



**Brighton
Council
Annual
Report
96-97**





A message from the mayor

Amalgamation

When the second annual report of the Brighton Council was prepared last year, further amalgamation of Tasmanian councils was not an issue, but one year later it appears that this, our third annual report, may be the last for the Brighton Council.

Following the Directions Statement by the Premier, Tony Rundle, on 10 April 1997, the Local Government Board was established to conduct an enquiry into a restructuring of local government. To assist in the preparation of a submission to the Board, Council carried out an assessment of the various options available under the directions given to the Board. Five options were considered in detail. They were:

Greater Hobart - a combination of Hobart, Glenorchy, Brighton, Clarence and Kingborough Councils.

Urban Hobart - which includes the urban areas of those five Councils.

The Central Hub - a combination of Brighton, Glenorchy, Derwent Valley, Southern Midlands and Central Highlands Councils.

Rural - which is based on the catchment areas of the Jordan and Coal Rivers and includes parts of the Central Highlands, Southern Midlands, Clarence and Brighton Councils.

Greater Rural - which includes Brighton, Derwent Valley, Southern Midlands, Central Highlands Councils and the Richmond/Otago Bay area of Clarence Council.

Council's detailed evaluation of these options was based on a number of criteria weighted according to their importance. These included water catchments, economies of scale, land form catchments, transportation links, common interests, historical interests, work centres, technology, physical/resources, population centres, management, financial risks, front end costs and learning costs. The final analysis came down to two options which Council found to be ranked fairly closely, Greater Hobart and Greater Rural. However, a ranking on critical parameters such as water catchment, economies of scale, land form catchment, transportation links, and common and historical interests significantly favoured the Greater Rural option.

Council's findings were strongly supported by an independent random telephone poll of residents. The poll involved 404 respondents, randomly selected from Telstra White Pages Listing. Of those, 299 were in the urban areas of Gagebrook, Bridgewater and Old Beach and 105 in rural areas. The poll found very strong support for Council and the services it was providing. Seventy five percent of respondents indicated they were happy with the overall level of service currently provided by Council.

There was also strong support for Brighton to continue with its current boundaries and little support for an option to become part of a Greater Hobart Council.

When respondents were asked whether they preferred Brighton Council to stay as it is, become part of a Greater Hobart Council or a Greater Rural Council, 53 percent preferred it to stay as it is, 31 percent preferred the option of a Greater Rural Council and 14 percent voted for Greater Hobart. When asked to choose which option they preferred if change has to take place, 68 percent preferred a change to a Greater Rural Council with 26 percent in favour of a Greater Hobart Council.

The poll results and Council's own assessment of the options provided a firm direction for Council's submission to the Local Government Board. I believe the submission reflects the common interests and aspirations of the community while meeting the requirements of the Directions Statement. It is expected the findings of the Board will be adopted before Christmas 1997.



Environment

During the year, Council was successful in obtaining \$180,000 from the Natural Heritage Trust Fund, under the Commonwealth River Works Program. The funds will assist Council to establish a radiata pine plantation at Brighton in a joint venture with Australian Newsprint Mills on land recently purchased by Council from Boral Australia. In the first ever joint venture in Tasmania between a Council and a private company, effluent from the Brighton sewerage lagoon will be used to irrigate the plantation. As a result, from September 1997 there will be no effluent at all draining into the Jordan River which will make a major contribution to improving the health of the local environment. **This is a ground breaking program of great significance.**

Planning

Council is pleased to see the improvement in planning systems as an outcome of the Board Inquiry requested by Council last year. We now have a consultant planner, Michael Shield and Council's new Planning Scheme is progressing well. A Land Use Strategy Plan has been adopted by Council, following extensive public consultation and a number of public meetings. I am confident the final planning document will be released before Christmas 1997.

Water supply

Council continues to argue its case with the Water Board about last year's account for water used by the municipality. We are pleased that the Board has amended its water pricing policy for 1997/98 to one now generally based on a consumption charge. Council and therefore residents will benefit from this change.

Poker machines

Council will continue to oppose the operation of poker machines in the municipality. The appeal hearing which followed Council's banning of poker machines in a Bridgewater hotel earlier this year found that Council had acted properly in accordance with its planning scheme. However it ruled that the State Gaming Control Act, which approved the installation of the machines, overrode Council's planning scheme. Council is disappointed with the outcome but accepts the decision. Council also has indicated its disappointment that gaming machines have since been installed in the Brighton Hotel.

I am happy to report that Council has been successful in obtaining the support of the Local Government Association to call on the State Government to conduct a review of the impact of poker machines in Tasmania.

Significant year

The 1996/97 year has been significant in the history of local government in Tasmania with further major changes likely to occur in 1997/98. I am very pleased to have been part of a Council which during this difficult period has been positive and progressive and has remained closely in touch with community values and aspirations and attempted to reflect those in the decisions it has made.

Tony Foster, Mayor

The Brighton Council



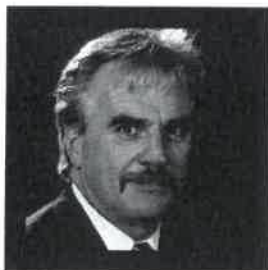
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The General Manager's report

Staff Restructuring

Following a review of Council's staff structure in the previous financial year, a new staff structure became effective in September 1996. The new structure has enabled Council to be more efficient and competitive and to meet the guidelines laid down by the National Competition Policy.

The new structure is divided into three streams, Physical Services, Regulatory Services and Corporate Services. Consultant Planner, Michael Shield is manager of Regulatory Services, and Ron Sanderson manages Corporate Services and Physical Services.

Council's accountant moved to private enterprise during the year and Council now employs a consultant accountant, Ian Stewart, for two days a week.

Computer Software

In the last Annual Report we reported that Council had successfully sold its computer software to two other Tasmanian Councils. Council has since entered into a joint venture with CV Services International to market the software interstate and overseas and already have a tender placed with a mainland Council. This is the second joint venture Council has entered into with a private company, the other being the pine plantation with Australian Newsprint Mills. Brighton is the only Council in the state to have entered into joint ventures with private companies.

We are very pleased that the Hobart City Council is trialling the software to demonstrate its suitability for large as well as smaller Councils. Council has made a submission to the Local Government Board with a view to other Councils adopting the software either before or after amalgamations.

Community Services

It is pleasing to report that with an enthusiastic new management committee and a new name, the former Bridgewater Sporting Complex is up and running and looking forward to a busy future. The new Bridgewater Recreation and Sports Centre will continue to operate from the Bridgewater High School outside normal school hours with a variety of programs and activities.

The Sporting Complex was lacking community support and the centre was under utilised. Facing the threat of closure, a public meeting held at Bridgewater attended by over 80 people established a new management committee and elected the following office bearers: President Darren Purcell, Vice President Cris Fitzpatrick, Treasurer Chris Turner, Secretary Karina Simpson. With strong community support the Centre should have a busy and productive future.

Child Care

Following the withdrawal of the operational grant previously provided by the Commonwealth, the Bridgewater Long Day Care Centre was facing severe financial problems and the possibility of not being able to continue. Council agreed to provide a subsidy for the 1997/98 year to ensure the Centre can continue the valuable child care services it offers the community. The Centre has adopted a strategic plan for its future operation which includes more actively marketing of its services to the community.

Youth Activities Service

The Youth Activities Service which provides out of school hours activities for school aged children for a couple of hours a day at 1C McShane Road, Bridgewater also experienced financial difficulties during the year. Council provided limited financial support and the Centre will also prepare a strategic plan for future operations.



Employment

In the past, Council has been involved as a broker for the Jobskills Program but with the introduction of the Work for the Dole Program Council chose not to be actively involved. However, the Bridgewater Skillshare Centre was keen to participate as a broker and Council will be working closely with Skillshare in seeking to provide employment opportunities in the municipality.

Industrial Land

Good progress has been made with development of the Industrial Estate at Bridgewater. During the year Council contributed almost \$100,000 to the construction of a new road which has enabled the area to be opened up for development. Two proposals for development have been received and some of the land has already been sold.

Council is keen to see new industries moving into the area and has adopted a rate incentive policy aimed at encouraging new job creation. Every job created by an employer located at the industrial site will qualify for a 2 percent reduction in the General Rate, to a maximum of 100 percent for the creation of 50 new jobs or more. The reduction applies only to the General Rate not to Service Rates.

A brochure promoting the availability of the industrial land has been funded by Council for wide distribution. Council has also been successful in obtaining assistance to promote the Industrial Estate from Tasmania Development and Resources.

Access for disabled

Council has recently taken over the disabled car parking spaces at the Cove Hill Shopping Centre and, as a result, agreed to set up an Access Advisory Committee to advise Council on access problems for the disabled. Nominations have been called for a committee to be established in the 1997/98 year.

An easy access ramp has been constructed at the front entrance of the Council Chambers and Council has addressed the problem of access at local shopping centres which all now have easy access entrances for wheel chairs.

New Councillor

During the year Councillor John Bush resigned from Council to move to Ross as licensee of the Man O' Ross Hotel. A former Councillor Peter Geard was elected in the resulting recount.

Thanks

As this is likely to be the last Annual Report for the Brighton Council I would like to thank Council staff for their support and enthusiasm in facing the challenges of change during our brief history as Brighton Council. Many good things have been achieved and I believe together we have developed a Council which is close to the community it serves.

Geoff Dodge, General Manager



Engineering Services

Operational plan highlights

Roads

Objective

To maintain the road network to a standard that is acceptable and safe for the travelling public and other road users.

Action Plan

Maintain all roads within the road network to a level that is the same or equal with their importance within the network.

Improve the standard of the major gravel road network by sealing 1 km of gravel road per year.

Performance

Major reconstruction works were undertaken in Bridgewater.

Church Road was sealed to the Cranes Road intersection (1.2 km) and another section (1.2 km) of Back Tea Tree Road was sealed.

A further stage of kerb and channel works in Jetty Road, Old Beach was completed.

Sewerage

Objective

To maintain the sewerage system to a standard that will adequately convey and treat effluent without adverse effect to the environment.

Action Plan

Ensure that all sewage pump stations are maintained at a level that does not create a health hazard, pollute the environment or create a nuisance.

Performance

Installed alarm 'dialers' for pump stations and achieved continued improvement in pump station operations and maintenance.

Initiated a smoke testing program in Brighton to reduce the incidence of stormwater entering the sewerage reticulation system.

Received an \$180,000 grant from the Natural Heritage Trust to continue the Brighton Effluent Re-use Project.

Water supply

Objective

To maintain the water supply storage reservoirs and reticulation system to a standard that will supply potable water to all existing consumers with minimal interruption.

Action Plan

Ensure that adequate supply and pressure are preserved for both domestic and emergency use.

Performance

Completed water main extensions in the Brighton area.

Completed works for the high level reticulation reservoir at Horton Hill.

Installed bulk water meters at Bridgewater High School and Housing units.

Waste Management

Objective

To have a healthy environment and a level of service equivalent to community expectations.

Action Plan

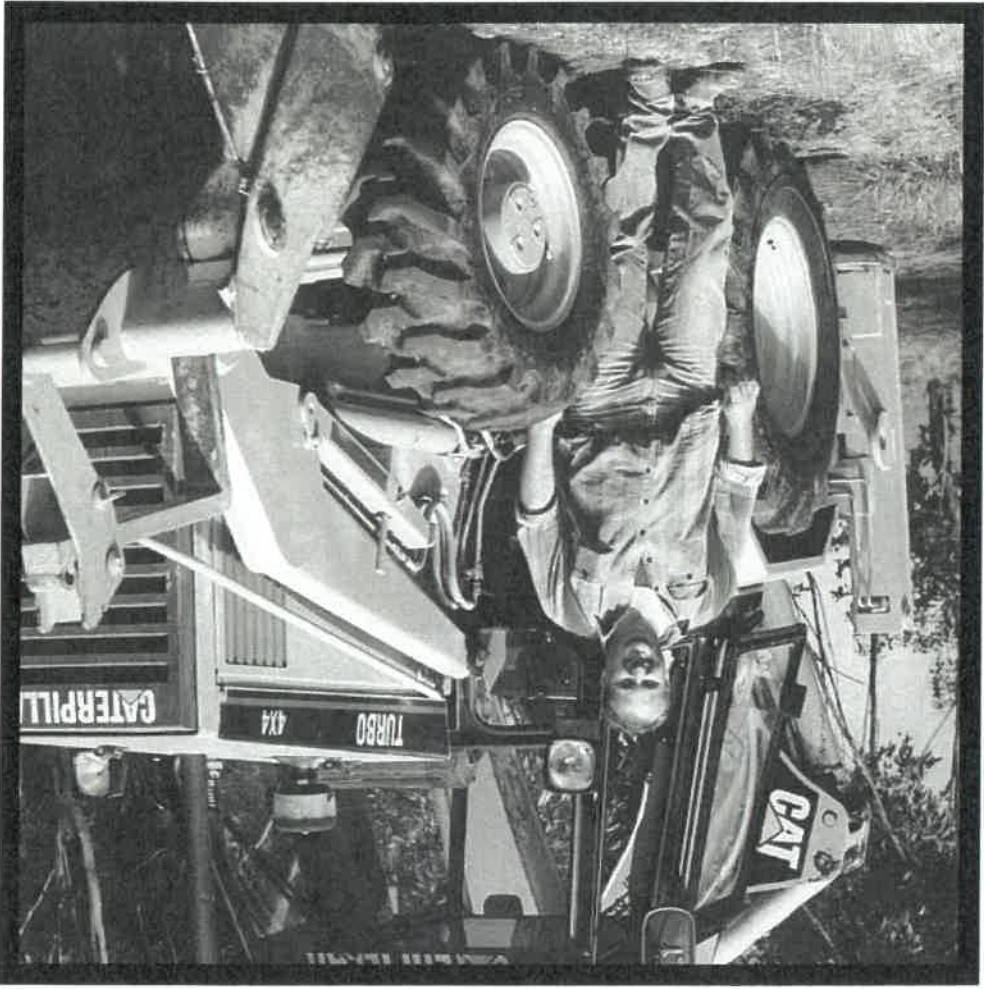
Maintain a high level of service for the kerbside collection of garbage and recyclable material.

Maximise the reduction of waste landfill.

Performance

Introduced a fortnightly Mobile Garbage Bin service to urban areas.

The number of loads moved from Council's Waste Transfer Station was 3% less than the previous year - a continued reduction.





Environmental Services, & Community Operational plan highlights

Objective

To have a healthy environment and a level of service equivalent to community expectations.

Environmental health

Action Plan

Conduct monthly immunisation clinics, annual school immunisation and promote the need for immunisation.

Inspection and licensing of food premises, places of public entertainment and septic tank installations.

Undertake a public awareness program for Council's environmental services.

Performance

The number of adults and children immunised was 27% less than the previous year.

Council staff conducted workshops, school visits, a mail out and public displays and prepared media releases and advertisements to inform the community on food preparation and other public health related matters.

Animal Control

Action Plan

To maintain an effective dog control program.

Performance

Dog registrations remained at similar levels with dog impoundments up 10% to the previous year. Less than 15% of impounded dogs were reclaimed which was a significant decrease from the previous year. There was an increase of over 12% in the number of registered complaints concerning dogs.

Reserves

Objective

To ensure reserves and public buildings meet the needs of sporting and community groups and the general public.

Action Plan

Maintain public buildings and reserves in good condition and encourage their use by the community.

Performance

Completed Derwent River foreshore walkway at Old Bridgewater.

Initiated Tasmania's first "Adopt-a-Highway" Program.

Planted 8,000 trees as part of an urban forest program in Bridgewater and Gagebrook.

Child and Family Day Care, Services for the Elderly

Objective

To ensure centre based Child Care and Family Day Care services are accessible and affordable to meet community needs.

Action Plan

Improve access to centre based Child Care.

Ensure quality care is available through dedicated, trained and accredited staff.

Improve site facilities at Gunn Street Bridgewater.

Performance

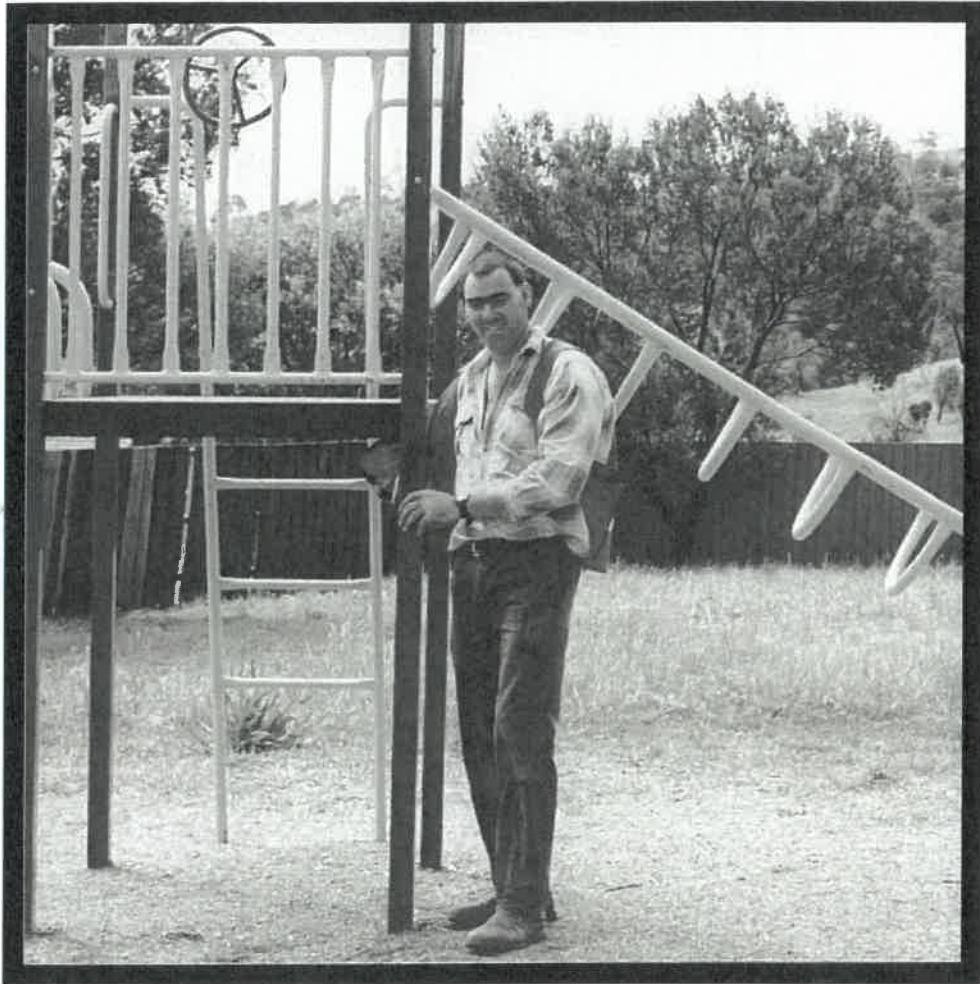
Upgraded kitchen and outdoor play equipment at the Community Child Care Centre with financial assistance from parents and friends.

Updated computer software to be in line with other FDC schemes.

Increased field visits and training for staff and carers.

Widened Resource Worker's role to include twice weekly play/training sessions for small groups, home visits, and re-establishment of Scheme playgroup.

Greater involvement of carers in all aspects of the Scheme.





Economic Development Operational plan highlights

Land Use Planning & Building Services

Objective

To promote the safety and amenity of the built environment.

To promote the heritage value of local buildings.

Encourage and manage development in order to promote an increased level of amenity and wealth in the environmental, social, economic and cultural facets of the municipality.

Action Plan

Strategic planning to promote sustainable development.

Prepare and implement a new planning scheme.

Performance

Council has completed a Land Use Planning Strategy for the municipality in consultation with the community.

Council processed 138 development and twenty five (25) subdivision applications and a total of one hundred and seventy-five (175) building permits.

Completion of twenty-nine (29) new industrial lots in the Bridgewater Industrial Estate has enabled a strong economic promotion of the area as an attractive transport development node.

Growth of residential development land between the Tivoli Green Golf Course and Old Beach is providing a continuing period of growth for the municipality.

A new planning scheme based on the provisions of a Model Ordinance approved by the State Government is being prepared to replace the 1992 Planning Scheme.

Upgrading of the Geographic Information System to ensure that ratepayers have the most up-to-date information in response to their enquiries.

Council has commenced an Integrated Catchment Management Plan for the Jordon River to improve the environmental qualities and health standards for future generations.

Involvement in planning studies for improvements to the road traffic network at the Bridgewater Bridge, Industrial Estate Clover-leaf, Brighton-Pontville By-pass.





Other Services, Resource Allocation Operational plan highlights

Administration and finance, Strategic planning

Objective

To pursue cost effective service delivery.

Action Plan

To ensure all residents have equal access to Council services and information.

To review Council's organisational performance.

To promote active participation by the community in the decision making process.

Performance

Establishment of a rate incentive scheme to encourage job creation.

Implementation of a new organisation structure to improve customer service and modification of council offices.

Construction of a new access road to open up the Bridgewater Industrial Estate for further development.

Receipt of the final BURP report (Bridgewater/Gagebrook Urban Renewal Project) resulting from extensive community consultation.

Human resources, plant & equipment, budget summary

Objective

Optimise utilisation of Council's staff, plant and equipment resources in an efficient and responsible manner.

Action Plan

Develop and implement resource sharing of major plant items with other councils.

Develop and implement a budgetary and associated reporting system to satisfy both internal and external requirements.

Maximise the use of any available grant funding.

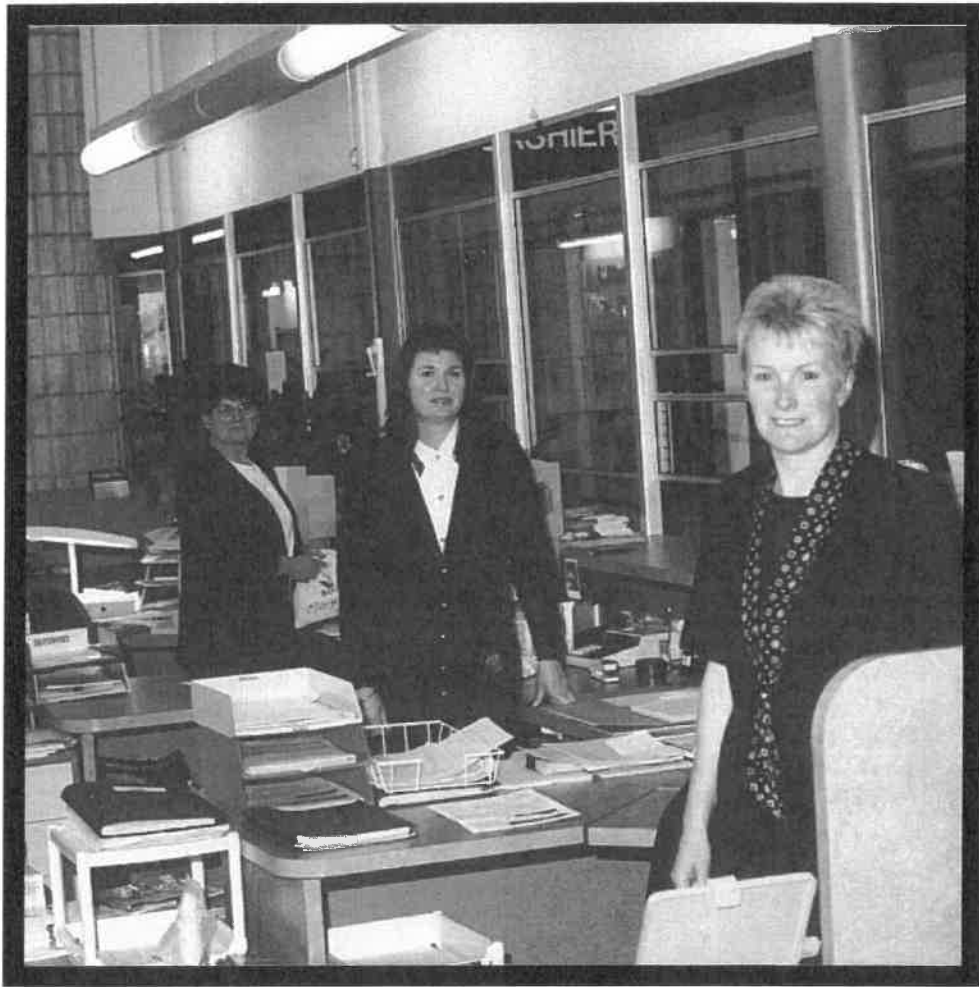
Performance

Council hired it's FLOCON road maintenance unit and chipper to other councils while hiring in a grader and street sweeper from other councils.

Significant grant funding was received for the Bridgewater/Gagebrook Urban Renewal Project and River Works Program for effluent re-use.

Council's property software was purchased by two other Tasmanian Councils and received interest from many others.

With a reduction in numbers, staff have become more multi-skilled and increased the overall efficiency of the office.





BURP Final Report

In September 1996, Brighton Council initiated an Urban Renewal Project for the areas of Bridgewater and Gagebrook, with financial support from the State and Commonwealth Governments. Following extensive community consultation, including adult and youth workshops, six priority issues were identified.

- employment and business growth
- community development, security and safety
- sports and recreation
- local environment
- housing and surrounds
- transport/access

Working with Council, schools, local business representatives, government departments and community groups and organisations, Hobart based consultants GBA Communications embarked on what became known as BURP (Bridgewater/Gagebrook Urban Renewal Project). In June 1997, GBA issued the final BURP report which took the project from consultation and planning to implementation.

Brighton Council undertook to use the report and the relationship it has formed with the three tiers of government, business, community leaders and residents to shape the future of the area.

The Strategic Plan

A Strategy Plan outlines the strategic direction in which BURP should be heading and a number of Action Plans have been established to implement the strategy. It is envisaged that Brighton Council and Implementation Groups will be responsible for the ongoing success of BURP. Additional funds may need to be sought and it is suggested that the Implementation Groups be responsible for identifying and applying for the necessary money to support the projects.

Implementation Groups

The six current groups were reduced to two (one Business and Employment Growth, and one Community Action group that brings together the remaining five).

It was agreed that: *The Brighton Council establish two Special Committees pursuant to Section 24 of the Local Government Act 1993 to replace the six community-based working groups that have developed strategies and programs for Bridgewater/Gagebrook.*

Council's role

The report states that the Brighton Council should be closely involved with the progress of BURP. The Council should:

1. incorporate the BURP final report into its Strategic Plan
2. incorporate the BURP final report into its Planning Review Scheme
3. incorporate any necessary ongoing funding in its 97/98 budget considerations and deliberations
4. take note of the BURP recommendations and strategies in a submission to the Nixon inquiry
5. create a short-term interim project manager to help establish implementation groups as soon as possible after the release of the final BURP report
6. undertake short term plans as determined by community based working groups, as a sign of good faith, and as a visible indicator to the community of the Council's commitment to the areas.

Recommended Action

The report recommends action in the six areas of priority established at the beginning of BURP. Some of the recommendations will require Council decisions and support, others will involve outside organisations and government departments.



Committees, working groups and representation

Executive Committee:

Cr. SA Foster (Chair), Cr TJ Jeffries, Cr PJ Owen

Parks and Recreation Committee:

Cr TJ Jeffries (Chair), Cr. L Cowley, Cr. D Purcell, Cr. H Quarry

Bridgewater Community Centre Advisory Committee:

Cr LA Rainbird (Chair)

Brighton Planning Committee:

Cr. PJ Owen (Chair), Cr TJ Jeffries, Cr JV Bush, Cr. D Purcell

Pontville Special Committee:

Cr. TJ Jeffries (Chair), Cr JV Bush, Cr B Curran

Finance Committee:

Cr. SA Foster (Chair), Cr. TJ Jeffries

Hobart Metropolitan Council's Association:

Cr. SA Foster (Chair), Cr. PJ Owen (Cr. TJ Jeffries and Cr JV Bush substitutes)

Brighton Senior Citizens Management Committee:

Cr. H Quarry

Brighton Junior Council:

Cr. LA Rainbird

Bridgewater High School Council:

Cr. LA Rainbird

Gagebrook Primary School Council:

Cr. B Curran

Enterprise Bargaining Committee:

Cr. SA Foster (Chair), Cr. L Cowley (Cr. TJ Jeffries proxy.)

Bridgewater Community Sporting Complex Management Committee:

Cr. JV Bush (Chair), Cr. H Quarry

Environment Advisory Committee:

Cr. SA Foster (Chair), Cr. L Cowley, Cr. B Curran

Old Beach Golf Course Committee:

Cr. D Purcell

Hobart Metropolitan Council's Association (HMCA) Major Facilities Standing Committee:

Cr. PJ Owen (Cr. L Cowley as proxy)

Southern Tasmanian Region of Council's (STROC) Waste Management Governance Committee:

Cr. TJ Jeffries

HMCA Airport Task Force Committee:

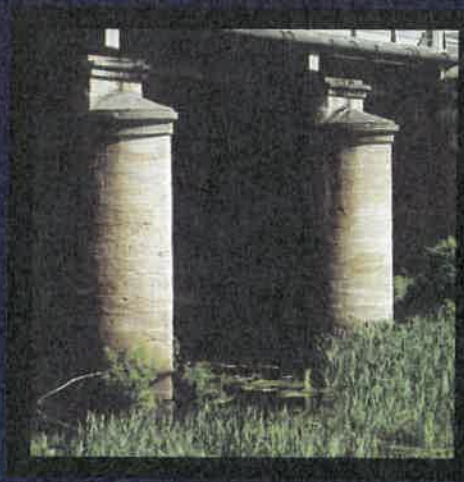
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Hobart Regional Water Authority:

Cr. SA Foster

Southern Library Advisory Committee:

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Brighton Council

FINANCIAL REPORT

1996/97

BRIGHTON COUNCIL

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the Councillors of the Brighton Council

Scope

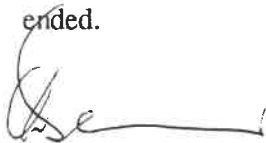
I have audited the financial report of the Brighton Council comprising Operating, Financial Position, Changes in Equity and Cash Flows Statements and notes thereto, for the year ended 30 June 1997. The Councillors of the Brighton Council are responsible for the financial report. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the Councillors.

The audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views and applicable legislation so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the financial position of the Brighton Council, the results of its operations and its cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements, the financial position of the Brighton Council as at 30 June 1997, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.



D W R Baulch
DIRECTOR OF AUDIT

28 November 1997

HOBART


BRIGHTON COUNCIL

Statement by Councillors and Principal Accounting Officer

In our opinion:

- (a) the financial report set out on the following pages presents fairly the financial position of BRIGHTON COUNCIL as at 30 June 1997 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with Statements of Accounting Concepts and applicable Accounting Standards; and
- (b) the financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act (Tasmania) 1993.

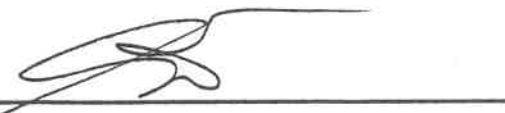
Cr. S.A. Foster
Mayor



Cr. T.J. Jeffries
Deputy Mayor



G.L. Dodge
Principal Accounting Officer



10 November 1997

BRIGHTON COUNCIL

OPERATING STATEMENT

For the Year ended 30 June 1997.

	Notes	Actual 1997 \$	Budget 1997 \$	Actual 1996 \$
REVENUES				
Rate Revenues	3(a)(i)	4,683,845	4,690,828	4,760,705
User Charges	3(a)(vi)	1,099,238	1,104,500	635,518
Fees and Charges		290,981	299,800	266,716
Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred	3(a)(iv)	77,792	0	63,834
Private Works Sales Proceeds		39,567	0	56,075
Interest	3(a)(ii)	95,913	108,000	122,061
Contributions	3(a)(vii)	653,864	0	168,610
Other		83,983	0	5,450
		<u>\$7,025,183</u>	<u>\$6,203,128</u>	<u>\$6,078,969</u>
Government Grants	3(a)(v)	2,373,254	2,180,561	2,322,990
Profit from Sale of Plant	3(a)(iii)	35,102	0	62,351
TOTAL REVENUES		<u>\$9,433,539</u>	<u>\$8,383,689</u>	<u>\$8,464,310</u>
EXPENSES				
Employee Costs	3(b)(i)	2,699,587	2,678,000	2,964,900
Materials and Contracts		2,013,725	1,674,975	2,015,885
Purchase of Water		883,815	858,100	848,923
Depreciation	3(b)(ii)	2,219,599	0	2,076,997
Interest	3(b)(iii)	525,166	535,000	461,586
Financial Costs	3(b)(iii)	153,463	155,000	149,408
Contributions	3(b)(iv)	491,103	496,234	456,282
Family Day Care Fee Relief Subsidy		467,499	465,000	470,809
Other		216,256	195,000	213,236
		<u>\$9,670,213</u>	<u>\$7,057,309</u>	<u>\$9,658,026</u>
Donations		38,730	25,000	19,624
Remissions Granted		187,434	180,000	147,302
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$9,896,377</u>	<u>\$7,262,309</u>	<u>\$9,824,952</u>
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets from Operations		<u>(\$462,838)</u>	<u>\$1,121,380</u>	<u>(\$1,360,642)</u>

The above operating statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

BRIGHTON COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 1997.

	Notes	1997 \$	1996 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	4	518,543	82,294
Receivables - Rates	5	347,389	329,602
Receivables - Other	5	374,228	265,113
Land Held for Resale	6	209,000	209,000
Work in Progress	7	8,935	8,051
Other	8	138,328	28,503
Total Current Assets	2(b)	\$1,596,423	\$922,563
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors & Accruals	9	675,977	579,499
Borrowings	10	282,189	36,170
Employee Entitlements	11	395,984	330,133
Lease Liabilities	12	53,926	41,244
Other	13	168,635	74,113
Total Current Liabilities		\$1,576,711	\$1,061,159
NET CURRENT ASSETS		\$19,712	(\$138,596)
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Land	14	1,745,350	1,664,000
Plant and Vehicles	15	605,929	670,797
Small Machinery	16	12,324	6,886
Furniture and Equipment	17	308,940	203,307
Buildings	18	3,595,994	3,627,644
Bridges	19	742,993	745,918
Sewerage	20	9,939,281	9,679,687
Drainage	21	7,831,815	7,806,229
Water	22	8,254,531	8,169,942
Water Meters	23	571,369	597,692
Street Lighting	24	403,040	424,280
Roads	25	21,927,024	21,987,762
Other	26	197,926	152,416
Total Non Current Assets	2(b)	\$56,136,516	\$55,736,560
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Borrowings	10	6,775,619	6,568,752
Lease Liabilities	12	46,558	59,521
Employee Entitlements	11	48,044	183,322
Other		27,433	0
Total Non Current Liabilities		\$6,897,654	\$6,811,595
NET ASSETS		\$49,258,574	\$48,786,369
EQUITY			
Reserves		584,718	684,520
Accumulated Surpluses		(700,915)	(337,879)
Ratepayer's Capital		49,374,771	48,439,728
TOTAL EQUITY		\$49,258,574	\$48,786,369

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the Year Ended 30 June 1997.

	Ratepayers Equity	Accumulated Surplus (Deficit)	Municipal Works Reserve	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Recreation Works Reserve	Plant Replacement Reserve	Public Open Space Reserve	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at the beginning of the financial year	48,439,728	(337,879)	25,000	449,133	3,000	171,802	35,585	48,786,369
Decrease in net assets resulting from operations	-	(462,838)	-	-	-	-	-	(462,838)
Transfers from Reserves	-	99,802	(25,000)	-	(3,000)	(71,802)	-	-
Recognition of Infrastructure Assets	935,043	-	-	-	-	-	-	935,043
Balance at the end of the financial year	\$49,374,771	(\$700,915)	-	\$449,133	-	\$100,000	\$35,585	\$49,258,574

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 30 June 1997.

	Notes	1997 \$	1996 \$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Payments			
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		6,883,074	6,991,632
Interest and other costs of finance		615,901	610,994
		<u>\$7,498,975</u>	<u>\$7,602,626</u>
Receipts			
Receipts from Ratepayers		6,032,040	5,349,746
Other Revenue		150,578	229,255
Interest Received		94,087	122,061
		<u>\$6,276,705</u>	<u>\$5,701,062</u>
Net Cash Inflow (Outflow) from Operating Activities	32	<u>(\$1,222,270)</u>	<u>(\$1,901,564)</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Payments			
Buildings		39,808	145,875
Plant and Vehicles		92,545	279,199
Water Reticulation Assets		110,243	548,295
Water Meters		17,675	323,650
Bridge Assets		15,521	11,785
Road Assets		383,938	265,178
Sewerage Assets		242,556	413,777
Furniture and Equipment		268,748	(1,647)
Other Assets		48,393	0
		<u>\$1,219,427</u>	<u>\$1,986,112</u>
Proceeds from			
Sales of Plant and Equipment	3(a)(iii)	\$114,465	\$264,909
Net Cash Inflow (Outflow) from Investing Activities		<u>(\$1,104,962)</u>	<u>(\$1,721,203)</u>
Cash Inflows (Outflows) from Financing Activities			
Repayment of Borrowings		(143,623)	(37,733)
New Loans		596,500	840,000
Repayment of Lease Liabilities		(62,651)	0
		<u>\$390,226</u>	<u>\$802,267</u>
Cash Inflow (Outflow) from Government			
Government Grants		<u>\$2,373,254</u>	<u>\$2,322,990</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in Cash Held		\$436,248	(\$497,510)
Cash at the Beginning of the Financial Year		82,295	579,805
Cash at the End of the Financial Year	4	<u>\$518,543</u>	<u>\$82,295</u>

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant policies which have been adopted in the preparation of these Financial Statements are:

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial reports of Council have been prepared in accordance applicable Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional pronouncements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) and the Local Government Act 1993 as amended, encompassing accrual accounting.

(b) The Local Government Reporting Entity

Council prepares a general purpose financial report that encompasses all business and non-business operations which Council controls, either directly or through the operation of controlled entities. These reports will detail all funds, assets and liabilities over which Council exercises or may exercise control.

In the process of preparing the Brighton Council financial reports, the effects of transactions between Council and other controlled entities have been eliminated. For example, the effects of internal borrowing's and transfers.

(c) Asset Valuations

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historic cost convention. Assets have been valued as per the following:

- * land and buildings: per Valuer General's determinations
- * plant and vehicles: per independent analysis
- * small machinery and tools: at written down original cost or where this cannot be identified, at written down replacement cost
- * equipment and furniture: at written down original cost or where this cannot be identified, at written down replacement cost per State Purchasing and Sales schedules
- * bridges: at current written down replacement cost
- * sewerage/drainage assets: at current written down replacement cost
- * water reticulation assets: at current written replacement cost
- * water meters: at current written down replacement cost
- * street lighting assets: at current written down replacement cost
- * road assets: at current written down replacement cost

(d) Acquisition 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, including architects fees and engineering design fees and all other costs incurred in getting the assets ready for use.

Non monetary assets received in the form of grants and 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 arms length transaction.

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1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(e) Revaluation of Non Current Assets

All non current assets, other than inventories, land and investments are revalued to their current cost less accumulated depreciation every five to seven years.

Land and land held for resale are revalued at the date of each general valuation of property within the Municipality, the last such revaluation being 30th June 1993. Any revaluation increment or decrement is charged directly to the Asset Revaluation Reserve.

The current cost of an asset means the lowest cost at which the gross service potential of that asset could currently be realised in the normal course of operations.

Revaluations do not result in the carrying value of non current assets' exceeding the net amount expected to be recovered through the net cash inflows arising from their continued use and subsequent disposal.

(f) Depreciation of Non Current Assets

All non current assets, excluding land, are systematically depreciated over their useful lives in a manner which reflects the consumption of their service potential.

Depreciation is recognised on a straight line basis over the effective life of the asset, using rates reviewed annually.

Non current assets are those assets which provide a benefit to Council extending beyond twelve months. The current applicable rates of depreciation are:

* buildings	20-80 years
* plant and vehicles	5-15 years
* small machinery and tools	3-8 years
* equipment and furniture	5-10 years
* roads	15-50 years
* drainage/sewerage assets	40-80 years
* water supply assets	15-80 years
* bridges	20-80 years

(g) Asset Recognition Thresholds

The following asset acquisition limits will apply, assets acquired with values below these limits will be expensed:

* land	nil
* buildings	\$5,000
* small machinery and tools	\$500 - \$999
* equipment and furniture	\$500
* roads	\$5,000
* drainage	\$2,500
* water supply	\$2,500
* bridges	\$10,000

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1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(h) Maintenance and Repairs

Maintenance, repair costs and renewals are charged as expenses as incurred. If the maintenance costs are such that they significantly increase the economic life of an asset or the total value exceeds the written down current value, and the costs are consistent with the asset acquisition limits, then the costs will be capitalised.

All computer software costs will be expensed as forming part of the ongoing maintenance of up-to-date software.

(i) Employee Entitlements

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 service up to that date.

ii. Annual, Sick and Long Service Leave

A liability of annual and long service leave is recognised, and is measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to balance date. In assessing expected future payments regard is had to expected future wage and salary levels and experience of employee departures and periods of service. A distinction is made between the current and non-current long service leave liabilities, current for leave presently due and non current for leave accrued but not yet due.

iii. Superannuation

The superannuation expense for the reporting period is the amount of the statutory contribution the Corporation makes to the Municipal Employees Assurance Scheme, administered by the Municipal Association of Tasmania, which provides benefits to the employees.

The expense incorporates the amounts paid by Council on behalf of the employees to Tasplan scheme, as required under legislation.

(j) Investments

Investments are brought to account at cost. Interest revenues are recognised as they accrue.

(k) Land Held for Resale

Land held for development and/or resale is valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Cost includes the cost of acquisition, development and interest incurred on financing of that land during its development. Interest and other holding charges incurred after development is complete are recognised immediately as expenses. Revenues from sale of land is recognised in the operating statement on the signing of a valid unconditional contract of sale.

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1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(l) Rates, Grants and Other Contributions

Rates, grants, donations and other contributions are recognised as revenues when the Corporation obtains control over the assets comprising the contributions.

Rating revenues are recognised at the commencement of the rating period or when the rates are levied. Uncollected rates at balance date are recognised as receivables.

Grants, donations and other contributions which are not subject to accompanying conditions that they be expended in a particular manner or for a particular purpose are recognised as revenue in the reporting period when the Council obtains control over the assets comprising the contributions. Unreceived contributions over which Council has control are recognised as receivables.

To the extent that grant moneys have not, at balance date, been expended in a manner, or over a period, specified by a grantor, the nature of amounts relating to those undischarged conditions are disclosed in the Notes to the accounts.

(m) Trust Funds

Council receives moneys as an agent for the State Government. As the Corporation performs only a custodial role in respect of these moneys and because the moneys cannot be used for Council purposes, they are not brought to account in the financial reports.

Amounts received as tender deposits and retention amounts controlled by Council are included in the disclosure for creditors within current liabilities.

(n) Lease Liabilities

The Council's rights and obligations under finance leases, which are leases that effectively transfer to the Council substantially all of the risks and benefits incidental to ownership of the lease items are, initially recognised as assets and liabilities equal in amount to the present value of the minimum lease payments. The assets are disclosed as Furniture and Equipment under lease, and are amortised to expense over the period during which the Council is expected to benefit from the use of the leased assets. Minimum lease payments are allocated between interest expense and reduction of lease liability, according to the interest rate implicit in the lease.

Lease liabilities are allocated between Current and Non Current components. The principal component of lease payments due on or before the end of the succeeding year is disclosed as a Current Liability, and the remainder of the lease liability is disclosed as a Non Current Liability.

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2 FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL

(a) Revenues, expenses and assets have been attributed to the following functions/activities, descriptions of which are set out in note 2(c)

Functions	Expenses		Grant Revenue		Other Revenue		Total Revenue		Increase/(Decrease) in Operating Capability		Assets Attributed to Function/Activity	
	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Corporate Services	843,818	1,030,119	1,004	500	158,954	124,806	159,958	125,306				
Water Supply	1,690,996	1,418,142			1,668,848	1,430,371	1,668,848	1,430,371			8,254,530	8,767,634
Parks and Recreation	419,834	513,250	340,024	627,225	8,949	12,000	348,973	639,225				
Drainage/Sewerage	1,338,582	1,023,585			1,314,399	1,180,290	1,314,399	1,180,290			18,342,465	17,485,916
Town Planning Services	201,976	152,177			10,286	15,898	10,286	15,898				
Building Services	153,546	110,482			42,340	42,340	42,340	42,340				
Roads/Streets/Bridges	1,777,037	1,531,617	5,263	186,300	552,641		557,904	186,300			23,073,056	23,157,960
Community Services	945,383	1,055,924	819,512	873,172	98,246	77,056	917,758	950,228				
Environmental Health	161,723	255,995			28,982	35,425	28,982	35,425				
Waste Management	547,507	436,240			369,733	340,797	369,733	340,797				
Unallocated Services	1,815,975	2,297,422	1,207,451	635,793	2,806,907	2,882,337	4,014,358	3,518,130			8,062,888	7,247,613
TOTAL	\$9,896,377	\$9,824,953	\$2,373,254	\$2,322,990	\$7,060,285	\$6,141,320	\$9,433,539	\$8,464,310	(\$462,838)	(\$1,360,642)	\$57,732,939	\$56,659,123

Assets not attributed to a Function/Activity includes Land (\$1,954,350), Buildings (\$3,595,994) and Plant & Vehicles (\$605,929). It is considered that attribution of these assets is too arbitrary and would not serve any useful purpose.

Unallocated Services Revenue includes \$2,290,621 of General Rate revenue.

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2. FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES of the COUNCIL (continued)

(b) Total assets shown in note 2(a) are reconciled with the amounts shown for assets in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:

	<u>1997</u>
Current Assets	1,596,423
Non Current Assets	<u>56,136,516</u>
	<u>\$57,732,939</u>

(c) The activities of Council are to be classified into the following functions:

- * Administration/Corporate Services
Operation and maintenance of council chambers, administration offices, maintenance depots and plant and equipment, monitor revenue collections.
- * Water Supply
Construction, operation and maintenance of the water reticulation system, purchase and supply of bulk water.
- * Drainage/Sewerage
Construction, operation and maintenance of drainage works.
- * Town Planning Services
Administration of the Town Planning Scheme.
- * Building Services
Administration and co-ordination of building applications and monitoring the Building Code.
- * Roads/Bridges
Construction and maintenance of the road system.
- * Community Services
Monitor the welfare of the community, child care, family day care, youth activities and aged care.
- * Environmental Health Services
Community health, environmental control, food surveillance, health standards, septic tank applications, pest control, dog and animal control, offensive trades, plumbing, places of public entertainment, caravan licences, complaints and counter disaster.
- * Waste Management
Operation of the waste transfer station, recycling programmes, monitoring and collection of refuse and sewerage collection and testing.
- * Parks and Recreation
Development, operation and maintenance of parks, gardens, natural reserves and sporting facilities.
- * Unallocated Services
Other general services not specifically identifiable.

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		1997	1996
		\$	\$
3	OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES		
3(a)	Operating Revenues		
	Note		
	Rates	4,683,845	4,760,705
	Fees and Charges	290,981	266,716
	User Charges	1,099,238	635,518
	Interest	95,913	122,061
	Reimbursements	77,792	63,834
	Contributions	653,864	168,610
	Private Works Sales	39,567	56,075
	Grants	2,373,254	2,322,990
	Other	83,983	5,450
	Profit from Sale of Plant	35,102	62,351
		<u>\$9,433,539</u>	<u>\$8,464,310</u>
	(i) Rates Revenue		
	General	2,290,621	2,141,563
	Garbage	307,411	240,857
	Sewerage	1,237,041	1,192,913
	Water	584,391	903,763
	Fire Levy	223,865	205,161
	Penalties	40,516	76,448
		<u>\$4,683,845</u>	<u>\$4,760,705</u>
	(ii) Interest Revenue		
	Interest received or due and receivable from:		
	Investments	73,032	120,318
	Other	22,881	1,743
		<u>\$95,913</u>	<u>\$122,061</u>
	(iii) Profit from Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment		
	Proceeds from Sales	114,465	264,909
	less written down current cost of property sold	79,363	202,558
	Gain on Sale	<u>\$35,102</u>	<u>\$62,351</u>
	(iv) Recoveries and Reimbursements		
	Reimbursements of Costs Incurred		
	Welfare Administration	8,800	9,268
	Southern Midlands Municipality Loan Repayments	40,714	54,311
	Other	28,278	255
		<u>\$77,792</u>	<u>\$63,834</u>

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	1997 \$	1996 \$
3 OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES (continued)		
3(a) Operating Revenues (continued)		
(v) Grant Revenues		
Grants were received in respect of the following:		
Roads and Streets		
Commonwealth Tax Sharing	\$5,263	\$186,300
Community Services		
Youth Activities Service	46,646	44,826
Family Day Care	568,621	581,209
School Holiday Program	9,696	6,675
Jobskills Program	1,080	11,994
Pontville Historic Environment	0	5,100
Brighton Children's Services	174,282	204,767
Home and Community Care	18,601	18,601
Other	586	0
	<u>\$819,512</u>	<u>\$873,172</u>
Parks and Recreation		
Jobskills Program	336,774	625,600
Garden Project	3,250	1,625
	<u>\$340,024</u>	<u>\$627,225</u>
Corporate Services		
Commonwealth Employment Program	\$1,004	\$500
Technical Services		
Jobskills Program	\$0	\$2,000
Other		
Pensioner Rate Remissions	177,140	92,602
Better Cities Project	160,000	0
Commonwealth Tax Sharing	840,311	541,191
Urban Forest Grant	30,000	0
	<u>\$1,207,451</u>	<u>\$633,793</u>
Total Grants	<u>\$2,373,254</u>	<u>\$2,322,990</u>
(vi) User Charges		
Excess Water Charges	1,020,321	526,609
Flocon Hire	20,909	9,859
Refuse Site Entrance Fees	58,008	99,050
	<u>\$1,099,238</u>	<u>\$635,518</u>
(vii) Contributions		
Infrastructure Assets	642,367	137,000
Sewerage/Water	0	22,305
Other	11,497	9,305
	<u>\$653,864</u>	<u>\$168,610</u>

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	1997	1996
	\$	\$
3 OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES (continued)		
3(b) Operating Expenses	\$	\$
(i) Employee Costs		
Wages and Salaries	2,136,948	2,414,395
Employee Leave Accruals	15,597	77,891
Superannuation	214,487	226,425
Aldermanic Allowances & Expenses	88,910	66,777
Other Employee Related Expenses	243,645	179,412
	<u>\$2,699,587</u>	<u>\$2,964,900</u>
(ii) Depreciation and Amortisation Expense		
Depreciation and amortisation was charged in respect of:		
Plant and Vehicles	129,572	135,081
Buildings	111,458	100,904
Small Machinery	5,639	8,645
Bridges	33,446	32,645
Sewerage Assets	248,762	228,022
Drainage Assets	185,954	182,421
Water Assets	257,794	219,602
Road Assets	1,113,974	1,073,010
Street Lighting	25,240	0
Equipment and Furniture	107,760	96,667
	<u>\$2,219,599</u>	<u>\$2,076,997</u>
(iii) Financial Costs		
Interest on Debt	525,166	457,456
Audit Fees	20,000	25,481
Bank Charges	8,890	12,872
Finance Lease Interest Expense	8,306	13,808
Finance Lease Amortisation Expense	54,755	42,929
Credit Card Costs	5,532	4,112
Discount Allowed	41,336	37,510
Other	14,644	12,696
Interest Family Day Care	0	4,130
	<u>\$678,629</u>	<u>\$610,994</u>
(iv) Contributions		
State Fire Commission Levy	211,425	192,433
State Library Levy	108,046	104,632
Tas. Canine Defence League Contribution	37,837	37,976
Local Govt. Association of Tasmania	26,124	23,350
Valuation Charges	45,660	37,366
Planning Levy	47,011	45,525
Hobart Metropolitan Councils Association	15,000	15,000
	<u>\$491,103</u>	<u>\$456,282</u>

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	1997 \$	1996 \$
4 CURRENT ASSETS - CASH		
Cash at Bank	362,626	80,798
Cash Advances	1,996	1,496
Investments	153,921	0
	<u>\$518,543</u>	<u>\$82,294</u>
<p>For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and in bank and investments in money market accounts or short term deposits, net of any outstanding bank overdrafts. Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related item in the statement of financial position as above.</p>		
5 CURRENT ASSETS - RECEIVABLES		
Rate Receivables	<u>\$347,389</u>	<u>\$329,602</u>
Other Receivables		
Water Consumption/Excess Charges	219,124	103,194
Other Debtors	155,104	161,919
	<u>\$374,228</u>	<u>\$265,113</u>
6 CURRENT ASSETS - LAND HELD FOR RESALE		
Land Held for Resale	<u>\$209,000</u>	<u>\$209,000</u>
<p>Represents land purchased as part of an industrial estate at Bridgewater.</p>		
7 CURRENT ASSETS - WORK IN PROGRESS		
Private Works	<u>8,935</u>	<u>8,051</u>
	<u>\$8,935</u>	<u>\$8,051</u>
8 CURRENT ASSETS - OTHER		
Prepayments	13,415	0
Accrued Revenue	43,750	0
Revaluation Services Received	27,433	27,433
Other	53,730	1,070
	<u>\$138,328</u>	<u>\$28,503</u>
9 CURRENT LIABILITIES - CREDITORS		
Trade Creditors	223,793	366,108
Other Creditors and Accruals	452,184	213,391
	<u>\$675,977</u>	<u>\$579,499</u>

Other Creditors and Accruals includes an amount of \$220,240 for bulk water charges claimed by the Hobart Regional Water Authority which is currently under dispute.

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	1997 \$	1996 \$
10 LIABILITIES - BORROWINGS		
CURRENT		
Secured		
Private Loans	<u>\$282,189</u>	<u>\$36,170</u>
NON CURRENT		
Secured		
Private Loans	<u>\$6,775,619</u>	<u>\$6,568,752</u>
Security for Borrowings		
The loans are secured over the general rates of the Council.		
Financing Arrangements		
Council do not currently utilise access to any overdraft facilities.		
Council has corporate credit cards with a combined limit of \$3,400.		
The current policy of Council is to minimise all borrowings and reduce existing debt.		
11 LIABILITIES - PROVISIONS		
CURRENT		
Employee Leave Entitlements Provisions		
Annual Leave	175,123	215,098
Long Service Leave	<u>220,861</u>	<u>115,035</u>
	<u>\$395,984</u>	<u>\$330,133</u>
NON CURRENT		
Employee Leave Entitlements Provisions		
Long Service Leave	<u>\$48,044</u>	<u>\$183,322</u>
The provision for annual leave is established at a level sufficient to cover the liability due to employees for leave due in the current financial year plus accrued entitlements due.		
The provision for long service leave is established at a level sufficient to cover the liability due to employees. The current provision recognises these vested entitlements.		
12 LIABILITIES - LEASES		
CURRENT		
Lease Liabilities	<u>\$53,926</u>	<u>\$41,244</u>
NON CURRENT		
Lease Liabilities	<u>\$46,558</u>	<u>\$59,521</u>
See Note 30 for lease details.		
13 CURRENT LIABILITIES - OTHER		
Deposits Held in Trust	94,571	74,113
Other	<u>74,064</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>\$168,635</u>	<u>\$74,113</u>
Deposits includes monies held in respect of damage indemnity, facilities booking and various performance related sureties.		
Other liabilities includes Commonwealth Taxation payables and deferred expenses.		

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	1997 \$	1996 \$
14 NON CURRENT ASSETS - LAND		
Land - at local government valuation of current cost 1993	<u>\$1,745,350</u>	<u>\$1,664,000</u>
<p>Valuations of land were taken from the valuations provided by the Valuer-General. The revaluation of the municipality was performed in 1993, effective from 1 July 1994. Land valuations not specifically identified are based on adjacent site values.</p>		
15 NON CURRENT ASSETS - PLANT AND VEHICLES		
Plant and Vehicles at Replacement Cost	30,000	48,905
Plant and Vehicles at Cost	854,221	820,951
less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(278,292)</u>	<u>(199,059)</u>
	<u>\$605,929</u>	<u>\$670,797</u>
<p>Valuations of plant and vehicles were determined by an independent valuer, Mr R.M.Ikin of R.M.Ikin & Associates Pty Ltd, property assessors, in July 1992. The valuations were conducted in November 1992. Acquisitions after this date are valued at purchase price.</p>		
16 NON CURRENT ASSETS - SMALL MACHINERY		
Small Machinery at Replacement Cost	30,250	30,250
Small Machinery at Cost	11,077	0
less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(29,003)</u>	<u>(23,364)</u>
	<u>\$12,324</u>	<u>\$6,886</u>
<p>Small machinery and tools are valued based on current market values and replacement costs obtained from various suppliers. These valuations were conducted in April 1993. The valuations were performed by the Engineering Department.</p>		
17 NON CURRENT ASSETS - FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT		
Furniture and Equipment at Replacement Cost	144,748	158,748
Furniture and Equipment purchased on Finance Lease	197,530	147,698
Furniture and Equipment at Cost	454,297	235,381
less Amortisation of Finance Lease	(111,515)	(56,760)
less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(376,120)</u>	<u>(281,760)</u>
	<u>\$308,940</u>	<u>\$203,307</u>
<p>Valuations of furniture and equipment are based on current valuations with reference to furniture price schedules from State Purchasing and Sales. Original purchase prices and quotations from suppliers are also used in certain instances. These valuations were conducted in June 1993 by the Engineering Department.</p>		
18 NON CURRENT ASSETS - BUILDINGS		
Buildings at Valuation	3,939,543	3,899,543
Buildings at Cost	173,729	133,920
less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(517,278)</u>	<u>(405,819)</u>
	<u>\$3,595,994</u>	<u>\$3,627,644</u>
<p>Valuations of buildings were taken from the valuations provided by the Valuer-General. The revaluation of the municipality was performed in 1993, effective from 1 July 1994.</p>		

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	\$	\$
19 NON CURRENT ASSETS - BRIDGES		
Bridges at Replacement Cost	1,295,000	1,280,000
Bridges at Cost	27,306	11,785
less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(579,313)</u>	<u>(545,867)</u>
	<u>\$742,993</u>	<u>\$745,918</u>

Valuations of bridges were prepared by the Engineering Department in consultation with the Department of Transport, in August 1993.

20 NON CURRENT ASSETS - SEWERAGE		
Sewerage Assets at Replacement Cost	13,243,987	12,978,187
Sewerage Assets at Cost	902,839	660,283
less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(4,207,545)</u>	<u>(3,958,783)</u>
	<u>\$9,939,281</u>	<u>\$9,679,687</u>

Valuations of sewerage assets were prepared by the Engineering Department in association with the project engineer, in August 1993.

21 NON CURRENT ASSETS - DRAINAGE		
Drainage Assets at Replacement Cost	11,134,980	10,923,440
less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(3,303,165)</u>	<u>(3,117,211)</u>
	<u>\$7,831,815</u>	<u>\$7,806,229</u>

Valuations of drainage assets were prepared by the Engineering Department in association with the project engineer, in August 1993.

22 NON CURRENT ASSETS - WATER RETICULATION		
Water Reticulation Assets at Replacement Cost	11,773,955	11,585,813
Water Reticulation Assets at Cost	960,257	850,014
less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(4,479,681)</u>	<u>(4,265,885)</u>
	<u>\$8,254,531</u>	<u>\$8,169,942</u>

Valuations of water reticulation assets were prepared by the Engineering Department in association with the project engineer, in May 1994.

23 NON CURRENT ASSETS - WATER METERS		
Water Meter Assets at Valuation	201,500	201,500
Water Meter Assets at Cost	471,419	453,745
less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(101,550)</u>	<u>(57,553)</u>
	<u>\$571,369</u>	<u>\$597,692</u>

Valuations of water meter assets were prepared by the Engineering Department in association with the project engineer, in May 1994.

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	\$	\$
24 NON CURRENT ASSETS -STREET LIGHTING		
Street Lighting Assets at Replacement Cost	631,000	627,000
less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(227,960)</u>	<u>(202,720)</u>
	<u>\$403,040</u>	<u>\$424,280</u>

Valuations of street lights have been determined by the Engineering Office in consultation with the Hydro Electric Commission, replacement costs are as at June 1996.

25 NON CURRENT ASSETS -ROADS		
Road Assets at Replacement Cost	39,593,602	38,924,302
Road Assets at Cost	649,114	265,178
less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(18,315,692)</u>	<u>(17,201,718)</u>
	<u>\$21,927,024</u>	<u>\$21,987,762</u>

Valuations of road assets have been conducted by the Engineering Department as at July 1995.

26 NON CURRENT ASSETS - OTHER		
Loan Debtors	144,965	97,550
Revaluation Services Received	27,433	54,866
Other	<u>25,528</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>\$197,926</u>	<u>\$152,416</u>

In accordance with AAS27, infrastructure assets have now been fully recognised in the statement of accounts.

27 CONTINGENCY	
There are currently no claims against the Council, its Councillors or any officers which are likely to result in any material liability against Council.	

28 COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

(a) Capital Commitments

All capital expenditures incurred to balance date were recognised in the financial report.

(b) Operating Commitments

The following contract was in operation at balance date, that will continue into future periods:

Solid Waste Management Contract:

These expenditures are payable -

Not later than one year	414,192	368,400
Later than one year and not later than two years	414,192	368,400
Later than two years and not later than five years	<u>483,224</u>	<u>1,105,200</u>
	<u>\$1,311,608</u>	<u>\$1,842,000</u>

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	\$	\$
(c) Finance Lease Commitments		
At 30 June 1997, the Council had the following obligations under finance leases (the sum of which is recognised as a liability after deduction of future lease finance charges included in the obligation):		
Not later than one year	61,755	41,244
Later than one year but not later than two years	38,585	59,521
Later than two years but not later than five years	10,913	15,589
Minimum lease payments	111,253	116,354
Deduct: future finance charges	10,769	15,589
Lease Liability	<u>\$100,484</u>	<u>\$100,765</u>
Comprised of:		
Current	53,926	41,244
Non Current	46,558	59,521
	<u>\$100,484</u>	<u>\$100,765</u>

(d) Operating Lease Commitments

There were no items of expenditure contracted under operating lease at balance date.

(e) Other Commitments

Council is guarantor of a bank loan advanced to the Tasmanian Canine Defence League.

At 30 June 1997 the loan advance balance outstanding was \$69,616.

In addition to making an annual contribution towards financing costs of the League's operations, it is Council policy to finance repayment of the abovementioned loan advance. These expenses are reflected in the Operating Statement.

29 SUPERANNUATION

Brighton Council contributes in respect of its employees to a defined benefit superannuation plan established in respect of all Local Governments in the State. In accordance with the statutory requirements, the Council contributes to the Municipal Employees Assurance Scheme Superannuation Fund amounts determined by the plan actuary. As such, assets accumulate in the Fund to meet members' benefits as they accrue. If the assets of the Fund were insufficient to satisfy benefits payable to its beneficiaries, Council would be required to meet its share of the deficiency. No liability of Council has been recognised as at the reporting date in respect of the superannuation benefits for its employees.

The most recent actuarial report indicates that as at 1 September 1996, the Scheme's assets were sufficient to satisfy all benefits that would have been vested under the Scheme in the event of:

- (i) termination of the Scheme,
- (ii) voluntary termination of the employment of each employee on the initiative of that employee, and
- (iii) compulsory termination of the employment of each employee of the employer.

Superannuation contributions paid by the Council during the reporting period was \$214,487

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30 RECONCILIATION OF INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS TO NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES.		
Increase/(Decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	<u>(\$462,838)</u>	<u>(\$1,360,642)</u>
Items not involving cash		
Lease Amortisation	54,755	0
Non Current Asset adjustment	(50,922)	
Non Cash Contributions	(653,158)	(79,000)
Remissions/Discount	187,434	0
Depreciation Expense	<u>2,219,599</u>	<u>2,076,997</u>
	<u>\$1,757,708</u>	<u>\$1,997,997</u>
Revenues from Government		
Government Grants	<u>(\$2,373,254)</u>	<u>(\$2,322,990)</u>
Investing Activity		
Net profit on Disposal of Plant and Equipment	<u>(35,102)</u>	<u>(62,351)</u>
	<u>(\$35,102)</u>	<u>(\$62,351)</u>
Change in Operating Assets and Liabilities		
(Increase)/Decrease in Rates Receivables	(17,701)	(24,022)
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Debtors	(118,429)	(141,869)
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Assets	(120,496)	26,716
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventories	(883)	22,871
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors	96,478	(83,486)
Increase/(Decrease) in Provision for Employee Entitlements	(69,427)	77,820
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities	121,955	(40,659)
Increase/(Decrease) in Lease Liabilities	(281)	9,051
	<u>(\$108,784)</u>	<u>(\$153,578)</u>
Net Cash Outflow from Operating Activities	<u><u>(\$1,222,270)</u></u>	<u><u>(\$1,901,564)</u></u>

