

BRIGHTON COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 1997-98





A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Amalgamation

The past year has been particularly difficult for Council with an enormous amount of time and energy being devoted to preparing for the municipality to be divided as a result of the State Government's decision on amalgamation.

Council was bitterly disappointed with the report of the Local Government Board which recommended the splitting up of Brighton with the urban sector being absorbed into the City of Clarence and the rural sector becoming part of the new Central Derwent Lakes Council. Council was of a view that Brighton municipality should remain together and, if amalgamations were to go ahead, should go as a whole to one or other of the new councils.

Two polls of residents taken through the year revealed strong support for the operation of Council and the services it provided. In the first poll by Myriad Consultants, 75 percent of those interviewed indicated they were happy with the service provided by Council. There was strong support for Brighton to continue with its current boundaries and little support for an option to become part of a Greater Hobart Council. If change was to occur, the preferred option was for Brighton to become part of a greater rural council.

The second poll, conducted by Roy Morgan Research, surveyed electors in

Hobart, Glenorchy, Clarence and Brighton municipalities. Once again a significant majority of those interviewed in Brighton were opposed to Brighton municipality becoming part of a Greater Hobart Council.

With the decision by the Government to split Brighton, Council participated actively in the transition committees seeking the best possible outcome for our residents and ratepayers. Of particular concern was that the level of service to residents did not reduce as a result of amalgamation. For example, Brighton was the only rural area in the proposed Central Derwent Lakes municipality to have mobile garbage bin collection and Council was keen to see that service protected. In the urban area, Council was doing all it could to ensure continuing strong support for the Bridgewater/Gagebrook Urban Renewal Program (BURP).

Planning

Since the State Government Board of Inquiry on planning practices, requested by Council two years ago, Council has been determined to improve its planning processes. I believe the system now in place is working very well. An important improvement has been the establishment of the Development Control Group. This committee of Council Officers has the power to deal with planning applications in the category of Permitted or Discretionary Use and for which no objections have been received. As a result, the planning approval process has been streamlined with much quicker decision making and only the more contentious applications being considered by the Planning Committee and Council. With the appointment of planning consultant Michael Shield as Manager of Regulatory Services, Brighton now has one of the most efficient planning processes in the state and the consultation between council and applicants is working very effectively.

Industrial Estate

Council led a major promotion of the Bridgewater Industrial Estate near the sawyards at Bridgewater. Having invested in major infrastructure works to develop the area, we assisted the developers, Dudley Clark, Roberts Ltd and Websters Ltd, to promote the area.

Council hosted an official opening of the Bridgewater Industrial Estate by Premier Rundle. The event was attended by state and local dignitaries, prominent business people and real estate personnel.

Council is promoting the site as 'The Transport Hub of Southern Tasmania' and is receiving growing interest in the estate.

As a general measure to encourage business growth, Council has adopted a policy of providing rate incentives for businesses that create new jobs in the municipality.

Poker Machines

The Council continues to be concerned about the impact of poker machines in the community. I have written on behalf of the Council to both the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition urging them not to allow any increase in the current coin limit on the machines. It is of particular concern that the large sums being spent on gambling with poker machines is often money that otherwise would have been available for basic family needs.

Sport and Recreation

Council has maintained its support for sporting and recreational activities, particularly junior sport, where Council policy is to provide facilities free of charge.

In response to requests from users, Weily Park has been continually upgraded for junior athletics and is a very popular venue. Pontville Park has been developed into a first class facility for a variety of sporting and recreational activities. The two football ovals are of a high standard, and the equestrian and dog arenas are rated as the best in the state. A National Dog Show was held at Pontville Park. It is also pleasing to see the Brighton football team enjoying so much success with all three teams on top of their respective competition ladders at the end of June.

Community

Council has been very pleased to continue its close association with the community. With the continuation of the BURP program, Council is working closely with the community and State Government to ensure that the BURP strategies are carried out. The formation of the Community Action Special Advisory Committee was a

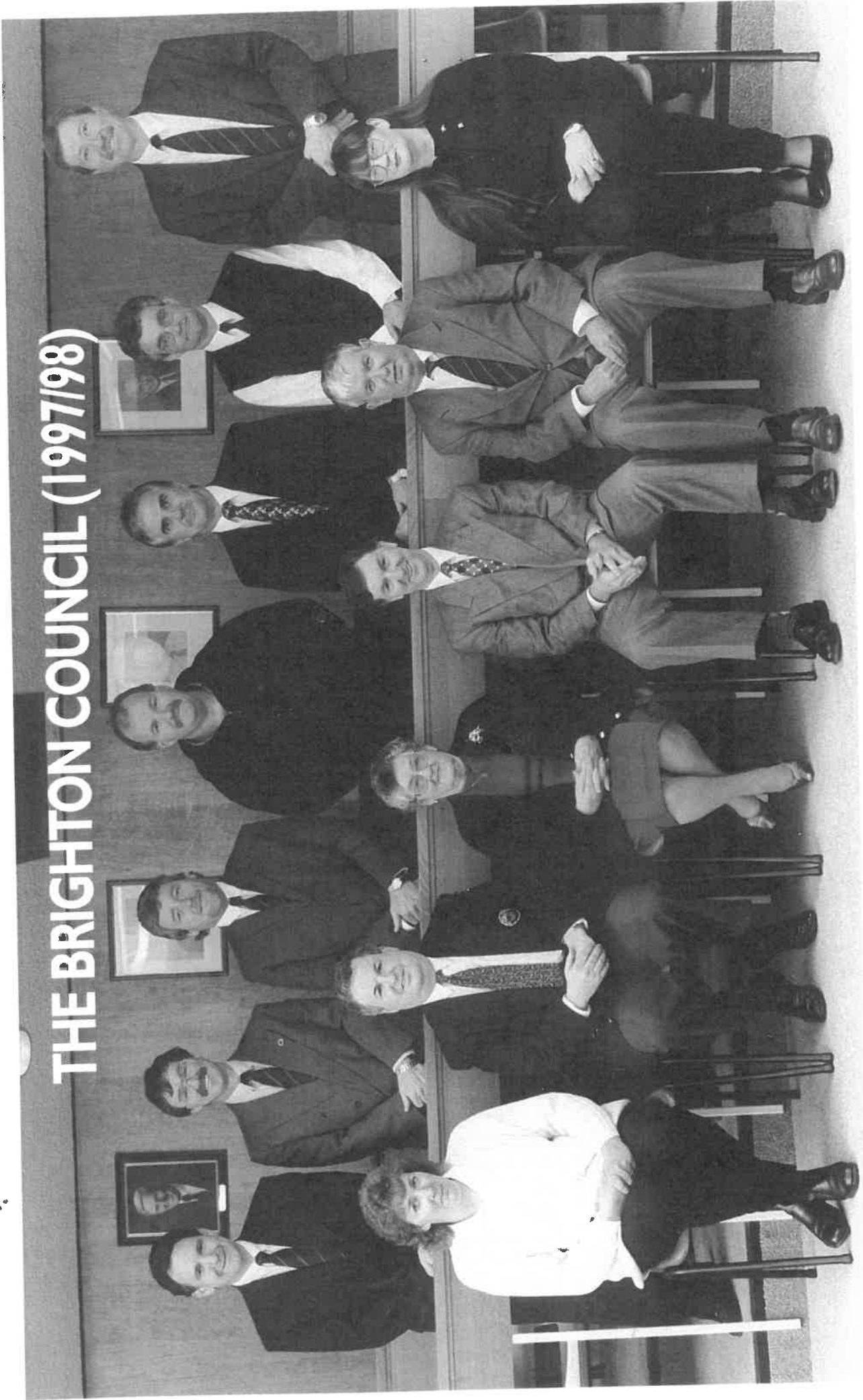
specific effort by Council to enhance its growing communication with residents.

In response to community requests and consultation Council has carried out improvements to Pontville Memorial Park, the Tea Tree hall, Seymour Street playground, Weily Park, Cove Creek oval, Tottenham Park, Bridgewater Memorial Park, Acacia Crescent Park, Birubi Place playground and Lennox Park at Old Beach. I would like to make particular mention of the Tottenham Park SportZCourt which is the first of its kind in Tasmania and is proving to be a real asset to the community.

Council has worked closely with the community with the objective of making the Brighton municipality an attractive, safe and pleasant place to live.

Tony Foster, Mayor

THE BRIGHTON COUNCIL (1997/98)



Back L to R. Mr M. Shield (Manager Regulatory Services), Cr PJ Geard, Cr DA Purcell, Cr LG Cowley, Cr PJ Owen, Mr J Parkinson (Senior Environmental Health Officer),
 Mr RV Sanderson (Deputy General Manager), Front L to R. Cr BE Curran, Mr GL Dodge (General Manager), Cr LA Rainbird, Cr SA Foster (Mayor),
 Cr TJ Jeffries (Deputy Mayor), Cr MK Andrews.



THE GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Amalgamation

During the year Brighton Council was preparing to go out of existence. Council was involved in transition committees with both Clarence and the proposed Central Derwent Lakes Council. One objective was to distribute the assets of Brighton between those two councils. Decisions had been made on staff transfers to the new councils with the majority of staff joining Clarence and the balance going to Central Derwent Lakes. There were to be no redundancies with all staff being re-employed.

Clarence Council was planning to retain the existing Brighton Council facilities at Gagebrook, for the first year at least. Central Derwent Lakes were intending to establish a presence at a location to be selected in Brighton.

Staff

Because of the impending amalgamations, no new staff had been appointed to fill vacant positions at Brighton. The position of accountant had been filled by a consultant and other vacancies were filled by temporary appointments pending amalgamation.

Community Services

There were significant developments in the Community Services area during the year

particularly in child care, care for the elderly and youth activities.

Child Care Centre

The Wee Ones Child Care Centre at Bridgewater continued to experience financial problems. Council provided a subsidy which enabled the Centre to remain open for the year but it was closed in June. At that time Council entered into negotiations with a private organisation, Pixie Child Care, with a view to maintaining child care services at the Centre. Agreement was reached for the new operation of the Centre to begin on 1 July 1998. Council agreed to contribute some funding to enable the premises in Gunn St, Bridgewater to be modified so that it complied with licensing requirements.

Bridgewater High School Sports Centre

Despite the formation of a new community based management committee, the numbers using the High School Centre continued to be disappointing. The management committee which was an incorporated body made a decision to cease operations at the centre and to hand over the resources to the Bridgewater Police Youth Citizens Club. The High School gymnasium and facilities will remain available to the community by arrangement with the School administration.

Family Day Care

The Brighton Family Day Care scheme has enjoyed a good year with increased numbers being involved and, as a result, Council has applied to increase the number of Full Time Equivalents (FTE's). With the closure of the Wee Ones Long Day Care service at Bridgewater many families became involved in Family Day Care for the first time.

Pontville Day Centre

The Pontville Day Centre is funded under the Home and Community Care (HACC) program and provides care for elderly people at the old Council Chambers at Pontville. The service is available for four days every month and has been sponsored by Council for a number of years. With the expectancy of Council amalgamations, the Brighton Home Nursing Auxiliary applied to take over responsibility for the operation of the service and negotiations with the Commonwealth



Government and the Auxillary were well advanced at the end of June.

Youth Activity Service

The Brighton Youth Activity Service which operates from a Housing Department house at 1c McShane Road, Bridgewater was maintained through the year. The management committee considered a restructuring of the service to take effect at the beginning of 1999. The Youth Activity Service is targeted at young people between the ages of 11 and 16 years. Programs are offered after school hours during the school year and during the day in school holidays.

New Councillor

With the resignation of Councillor Heather Quarry, who relocated to the mainland during the year, countback of votes resulted in the election of Mary Andrews to fill the vacant position.

Access Advisory Committee

This new official committee of Council was established during the year with Hugh Carter appointed as Chairperson. The Committee comprises other community members, Zelda Salt, Jo Elliott and Wayne Coad plus Council staff. It has been a very effective committee with a number of significant improvements in access achieved in the municipality, in particular around the Cove Hill Shopping Centre, the new Health Centre at Bridgewater and the Brighton Post Office.

Thanks

With the proposed amalgamation taking up a lot of time and energy, 1997/98 has been a difficult year for Councillors and staff. The very positive feedback received from the community on Council services was very encouraging and greatly appreciated. I would like to thank our staff for their support and dedication in working to ensure the best possible outcome for residents of Brighton under the new arrangements following amalgamation.

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 to their importance within the network.

Improve the standard of unmade roads taken over by Council.

Performance

Construction of a new intersection for Jubilee Avenue and Andrew Street, Brighton.

Major reconstruction works were undertaken in Briggs Road, Brighton and Eddington Street, Gunn Street, Albion Road and Scott Road, Bridgewater.

Improvement works to upgrade the unmade road Cartwright Street, Brighton.

Completion of a condition assessment and preventative maintenance program for all bridges.

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

Construction of a 30,000,000 litre dam to store treated sewage effluent from Brighton when it is too wet to irrigate on the pine plantation and farmland. This ensures that there will be no sewage effluent discharge into the Jordan River during all seasons.

Construction of new sewerage and stormwater reticulation in Morrison Street, Brighton.

Completed the installation of pump station alarm diallers with all pump stations now equipped with alarm notification capability.

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 domestic and emergency use.

Performance

Construction of a pump station at Old Beach to enable the removal of the Old Beach water tower.

Upgrade of water mains in Old Main Road and Midland Highway, Bridgewater.

Public Buildings

Objective

To maintain all public buildings to a standard that protects the asset and encourage use by community groups and the general public.

Action Plan

Maintain public buildings to a level that is commensurate with the use, location and patronage.

Performance

Construction of a public toilet block at the Pontville Memorial Park.

COMMUNITY AND COUNCIL WORKING TOGETHER

Pontville Memorial Park

Pontville Memorial Park is a very popular venue for children who love the playground and swings. As the Brighton community has grown the Park has become a well used facility. It is also a popular picnic spot for many young families and carers from the Brighton Family Day Care Scheme who use the the Park almost every day. They greatly appreciate the new toilet block installed by Council which avoids the need to take children across the busy highway when nature calls. Council has given a high priority to maintaining the Park in good condition.



Council support. These include a junior playground, a skate board ramp, a multi purpose roller blade/skate board track, and a toilet block decorated with murals by a young resident.

Local residents, through their involvement in community groups and the Council Parks and Recreation Committee, have played a big part in obtaining these valuable and popular community assets.



Tottenham Park

During 1997/98 Council was able to take advantage of a State government initiative and have Tasmania's first multi purpose sporting facility constructed at Tottenham Park, Gagebrook.

Previously known as a Ragecage but renamed Sportzcourt by the local community, the facility incorporates provision for cricket, soccer, hockey, netball and basketball. Of rugged construction to withstand hard use it has become a very popular community asset.

The Sportzcourt complements other facilities installed at Tottenham Park with





ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES & COMMUNITY

OPERATIONAL PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

Environmental and Public Health

Objective

To protect existing and future residents from health hazards and amenity loss by ensuring a healthy environment and an effective and efficient level of service to the community.

Action Plan

Food

Educate food handlers in risk assessment and introduce food safety plans.

Rank food establishments into health risk categories.

Expand the food sampling program.

Immunisation

Promote Council's role and the need for immunisation.

Continuation of the monthly public immunisation clinics and the annual schools immunisation program.

Septic Tank & Wastewater Disposal Systems

Promote cost effective and sustainable septic tank and wastewater disposal systems for new and existing installations.

Potable & Recreational Water Supplies

Ensure water supplied to the public is safe and potable.

Improve the quality of the municipality's recreational waters.

Environment

Ensure a balanced environment free from health threats and discomfort arising from nuisances or physical events.

Performance

All food proprietors have been made aware of the new risk based assessment criteria and all food premises have been categorised accordingly.

Increased food sampling has ensured safer and improved food quality. This program is on-going.

The number of school children immunised has increased and the Hepatitis B vaccination program reached 90% of eligible children.

The promotion and use of Council designed greywater filter and lint traps for domestic use and the preliminary treatment of greywater prior to recycling or ground disposal, has improved wastewater quality prolonging the life of the disposal facility and reducing the public health risk from wastewater disposal.

The ongoing sampling of potable and recreational waters has ensured the safety and quality of drinking water. This has allowed Council to ascertain the state of recreational waters so that the appropriate measures can be taken to improve quality.

Environmental improvement programs have been implemented to ensure that local industry treat oil and silt and other industrial wastes appropriately prior to discharge to Council's sewerage system and/or the environment.

Awareness campaigns have been conducted through information brochures and Council newsletters concerning other environmental issues such as noise abatement, wood heater operation and backyard incinerators.

Animal Control

Action Plan

To maintain an effective dog control program.

Performance

Dog education sessions have continued in some schools with school children gaining valuable knowledge of Council's dog control operation and responsible dog ownership.

Dog registration numbers were at similar levels to previous years and house checks for unregistered dogs covered the main populated residential areas.

Dog impoundments numbered 579 which were slightly less than the previous year with reclaimed dogs numbering 85.

There were approximately 500 registered dog complaints received with an additional 250 unregistered complaints which were attended.

There were twelve sheep attacks during the year with six resulting in the dogs being destroyed. The number of attacks were less than the previous year.

Family Day Care

Objectives

To provide a professional, home-based child care service that will meet the continually changing needs of our community.

To work to Quality Assurance criteria.

Action Plan

Increase community awareness of our service.

Support carers through increased home visits.

Expand resourcing for carers and families.

Encourage greater carer participation within the scheme.

Performance

Regular accredited training was provided for all carers addressing such areas as: Behaviour Management, Parent/Carer Relationships, Asthma, ADHD, Nutrition, Women's Health Issues, and Taxation. Many carers also attended the Family Day Care State Conference in Launceston.

Staff also accessed industry-related training in the categories of Computers, Policies & Procedures, Train the Trainer, and Occupational Health & Safety.

The scheme focuses on home visits, both for support and monitoring care. By re-allocating roles within staff, these visits have been increased dramatically.

Our reference library has expanded and we received a State Grant to purchase equipment for our school aged children.

Carer participation is steadily increasing. We have an active Carer Support Group who meet regularly. The President and Secretary of the Tasmanian Professional Child Carers Association are both Carers with Brighton Family Day Care Scheme.

Student placements are now a regular occurrence within the Scheme. We liaise with TAFE, Elizabeth & Claremont Colleges, and Bridgewater High School.



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

Completion of the Land Use Planning Strategy has enabled a major view of the Planning Scheme to be finalised and submitted to the Resource Planning & Development Commission for certification.

Council processed 105 development and 20 subdivision applications and a total of 192 building permits.

Building figures have continued to exhibit strong growth within the municipality despite regional economic conditions and

proposals for Council amalgamation. Brighton continues to maintain an efficient processing record for building applications with an average turnaround of seven working days.

Continued interest in the Industrial Estate at Bridgewater has led to increased development of new industries which have diversified the economic base and resulted in increased investment.

Growth generally within the municipality has continued above regional rates with both Brighton and Old Beach forming a focus for residential development. The overall intercensal growth rate of 5.5% recorded by the Australian Bureau of Statistics to 1996 continues to verify the opportunities provided by Brighton.

A new planning scheme based on the provisions of a Model Ordinance approved by the State Government remains to be completed given the uncertain date for completion of the Model by the Resource Planning & Development Commission.

Upgrading of the Geographic Information System (GIS) to ensure that ratepayers have the most up-to-date information in response to their enquiries has continued by Council. As a result, Council now owns a product saleable to other local government agencies.

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

Funding has been provided through the National Heritage Trust (N.H.T.) and has assisted in the employment of a range of professionals to provide important resource data.

Council has also received the benefit of N.H.T. funding to enable a Landcare Facilitator to be employed on a part-time basis and through Greening Australia the completion of a Vegetation Strategy for the municipality.

Both roles provide Council with a strong understanding of local environmental issues and how to manage them. This is unique in local government responsibilities.

Opportunities to encourage intensive agricultural usage to the metropolitan fringe are being explored. This is being assisted through the development of wastewater re-use schemes in areas of high land capability.

COMMUNITY AND COUNCIL WORKING TOGETHER

Pontville Park

Council has continued the development of Pontville Park which is now considered to be one of the best sporting and recreational facilities of its kind in the state.

With two football and cricket ovals, an equestrian arena, a dog arena, a quarter horse facility, a polocrosse ground, excellent show facilities plus 50 acres for further development, Pontville Park is a heavily utilised community asset. The kiosk with outdoor tables immediately adjacent to the dog arena has contributed to this facility being rated the best in the state. The equestrian arena is also considered to be one of the state's top venues.



During the year Council erected a new wire fence around both football oval boundaries and improved the lighting. Brighton Football Club President Ross Howard says Council has been very supportive of the Club and acknowledges the benefits it brings to the community.

"Council can see the Club is an important part of the community's social life," Ross Howard says. "The profile of Brighton is high in public perception as a result of our teams doing very well in the strong SFL competition. With 350 registered players from under 5's through to the seniors, the Club is doing a lot for young people in the community."

"With such a large membership and a bigger following, the football club has been a means for people to get to know one another. It has been very encouraging to have such solid support from the Council."

Tea Tree Hall

In response to a request from the Tea Tree community for assistance in helping prevent the Tea Tree hall from deteriorating, Council allocated part of its JobSkills workforce to carry out essential maintenance to the hall and grounds. All external paintwork was upgraded, pathways and new tables for the BBQ area were provided and the surrounding area tidied up and new trees planted.

The hall and grounds are maintained and operated by the local community.





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

Performance

Analysis of Council services to ensure that the provision of services to ratepayers in new Council areas following amalgamations would not be decreased.

Establishment of a new advisory committee, Community Action Advisory Committee, to provide a forum for direct community input following the outcomes of the BURP Report.

Promotion of the Bridgewater Industrial Estate with an official opening by Premier Rundle.

Human Resources, Plant & Equipment

Objective

Optimise utilisation of Council 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.

Maximise the use of available grant funding.

Performance

The signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with a multi-national computer services company to actively market Councils property and rating software. The signing was supported and witnessed by the Premier.

Grant funds from the River Works Program were used to construct the sewage effluent storage dam at Brighton. The increased level of road grant funding was used for road maintenance and improvement works.

Hire of Councils FLOCON and chipper to other councils and the hire from other councils of a grader and street sweeper.

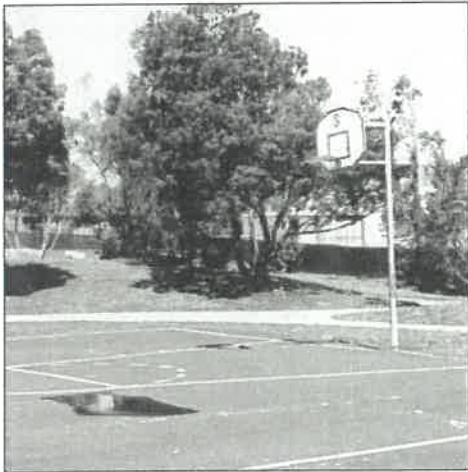
Use of a temporary placement agency to fill casual vacancies and functions in the office and outside workforce.

COMMUNITY AND COUNCIL WORKING TOGETHER

Cove Creek Oval, Gagebrook

Soccer has a strong following in the Brighton municipality and Council has worked closely with the Bridgewater Junior Soccer Club to improve the facilities for soccer at the Cove Creek Oval complex. With two soccer grounds already available Council assisted the Club in applying for a grant to further upgrade the ground and establish a third playing area. Although the application was not successful Council will consider further improvements in the next financial year.

The enthusiastic youngsters pictured at training are part of the team which has been undefeated in its age group.



Weily Park Complex, Bridgewater

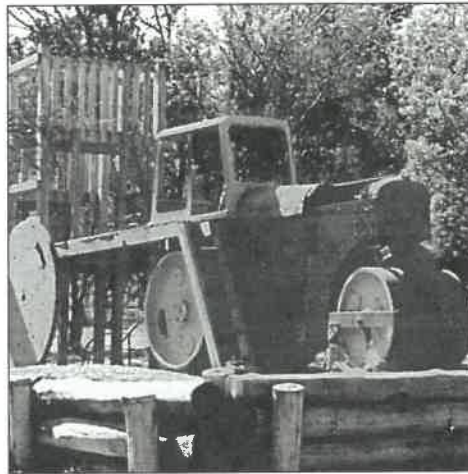
Council has worked closely with football, cricket and little athletics clubs to continuously upgrade the facilities at Weily Park, Bridgewater. This complex has two ovals, excellent athletics facilities and good changerooms and toilets. With the installation of a water bore during the year there is now ample water for irrigation to keep the grounds in good condition all year.

The Acacia Crescent Reserve, Gagebrook, with a half basketball court and playground facilities has been a big success.

Lennox Park, Old Beach

With continuing growth at Old Beach, the very active Old Beach Progress Association has worked hard to ensure good recreational facilities are available for residents. Following an approach from the Association, Council agreed to assist with the purchase and installation of modern playground equipment at Lennox Park. With considerable input from the local community this has been a very successful co-operative effort.

Council also helps the Old Beach Cricket Club with an oval maintenance program.





ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Brighton Council places a high priority on maintaining close contact with its community. One way this has been achieved is through the Environment Advisory Committee.

The Committee, with very strong representation from the community, meets regularly to provide Council with community input on environmental policies and procedures, to advise Council of priority environmental issues in the community and to review Council's environmental management programs.

All recommendations of the Committee are submitted to Council for consideration.

The Committee is chaired by the Mayor, the Manager of Physical Services and the Manager of Planning Services are ex-officio members and two Councillors are appointed. There is a representative of the Minister for Housing and the Tasmanian Conservation Trust with the remaining 15 members representing local schools, land-care groups and community groups.

The Committee has worked very successfully to ensure the environmental issues the community considers important are given serious consideration by Council. Brighton is a state leader in its treatment of environmental issues and much of the credit must go to the work of the Committee.

Michael Lynch, the Tasmanian Conservation Trust representative on the Committee, says Council has a strong commitment to the environment and works well with the Committee.

"Brighton was the first Council in Tasmania to produce a State of the Environment Report and the first to take up the 'Adopt A Highway Program' which it has now extended to an 'Adopt a Road Program' for Council maintained roads," Michael Lynch says.

"Brighton Council leads the state in its treatment of sewerage. It is the only Council with a commitment to remove all sewerage discharge from rivers and streams by the year 2000 with joint ventures with industry and local farmers to utilise effluent for tree and crop irrigation."

"Council has strongly backed a community initiative to upgrade the river foreshore behind Gagebrook. I believe Council has worked closely and effectively with the community to achieve a clean and healthy environment for the residents of Brighton municipality."



ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Access Advisory Committee was established to assist Council in achieving physical accessibility for all people to all facilities in the Brighton municipality.

It was prompted initially by the needs of people with mobility disabilities requiring better access to sites such as shops, offices and public footpaths.

The Committee was established with a convenor, two councillors, four Council staff and others as required, the remaining members being appointed by Council from community nominations. It has the objective of assisting Brighton Council to provide a user friendly environment which is comfortable and safely accessible for all people.

Apart from recommending access priorities to Council the Committee also has other important roles. These include promoting disability issues to Council staff through education and information, promoting good access design, recommending physical infrastructure changes where required, promoting a greater awareness and positive social attitude to people with disabilities and/or their carers and to promote the abilities of people with disabilities.

The Committee, chaired by Hugh Carter, meets regularly and has some major achievements to its credit. These include improvements to the Community Health

Centre at Bridgewater where Council installed ramping to Australian standards, access crossovers in place of driveway crossovers and major improvements to access parking at Cove Hill shopping centre. Here the Council has worked with the owners to bring access parking up to Australian standards.

"We are very lucky that we have a forward thinking progressive Council that takes a lot of notice of our recommendations," Hugh Carter says. "There is also a greater awareness in the community of the basic rights of people with disabilities although we still have a way to go."

"Sometimes people forget that anything done to provide easy access for people with mobility disabilities will also be suitable for everyone else, particularly young mothers with prams or frail aged people."

The Access Advisory Committee has established priorities for improvements in the municipality. Anyone aware of a problem or particular need should contact the Council. This will be passed on to the Committee which can consider it for inclusion in the Council Works Program.

COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

Executive Committee:

Cr. S A Foster (Chair), Cr. T J Jeffries, Cr. P J Owen

Parks and Recreation Committee:

Cr. T J Jeffries (Chair), Cr. L Cowley, Cr. D Purcell, Cr. L A Rainbird

Brighton Planning Committee:

Cr. P J Owen (Chair), Cr. T J Jeffries, Cr. L A Rainbird, Cr. D Purcell

Pontville Special Committee:

Cr. T J Jeffries (Chair), Cr. P J Geard, Cr. B Curran

Finance Committee:

Cr. S A Foster (Chair), Cr. T J Jeffries, Cr. L A Rainbird, General Manager, Accountant, Cr. B Curran as proxy for Councillors.

Hobart Metropolitan Councils Association:

Cr. S A Foster (Chair), Cr. P J Owen (Cr. T J Jeffries substitute).

Brighton Senior Citizens Management Committee:

Cr. B Curran

Brighton Junior School:

Cr. L A Rainbird

Bridgewater High School:

Cr. L Cowley, Cr. M Andrews

Gagebrook Primary School Council:

Cr. B Curran

Enterprise Bargaining Committee:

Cr. S A Foster (Chair), Cr. L Cowley (Cr. T J Jeffries proxy).

Environment Advisory Committee:

Cr. S A Foster (Chair), Cr. L Cowley, Cr. B Curran

Old Beach Golf Course Committee:

Cr. D Purcell

Hobart Metropolitan Councils Association (HMCA) Major Facilities Standing Committee:

Cr. P J Owen (Cr. L Cowley as proxy).

Southern Tasmanian Region of Councils (STROC) Waste Management Governance Committee:

Cr. T J Jeffries

H M C A Airport Task Force Committee:

Cr. S A Foster

Hobart Regional Water Board Joint Authority:

Cr. S A Foster plus Cr. T J Jeffries (Deputy Representative - elected 19/1/98)

Southern Library Advisory Committee:

Cr. B Curran

Planning Scheme Review Committee:

Cr. S A Foster (Chair), Cr. T J Jeffries

Brighton Childrens Services Management Committee:

Cr. B Curran

Access Advisory Committee:

Cr. M Andrews, Cr. B Curran

Business and Employment Growth Committee:

Cr. D Purcell

Community Action Advisory Committee:

Cr. S A Foster (Chair) and Cr. M Andrews.



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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 1998. 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, other mandatory professional reporting requirements 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 1998, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.



D W Baulch
DIRECTOR OF AUDIT

11 November, 1998

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AUDIT OFFICE

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 1998 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views and applicable legislation; 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



19 October 1998

BRIGHTON COUNCIL

OPERATING STATEMENT

For the Year ended 30 June 1998.

| | Notes | Actual 1998 \$ | Budget 1998 \$ | Actual 1997 \$ |
|--|-----------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Rate Revenues | 3(a)(i) | 4,821,197 | 4,829,000 | 4,683,845 |
| User Charges | 3(a)(vi) | 1,102,628 | 997,000 | 1,099,238 |
| Fees and Charges | | 325,379 | 300,000 | 290,981 |
| Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred | 3(a)(iv) | 11,325 | 0 | 77,792 |
| Private Works Sales Proceeds | | 30,083 | 0 | 39,567 |
| Interest | 3(a)(ii) | 87,921 | 80,000 | 95,913 |
| Contributions | 3(a)(vii) | 454,268 | 0 | 653,864 |
| Other | | 15,144 | 0 | 83,983 |
| | | <u>\$6,847,945</u> | <u>\$6,206,000</u> | <u>\$7,025,183</u> |
| Government Grants | 3(a)(v) | 1,996,523 | 1,910,000 | 2,373,254 |
| Profit from Sale of Plant | 3(a)(iii) | 9,391 | 0 | 35,102 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | | <u>\$8,853,859</u> | <u>\$8,116,000</u> | <u>\$9,433,539</u> |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Employee Costs | 3(b)(i) | 2,439,632 | 2,584,000 | 2,699,587 |
| Materials and Contracts | | 2,404,622 | 1,950,000 | 2,013,725 |
| Purchase of Water | | 843,724 | 820,700 | 883,815 |
| Depreciation | 3(b)(ii) | 2,212,346 | 0 | 2,219,599 |
| Interest | 3(b)(iii) | 522,158 | 526,000 | 525,166 |
| Financial Costs | 3(b)(iii) | 129,838 | 150,000 | 153,463 |
| Contributions | 3(b)(iv) | 521,342 | 497,000 | 491,103 |
| Family Day Care Fee Relief Subsidy | | 468,042 | 465,000 | 467,499 |
| Other | | 139,955 | 155,000 | 216,256 |
| | | <u>\$9,681,659</u> | <u>\$7,147,700</u> | <u>\$9,670,213</u> |
| Donations | 32 | 9,715 | 25,000 | 38,730 |
| Remissions Granted | | 189,897 | 190,000 | 187,434 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | | <u>\$9,881,271</u> | <u>\$7,362,700</u> | <u>\$9,896,377</u> |
| Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets from Operations | | <u><u>(\$1,027,412)</u></u> | <u><u>\$753,300</u></u> | <u><u>(\$462,838)</u></u> |

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

BRIGHTON COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 1998.

| | Notes | 1998 \$ | 1997 \$ |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Cash | 4 | 390,609 | 518,543 |
| Receivables - Rates | 5 | 437,274 | 347,389 |
| Receivables - Other | 5 | 354,927 | 374,228 |
| Land Held for Resale | 6 | 209,000 | 209,000 |
| Work in Progress | 7 | 23,579 | 8,935 |
| Other | 8 | 145,883 | 138,328 |
| Total Current Assets | 2(b) | \$1,561,272 | \$1,596,423 |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | |
| Creditors & Accruals | 9 | 968,411 | 675,977 |
| Borrowings | 10 | 288,570 | 282,189 |
| Employee Entitlements | 11 | 375,615 | 395,984 |
| Lease Liabilities | 12 | 35,814 | 53,926 |
| Other | 13 | 115,115 | 168,635 |
| Total Current Liabilities | | \$1,783,525 | \$1,576,711 |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | (\$222,253) | \$19,712 |
| NON CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Land | 14 | 1,806,580 | 1,745,350 |
| Plant and Vehicles | 15 | 499,620 | 605,929 |
| Small Machinery | 16 | 17,985 | 12,324 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 17 | 231,614 | 308,940 |
| Buildings | 18 | 3,513,821 | 3,595,994 |
| Bridges | 19 | 709,559 | 742,993 |
| Sewerage | 20 | 9,772,799 | 9,939,281 |
| Drainage | 21 | 7,652,132 | 7,831,815 |
| Water | 22 | 8,165,668 | 8,254,531 |
| Water Meters | 23 | 526,508 | 571,369 |
| Street Lighting | 24 | 377,800 | 403,040 |
| Roads | 25 | 21,490,839 | 21,927,024 |
| Other | 26 | 90,970 | 197,926 |
| Total Non Current Assets | 2(b) | \$54,855,895 | \$56,136,516 |
| NON CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | |
| Borrowings | 10 | 6,355,989 | 6,775,619 |
| Lease Liabilities | 12 | 10,636 | 46,558 |
| Employee Entitlements | 11 | 35,854 | 48,044 |
| Other | | 0 | 27,433 |
| Total Non Current Liabilities | | \$6,402,479 | \$6,897,654 |
| NET ASSETS | | \$48,231,163 | \$49,258,574 |
| EQUITY | | | |
| Reserves | | 584,718 | 584,718 |
| Surplus (Deficit) for the Year | | (1,027,412) | (462,838) |
| Ratepayer's Capital | | 48,673,857 | 49,136,694 |
| TOTAL EQUITY | | \$48,231,163 | \$49,258,574 |

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

BRIGHTON COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the Year Ended 30 June 1998.

| | Ratepayers Equity | | Accumulated Surplus (Deficit) | | Municipal Works Reserve | | Asset Revaluation Reserve | | Recreation Works Reserve | | Plant Repalcement Reserve | | Public Open Space Reserve | | Total | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 |
| Balance at the beginning of the financial year | \$ 49,136,694 | \$ 48,439,728 | \$ (462,838) | \$ (337,879) | \$ 0 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 449,133 | \$ 449,133 | \$ 0 | \$ 3,000 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 171,802 | \$ 35,585 | \$ 35,585 | \$ 49,258,575 | \$ 48,786,369 |
| Decrease in net assets resulting from operations | | | (1,027,412) | (462,838) | | | | | | | | | | | (1,027,412) | (462,838) |
| Transfers from Reserves | (462,838) | (238,077) | 462,838 | 337,879 | (25,000) | | | | (3,000) | | (71,802) | | | | | |
| Recognition of Infrastructure Assets | | 935,043 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 935,043 |
| Balance at the end of the financial year | \$48,673,856 | \$49,136,694 | (\$1,027,412) | (\$462,838) | \$0 | \$0 | \$449,133 | \$449,133 | \$0 | \$0 | \$100,000 | \$100,000 | \$35,585 | \$35,585 | \$48,231,163 | \$49,258,574 |

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

BRIGHTON COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 30 June 1998.

| | Notes | 1998 \$ | 1997 \$ |
|--|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities | | | |
| Payments | | | |
| Payments to Suppliers and Employees | | (6,615,858) | (6,883,074) |
| Interest and other costs of finance | | (576,543) | (615,901) |
| | | <u>(7,192,401)</u> | <u>(7,498,975)</u> |
| Receipts | | | |
| Receipts from Ratepayers | | 5,935,489 | 6,032,040 |
| Other Revenue | | 56,552 | 150,578 |
| Interest Received | | 87,921 | 94,087 |
| | | <u>6,079,962</u> | <u>6,276,705</u> |
| Net Cash Inflow (Outflow) from Operating Activities | 31 | <u>(\$1,112,439)</u> | <u>(\$1,222,270)</u> |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities | | | |
| Payments | | | |
| Buildings | | (29,292) | (39,808) |
| Plant and Vehicles | | (51,913) | (92,545) |
| Water Reticulation Assets | | (122,286) | (110,243) |
| Water Meters | | 0 | (17,675) |
| Bridge Assets | | 0 | (15,521) |
| Road Assets | | (267,853) | (383,938) |
| Sewerage Assets | | (81,918) | (242,556) |
| Furniture and Equipment | | (74,589) | (268,748) |
| Other Assets | | (10,122) | (48,393) |
| | | <u>(637,973)</u> | <u>(1,219,427)</u> |
| Proceeds from | | | |
| Public Bodies Loan repayments | | 53,995 | 0 |
| Sales of Plant and Equipment | 3(a)(iii) | 39,241 | 114,465 |
| Net Cash Inflow (Outflow) from Investing Activities | | <u>(\$544,737)</u> | <u>(\$1,104,962)</u> |
| Cash Inflows (Outflows) from Financing Activities | | | |
| Repayment of Borrowings | | (413,249) | (143,623) |
| New Loans | | 0 | 596,500 |
| Repayment of Lease Liabilities | | (54,034) | (62,651) |
| | | <u>(467,283)</u> | <u>390,226</u> |
| Cash Inflow (Outflow) from Government | | | |
| Government Grants | | <u>1,996,523</u> | <u>2,373,254</u> |
| Net increase/(decrease) in Cash Held | | (127,936) | 436,248 |
| Cash at the Beginning of the Financial Year | | 518,543 | 82,295 |
| Cash at the End of the Financial Year | 4 | <u>\$390,607</u> | <u>\$518,543</u> |

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

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| Employee Entitlements | 11 |
| Lease Liabilities | 12 |
| Other | 13 |
| Non Current Assets | |
| Land | 14 |
| Plant and Vehicles | 15 |
| Small Machinery | 16 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 17 |
| Buildings | 18 |
| Bridges | 19 |
| Sewerage | 20 |
| Drainage | 21 |
| Water Reticulation | 22 |
| Water Meters | 23 |
| Street Lighting | 24 |
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I. 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 borrowings 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 the 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 architect's 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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For the year ended 30 June 1998

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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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Report

For the year ended 30 June 1998

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 Local Government 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 are 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 expensed 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 expensed 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 leased items are, initially recognised as assets and liabilities equal in amount to the present value of the minimum lease payments. The assets are disclosed as 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.

(o) Receivables

Rates and other debtors to be settled within 30 days are carried at amounts due. The collectibility of debts is assessed at balance date and specific provision is made for any doubtful accounts.

(p) Accounts Payable

Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods or services received, whether or not billed to the Council. Creditors are normally settled within 30 days.

(q) Borrowings

Bank loans are carried on the Balance Sheet at their principal amount. Interest expense is accrued at the contracted rate and included in accruals

BRIGHTON COUNCIL

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Report
For the year ended 30 June 1998.

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 | |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---|--------------------|--|---------------------|
| | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 |
| Corporate Services | \$ 842,872 | \$ 843,818 | \$ | \$ 1,004 | \$ 154,290 | \$ 158,954 | \$ 154,290 | \$ 159,958 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Water Supply | 1,688,709 | 1,690,996 | | | 1,621,074 | 1,668,848 | 1,621,074 | 1,668,848 | | | 8,692,176 | 8,254,530 |
| Parks and Recreation | 418,966 | 419,834 | | 340,024 | 8,914 | 8,949 | 8,914 | 348,973 | | | | |
| Drainage/Sewerage | 1,333,972 | 1,338,582 | | | 1,276,836 | 1,314,399 | 1,276,836 | 1,314,399 | | | 17,424,931 | 18,342,465 |
| Town Planning Services | 201,578 | 201,976 | | | 10,200 | 10,286 | 10,200 | 10,286 | | | | |
| Building Services | 158,100 | 153,546 | | | 41,144 | 42,340 | 41,144 | 42,340 | | | | |
| Roads/Streets/Bridges | 1,774,676 | 1,777,037 | | 5,263 | 536,929 | 552,641 | 536,929 | 557,904 | | | 22,578,197 | 23,073,056 |
| Community Services | 943,661 | 945,383 | 757,153 | 819,512 | 95,317 | 98,246 | 852,470 | 917,758 | | | | |
| Environmental Health | 161,065 | 161,723 | | | 28,115 | 28,982 | 28,115 | 28,982 | | | | |
| Waste Management | 546,434 | 547,507 | | | 359,324 | 369,733 | 359,324 | 369,733 | | | | |
| Unallocated Services | 1,811,238 | 1,815,975 | 1,239,370 | 1,207,451 | 2,725,193 | 2,806,907 | 3,964,563 | 4,014,358 | | | 7,721,863 | 8,062,888 |
| TOTAL | \$9,881,271 | \$9,896,377 | \$1,996,523 | \$2,373,254 | \$6,857,336 | \$7,060,285 | \$8,853,859 | \$9,433,539 | (\$1,027,412) | (\$462,837) | \$56,417,167 | \$57,732,939 |

Assets not attributed to a Function/Activity includes Land (\$2,015,580), Buildings (\$3,513,821) and Plant & Vehicles (\$499,620). It is considered that attribution of these assets is too arbitrary and would not serve any useful purpose.
Unallocated Services Revenue includes \$2,374,782 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:

| | |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Current Assets | 1,561,272 |
| Non Current Assets | 54,855,895 |
| | <u>\$ 56,417,167</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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For the year ended 30 June 1998.

| | | 1998 | 1997 |
|-------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| | | \$ | \$ |
| 3 | OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES | | |
| 3(a) | Operating Revenues | | |
| | | | |
| | Rates | (i) 4,821,197 | 4,683,845 |
| | Fees and Charges | 325,379 | 290,981 |
| | User Charges | (vi) 1,102,628 | 1,099,238 |
| | Interest | (ii) 87,921 | 95,913 |
| | Reimbursements | (iv) 11,325 | 77,792 |
| | Contributions | (vii) 454,268 | 653,864 |
| | Private Works Sales | 30,083 | 39,567 |
| | Grants | (v) 1,996,523 | 2,373,254 |
| | Other | 15,144 | 83,983 |
| | Profit from Sale of Plant | (iii) 9,391 | 35,102 |
| | | <u>\$8,853,859</u> | <u>\$9,433,539</u> |
| | (i) Rates Revenue | | |
| | General | 2,374,781 | 2,290,621 |
| | Garbage | 318,517 | 307,411 |
| | Sewerage | 1,260,726 | 1,237,041 |
| | Water | 590,729 | 584,391 |
| | Fire Levy | 238,341 | 223,865 |
| | Penalties | 38,103 | 40,516 |
| | | <u>\$4,821,197</u> | <u>\$4,683,845</u> |
| | (ii) Interest Revenue | | |
| | Interest received or due and receivable from: | | |
| | Investments | 72,753 | 73,032 |
| | Other | 15,168 | 22,881 |
| | | <u>\$87,921</u> | <u>\$95,913</u> |
| | (iii) Profit from Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment | | |
| | Proceeds from Sales | 39,241 | 114,465 |
| | less written down current cost of property sold | (29,850) | (79,363) |
| | Gain on Sale | <u>\$9,391</u> | <u>\$35,102</u> |
| | (iv) Recoveries and Reimbursements | | |
| | Reimbursements of Costs Incurred | | |
| | Welfare Administration | 9,913 | 8,800 |
| | Southern Midlands Municipality Loan Repayments | 0 | 40,714 |
| | Other | 1,412 | 28,278 |
| | | <u>\$11,325</u> | <u>\$77,792</u> |

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| | 1998 \$ | 1997 \$ |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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 | \$0 | \$5,263 |
| Community Services | | |
| Youth Activities Service | 51,926 | 46,646 |
| Family Day Care | 544,760 | 568,621 |
| School Holiday Program | 13,534 | 9,696 |
| Jobskills Program | 0 | 1,080 |
| Brighton Children's Services | 127,962 | 174,282 |
| Home and Community Care | 18,967 | 18,601 |
| Other | 4 | 586 |
| | <u>\$757,153</u> | <u>\$819,512</u> |
| Parks and Recreation | | |
| Jobskills Program | 0 | 336,774 |
| Garden Project | 0 | 3,250 |
| | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$340,024</u> |
| Corporate Services | | |
| Commonwealth Employment Program | \$0 | \$1,004 |
| Other | | |
| Pensioner Rate Remissions | 137,935 | 177,140 |
| Better Cities Project | 0 | 160,000 |
| Commonwealth Tax Sharing | 901,435 | 840,311 |
| Urban Forest Grant | 0 | 30,000 |
| Waste Water Re-use Grant | 180,000 | 0 |
| Jordan River Management Grant | 20,000 | 0 |
| | <u>\$1,239,370</u> | <u>\$1,207,451</u> |
| Total Grants | <u>\$1,996,523</u> | <u>\$2,373,254</u> |
| (vi) User Charges | | |
| Excess Water Charges | 1,007,899 | 1,020,321 |
| Flocon Hire | 14,395 | 20,909 |
| Refuse Site Entrance Fees | 80,334 | 58,008 |
| | <u>\$1,102,628</u> | <u>\$1,099,238</u> |
| (vii) Contributions | | |
| Infrastructure Assets | 438,940 | 642,367 |
| Other | 15,328 | 11,497 |
| | <u>\$454,268</u> | <u>\$653,864</u> |

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| | 1998 | 1997 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| 3 OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES (continued) | | |
| 3(b) Operating Expenses | | |
| | \$ | \$ |
| (i) Employee Costs | | |
| Wages and Salaries | 1,852,796 | 2,136,948 |
| Employee Leave Accruals | (17,409) | 15,597 |
| Superannuation | 215,773 | 214,487 |
| Aldermanic Allowances & Expenses | 68,680 | 88,910 |
| Other Employee Related Expenses | 319,792 | 243,645 |
| | <u>\$2,439,632</u> | <u>\$2,699,587</u> |
| (ii) Depreciation and Amortisation Expense | | |
| Depreciation and amortisation was charged in respect of: | | |
| Plant and Vehicles | 128,373 | 129,572 |
| Buildings | 111,465 | 111,458 |
| Small Machinery | 4,461 | 5,639 |
| Bridges | 33,433 | 33,446 |
| Sewerage Assets | 248,400 | 248,762 |
| Drainage Assets | 185,583 | 185,954 |
| Water Assets | 258,309 | 257,794 |
| Road Assets | 1,114,404 | 1,113,974 |
| Street Lighting | 25,240 | 25,240 |
| Equipment and Furniture | 102,678 | 107,760 |
| | <u>\$2,212,346</u> | <u>\$2,219,599</u> |
| (iii) Financial Costs | | |
| Interest on Debt | 522,158 | 525,166 |
| Audit Fees | 11,545 | 20,000 |
| Bank Charges | 7,070 | 8,890 |
| Finance Lease Interest Expense | 5,801 | 8,306 |
| Finance Lease Amortisation Expense | 49,237 | 54,755 |
| Credit Card Costs | 6,676 | 5,532 |
| Discount Allowed | 36,558 | 41,336 |
| Other | 12,951 | 14,644 |
| | <u>\$651,996</u> | <u>\$678,629</u> |
| (iv) State Fire Commission Levy | 225,045 | 211,425 |
| State Library Levy | 110,868 | 108,046 |
| Tas. Canine Defence League Contribution | 37,406 | 37,837 |
| Local Govt. Association of Tasmania | 40,429 | 26,124 |
| Valuation Charges | 41,871 | 45,660 |
| Planning Levy | 48,363 | 47,011 |
| RSCPA | 2,360 | 0 |
| Hobart Metropolitan Councils Association | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| | <u>\$521,342</u> | <u>\$491,103</u> |

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| | 1998 | 1997 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| 4 CURRENT ASSETS - CASH | | |
| Cash at Bank | 175,083 | 362,626 |
| Cash Advances | 2,050 | 1,996 |
| Investments | 213,476 | 153,921 |
| | <u>\$390,609</u> | <u>\$518,543</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 | | |
| Rates Receivables | <u>\$437,274</u> | <u>\$347,389</u> |
| Other Receivables | | |
| Water Consumption/Excess Charges | 282,985 | 219,124 |
| Other Debtors | 71,942 | 155,104 |
| | <u>\$354,927</u> | <u>\$374,228</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>23,579</u> | <u>8,935</u> |
| | <u>\$23,579</u> | <u>\$8,935</u> |
| 8 CURRENT ASSETS - OTHER | | |
| Prepayments | 4,294 | 13,415 |
| Accrued Revenue | 60,543 | 43,750 |
| Revaluation Services Received | 27,433 | 27,433 |
| Other | 53,613 | 53,730 |
| | <u>\$145,883</u> | <u>\$138,328</u> |
| 9 CURRENT LIABILITIES - CREDITORS | | |
| Trade Creditors | 352,295 | 223,793 |
| Other Creditors and Accruals | 616,116 | 452,184 |
| | <u>\$968,411</u> | <u>\$675,977</u> |

Other Creditors and Accruals includes an amount of \$220,240 for 1996/97 bulk water charges (final quarter) claimed by the Hobart Regional Water Authority which is currently under dispute. It is expected that the matter will be arbitrated shortly.

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| | 1998 \$ | 1997 \$ |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| 10 LIABILITIES - BORROWINGS | | |
| CURRENT | | |
| Secured | | |
| Private Loans | <u>\$288,570</u> | <u>\$282,189</u> |
| NON CURRENT | | |
| Secured | | |
| Private Loans | <u>\$6,355,989</u> | <u>\$6,775,619</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 | 159,974 | 175,123 |
| Long Service Leave | <u>215,641</u> | <u>220,861</u> |
| | <u>\$375,615</u> | <u>\$395,984</u> |
| NON CURRENT | | |
| Employee Leave Entitlements Provisions | | |
| Long Service Leave | <u>\$35,854</u> | <u>\$48,044</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>\$35,814</u> | <u>\$53,926</u> |
| NON CURRENT | | |
| Lease Liabilities | <u>\$10,636</u> | <u>\$46,558</u> |

See Note 28 for lease details.

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| | 1998 | 1997 |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| 13 CURRENT LIABILITIES - OTHER | | |
| Deposits Held in Trust | 68,819 | 94,571 |
| Other | 46,296 | 74,064 |
| | <u>\$115,115</u> | <u>\$168,635</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. | | |
| 14 NON CURRENT ASSETS - LAND | | |
| Land - at Local Government valuation - 1993 | 1,745,350 | 1,745,350 |
| Land - at Cost | 61,230 | 0 |
| | <u>\$1,806,580</u> | <u>\$1,745,350</u> |
| 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. | | |
| 15 NON CURRENT ASSETS - PLANT AND VEHICLES | | |
| Plant and Vehicles at Replacement Cost | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| Plant and Vehicles at Cost | 858,467 | 854,221 |
| less Accumulated Depreciation | (388,847) | (278,292) |
| | <u>\$499,620</u> | <u>\$605,929</u> |
| 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. | | |
| 16 NON CURRENT ASSETS - SMALL MACHINERY | | |
| Small Machinery at Replacement Cost | 30,250 | 30,250 |
| Small Machinery at Cost | 21,199 | 11,077 |
| less Accumulated Depreciation | (33,464) | (29,003) |
| | <u>\$17,985</u> | <u>\$12,324</u> |
| 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. | | |
| 17 NON CURRENT ASSETS - FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT | | |
| Furniture and Equipment at Replacement Cost | 144,748 | 144,748 |
| Furniture and Equipment purchased on Finance Lease | 197,530 | 197,530 |
| Furniture and Equipment at Cost | 528,886 | 454,297 |
| less Amortisation of Finance Lease | (160,752) | (111,515) |
| less Accumulated Depreciation | (478,798) | (376,120) |
| | <u>\$231,614</u> | <u>\$308,940</u> |
| 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. | | |

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| | 1998 | 1997 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| 18 NON CURRENT ASSETS - BUILDINGS | | |
| Buildings at Valuation | 3,939,543 | 3,939,543 |
| Buildings at Cost | 203,021 | 173,729 |
| less Accumulated Depreciation | <u>(628,743)</u> | <u>(517,278)</u> |
| | <u>\$3,513,821</u> | <u>\$3,595,994</u> |

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.

| | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| 19 NON CURRENT ASSETS - BRIDGES | | |
| Bridges at Replacement Cost | 1,295,000 | 1,295,000 |
| Bridges at Cost | 27,306 | 27,306 |
| less Accumulated Depreciation | <u>(612,747)</u> | <u>(579,313)</u> |
| | <u>\$709,559</u> | <u>\$742,993</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 | 13,243,987 |
| Sewerage Assets at Cost | 984,757 | 902,839 |
| less Accumulated Depreciation | <u>(4,455,945)</u> | <u>(4,207,545)</u> |
| | <u>\$9,772,799</u> | <u>\$9,939,281</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 | 11,134,980 |
| Drainage Assets at Cost | 5,900 | 0 |
| less Accumulated Depreciation | <u>(3,488,748)</u> | <u>(3,303,165)</u> |
| | <u>\$7,652,132</u> | <u>\$7,831,815</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 | 11,773,955 |
| Water Reticulation Assets at Cost | 1,084,842 | 960,257 |
| less Accumulated Depreciation | <u>(4,693,129)</u> | <u>(4,479,681)</u> |
| | <u>\$8,165,668</u> | <u>\$8,254,531</u> |

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

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|---|------------------|------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| 23 NON CURRENT ASSETS - WATER METERS | | |
| Water Meter Assets at Valuation | 201,500 | 201,500 |
| Water Meter Assets at Cost | 471,419 | 471,419 |
| less Accumulated Depreciation | (146,411) | (101,550) |
| | <u>\$526,508</u> | <u>\$571,369</u> |

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

| | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| 24 NON CURRENT ASSETS - STREET LIGHTING | | |
| Street Lighting Assets at Replacement Cost | 631,000 | 631,000 |
| less Accumulated Depreciation | (253,200) | (227,960) |
| | <u>\$377,800</u> | <u>\$403,040</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 | 39,593,602 |
| Road Assets at Cost | 1,327,333 | 649,114 |
| less Accumulated Depreciation | (19,430,096) | (18,315,692) |
| | <u>\$21,490,839</u> | <u>\$21,927,024</u> |

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

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 26 NON CURRENT ASSETS - OTHER | | |
| Loan Debtors | 90,970 | 144,965 |
| Revaluation Services Received | 0 | 27,433 |
| Other | 0 | 25,528 |
| | <u>\$90,970</u> | <u>\$197,926</u> |

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

27 CONTINGENCIES

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

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|---|------------------|--------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| 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 contracts were in operation at balance date, and will continue into future periods: | | |
| Solid Waste Management Contract:(expires 30 June 2000, with a further renewal option of four years). | | |
| These expenditures are payable: | | |
| Not later than one year | 365,534 | 414,192 |
| Later than one year but not later than two years | 365,534 | 414,192 |
| Later than two years but not later than five years | 0 | 483,224 |
| | <u>\$731,068</u> | <u>\$1,311,608</u> |
| The Kerbside Recycling Contract is now a separate contract from the Solid Waste Management Contract. The 1998/99 contract sum is \$93,314, but the contract is currently under review. | | |
| (c) Finance Lease Commitments | | |
| At 30 June 1998, 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): | | |
| These expenditures are payable: | | |
| Not later than one year | 38,585 | 61,755 |
| Later than one year but not later than two years | 10,913 | 38,585 |
| Later than two years but not later than five years | 0 | 10,913 |
| Minimum lease payments | 49,498 | 111,253 |
| Deduct future finance charges | (3,048) | (10,769) |
| Lease Liability | <u>\$46,450</u> | <u>\$100,484</u> |
| Comprised of: | | |
| Current | 35,814 | 53,926 |
| Non Current | 10,636 | 46,558 |
| | <u>\$46,450</u> | <u>\$100,484</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 1998 the loan advance balance outstanding was \$64,925. | | |
| 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. | | |

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|--|------|------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| 29 SUPERANNUATION | | |
| Brighton Council contributes in respect of its employees to a superannuation plan established for 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's 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: | | |
| termination of the Scheme, | | |
| voluntary termination of the employment of each employee on the initiative of that employee, and | | |
| compulsory termination of the employment of each employee of the employer. | | |
| Superannuation contributions paid by the Council during the reporting period was \$215,733. | | |
| 30 HOBART REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY | | |
| Effective as from 1 January 1997, the Authority was changed from being a State Government Business Enterprise, to become a Local Government Joint Authority. The new Authority is autonomous, but is owned jointly by the eight constituent Councils to which it currently supplies water. | | |
| Brighton Council's interest in the equity of the Hobart Regional Water Authority is not expected to be realised, and no amount has been included in the Accounts. | | |
| The Authority's net assets as at 1 January 1997 had a current value of \$129,236,000 of which Council's interest is 5.01 per cent. | | |

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|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 31 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>(\$1,027,412)</u> | <u>(\$462,838)</u> |
| Items not involving cash | | |
| Lease Amortisation | 49,237 | 54,755 |
| Non Current Asset adjustment | 0 | (50,922) |
| Non Cash Contributions | (454,268) | (653,158) |
| Remissions/Discount | 0 | 187,434 |
| Depreciation Expense | <u>2,212,346</u> | <u>2,219,599</u> |
| | <u>\$1,807,315</u> | <u>\$1,757,708</u> |
| Revenues from Government | | |
| Government Grants | <u>(\$1,996,523)</u> | <u>(\$2,373,254)</u> |
| Investing Activity | | |
| Net profit on Disposal of Plant and Equipment | <u>(9,391)</u> | <u>(35,102)</u> |
| | (\$9,391) | (\$35,102) |
| Change in Operating Assets and Liabilities | | |
| (Increase)/Decrease in Rates Receivables | (89,885) | (17,701) |
| (Increase)/Decrease in Other Debtors | 19,301 | (118,429) |
| (Increase)/Decrease in Other Assets | (7,555) | (120,496) |
| (Increase)/Decrease in Inventories | (14,645) | (883) |
| Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors | 292,434 | 96,478 |
| Increase/(Decrease) in Provision for Employee Entitlements | (32,559) | (69,427) |
| Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities | (53,519) | 121,674 |
| | <u>\$113,572</u> | <u>(\$108,784)</u> |
| Net Cash Outflow from Operating Activities | <u><u>(\$1,112,439)</u></u> | <u><u>(\$1,222,270)</u></u> |

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|--|----------------|-----------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| 32 | | |
| <u>1997/98 GRANTS & BENEFITS APPROVED :</u> | | |
| GRANTS AND BENEFITS REGISTER - | | |
| (SECTION 77 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993) | | |
| | \$ | |
| "Crop a Cop" Bridgewater | 100 | |
| Anglicare | 200 | |
| Fr N De Carlton (Council Chaplain - Stipend) | 300 | |
| Timsbury Road Primary School | 500 | |
| Tasmanian Crabbet Arabian Group | 100 | |
| Royal Australian Planning Institute | 100 | |
| Brighton Agricultural Society | 500 | |
| Old Beach Progress Association | 1,250 | |
| Riverside Homing Society | 25 | |
| Miss Kelly Smith | 60 | |
| Gagebrook - Bridgewater Union | 200 | |
| Friends of Herdsmans Cove | 50 | |
| School Bursaries (8 @ \$250) | 2,000 | |
| Citizenship prizes to local schools (8 @ \$60) | 480 | |
| Australian War Memorial Foundation | 150 | |
| Softball Tasmania | 60 | |
| MS Society Appeal | 50 | |
| Claremont College | 50 | |
| Family Day Care 25th Birthday Celebrations | 60 | |
| Brighton/Green Ponds RSLA | 200 | |
| New Norfolk District Football Club | 80 | |
| Bridgewater High School | 500 | |
| Patrick Coleman | 40 | |
| Thia Cantwell | 60 | |
| Cancer Council of Tasmania | 25 | |
| Tea Tree Hall Committee | 1,000 | |
| Southern Cross TV Childrens Christmas Party | 195 | |
| Tasmanian Animal Protection Society | 500 | |
| Bridgewater High School - Rock Eisteddfod | 1,000 | |
| Brighton Scout Group - 1996/97 Donation reversed | (120) | |
| TOTAL | \$9,715 | \$38,730 |

33. ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT DISCLOSURES:

(a) Interest Rate Risk:

The Council's exposure to interest rate risk and the effective weighted average interest rate for classes of financial assets and liabilities is set out below:

| 1998 | Note | Floating interest rate \$ | Fixed interest maturing in: | | | Non-interest bearing \$ | TOTAL \$ |
|--------------------------------|------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| | | | 1 year or less \$ | Over 1 to 5 years \$ | More than 5 years \$ | | |
| <i>Financial assets</i> | | | | | | | |
| Cash | 4 | 175,083 | | | | | 175,083 |
| Receivables | 5 | | | | | 792,200 | 792,200 |
| Investments | 4 | 213,476 | | | | | 213,476 |
| | | 388,559 | - | - | - | 792,200 | 1,180,759 |
| Weighted average interest rate | | 2.81% | | | | | |

Financial liabilities

| | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|----|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Loans | 10 | 291,416 | 1,399,504 | 4,953,638 | | 6,644,558 | |
| Accounts payable | 9 | | | | 968,411 | 968,411 | |
| Lease liabilities | 12 | 35,814 | 10,636 | | | 46,450 | |
| | | - | 327,230 | 1,410,140 | 4,953,638 | 968,411 | 7,659,419 |
| Weighted average interest rate | | 7.64% | 7.49% | 7.60% | | | |

(b) Net Fair Values of Financial Assets and Liabilities:

The carrying amounts of cash, accounts receivable, investments, accounts payable and lease liabilities approximate net fair value. The loan portfolio owed by Council has been reviewed by Tascorp effective 30 June 1998. Following this review, it was determined that, having regard to the fixed rate of interest applicable for the remaining life of each loan, the approximate net fair value (which equates to current market value) is \$6,903,386 compared to the actual value of \$6,644,268.

(c) Credit Risk:

The Council undertakes dealings with a large number of customers, none of which is materially significant.