormwater pollution.

Depending on the type and the scale of the discharge, officers generally took an educative approach, initiating a clean-up where necessary. Expiations were issued when deemed necessary by authorised officers. During the review period two expiations were issued under the Local Government Act and a further two expiations were issued under the Environment Protection (Water Quality) Policy for the discharge of waste into the stormwater system



Hazardous Substances

Three complaints relating to damaged asbestos (building) structures were received by the Authority. In each case educative materials from the EPA, SafeWork SA and the Mineral Fibres Branch of the Department of Health was provided. Telephone queries on asbestos were also received throughout the review period and asbestos information was again provided.

Staff attended seminars and training sessions during the reporting period relative to their fields of work. Continual staff training is intrinsic to professional development. Keeping staff informed of changes and initiatives in their areas of work enables the Authority to provide efficient and professional services to the community and its constituent councils.

Infectious Wastes

The Authority continued to provide a used syringe disposal service for residents within the jurisdiction. A syringe pick-up service was also provided for a small number of elderly or immobile residents upon request or where a complaint was received concerning discarded syringes in public areas such as footpaths, parks and car parks. Approved sharps disposal containers were available for sale.

All sharps wastes were disposed of with other medical wastes generated by immunisation services.

9 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING

Immunisation - Professional Development & Training

During July 2005, two immunisation nurses took the opportunity to attend a one day refresher immunisation workshop, funded by the SA Immunisation Coordination Unit (SAICU), Department of Health (DH), and presented in conjunction with the Local Immunisation Coordinators of Divisions of General Practice.

Nursing staff attended computer courses to increase their level of information technology.

The Immunisation Team Leader, presented a paper at the October 2005 Australian Institute of Environmental Health 32nd National Conference. The presentation was entitled 'Immunisation Service Delivery in the Public Sector: Can it survive?', from a South Australian Local Government perspective. The same presentation was presented at the 9th Public Health Association of Australia Immunisation Conference in Cairns.

Immunisation staff attended an evening workshop at Wakefield Hospital, organised by SAICU, DH for an education update on the changes to the National Immunisation Program, which commenced on 1 November 2005.

Course in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

The mandatory annual Course in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) update was held in February 2006 by St Johns South Australia for fifteen staff. Attendance included the Authority's immunisation staff, administrative officers and environmental health officers. Following on from the CPR update, an education session was held on the 2006 School Based Immunisation Program for the casual immunisation nurses.

Preceptors

During February, the Immunisation Team Leader, who is a preceptor for students completing the clinical component of the Immunisation Course at the University of SA, attended the annual day workshop for preceptors. This was a valuable education session, provided by the University of SA, covering clinical evaluation, review of practice and an update on relevant procedures. During this reporting period two University of SA students were precepted at the Authority and successfully completed accreditation for the clinical component of the Immunisation course.

SA Immunisation Symposium

In April 2006, three immunisation nurses attended an inaugural SA

Immunisation Symposium, held at the University of Adelaide, organised by the Preventative Healthcare Research Cluster. The program included the latest development in research of vaccine preventable diseases and related topics, presented by experts in their specialised areas of research. The aim of the symposium was to promote discussion on the future direction/challenges for South Australia in the area of vaccine preventable diseases, and identify opportunities for collaboration between policy makers and practitioners.

Pandemic Planning

Three nurses and an environmental health officer attended an evening presentation by Professor Chris Baggoley, Executive Director of Public Health for Clinical Coordination for the Department of Health on Pandemic Planning, held at Port Adelaide Enfield Council, which was organised by the SA Immunisation Network (Local government immunisation providers group).

Mandated Notification Workshop

A casual immunisation nurse attended a Mandated Notification Workshop at the Women & Children's Education Centre. It is a requisite for the Authority's immunisation nurses to have a current mandated notification certificate, which is updated every 3 years.

Environmental Health Officers – Professional Development & Training

Australian Institute of Environmental Health (AIEH SA Branch) Food Special Interest Group

The South Australian Branch of the AIEH Food Special Interest Group (SIG) meets every two months. Representatives of the Authority attend these meetings to:

- Discuss current food safety issues
- Strengthen council relationships
- Achieve consistency in standards between local authorities
- Continue environmental health officer professional development in the promotion and enforcement of food safety standards

National Food Safety Audit Framework

The Authority on behalf of its constituent councils provided a submission in response to the 'National Food Safety Audit Framework'.

Food Safety and Prevention of Illness Seminar

The South Australian division of the Australian Institute of Environmental Health (AIEH) held a seminar on Food Safety and Prevention of Illness at the City of Tea Tree Gully on 26 May 2006. The seminar provided members of the AIEH with current information with regard to improving food safety and conducting effective food related investigations.

The one day seminar covered current food safety issues facing environmental health officers including:

- The prevention of Salmonella in bakeries
- Investigation of a Salmonella outbreak
- Food Safety Plans
- Working with interpreters
- Taking statements
- Food sampling techniques
- Food-borne Disease Investigation Guidelines

The guest speakers included relevant food safety and investigation 'liaisons/contacts' of environmental health officers.

The Department of Health provided an update on food safety projects.

The seminar provided relevant advice regarding the effective means to conduct food investigations including taking statements, collecting evidence and communicating with people who have English as a second language.

It was also beneficial for the Department of Health to provide an update of the projects it is undertaking to improve food safety and hygiene in South Australia.

AIEH (SA Branch) Waste Control Special Interest Group

Environmental health staff remained involved in the AIEH (SA Branch Council) Waste Control Special Interest Group. Regular meetings are held and members of the Institute discussed and promoted initiatives to improve their working knowledge of waste control systems. Advice and information from this group is disseminated within the profession. Other related professionals are also consulted for further advice when required. The group provides a forum for the collaboration and contribution of experiences that assist all officers in practice of this specialised field.

Officers attended a 'Wastewater management conference'. Issues related to; onsite wastewater code review, greywater treatment, and new trends in wastewater management.

AIEH (SA Branch) Disease Control/Disaster Management Special Interest Group

Two staff members of the Authority are actively involved with the Disease Control / Disaster Management Special Interest Group (SIG).

Disaster Management

During the period of review the SIG was successful in obtaining a \$50,000 grant which will be used in the next financial year to train one environmental health officer from each SA local council in emergency management training.

Emergency Management is at the forefront of issues requiring increased focus given the emergence of many new issues and threats, such as food and water security, exposures to hazardous chemicals, building environments, vectors, biologic and infectious wastes, and terrorism threats. The emergence of these issues establishes the need for an educated and well-prepared environmental health workforce.

The essence of environmental health is the prevention, detection and control of environmental hazards which affect human health and include the following considerations as an integral part of that process:

- waste management;
- water and food control and safety;
- housing;
- vermin control ;
- epidemiological control;
- air quality management;
- water resources management;
- noise control;
- protection of the recreational environment;
- educational activities;
- promotion and enforcement of environmental health quality standards;
- collaborative efforts to study the effects of environmental hazards;
- environmental impact assessment.

Environmental health officers can play a key role in addressing the aforementioned considerations if adequately trained in emergency management. The State Emergency Management Plan (2003 Edition) confirms local government having a role in emergency management and health to be a functional service.

Disease Control

The AIEH with the Department of Health have developed written advice for cleaning staff for the 'Safe Cleaning Practices of Premises after the Removal of Human Remains'

The AIEH SIG is also maintaining close liaisons with the Department of Health and other key stakeholders with regard to the 'Pandemic Influenza' issue of our time. The group seeks to continue to be at the forefront of this issue to enable dissemination of relevant information to all environmental health officers as it arises.

Hairdressing

The publication, Guidelines on the Public Health Standards of Practice for Hairdressing (Guidelines) was prepared by the Department of Health on behalf of the Public and Environmental Health Council.

In April 2006 the Department of Health held a training day for Environmental Health Officers to inform the officers of changes to the Guidelines.

AIEH (SA Branch) Environmental Management Special Interest Group

Environmental health officers of the Authority are participants in the Environmental Management Special Interest Group which

provides a forum to discuss environmental management issues, initiatives and policy direction relative to this area of work.

Hazardous Substances

Three environmental health officers from the Authority attended a workshop held by the Department of Health and the Australian Institute of Environmental Health on the management of asbestos in non-occupational settings. Presenters from the Department of Health, SafeWork SA, and the Environment Protection Authority provided resources to assist environmental health officers resolve asbestos issues.

Environmental Protection Enforcement Certificate Course

Two officers attended the Environment Protection Enforcement Certificate Course. It is a five day course that deals specifically with the Environment Protection Act, investigations and prosecutions.

Australian Institute of Environmental Health 32nd National Conference

The Australian Institute of Environmental Health held the 32nd National Conference in Adelaide during November 2005. The three day event was themed "Imagine Life Without Us?" One staff member from

the Authority was a member of the Conference Organising Committee.

The conference covered issues that related to environmental health at the local government level including; Legionella in water systems, the use of disinfectants, immunisation and food safety. The conference also highlighted the diversity of environmental health with guest speakers discussing the public health role in South East Asia after the 2004 Tsunami. These presentations covered the public and environmental health issues that are faced after a natural disaster, where extraordinary conditions are such that clean water is scarce, food is limited and there is a high risk of disease transmission amongst the population.

Current information on a variety of environmental health issues was provided by the key note speakers. The exhibitors and poster presentations provided further insight into environmental health and the important role that environmental health practitioners play in the 21st century.

Beyond Unsightly – A Holistic View of Insanitary Conditions

In January 2006 four officers of the Authority attended the "Beyond Unsightly - A Holistic View of Insanitary Conditions Seminar" conducted by the South Australian Branch of the Australian Institute of Environmental Health.

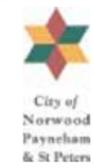
An overview of insanitary conditions predominantly involving residential premises was provided at the one day seminar.

The seminar highlighted the necessity for interdepartmental and or agency communication and cooperation with Community Services, Mental Health Service, the South Australian Housing Trust, and like agencies. The seminar identified that the complaints regarding alleged insanitary conditions vary in nature given the broad definition of 'insanitary condition' in the Public and Environmental Health Act, 1987.



EASTERN HEALTH AUTHORITY

AUDITOR'S REPORT



DEAN NEWBERY & PARTNERS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

ABN 49 976 436 356

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EASTERN HEALTH AUTHORITY INC

Scope

The special purpose financial report and Board's responsibility

The special purpose financial report comprises the balance sheet, income statement, cash flow statement, statement of changes in equity, notes to and forming part of the financial statements, adoption statement and the chief executive officer's statement for Eastern Health Authority Inc ("Authority"), for the year ended 30 June 2006.

The Board is responsible for the preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are consistent with financial reporting requirement of the Authority's Charter and are appropriate to meet the needs of members. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, and for the accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent in the financial report.

The special purpose financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Board's financial reporting requirements under the Authority's Charter. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Audit Approach

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

We performed procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies as described in Note 1, so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Authority's financial position, and of its performance as represented by the results of its operations and cashflows. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, and described in Note 1, are appropriate for the needs of the member.

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

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

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

Independence

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

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial position of Eastern Health Authority Inc as at 30 June 2006 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

DEAN NEWBERY & PARTNERS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS



DON VENN
SENIOR PARTNER

Signed on the 28th day of August 2006,
at 214 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide, South Australia 5006.

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Eastern Health Authority Inc

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S STATEMENT

Financial Statements
1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006

I, Michael Livori, the Chief Executive Officer of the Eastern Health Authority Inc, do hereby state that the Income Statement, Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 30th June 2006 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

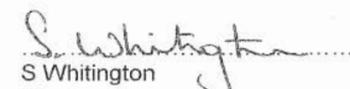
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M Livori
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

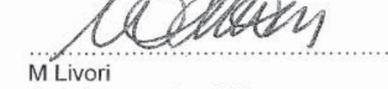
ADOPTION STATEMENT

Laid before the Board of Management of the Eastern Health Authority and adopted on 23rd August 2006.

S Whittington
Chairperson



M Livori
Chief Executive Officer



INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

EASTERN HEALTH AUTHORITY INC. INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Council Contributions	839,000	667,300
Investment Income	19,330	13,287
Commercial Activity Revenue	316,668	463,287
Gain on Disposal of Non Current Assets	1,943	0
Other	11,618	17,853
TOTAL INCOME	1,188,559	1,161,727
EXPENDITURE		
Employee Costs	765,200	727,593
Contractual Services	43,016	18,798
Administration	297,250	387,594
Repairs and Maintenance	47,936	41,100
Depreciation	10,681	15,001
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,164,083	1,190,086
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	24,476	(28,359)

EASTERN HEALTH AUTHORITY INC BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2006

	Notes	2006	2005
		\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash on Hand		4,730	2,507
Cash at Bank / (Overdraft)		(10,127)	44,961
Short Term Deposits - LGFA		270,852	228,261
Trade Receivables		18,350	19,774
Accrued Income		4,666	3,273
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		288,471	298,776
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade Payables		32,037	46,786
Other Payables and Accruals		14,919	10,857
Accrued Annual Leave	2	85,931	67,242
Provision for Long Service Leave	2	67,538	36,817
Provision for Doubtful Debts		1,245	0
GST Payable / (Claimable)		(12,242)	5,367
PAYG		12,004	12,455
FBT		6,936	7,118
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		208,368	186,642
NET CURRENT ASSETS		80,104	112,134
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Office Equipment & Furniture	3	48,118	48,220
Motor Vehicles	3	0	17,770
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		48,118	65,990
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provision for Long Service Leave	2	20,094	40,706
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		20,094	40,706
NET ASSETS		108,128	137,418
MEMBERS FUNDS			
Accumulated Surplus		100,466	119,756
Reserves		7,662	17,662
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS		108,128	137,418

EASTERN HEALTH AUTHORITY INC
CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts	1,167,316	1,233,707
Payments	(1,152,288)	(1,236,396)
Interest received	19,330	13,287
Net Cash used in Operating Activities	34,358	10,598
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Receipt		
Sale of Non-Current Assets	18,689	0
Payments		
Purchase of Non-Current Assets	(9,555)	(7,259)
Net Cash used in Investing Activities	9,134	(7,259)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Payments to Constituent Councils	(53,766)	0
Net Cash used in Financing Activities	(53,766)	0
Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held	(10,274)	3,339
Cash Held at Start of Reporting Period	275,729	272,390
Cash Held at End of Reporting Period	265,455	275,729

EASTERN HEALTH AUTHORITY INC
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

	Notes	2006	2005
		\$	\$
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS			
Balance at Beginning of Period		119,756	(12,690)
Net Surplus / (Deficit)		24,476	(28,359)
Transfers from Reserves		10,000	170,805
Transfers to Reserves		0	(10,000)
Distribution to Constituent Councils		(53,766)	0
Balance At End of Period		100,466	119,756
PLANT REPLACEMENT RESERVE 2(a)			
Balance at Beginning of Period		0	4,102
Transfers from Reserves		0	(4,102)
Balance At End of Period		0	0
SICK LEAVE RESERVE			
Balance at Beginning of Period		7,662	7,662
Transfers from Reserves		0	0
Transfers to Reserves		0	0
Balance At End of Period		7,662	7,662
MOTOR VEHICLE REPLACEMENT RESERVE			
Balance at Beginning of Period		0	68,409
Transfers from Reserves		0	(68,409)
Transfers to Reserves		0	0
Balance At End of Period		0	0
COMMITTED EXPENDITURE RESERVE			
Balance at Beginning of Period		10,000	86,294
Transfers from Reserves		(10,000)	(86,294)
Transfers to Reserves		0	10,000
Balance At End of Period		0	10,000
GENERAL RESERVE			
Balance at Beginning of Period		0	12,000
Transfers from Reserves		0	(12,000)
Transfers to Reserves		0	0
Balance At End of Period		0	0
Total Equity		108,128	137,418

EASTERN HEALTH AUTHORITY INC
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 1031 Materiality
 AASB 110 Events after the Balance Sheet Date

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

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 specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

(a) Acquisitions of Assets

The cost method of accounting is used for the initial recording of all acquisitions of assets. Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition and all other costs incurred in getting the assets ready for use.

Non-monetary assets received in the form of grants or donations are recognised as assets and revenues at their fair value at the date of receipt.

Fair value means the amount for which an asset could be exchanged between a knowledgeable, willing buyer and a knowledgeable, willing seller in an arm's length transaction.

(b) Depreciation of Non-current Assets

All non-current assets having a limited useful life 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 either a straight-line basis or diminishing value basis, depending on the nature of the item, using rates which are reviewed each reporting period.

Item	Method	Rate
Motor Vehicles	Straight Line	22.50%
Furniture & Fittings	Diminishing Value	10.00%
Computer Software	Straight Line	20.00%

1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(c) Maintenance and Repairs

Maintenance, repair costs and minor renewals are charged as expenses as incurred.

(d) Employee Benefits

(i) Wages and Salaries

A liability for wages and salaries is recognised, and is measured as the amount unpaid at balance date at current pay rates in respect of employees' services up to that date.

(ii) Annual and Long Service Leave

A liability for annual and long service leave is recognised at balance date having regard to the employees' years of service.

(iii) Superannuation

The superannuation expenses for the reporting period is the amount of the statutory contribution the Authority makes to the superannuation plan which provides benefits to its employees.

(e) Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash includes cash on hand, cash at bank short term deposits LGFA and net of bank overdrafts.

2 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

ACCRUED ANNUAL LEAVE

			2006	2005
			\$	\$
	Annual leave	On costs	Total	Total
Liability to 30/06/05	56,792	10,450	67,242	78,665
Increase (Decrease) 05/06	21,327	(2,638)	18,689	(11,423)
	78,119	7,812	85,931	67,242

PROVISION FOR LONG SERVICE LEAVE

			2006	2005
			\$	\$
	Long Service Leave	On costs	Total	Total
Liability to 30/06/05	65,475	12,047	77,522	74,184
Increase (Decrease) 05/06	14,191	(4,081)	10,110	3,338
	79,666	7,966	87,632	77,522

3 PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
Office Equipment & Furniture	114,997	105,442
Less Depreciation	66,879	57,222
	48,118	48,220
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Motor Vehicles	0	30,150
Less Depreciation	0	12,380
	0	17,770

4 CASHFLOW INFORMATION

RECONCILIATION OF CASHFLOW FROM OPERATIONS WITH NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	24,476	(28,359)
Non Cash Items		
<i>Depreciation</i>	10,681	15,001
<i>Gain on disposal of Motor Vehicles</i>	(1,943)	0
Movements in Assets and Liabilities		
(Increase) Decrease in Trade Receivables and Accrued Income	30	6,495
Increase (Decrease) in Trade Payables, Accruals, GST and PAYG	(10,240)	25,545
Increase (Decrease) in Provisions	11,354	(8,084)
Net Cash Inflow from Operating Activities	34,358	10,598

5 RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Cash at the end of the financial year, as shown in the Cash Flow Statement, is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
Cash on Hand	4,730	2,507
Cash at Bank	(10,127)	44,961
Short Term Deposits LGFA	270,852	228,261
	265,455	275,729

6 OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

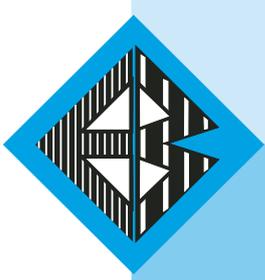
At the reporting date the Authority had the following obligations under non-cancellable operating leases not recognised as liabilities in the accounts.

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
(a) Rental of Office		
- Not later than 1 year	40,740	40,300
- Later than 1 year but not later than 2 years	41,962	41,509
- Later than 2 years but not later than 5 years	43,221	24,940
(b) Motor Vehicle Leases		
- Not later than 1 year	21,409	27,504
- Later than 1 year but not later than 2 years	0	3,705
(c) Computer Leases		
- Not later than 1 year	12,444	13,949
- Later than 1 year but not later than 2 years	12,444	0
- Later than 2 years but not later than 5 years	12,444	0
(d) Photocopier Lease		
- Not later than 1 year	2,560	2,560
- Later than 1 year but not later than 2 years	213	2,560
- Later than 2 years but not later than 5 years	0	213
TOTAL OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS	187,437	157,240

EASTERN HEALTH AUTHORITY INC
DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

	BUDGET 2006 \$	REV BUDGET 2006 \$	ACTUAL 2006 \$	ACTUAL 2005 \$
REVENUE				
Contributions				
City of Burnside	218,074	218,074	218,074	210,800
City of Campbelltown	182,773	182,773	182,772	198,922
City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters	283,421	283,421	283,420	257,578
City of Prospect	108,423	108,423	108,424	0
Town of Walkerville	46,309	46,309	46,310	0
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	839,000	839,000	839,000	667,300
General Receipts				
Licences	5,300	5,300	1,400	5,600
Bank Interest	15,000	15,000	19,330	13,287
Inspection Fees	55,000	48,000	50,401	48,449
Sundries	3,000	20,000	2,760	10,580
Fines	5,000	14,000	13,911	10,605
Immunisation Fees for Service	60,000	85,000	114,382	134,168
Immunisation Fees - Schools	61,500	67,500	67,659	103,116
Child Immunisation Register	22,000	17,000	18,439	19,545
Motor Vehicle Reimbursements	9,300	9,300	8,858	7,273
Sale of Fixed Assets	0	0	1,943	0
City of Adelaide	33,500	44,000	50,477	26,804
Town of Walkerville	0	0	0	30,000
City of Prospect	0	0	0	85,000
TOTAL GENERAL	269,600	325,100	349,559	494,427
TOTAL REVENUE	1,108,600	1,164,100	1,188,559	1,161,727

	BUDGET 2006 \$	REV BUDGET 2006 \$	ACTUAL 2006 \$	ACTUAL 2005 \$
EXPENSES				
Administration Services	20,000	20,000	18,367	20,479
Audit/Accounting	5,000	5,000	2,400	3,753
Bank Charges	1,000	1,000	623	984
Board of Management	4,000	4,000	4,237	3,969
Business Plan Consultant	0	0	10,000	0
Cleaning & Materials	10,500	10,500	8,270	9,418
Depreciation - Office F&E	0	0	9,658	8,217
Depreciation - Plant & Equipment	0	0	1,023	6,784
Doubtful Debts Expense	0	0	1,245	0
Electricity	7,000	7,000	7,822	5,499
Fringe Benefits Tax	24,000	24,000	27,655	30,336
Health Promotion Program	2,000	2,000	1,506	858
Immunisation Fee for Service	34,000	50,000	60,423	88,013
Immunisation SBP Consumables	6,000	6,000	10,589	5,177
Incr Annual Leave Liability	0	0	443	(11,996)
Incr Annual Leave Liab Oncosts	0	0	7,369	573
Incr LSL Liability	0	0	2,143	1,231
Incr LSL Liability OnCosts	0	0	5,823	2,108
Insurance	15,500	15,500	15,965	14,630
IT Lease/Maintenance	15,000	15,000	15,591	9,105
Legal	8,000	8,000	28,416	12,845
Long Service Leave Appr.	16,000	16,000	2,143	15,925
Equipment Leasing	18,000	18,000	16,505	17,186
Equipment purchases	8,000	8,000	0	607
Medical Officer of Health	2,500	2,500	2,200	2,200
Occ. Health & Safety	2,000	2,000	288	1,841
Office Refurbishment	0	0	0	70,038
Postage	5,500	5,500	3,946	3,549
Printing & Stationery	12,500	12,500	11,340	12,720
Rent	40,300	40,300	41,255	38,550
Rodenticide	2,500	2,500	3,821	2,568
Salaries & Wages	690,000	690,000	688,608	662,276
Sharps disposal	500	500	459	296
Staff Training & Publications	15,000	15,000	12,249	12,933
Sundry Expenses	0	0	0	2,765
Superannuation	60,000	60,000	58,671	57,476
Telephone	12,000	12,000	13,206	11,652
Uniforms/Income Protection Ins	6,500	6,500	4,811	5,283
Vehicle Leasing/Maintenance	58,000	58,000	57,686	51,893
Workers Comp Insurance	7,300	7,300	7,323	8,345
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,108,600	1,124,600	1,164,083	1,190,086
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	0	39,500	24,476	(28,359)



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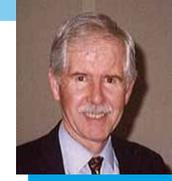
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Chairman's Overview

East Waste continues to make an important contribution to the ability of Local Government to remain local and focused in our communities whilst benefiting from economies of scale. Created in 1928, through its 78 year history the body has retained its relevance and developed its expertise to serve our communities in ever more innovative ways.

The successful Bio-bin trial and its proposed extension to other member Councils is typical of East Wastes search for potential innovations to assist the environmental issues that face our community, whilst not distracting delivery of the practical solutions oriented approach for which we are respected and know.

Looking forward, the new era of waste management is focused on the environmental target of achieving 75% diversion of household waste streams away from landfill. All of our member Councils are above the 50% diversion level and Mitcham, who are close to 60% must be commended for their efforts.

The cost benefit of the utilization of East Waste as Councils provider remains more than competitive; the per annum savings are very real and only occur as a result of the high levels of co-operation that exists between these partners. The integration of services continues to provide the 25% of Adelaide's households presently serviced by East Waste with greater savings and the highest quality of waste management services.

Continuous improvement is a cornerstone of our activities; our Business Plan has served us well and is being reviewed along with our Charter to provide us with the necessary guidance for our business and governance well into the future.

I welcome Lindsay Carthew who has just been appointed to our board and express our gratitude and thanks to retiring board member Doug Ayleen for his years of valuable service to this Board.



Lastly, I thank my board members, management and staff for their support. It is pleasing to be working collaboratively with such a diverse group and have the positive outcomes and unity of purpose that sets us apart and preserves the value of the contribution our councils make to success in local government waste collection.

JOHN RICH
Chairman



Chief Executive Officer's Report



This, my third report as Chief Executive of East Waste, details just some of the rewarding and stimulating 'works in progress' that has been the hallmark of this 12 months of my tenure.

A big thank you to all my staff including Drivers, Mechanical and Administrative staff who have continued to strengthen our motto of "Proudly Serving our Communities". Their hard work, perseverance, imagination and general willingness to get on with the job whatever the circumstances and to provide quality customer service has no peer in the industry.

Our Business Plan, presently under review, when complete later in this new year will take us through 2006/7 to 2010/11 and provide the grounding to take the business well into the future providing the necessary business stability for the provision of quality waste services (in all its formats) to constituent and client councils. This year was also the first full year of operation as a new entity separated from the Highbury Landfill.

The operating result of a surplus of \$20,000 and equity of \$70,000 within such a short timeframe and in a climate of soaring fuel costs having started from zero is a more than appropriate result for the year.

Summary of Business Activities

Collection Service

At the 30th of June East Waste provided a variety of services to the membership of Norwood Payneham & St Peters, Walkerville, Burnside, Campbelltown, Adelaide Hills and Mitcham. The year saw East Waste serving approximately 105,000 households with 160,000 collections per week, this level is expected to continue during the coming year.

Mitcham was 0.17% away from the 60% diversion mark and has achieved the magical 5kgs per household per week in dry recyclables, by all appearances the first in the State.

Burnside Council has continued with the split bin system for the present.

Three Bin System

Norwood, Payneham & St Peters Council, Walkerville, Campbelltown and Mitcham Councils have all moved to the 3 bin system. All our Councils are now diverting greater than 50% of waste away from landfill.



Bio-Bin Trial

East Waste has made application to continue trialling the extraction of Food Waste from Residual Waste and hopes to trial 3,700 households across various demographics in Campbelltown, Norwood Payneham & St Peters and Mitcham during 2006/7. The trial, if approved, will partner with these Councils, East Waste, Zerowaste SA and Jeffries and intends to build on the successful Burnside trial via the three bin system and differing demographics aiming towards the States planned 75% diversion from Landfill by 2010.

The trial at Burnside resulted in a strong lift in organics collection (up 20%) and a surprisingly strong lift in dry recyclables as well (up 15%). The resulting survey of residents showed a 98% approval rating by the 80% that used the system; a spectacular rate of approval for the system.



Hooklift

Transfer station services to members and clients have been expanded during the latter part of the year and it is expected that a high level of utilization of the Hooklift asset will be maintained for the next several years making this a quality service for both members and a variety of local Government clients.

Geoff Johnston
Chief Executive Officer

Hard Refuse

The business of Hard Refuse collection continues successfully with Adelaide Hills, Norwood Payneham & St Peters participating and Mitcham beginning in the next couple of months. The ability for Mitcham to move to an on-call service will also be reviewed later in the coming year.



Eastern Waste Management Authority Inc

Summary of the Operating Statement for the year ended 30 June 2006

	2006 \$	2005 \$
REVENUE		
Collection Charges – Constituent Councils	7,445,586	4,751,333
Collection Charges – Contracts	87,824	1,223,819
Interest Income	15,573	49,173
Sundry Income	133,075	65,515
(Loss)/Profit on sale of fixed assets	(13,862)	332
TOTAL	\$7,668,196	\$6,090,172
EXPENSES		
Administration	1,054,702	1,015,334
Depreciation	1,275,917	1,074,138
Disposal and Collection Costs	2,814,210	1,934,390
Employee Costs	2,501,373	1,966,393
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7,646,202	\$5,990,255
Surplus before tax equivalent	21,994	99,917
Less Income Tax Equivalent charge arising from the Principle of Competitive Neutrality to December 2004	2,292	18,978
Surplus from operations after tax equivalent	19,702	80,939
Net surplus resulting from operations	\$19,702	\$80,939
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	140,617	257,357
Investments	265,527	-
Trade and other receivables	240,595	283,433
Other	34,023	5,681
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$680,762	\$546,471
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	628,658	566,668
Provisions	108,109	201,459
Loans	1,225,085	1,191,015
Other	2,292	15,827
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$1,964,144	\$1,974,969
NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES)	(\$1,283,382)	(\$1,428,498)
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Buildings	12,572	17,269
Equipment	8,715,993	9,921,554
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	\$8,728,565	\$9,938,823
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Provisions	158,145	122,893
Loans	7,216,970	8,338,217
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$7,375,115	\$8,461,110
NET NON-CURRENT ASSETS	\$1,353,450	\$1,477,713
EQUITY		
Accumulated surplus	70,068	49,215
TOTAL EQUITY	\$70,068	\$49,215



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City of Campbelltown



Mr Adrian Sykes
City of Charles Sturt



Mr Peter Perilli
City of Norwood
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Cr Mike Stock
City of Norwood
Payneham & St Peters



Mr Ron Wallace
Town of Walkerville



Mr Michael Leyland, Adelaide City Council
Deputy Board Member from 28 March 2006
(with the resignation of Mr Michael Lorenz)



The WCSA facility and the weighbridge entrance to the Wingfield Waste & Recycling Centre

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Adelaide metropolitan waste market, over the last 12 months, has been reacting to the closure of the Wingfield landfill and trading conditions have been very challenging. The prices charged for receiving and disposing of waste do not reflect the investment and operational costs of the new facilities that came on stream after the landfill closure.

Even though Waste Care SA (WCSA) is protected from commercial losses in its Operations Agreement with Waste Management Pacific (SA) Pty Ltd (WMP), the Regional Subsidiary's (RS) success is linked to the performance of the Wingfield Waste Recovery Centre ("the facility") and the financial results of WCSA, while generally in line with the approved budget for the year, reflect a small loss on a cash basis for the last 12 months.

The original projections of WCSA on throughput tonnage has not been met as commercial and industrial waste in Adelaide is being diverted with the construction and demolition waste stream for some pre-treatment and resource recovery with the residual waste mainly stockpiled rather than landfilled.



WCSA also experienced an immediate reduction in its domestic waste stream from the original projections as one of its Member Councils introduced a 3 bin collection system before the end of an existing collection contract. While this is to be applauded because of the increased resource recovery, the original financial projections of WCSA were based on tonnages being reduced when this contract reached its full term, ie, in Year 4 rather than Year 1.

The Board of WCSA has reacted to the tough market conditions by working with its private contractor to improve the performance of the WCSA facility and be active in promoting a level playing field to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) for all waste operators in Adelaide.

The Executive Officer and I have met with the Minister for the Environment and the Chief Executive Officers of the Department of Environment & Heritage, the EPA and Zero Waste SA to explain the need to adopt a consistent application in enforcing the appropriate standards for waste depots so that resource recovery strategies of the State can be achieved.

WCSA also produced a *Discussion Paper* that was circulated widely throughout the waste industry and Local Government addressing the issues facing the resource recovery and waste market. This paper stimulated much debate and was generally very well received.

The Board has also continued to develop relationships with other Local Government Waste Authorities, State Government Agencies and the Local Government Association so that a united approach is fostered in meeting the challenges of managing the community's waste.

The composition of the Board of WCSA has altered slightly since my last Annual Report. Mr Peter Perilli who was a Deputy Board Member for the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters was appointed as Board Member and Cr Mike Stock as Deputy Board Member for that Council. Mr Michael Lorenz resigned from the Adelaide City Council (ACC) in March 2006 and Mr Michael Leyland replaced Michael as Deputy Board Member for ACC.

With the resignation of Mr Lorenz, Mr Adrian Sykes from the City of Charles Sturt was appointed to the Management Committee which operates under the Project Agreement between WCSA and WMP and meets regularly to discuss operational and marketing issues of the facility.

Around May of this year Transpacific Industries Group Ltd (TPI) announced its intention to merge with Waste Management NZ Ltd. This merger was approved and took place on 3 July 2006. This has meant that the new waste contractor for WCSA is now TPI and it is bound by the contractual arrangements that were in place with Waste Management NZ Ltd, through its wholly-owned subsidiary WMP.

TPI is a large publicly-listed Australian company with a capital value of \$2 billion, 4,000 workers and 2,800 trucks in its fleet, working in liquid and solid waste and the energy sector. TPI brings a strong financial and strategic approach to the Adelaide waste market and the Board of WCSA is looking forward to working with TPI to improve the Adelaide waste market and resource recovery.

WCSA continues to have its management services provided by *TJH Management Services Pty Ltd* (TJHMS) and I would like to thank the EO and staff of TJHMS for their hard work and commitment during the year.

In accordance with the charter of WCSA, the Annual Report has been compiled to report against the objectives and strategies of the WCSA Business Plan 2005 to 2008 and, on behalf of the Member Councils of Adelaide, Campbelltown, Charles Sturt, Norwood Payneham & St Peters, Prospect and Walkerville, I commend to you Waste Care SA's 2005/2006 Annual Report.

Ray Pincombe
CHAIRMAN



Entrance to the WCSA facility



Tipping waste inside the facility



Road train in tunnel loading for Inkerman Landfill

THE YEAR IN REVIEW



Objectives of the WCSA Business Plan:

- Demonstrate commercial viability of WCSA, maintain a strong commercial relationship with WMP and provide a high standard of contract management.
- Expand the membership base of WCSA subject to Member Council approval.
- Develop strong partnerships and collaborative structures with State and Local Government bodies and other key stakeholders.
- Take a leadership role in developing a best practice waste management system for metropolitan Adelaide.
- Influence State Government waste policy and ensure that the EPA creates and maintains a level playing field for all waste operators in metropolitan Adelaide.
- Monitor alternative waste technology and commercial and industrial recovery technology (eg, “dirty” Materials Recovery Facility) as a sustainable, affordable waste solution for Local Government across Adelaide.
- Coordinate research and education programs on best practice waste management.

WCSA’s Activities during the Year in achieving the Strategies set out in Business Plan:

- **Consolidate the financial position of WCSA by managing the Project Agreement and Operations Agreement with WMP.**
Management Committee met regularly through the year to review operational and marketing issues, as required under the Operations Agreement.
 - ❖ *Internal OH&S and Environmental Audit of the facility undertaken by WMP with excellent results.*
 - ❖ *EPA external audit of the Wingfield precinct with WCSA operation being completely compliant.*
 - ❖ *Database of all Member Council waste streams and collection services compiled.*
 - ❖ *Oil collection facility funded by Zero Waste SA established.*
 - ❖ *Casual use of the facility by Mitcham and Adelaide Hills Councils during the year.*
 - ❖ *Compliance of contract requirements maintained by both WCSA and WMP.*
- **Build relationships with Local Government at the regional and council level to foster cooperation in future technology, research and education and effectively communicate with Member Councils.**
 - ❖ *Presentations made to the WCSA Board Meetings from representatives of Zero Waste SA and the EPA during the year.*
 - ❖ *Ongoing liaison and meetings with the Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority, the Southern Region Waste Resource Authority and East Waste.*
 - ❖ *Circulation throughout the industry and Local Government of the discussion paper covering the following issues:*
 - EPA licence conditions
 - Closure of major metropolitan (as well as country and regional) landfills
 - The EPA Environment Protection (Waste to Resources) Policy as a legislative framework to underpin the State Waste Strategy
 - Understanding the cost of recovery targets for Local Government
 - Alternative technology
 - Education
 - Application of the EPA landfill levy
 - Market development (recyclables)
 - Hazardous waste
 - A more efficient Local Government waste management structure.
 - ❖ *WCSA represented and/or presented at the following conferences/seminars:*
 - A South-Western Regional Waste Management Strategy Workshop in July
 - The *Waste Q 2005 Conference* in Brisbane in September 2005
 - A breakfast forum in October 2005 with EPA Board Members and industry representatives
 - A Local Government Association (LGA) hosted *Resource Recovery and Waste Summit* in February 2006
 - A “Towards Zero Waste Conference” in May 2006.
 - ❖ *The official opening of the facility in September 2005 and site visits through the facility and the Inkerman landfill, including overseas visitors such as four Mayors from Shandong Province, China.*
 - ❖ *An executive summary of the outcomes of all Board Meetings circulated to Member Councils.*
- **Establish a dry recyclables Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) within the Wingfield Waste & Recycling Centre (“the centre”).**
This strategy relates to an entitlement in WCSA’s lease with ACC to build a MRF if a market test proves a more cost effective outcome for Member Councils. This strategy will be acted on when Member Councils renew their contracts for recycling collection.
- **Maximise the commercial return to WCSA for the exclusive right to receive green organics on the centre without increasing the investment risk profile of the RS.**
WCSA has an exclusive right to receive green organics at the centre. The Board of WCSA authorized a sub-lease with Jeffries to move its initial processing and retail business from Cormack Road to the centre. The Board took a strategic view in negotiating this deal to protect the interest of Local Government and its Member Councils to control the future cost of green organics processing. The Board also expects the revenue stream to build progressively over time from the commercial arrangements agreed between WCSA, Jeffries and WMP.
- **Work with WMP to establish a “dirty MRF” to sustainably process and recover resources from the commercial and industrial (C&I) waste stream.**
The Board is keen to ensure that the WCSA facility continues to foster resource recovery of the C&I waste stream. WMP has established a relationship with AMCOR that is shortly to move its head office from Dry Creek to the centre and establish a “dirty MRF”. WCSA will continue to liaise with WMP in forging an arrangement with its co-tenant, AMCOR, to achieve a win-win situation for all parties.



- **Actively represent WCSA on the centre marketing group established by ACC and ensure compliance with the permitted uses in the lease of each tenant of the centre and promote the education centre now relocated adjacent to the weighbridge.**

WCSA takes an active role in the regular marketing committee meetings convened by ACC. All tenants should be located on the site by the end of this year and have agreed to a new branding for the centre that was known as the WERM Centre and is now called the Wingfield Waste & Recycling Centre. A new logo for the centre is now being used, and common signage and a website are being developed.

The education centre at Wingfield has now been relocated adjacent to the weighbridge entrance and KESAB has been approached to coordinate an education program promoting the centre consistent with the State waste curriculum. It is also planned to have close circuit TV fed back to the centre from the operations on the site.

- **Continue to benchmark the administration and management of the RS to ensure the most efficient and cost-effective operational structure for the RS.**

The Board received a report on options for the administration of WCSA and entered into an outsourcing contract with *TJH Management Services Pty Ltd* that is due to be reviewed at the end of the year. The contract sets the key performance parameters and this is monitored by the Board.

- **Review and amend the WCSA charter to be consistent with the contractual obligations of WCSA and to improve the overall governance of the RS.**

The charter of WCSA requires the Board to review its charter every three years. This review will be undertaken in February 2007.



Green waste received at Jeffries



Initial Processing



Final products at retail outlet



FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
	\$	\$
<u>OPERATING REVENUE</u>		
Members Contributions	134,317	134,317
Investment Income	15,453	16,669
Commercial Activities	981,344	515,541
Other	9,945	-
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	1,141,059	666,527
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>		
Contractual Services	376,074	265,044
Finance Charges	756,372	358,669
Employee Expenses	-	387
Amortisation	28,170	28,170
Insurance	50,676	52,987
Other	4,054	-
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	1,215,346	705,257
NET (DEFICIT) RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	(74,287)	(38,730)
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Cash	268,830	615,153
Receivables	204,581	235,210
Total Current Assets	473,411	850,363
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Creditors and Provisions	511,297	904,489
LGFA	50,000	-
GST Payable	733	6,315
Other	-	63,660
Total Current Liabilities	562,030	974,464
NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES)	(88,619)	(124,101)
<u>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Plant & Equipment	11,225,358	11,253,527
Total Non-Current Assets	11,225,358	11,253,527
<u>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
LGFA Loan	11,281,600	11,200,000
Total Non-Current Liabilities	11,281,600	11,200,000
NET (LIABILITIES)	(144,861)	(70,574)
<u>EQUITY</u>		
Accumulated Deficit	(144,861)	(70,574)
TOTAL (DEFICIENCY)	(144,861)	(70,574)

HIGHBURY LANDFILL AUTHORITY

Member Councils • City of Burnside • City of Norwood, Payneham & St. Peters • Corporation of The Town of Walkerville

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HIGHBURY LANDFILL AUTHORITY

The Highbury Landfill Authority has successfully completed its first year of operating independent of the "Wheels Business" which has continued as East Waste.

Works at the Highbury site has included some runoff management and the demolition of all the buildings on site. Undergrowth management has also been carried out along with reparations to several boundary fences.

The Authority has completed a detailed review of its risk management in conjunction with all its stakeholders (including EPA) and guided by its Consultant Golder Associates.

Environmental monitoring is regularly conducted on-site.

Landfill Gas production in the landfill continues to be managed by Energy Developments Limited through recovery and generation of electricity. Gas yields are showing a continuing reducing trend. In addition weekly monitoring of perimeter LFG wells is undertaken by Golder Associates to monitor effectiveness of Landfill Gas controls on-site.

Ground water and surface water monitoring by URS show that groundwater quality generally remains within the range of historical values recorded at the site. Groundwater levels have continued their gradual fall.

HLA is progressing preliminary works associated with the final capping of the site.

Funding of environmental monitoring and site operations on an ongoing basis is provided by Member Councils. A review of the cost of the capping works has been completed. This review has confirmed that the Authorities funds cover the current estimated cost of the capping works.

A big thank you to all those who assisted in the various processes of management and advice to the Authority throughout the year.

Geoff Johnston
Chief Executive Officer



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Norwood
Payneham
& St Peters

HIGHBURY LANDFILL AUTHORITY

Summary of the Operating Statement for the year ended 30 June 2006

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Highbury Levy	77,000	38,500
Interest Received	149,459	67,590
Sundry Income	4,700	-
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$231,159	\$106,090
EXPENSES		
Administration	48,890	17,860
Landfill Monitoring Costs	58,128	34,493
Expenses	45,654	22,056
Highbury Closure Increase in Provision	143,035	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$295,707	\$74,409
Net surplus/(Loss) resulting from operations	\$(64,548)	\$31,681
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	190,150	241,609
Trade and other Receivables	-	1,345
Investments	2,055,406	1,946,035
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$2,245,556	\$2,188,989
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other Payables	9,658	25,735
Provisions	300,000	300,000
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$309,658	\$325,735
NET CURRENT ASSETS	\$1,935,898	\$1,863,254
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Loans	754,151	759,503
Plant & Equipment	11,195	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	\$765,346	\$759,503
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Provisions	2,238,035	2,095,000
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$2,238,035	\$2,095,000
NET ASSETS	\$1,472,689	\$1,335,497
EQUITY		
Accumulated Funds	463,209	527,757
TOTAL EQUITY	\$463,209	\$527,757