

BRIGHTON COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT



A message from the Mayor

In presenting the 1998/99 Annual Report on CD and on our web page (www.brighton.tas.gov.au) rather than in print, Council has continued its progressive and innovative approach to local government. We are certainly the first council in Tasmania to do so and one of the first in Australia but the decision was not made just to be first. Effective communication with our community is a high priority for Council and we believe the report will be more accessible in this format and consequently more likely to be read and considered. I have no doubt within five years many councils in the state will be using modern computer technology to communicate with residents, at Brighton we are pleased to be a leader in the field.



Tony Foster, Mayor

Amalgamation

In contrast to last year's annual report, which began on a sad note as we faced the forced separation of our community by council amalgamation, this report will be very positive. I believe any future consideration of amalgamation is a long way off and that is good news for Brighton. The most frustrating part of the amalgamation process was the enormous amount of time and energy that went into preparing for the transition with a significant cost to ratepayers, not only in dollars for unproductive work but from the postponement or cancellation of projects. I am delighted to report that with the threat of amalgamation behind us, the last 10 months have been very positive and a great deal has been achieved. Brighton councillors, council staff and the community have worked together with renewed energy, determined to accept new challenges and achieve worthwhile projects to improve our lifestyle and benefit the community.



Awards recognise Community

Some of our achievements have been recognised by significant state and national awards. Council received the Local Government Association of Tasmania Award for Excellence, the inaugural Tasmanian Government Environment Award and the Minister's Sustainable Development Award. The latter award was not just won in competition against other councils but against very powerful corporate bodies such as Aurora and Pasminco. I believe Council will also perform well in national awards to be announced later this year.



The recognition for innovation and excellence that these awards bring carries through to the whole community which can take pride in the way it has worked with Council



and staff to ensure the success of many worthwhile projects. We are a diverse community and fortunate to have a wide cross section of our community represented on Council and in the membership of Council community committees. Community committees are one of the many positive outcomes of the Bridgewater/Gagebrook Urban Renewal Project (BURP) and any number of important Council achievements can be traced back to initiatives that began with those committees.

MicroWise Australia- an “intelligent island” success story

When Scott Smith joined our staff as IT officer several years ago he brought with him experience of the state government computer division and a flair for software development. He quickly realised the software programs Council was using for rates, building applications, dog licences and so on were not user friendly. He set about developing new software which would combine all the functions into one package which became PropertyWise - a Brighton Council success story. Six councils in the state are now using the software and several others have it under consideration. But that is not the end of the story. One of the first tasks to face Council's new accountant Greg Davoren when he was appointed December 1998, was to upgrade the financial software used by Council. This software was not year 2000 compliant and not able to provide the reports and information Council and staff required. He selected a program Navision marketed by Navision Software Australasia, a company based in Brisbane and marketing to councils and businesses in Australia and the South Pacific. Negotiations with Navision led to a decision to combine the two software programs into a single property and financial package, year 2000 and GST compliant and specifically designed for local government, to be marketed by Navision throughout Australia and New Zealand.



Council's contribution to the joint project has been to set up Microwise Australia Pty Ltd, a company solely owned by Council which will further develop, enhance and maintain the PropertyWise software. Microwise Australia will be located in its own premises in Brighton totally removed from the operations of Council. This exciting development has the potential to earn significant income which can help in the development of the municipality. I am looking forward to reporting on the further progress of this venture next year.

Waste water re-use dreams can come true!

When the Local Government Act changed in 1993, Councils became more accountable to their community and they were required to consult with the community to develop a vision for the future and the strategic plans to achieve that vision. A major local





community concern at the time was the condition of the Jordan River which runs through the municipality. It was badly polluted and not fit for swimming or other on-the-water recreation. We developed a vision to see a time when sewerage effluent was not discharged into our rivers and waterways. Council set a goal to achieve that by the year 2000, not knowing how we would be able to fund such a huge project. We decided to do the work in two stages, first the Jordan River and then the Derwent. Even though we had no funding we knew what we wanted to do and how we wanted to do it.

With strong support from Council staff and the community we were successful in obtaining a grant of \$180,000 from the Riverworks project for the Jordan River stage. Councillors, staff and some local farmers looked at waste water plants in other states and advice was sought from many sources. Ponds were constructed and the waste water from the Brighton sewerage lagoon was used for irrigation on farms and to provide drip irrigation for 22,000 pine trees planted in a joint venture between Council and Fletcher Challenge. Last financial year, Council applied for \$788,000 from the Natural Heritage Trust for the Derwent River stage but the project was considered too big for state funding. This year the funds were made available under a national funding program and as this report is written the project is in the final planning stage. The effluent from the Green Point waste water treatment plant will no longer be discharged into the Derwent but will be pumped to holding dams on a number of farms and used for irrigation.



We had a dream and now we have a fairytale ending! I don't believe I will see an achievement to match this while I am involved in local government. Not only have we cleaned up the Jordan River and now will stop sewerage effluent from entering the Derwent River but there will be significant economic benefits from the use of the waste water for irrigation. It will allow crops to be grown that were not previously possible in the very dry area around Brighton.



It is worth considering that the successful waste water projects and the establishment of Microwise would have been unlikely to happen if the Brighton municipality had been split into two by amalgamation. The strong community spirit and the dedication of staff and councillors which enabled these projects to go ahead would have been lost in two larger councils with other priorities. It is also unlikely that the Bridgewater/Gagebrook Urban Renewal Project (BURP) would have survived in a larger council.



BURP - a success story

BURP (Bridgewater/Gagebrook Urban Renewal Project) is a major success story and an example of what can be achieved by a community that develops a strong belief in its own worth. As a direct result of BURP we have strong community consultative committees which have an essential role in bringing forward the aspirations and dreams of residents and ensuring Council and the community continue to work closely together. Unlike most councils in the state, Brighton does not employ a community development officer because BURP provides that function much more effectively than any individual sitting behind a desk. The success of BURP in bringing the community together and developing pride in itself can be seen in the dramatic reduction in the incidence of vandalism in the area. In one year the Housing Tasmania repair bill has dropped from \$970,000 to \$460,000. That Bridgewater/Gagebrook is seen as a desirable place to live is reflected in the lift in the occupancy rate from 80 percent last year to 94 percent this year. Last year the waiting list for houses stood at just four families, now there are over 90 waiting for an available home.



Electronic gaming machines

In 1997 Council took the view that it was not in the best interest of our community to have poker machines on the doorstep of people who in some cases might be the least able to afford the losses that inevitably occur. All councils in the state have supported Brighton's request to the state government for an investigation into the social and economic impact of electronic gaming machines on the community. Successive state governments have declined to do this. A Productivity Commission Report initiated by the federal government confirmed Council's concerns that there is a huge community cost associated with the availability of gaming machines. I believe it was a shock to most Australians to learn that Australia, with a population of just 18 million, has 21 percent of the world's electronic gaming machines. It is also disturbing to learn that a few years ago gambling provided about 3-4 percent of state government revenue while today it stands at 10-12 percent and 65 percent of that is raised from electronic gaming machines. We have 1200 gaming machines in Tasmania and there are plans to increase that number to 2000. There is an urgent need for state governments to seek other areas of revenue raising. It is a very regressive form of tax which is having a huge impact particularly in low income areas. Western Australia survives comfortably without poker machines and a few years ago France and the Netherlands banned them. Over 10,000 machines were removed from the Netherlands in one action by government. Council will continue to work to achieve a gradual withdrawal of electronic gaming machines from hotels and clubs. Council is also strongly opposed to the installation of ATM machines in gaming rooms.





A need for cat legislation

In February this year the Hobart Cat Centre was facing closure due to lack of funding. As all metropolitan councils including Brighton use the services of the centre it was suggested all should contribute to its operation. I was asked to chair a task force to look at such an arrangement and to consider the introduction of cat legislation. Councillors from all over the state, RSPCA representatives, cat centre staff and the community were consulted.



In Tasmania we have a growing problem of wildlife destruction by cats yet for at least ten years successive state governments have failed to come to grips with legislation to control cats. We know, for example, 65,000 native birds are killed by domestic cats in our towns and cities every year. The numbers killed in the bush by roaming domestic or feral cats is not recorded but we know the problem is serious. Legislation is being prepared that will require all cats to be registered, identified by microchip and be desexed unless held for breeding. Councils will be required to administer this legislation and the costs will be significant but the benefits will far outweigh the cost in terms of welfare of the cats and the preservation of our unique wildlife. I am pleased that Brighton has been able to take a leading role in the development of this legislation that should be supported by all councils and I hope it will be passed as quickly as possible.

Kosovo refugees

One of the highlights of 1999 was the arrival of 400 Kosovo refugees at the former Brighton Army Camp which had been transformed into the Tasmanian Haven Centre. The announcement in May that Brighton would be the first Haven Centre put the municipality on the national map. For several days I was doing interviews on national radio stations answering questions about Brighton. I was moved by the generosity of Tasmanians towards the Kosovars, no more so than when witnessing the warm welcome and help offered by our local community. It was noticeable how the families of some of those earlier refugees from World War 2, now firmly established in the community, were among the first to offer help. They could still remember their time at the Brighton Camp and no doubt could identify with their feeling of loss and bewilderment. Having the Kosovars amongst us has been a rewarding experience, we are pleased to have the opportunity to help them in their time of need and to get to know many of them and we appreciate their contribution to our community. They have joined in many community activities and sporting events and we will remember them for the trees they helped plant, the murals on the walls of the Pontville Hall and from the photos many of us will keep.





Vote of confidence

Council elections in March 1999 saw the return of four of the five councillors up for election in a strong field of candidates. They were Leigh Cowley, Barbara Curran, Peter Geard and Lois Rainbird.

The return of four out of five elected members I believe is a vote of confidence in a Council that was working well. I thank Mary Andrews for her valuable contribution while on Council and welcome the return of Geoff Taylor a former deputy mayor.



Brighton continues to challenge and reward councillors and Council staff.

Following the continued development in the Brighton township, Brighton Primary School is the fastest growing in the south of the state having jumped from 300 pupils a few years ago to more than 500 next year. Council is currently negotiating the return of the Brighton racetrack from the state Government to the community.

This will ensure that this successful training track, which was threatened with closure, will continue to be the core of a thriving training industry in the region. Council has continued the development of Pontville Park and other sporting and recreational areas and maintains a close relationship with sporting groups in the community. The hard work and enthusiasm of volunteers in helping maintain these facilities more than justifies Council's policy of making the grounds available free for junior sport.

Sports clubs make other valuable contributions to the community such as the Brighton Football Club's Friday night Under 12 Disco. There are many other good things happening in the municipality which confirms my faith in our rich and diverse community. We are also fortunate to have skilled and dedicated Council staff whose energy, vision and support ensure Brighton continues to lead rather than follow. It has been a pleasure to serve as mayor for another year and I look forward to continuing to work with councillors, staff and the community to achieve our dreams and aspirations.



Tony Foster, Mayor



General Manager's Report

When the move to amalgamate Tasmanian councils was stopped last year, Brighton Council was within three weeks of total extinction. Following an enormous amount of work to put amalgamation plans in place during the preceding 18 months, all Council's resources had been allocated to the new councils. Offices were being cleaned out and staff were preparing to move onto new appointments. During August a successful challenge in the Supreme Court by the Central Highlands, Southern Midlands and Devonport City councils stalled the plans for local government reform and after the election of a new State Government, the Premier announced that councils would not be forced to amalgamate. As a result of negotiations, no Councils decided to proceed with amalgamations.



Geoff Dodge, General Manager

Building relationships

The new Government has encouraged councils to enter into partnerships with other councils and government. Brighton has taken advantage of that opportunity and undertaken a number of partnership agreements. Plant and equipment is shared with Clarence City Council with Brighton using the grader, street sweeper and verge mower from Clarence and Clarence using Brighton's Flocon machine and the chipper. An arrangement with Glenorchy City Council allows an interchange of building surveyors between the councils when one or the other is absent. Council has a similar arrangement for building inspectors with Derwent Valley Council and other opportunities for co-operation are being explored. Council's Flocon machine is being used by the Southern Midlands and Kingborough Councils. Half of the Council Works Depot at Bridgewater is hired to Stornoway, the private company with the contract to maintain government roads in the south of the state. Stornoway also uses the Flocon machine. Significant savings are made as a result of these arrangements and Council believes we need to be diligent in resource sharing and in building relationships with other councils. We are pleased with the co-operation we have received in this endeavour.



Staff Changes

Some years ago Council had a flat management structure with a number of managers reporting to the general manager. Following a staff reorganisation we now have only two reporting managers and both are engaged as consultants which results in a cost saving to Council. Michael Shield has been contracted as a consulting planner for three years and more recently has taken on the role of Manager



Michael Shield



Environment and Development Services on a consulting basis. With a quality team of planning staff this arrangement is working very successfully.

On a consulting basis, Ron Sanderson undertakes the roles of Manager Corporate Services, Manager Physical Services and Deputy General Manager to Council which also results in cost savings. In this role he has a major involvement in special projects such as Microwise Australia and in the preparation of grant applications and award submissions. We are confident of further award successes during the next financial year.



Ron Sanderson

With the above changes in place, our Senior Project Engineer, Warren Lee has taken over more management responsibilities in Engineering Services and Adam Wilson, Executive Officer has similar responsibilities in the Corporate and Physical Services areas.

During the year we welcomed three new staff members, Greg Davoren as accountant, Pam Berry as rates clerk and Leigh Wighton as technical officer. From April 1997 when the first council amalgamation plans were announced, until Greg's appointment in December last year, Council had been without a full time accountant. Greg came to us with five years experience as accountant with Glenorchy City Council and had previous experience in the private sector. He has brought a fresh direction to Council with the new financial software from Navision, providing improved financial reporting and effective financial management systems. Council now has regular reporting with graphic presentation of key indicators such as cash flow trends, loan debt to revenue, rates outstanding and profit and loss by department plus fully detailed accounts. Greg also has an active involvement with Microwise Australia. Pam Berry previously was employed by Council under the Tempskill program and was appointed to a full time position when amalgamation was stopped. She has worked at both Sorell and Derwent Valley Councils and says Council's Propertywise system is by far the best she has used. It is very quick and efficient, good for customer relations and a pleasure to work with. Leigh Wighton, a former Council employee, rejoined the staff as a technical officer in Engineering Services. Leigh began his local Government career with Brighton before leaving to go into private practice with a consultant and recently worked with the Derwent Valley Council. He provides valuable support to Senior Project Engineer, Warren Lee.



*Greg Davoren, Pam Berry
and Leigh Wighton*



Pontville Day Care Centre

The Day Care Centre, which operates on four Thursdays a month from the old Council Chambers at Pontville, provides elderly people with an opportunity to meet and share activities and to enjoy outings to Hobart and other places. Funded under the Home and Community Care Program and sponsored by Council through a state government grant, the Centre faced an uncertain future under amalgamation plans.

Council negotiated with the South Eastern Nursing Auxiliary to take over the sponsorship of the program and that arrangement has continued. Council still provides support although the Centre is no longer under Council's direct control.



Youth Activities Service

The Brighton Youth Activity Service (YAS) operates from a home at 1C McShane Road adjacent to Bridgewater High School. It provides after school and school holiday activities aimed at children from 11 - 16 years of age under the guidance of Co-ordinator/ Family Liaison Officer, Robyn Tringrove. Towards end of 1998, Council was concerned that the program was not meeting its objectives and it was closed down. A new committee was established in January 1999 and new staff employed and we are very pleased to report that the YAS program is now meeting its objectives. Council believes the YAS program is important in providing a variety of suitable activities in a secure environment with the opportunity for counselling and support for young people and their families.



Family Day Care

Family Day Care operates from the Council office at Gagebrook, co-ordinating the care of children in the private homes of registered and qualified carers. This has been a very successful service which continues to expand. With additional commonwealth government funding available the management is currently investigating other ways of providing extended services within the community.





Bridgewater/Gagebrook Urban Renewal Project

BURP continues to be a positive influence in the community. Vandalism reduction, the very successful Tottenham Park festival and the Council community consultative committees are just three examples of its success in creating strong community pride and awareness. Council staff have worked closely with BURP in encouraging community input into Council maintenance and service programs and in reducing crime.



Waste water re-use

Following the success of the waste water re-use system which has diverted sewerage effluent previously discharged into the Jordan River to productive re-use for farm and pine plantation irrigation, Council is finalising plans for stage two of this project which will re-use waste water from the Green Point waste water treatment plant. This will see all the effluent which now flows into the Derwent River diverted for irrigation use on farms in the region. It is a major program costing over \$1,000,000 with \$788,000 provided through a federal government Coastal and Clean Seas grant and the balance being funded by Council. A number of local farmers are making significant capital investments in storage dams and irrigation equipment to handle the 2 million litres of waste water pumped from the plant every day. Council will be providing 18 km of pipe and four pumping stations. The project is well advanced with final design underway and tenders being prepared. With this unique program, Brighton will be the first Council in the state and one of the first in Australia to achieve nil sewerage effluent discharge into its waterways.



Bridgewater Industrial Estate

The Bridgewater Industrial Estate has been established on privately owned land in a joint venture with the land owners. Ideally located on a major Tasmanian transport hub, it is the largest industrial estate and the only heavy industrial area in southern Tasmania. The estate has its own railway siding and is located next to the Midland Highway, the main north south route, only 20 minutes from the Hobart port and a similar distance from the airport. It is within two-three hours of the major ports of Burnie and Launceston. The site offers a number of attractive features such as buffer zone protection, excellent transport links, good infrastructure and facilities, plenty of room for expansion, closeness to a reliable and available labour force and Council rate incentives for job creation. Council and the developers will embark on a marketing program for the estate in the coming year.





Tasmanian Alternative Home Expo

Brighton Council was one of the major sponsors of this inaugural expo attended by nearly 3,000 people at the Home Ideas Centre in Hobart.



Mayor Tony Foster was a keynote speaker at the Expo and stressed the need in the community to raise awareness of sustainable environmental management, sustainable housing and to encourage home owners and builders to consider affordable and achievable alternative building methods. He asked them to challenge existing building practices and products and to consider innovative and cost effective ideas which can achieve similar performance.

Council staff displayed a working model of a recirculating sand filter as a demonstration of an innovative domestic wastewater disposal system under trial in our area. This forms part of a major project, funded by the Natural Heritage Trust, to trial innovative and cost effective domestic wastewater disposal systems and to develop suitable alternatives to the conventional septic tank in environmentally sensitive areas.

Brighton's leadership in environmental management was enhanced with information displayed about council's sewage effluent re-use project.

Geoff Dodge, General Manager



Operational Plan Highlights

ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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 & Waste-water Disposal Systems

Promote cost effective and sustainable septic tank and waste-water 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

Council's environmental health section offered a wide and varied service to the public to ensure a healthy environment. Services included immunisation, health education, safe and properly described food, safe water supplies, disease containment, on-site effluent disposal, environmental management and pollution control.



Immunisation

Sessions were held at the Bridgewater Community & Health Centre which offered a comprehensive immunisation program covering, infants, school children, adolescents and adults. All sessions during the year were very well attended.

The schools' immunisation program continued to be very successful with 265 children being vaccinated including a very high 90 percent being vaccinated against Hepatitis B.

Food Education

All food premises have been offered the new 'Food Safe' training program developed by the Australian Institute of Environmental Health. The program offers all food handlers basic knowledge in food hygiene and safety. It will continue to be a part of Council's positive and practical approach to improving food hygiene practices in all food premises. This program is linked to ongoing food hygiene audits of each food premises.

Domestic on-site waste water disposal

A submission was made to the Natural Heritage Trust Coast and Clean Seas program to partly fund trials on alternative methods of domestic on-site wastewater disposal systems. This was successful with \$60,000 to be provided by the Federal Government for a three year trial program.

The trial and study of alternative methods of wastewater disposal arose from the inability of conventional septic tank systems to effectively treat and dispose of effluent in the predominant clay soils of the area. The aim is to develop cost effective sustainable systems with minimal maintenance, using the latest in innovation and the best available technology. The project will be used to demonstrate alternative wastewater disposal systems to other local authorities and the public. The long-term objective is to reduce the impact of wastewater pollution of the Derwent River and other environmentally sensitive areas of Tasmania.



Animal Control

Objectives

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

Action Plan

Maintain an effective dog control program.

Performance

Dog registrations remain at similar levels to the past three years. Annual door knocking for registration checks has seen an increase in payments of 10 percent. A smaller number of complaints were received compared to the previous year. This may have been a result of the 7-day a week 24 hours on-call operation now provided. Education programs at schools were well received by children with positive outcomes in the health and welfare of the local canine population.



Land Use Planning & Building Services

Objective

To 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.

To promote the safety and amenity of the built environment; monitor and have input into the development of the Tasmanian Model Building Act.

Action Plan

Undertake strategic planning to promote sustainable development.

Increase community consultation.

Prepare and implement a new planning scheme.

Ensure compliance of requirements of the regulations made under the Australian Building Code.

Improve timeliness of building plan approvals using principals of the Local Review Approvals Program.

Ensure public access complies with the Disability Discrimination Act .

Performance

Council has continued to up-date the current Section 46 Planning Scheme through a series of amendments to incorporate the 1997 Land Use Strategy. A further review of the Planning Scheme is proposed in the coming year to enable full community participation in the planning controls.

Planning application rates have increased to a level of 165 with a further twenty-three (23) subdivision proposals being processed. A total of 201 building permits have been issued with a value of \$6.7m.

Both building and planning approval rates reflect the on-going confidence in Brighton as a place to live and work. Investment in commercial and industrial uses has seen the establishment of a number of new enterprises providing local employment.

Recycling of effluent to agricultural land has established new opportunities for intensive uses of soils with potentially new enterprises of stone fruits, vineyards, vegetables, olives, poppies and walnuts. In such close proximity to markets including export markets, Brighton provides an excellent opportunity for such investment.



Council has recently completed a Natural Vegetation Strategy for the municipality based on the identification of natural habitat and rating its importance in terms of biological and landscape values.

An integrated Catchment Management Plan is currently being completed with the Southern Midlands Council using NHT funding. A Catchment Committee has been established to oversee the Plan Preparation whilst a wide range of base data has now been collected for scientific analysis.



Operational Plan Highlights

COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

Identify the areas of greatest need for child care within the municipality

Structure the service to meet this need

Prepare the service for accreditation

Performance

The name of the service was changed to Brighton Children's Services to indicate the growth and diversity of the service - Family Care, Vacation Care, Before and After School Care.

As Family Day Care numbers had expanded beyond our funded ceiling, application was made to the Commonwealth Government for twenty extra places. This was approved in January 1999, bringing the scheme to 120 funded places. The additional operational funding resulted in increased field visits to carers and extra in-service training.

The State Planning Advisory Committee identified Brighton as a having a high need for extra child care places. In response, our vacation Care Program was established in January 1999. It operates from the Pontville Hall with 30 approved places.

A Before/After School program developed with Brighton Primary School will commence in Term 1, 2000. It was approved for 30 places.

A new poster promoting the Brighton Children's Services was developed.

Our Service is representing Family Day Care in the Childcare Nutrition Policy Pilot Program being conducted with the State Nutrition Unit. Scheme policies were reviewed and updated with the assistance of Council's environmental health officer, building surveyor and animal control officer.



Operational Plan Highlights

PHYSICAL SERVICES

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.

Ensure that all roads are in a safe and trafficable condition for vehicles and pedestrians at all times.

Maintain the drainage system to a level that minimises adverse environmental impact on the Derwent and Jordan River systems

Improve the standard of unmade roads taken over by Council.

Performance

Reconstruction of roads in Bridgewater stage 3. (Gunn Street)

Reconstruction of intersection at Jordan Downs Drive, Brighton.

Construction of footpath, kerb and channel at Jetty Road, Old Beach.

Construction of footpath at William Street, Brighton.

Sealing of the car park at Nielsen Esplanade, Bridgewater and Brighton Bowls Club.

Construction of a bus layby at the intersection of Tea Tree Road and Back Tea Tree Road.

Stage three of road reconstruction in Briggs Road, Brighton.

Installation of safety rail on Millvale Road, Dromedary.

Resealing of Baskerville Road, Elderslie Road, Old Main Road, Nielsen Esplanade and Finlay Street.

The first stage of new storm water works from Brighton Primary School towards Andrews Street was completed with further work to be carried out in the coming year.



Bridges

Objective

To maintain all bridges, culverts and pedestrian underpasses that are part of the road network, to a standard that is acceptable and safe for the travelling public and other users.

Action Plan

Maintain all bridges, culverts and pedestrian underpasses at a level that provides essential vehicle access to all affected properties.

Ensure that all bridges, culverts and pedestrian underpasses are safe for all users.

Performance

Undertook a condition assessment and established a preventive maintenance program for the bridge network.

Sewerage

Objective

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

To treat effluent to standards required by the Department of Environment and Land Management.

Encourage the reuse of sewerage effluent

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.

Operate the sewage treatment plants to the requirements of the Department of Environment and Land Management and not create a nuisance to the surrounding properties.

Performance

Received a grant of \$788,000 from the Commonwealth Government Coast and Clean Seas Program from the Natural Heritage Trust for the implementation of a project to recycle sewerage effluent from the Greenpoint Wastewater Treatment Plant at Bridgewater.

Construction of a pump house building at Gagebrook #1 pump station.

Upgraded the Brighton sewer reticulation system to handle the additional load from the Tasmanian Haven Centre with the influx of Kosovar refugees.



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

Maintain all water storage reservoirs and water mains at a standard that will ensure the supply of potable water to all consumers, is within the accepted health standards. Ensure that adequate supply and pressure are preserved for both domestic and emergency use.

Performance

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

Upgraded water mains in Old Main Road and Midlands Highway, Bridgewater, and Merrieworth Road, Tea Tree.

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

Replaced hardwood flooring in the Pontville Hall.

Internal repainting of buildings at Weily Park, Bridgewater.



Reserves

Objective

To maintain all passive recreational areas to a standard that is acceptable, safe and accommodates the needs of all sporting groups.

Action Plan

Ensure that all active and passive recreational areas are maintained at a level that is commensurate with their importance, use and location in the residential areas.

Ensure that all playgrounds are acceptable and safe for all users.

Performance

Completion of a new Cove Creek soccer ground at Gagebrook.
Top dressed Thompson Oval, Pontville.

Installation of new playground equipment at Rogers Place and Broadview Crescent, Bridgewater and at Nielsen Esplanade, Old Bridgewater.

Reconstruction work on the Old Beach Jetty.

Relocation of the poultry shed at Pontville Park in association with the Brighton Show Society.

New work and tree planting at Tottenham Park, Gagebrook and development of Swan Park on the Gagebrook foreshore In association with BURP and the community.

Use of a preventative maintenance program for all playgrounds to address safety and maintenance matters.

An ongoing Green Corp program for ten unemployed people, which began in early June 1999, will undertake upgrading work in reserves, weed mapping and eradication and tree planting during the next financial year.



Waste management

Objective

Maintain a waste management system that promotes 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 reduction of waste to landfill.

Performance

Ensured that the waste management contractor operated the Bridgewater Waste Transfer Station and domestic garbage collection service in an efficient and effective manner.

Achieved a reduction in complaints concerning kerbside collections.

Decreased the total waste transported to the Glenorchy landfill site from the Bridgewater Waste Transfer Station.

Achieved an increase in the kerbside recycling participation rate.



Operational Plan Highlights

OTHER SERVICES, RESOURCE ALLOCATION

Administration and Finance

Objective

To manage Council finances and co-ordinate Council resources in an efficient and responsible manner.

Provide information and record management to meet the needs of Council decision making process and policy formulation.

Action Plan

Maximise the use of any available grant funding, through the active pursuit and lobbying of State and Commonwealth Governments.

Develop a rating policy that can be contained within Council's existing financial framework.

Minimise Council level of debt write-offs.

Implement a financial model that will satisfy the specific needs identified in the Strategic Plan.

Ensure all residents have equal access to Council services and information.

Performance

Reduced cost of service delivery.

Guaranteed access to service delivery to all residents.

Implement a new finance accounting system (Navision Financials) to ensure that Council are Year 2000 compliant.

Provide electronic fund transfer (EFTPOS) at the Brighton Council Chambers to maximise investment returns, processes credit and debt card transactions quickly, efficiently and economically.

Open a new payments office at the Bridgewater Depot in Cobbs Hill Road, Bridgewater.



Human Resources, Plant and Equipment

Objective

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

Action Plan

Provide commitment to continued development of the existing Enterprise Bargaining Agreement based on the premise of equality and measurable productivity improvement.

Implement resource sharing of staff, plant and equipment with other Council's. Maintain existing staffing, plant and equipment levels.

Performance

Developed and implemented appropriate training programs with Northern Group Training (NGT) for all administration staff.

Resource sharing of Council staff with Glenorchy City Council, Derwent Valley Council, Southern Midlands Council and Huon Valley Council.

Resource sharing of Council plant with Clarence City Council, Glenorchy City Council, Southern Midlands Council, Central Highlands Council and Kingborough Council.

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



COUNCILLORS AS AT 30th JUNE 1999

Cr Tony Foster

Councillor for almost 12 years, Mayor since 1993.

Committee Representation:-

- Executive Committee (Chairperson)
- Finance Committee (Chairperson)
- Environment Advisory Committee (Chairperson)
- Community Advisory Committee
- Enterprise Bargaining Committee

Council Representative:-

- Hobart Metropolitan Councils Association
- Hobart Regional Water Authority

Cr Ted Jeffries

Councillor for just over 6 years, Deputy Mayor since 1996

Committee Representation:-

- Executive Committee
- Parks and Recreation Committee (Chairperson)
- Brighton Planning Committee
- Finance Committee
- Solid Waste Management Committee (Chairperson)
- Enterprise Bargaining Committee

Council Representative:-

- Southern Tasmanian Waste Management Authority

Cr Philip Owen

Councillor for just over 10 years

Committee Representation:-

- Executive Committee
- Brighton Planning Committee (Chairperson)

Council Representative:-

- Measuring Council Performance Steering Committee
- Natural Heritage Trust Management Committee



Cr Lois Rainbird

Councillor for just over 15 years

Committee Representation:-

- Parks and Recreation Committee
- Finance Committee

Council Representative:-

- Brighton Junior Council
- Bridgewater High School Council
- Gagebrook Primary School Council

Cr Darren Purcell

Councillor for almost 3 years

Committee Representation:-

- Parks and Recreation Committee
- Brighton Planning Committee

Cr Barbara Curran

Councillor for almost 3 years

Committee Representation:-

- Pontville Special Committee
- Finance Committee
- Environment Advisory Committee
- Brighton Senior Citizens Centre Management Committee (Chairperson)
- Community Advisory Committee
- Community Services Committee
- Access Advisory Committee

Council Representative:-

- Natural Heritage Trust Management Committee



Cr Peter Geard

Councillor for just over 11 years

Committee Representation:-

- Pontville Special Committee (Chairperson)
- Solid Waste Management Committee

Council Representative:-

- Local State Emergency Co-ordinator

Cr Geoff Taylor

Councillor for 14 years

Committee Representation:-

- Brighton Planning Committee
- Solid Waste Management Committee

Cr Leigh Cowley

Councillor for almost 3 years

Committee Representation:-

- Parks and Recreation Committee
- Finance Committee
- Enterprise Bargaining Committee



1st July 1998 to 30th June 1999

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

NAME	No. of meetings held	Meetings attended	%
Cr S A Foster (Mayor)	12	12	100
Cr T J Jeffries (Deputy Mayor)	12	12	100
Cr M Andrews	9	9	100
Cr L Cowley	12	7	58
Cr B Curran	12	12	100
Cr P Geard	12	11	92
Cr P J Owen	12	12	100
Cr D Purcell	12	10	83
Cr L Rainbird	12	12	100
Cr G Taylor	3	3	100

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NAME	No. of meetings held	Meetings attended	%
Cr S A Foster (Mayor)	1	1	100
Cr T J Jeffries (Deputy Mayor)	1	1	100
Cr M Andrews	1	1	100
Cr L Cowley	1	1	100
Cr B Curran	1	1	100
Cr P Geard	1	1	100
Cr P J Owen	1	1	100
Cr D Purcell	1	1	100
Cr L Rainbird	1	1	100

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

NAME	No. of meetings held	Meetings attended	%
Cr S A Foster (Mayor)	1	1	100
Cr T J Jeffries (Deputy Mayor)	1	1	100
Cr L Cowley	1	1	100
Cr B Curran	1	1	100
Cr P Geard	1	1	100
Cr P J Owen	1	1	100
Cr D Purcell	1	1	100
Cr L Rainbird	1	1	100
Cr G Taylor	1	1	100



PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

NAME	No. of meetings held	Meetings attended	%
Cr T J Jeffries (Deputy Mayor)	5	5	100
Cr L Cowley	5	3	60
Cr P Geard	1	1	100
Cr D Purcell	5	2	40
Cr L Rainbird	5	5	100

FINANCE COMMITTEE

NAME	No. of meetings held	Meetings attended	%
Cr S A Foster (Mayor)	8	7	88
Cr T J Jeffries (Deputy Mayor)	8	7	88
Cr L Cowley	2	0	0
Cr B Curran	8	7	88
Cr L Rainbird	8	8	100

PLANNING COMMITTEE

NAME	No. of meetings held	Meetings attended	%
Cr S A Foster (Mayor)	1	1	100
Cr T J Jeffries (Deputy Mayor)	7	6	86
Cr P J Owen	7	6	86
Cr D Purcell	7	3	43
Cr L Rainbird	5	5	100
Cr G Taylor	2	1	50

ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NAME	No. of meetings held	Meetings attended	%
Cr M Andrews	5	3	60
Cr B Curran	9	4	44
Cr L Rainbird	2	0	0



ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NAME	No. of meetings held	Meetings attended	%
Cr S A Foster (Mayor)	4	4	100
Cr L Cowley	2	0	0
Cr B Curran	4	4	100
Cr D Purcell	2	0	0

COMMUNITY ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NAME	No. of meetings held	Meetings attended	%
Cr S A Foster (Mayor)	1	1	100
Cr M Andrews	1	1	100

PONTVILLE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

NAME	No. of meetings held	Meetings attended	%
Cr T J Jeffries (Deputy Mayor)	2	2	100
Cr B Curran	3	1	33
Cr P Geard	3	3	100

WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

NAME	No. of meetings held	Meetings attended	%
Cr S A Foster (Mayor)	1	1	100
Cr T J Jeffries (Deputy Mayor)	1	1	100
Cr P Geard	2	1	50
Cr P J Owen	1	1	100
Cr G Taylor	1	1	100

BRIGHTON COUNCIL



FINANCIAL REPORT



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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 1999. The General Manager of the Brighton Council is 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 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements 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 1999, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.

D W Baulch
ACTING AUDITOR-GENERAL

19 October 1999

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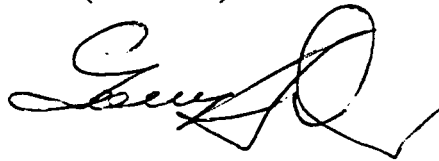
BRIGHTON COUNCIL

Statement by Councillors and Principal Accounting Officer

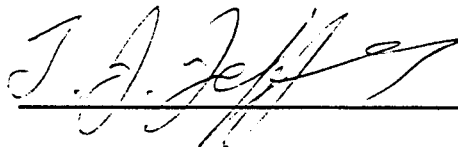
In our opinion:

- (a) the financial report set out on the following pages presents fairly the financial position of BRIGHTON COUNCIL as at 30 June 1999 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
General Manager



October 1999



OPERATING STATEMENT

For the Year ended 30 June 1999.

	Notes	Actual 1999 \$	Budget 1999 \$	Actual 1998 \$
REVENUES				
Rate Revenues	3(a) (i)	5,021,392	4,920,937	4,821,197
User Charges	3(a) (vi)	942,117	983,404	1,102,628
Fees and Charges		563,622	550,997	325,379
Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred	3(a) (iv)	13,725	8,000	11,325
Private Works Sales Proceeds		92,425	90,355	30,083
Interest	3(a) (ii)	70,095	75,000	87,921
Contributions	3(a) (vii)	817,957	800,000	454,268
Other		106,492	104,107	15,144
		\$7,627,825	\$7,532,799	\$6,847,945
Government Grants	3(a) (v)	1,874,017	1,816,403	1,996,523
Profit from Sale of Plant	3(a) (iii)	92,470	0	9,391
TOTAL REVENUES		\$9,594,312	\$9,349,202	\$8,853,859
EXPENSES				
Employee Costs	3(b) (i)	2,183,529	2,488,425	2,439,632
Materials/Contracts & Other		2,562,809	2,595,469	2,544,577
Purchase of Water		754,128	750,000	843,724
Depreciation	3(b) (ii)	2,225,352	2,256,593	2,212,346
Interest	3(b) (iii)	493,013	532,601	522,158
Financial Costs	3(b) (iii)	118,015	132,435	129,838
Contributions	3(b) (iv)	539,756	531,769	521,342
Family Day Care Fee Relief Subsidy		447,224	465,000	468,042
		\$9,323,826	\$9,752,291	\$9,681,659
Donations	32	14,606	20,000	9,715
Remissions Granted		213,642	193,695	189,897
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$9,552,074	\$9,965,986	\$9,881,271
Change in Net Assets from Operations before abnormal items		\$42,238	(\$616,784)	(\$1,027,412)
Abnormal Items	30	6,873,165	0	0
Change in Net Assets from Operations		\$6,915,403	(\$616,784)	(\$1,027,412)

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



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 1999.

	Notes	1999 \$	1998 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	4	679,266	390,609
Receivables - Rates	5	577,127	437,274
Receivables - Other	5	489,781	354,927
Land Held for Resale	6	197,214	209,000
Work in Progress	7	11,090	23,579
Other	8	9,656	145,883
Total Current Assets	2(b)	\$1,964,134	\$1,561,272
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors & Accruals	9	754,723	968,411
Borrowing's	10	327,230	288,570
Employee Entitlements	11	388,552	375,615
Lease Liabilities	12	10,636	35,814
Other	13	408,960	115,115
Total Current Liabilities		\$1,890,101	\$1,783,525
NET CURRENT ASSETS		\$74,033	(\$222,253)
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Land	14	1,803,880	1,806,580
Plant and Vehicles	15	566,637	499,620
Small Machinery	16	34,087	17,985
Furniture and Equipment	17	283,112	231,614
Buildings	18	3,450,066	3,513,821
Bridges	19	676,125	709,559
Sewerage	20	9,869,811	9,772,799
Drainage	21	7,480,752	7,652,132
Water	22	8,025,713	8,165,668
Water Meters	23	481,647	526,508
Street Lighting	24	354,560	377,800
Roads	25	21,337,287	21,490,839
Other	26	7,009,642	90,970
Total Non Current Assets	2(b)	\$61,373,319	\$54,855,895
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Borrowing's	10	6,277,734	6,355,989
Lease Liabilities	12	0	10,636
Employee Entitlements	11	23,052	35,854
Total Non Current Liabilities		\$6,300,786	\$6,402,479
NET ASSETS		\$55,146,566	\$48,231,163
EQUITY			
Reserves		484,718	584,718
Surplus (Deficit) for the Year		6,915,403	(1,027,412)
Ratepayer's Capital		47,746,445	48,673,857
TOTAL EQUITY		\$55,146,566	\$48,231,163

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



**STATEMENT OF
CHANGES IN EQUITY**

For the Year Ended 30 June 1999.

	Ratepayers Equity		Accumulated Surplus (Deficit)		Asset Revaluation Reserve		Plant Replacement Reserve		Public Open Space Reserve		Total	
	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998
Balance at the beginning of the financial year	\$ 48,673,856	\$ 49,136,694	\$ (1,027,412)	\$ (462,838)	\$ 449,133	\$ 449,133	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 35,585	\$ 35,585	\$ 48,231,163	\$ 49,258,575
Increase / (Decrease) in net assets resulting from operations			6,915,403	(1,027,412)							6,915,403	(1,027,412)
Transfers from Reserves	(927,412)	(462,838)	1,027,412	462,838			(100,000)				0	0
Balance at the end of the financial year	\$47,746,444	\$48,673,856	\$6,915,403	(\$1,027,412)	\$449,133	\$449,133	\$0	\$100,000	\$35,585	\$35,585	\$55,146,566	\$48,231,163

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



STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 30 June 1999.

	Notes	1999 \$	1998 \$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Payments			
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(6,562,993)	(6,615,858)
Interest and other costs of finance		(579,787)	(576,543)
		(7,142,780)	(7,192,401)
Receipts			
Receipts from Ratepayers, Fees & Charges		6,382,112	5,935,489
Other Revenue		92,425	56,552
Interest Received		70,095	87,921
		6,544,632	6,079,962
Net Cash Outflow from Operating Activities	31	(\$598,148)	(\$1,112,439)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Payments			
Buildings		(48,442)	(29,292)
Plant and Vehicles & Machinery		(375,250)	(51,913)
Water Reticulation Assets		(20,092)	(122,286)
Road Assets		(343,761)	(267,853)
Sewerage Assets		(237,801)	(81,918)
Furniture and Equipment		(159,941)	(74,589)
Other Assets		0	(10,122)
		(1,185,287)	(637,973)
Proceeds from			
Public Bodies Loan repayments		51,152	53,995
Sales of Plant and Equipment Assets	3(a) (iii)	237,669	39,241
Net Cash Outflow from Investing Activities		(\$896,466)	(\$544,737)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Repayment of Borrowing's		(315,566)	(413,249)
New Loans		250,000	0
Repayment of Lease Liabilities		(25,178)	(54,034)
		(90,744)	(467,283)
Cash Inflow from Government			
Government Grants		1,874,017	1,996,523
Net increase/(decrease) in Cash Held		288,659	(127,936)
Cash at the Beginning of the Financial Year		390,607	518,543
Cash at the End of the Financial Year	4	\$679,266	\$390,607

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 with Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, the corporations law and the Local Government Act 1993.

It has been prepared on the basis of historical costs and except where stated, does not take into account changing money valuations of non-current assets. Where necessary, comparative information has been reclassified to achieve consistency in disclosure with current financial year amounts and other disclosures.

(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 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.



(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.

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

(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. Related on-costs have also been included in the employee calculation.

Liabilities for employee entitlements which are not expected to be settled within 12 months are discounted using the rates as determined by Treasury at balance date.

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.

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.

(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) Borrowing's

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

(r) Revenue Recognition

i. Sales revenue

The gross proceeds of sales are included as revenue of the consolidated entity. The profit or loss on disposal of assets is brought to account at the date an unconditional contract of sale is signed.

ii. Interest Income

Interest income is recognised as it accrues.



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	
	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Corporate Services	795,897	842,872			176,345	154,290	176,345	154,290				
Water Supply	1,310,082	1,688,709			1,604,292	1,621,074	1,604,292	1,621,074			8,507,360	8,692,176
Parks and Recreation	601,441	418,966			11,545	8,914	11,545	8,914				
Drainage/Sewerage	1,177,841	1,333,972			1,415,163	1,276,836	1,415,163	1,276,836			17,350,563	17,424,931
Town Planning Services	131,194	201,578			37,929	10,200	37,929	10,200				
Building Services	246,219	158,100			56,290	41,144	56,290	41,144				
Roads/Streets/Bridges	2,152,563	1,774,676			645,899	536,929	645,899	536,929			22,367,972	22,578,197
Community Services	1,153,187	943,661	679,540	757,153	337,898	95,317	1,017,438	852,470				
Environmental Health	425,793	161,065			70,877	28,115	70,877	28,115				
Waste Management	848,819	546,434			548,394	359,324	548,394	359,324				
Unallocated Services	709,038	1,811,238	1,194,477	1,239,370	9,888,828	2,725,193	10,883,305	3,964,563			15,111,558	7,721,863
TOTAL	\$9,552,074	\$9,881,271	\$1,874,017	\$1,996,523	\$14,593,460	\$6,857,336	\$16,467,477	\$8,853,859	\$6,915,403	(\$1,027,411)	63,337,453	\$56,417,167



- (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	1,964,134
Non Current Assets	61,373,319
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	\$ 63,337,453

- (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.



3 OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES

3(a) Operating Revenues	Note	1999 \$	1998 \$
Rates	(i)	5,021,392	4,821,197
Fees and Charges		563,622	325,379
User Charges	(vi)	942,117	1,102,628
Interest	(ii)	70,095	87,921
Reimbursements	(iv)	13,725	11,325
Contributions	(vii)	817,957	454,268
Private Works Sales		92,425	30,083
Grants	(v)	1,874,017	1,996,523
Other		106,492	15,144
Profit from Sale of Assets	(iii)	92,470	9,391
		\$9,594,312	\$8,853,859
(i) Rates Revenue			
General		2,456,342	2,374,781
Garbage		375,030	318,517
Sewerage		1,274,723	1,260,726
Water		596,908	590,729
Fire Levy		283,960	238,341
Penalties		34,429	38,103
		\$5,021,392	\$4,821,197
(ii) Interest Revenue			
Interest received or due and receivable from: Investments		57,774	72,753
Other		12,321	15,168
		\$70,095	\$87,921
(iii) Profit from Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment			
Proceeds from Sales		237,669	39,241
less written down current cost of asset sold		(145,199)	(29,850)
Gain on Sale		\$92,470	\$9,391
(iv) Recoveries and Reimbursements Reimbursements of Costs Incurred			
Welfare Administration		13,725	9,913
Other		0	1,412
		\$13,725	\$11,325

**(v) Grant Revenues**

Grants were received in respect of the following:

	1999	1998
	\$	\$
Community Services		
Youth Activities Service	10,714	51,926
Family Day Care	657,425	544,760
School Holiday Program	10,371	13,534
Brighton Children's Services	0	127,962
Home and Community Care	1,030	18,967
Other	0	4
	\$679,540	\$757,153
Other		
Pensioner Rate Remissions	152,908	137,935
Commonwealth Tax Sharing	983,403	901,435
Waste Water Re-use Grant	0	180,000
Jordan River Management Grant	58,166	20,000
	\$1,194,477	\$1,239,370
Total Grants	\$1,874,017	\$1,996,523
(vi) User Charges		
Excess Water Charges	843,519	1,007,899
Flocon Hire	25,673	14,395
Refuse Site Entrance Fees	72,925	80,334
	\$942,117	\$1,102,628
(vii) Contributions		
Infrastructure Assets	817,957	438,940
Other	0	15,328
	\$817,957	\$454,268
3(b) Operating Expenses		
(i) Employee Costs		
Wages and Salaries	1,713,530	1,835,387
Superannuation	201,136	215,773
Aldermanic Allowances & Expenses	74,806	68,680
Other Employee Related Expenses	194,057	319,792
	\$2,183,529	\$2,439,632

**(ii) Depreciation and Amortisation Expense**

Depreciation and amortisation was charged in respect of:

	1999	1998
	\$	\$
Plant and Vehicles	140,902	128,373
Buildings	112,197	111,465
Small Machinery	6,030	4,461
Bridges	33,433	33,433
Sewerage Assets	249,789	248,400
Drainage Assets	185,681	185,583
Water Assets	260,658	258,309
Road Assets	1,134,220	1,114,404
Street Lighting	25,240	25,240
Equipment and Furniture	77,202	102,678
	\$2,225,352	\$2,212,346

(iii) Financial Costs

Interest on Debt	493,013	522,158
Audit Fees	14,668	11,545
Bank Charges	8,882	7,070
Finance Lease Interest Expense	5,647	5,801
Finance Lease Amortisation Expense	31,241	49,237
Credit Card Costs	17,433	6,676
Discount Allowed	28,373	36,558
Other	11,771	12,951
	\$611,028	\$651,996

iv) State Fire Commission Levy

State Library Levy	112,626	110,868
Tas. Canine Defence League Contribution	41,357	37,406
Local Govt. Association of Tasmania	12,605	40,429
Valuation Charges	39,071	41,871
Planning Levy	49,003	48,363
RSPCA	983	2,360
Hobart Metropolitan Councils Association	13,750	15,000
	\$539,756	\$521,342

4 CURRENT ASSETS - CASH

Cash at Bank	209,651	175,083
Cash Advances	2,200	2,050
Investments	467,415	213,476
	\$679,266	\$390,609

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.

**5 CURRENT ASSETS - RECEIVABLES**

	1999	1998
	\$	\$
Rates Receivables	\$577,127	\$437,274
Other Receivables		
Water Consumption/Excess Charges	301,813	282,985
Other Debtors	193,781	71,942
Less provision for Doubtful Debts	(5,813)	0
	<u>\$489,781</u>	<u>\$354,927</u>

6 CURRENT ASSETS - LAND HELD FOR RESALE

Land Held for Resale	<u>\$197,214</u>	<u>\$209,000</u>
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Represents land purchased as part of an industrial estate at Bridgewater.

7 CURRENT ASSETS - WORK IN PROGRESS

Private Works	11,090	23,579
	<u>\$11,090</u>	<u>\$23,579</u>

8 CURRENT ASSETS - OTHER

Prepayments	0	4,294
Accrued Revenue	0	60,543
Revaluation Services Received	0	27,433
Other	9,656	53,613
	<u>\$9,656</u>	<u>\$145,883</u>

9 CURRENT LIABILITIES - CREDITORS

Trade Creditors	0	352,295
Other Creditors and Accruals	754,723	616,116
	<u>\$754,723</u>	<u>\$968,411</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. Since balance date, the Hobart Regional Water Authority dispute has been settled. The final amount paid was \$157,447.



10 LIABILITIES - BORROWING'S

	1999	1998
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Secured		
Private Loans	\$327,230	\$288,570
NON CURRENT		
Secured		
Private Loans	\$6,277,734	\$6,355,989

Security for Borrowing's

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 \$5,000.

The current policy of Council is to minimise all borrowing's and reduce existing debt.

11 LIABILITIES - EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS

CURRENT

Employee Leave Entitlements Provisions		
Annual Leave	160,368	159,974
Long Service Leave	228,184	215,641
	\$388,552	\$375,615

NON CURRENT

Employee Leave Entitlements Provisions		
Long Service Leave	\$23,052	\$35,854

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	\$10,636	\$35,814
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NON CURRENT

Lease Liabilities	\$0	\$10,636
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See Note 28 for lease details.

**13 CURRENT LIABILITIES - OTHER**

	1999	1998
	\$	\$
Deposits Held in Trust	8,960	68,819
Other	400,000	46,296
	<u>\$408,960</u>	<u>\$115,115</u>

Deposits includes monies held in respect of damage indemnity, facilities booking and various performance related sureties.

Other liabilities includes revenue received in advance of \$400,000 being a grant of financial assistance from the Department of Environment & Heritage for the Brighton Wastewater Reuse project.

14 NON CURRENT ASSETS - LAND

Land - at Local Government valuation - 1993	1,745,350	1,745,350
Land - at Cost	58,530	61,230
	<u>\$1,803,880</u>	<u>\$1,806,580</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	887,326	858,467
less Accumulated Depreciation	(350,689)	(388,847)
	<u>\$566,637</u>	<u>\$499,620</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	43,331	21,199
less Accumulated Depreciation	(39,494)	(33,464)
	<u>\$34,087</u>	<u>\$17,985</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	1999	1998
	\$	\$
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	688,827	528,886
less Amortisation of Finance Lease	(191,993)	(160,752)
less Accumulated Depreciation	(556,000)	(478,798)
	<u>\$283,112</u>	<u>\$231,614</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.

18 NON CURRENT ASSETS - BUILDINGS

Buildings at Valuation	3,939,543	3,939,543
Buildings at Cost	251,463	203,021
less Accumulated Depreciation	(740,940)	(628,743)
	<u>\$3,450,066</u>	<u>\$3,513,821</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	(646,181)	(612,747)
	<u>\$676,125</u>	<u>\$709,559</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	1,331,578	984,757
less Accumulated Depreciation	(4,705,754)	(4,455,945)
	<u>\$9,869,811</u>	<u>\$9,772,799</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**

	1999	1998
	\$	\$
Drainage Assets at Replacement Cost	11,134,980	11,134,980
Drainage Assets at Cost	20,200	5,900
less Accumulated Depreciation	(3,674,428)	(3,488,748)
	\$7,480,752	\$7,652,132
	\$7,480,752	\$7,652,132

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	1,160,639	1,084,842
less Accumulated Depreciation	(4,908,881)	(4,693,129)
	\$8,025,713	\$8,165,668
	\$8,025,713	\$8,165,668

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	471,420	471,419
less Accumulated Depreciation	(191,273)	(146,411)
	\$481,647	\$526,508
	\$481,647	\$526,508

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	633,000	631,000
less Accumulated Depreciation	(278,440)	(253,200)
	\$354,560	\$377,800
	\$354,560	\$377,800

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	1999	1998
	\$	\$
Road Assets at Replacement Cost	39,593,602	39,593,602
Road Assets at Cost	2,308,007	1,327,333
less Accumulated Depreciation	(20,564,322)	(19,430,096)
	\$21,337,287	\$21,490,839
	\$21,337,287	\$21,490,839

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

26 NON CURRENT ASSETS - OTHER

Hobart Water Joint authority	6,873,165	0
Loan Debtors	136,477	90,970
	\$7,009,642	\$90,970
	\$7,009,642	\$90,970

The valuation of the Hobart Water Joint Authority is effective as at 1 January 1997. Revaluations will be provided every 5 years.

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.

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	365,534
Later than one year but not later than two years	0	365,534
	\$365,534	\$731,068
	\$365,534	\$731,068

**(c) Finance Lease Commitments**

At 30 June 1999, 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):

	1999	1998
	\$	\$
These expenditures are payable:		
Not later than one year	10,913	38,585
Later than one year but not later than two years	0	10,913
Minimal lease payments	10,913	49,498
Deduct future finance charges	(277)	(3,048)
Lease Liability	\$10,636	\$46,450
Comprised of:		
Current	10,636	35,814
Non Current	0	10,636
	\$10,636	\$46,450

(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 1999 the loan advance balance outstanding was \$59,562.

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 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 \$190,376.



30 ABNORMAL INCOME

Effective as from 1 January 1997, Hobart Water 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 equates to \$6,873,165 of which has previously only been recognised as a note to the accounts. As of June 30, 1999 it is now recognised as a non current asset.

31 RECONCILIATION OF INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS TO CASH OUTFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES.

	1999	1998
	\$	\$
Increase/(Decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	\$6,915,403	(\$1,027,412)
Items not involving cash		
Lease Amortisation	31,241	49,237
Acquisition of Hobart Water	(6,873,165)	0
Non Cash Contributions	(817,957)	(454,268)
Depreciation Expense	2,225,352	2,212,346
	(\$5,434,529)	\$1,807,315
Revenues from Government		
Government Grants	(\$1,874,017)	(\$1,996,523)
Investing Activity		
Net profit on Disposal of Plant and Equipment	(92,470)	(9,391)
	(\$92,470)	(\$9,391)
Change in Operating Assets and Liabilities		
(Increase)/Decrease in Rates Receivables	(139,853)	(89,885)
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Debtors	(134,854)	19,301
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Assets	105,205	(7,555)
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventories	12,489	(14,645)
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors	(213,688)	292,434
Increase/(Decrease) in Provision for Employee Entitlements	135	(32,559)
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities	258,031	(53,519)
	(\$112,535)	\$113,572
Net Cash Outflow from Operating Activities	(\$598,148)	(\$1,112,439)



**32 1998/99 DONATIONS APPROVED :
GRANTS AND BENEFITS REGISTER -
(SECTION 77 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993)**

Anglicare	700
Asthma Foundation of Tasmania Inc.	100
Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame	100
Bridgewater/Gagebrook Playgroup	220
Bridgewater High School	3,300
Brighton Agricultural Society	500
Brighton Family Day Care Carers	200
Brighton Robin's Cricket Club	600
Brighton/Green Ponds RSLA	200
BURP Inc	500
Camp Quality	100
Christian James	60
Citizenship prizes to local schools (8 @ \$60)	480
Claremont College	50
Drop in centre	118
Jeremy Brown	250
Jessica Allen	60
Lee Tulip	60
Miss T Churchill	85
Old Beach Progress Association	1,500
School Bursaries (6 @ \$250)	1,500
Seed	368
State Bicycle Advisory Committee	200
Soccer Tasmania Ltd	60
Southern Cross TV Children's Christmas Party	195
Tasmanian Crabbet Arabian Group	100
Tasmanian Environment Centre	1,000
Tea Tree Hall Committee	1,000
Youth Insearch Tasmania	1,000
TOTAL	\$14,606



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:

	Note	Fixed interest maturing in:					TOTAL \$
		Floating interest rate \$	1 year or less \$	Over 1 to 5 years \$	More than 5 years \$	Non-interest bearing \$	
Financial assets 1999							
Cash	4	211,851					211,851
Receivables	5					1,066,908	1,066,908
Investments	4	467,415					467,415
		\$679,266				\$1,066,908	\$1,746,174
Weighted average interest		4.96%				0.00%	
Financial liabilities 1999							
Loans	10		327,320	1,576,464	4,701,180		6,604,964
Accounts payable	9					754,723	754,723
Lease liabilities	12		10,636				10,636
			\$337,956	\$1,576,464	\$4,701,180	\$754,723	\$7,370,323
Weighted average interest			7.40%	7.70%	8.09%	0.00%	
Financial assets 1998							
Cash	4	175,083					175,083
Receivables	5					9,656	9,656
Investments	4	213,476					213,476
		\$388,559				\$9,656	\$398,215
Weighted average interest		2.81%				0.00%	
Financial liabilities 1998							
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			7.64%	7.49%	7.60%	0.00%	

(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) \$6,749,412 compared to the actual value of \$6,604,963.

(c) Credit Risk:

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



34 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS ACTIVITIES OF COUNCIL

Brighton Council has classified its Water and Sewerage maintenance and construction as Significant Business Activities as provided by section 84(2)(da) of the Local Government Act 1993.

Statement of Cost of Operations for the year ending 30 June 1999

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewerage</u>	<u>Total</u>
Rates	596,908	1,274,723	1,871,631
User Charges	845,142	17,075	862,217
Contributions	162,242	123,300	285,542
Total Revenue	\$1,604,292	\$1,415,098	\$3,019,390
Expenditure			
Employee Costs	47,303	59,910	107,213
Materials & Contracts	912,124	414,507	1,326,631
Interest	53,778	68,111	121,889
Other	22,894	49,140	72,034
Capital Costs			
Depreciation	273,984	266,666	540,650
Opportunity Cost of Capital	765,662	888,283	1,653,945
Indirect			
Engineering & Admin	36,177	90,443	126,620
Competitive Neutrality Costs			
Fringe Benefit Tax	0	0	0
Stamp Duty	0	0	0
Council Rates & Land Tax	3,632	2,188	5,820
WST	1,323	3,459	4,782
Loan Guarantee Fee	4,571	5,411	9,982
Notion Income Tax	89,462	163,895	253,357
Total Expenditure	\$2,210,910	\$2,012,013	\$4,222,923



Competitive Neutrality costs are shown to give an indication of the costs council would have to meet if the significant business activities as detailed, operated within the private sector. In preparing the information disclosed in relation to significant business activities the following assumptions have applied.

- The notional opportunity cost capital was calculated by an interest rate of 9% which council has determined as an appropriate interest rate adjusted for a risk margin.
- Fringe Benefit tax is applied to actual costs where applicable
- It is assumed that stamp duty is too negligible to include
- Council Rates and Land Tax are applied directly to applicable properties currently exempt.
- Wholesale sales tax equivalents apply to an assumed 1% of materials as the majority of expenditure would be exempt from the tax.
- Loan guarantee fees are calculated on the loan outstanding for each activity multiplied by a rate of .45% as determined by Treasury.
- Income Tax equivalents were calculated by an applicable taxation rate of 36% applied to the notional accounting profit.

35 REGISTER OF INTERESTS

Interests of Councillors notified to the General Manager in respect of any body or organisation with which the Council has major financial dealings.

Councillor & Position	Interest
Clr Tony Foster (Mayor)	No interest declared.
Clr Ted Jefferies (Deputy Mayor)	No interest declared.
Clr Leigh Cowley	No interest declared.
Clr Barbara Curran	No interest declared.
Clr Peter Geard	No interest declared.
Clr Philip Owen	No interest declared.
Clr Darren Purcell	No interest declared.
Clr Lois Rainbird	No interest declared.
Clr Geoff Taylor	No interest declared.

36 AUDIT DISCLOSURE

	1999	1998
	\$	\$
Audit services:	\$11,323	\$11,120