

The Coorong District Council

**Annual Report  
2006 - 2007**

*Creating a Better Future ~ with Pride*



Our Vision is:

## **Creating a Better Future ~ with Pride**

Our Mission is:

- To provide strong leadership.
- To listen and be sensitive to the community.
- To serve the community with equality.
- To actively encourage and support enterprise for local prosperity.
- To foster community health.
- To protect and enhance the environment.

Our Core Values are:

The Coorong District Council has a commitment to balancing the following core values:

- Integrity
- Reliability
- Consistency
- Continuous improvement
- Financial responsibility
- Quality customer service
- Acting in the best interest of the community



*The Coorong, view from Long Point.*

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*Coonalpyn Swimming Pool.*

## Mayor's Message

### *Cr. Keith Scobie*

Welcome to my first report as Mayor of The Coorong District Council. I was very humbled to be chosen by my fellow councillors to lead Council for the period from November 2006 to November 2008.



The 2006/07 year has been one of significant change for The Coorong District Council. At the election in November 2006, the number of councillors was reduced from 12 to 9, following a representation review in late 2005.

Of the nine elected members on Council, four are representing their community for the first time. I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Crs. Alison Jaensch, Richard Harkness, Denise Richardson and Peter Wright for their success in being elected.

I also extend my congratulations to Cr. Paul Simmons, who returns to Council after a few years' absence.

Cr. Heather Moore resigned in early 2007, I would like to thank her for her many years of hard work and dedication to Council and the community.

The 2006/07 year was also a year of significant change in the community. For the first time in many, many years, parts of the Council area were subject to the ravaging effects of the drought.

Dryland farms, as well as those reliant on river or lake water for irrigation or stock purposes, have all experienced less than ideal conditions following the lack of winter and spring rains in 2006.

Council has been working with the community to try to lessen the impact of the drought. Council supported the exceptional circumstances application for the upper south-east region of South Australia and threw its support behind the lower lakes community in trying to oppose the construction of a temporary weir downstream of Wellington on the River Murray.

Through the establishment of the Lower Lakes and Coorong Infrastructure Committee, the community and Council are working together to stop the construction of what they believe would have an extremely detrimental impact on the environment.

I am concerned that the internationally recognised Ramsar status afforded the lower lakes and the Coorong could be in grave doubt, as well as the economic future of those dependent on reliable water supplies.

Whilst I understand that the State Government has a responsibility to secure the water supply for Adelaide and other centres reliant on River Murray water, I do not believe that a weir will provide the hoped-for solution.

I would urge the State Government to quickly consider all other possible means of providing water for South Australia's urban communities and avoid the creation of yet another man-made structure in Australia's mighty Murray.

Aside from continuing to work with our communities through this difficult period, Councillors will be working closely together early next financial year to develop the framework for Council's strategic direction. During this process, Council will be seeking the community's participation to help it identify the long term goals and direction for this Council and its communities.

Since November 2006, Council has been reviewing its governance structures, in particular, its relationships with the community through its many committees. Council has modernised its committee structure, to ensure that they better reflect the role that Council must play in developing long-term goals and strategies.

Native title negotiations for the claim made by the First Peoples of the River Murray and Mallee have begun in earnest and are progressing well. It is hoped that these negotiations can be concluded in the 2007/08 financial year.

There are two other aspects of Council's approach that I would like to highlight. During my term as Mayor, I will be working hard to ensure that Council consults with the community in relation to any issues of public interest and that as elected members and an administration, we are available and approachable.

Council has consulted with the community on a range of issues this year and is grateful for the feedback, positive and negative, that it has received.

Secondly, I would like to stress the importance of succession planning in local government. Succession planning is important not only amongst Council's employees, but also in the ranks of our elected members.

For the community and Council to prosper into the future, we must ensure that we are identifying the leaders of the future and encouraging and nurturing them to take over where we leave off.

I acknowledge the large challenges The Coorong District Council's communities have had to face during the continuing drought conditions and lack of access to water from the River Murray and lower lakes. I am encouraged by the resilience of individuals and the community as a whole in supporting each other during these trying times.

I would like to thank all elected members, particularly the Deputy Mayor, Cr. Roger Strother, for their input during the seven months since the election and I also acknowledge the achievements of the previous Council.

Thank you to the Chief Executive Officer, managers and staff for the work that has been achieved over the year and the professional image of Council they portray.



Cr. Keith Scobie  
**Mayor**

## Chief Executive Officer's Report

*Mr Tim Drew*



Welcome to The Coorong District Council's 2006/07 Annual Report. This annual report is one of the most important documents that Council prepares. It is the primary means by which Council reports to the community on its performance and achievements for the year.

I have listed some of the main aspects of Council's performance and achievements for the year in the sections below.

### **Governance**

Council once again has undergone a significant amount of change in the last 12 months.

The election in November 2006 has seen significant changes at the elected member level, which has presented many challenges and opportunities. There has also been further change within Council's organisational structure during the year, which should enhance Council's ability to deliver efficient and effective services to the community.

I was pleased to be able to reinstate the Manager Corporate Services position in early 2007. Corporate Services plays a vital role in supporting all areas of Council and requires dedicated leadership from within the organisation.

Council faces many challenges in relation to financial management and sustainability, risk management, information technology and staff recruitment and retention all of which require the leadership of an appropriately qualified and experienced manager.

Being entrusted with the stewardship of public funds and significant levels of public assets brings with it the responsibility of managing and utilising them for maximum benefit.

Council will soon be commencing work on developing a long-term financial plan and an infrastructure and asset management plan. Both plans are not only requirements of the Local Government Act 1999, but also necessary to ensure that Council properly performs its stewardship role.

The decision by Council to replace the Administrative Services Committee and the Technical Services Committee with an Audit Committee and Strategic Asset Management Committee respectively, also reflects the recognition of the need for Council to adopt a more strategic outlook.

### **Financial Performance**

The financial performance for the year was less than satisfactory, with Council having recorded a net deficit of over \$450,000. The deficit was primarily attributable to a significant reduction in grant revenue experienced during the financial year.

Council's cash position also remained strong, with just under \$2 million of cash and investments on hand at 30 June 2006.

Improvements in budgeting for and the monitoring of Council's financial performance are expected to be made in 2007/08 with the introduction of new systems and the development of a long-term financial plan.

### Major Achievements

- Review of all Council committees.
- Establishment of the Lower Lakes and Coorong Infrastructure Committee to support the local community in opposing the proposed temporary Wellington weir.
- Reinstatement of Manager Corporate Service position.
- Processing of over 230 applications for development valued at over \$7.2 million.
- Significant progress in reviewing Council's future landfill options.
- Construction of a new waste cell at the Tailem Bend landfill.
- Substantial completion of a review of the Tailem Bend community wastewater management scheme.
- Completion of the Tailem Central reconstruction.
- Continued construction and sealing of Potalloch Road.
- Completion of major road, footpath, drainage and streetscape projects in Tailem Bend.
- Participation in native title negotiations for the First Peoples of the River Murray and Mallee claim.
- Re-work of the Council-wide Plan Amendment Report (PAR) to incorporate changes suggested by elected members.



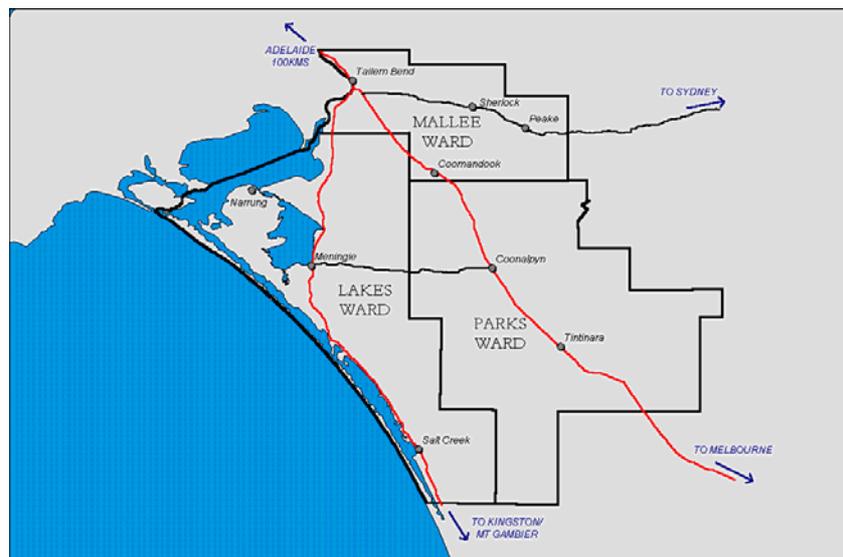
*George Trevorrow and Pat Byrne unveiled the plaque commemorating the restoration work undertaken on the Meningie Jetty in the 1970's. Tom and Pat Byrne's late husband, Ron, were two of many who worked on the project.*

It is expected that 2007/08 will present similar challenges to those posed in 2006/07. Many of the changes being implemented by Council to improve its overall governance function should ensure that Council is able to be responsive and decisive in dealing with these challenges.



Tim Drew  
Chief Executive Officer

## Council Overview



**Map of Council area, including ward boundaries.**

<b>Key Statistical Information</b>	
Area	8,836 km <sup>2</sup>
Estimated population	6,000
Sealed Roads	321km
Unsealed Roads	1,563km
Rate Revenue	\$4,216,620
Rateable Assessments	3,730

The Coorong District Council is home to a diverse range of primary production industries including cropping, livestock (sheep, cattle, pigs), dairying, commercial fishing, aquaculture, horticulture and mining.

Much of the Council area is serviced by major freight routes, including the Dukes, Mallee and Princes Highways and the Adelaide-Melbourne rail line.

The tourism industry is playing an increasingly important economic role with the major attraction in the Council area being the world-famous Coorong National Park and the River Murray and lower lakes areas which offer many forms of recreational activities.

## Governance

### *Elected Members (Councillors)*



From left to right  
(back row) Cr. Paul Simmons, Deputy Mayor Cr. Roger Strother, Cr. Ted Freak, Cr. Richard Harkness, Cr. Peter Wright.  
(front row): Cr. Heather Moore (resigned May 2007), Mayor Cr. Keith Scobie, Cr. Alison Jaensch.  
Absent: Cr. Denise Richardson

After elections held in November 2006 the following Councillors were elected.

	<u>Ward</u>	
Cr. Keith Scobie, Mayor	Lakes	4 Mallee Ward
Cr. Roger Strother, Deputy Mayor	Lakes	3 Lakes Ward
Cr. Paul Simmons	Lakes	2 Parks Ward
Cr. Heather Moore*	Mallee	
Cr. Ted Freak	Mallee	
Cr. Alison Jaensch	Mallee	
Cr. Peter Wright	Mallee	
Cr. Denise Richardson	Parks	
Cr. Richard Harkness	Parks	

\*Cr. Moore resigned in May 2007. Supplementary election process not completed as at 30 June 2007.

## Representation

The Coorong District Council has a total 5,471 electors, who are represented by 9 Councillors elected from 3 wards. The representation quota of 608 electors per councillor is very close to the average of 627 electors per councillor for similar-sized South Australian councils, as determined by the Australian Classification of Local Governments system.

Council conducted a review of its representation under Chapter 3 Part 1 Division 2 of the Local Government Act 1999, in 2005. As a result of that review, the number of councillors was reduced to nine from twelve following the election in November 2006.

Under the Local Government Act 1999, the next review of the representation quota must occur by 2013. Council has not yet made a decision on when it will next conduct a review of the representation quota.

Under Section 28 of the Local Government Act, the following provisions for public-initiated submissions in relation to the adjustment of the representative structure of a council apply:

- (2) A group of at least 20 eligible electors may submit to a council a submission that the council consider a proposal—
  - (a) to alter the boundaries of the council;*
  - (b) to alter the composition of the council or the representative structure of the council (including by the creation, alteration or abolition of wards);*
  - (c) to incorporate within the area of the council a part of the State that is not within the area of a council.**
- (4) A submission under subsection (2) must—
  - (a) set out in general terms the grounds on which the submission is made and the issues that, in the opinion of the person or persons making the submission, should be considered in an assessment of the matter; and*
  - (b) nominate five persons who are willing to represent the interests of persons who would be directly affected by any proposal based on the matters raised in the submission; and*
  - (c) comply with guidelines published by the Panel.**
- (5) The eligible electors making the submission must furnish a copy of a submission under subsection (2) to the Panel in accordance with guidelines published by the Panel.*

## Decision Making Structures

### *Full Council*

Full Council, consisting of 9 elected members, one of whom is chosen by the members as the Presiding Member (Mayor) is the decision-making body on all policy and strategy matters. Ordinary meetings of the full council are held on the second Tuesday of each month and are open to the public.

Under the Local Government Act 1999, the Council sitting as an elected body is “*to act as a representative, informed and responsible decision maker in the interests of its community*”.

In order to fulfil this responsibility, Council receives reports from management and staff and on occasions seeks information from external consultants.

Committees have been formed to streamline Council business. These Committees meet regularly and make recommendations to Council.

Council’s committees are listed below.

### *Delegations*

Another method of improving the efficiency of Council decision-making is through the delegation of specific functions or powers to a committee or to an employee of council.

The Chief Executive Officer and other staff have the delegated authority from Council to make decisions on a number of specified administrative and policy matters. These delegations are listed in Council’s policy manual and are reviewed annually.

Council has the ability to delegate a range of powers or functions to committees and staff, as outlined in the Local Government Act 1999. These delegations can be made in relation to the powers or functions vested or conferred under any piece of legislation.

The Local Government Act, does not allow for the delegation of certain powers, such as the power to make a by-law, borrow money or declare rates or charges.

### *Committees of Council*

Committees have been formed to streamline Council business. These Committees meet regularly and make recommendations to full Council. Committee meetings are open to the public. These Committees are:

#### ***Standing Committees of Council***

All report direct to Council and their minutes are included within the Council minutes

- Audit Committee
- Strategic Asset Management Committee

### ***Other Committees of Council***

A number of committees comprising elected members, staff and the public have been established to investigate and manage particular issues. All report direct to Council and their minutes are included within the Council minutes.

- Coorong Bushfire Prevention Committee
- Coorong Rural Broadband Project Steering Committee
- Coorong Local Action Plan Committee
- Lower Lakes & Coorong Infrastructure Committee
- Tailem Bend Town Hall Committee
- Coorong Plan Amendment Review Committee
- CEO Performance Review Committee

### ***Community Committees of Council***

These committees mainly comprise community members and have an elected member and/or employee of Council delegated to the committee. These committees are primarily established to manage a range of council properties. These committees are listed below:

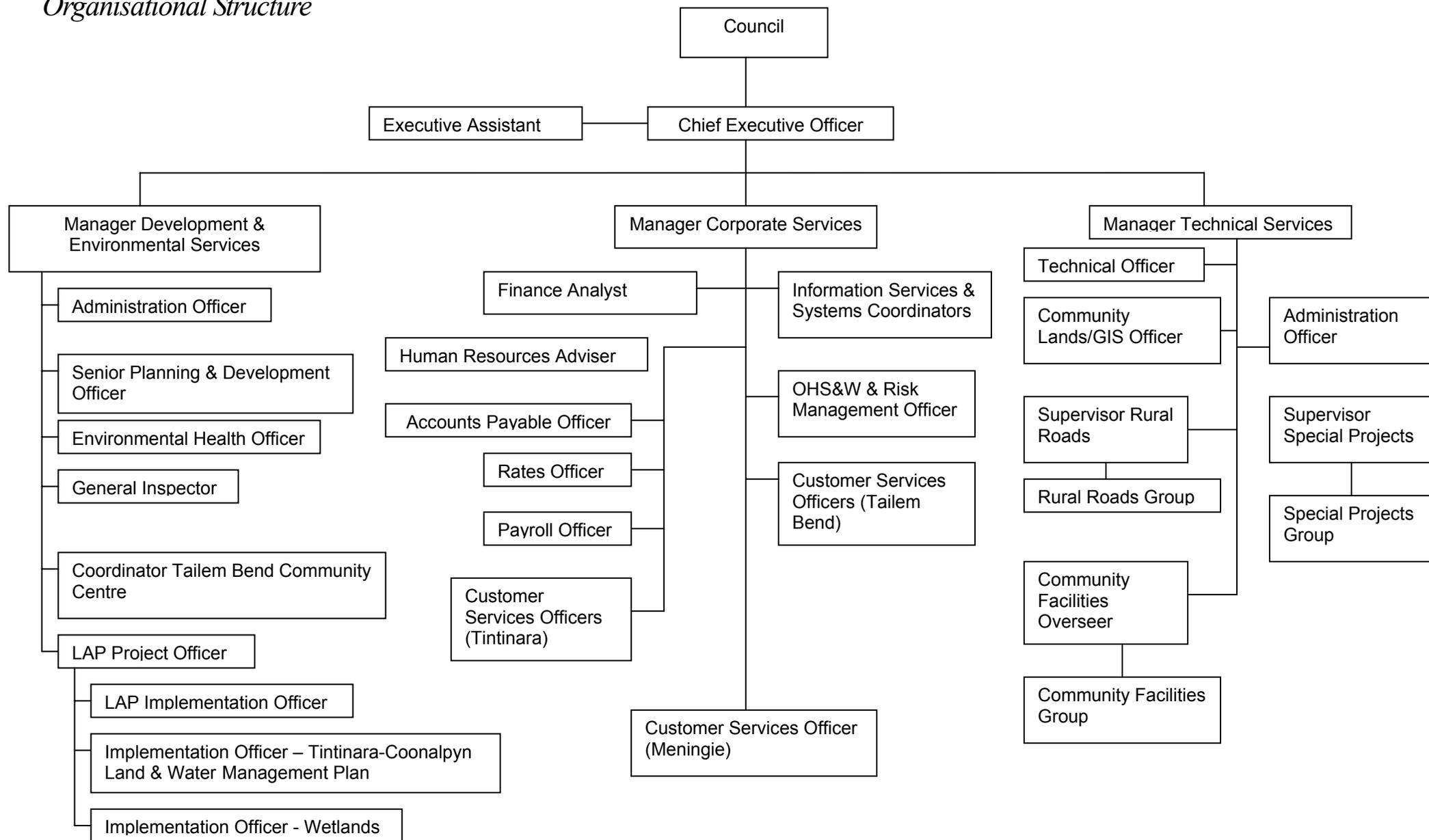
- Coonalpyn Community Hall Committee
- Coonalpyn Soldiers Memorial Swimming Pool & Caravan Park Committee
- Meningie Cemetery Committee
- Moorlands Hall Committee
- Pangarinda Arboretum Committee
- Tailem Bend Cemetery Committee
- Tailem Rail Committee
- Tintinara Airfield Committee
- Tintinara Development Group
- Tintinara Health & Recreation Centre Committee
- Tintinara Homes Committee
- Tintinara War Memorial Hall Committee

### ***Coorong District Development Assessment Panel***

The Coorong District Development Assessment Panel is not a committee of Council, but is formed by Council under the Development Act 1993 to make decisions in relation to development applications not otherwise delegated to council officers.



*Organisational Structure*



## Corporate Services

Council made a significant change to its organisational structure during the year, by reinstating the role of Manager Corporate Services. The Corporate Services department, formerly Administrative Services, had been the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer since 2001.

The Corporate Services Department is responsible for the provision of customer service, information technology, records management, finance, human resources, risk management and occupational health, safety and welfare activities.

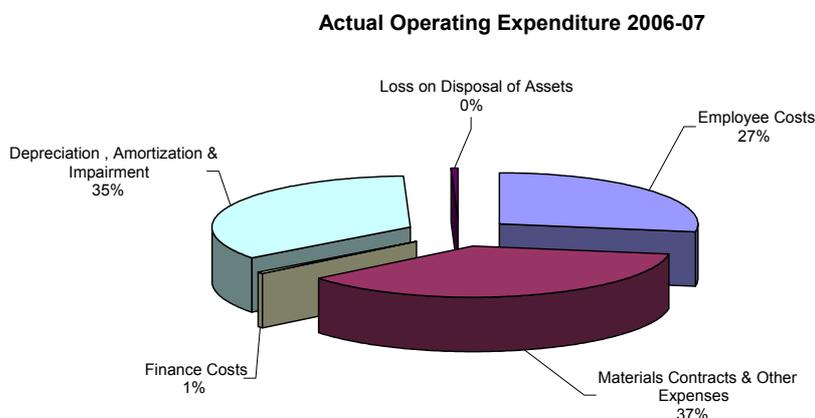
## Finance

### Financial Performance

Council recorded a deficit of \$450,306 for the twelve months ending 30 June 2007. The primary reason for the deficit was a reduction in capital grants of \$839,000. Overall operating revenue decreased by 13.2%.

Overall operating expenditure decreased by 4.3% from 2005/06, primarily due to a reduction in materials, contractual services and other expenses.

Council remains in a healthy cash position, with almost \$2 million in cash and investments at 30 June 2007. This is a slight reduction from the previous financial year.



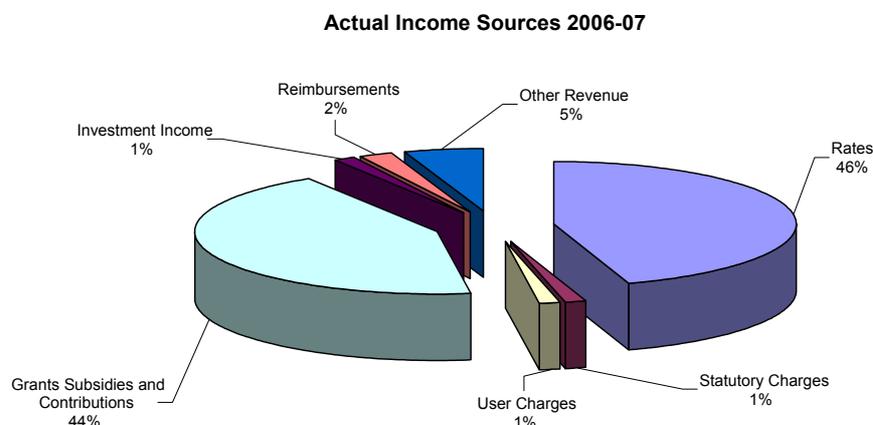
### Rates and Valuations

The rateable capital value of properties in The Coorong District Council in 2006/07 was \$1,111,662,722, an increase of \$194,040,164 from the 2005/06 rateable value of \$917,622,558.

The increase in valuations enabled the rate in the dollar for urban rates to drop to 0.2897 cents in the dollar in 2006/07 from 0.372 cents in the dollar in 2005/06. The rate in dollar for rural rates to drop to 0.2563 cents in the dollar in 2006/07 from 0.322 cents in the dollar in 2005/06.

The fixed charge component of the general rate remained at \$295, the same level as in 2005/06.

The total general rates raised for 2006/07 were \$3,909,826 which was an increase of \$31,426 from rates raised in 2005/06 of \$3,878,400, an increase of 0.08%. Rates and charges accounted for 46% of Council's income in 2006/07, as per the chart below.



## *Occupational Health, Safety & Welfare*

The Coorong District Council is a member of the Local Government Association (LGA), a body which was granted a self insurance licence by the State Government in 1986.

An internal OHS management systems audit was completed in 2006. This is designed as a self assessment tool to be used to measure OHS and injury management activity level within councils.

Council achieved 94% out of a possible 100%, and is therefore eligible for a full rebate. Areas of improvement included implementation of training programs, updating of the training register and increased documentation of volunteer inductions.

The OHS&W Committee monitors progress on corrective actions to ensure they are effective and to demonstrate evaluation of these actions on an ongoing basis. Council's Leadership Team also monitors progress on corrective actions, to ensure they are completed and evaluated for effectiveness.

### ***Lost Time Injuries (LTI)***

The LGA provides Council with monthly injury statistics and six-monthly performance reports. As shown below, there were 7 claims during 2006/07, an increase from 2 claims the previous year.

Year	No. of Claims	No. of LTIs*	LTI* Days	Frequency Rate	Duration Rate	Incident Rate	5 Day No.	1 Year No.
2002/03	6	4	55	36.4	13.8	7.3	1	0
2003/04	3	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0
2004/05	3	1	1	8.5	1.0	1.7	0	0
2005/06	2	1	2	7.7	2.0	1.5	0	0
2006/07	7	4	10	15.6	5.0	3.1	1	0

**Note: all data is derived from the August 2007 CATS (Claims Analysis Tracking System) statistics – all years are subject to development, due to ongoing long-term claims.**

An analysis of significant injuries for 2006/07 compared to 2005/06 shows that of the 7 claims, the injuries have included 2 sprains, strains of joints and adjacent muscles, 2 disorder of nerve roots and plexuses and 1 each of the following: foreign body on external eye, ear or nose, open wound and other disease of the respiratory system.

Two of the significant claims have been associated with injuries to relatively young persons up to 45 years of age, while persons in excess of 45 years of age have made five claims.

Nature of Injury	2005/06		2006/07	
	No.	Cost (\$)	No.	Cost (\$)
Sprains, strains of joints and adjacent muscles	1	468	2	1,408
Open wound	0	0	1	1,733
Disorder of nerve roots, plexuses	0	0	2	6,559
Other diseases of respiratory system	0	0	1	111
Foreign body eye	1	437	1	173
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$905</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>\$9,984</b>

Whilst Council has recorded an increase in claims from 2005/06, the result is less than the group average of 10 claims. Based on Council's 57.7 full time equivalent (FTE) employees at 30 June 2007, the number of days lost per FTE was 0.000753 days.

Focus on the reduction of manual handling injuries will continue for The Coorong District Council. In addition, a healthy lifestyle program has emphasised the need for a skin cancer prevention program. The program implemented throughout local government in South Australia, has revealed that one in four persons screened for skin cancers have some form of skin cancer requiring referral for treatment or monitoring.

The Corporate Health Group provided Council employees with skin cancer screenings and fitness assessments. OHS training courses conducted during the year have included eye safety, asbestos, electrical tag and testing, pool operators, work zone traffic management, confined spaces and green card.

### *Risk Management*

Council's risk review is conducted annually in May by the Regional Risk Coordinator for the Local Government Association's Mutual Liability Scheme.

The risk management review covers most areas of Council's operations and specifically targets those areas that have high levels of civil liability exposures or areas that require a formal risk management approach to prevent potential civil liability claims. Focus is given to compliance with Local Government Act 1999 and the Development Act 1993, the key legislation administered by local government.

### *Risk Review Summary*

Section	Council Percentage	Regional Average	Local Government Average
1. Risk & emergency management / professional indemnity	96.3%	80.4%	81%
2. Committee & non employment management	82.7%	80.6%	83%
3. Contract management	78.9%	92.4%	92.9%
4. Legislative requirements – land	100%	92.7%	93.2%
5. Asset management programmes & systems – land	90%	90.1%	90.7%
6. Land use (lease/licence/permit activities)	87.5%	91.4%	91.8%
7. Legislative requirements – roads	86.7%	92.9%	91.8%
8. Road management programmes & systems	85.7%	88.5%	89.2%
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	<b>88.5%</b>	<b>87.4%</b>	<b>88.2%</b>

These results show that Council's risk management practices are within the average in comparison with regional and local government percentages. Last year's risk review result was 92% compared to this year's result of 88.5%, which demonstrates that Council needs to continue to address risk management requirements, with improvement in some areas required in 2007/08.

With the risk management programs that Council has in place, continuous improvement will continue to be attained.

### *Human Resources*

Council increased the emphasis placed on the use of modern staff attraction and retention practices during 2006/07 in an effort to promote Council as an employer of choice. Key improvement activities included:

- Actively encouraging and promoting the access of enterprise agreement study clauses for the purposes of personal development. Areas to benefit from this included business management, community services, regional and town planning, development and regulatory services.
- Promotion of suitable internal staff to internal positions.
- Increased activity in relation to the appointment of staff to acting in higher positions and secondment to other departments, thereby gaining skills and experience to access permanent opportunities.
- Organisational restructure which resulted in the provision of opportunities for existing employees to access challenging roles in information, customer and financial services.
- Increased commitment to multi skilling of staff through ongoing training and development of employees.
- Increased focus on work-life balance opportunities by introducing mobile computing options for appropriate staff to enable them to work remotely.

Council increased its participation in external promotion of employment opportunities by attending both the Adelaide and Murray Bridge Careers Expo. In partnership with the Rural City of Murray Bridge, Council hosted a competition where visitors to the Murraylands Expo were invited to be a town planner for a day. Various streetscapes from towns within the Council areas were on display and entrants were invited to “shape their world” by altering a photograph of their choice.



*Mayor Keith Scobie and Councillor Nat Traeger attend the Tintinara Area School Assembly to present the winner of the “shape your world” competition with her prize.*

### *Human Resources – statistical results*

Council’s workforce was subject to further change during 2006/07, with continued restructure across many of Council’s operations. As a result, staff turnover remained above the industry average, whilst absenteeism rose during the year.

This result was expected, due to the lack of change within the organisation in the preceding years. It is anticipated that both indicators will reflect a more stable workforce in 2007/08.

Employee satisfaction indicators	Turnover (%)		Average absenteeism per employee (hrs)	
	2005/06	2006/07	2005/06	2006/07
Council	16.18	21.0	36.85	41.74
Industry average	10.66	10.7	37.57	36.66

Employees by gender	30 June 2007	30 June 2006
Full time equivalents	55.2	58.7
Total no. males	47	48
Total no. females	23	27

Category	30 June 2007	30 June 2006
Full Time Equivalents	55.2	58.7
Total No Males	47	48
Total No Females	23	27

Employees by employment status	30 June 2007		30 June 2006	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Total employees	48	27	49	28
Full time permanent	39	11	39	12
Part time permanent	1	5	2	3
Casual	8	10	8	12
Trainees	0	1	0	1

Council reduced its annual leave liability by \$10,930, but experienced a more significant reduction of \$97,195 in its long service leave liability. This result is attributed to a combination of staff accessing the long service leave cash out option, and the resignation of staff with significant long service leave liability during the year.

### *Human Resources – Equal Employment Opportunity*

Council has a commitment to equal employment opportunity and this is reflected by specific provisions contained in Council's Human Resource policy. The purpose of the policy is to create a workplace free from discrimination, in which all people are permitted equal access and opportunity to progress to the full extent of their ability.

The policy:

- Ensures that the selection of individuals for employment and promotion is based solely on the principle of merit, that is, the best person will be selected on the basis of his/her skills, qualifications, experience and knowledge.
- Establishes a set of procedures to deal with discrimination effectively.
- Ensures all staff are kept well informed about policies, procedures and implementation strategies.

Whilst all employees have a personal responsibility in the practical application of this policy, specific responsibility rests with management and employees involved in recruitment, employee administration and training.

Accordingly, interview panels as determined within the guidelines of the Human Resource Policy are aware of equal employment opportunity principles and, whenever possible and relevant, panels have gender balance.

## *Information Technology*

### ***Coorong Rural Broadband Project***

Following a successful application for grant funding during 2005/06, the Coorong Rural Broadband project was officially launched in September 2006 at Coonalpyn. The Hon Mitch Williams MP, Member for MacKillop, officially launched the project at a community function at the Coonalpyn Primary School



*Hon. Mitch Williams MP Member for MacKillop at the official launch*

The Coorong District Council received a Service Quality award in recognition of the improved communications made available to local residents and businesses as a result of the project.

### ***Information Services***

Council experienced significant change in its information services staffing during the year, with the employment of two coordinators. The coordinators will drive the implementation of new and enhanced systems designed to improve customer service and efficiency of operations.

Council's internal focus on improving service delivery in information systems saw the introduction of a new budgeting and reporting system in early 2007. This system should improve Council's budgeting and internal financial reporting in future years.

The focus on service delivery also resulted in systems enhancements to Council's email system for improved correspondence capture and monitoring. In addition to this, deployment of handheld devices incorporating email and calendar functionality should improve the efficiency of senior staff in the organization.

## *Customer Service*

Council significantly improved service delivery to the community by introducing a range of electronic payment options during the year. In addition to the facility to pay rates, debtors, dog registrations and infringements on Council's internet site or via credit card telephone payments, Council implemented both BPAY and EFTPOS facilities.

The take up rate of the new payment streams was rapid in the first year of operation, with 22% of payments made by EFTPOS and BPAY, as represented in the following table.

<b>Payment Method</b>	<b>Receipts Issued</b>	<b>%</b>
Web Banking	649	5%
EFTPOS	700	6%
BPAY	1,864	16%
Cash/Cheques	8,720	73%
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,933</b>	<b>100%</b>

Council also improved payment efficiency by introducing electronic fund transfer (EFT) to creditors. This has significantly reduced the number of manual payments made, with 62% of the total of 2,057 payments for the year being made by EFT.

## *Australia Day 2007*

Australia Day 2007 was celebrated across the Coorong District Council at various community functions, with award winners being as follows:

Citizen of the Year: Geoff and Wendy Halliday (Meningie), Jean Frost (Ki Ki), Bob Elliot (Tailem Bend), Steve Murray (Coomandook) and Peter Lauterbach (Peake).

Young Citizen of the Year: Ben Hooper (Tintinara).

Community Event of the Year: Tintinara Centenary Celebrations.

Salt Creek Primary School was the winner of the Australia Day School Competition.

The Mayor, Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and other staff joined community members throughout the day at Meningie, Ki Ki, Tailem Bend, Coomandook, Peake and Tintinara.



*Mayor Cr. Keith Scobie presenting Peter Lauterbach with his Citizen of the Year award.*



*Cr. Jaensch, Deputy Mayor Cr. Strother, Mr Geoff Halliday, Mrs Wendy Halliday, 2007 Citizen of the Year award recipient and Mr Tim Drew, CEO at the Meningie Australia Day celebrations.*

## Development & Environmental Services

### *Overview*

The Development and Environmental Services Department is responsible for the provision of environmental health, development assessment, development policy planning, general inspectorial, landcare and community services.

### *Environmental Health Section*

#### ***Waste Control Systems***

Council has continued the systematic pumping out of residential properties with septic tanks that are connected to Council's (STEDs) septic tank effluent drainage schemes. The pump out program is undertaken over a four year cycle with the first cycle almost complete.

The systematic pumping of septic tanks assists Council to maintain the STEDs infrastructure to a manageable level and extend the longevity of each of the schemes, as well as comply with the Public Environmental Health Act Waste Control Regulations. Council has four towns with STEDs schemes and septic tanks are pumped out on a four yearly basis by a licensed Environment Protection Authority contractor.

#### ***Mosquito and European Wasp Control***

Council has continued its involvement in the mosquito program that has provided valuable information regarding Ross River and Barmah Forest virus as well as breeding cycle of mosquitoes. Mosquito traps were set up at the Tailem Bend golf course, Wellington East, Poltalloch Bluff, Waltowa Swamp and the Meningie Area School. The results of the program will be reported during the 2007/08 financial year.

Council received no European Wasp complaints during the financial year and therefore no nests were confirmed, identified or destroyed.

#### ***Food Safety and Nutrition***

Food safety recall notifications provided to Council from the Department of Human Services were distributed to appropriate food outlets and followed up by Council's authorised officer under the Food Act 2001. All other food complaints lodged with Council were appropriately handled and food premise improvement notices under the Food Act 2001 standards were issued on three premises within the district.

### *Community Services*

#### ***Health Care and Community***

The Coorong Community Links Committee (CCLC) is a committee of Council consisting of representatives from various health agency providers within the Council area. The committee has sourced substantial recurrent funding through the Office of the Ageing and Home and Community Care for the provision of HACC services. A further \$40,000 per annum in recurrent funding to assist in a Home Maintenance program is being sought.

### ***Tailem Bend Community Centre***

The Coorong District Council employs a Coordinator for the Tailem Bend Community Centre. This position is funded by HACC. The Coordinator, assisted by many dedicated volunteers, provides services to visitors to the centre, including the aged, disabled and the disadvantaged. The centre is supported by Council through HACC funding and a Council rate subsidy.

Some highlights for the year included:

- A successful pap smear awareness week promotion.
- Funding from DoTARS and Community Benefit SA for rejuvenation works at the Centre.



*Tailem Bend Community Centre*

Council was again involved in National Youth Week in April 2007. Council was also involved in the Coorong Calling Youth Project, which was aimed at providing an opportunity for youth mentoring. The project incorporated the Power Community Youth (Port Adelaide AFL football club) who had the opportunity to address and inspire the future leaders within our community.

## ***Environmental Services***

### ***Local Action Plan***

The Coorong Local Action Plan committee is maintaining its on ground works program and Landcare officers have maintained their pro-active role in the delivery of innovative projects. The Landcare Officers are employed by Council and are partly funded through external funding and landcare grants. Council employed a new Implementation Officer for the Land and Water Management Plan for the Tintinara and Coonalpyn Prescribed Wells area. The implementation of this plan includes funded projects such as the Sustainable Urban Living Project, Mains Water Leak Detection Project and the Alternative Water Use Project.

The Local Action Plan Officers assist landowners with a variety of initiatives and funding including; stabilising sandhills, clay spreading, lake shore erosion control, fencing remnant vegetation and wetlands, revegetation and planting windbreaks, assisting with farm forestry of soft and hard woods as well as providing information to the community regarding the local action plan initiatives.



*Farm forestry has been embraced by a number of landholders in the Council area.*

## *General Inspectorial*

### ***Fire Prevention***

The Coorong District Bushfire Prevention Plan and Codes of Practices were updated in May 2007. October and May reports were submitted to the Country Fire Service. The Coorong District Bushfire Prevention committee met three times to assess the extent of fire hazards within the region and to plan for bushfire prevention.

Extra fire prevention works were carried out in Salt Creek, Peake, Taillem Bend and at various Council reserves around the district. Schools talks were conducted in regard to the value of smoke alarms, evacuation plans for homes in the event of a fire and the dangers of playing with fire and matches.

### ***Animal Management***

The Petpep program was conducted in every school in the district to educate children on how to remain healthy and safe around pets, how to look after their pets and how to behave around strange dogs.

The Animal Management Plan was updated and planning was undertaken to address issues of off-leash and on-leash areas. Dog free areas have now been established around the district in playgrounds and some reserves. Council also conducted a door knock across the district to identify unregistered dogs.

### ***Parking***

Following requests from local business operators and a considerable public consultation period, term parking was introduced in Railway Terrace and surrounding streets in Taillem Bend.

The request was made in order to improve parking turnover and encourage increased trade for the local businesses. Taillem Bend is the first town in the Council area to have term parking introduced.

## *Development Services*

### ***Development Assessment***

The development assessment process has become more complicated with changes to development legislation that now include requirements of Energy Efficiency assessment as part of Building Rules Assessment, the need to have signed declarations regarding electricity infrastructure as part of development applications submitted and providing statistics for the Systems Indicator requirements of the State Government.

During the year, Council has been working with the Department of Water, Land & Biodiversity Conservation regarding building in flood prone areas. Due to the extreme conditions caused by the drought and the low water level of the lakes, Council has also participated in the fast tracking of applications for emergency dredging to ensure water supply to irrigators located alongside the lower lakes.

### ***Development Statistics***

During 2006/07, Council experienced a decrease of 4% in the total number of development applications compared to 2005/06. There was a corresponding decrease in the number of new dwellings, 26 in 2006/07, compared to 34 in 2005/06.

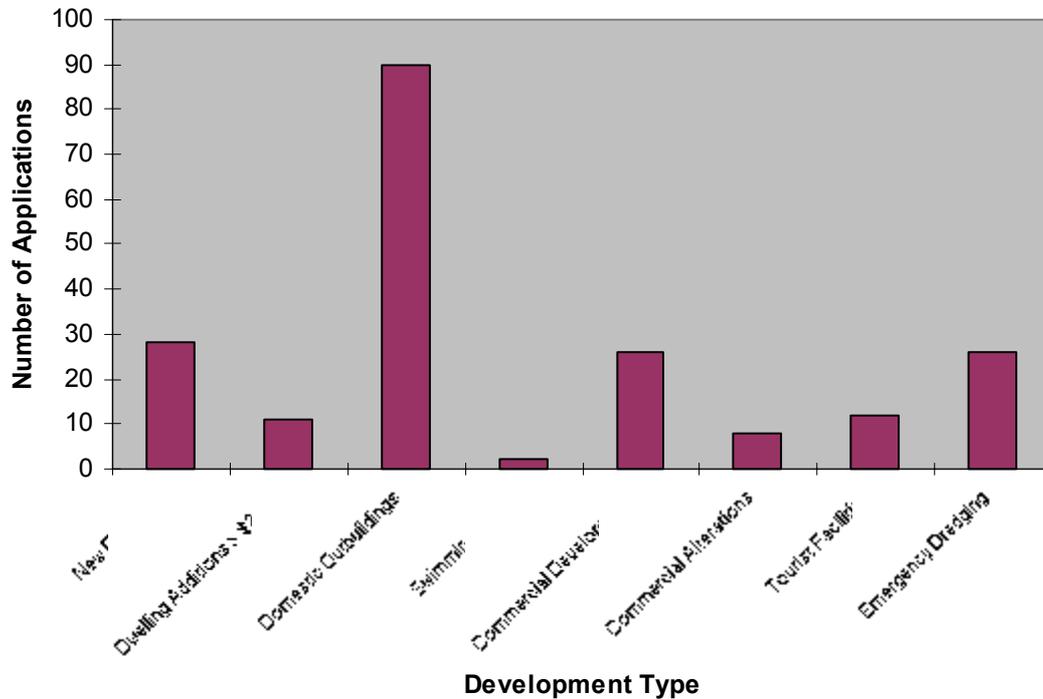
Whilst the number of new dwellings decreased, the value of the developments increased, reflecting either an increased cost of building dwellings, or an increase in the average value of dwellings being constructed.

The value of all developments decreased by approximately \$2.5m compared to 2005/06. The decrease in development activity and investment may reflect the impact of the drought and the consequential fall in water allocations for irrigators and dairy farmers.

Council received 26 emergency dredging applications due to the drought conditions and low level of the lakes.

Development Type	2006/07		2005/06	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
New dwellings	28	\$3,937,453	34	\$3,372,282
Dwelling additions & alterations over \$2,000	11	\$1,014,064	14	\$468,250
Domestic outbuildings & minor additions/alterations	90	\$645,892	146	\$1,160,913
Swimming pools	2	\$30,000	34	\$54,507
Commercial development, e.g. olive groves, piggeries	26	\$863,096	11	\$4,561,176
Commercial additions/alterations	8	\$194,710	2	\$206,210
Tourist facilities (additions/alterations/signage)	12	\$544,000	-	-
Emergency dredging (Lake Albert, Lake Alexandrina & River Murray)	26	-	-	-
Land division	28	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>\$7,229,215</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>\$9,823,338</b>

### Development Applications 2006/07



#### ***Policy Planning***

Council has been working on three significant Plan Amendments Reports (PARs). They include the General PAR which aims to address many policy provisions within The Coorong District Council Development Plan. At the end of the financial year, this PAR was very close to completion.

The Warrenge PAR aims to rezone land at Meningie to facilitate a residential development around waterway canals. This PAR has progressed significantly and is at the final stages before being endorsed by Council and forwarded to the Minister.

The Wellington East PAR aims to rezone land at Wellington East for further residential development. The Wellington East PAR was undergoing public and agency consultation at the end of the financial year. It is expected that all the current PARs will be completed in the first half of the 2007/08 financial year.

## Technical Services

### *Responsibilities*

The Technical Services Department is responsible for a wide range of services associated with the construction and maintenance of community assets including roads and drainage, waste management systems, water supplies, community wastewater management schemes, parks, gardens and reserves.

During 2006/07, Council continued its commitment to long term strategic objectives relating to road maintenance and construction, waste management and footpaths. However, particular emphasis was directed to waste management issues and to the possible upgrading of its community wastewater management schemes to accommodate wastewater reuse.

These activities will be extended into 2007/2008 and following years in accordance with available resources.

### *The 2006/2007 Year in Summary.*

Council has continued its annual commitment to major maintenance of the roads system by:

- Resheeting or reconstruction of approximately 44 kilometres of open surfaced roads at a cost of \$1,059,000.
- Resealing of approximately 7.5 kilometres of sealed roads including Narrung Road and the Old Dukes Highway at a cost of \$203,500.

Expenditure on the Old Dukes Highway was increased during the year by an additional allocation of \$138,000 from the Supplementary Roads to Recovery allocation received by Council.

- Performed regular maintenance programs on roads, footpaths, reserves and other Council infrastructure.

The Technical Services Department had a full and productive year with the following major activities being completed or substantially commenced.

### ***Tailem Central Car Park***

Council received a grant of \$100,000 under the State Government's Places for People program during 2005/06, for the re-construction of the Tailem Central car park area.

The Tailem Central precinct, adjacent to the old Tailem Bend railway station, services the information centre, railway museum and businesses in Railway Terrace. The sealing of the car park has reduced a significant dust problem for local businesses and increased the amenity and landscaping of the surrounding area.

The civil construction works were completed prior to Christmas 2006. However, because of the exceptionally dry conditions, landscaping was deferred until more appropriate weather condition occurred. The project has been substantially completed, with lighting expected to be installed in September 2007.



*Tailem Central following the reconstruction*

### ***Poltalloch Road***

Continuation of the construction and sealing of approximately 3.5 kilometres of Poltalloch Road at a cost of \$255,000. This project will be continued during 2006/2007.

### ***Seymour Terrace, Tailem Bend***

This road was reconstructed during late 2005/2006 including basecourse works, kerb and guttering and provision of a concrete footpath on the western side.

During 2006/2007 the road was trimmed and sealed.



*Sealing of Seymour Terrace Tailem Bend*

### ***Dehy Road, Meningie.***

This project was also a carryover from 2005/2006 when earthworks and basecourse works were completed. The road was trimmed and sealed during 2006/2007.

### ***Intersection of Trevena Road and Lime Kiln Road, Tailem Bend.***

This area was old and in very poor condition. The expenditure on this project, \$90,000, allowed for the reconstruction of the intersection, including a hotmix seal, and sealing to the intersection with Myrtle Place.

### ***Lime Kiln Road***

Council received supplementary funding during the year from the Road to Recovery Programme. Council committed \$151,900 of this funding to construct and seal Lime Kiln Road from Myrtle Place to the existing sealed section, a distance of approximately 2.8 kms.

This road now provides a dust free route between Tailem Bend to the Mallee Highway.

### ***Waste Management***

Following approval of a land environment management plan by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), Council constructed a new landfill cell at the Tailem Bend waste depot. This cell was constructed in accordance with the EPA's guidelines, which are current best practice for South Australia.

As part of the development of the site, the transfer station area was redesigned with the construction of a waste disposal bay for the transport of hard waste to the new cell. Under the new system, public access at the site is limited to the transfer station area, with the landfill cell accessible only to Council employees and approved contractors.

During the year a draft closure plan was prepared for the closure of the Meningie landfill and the construction of a waste transfer station. This document is presently with the EPA for approval.



*New landfill cell at Tailem Bend waste depot.*

### ***Community Wastewater Management Schemes***

Council undertook a review of the Tailem Bend community wastewater management scheme, with a view to its upgrade to accommodate future developments and to develop options to allow for the reuse of the treated effluent.

The review has been comprehensive, involving detailed analysis of pumping data and the existing infrastructure, assessment of potential development in the area and options available to meet Councils objectives.

The report is nearing completion and should be available for consideration by Council during early 2007/08.

### ***Plant Replacement***

During the financial year Council continued with its objective of providing and maintaining a modern and efficient range of plant and equipment by acquiring a bulldozer and two front deck mowers.



*Council taking possession of a new bulldozer*



*Council's new bulldozer assisted in containing a large scrub fire started by lightning in late 2006. The bulldozer is able to establish breaks and turnaround points to allow for access and safe back burning.*

## Statutory Information

### *Information Statement*

An Information Statement is available as a separate document in accordance with legislative requirements, however the contents are included in this Annual Report.

### *Access to Council Documents*

#### Documents available for inspection

The following documents are available for public inspection at the Council offices free of charge. Some items are available on Council's website [www.coorong.sa.gov.au](http://www.coorong.sa.gov.au). Members of the public may purchase copies of documents for a fee as per fees and charges register.

- Council Agendas & Minutes
- Standing Committee Agendas
- Standing Committee Minutes
- Policy Manual
- Strategic Plan
- Budget Statements
- Annual Report
- Register of Fees and Charges
- Council By-Laws
- Annual Financial Statements
- Planning Application Register
- Building Application Register
- Register of Elected Members
- Allowance & Benefits
- Officers Register of Remuneration
- Register of Public Streets & Roads
- Assessment Book

#### Other information requests

Requests for other information not included in the above documents are considered in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 1991.

Under this legislation, an application fee and a search fee must be forwarded with the completed request form as provided for under the Act, unless the applicant is granted an exemption in accordance with the Act.

Should the applicant require copies of any document inspected pursuant to a Freedom of Information request, charges as set will apply.

Freedom of Information Request Forms should be addressed to:

Chief Executive Officer  
Coorong District Council  
PO Box 28  
MENINGIE SA 5264

Applications will be responded to as soon as possible within the statutory 30 days of Council receiving the properly completed Freedom of Information form, together with the application and search fees.

In the 12 months ended 30 June 2007, one certificate pursuant to Section 65 of the Local Government (Freedom of Information) Act (since repealed), were issued.

### Elected members allowances

Elected members receive allowances in accordance with the Local Government Act and Regulations 1999.

Council determined at the first meeting after the election in November 2006, that the following annual allowances be in place for the remainder 2006/2007 year.

Presiding Member	\$16,000
Deputy Presiding Member	\$5,000
Chairs of Standing Committees	\$4,000
Other Councillors	\$4,000

Council has resolved to provide reimbursement for expenses incurred in travelling within the Council area on Council business at a rate determined by Commonwealth legislation. The Council has also resolved to reimburse councillors for a range of additional expenses, for example, approved travel outside the Council area, attendance at conferences, and the provision of phone/facsimile machines for council business.

### Tendering and Supply

In July 2000, Council adopted a competitive tendering, contracting and sale of land and other assets policy. Through this policy the Council is committed to ensuring a fair, transparent and accountable process for the provision of services, purchasing of goods and services and in the disposal of land and other assets.

The Council aims to ensure that its methods of service provision, including the carrying out of works, purchasing goods and the sale of land and other assets are cost effective and meet the needs of the community and legislative requirements and represent best value for money, while taking into account the need to support the local economy.

Generally, Council will purchase goods through adoption of the following approaches:

- Direct purchase from a particular supplier.
- Obtaining quotations to select a supplier.
- Requesting tenders from a selected range of suppliers.
- Calling open tenders.
- Contract for service where rate is pre-determined by Council.

In identifying the circumstances in which to apply these options, Council will consider a number of issues, for example:

- The number of known suppliers of the goods or services.
- The existence of local suppliers of the goods or services and the impact on the local economy if the goods or services were purchased from outside the council area.
- The total estimated value of the purchase.
- Organisational capacity and attitude to elected Council/staff roles and responsibilities in purchasing.
- Delegation limits taking into consideration accountability, responsibility, operational efficiency and urgency of supply.
- Previous experience with suppliers.
- Compliance with statutory obligations.

The following list contains some of the functions for which Council utilises contractors to carry out services:

- Cartage of road building material
- Waste management
- Food premises inspections
- Road line marking
- Engineering services
- Information services



*Loading rubble into truck for carting to roadworks*

#### Competition Principles

Council does not conduct any significant business activity.

All by-laws have been reviewed and found not to have an effect on competition.

No complaints have been received by Council about the application of competitive neutrality.

#### Amendment of Council Records

A member of the public may gain access to Council documents to make amendments concerning their personal affairs by making a request under the Freedom of Information Act. A member of the public may then request a correction to any information about themselves that is incomplete, incorrect, misleading or out of date.

To gain access to these Council records, a member of the public must complete a Freedom of Information request form as indicated above, outlining the records that he/she wishes to inspect.

#### Senior Executive Officers

The Chief Executive Officer and three Managers are not paid overtime but receive, as a part of their total salary package, the benefit of the private use of a fully maintained motor vehicle subject to fuel costs being paid by the officer when on leave.

The Chief Executive Officer receives telephone rental and private calls up to \$200 per annum.

#### Development Applications and Approval Process

The Development Act 1993, establishes a legal structure for controlling the use and development of land throughout South Australia. An application for Development Approval is required when you wish to undertake development.

The types of activities that are defined as development and require Development Approval include:

- The construction, addition to, or alteration of buildings and structures (including signs);
- The demolition or removal of buildings;
- A change in land use;
- Any internal or external alteration of a heritage listed item;
- The division of land into allotments or community titles, or the adjustment of allotment boundaries

Development Approval consists of the granting of one or more of the following consents:

- Development Plan Consent
- Building Rules Consent
- Land Division Consent
- Land Division (Community Title) Consent
- Public Space Encroachment Consent

The number of consents required to obtain Development Approval depends on the nature of the proposed development. Typically, for the construction, alteration or addition to buildings or structures, an application will be assessed against the provisions of the Coorong District Council Development Plan (Development Plan Consent) and the technical standards set out in the Building Code of Australia (Building Rules Consent). Collectively, these two consents amount to the formal Development Approval, which is required in order to proceed with the development proposal.

Some Development Applications are required to undergo public notification. The process of public notification allows adjoining or nearby property owners, and others, the opportunity to look at a proposed development, consider the likely impacts the proposal may have on them and provide comment (either positive or negative) about the proposal prior to a decision being made.

The Coorong District Council Development Plan as well as the Development Act and Regulations, 1993, creates a hierarchy of public notification levels that outline the types of development which should be either exempt from public notification, should be subject to limited notification, or which should require a more general public notification.

The hierarchy of public notification is organised into three categories:

**Category 1 Development** – This development does not require public notification and usually relates to proposals which are in preferred zones or are minor development.

**Category 2 Development** – This development is subject to adjoining owner notifications but with no objector appeal rights. This category usually relates to development in preferred zones but located on the edge of the zones. The Coorong District Council Development Plan may also assign particular development as Category 2.

**Category 3 Development** – This development is subject to full public notification with objectors having the right to appear before the relevant authority and appeal to the Environment, Resources and Development (ERD) Court if they are concerned about the decision or a condition. This category relates to all development that is not Category 1 or 2 and all non-complying developments (other than certain exemptions for development of a minor nature)

The majority of Development Applications are assessed under delegation by Council staff. However in some circumstances the Development Assessment Panel acts as the relevant authority to exercise or perform Council's powers & functions in accordance with the Development Act 1993.

In August 2007 the Coorong District Council reviewed its Development Assessment Panel, its procedures and membership. As a result the Panel has a new updated procedures policy and the membership includes three independent members and two Council members. The

changes to the membership are in accordance with new legislation adopted by the State Government in February 2007.

The Panel consists of five members, namely:

Independent Presiding Member	Bill Hender
Independent Members	Graham Gaston
	Peter Body
Council Members	Cr Peter Wright
	Cr Alison Jaensch

The Coorong District Council endeavours to assess all its Development Applications in an expeditious, efficient, transparent and accountable manner.

### Retirement Villages

While the community caters for retired persons in a range of appropriate and different ways there are no Retirement Villages established within the District.

## *Strategic Management Plans*

### **Strategic Management Plan Performance**

Council is required to have a strategic management plan under Section 122(1) of the Local Government Act 1999. Section 131(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 requires Council to report on specific matters, which includes Council's performance in implementing its strategic management plan during the financial year.

Council's current Strategic Plan has been in place since 1999 and has been reviewed at various intervals since then. Council has a number of goals relating to five key result areas. A summary of Council's performance against some of the key goals is contained in the table below.

<b>Key Result Area</b>	<b>Achievements</b>
<b><i>Governance/Administration</i></b>	
Represent the interest of our community to other levels of Government.	Represented community in relation to drought/water and broadband services.
Facilitate technology change in communications within our Council and community.	Implementation of Coorong Rural Broadband project.
Continuously strive for quality, responsive customer service and enhancement of the image of Council.	Introduction of alternative payment methods, BPay and EFTPOS.
Facilitate among elected members and staff an understanding of the management of risk.	Risk management policy adopted by Council in May 2007.
Continuously identify, review and develop systems and processes to manage the health, safety and welfare of all persons at work within the Council, and to manage the results of injury in the event that injury does occur.	Continued focus on OHS&W, including attendance by CEO at committee meetings.

<b>Key Result Area</b>	<b>Achievements</b>
<b><i>Development</i></b>	
Promote the district for commercial, rural and domestic development.	Strengthened relationship with Murraylands Regional Development Board and continued to jointly pursue development opportunities.
Facilitate the provision of infrastructure and public services.	Support provided for new Tailem Bend commercial/industrial precinct, incorporating utility provision.
Foster development of the tourism infrastructure of the district.	Grant application for houseboat moorings on River Murray submitted. Tourist information bay at Wellington East supported.
Lobby for and facilitate research into alternative forms of primary industry in order to achieve greater diversity and opportunities.	Agreed in principle to pursue further saline groundwater re-use research activities in conjunction with Flinders University and Murraylands Regional Development Board.
<b><i>Natural Environment</i></b>	
In conjunction with primary industry and government agencies build on the community capacity for sustainable development.	Continued support of the Local Action Plan committee.
Pursue funding for identified environmental issues.	Funding opportunities pursued by landcare officers.
Provide assistance for the sustainable use of resources i.e. in drought conditions.	Supported introduction of standpipes/hydrants at Meningie and Narrung for use by local farming community for stock water purposes.
<b><i>Lifestyle</i></b>	
Promote the Coorong district as an attractive place of natural beauty in which to live, work, invest and visit.	Continued relationship with Limestone Coast Tourism Board.
<b><i>Transport</i></b>	
Identify and categorise Council's road network in order to develop a long-term plan for development & maintenance.	Road network classification reviewed.
Link Council road network with existing transport system, taking into account regional road networks and priorities.	Continued emphasis on key roads for special local roads program resulted in significant funding being received.
Encourage, promote and facilitate public passenger services.	Continuation of support for Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme.
Promote the Tailem Bend area as an intermodal transport hub.	Redevelopment of Tailem Central car park area and provision of designated bus parking areas in main street.

### ***Service for the Community***

Full Council makes decisions on policy and strategy issues relating to services that are provided for members of the public.

These services currently include:

Roads/Footpath/Kerbing	Immunisation Programs
Traffic control Devices	Aged Care
Cycle Tracks	Parking Control & Management
Public Cemeteries	Dog/Cat Management
Car parks	Environmental Health
Storm-water Drainage	Litter Bins
School Crossings	Public Toilets
Parking Bays/Street Closures	Bus Shelters
Street Lighting	Playground Equipment
Street Sweeping	Boat Ramps
Street Tree Planting	Home Assistance Scheme
Garbage Collection	Planning Controls
War Memorials	Tourism/Arts Development
Public Seating	Crime Prevention Strategies
Parks & Reserves	Recreation/Sport Facilities
Community Halls & Centres	Community Libraries
Foreshore Facilities	Litter control

### ***Public Participation***

Members of the public have a number of methods of putting forward their views on particular issues before Council.

#### ***Deputations***

With the permission of the Committee Chairperson or the Chairman, a member of the public can address a Committee or the Council personally or on behalf of a group of residents.

#### ***Petitions***

Written petitions can be addressed to the Council on any issue within the Council's jurisdiction.

#### ***Written requests***

A member of the public can write to the Council on any Council policy, activity or service.

#### ***Elected members***

Members of the public can contact their elected members of Council to discuss any issue relevant to Council.

## *Community Consultation*

The Coorong District council consults with local residents on particular issues that affect their neighbourhood (Note – below are examples only)

- (a) Alcohol free zones
- (b) Waste Management issues
- (c) Land use zone issues
- (d) Community Land exclusions
- (e) Management Plans for Community Land
- (f) Major road changes proposed

Consultation is conducted in accordance with the Public Consultation Policy.

## *Matters For Which Council Can Order That The Public Be Excluded*

Under Section 90 (3) of the Local Government Act 1999 Council or a Committee may order that the Public be excluded for a particular agenda item.

In accordance with its Code of Practice for access to Council Meetings and Council Documents, the following information is provided on the use of this provision.

Confidentiality provisions of 90 (3) and 91(7) were utilised 21 times during the period ended 30 June 2007.

Out of the 21:

- Number of occasions that resulted in a decision or decisions being made 13 times (8 occasions did not result in a motion).
- Number of occasions that information declared confidential has subsequently been made publicly available; 5 times.
- Number of occasions that information declared confidential and has still not been made publicly available, 4 as matters have not been settled

## *Documents Available for Public Inspection*

The following documents are available for inspection by the public. Some documents are available on the Council website [www.coorong.sa.gov.au](http://www.coorong.sa.gov.au). A copy of any document may be obtained, a charge will apply.

### ***Policies and codes***

- Code of conduct for council employees
- Code of conduct for council members
- Code of practice for access to council meetings council committees and council documents.
- Collection of long term outstanding rates policy
- Competitive tendering, contracting, purchasing, sale of land and other assets policy
- Community committees of council policy
- Control of State and Federal election signs policy
- Customer service policy
- Delegations- annual review
- Elected members' allowances and support policy
- Function expenditure guidelines
- Infrastructure and Assets Policy
- Interim farm building policy
- Internal control policy
- Internal review of council decisions policy
- Local government land, lease, licence and authorisation provisions
- Public consultation policy
- Provision of donations in respect of payment of rates for community organisations and groups policy
- Provision of loans and grants to community groups policy
- Rating policy
- Revegetation of council road reserves policy
- Risk management policy
- Unmade roads policy
- Vandalism & graffiti prevention and management policy
- Volunteer management policy
- Website use policy

### ***Registers - required under the Local Government Act 1999***

- Members register of interest
- Members register of allowances and benefits
- Officers register of interest
- Officers register of remuneration and benefits
- Register of public roads
- Register of fees & charges levied by Council
- Council By-laws
- Community land
- Campaign donations return for candidates at the November 2006 periodic election

## *Rating Policy 2006/07*

### ***INTRODUCTION***

This document sets out the policy of The Coorong District Council for setting and collecting rates from its community. The policy covers:

- method used to value land
- adoption of valuations
- business impact statement
- Council's revenue raising powers
- differential general rates
- service charges
- Natural Resource Management levy (the Council's collection role)
- pensioner concessions
- other concessions
- payment of rates
- late payment of rates
- remission and postponement of rates
- rebate of rates
- sale of land for non-payment of rates
- disclaimer

### ***CONTACT DETAILS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION***

Trevor Symonds Finance Analyst or Di Miell, Rates Officer by phoning your nearest Council office as detailed below, or fax 8757 2222, email: [council@coorong.sa.gov.au](mailto:council@coorong.sa.gov.au) or visit Council's web site, [www.coorong.sa.gov.au](http://www.coorong.sa.gov.au)

The Coorong District Council Meningie Office  
49 Princes Highway (Telephone 8575 1008)  
Meningie, 5264

The Coorong District Council Tailem Bend Office  
95 Railway Terrace (Telephone 8572 3611)  
Tailem Bend, 5260

The Coorong District Council Tintinara Office  
37 Becker Terrace (Telephone 8757 2100)  
Tintinara, 5266

## ***STRATEGIC FOCUS***

*In setting its rates for the 2006/2007 financial year the Council has considered the following:*

- its current strategic plan, *The Coorong District Council Strategic Plan*
- the current economic climate and relevant factors such as inflation and interest rates;
- the specific issues faced by our community, which are:
  - the need to update and maintain capital equipment to enable servicing of the road network and other essential infrastructure;
  - the maintenance and improvement of community assets to enable the District to be promoted as an attractive place in which to live work, invest and visit;
  - the sustainable management of waste and the promotion of recycling programs;
  - the fostering and promoting of recreational activities for all ages.
- the budget for the 2006/2007 financial year;
- the impact of rates on the community, including:
  - householders, businesses and primary producers;
  - the broad principle that the rate in the dollar should be the same for all properties except where there is clearly a different level of services available to ratepayers or some other circumstance which warrants variation from the broad principle;
  - minimising the level of general rate required by levying fees and charges for goods and services on a user pays basis, where that is possible, to recover the full cost of operating or providing the service or goods, with provision for concessions to those members of the community unable to meet the full cost.
- for the 2006/2007 financial year the Council has increased rates by % with the rate in the dollar being reduced significantly because of an increase in valuations to set a budget that will provide the Council with sufficient additional revenue to meet cost increases. The Strategic Management Plan provides the Strategic direction of Council over a five year period while the budget provides detail for the 2006/2007 year and a forecast for the following two years as a part of that plan and the rates are set at a level to meet that budget.

Council raises revenue for governance and administration, which deliver goods and services to the community. These goods and services are generally not provided by the private sector and may include road infrastructure, waste management, social services, regulatory services, health services and street lighting to mention a few. The Council recognises there may be situations where ratepayers provide or maintain infrastructure that might otherwise be provided or maintained by the Council. In these circumstances, the Council will consider if any possible rate rebates or other concessions apply in order to provide financial assistance to these ratepayers.

Rates are a system of taxation on the community for local government to deliver the goods and services expected by the community. All ratepayers receive benefits from paying rates. In considering the impact of rates on the various sectors of the community, the Council has determined its rates so that they apply in a consistent manner and are comparable with the level of services provided in the urban and rural areas.

The Council conducts public consultation on a broad range of issues relating to specific programs and the future directions for the area. These opportunities are always advertised in local papers. Ratepayers and other interested parties are welcome to attend. The Council also encourages feedback at anytime and such comments may be sent to:

Mr Tim Drew  
Chief Executive Officer  
The Coorong District Council  
PO Box 28  
Meningie 5264

### ***ANNUAL ADOPTION OF THE RATING POLICY***

Section 171 of the Local Government Act 1999 requires a Council to prepare and adopt each year, in conjunction with setting the rates, a rates policy.

### ***METHOD USED TO VALUE LAND***

The Council may adopt one of three valuation methodologies to value the properties in its area. They are:

- *Capital Value* – the value of the land and all of the improvements on the land.
- *Site Value* – the value of the land and any improvements which permanently affect the amenity of use of the land, such as drainage works, but excluding the value of buildings and other improvements.
- *Annual Value* – a valuation of the rental potential of the property.

The Council has decided to continue to use capital value as the basis for valuing land within the council area.

The Council considered that this method of valuing land provides the fairest method of distributing the rate burden across all ratepayers because property value is a relatively good indicator of wealth and capital value, which closely approximates the market value of a property and provides the best indicator of overall property value.

### ***ADOPTION OF VALUATIONS***

The Council has adopted the valuations made by the Valuer-General as provided to the Council on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2006. If a ratepayer is dissatisfied with the valuation made by the Valuer-General then the ratepayer may object to the Valuer-General in writing within 60 days of receiving the notice of the valuation, explaining the basis for the objection, provided they have not: (a) previously received a notice of this valuation under the Local Government Act 1999, in which case the objection period is 60 days from the receipt of the first notice; or (b) previously had an objection to the valuation considered by the Valuer-General. The address of the Office of the Valuer-General is:

State Valuation Office  
GPO Box 1354  
ADELAIDE SA 5001  
email: [lsg.objections@saugov.sa.gov.au](mailto:lsg.objections@saugov.sa.gov.au)

and the telephone number is 1300 653 345. Please note that the Council has no role in this process. It is also important to note that the lodgement of an objection does not change the due date for the payment of rates.

## **NOTIONAL VALUES**

Certain properties may be eligible for a notional value under the Valuation of Land Act 1971 where the property is the principal place of residence of a ratepayer. This can relate to certain primary production land or where there is State heritage recognition. A notional value is generally less than the capital value and this will result in reduced rates, unless the minimum rate already applies. Application for a notional value must be made to the Office of the Valuer-General.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Council has considered the impact of rates on all businesses in the Council area, including primary production. Council maintains contact with the business community both directly and through the Murraylands Regional Development Board.

Council has also considered:

- Those elements of the Council's strategic management plans relating to business development:
- The Regional Development Plan.
- The equity of the distribution of the rate burden – apart from the decision to provide a differential rate between urban and non-urban land, as outlined under the heading "Differential General Rates", the Council considers that all ratepayers receive broadly comparable services and are generally similarly impacted upon by prevailing economic conditions. A differential rate is applied as between urban and non urban land due to the different levels of service provided to urban users when compared to the non urban.
- Council's policy on facilitating local economic development:
  - Preference for local suppliers where price, quality and service provision are comparable to suppliers outside the Council area;
  - Support for and contribution to tourism marketing.
  - Support for and contribution to the Murraylands Regional Development Board.
- Current local, state and national economic conditions and expected changes during the next financial year. The general economic climate is stable and appears likely to continue to be stable over the next twelve months
- Changes in the valuation of business and primary production properties from the previous financial year. In keeping with state wide trends, valuations of properties have increased in value by approximately 21% for those residential properties with access to water have increased more sharply than in other areas rural land has increased in value by approximately 21%.

- Specific infrastructure maintenance issues that will solely or principally benefit businesses and primary producers will be:
  - upgrading the pavement structure and sealing major roads both rural and urban. This is partly as a result of the need for roads to carry heavier vehicles to service industry;

## **COUNCIL'S REVENUE RAISING POWERS**

All land within a Council area, except for land specifically exempt (e.g. Crown land held for a public purpose, Council occupied land and other land prescribed in the Local Government Act 1999 – refer Section 147 of the Act), is rateable. The Local Government Act provides for a Council to raise revenue for the broad purposes of the Council through a general rate, which applies to all rateable properties, or through differential general rates, which apply to classes of properties. In addition, Council can raise separate rates, for specific areas of the Council or service rates or charges for specific services. The Council also raises revenue through fees and charges, which are set giving consideration to the cost of the service provided and any equity issues. The list of applicable fees and charges is available at the contact locations listed on Page 1.

## **DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES**

The Council has decided to impose differential general rates on the following properties:

all rateable urban land (townships of: Tintinara Coonalpyn, the Residential, Commercial Industry, Community, Tourist Accommodation, Town Centre, and River Murray and Lakes Zones of township of: Tailem Bend, the Residential, Commercial Industry, Community, Tourist Accommodation, Town Centre, and River Murray and Lakes Zones of township of: Meningie, the Residential, Marina and Tourist Accommodation Zones of East Wellington)  
□ all other rateable land.

At its meeting of August 8<sup>th</sup> 2006 the Council decided to raise rate revenue of \$3,912,900 in a total revenue budget of \$10,061.40.

As a result of this decision the Council has set a rate of 0.2897 cents in the dollar for all rateable urban land and a rate of 0.2563 cents in the dollar for all other rateable land. The differential rate for all rateable urban land is expected to recover \$ and the differential rate for all other land is expected to recover \$ towards the total rate revenue.

The Council provides a greater level of services to the urban areas; therefore, it has decided to set a higher rate in the dollar for rateable urban land in order to recover the additional costs associated with providing those services.

### **Fixed Charge**

A fixed charge of \$295 applies to all rateable properties.

## Single Farm Enterprise

Section 152(2)(d) of the Local Government Act 1999 provides that where a Council declares a general rate which is based in whole or in part, on a fixed charge:

*“If two or more pieces of rateable land within the area of the Council constitute a **single farm enterprise** only one fixed charge may be imposed against the whole of the land”.*

A single farm enterprise must be comprised of two or more pieces of rateable land which are **farm land** and are occupied by the same person or persons. To enable properties to be identified as single farm enterprises it will be necessary for ratepayers to complete an application form to provide details to Council to enable Council to identify the land concerned.

**An application form can be obtained from any of the 3 Council Offices.**

## SERVICE CHARGES

### Septic Tank Effluent Disposal

The Council provides a septic tank effluent disposal system to residential and commercial properties in Meningie, Tailem Bend, Tintinara and East Wellington. From the 2004/05 year council has changed the CED charge to include an additional charge for the pumping out of septic tanks on a three year cycle. Council has been progressively working on upgrading these schemes and will be required to further fund alterations to the lagoons for these schemes, which has been programmed for next year. The full cost of operating and maintaining this service for this financial year is budgeted to be \$223,500 of which \$164,000 is for normal operations \$59,500 will go towards future capital replacement. The capital replacement component is funded from reserves. The Council will recover the cost of operating and maintenance through a range of service charges. These charges are, occupied land \$150 per unit (which includes \$30 to cover the pump out of septic tanks) and vacant land \$30. Where the service is provided to non-rateable land, a service charge is levied against the land.

### Water Supply

The Council provides water supply systems to residential and commercial properties in the small townships of East Wellington, Narrung and Peake. The full cost of operating these systems is raised from a range of service charges as follows:

- East Wellington water supply - a service charge comprised of \$165 plus 90cents per kilolitre for usage in excess of 125 kilolitres per annum;
- Peake water supply - a service charge comprised of \$120 plus 90 cents per Kilolitre in excess of 125 kilolitres per annum; and
- Narrung water supply - a service charge of \$430 for residential connection and a charge of \$165 for non-connected service.

Due to drought conditions in the catchment areas of the Murray Darling Basin, Council has imposed restrictions on the use of water where that water is taken from the River Murray system. Council is continuing to consult with SA Water regarding the supply at East Wellington.

## **NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT LEVY**

Parts of the Council are in the SA Murray Darling Basin Natural Resource Management Board and the South East Natural Resources Management Board area. The Council is required under the Natural Resources Management Act (2004) to collect a levy on behalf of the Natural Resources Management Boards to assist in funding the work of these boards. A brochure outlining the work of the Natural resource management boards will be enclosed with the first rate notice.

For that part of the Council area covered by the South East Natural Resource Management Board the levy will be \$30.62 per property. In the part of the Council area covered by the South Australian Murray Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board the levy is based on the Capital value of your property and the rate in the dollar will be .00006266.

Council acts as a collection agent on behalf of the Natural Resource Management Boards.

It does not retain any or part of the revenue raised by the levy for its own use, nor does the Council determine how the revenue is spent.

## **CONCESSIONS**

### **Rate Concessions**

The State Government, in providing equity across SA in this area funds a range of concessions on Council rates. The concessions are administered by various State Agencies who determine eligibility and pay the concession directly to Council on behalf of the ratepayer. Concessions are available only on the principal place of residence.

Ratepayers who believe they are entitled to a concession should not withhold payment of rates pending assessment of an application by the State Government as penalties apply to overdue rates. A refund will be paid to an eligible person if Council is advised that a concession applies and the rates have already been paid.

### ***State Seniors Card Ratepayer (self funded retiree)***

This concession is administered by Revenue SA. If you are a self-funded retiree and currently hold a State Seniors Card you may be eligible for a concession toward Council Rates. In the case of couples, both must qualify, or if only one holds a State Senior's Card, the other must not be in paid employment for more than 20 hours per week. If you have not received a concession on your rates notice or would like further information please contact the Revenue SA Call Centre on 1300 366 150.

### ***Pensioner Concession***

An eligible pensioner must hold a Pension Card, State Concession Card or a Repatriation Health Card marked TPI Gold, EDA Gold or War Widow and may be entitled to a concession on Council rates (and water and effluent charges where applicable). Application forms, which include information on the concessions, are available from the Council, SA Water Corporation and its District Offices or Families SA. This concession is administered

by SA Water on behalf of the Department for Families and Communities (DFC) and further information can be obtained by telephoning SA Water on 1300 650 950.

### **OTHER CONCESSIONS**

The Department for Families and Communities (DFC) administers Council rate concessions available to range of eligible persons receiving State and Commonwealth allowances. This includes, but is not limited to, ratepayers who are in receipt of: Austudy, Newstart, Parenting Payment, Partner Allowance, Sickness Allowance, Special Benefit, Widow Allowance, Youth Allowance, Abstudy, CDEP or a New Enterprise Initiative Scheme. It may also apply to ratepayers in receipt of a pension as a war widow under legislation of the United Kingdom or New Zealand and the holders of a State Concession Card issued by Families SA. All enquires should be directed to the Concessions Hotline on 1800 307 758.

### ***PAYMENT OF RATES***

The Council has decided that the payment of rates will be by four quarterly instalments, due in 22 September, 2006, 6 December, 2006, 6 March, 2007 & 6 June, 2007. The Council is offering a discount of 1.5% for the payment of all rates (in full) by 6 September, 2006. A notice will be sent to each ratepayer 30 days prior to each quarterly instalment being due.

Rates may be paid:

- By post to the Coorong District Council at PO Box 1021, Tintinara 5266;
- In person, at the Council offices at Meningie, Tailem Bend and Tintinara during the hours of 8.30am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday.
- Electronic payments available via the 'web', log onto [www.coorong.sa.gov.au](http://www.coorong.sa.gov.au) and follow the prompts or over the counter using CREDIT cards.
- By EFTPOS . Over the Counter at Meningie, Tailem Bend and Tintinara
- By BPAy See rate notice for biller code & reference number.

### ***MERCHANT FEE FOR PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD***

Council has decided to collect the merchant fee charged for the use of credit cards. This fee will be calculated at the time of making payments and your receipt will show the amount of fee charged

### ***LATE PAYMENT OF RATES***

The Local Government Act 1999 provides that Councils impose an initial penalty of 2% on any payment for rates, whether by instalment or otherwise, that is received late. A payment that continues to be late is then charged a prescribed interest rate on the expiration of each month that that it continues to be late. For the 2006/2007 financial year this prescribed rate is 0.8125% per month.

When the Council receives a payment in respect of overdue rates the Council applies the money as follows:

1. to satisfy any costs awarded in connection with court proceedings;
2. to satisfy any interest costs;
3. in payment of any fines imposed;
4. in payment of rates, in chronological order (starting with the oldest rate account).

Postal delays which result in the payment being received after the due date will incur a fine. Council does not usually waive the fine because of such delays.

### **REMISSION AND POSTPONEMENT OF RATES**

Where the payment of rates will cause a ratepayer demonstrable hardship, the Council is prepared to make extended payment provision or defer the payment of rates. This will only occur upon application and persons likely to be affected are asked to contact Mr Trevor Symonds, Finance Analyst or Di Miell, Rates Officer on 8757 2100 to discuss the matter. Such inquiries are treated confidentially by the Council.

### ***REBATE OF RATES***

The Local Government Act 1999 requires Councils to rebate the rates payable on some land. Specific provisions are made for land used for health services, community services, religious purposes, public cemeteries, the Royal Zoological Society and educational institutions. Discretionary rebates may be applied by the Council under Section 166 of the Act. For the 2006/07 year, Council has introduced the following discretionary rebates, which will be granted on Council's own initiative pursuant to Section 159 (3) of the Local Government Act:

- in accordance with Section 166(1)(e), a rebate of 100% of differential general rates, the fixed charge and the water catchment levy for land used by agricultural and horticultural societies;
- in accordance with Section 166(1)(j), a rebate of 75 % of differential general rates and the water catchment levy and 100% of the fixed charge for community organisations who hold a liquor or gaming licence; and
- in accordance with Section 166(1)(j), a rebate of 100% of differential general rates, the fixed charge and the water catchment levy for community organisations without a liquor or gaming licence.

The reason for Council granting discretionary rebates is to assist those organisations maintain their facilities which are predominately on Council property.

### **RATE CAPPING**

For the year ending 30 June 2007 and in accordance with Section 166 (1) (l) (ii) of the Local Government Act 1999, Council has decided to make generally available a rebate on the differential general rates paid, so that the maximum rate paid on any one assessment in 2006/2007 is no greater than 20% more than that applicable in 2005/2006, subject to the increase not being due to capital improvements on the property or a change in ownership with the new value reflecting the purchase price. Council has adopted this position for the current financial year due to the rapid and uneven increases in valuations experienced during the period since the valuation was last adopted.

## **SALE OF LAND FOR NON-PAYMENT OF RATES**

The Local Government Act 1999 provides that a Council may sell any property where the rates have been in arrears for three years or more. The Council is required to notify the owner of the land of its intention to sell the land if payment of the outstanding amount is not received within one month, and provide the owner with details of the outstanding amounts. Except in extraordinary circumstances, the Council will enforce the sale of land for arrears of rates and a copy of the Council's policy is available from any office of the Council by phoning the Rates Office on 8757 2100 or by writing to the Finance Office, Coorong District Council, PO Box 1021, Tintinara 5266.

## **DISCLAIMER**

A rate cannot be challenged on the basis of non-compliance with this Policy and rates must be paid in accordance with the required payment provisions.



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**30<sup>th</sup> June 2007**

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**THE COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**INCOME STATEMENT  
for the year ended 30 June 2007**

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Rates	3	4,216,620	4,071,311
Statutory charges	3	122,770	109,258
User charges	3	130,518	138,929
Grants & Subsidies and contributions	3	4,045,797	4,885,395
Investment Income	3	120,587	93,515
Reimbursements	3	211,075	282,504
Other Revenues	3	225,778	1,185,695
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<u>9,073,145</u>	<u>10,766,607</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Employee Costs	4	2,691,474	2,673,633
Materials, contracts & other expenses	4	3,313,655	4,065,998
Finance Costs	4	53,391	69,484
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	4	3,417,835	3,378,434
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<u>9,476,354</u>	<u>10,187,549</u>
<b>OPERATING (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS BEFORE CAPITAL AMOUNTS</b>		<b>(403,209)</b>	579,058
Net (Loss) on disposal of assets	5	(47,097)	(81,268)
<b>NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS</b>		<u><b>(450,306)</b></u>	<u>497,790</u>

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

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### BALANCE SHEET as at 30 June 2007

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	1,993,833	2,117,778
Trade & other receivables	6	644,653	925,731
Inventories	6	18,593	22,642
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>2,657,079</u>	<u>3,066,151</u>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>			
Investment Property	8	171,985	223,855
Property, Plant & Equipment	8	62,326,198	62,739,379
<b>Total Non-current Assets</b>		<u>62,498,183</u>	<u>62,963,234</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>65,155,262</u>	<u>66,029,385</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade & Other Payables	9	372,662	524,462
Short Term Borrowings	9	-	-
Borrowings	9	232,218	247,937
Short-term Provisions	9	303,518	293,769
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u>908,398</u>	<u>1,066,168</u>
<b>Non-current Liabilities</b>			
Long-term Borrowings	9	592,912	825,130
Long-term Provisions	9	220,140	255,950
<b>Total Non-current Liabilities</b>		<u>813,052</u>	<u>1,081,080</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>1,721,450</u>	<u>2,147,248</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>63,433,812</u>	<u>63,882,137</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Accumulated Surplus		25,070,963	25,539,406
Asset Revaluation Reserve	10	37,812,363	37,812,363
Other Reserves	10	550,486	530,368
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>63,433,812</u>	<u>63,882,137</u>

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

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the year ended 30 June 2007

	2007 \$	2006 \$
	Notes	
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS</b>		
Balance at end of previous reporting period	25,539,406	25,064,282
Adjustment Accumulated Depreciation Buildings 01/07/05	-	1,592
Trust Fund Revenue direct to Open Space Trust Fund	1,981	1,185
Net Result for Year	(450,306)	497,790
Transfers to Other Reserves	(109,429)	(110,667)
Transfers from Other Reserves	89,311	85,224
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	<b>25,070,963</b>	<b>25,539,406</b>
<b>ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE</b>	10	
Balance at end of previous reporting period	37,812,363	11,343,628
Gain on revaluation of property, plant & equipment	-	26,468,735
Transfer from Asset Revaluation Reserve	-	-
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	<b>37,812,363</b>	<b>37,812,363</b>
<b>OTHER RESERVES</b>	10	
Balance at end of previous reporting period	530,368	504,925
Transfers from Accumulated Surplus	109,429	110,667
Transfers to Accumulated Surplus	(89,311)	(85,224)
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	<b>550,486</b>	<b>530,368</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD</b>	<b>63,433,812</b>	<b>63,882,137</b>
<i>Total of all revenues recognised directly in Equity</i>	-	26,468,735
<b>NET CHANGE IN EQUITY</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,468,735</b>

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

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## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS for the year ended 30 June 2007

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Rates - general & other		4,146,352	4,096,636
Fees & other charges		526,636	230,898
Investment income		113,757	103,674
Grants utilised for operating purposes		4,526,028	3,116,027
Other revenues		1,162,027	2,212,975
<u>Payments</u>			
Employee Costs		(2,727,793)	(2,757,963)
Contractual services & materials		(4,084,471)	(2,140,156)
Finance Costs		(56,042)	(72,979)
Other payments		(458,956)	(2,512,560)
<b>Net Cash provided by Operating Activities</b>	12 b)	<b>3,147,538</b>	<b>2,276,552</b>
 <b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Grants utilised for the acquisition or replacement of assets		-	1,361,228
Sale of replaced assets		1,276,741	1,233,181
Sale of investment assets		52,727	
Repayments of loans by community groups		6,335	2,583
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(4,329,349)	(4,682,552)
Purchase of Investment Property		-	(24,295)
Loans made to community groups		(30,000)	-
<b>Net Cash (used in) Investing Activities</b>		<b>(3,023,546)</b>	<b>(2,109,855)</b>
 <b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from Borrowings		-	-
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of Borrowings		(247,937)	(301,688)
<b>Net Cash (used in) Financing Activities</b>		<b>(247,937)</b>	<b>(301,688)</b>
<b>Net (Decrease)/Increase in cash held</b>		<b>(123,945)</b>	<b>(134,991)</b>
 Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period		 <b>2,117,778</b>	 <b>2,252,769</b>
<b>Cash &amp; cash equivalents at end of period</b>	12 a)	<b>1,993,833</b>	<b>2,117,778</b>

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

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## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2007

### Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

#### 1 Basis of Preparation

##### 1.1 Compliance with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards

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

The financial report was authorised for issue by the Council by certificate under clause 11 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1999 dated 14<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

##### 1.2 Historical Cost Convention

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

##### 1.3 Critical Accounting Estimates

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

##### 1.4 Rounding

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

#### 2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

The Coorong District Council is incorporated under the SA Local Government Act 1999 and has its principal place of business at 49 Princes Highway Meningie. These financial statements include the consolidated fund and all entities through which Council controls resources to carry on its functions. In the process of reporting on the Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between activity areas and controlled entities have been eliminated.

#### 3 Revenue recognition

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

Where grants, contributions and donations recognised as revenues during the reporting period were obtained on the condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period, and those conditions were undischarged as at the reporting date, the amounts subject to those undischarged conditions are disclosed in these notes. Also disclosed is the amount of grants, contributions and receivables recognised as revenues in a previous reporting period which were obtained in respect of the Council's operations for the current reporting period.

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## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2007

### Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

#### 4 Cash Assets and other Financial Instruments

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

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

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

All financial instruments are recognised at fair value at the date of recognition. A detailed statement of the accounting policies applied to financial instruments forms part of Note 13.

#### 5 Inventories

Inventories held in respect of stores have been valued by using the weighted average cost on a continual basis, after adjustment for loss of service potential.

##### 5.1 Other Real Estate held for resale

Properties not acquired for development, but which Council has decided to sell as surplus to requirements, are recognised at the carrying value at the time of that decision.

#### 6 Property, Plant & Equipment

##### 6.1 Transitional Provisions

Council has elected not to recognise land under roads in accordance with the deferral arrangements available under AASB 1045.

All non-current assets purchased or constructed are capitalised as the expenditure is incurred and depreciated as soon as the asset is held "ready for use".

##### 6.2 Initial Recognition

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

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

##### 6.3 Materiality

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

Office Furniture & Equipment	\$500
Other Plant & Equipment	\$500
Buildings - new construction/extensions	\$1,000
Park & Playground Furniture & Equipment	\$1,000

## The Coorong District Council

### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2007

#### Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

Road construction & reconstruction	\$1,000
Paving & footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	\$1,000
Drains & Culverts	\$500
Land	\$1,000

#### 6.4 Subsequent Recognition

Certain asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. For infrastructure and other asset classes where no active market exists, fair value is determined to be the current replacement cost of an asset less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation calculated on the basis of such cost to reflect the already consumed or expired future economic benefits of the asset. Further detail of existing valuations, methods and valuers are provided at Note 8.

#### 6.5 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

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

Depreciation is recognised on a straight-line basis. Major depreciation periods for each class of asset are shown below. Depreciation periods for infrastructure assets have been estimated based on the best information available to Council, but appropriate records covering the entire life cycle of these assets are not available, and extreme care should be used in interpreting financial information based on these estimates.

	2007	2006
Plant, Furniture & Equipment		
Office Equipment	4 years	
Office Furniture	10 years	
Vehicles and Road-making Equip	5 to 30 years	
Other Plant & Equipment	5 to 20 years	
Building & Other Structures		
Buildings – masonry	50 to 80 years	
Buildings – other construction	10 to 40 years	
Infrastructure		
Sealed Roads – Surface	15 years	8 years
Sealed Roads – Structure	50 years	25 years
Unsealed Roads	30 to 50 years	20 to 25 years
Paving & Footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	20 to 30 years	
Drains	30 years	
STEDS Pipes	60 years	
STEDS Mechanical & Electrical	25 years	
STEDS Other Capital	50 years	
Water Supply Pipes	60 years	
Water Supply pumps and meters	7 to 30 years	
Stormwater Pipes	60 years	
Stormwater other	7 to 80 years	
Other Assets		
Various Structures	5 to 50 years	
Library Books	7 years	

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## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2007

### Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

#### 6.6 Impairment

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

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

#### 7 Payables

##### 7.1 Goods & Services

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

##### 7.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

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

#### 8 Borrowings

Loans are carried at their principal amounts which represent the present value of future cash flows associated with servicing the debt. Interest is accrued over the period to which it relates, and is recorded as part of "Payables". Interest free loans are carried at their nominal amounts; interest revenues foregone by the lender effectively being a reduction of interest expense in the period to which it relates.

#### 9 Employee Benefits

##### 9.1 Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences

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

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

Weighted average discount rate	6.363% (2006 5.842%)
Weighted average settlement period	10 years (2006, 10 years)

No accrual is made for sick leave as Council experience indicates that, on average, sick leave taken in each reporting period is less than the entitlement accruing in that period, and this experience is expected to recur in future reporting periods. Council does not make payment for untaken sick leave.

## **The Coorong District Council**

### **NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2007**

#### **Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)**

##### **9.2 Superannuation**

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

##### **Accumulation Fund Members**

The accumulation fund receives both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are normally based on a fixed percentage of employee earnings in accordance with Superannuation Guarantee Legislation (9% in 2006/07; 9% in 2005/06). No further liability accrues to the employer as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the Fund.

##### **Defined Benefit Members**

Council makes employer contributions to the defined benefits categories of the Scheme at rates determined by the Scheme's Trustee. The rate is currently NIL% (NIL% in 2005/2006) of superannuation salary. Employees also make member contributions to the Fund. As such, assets accumulate in the Fund to meet the member's benefits, as defined in the Trust Deed, as they accrue.

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

#### **10 Construction Contracts**

Construction works undertaken by Council for third parties are generally on an agency basis where the third party reimburses Council for actual costs incurred, and usually do not extend beyond the reporting period. As there is no profit component, such works are treated as 100% completed. Reimbursements not received are recognised as receivables and reimbursements received in advance are recognised as "payments received in advance".

#### **11 Joint Ventures and Associated Entities**

Council participates in cooperative arrangements with other Councils for the provision of services and facilities.

#### **12 Leases**

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

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

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

## The Coorong District Council

### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2007

#### Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

##### 13 GST Implications

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

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

##### 14 New Accounting Standards

Certain new accounting standards and UIG interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2007 reporting period.

- - AASB 7 *Financial Instruments: Disclosures* and AASB 2005-10 *Amendments to AASB 132, AASB 101, AASB 114, AASB 117, AASB 133, AASB 139, AASB1, AASB4 AASB 1023 & AASB 1038*
  - AASB 2006-1 *Amendments to AASB 121*
  - AASB 2006-3 *Amendments to AASB 1045*
  - AASB 2006-4 *Amendments to AASB 134*
  - AASB 2007-1 *Amendments to AASB 2 arising from AASB Interpretation 11*
  - AASB 2007-2 *Amendments to AASB 1, AASB 117, AASB 118, AASB 120, AASB 121, AASB 127, AASB 131, & AASB 139 arising from AASB Interpreting 12*
  - ASB 8 *Operating Segments* and AASB 2007-3 *Amendments to AASB 5, AASB 6, AASB 102, AASB 107, AASB 119, AASBG 127, AASB 134, AASB136, AASB 1023 & AASB 1038 arising from AASB 8*
  - AASB 2007-4 *Amendments to AASB 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 102, 107, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 136, 137, 138, 139, 141, 1023 & 1038 arising from ED 151 and other Amendments*
  - Interpretation 10 *Interim Financial Reporting Impairment*
  - Interpretation 11 *AASB 2 – Group and Treasury Share Transactions*
  - Interpretation 12 *Service Concession Arrangements*
  - Interpretation 129 *Disclosure – Service Concession Arrangements*

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

## THE COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL

### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2007

#### Note 2 - FUNCTIONS

REVENUES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES										
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES		OPERATING RESULT		GRANTS INCLUDED IN REVENUES		TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT & NON-CURRENT)		
ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	2007	2006	2007	2006	
2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Governance	162,570	224,116	982,492	669,261	(819,922)	(445,145)	141,650	218,750	-	-
Administrative Services	6,019,476	5,914,568	553,048	542,589	5,466,428	5,371,979	1,593,747	1,621,271	2,904,806	3,307,262
Development & Environmental Services	1,340,529	1,395,338	1,701,807	1,794,504	(361,278)	(399,166)	1,145,810	1,087,181	-	-
Technical Services	1,550,570	3,232,585	6,286,104	7,262,463	(4,735,534)	(4,029,878)	1,164,590	1,958,193	62,250,456	62,722,123
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<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>9,073,145</b>	10,766,607	<b>9,523,451</b>	10,268,817	<b>(450,306)</b>	497,790	<b>4,045,797</b>	4,885,395	<b>65,155,262</b>	66,029,385

# THE COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2007

### Note 2 (cont) - COMPONENTS OF FUNCTIONS

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

#### **Governance**

Elected Members, CEO's Office and other Governance, Economic Development, Tourism.

#### **Administrative Services**

Rates Debtors, Creditors, Payroll Finance, Community Grants, IT, Records Management, Human Resources, General Administration, Community Land, Land Management, Library Services, Administration Centres.

#### **Development & Environmental Services**

Planning, Building, Health ,Fire Protection, Agricultural Services, Land care, Dog Control, Parking, By-Laws and Infringements, Community Services.

#### **Technical Services**

Public Conveniences, Street Lighting, Swimming Pools, Sport & Recreation, Air Fields, Caravan Parks, Health Centres ,Aged & Disabled Homes, Halls, Lakeshore Protection, Parks and Gardens Cemeteries, STEDS, Water Supply, Sanitary & Garbage, Street Cleaning, Stormwater, Footpaths & Cycle tracks ,Vandalism, Private Works, Road Maintenance, Depot Expenses, Plant Operating Expenses.

# THE COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2007

### Note 3 - REVENUES

RATES - Revenues	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
<u>General Rates</u>		3,909,826	3,878,400
Less :Discretionary rebates remission & write offs		37,844	59,091
		<b>3,871,982</b>	<b>3,819,309</b>
<u>Other Rates (Including Services Charges)</u>			
Natural Resource Management Levy		64,139	10,467
Water supply		30,650	30,451
Common wastewater management systems		226,350	186,120
		<b>321,139</b>	227,038
<u>Other Charges</u>			
Penalties for late payment		25,179	26,147
<b>Gross amounts raised</b>		<b>25,179</b>	26,147
Less: <u>Rebates &amp; write offs</u>			
Other remissions & write offs		1,680	1,183
		<b>4,216,620</b>	<b>4,071,311</b>
 <b>STATUTORY CHARGES</b>			
Development Act fees		63,800	55,931
Animal registration fees & fines		49,225	42,706
Parking fines / expiation fees			162
Other registration fees		9,401	9,454
Other fines, penalties & expiations		345	1,005
		<b>122,770</b>	109,258
 <b>USER CHARGES</b>			
Cemetery/crematoria fees		11,895	10,125
Hall & equipment hire		8,095	7,460
Sundry		110,528	121,344
		<b>130,518</b>	138,929

# THE COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2007

### NOTE 3 - REVENUES (continued)

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>			
Interest on investments			
Local Government Finance Authority		119,326	92,288
Banks & other		1,261	1,227
		<u>120,587</u>	<u>93,515</u>
<b>REIMBURSEMENTS</b>			
- for roadworks		149,255	99,639
- other		61,820	182,865
		<u>211,075</u>	<u>282,504</u>
<b>OTHER REVENUES</b>			
Sundry		225,778	1,185,695
		<u>225,778</u>	<u>1,185,695</u>
<b>Grants &amp; Subsidies</b>		<b>4,045,797</b>	4,885,395
		<u>4,045,797</u>	<u>4,885,395</u>
<i>These grants have been utilised as follows:</i>			
- for the acquisition of new & upgraded assets		468,509	1,237,480
- for the renewal and replacement of existing assets		-	-
- for operating purposes		3,577,288	3,647,915
		<u>4,045,797</u>	<u>4,885,395</u>
<i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 2.</i>			
<b>Sources of grants</b>			
Commonwealth government		3,655,363	3,396,074
State government		390,434	1,489,321
		<u>4,045,797</u>	<u>4,885,395</u>

# THE COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2007

### NOTE 3 - REVENUES (continued)

	2007	2006
Notes	\$	\$
<b>Conditions over grants &amp; contributions</b>		
<i>Grants and contributions which were obtained on the condition that they be expended for specified purposes or in a future period, but which are not yet expended in accordance with those conditions, are as follows; some of these grants eg Landcare if not completely expended the balance may be required to be returned</i>		
<i>Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period</i>	<b>1,551,730</b>	741,857
<i>Less: expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods</i>		
<i>Roads Infrastructure</i>	<b>(273,000)</b>	<b>(232,641)</b>
<i>Other</i>	<b>(931,867)</b>	<b>(509,216)</b>
<i>Subtotal</i>	<b><u>(1,204,867)</u></b>	<b><u>(741,857)</u></b>
<i>Plus: amounts recognised as revenues in this reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions</i>		
<i>Roads Infrastructure</i>	<b>39,340</b>	<b>428,230</b>
<i>Other</i>	<b>967,830</b>	<b>1,123,500</b>
<i>Subtotal</i>	<b><u>1,007,170</u></b>	<b><u>1,551,730</u></b>
<i>Unexpended at the close of this reporting period and held as restricted assets</i>	<b><u>1,354,033</u></b>	<b><u>1,551,730</u></b>
 <i>Net(decrease)/ increase in restricted assets in the current reporting period</i>	 <b><u><u>-197,697</u></u></b>	 <b><u><u>809,873</u></u></b>

# THE COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2007

### Note 4 - EXPENSES

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>EMPLOYEE COSTS</b>			
Salaries and Wages		2,728,392	2,699,553
Employee Leave Expense			
Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions	15	233,203	228,637
Workers' Compensation Insurance		57,268	58,618
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		(327,390)	(313,175)
<b>Total Operating Employee Costs</b>		<b>2,691,474</b>	<b>2,673,633</b>
 <b>Total Number of Employees</b>		 <b>59</b>	 <b>61</b>
<i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i>			
 <b>MATERIALS, CONTRACTS &amp; OTHER EXPENSES</b>			
<u>Prescribed Expenses</u>			
Auditor's Remuneration			
Auditing the financial reports		7,741	7,545
Other Services			
Other Auditors			
Bad & Doubtful Debtors		690	4,957
Elected Members Expenses		288,571	314,379
Election Expenses		14,177	1,547
 Sub Total Prescribed Expenses		 <b>311,179</b>	 <b>328,428</b>
 <u>Other Materials, Contracts &amp; Expenses</u>			
Contractors		1,305,386	1,127,546
Energy		446,532	432,568
Individually Significant Items			
Maintenance		130,751	89,661
Legal Expenses		13,154	18,832
Levies paid to Government NRM Levy		64,012	8,987
Other Levies		12,583	9,845
Parts Accessories & Consumables		489,017	373,624
Professional Services		249,216	167,656
Sundry		291,825	1,508,852
Subtotal Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		<b>3,002,476</b>	<b>3,737,571</b>
		<b>3,313,655</b>	<b>4,065,998</b>

# THE COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2007

### Note 4 - EXPENSES (cont)

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>FINANCE COSTS</b>			
Interest on short-term borrowings		171	541
Interest on Loans		<u>53,220</u>	<u>68,943</u>
Gross Finance Costs		53,391	69,484
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u><b>53,391</b></u>	<u><b>69,484</b></u>
 <b>DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION &amp; IMPAIRMENT</b>			
Buildings		167,036	191,697
Roads Base		1,635,233	1,603,291
Roads Seal		674,116	648,789
Watertable		49,866	47,237
Footpaths		21,491	14,256
Stormwater Drains		38,758	38,665
Water Supply		16,123	16,123
CED		133,602	133,602
Other Assets		234,069	295,059
Plant & Machinery		308,740	292,624
Cars		72,250	54,159
Minor Plant & Equipment		69,888	55,973
Office Equipment		100,328	106,879
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		<u>(103,665)</u>	<u>(119,920)</u>
		<u><b>3,417,835</b></u>	<u><b>3,378,434</b></u>
 <i>Investment Property expenses included above</i>			
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment		<u>2,110</u>	<u>3,684</u>
		<u><b>2,110</b></u>	<u><b>3,684</b></u>

# THE COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2007

### Note 5 - GAIN OR LOSS ON DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

	2007	2006
Notes	\$	\$
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>		
Proceeds from disposal	1,276,742	1,233,181
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold	<u>1,326,806</u>	<u>1,314,449</u>
<b>(Loss) on disposal</b>	<u><b>(50,064)</b></u>	<u><b>(81,268)</b></u>
 <b>INVESTMENT PROPERTY</b>		
Proceeds from disposal	52,727	-
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold	<u>49,760</u>	-
<b>Gain on disposal</b>	<u><b>2,967</b></u>	-
 <b>TOTAL (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OF ASSETS</b>		
	<u><b>(47,097)</b></u>	<u><b>(81,268)</b></u>

# THE COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2007

### Note 6 - CURRENT ASSETS

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
<b>CASH &amp; CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		
Cash on Hand and at Bank	14,154	249,534
Deposits at Call	-	-
Short Term Deposits & Bills, etc	1,979,679	1,868,244
	<u>1,993,833</u>	<u>2,117,778</u>
<b>TRADE &amp; OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>		
Rates - General & Other	270,987	200,719
Accrued Revenues	29,420	22,590
Debtors- General	269,972	660,652
GST Recoupment	15,840	12,325
Prepayments	26,434	21,110
Loans to community organisations	32,000	8,335
Sundry		
Total	<u>644,653</u>	<u>925,731</u>
<b>INVENTORIES</b>		
Stores & Materials	18,593	22,642
	<u>18,593</u>	<u>22,642</u>

## THE COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL

### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2007

#### Note 8 - INVESTMENT PROPERTY

	2006				2007			
	\$				\$			
	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT
Land	185,679	-	-	185,679	146,973	-	-	146,973
Buildings	48,825	-	(10,649)	38,176	26,072	-	(1,060)	25,012
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT PROPERTY</b>	234,504	-	(10,649)	223,855	173,045	-	(1,060)	171,985
<i>2006 Totals</i>					<b>234,504</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(10,649)</b>	<b>223,855</b>

#### Note 8 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Land	4,911,001	9,386	-	4,920,387	4,920,387	23,376	-	4,943,763
Buildings	3,669,450	76,287	(191,696)	3,554,041	4,065,553	22,022	(676,438)	3,411,137
Roads Base	35,441,950	1,501,808	(1,603,291)	35,340,467	36,943,758	1,078,792	(3,238,525)	34,784,025
Roads Seal	5,141,101	341,330	(648,789)	4,833,642	5,482,430	601,128	(1,322,905)	4,760,653
Watertable	1,414,285	81,704	(47,237)	1,448,752	1,495,989	-	(97,103)	1,398,886
Footpaths	270,000	122,810	(14,256)	378,554	392,810	102,884	(35,747)	459,947
Stormwater Drains	1,134,492	173,995	(38,665)	1,269,822	1,316,474	21,561	(85,410)	1,252,625
Water Supply	437,786	-	(16,123)	421,663	437,786	-	(32,246)	405,540
CED	4,555,265	89,478	(133,602)	4,511,141	4,644,743	-	(267,203)	4,377,540
Other Assets	1,809,489	218,242	(295,059)	1,732,672	2,252,599	562,716	(753,996)	2,061,319
Plant & Machinery	2,539,179	1,277,466	(292,624)	3,524,021	3,789,236	1,018,072	(1,198,792)	3,608,516
Cars	-	405,968	(54,159)	351,809	374,513	24,780	(27,762)	371,531
Minor Plant & Equipment	153,095	114,175	(55,973)	211,297	450,082	108,169	(315,262)	242,989
Office Equipment	231,321	116,669	(106,879)	241,111	813,812	106,944	(673,029)	247,727
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>	61,708,414	4,529,318	(3,498,353)	62,739,379	67,380,172	3,670,444	(8,724,418)	62,326,198
<i>2006 Totals</i>					<b>61,708,414</b>	<b>4,529,318</b>	<b>(3,498,353)</b>	<b>62,739,379</b>

*This Note continues on the following pages.*

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### Note 8 - INVESTMENT PROPERTY

	2006	CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR					2007	
	\$	\$					\$	
	CARRYING AMOUNT	Asset Purchases	Asset Disposals	Depreciation	Impairment	Adjustment	Net Revaluation	CARRYING AMOUNT
Land	185,679	-	(38,706)	-	-	-	-	146,973
Buildings	38,176	-	(11,054)	(2,110)	-	-	-	25,012
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT PROPERTY</b>	<b>223,855</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(49,760)</b>	<b>(2,110)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>171,985</b>
<b>2006 Totals</b>	<b>210,209</b>			<b>(6,965)</b>				<b>223,855</b>

### Note 8 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Land	4,920,387	23,376	-	-	-	-	-	4,943,763
Buildings	3,554,041	22,022	-	(164,926)	-	-	-	3,411,137
Roads Base	35,340,467	1,078,791	-	(1,635,233)	-	-	-	34,784,025
Roads Seal	4,833,642	601,127	-	(674,116)	-	-	-	4,760,653
Watertable	1,448,752	-	-	(49,866)	-	-	-	1,398,886
Footpaths	378,554	102,884	-	(21,491)	-	-	-	459,947
Stormwater Drains	1,269,822	21,561	-	(38,758)	-	-	-	1,252,625
Water Supply	421,663	-	-	(16,123)	-	-	-	405,540
CED	4,511,141	-	-	(133,601)	-	-	-	4,377,540
Other Assets	1,732,672	562,716	-	(234,069)	-	-	-	2,061,319
Plant & Machinery	3,524,021	1,018,072	(624,837)	(308,740)	-	-	-	3,608,516
Cars	351,809	787,351	(695,380)	(72,249)	-	-	-	371,531
Minor Plant & Equipment	211,297	108,169	(6,588)	(69,888)	-	-	-	242,989
Office Equipment	241,111	106,944	-	(100,328)	-	-	-	247,727
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>62,739,379</b>	<b>4,433,012</b>	<b>(1,326,805)</b>	<b>(3,519,388)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,326,198</b>
<b>Less Capitalised Depreciaton</b>				103,665				
				(3,415,723)				
<b>2006 Totals</b>	<b>47,554,047</b>			<b>(11,278,347)</b>				<b>62,739,379</b>

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### Note 8 (cont) INFRASTRUCTURE PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

#### Valuation of Assets

At 1 July 2004 upon the transition to AIFRS, Council elected pursuant to AASB 1.19 to retain a previously established deemed cost under GAAP as its deemed cost for the purposes of AIFRS.

#### **Plant, Furniture & Equipment**

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

#### **Land & Land Improvements**

Pursuant to Council's election, freehold land and land over which Council has control, but does not have title, is recognised on the cost basis. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

Land improvements, including bulk earthworks with an assessed unlimited useful life, are recognised on the cost basis, originally deriving from a valuation at 30 June 2005 at current replacement cost. Additions are recognised at cost.

Estimated future costs of reinstatement of land, capitalised in accordance with AASB 116.16(c), are reviewed annually (see Note 1) and depreciated over the estimated remaining life of the relevant asset.

#### **Buildings & Other Structures**

Pursuant to Council's election, buildings and other structures are recognised on the cost basis.

#### **Infrastructure**

Transportation assets were valued by Chris Cheney at written down current replacement cost as at the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2005 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Stormwater drainage infrastructure was valued by Maloney Field Services as at 1<sup>st</sup> July 2005 at written down current replacement cost, and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Water and sewer infrastructure was valued by Maloney Field Services at written down current replacement cost as at the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2005 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

#### **All other assets**

Pursuant to Council's election, these assets are recognised on the cost basis. Library books and other lending materials are capitalised in bulk, and written out when fully depreciated.

### **– INVESTMENT PROPERTY**

The basis of valuation of investment properties is fair value being the amounts for which the properties could be exchanged between willing but not anxious parties in an arms length transaction, based on current prices in an active market for similar parties in the same location and subject to similar leases.

Investment properties are those identified as available for resale

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### Note 9 - LIABILITIES

		2007		2006	
		\$		\$	
<b>TRADE &amp; OTHER PAYABLES</b>	Notes	Current	Non- Current	Current	Non- Current
Goods & Services		319,194		457,983	
Payments received in advance		300		402	
Accrued expenses - employee benefits		47,255		57,513	
Accrued expenses - other		5,913		8,564	
		<b>372,662</b>		524,462	-
<b>BORROWINGS</b>					
Bank overdraft					
Short Term Draw Down Facility					
Loans - LGFA		232,218	458,943	247,937	691,161
Loans - Other			133,969		133,969
		<b>232,218</b>	<b>592,912</b>	247,937	825,130
<i>All interest bearing liabilities are secured over the future revenues of the Council.</i>					
<b>PROVISIONS</b>					
Employee Benefits (including oncosts)		<b>303,518</b>	<b>220,140</b>	293,769	255,950

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### Note 10 - RESERVES

ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	1/07/2006	Net Increments (Decrements)	Transfers on Sale	30/06/2007
Notes	\$	\$	\$	\$
Roads Base	36,209,297	-	-	36,209,297
Stormwater Drains	355,903	-	-	355,903
Water Supply	211,018	-	-	211,018
CED	1,036,145	-	-	1,036,145
<b>Total Property, Plant &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>37,812,363</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,812,363</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37,812,363</b>			<b>37,812,363</b>

<b>2006 Totals</b>	11,343,628	26,468,735	37,812,363
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OTHER RESERVES	1/07/2006	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/06/2007
Peake Special Purpose Reserve	17,000	-	-	17,000
STEDS Reserves	173,821	104,241	(4,992)	273,070
Tailem Bend Development Reserve	134,194	-	-	134,194
Coonalpyn Desert Harmony	8,019	-	(2,314)	5,705
Water Schemes Reserve	50,803	3,207	(2,005)	52,005
Machinery Replacement	80,000	-	(80,000)	
Meals on Wheels Replacement	7,905	-	-	7,905
Coonalpyn Downs Special Purpose	24,745	-	-	24,745
Tintinara Airfield	626	-	-	626
Tintinara Health & Recreation Centre	488	-	-	488
CDIBA Trust Fund	2,461	-	-	2,461
Open Space Trust Fund	29,405	1,981	-	31,386
Lake & Coorong Conservation	901	-	-	901
<b>TOTAL CASH-BACKED RESERVES</b>	<b>530,368</b>	<b>109,429</b>	<b>(89,311)</b>	<b>550,486</b>

<b>2006 Totals</b>	504,925	110,667	(85,224)	530,368
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#### **PURPOSES OF RESERVES**

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

Peake Special Purpose Reserve contains surplus funds from sale of Sherlock House will be spent over next 3 years on projects in ex D/C Peake.

Tailem Bend Development Reserve contains funds from sale of land at Tailem Bend and is to be used for foreshore development in Tailem Bend which could take next 5 years to be spent.

Coonalpyn Desert Harmony Reserve Fund for development in Coonalpyn and should be spent in 07-08.

Water Schemes Reserve contains surplus funds from operating of water schemes to be spent on new infrastructure.

Machinery Replacement Reserve is ongoing and contains funds to replace Plant & Machinery.

Meals on Wheels Reserve contains funds to be spent on Health Related issues.

Coonalpyn Downs Special Purpose Reserve contains funds from sale of council house to be used on projects in ex Coonalpyn Downs Council area.

Tintinara Airfield Reserve contains balance of funds from sale of land less sealing of airstrip

CDIBA Trust Fund Contains funds from Basketball Association to be held in trust until Basketball starts again in Coonalpyn.

Open Space Trust Fund includes open space contributions as per Development Act.

Lake & Coorong Conservation Fund contains balance of fund for foreshore work will be used in 07/08.

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### Note 11 - ASSETS SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS

The uses of the following assets are restricted, wholly or partially, by legislation or other externally imposed requirements. The assets are required to be utilised for the purposes for which control was transferred to Council, or for which the revenues were originally raised.

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>CASH &amp; FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>			
Other unexpended amounts from other levels of Government		1,354,033	1,551,730
STEDs scheme		273,070	173,821
<b>TOTAL ASSETS SUBJECT TO EXTERNALLY IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS</b>		<b>1,627,103</b>	<b>1,725,551</b>

Grants received in Advance \$ 1,354,033 must be spent for purpose grant provided. Refer to Note 3

STEDS Schemes \$ 273,070 must be spent on STEDS Schemes.

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### Note 12 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

**(a) Reconciliation of Cash**

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

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
Total Cash Assets	6	<u>1,993,833</u>	<u>2,117,778</u>
Balances per Statement of Cash Flows		<u>1,993,833</u>	<u>2,117,778</u>

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

Net (Deficit)/Surplus		(450,306)	497,790
Less Capital Grant reclassified into investing in cash flow Statement			(1,237,480)
Non-cash items in Income Statement			
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment		3,417,835	3,502,038
Loss on Disposals		47,097	81,268
		<u>3,014,626</u>	<u>2,843,616</u>
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (increase)/decrease in receivables		316,897	(404,602)
Net (increase)/decrease in inventories		4,049	(559)
Net decrease/(increase) in other current assets		(35,820)	10,006
Net (decrease) in trade & other payables		(138,789)	(173,883)
Net(decrease)/ increase in other provisions		(13,323)	1,948
Net(decrease)/ increase in other liabilities		(102)	26
<b>Net Cash provided by operations</b>		<u>3,147,538</u>	<u>2,276,552</u>

**(c) Financing Arrangements**

Unrestricted access was available at balance date to the following lines of credit:

Bank Overdrafts	20,000	20,000
Corporate Credit Cards	20,000	20,000

The bank overdraft facilities may be drawn at any time and may be terminated by the bank without notice.

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## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2007

### Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### Recognised Financial Instruments

<b>Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits</b>	<p><b>Accounting Policy:</b> Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned.</p> <p><b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 5.5% and 6% (2006: 5.25% and 5.5%). Short term deposits have an average maturity of 30 days and an average interest rates of 5.75% (2006: 30 days, 5.375%).</p> <p><b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.</p>
<b>Receivables - Rates &amp; Associated Charges (including legals &amp; penalties for late payment)</b>	<p><b>Accounting Policy:</b> Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p><b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of .81% (2006: .791%) Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the State.</p> <p><b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
<b>Receivables - Fees &amp; other charges</b>	<p><b>Accounting Policy:</b> Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p><b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries.</p> <p><b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
<b>Receivables - other levels of government</b>	<p><b>Accounting Policy:</b> Carried at nominal value.</p> <p><b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. All amounts are due by Departments and Agencies of the Governments of the Commonwealth &amp; State.</p> <p><b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value.</p>
<b>Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals</b>	<p><b>Accounting Policy:</b> Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Council.</p> <p><b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.</p> <p><b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value.</p>
<b>Liabilities - Interest Bearing Loans</b>	<p><b>Accounting Policy:</b> Carried at the principal amounts. Interest is charged as an expense as it accrues.</p> <p><b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> secured over future revenues, loans are repayable by equal 6 monthly instalments of principal &amp; interest; interest is charged at fixed rates between 5.7% and 6.85% (2006: 5.7% and 6.85%)</p> <p><b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value.</p>

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## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2007

### Note 13 (cont) - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### Interest Rate Risk Exposures

2007	Floating Interest Rate \$	Fixed interest maturing in			Non- interest bearing \$	Total \$
		≤ 1 year \$	> 1 year ≥ 5 years \$	> 5 years \$		
<b>Financial Assets</b>						
<b>Fair Value through P&amp;L</b>						
Cash Assets	-	1,993,833	-	-	-	1,993,833
<b>Loans &amp; Receivables</b>						
Receivables	-	-	-	-	588,799	588,799
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,993,833</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>588,799</b>	<b>2,582,632</b>
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>		5.75%				
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>						
<b>Loans &amp; Receivables</b>						
Payables	-	-	-	-	(319,494)	(319,494)
Borrowings	(53,100)	(158,520)	(221,104)	(392,406)	-	(825,130)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(53,100)</b>	<b>(158,520)</b>	<b>(221,104)</b>	<b>(392,406)</b>	<b>(319,494)</b>	<b>(1,144,624)</b>
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>		6.19%			6.48%	
<b>NET FINANCIAL ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>		<b>(53,100)</b>	<b>1,835,313</b>	<b>(221,104)</b>	<b>(392,406)</b>	<b>269,305</b>

2006	Floating Interest Rate \$	Fixed interest maturing in			Non- interest bearing \$	Total \$
		≤ 1 year \$	> 1 year ≥ 5 years \$	> 5 years \$		
<b>Financial Assets</b>						
Cash Assets	-	2,117,778	-	-	-	2,117,778
Receivables	-	-	-	-	882,031	882,031
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,117,778</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>882,031</b>	<b>2,999,809</b>
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>		5.25%				
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>						
Payables	-	-	-	-	458,385	458,385
Short-term Borrowings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowings	53,100	-	613,391	272,607	133,969	1,073,067
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,100</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>613,391</b>	<b>272,607</b>	<b>592,354</b>	<b>1,531,452</b>
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>		0.00%			6.24%	
<b>NET FINANCIAL ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>		<b>(53,100)</b>	<b>2,117,778</b>	<b>(613,391)</b>	<b>(272,607)</b>	<b>289,677</b>

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### Note 13 (cont) - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### Credit Risk Exposures

Credit risk represents the loss that would be recognised if counterparties fail to perform as contracted. The maximum credit risk on financial assets of the Council is the carrying amount, net of any provision for doubtful debts. Except as detailed in Notes 6 & 7 in relation to individual classes of financial assets, exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries, and there is no material exposure to any individual debtor.

#### Reconciliation of Financial Assets & Liabilities

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
Net financial assets from above		
Financial Assets	2,582,632	2,999,809
Financial Liabilities	<u>(1,144,624)</u>	<u>(1,531,452)</u>
	1,438,008	1,468,357
Non-financial assets and liabilities		
Accrued Revenues	29,420	22,590
Prepayments	26,434	21,110
Inventories	18,593	22,642
Investment Property	171,985	223,855
Property, Plant & Equipment	62,326,198	62,739,379
Accrued Expenses	(53,168)	(66,077)
Provisions	<u>(523,658)</u>	<u>(549,719)</u>
	<u>61,995,804</u>	<u>62,413,780</u>
Net Assets per Balance Sheet	<u>63,433,812</u>	<u>63,882,137</u>

#### **Net Fair Value**

All carrying values approximate fair value for all recognised financial instruments. With the exception of investments, there is no recognised market for the financial assets of the Council.

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### Note 15 - FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

	2007	2006
<b>Operating ( Deficit) Surplus</b>	<b>(450,306)</b>	497,790

**Operating (Deficit)/ Surplus Ratio**

<u>Adjusted Operating Surplus/(Deficit)</u>	(11%)	12%
Rates - general & other less NRM Levy		

*This ratio expresses the operating result as a percentage of general and other rates, net of NRM Levy.*

<b>Net Financial Liabilities</b>	<b>(935,630)</b>	(918,903)
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Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets( Excluding equity accounted investments in Council Business)

<b>Net Financial Liabilities Ratio</b>	<b>(10%)</b>	(9%)
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Net Financial Liabilities  
Total Operating Revenue Less NRM Levy

**Interest Cover Ratio**

<u>Net Interest Expense</u>	<b>(0.8%)</b>	(0.2%)
Total Operating Revenue less NRM Levy less Investment Income		

*Net interest costs are defined as total interest expenses less total interest revenues.*

**Asset Sustainability Ratio**

<u>Net Asset Renewals</u>	<b>89%</b>	102%
Depreciation Expense		

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

**Asset Consumption Ratio**

<u>Carrying value of depreciable assets</u>	<b>87%</b>	<b>94%</b>
Gross value of depreciable assets		

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

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### Note 16 - UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

The Local Government Association's General Meeting in March 2006 resolved that a high level summary of both operating and capital investment activities of each council be prepared on a uniform and consistent basis, thereby enabling a more meaningful comparisons between councils.

It is intended that annual budgets and long term financial plans be summarised on the same basis.

A feature of the arrangement is that it facilitates the reporting of a standard set of key financial indicators of the Council's financial sustainability- all of which are shown in Note 15 above.

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
Operating Revenues	<b>9,073,145</b>	10,766,607
Less Operating Expenses	<b>(9,476,354)</b>	<b>(10,187,549)</b>
Operating ( Deficit) before Capital Amounts	<u><b>(403,209)</b></u>	<u>579,058</u>
Less Net Outlays on Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	<b>4,329,349</b>	4,682,552
Less Depreciation, Amortisation, and Impairment	<b>(3,417,835)</b>	<b>(3,378,434)</b>
Less Proceeds from the sale of replaced assets	<b>(1,276,741)</b>	<b>(1,233,181)</b>
	<u><b>(365,227)</b></u>	<u>70,937</u>
Less Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets <i>(including investment property &amp; real estate developments)</i>		
Less amounts received specifically for New and upgraded Assets		
Less proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets <i>(including investment property &amp; real estate developments)</i>		
<b>Net(Borrowing)/ Lending/ for Financial Year</b>	<u><b>(365,227)</b></u>	<u><b>70,937</b></u>

# THE COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2007

### Note 18 – SUPERANNUATION

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

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

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

Council makes employer contributions to the defined benefit category of the Scheme at rates determined by the Trustee on the advice of the Scheme's Actuary. On the basis of the results of the most recent full actuarial investigation conducted by the Scheme's actuary, L c Brett, BSc, FIA, FIAA, of Brett and Watson Pty Ltd as at 30 June 2002, the Trustee has determined that the current funding arrangements are adequate for the expected Defined Benefit Plan liabilities.

# **THE COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2007**

### **Note 19 - JOINT VENTURES & ASSOCIATED ENTITIES**

#### **Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme**

#### **Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme**

The Coorong District Council, Karoonda East Murray and Southern Mallee Council have set up a regional Subsidiary to operate a Community Transport Scheme in conjunction with the Department of Transport

Council records the balance of funds held by the MMCTS in their bank account \$ 6,934 2007 (\$42,287, 2006) with a contra entry in Creditors \$6,934 2007 (\$42,287 2006) to remove the MMCTS operations from Councils Accounts

# **THE COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2007**

### **Note 20 - CONTINGENCIES & ASSETS & LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED IN THE BALANCE SHEET**

The following assets and liabilities do not qualify for recognition in the Balance Sheet but knowledge of those items is considered relevant to users of the financial report in making and evaluating decisions about the allocation of scarce resources

#### **BANK GUARANTEES**

Council has guaranteed a loan to the Lakesiders Netball Club amounting to \$ 38,700 at reporting date. ( \$38,700 2006)

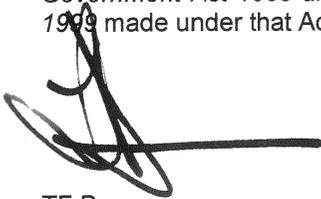
Council does not expect to incur any loss from this guarantee

# THE COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL

## ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2007

### STATEMENT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I, Timothy Francis Drew the Chief Executive Officer of The Coorong District Council, do hereby state that the Financial Statements of the Council for the year ended 30 June 2007 are to the best of my knowledge presented fairly, and in accordance with accounting procedures which have been maintained in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* made under that Act.



TF Drew

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER 2007

### ADOPTION STATEMENT

Laid before The Coorong District Council and adopted on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2007

KL Scobie  
**MAYOR**



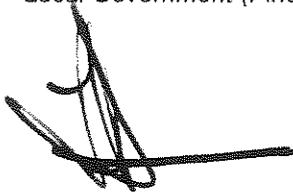
**THE COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2007**

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT of INDEPENDENCE OF COUNCIL  
AUDITOR BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

I, Timothy Francis Drew, confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of The Coorong District Council for the year ended 30 June 2007, Council's auditor, HLB Mann Judd, have maintained their independence in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 16A (2) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999*.



TF Drew

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER 2007

**THE COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2007**

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT of INDEPENDENCE OF COUNCIL  
AUDITOR BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER OF THE AUDIT  
COMMITTEE**

I, Michael Bagshaw, confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of The Coorong District Council for the year ended 30 June 2007, Council's auditor, HLB Mann Judd, have maintained their independence in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 16A (2) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999*.



M Bagshaw

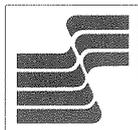
**PRESIDING MEMBER OF AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 2007

Incorporating the practice of

D.G. SCOTT & CO.

Chartered Accountants



Mayor and Councillors  
Coorong District Council  
C/- Mr T Drew  
Chief Executive Officer  
PO Box 28  
MENINGIE SA 5264

Dear Mayor and Councillors

**STATEMENT OF AUDITORS INDEPENDENCE  
COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL**

In accordance with Regulation 16A Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1999 (as amended).

We confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of the Coorong District Council for the 2006/2007 financial year, we have monitored our independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for professional accountants, Section 290, the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 made under that Act.

Yours sincerely

**TREVOR D HIRTH  
PARTNER**

HLB Mann Judd (SA Partnership)  
Incorporating DG Scott & Co

Dated this *21<sup>st</sup>* day of *October* 2007

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2007  
TO THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Report on the Financial Report**

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the Coorong District Council (the Council) which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2007 and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the statement by the Chief Executive Officer of the Coorong District Council, as set out on pages 1 to 31.

*Chief Executive Officer's responsibility for the Financial Report*

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

*Auditor's Responsibility*

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Financial Report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Financial Report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers the adequacy of Council's policies, practices and procedures of internal control under Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1999 relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Council, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the Financial Report.

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

*Independence*

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements and the Local Government Act and Regulations.

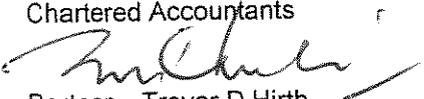
*Auditors Opinion*

In our opinion:

The Financial Report of the Coorong District Council is in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999, including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the Council's financial position as at 30 June 2007 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Local Government Act 1999 and Regulations.

HLB Mann Judd (SA Partnership)  
incorporating DG Scott & Co  
Chartered Accountants

  
Partner – Trevor D Hirth  
83 Currie Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Dated this

*6<sup>th</sup>*

day of

*November*

2007



The Murray and Mallee  
Local Government Association

## **THE MURRAY AND MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION'S**

# **ANNUAL REPORT 2006 – 2007**

**Comprising:**

**Berri Barmera Council: (BBC)**

**Coorong District Council: (CDC)**

**District Council of Karoonda East Murray: (DCKEM)**

**District Council of Loxton Waikerie: (DCLW)**

**Mid Murray Council: (MMC)**

**The Rural City of Murray Bridge: (RCMB)**

**Renmark Paringa Council: (RPC), and the**

**Southern Mallee District Council: (SMDC)**

## PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.



President, Cr. Leon Stasinowsky.

Since being elected President of the Association in December 2006, I have become conscious that the Association has been very busy in pursuing the required outcomes of the Association's Strategic and Annual Business Plans during this past year.

I wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the past President, Mayor Allan Arbon for his efforts and guidance provided to the Association over the past years. I am very pleased that he has continued on as an active Delegate. As a result of the Local Government periodical elections in December, 2006, I warmly welcome new Delegates and thank the past Delegates for their time and hard work in forwarding the goals of the Association.

I will now summarise the main program of events and issues addressed over the past year, some of which have now been completed and others, ongoing.

### **Projects completed:**

Legal Review of the Association's Charter including Member Council's endorsement and gazettal.

The receiving of the Association's Regional Waste Management Strategy Report as a basis of moving forward with reforms and the completion of a regional funding assistance application to Zero Waste SA.

Expansion of the Association's website providing greater information availability and transparency.

Completion of submissions to Auslink and the Special Local Roads Program for road construction and improvements resulting in \$2.89m funding assistance for the year.

With partners, both intra and interstate, successfully lobbied for the shelving of the Hattah Lakes/Nowingi Toxic Waste Dump proposal.

With partners, completion of the Irrigation Pathways Program.

Completion and endorsement of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association/Murray Darling Association River Murray Policy Document.

Coordination of Motorhome waste dumping points throughout the region.

Completion and adoption of an Assessment Tool to determine the value of undertaking various activities across the region.

With partners, determination of a preferred regional provider for broadband infrastructure and completion of a BDF Funding Application for assessment.  
Assistance provided and provision of local government representation on Regional Drought Committees including successful region wide Exceptional Circumstances Applications.

Provision of facilitation services and comment provided to the review of the State Strategic Plan.

Financial assistance provided for the completion of the Xtreme Leadership Program, now embraced state-wide by PIRSA.

### **Projects forwarded:**

Rural Property Addressing Standard and implementation program.

Provision of Local Government representation on the SA MDB NRM Board and recent consideration of a replacement nomination.

Provision of representation on the Murray and Mallee Strategic Task Force including the potential transfer of operations to Regional Facilitation Groups or like organisations.

Ongoing assistance provided to the region's community transport schemes including the seeking of State Government Agency assistance to provide integrated services.

Provision of input into the region's Infrastructure Plan.

The receiving of ongoing Native Title advice and the commencement of negotiations towards ILUA's.

The forwarding of River Murray environmental issues with the EPA.

Determination of the program for electricity reticulation upgrades for the Tailm Bend to Pinnaroo line.

Support provided to Member Councils on storm-water management issues.

The review of the Impounding Act.

Consideration and input provided to the Heavy Vehicle Access Framework Revised Draft.

### **New Issues Addressed:**

Addressing the issue of Grain Transport from Silos.

Revisitation on the re-naming of the B55 Highway.

Provision of input into the Elected Members Allowances discussion paper.

Provision of input into the draft Landfill Guidelines.

Comment provided for the CFS Fire Danger Permit Policy.

Addressing the funding maintenance for the Broomrape Eradication Program.

Infrastructure Changes on the River Murray below Lock 1.

Successful recommendations provided to the LGA through the SAROC Committee to reconvene a Native Vegetation Working Group to address the review of legislation and administration of the Native Vegetation Act 1991.

I would like to thank our CEO, Peter Campbell for his efforts, commitment and support over the past year and I look forward to working with him into the future.

Vice President, Mayor Ian Mann OAM deserves special mention for his assistance along with all other Member Council Mayors, Delegates and CEO's.

I would like to recognise the service and timely information provided by the Local Government Association of South Australia, especially from Barry Parsons and the Office of State/Local Government Relations. Many thanks.

Over the past six months, I have enjoyed being your President. I thank you all for that opportunity.

Cr. Leon Stasinowsky.  
President, 2006 – 2007.  
Murray and Mallee Local Government Association.

## **OVERVIEW OF THE REGION.**

The Region is located in the Murraylands Statistical Region in eastern South Australia and is dissected by the River Murray. It covers a large area in excess of 60,000 km<sup>2</sup> taking in the areas from the Riverland in the north, agriculture areas in the central, west, south and east along the Victorian border, and south westerly to the coast and lakes. Rural based communities throughout the area share a common interest in agriculture/horticulture, with towns primarily servicing the farming and horticultural communities and supporting a growing tourism sector. The Region has a population base of approximately 68,000 (approx. 4.6% of the State population).

The Murray River, and its associated wetlands and wildlife, Lake Bonney and a number of National/Conservation Parks, support a range of rare and endangered plant and animal species, and are major tourist attractions throughout parts of the Riverland and Mallee. Towards the coast, the Coorong National Park, Lake Alexandrina and the shores of Lake Albert are all well known tourist attractions, particularly for recreational boating and fishing.

Murray Bridge provides regional services to the lower parts of the Region and supports both an industrial and commercial base.

The Murray River travels from the north, and passing through seven of the member Councils, flows into Lake Alexandrina in the south. It supports a number of tourist and recreation activities, with a number of tourism vessels operating from centres along the river.

The Region is serviced by the South Eastern Freeway, Princes, Dukes, Sturt and Mallee Highways, with the Berri (Loxton) to Murray Bridge Road providing a direct link diagonally across the Region.

The Association works closely with its major regional partners - the Murray and Mallee Strategic Task Force, the Murraylands Regional Development Board and the Riverland Development Corporation.

## **ASSOCIATION PRESIDENCY.**

Mayor Allan Arbon, Rural City of Murray Bridge, was re-elected President at the Annual General Meeting held at Murray Bridge on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2006 and Mayor Rod Thomas, Renmark Paringa Council was re-elected Vice President. The term of these positions, as per the provisions of the Association's Charter, was until the periodical Local Government Elections on the 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2006.

At the Association's General Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2006 at Taillem Bend, Cr. Leon Stasinowsky, District Council of Loxton Waikerie was elected President and Mayor Ian Mann, Mid Murray Council elected as Vice President, both for a term until the Association's Annual General Meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2007.

At the Association's Annual General Meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2007, both Cr. Stasinowsky and Mayor Mann were re-elected to their respective positions until the Association's Annual General Meeting scheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2008.

## **REPRESENTATION: LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA (LGA SA).**

Mayor Allan Arbon and Mayor Rod Thomas continued to serve on the State Executive of the Local Government Association of South Australia, with Mayor Ian Mann, Mid Murray Council, as proxy until the periodical Local Government Elections on the 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2006.

Following the 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2006 General Meeting, Cr. Leon Stasinowsky and Mayor Ian Mann have served on the State Executive of the Local Government Association of South Australia, with Mayor Allan Arbon as proxy.

## **ASSOCIATION: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SERVICES.**

The Chief Executive Officer services of the Association for the year were again provided by Peter Campbell.

In accordance with a resolution of Member Council Delegates the Chief Executive Officer underwent performance review process on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2007, coinciding with the production of the Association's draft 2007-2008 Annual Business Plan and draft 2007-2008 Budget.

In accordance with a Delegate's resolution, this process is undertaken annually.

The Review Panel consists of the President and Vice-President of the Association and Dean Gollan, CEO Mid Murray Council and Peter Ackland, CEO of the District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

The Association has noted that satisfactory Chief Executive Officer services have been provided.

## **CONSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

The Association operated as a Regional Subsidiary under the transitional provisions of the Local Government Act 1999 until December, 2001 with a formal Charter, agreed to by Member Councils, becoming effective on the 13th December, 2001. To ensure legal compliance with the Local Government Act 1999, further statutory reviews of the Charter have taken place with a new Charter gazetted on the 8th February, 2007.

This Charter can be viewed on the Association's website at [www.mmlga.sa.gov.au](http://www.mmlga.sa.gov.au)

## **THE PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

As a Regional Subsidiary of the Member Councils, the Association has as its governing document, the new Charter gazetted on the 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2007 as provided for under the Local Government Act 1999. The purpose for which the Association has been established is to:

- Undertake coordinating, advocacy and representational roles for its constituent Councils at a regional level.
- Facilitate and coordinate activities of local government at a regional level related to environment, economic and social development with the object of achieving continual improvement for the benefit of the communities of its constituent Councils.
- Develop, encourage, promote, foster and maintain consultation and cooperation and to strengthen the representation and status of local government when dealing with other levels of government, private enterprise and the community.
- Develop further cooperation between its constituent Councils for the benefit of the communities in the region.
- Develop and manage policies which guide the conduct of programs and projects in the region with the objective of securing the best outcomes for the communities in the region.
- Undertake projects that benefit the region and its communities.

## **ASSOCIATION MEETINGS:**

During 2006 – 2007, the Association has met bi-monthly for General Meetings.

Meetings of the Association were convened on:

4th August, 2006 at the Lameroo Golf Club - The Southern Mallee District Council as host.

6<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 at the Berri Resort Hotel, Berri – The Berri Barmera Council as host.

8th December, 2006 at the Taillem Bend Town Hall, Railway Terrace, Taillem Bend – The Coorong District Council as host.

2nd February, 2007 at the Karoonda Bowling Club - The District Council of Karoonda East Murray as host.

5th April, 2007 at the Council Chamber - The District Council of Loxton Waikerie with the same Council as host.

1st June, 2007 - Annual General Meeting - at the Mid Murray Council Offices, Cambrai - The Mid Murray Council as host.

A number of guest speakers have made presentations to the Association meetings throughout the year. They include:

John Johnson, General Manager, SA MDB NRM Board.

John Riggs and Luke Mosely, Environment Protection Agency.

John Jarred and Silvio Vinsentin, Dept. Transport, Energy and Infrastructure.

Mark Drew, PIRSA.

Stephen Chapple, AusIndustry.

Jim Hullick, OAM.

Mayor Brian Hurn, Chair, Local Roads Advisory Committee.

Hon. Karlene Maywald MP, Minister for the River Murray.

Hon. Adrian Pederick MP.

Hon. John Dawkins MLC

Hon. Ivan Venning MP.

Hon. Michael Pengilly MP.

Hon. Mark Goldsworthy MP.

Brenton Lewis – Murraylands Regional Development Board.

Ray Najjar – Murray Darling Association.

Peter Lewis – Past Member for Hammond.

Representatives of both the LGA and the Office of Local Government attended each meeting and took the opportunity to brief the Association of the relevant matters being addressed by their respective bodies. We acknowledge the support of Wendy Campana, Executive Director, LGA SA who has been ready to assist the Region and ensure that the LGA SA has had a presence at our meetings. The Association has also enjoyed a close working relationship with its State and Federal Members of Parliament, a number of whom have been regular attendees at our meetings.

The President has continued the practice of giving each of our guests the opportunity to address our meetings briefly about matters and issues before them that may be of interest to the Association and Member Councils. The contribution from all of the speakers, presenters and guests has kept the Association and the Delegates abreast of a wide ranging number of issues that impact on Local Government and the communities in the Region.

## **MEMBER COUNCIL DELEGATES TO THE ASSOCIATION:**

The following are the current Delegates representing Member Councils as at the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2007:

**Berri Barmera Council (BBC):** Mayor Peter Hunt, Deputy Mayor Rhonda Centofanti and Stephen Rufus, CEO (proxy).

**Coorong District Council (CDC):** Mayor Keith Scobie, Deputy Mayor Roger Strother and Tim Drew, CEO (proxy).

**District Council of Karoonda East Murray (DCKEM):** Mayor Kevin Burdett, Peter Smithson, CEO and Deputy Mayor Margaret Size (proxy).

**District Council of Loxton Waikerie (DCLW):** Mayor Dean Maywald, Cr. Leon Stasinowsky and Peter Ackland, CEO (proxy).

**Mid Murray Council (MMC):** Mayor Ian Mann, Deputy Mayor David Burgess, Cr. Kevin Myers (proxy) and Cr. Inez Bormann (proxy).

**The Rural City of Murray Bridge (RCMB):** Mayor Allan Arbon, Cr. Barry Laubsch, Deputy Mayor Milton Weinert, (proxy) and David Altmann, CEO (proxy).

**District Council of Renmark Paringa (RPC):** Mayor Neil Martinson, Barry Hurst, CEO and Deputy Mayor Louis Dimou (proxy) and Robert Wood, Director Corporate and Community Services (proxy).

**Southern Mallee District Council (SMDC):** Mayor John Ramke, Deputy Mayor George Gum, Cr. Robert Sexton (proxy) and Trevor Gordon, Acting CEO (proxy).

## **ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE AND WORKING PARTY MEMBERSHIPS:**

The following are the current Association Committee Members as at the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2007:

### **Association Committees:**

#### Murray and Mallee Local Government Association Regional Waste Management Strategy Committee:

President M&MLGA as Chair, Cr. Leon Stasinowsky.  
Cr. Barry Laubsch, RCMB.  
Barry Hurst, CEO, RPC. (by virtue of position held)  
Bill Henderson, CDC (*by virtue of position held*)  
Brenton Lewis, CEO Murraylands Regional Development Board.  
Cr. Roger Strother, CDC.  
Murray Bartsch, RPC. (*by virtue of position held*)  
Mayor Ian Mann, MMC.

Jon Fry, Works Manager, MMC. *(by virtue of position held)*  
Peter Ackland, CEO, DCLW. *(by virtue of position held)*  
Peter Broughill, Works Manager, SMDC. *(by virtue of position held)*  
Peter Smithson, CEO, DCKEM – proxy John Claydon. *(by virtue of positions held)*  
Tom King, Infrastructure Services Manager, BBC. *(by virtue of position held)*  
Stephen Rufus, CEO, BBC. *(by virtue of position held)*  
Martin Waddington, Environmental Services Manager, RCMB. *(by virtue of position held)*  
Tom Avery, Infrastructure Director, DCLW. *(by virtue of position held)*  
Cr. Les Maynard, SMDC.  
Cr. Trevor Kerley, DCKEM.  
Chris Lease, Zero Waste SA. (external appointment)  
Fiona Jenkins, Zero Waste SA. (external appointment)  
Ken Coventry, Murraylands Regional Development Board. (external appointment)  
Marina Wagner, EPA. (external appointment)  
Ken Smith, CEO Riverland Development Corporation or nominee. (external appointment)

Murray and Mallee Local Government Association Regional Community Water Management Scheme (CWMS) Committee: (previously termed STEDS Committee)

Cr. Bob England, RCMB  
Cr. Kevin Dunstone, BBC  
Cr. Mark Ward, DCLW  
Cr. Ted Freak, CDC  
Cr. Trevor Kerley, DCKEM  
Cr. Gordon Hancock, SMDC  
Bill Henderson, CDC *(by virtue of position held)*  
Kelvin Goldstone, MMC *(by virtue of position held)*  
Martin Waddington, RCMB *(by virtue of position held)*  
Mayor Allan Arbon, RCMB  
Mike Stephenson, BBC *(by virtue of position held)*  
Neil Martinson, DCLW *(by virtue of position held)*  
Peter Broughill, SMDC *(by virtue of position held)*  
Peter Smithson, DCKEM *(by virtue of position held)*  
Robert Wood, RPC *(by virtue of position held)*  
Richard Gayler, LGA (external appointment)

Murray and Mallee Local Government Association Regional Transport Strategy Committee:

Mayor Ian Mann, MMC, Chair  
Cr. Leon Stasinowsky, President (ex officio)  
Peter Campbell, CEO

Chair, MRDB (external appointment)  
Brenton Lewis, MRDB (external appointment)  
Chair, RDC (external appointment)

Ken Smith, RDC (external appointment)  
Transport SA – 2 nominees (external appointments)

Murray and Mallee Local Government Association Broadband Steering Committee:

Anthony McCabe, SMDC (*by virtue of position held*)  
Craig Chadwick, MMC (*by virtue of position held*)  
Cr. Leon Stasinowsky, President (ex officio)  
Peter Smithson, DCKEM (*by virtue of position held*)  
Peter Ackland, DCLW (*by virtue of position held*)  
Brenton Lewis, MRDB (external appointment)  
Darryl Webb, MRDB (external appointment)  
Ken Coventry, MRDB (external appointment)  
Ken Smith, RDC (external appointment)  
Peter Triantafilou, DFEEST (external appointment)

**Working Parties:**

M&MLGA Transport Reference Group. – Community Transport:

Peter Smithson, CEO, DCKEM. (*by virtue of position held*)  
Tom Avery, DCLW. (*by virtue of position held*)

**ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATION – OTHER BODIES.**

During the year the Association has made and or continued the following appointments to other bodies, as at the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2007:

SA MDB NRM Board:

Vacant – (held by Barry Hurst, CEO, RPC until 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2007).

Regional Fire Prevention Committee:

Mayor Ian Mann, MMC and Cr. Jodi Flavell, DCLW.

SAMRIC Management Committee:

Neil Martinson, DCLW

South Australian Fruit Fly Standing Committee:

Cr. Les Hill, BBC.

SA MDB NRM Capacity Building Reference Group:

CEO – Peter Campbell

South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC):

President, Cr. Leon Stasinowsky (*by virtue of position held*).

Vice President Mayor Ian Mann (*by virtue of position held*).

Proxy for President and or Vice President, Mayor Allan Arbon.

CEO – Peter Campbell (*by virtue of position held*).

Murray and Mallee Strategic Task Force:

CEO – Peter Campbell.

LGA Native Vegetation Working Group:

Cr. Inez Bormann, MMC with Cr. Les Hill, BBC as proxy.

**EXECUTIVE MEETINGS:**

The Executive Committee comprises of one Delegate from each Member Council. No Executive Committee meetings were held during the year.

**GENERAL ACTIVITIES:**

The Association undertakes a coordinating role, in conjunction with Member Councils, on their issues and those raised by the Local Government Association of South Australia, the community, and other relevant parties' concerns and interests.

State and Federal Members of Parliament representing our Region have been briefed and support has been sought for issues raised.

Submissions and briefings undertaken include:

- Provision of Local Government perspective input into the SA MDB NRM Board Strategic Plan.
- Submission for Special Local Roads applications for 2007-2008 funding round.
- Submission to the LGA regarding Elected Members Allowances.
- Submission to the LGA regarding the revised Heavy Vehicle Access Framework.
- Submission to the LGA and the endorsement of the establishment of an LGA CWMS Management Services Authority.
- Completion of a BDF Funding submission for Regional Broadband Funding Assistance.

- Submission to the SAROC Committee with reference to integrated Community Passenger Transport Services.
- Submission to the Minister for the Environment regarding financial cutbacks to the Broomrape Eradication Program.
- Provision of input into the Murraylands and Riverland Regional Drought Committees for Exceptional Circumstances status.
- Submission to Zero Waste SA for Regional Waste Strategy Implementation funding assistance.
- Provision of input into the Association's revised Regional Transport Strategy Plan Report.
- Submission to the Premier and the Minister for the River Murray regarding proposed infrastructure changes below Lock 1.
- Submission to the Minister for the Environment regarding proposed increases in landfill levies.
- Submission to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries for Exceptional Circumstances eligible farmers and businesses to receive annual rate subsidies in line with the Victorian Government model.
- Submission to the SAROC Committee regarding Community Insurance provisions.

The CEO has also attended several Forums, Workshops and Briefings throughout the year regarding evolving issues and to make contribution on behalf of the Association. These have included:

- Zero Waste SA Regional Grants Program Forum.
- LG Grants Commission regarding Road Prioritisation.
- Murray Darling Association – Regions 5 and 6 Policy Development.
- Joint Regional Development Boards/Local Government Executives Forum.
- Wallmans Solicitors on Legal and Financial matters pertaining to Local Government.
- South Australian Strategic Plan Review Update Forum.
- Zero Waste SA Regional Waste Strategy Forum.

- Regional Chief Executive Officer's Forum Meetings.
- The Murraylands Economic Outlook Forum.
- Zero Waste SA Statewide Waste Strategy Forum.
- SA MDB NRM/LG Mayoral Forum.

## **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (SAROC).**

The President, Mayor Allan Arbon, Vice President Mayor Rod Thomas (Mayor Ian Mann as proxy on occasions) and the Chief Executive Officer have attended SAROC meetings until the periodical Local Government Elections held on the 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2006.

Following that date, the President Cr. Leon Stasinowsky, Vice President Mayor Ian Mann, with Mayor Allan Arbon as proxy and the Chief Executive Officer attended the SAROC meetings.

The meetings are usually held bi-monthly on the day preceding the meeting of the LGA State Executive.

SAROC has a Memorandum of Understanding between Regional Local Government Associations and the Local Government Association of South Australia, which was completed in August, 2003.

The Association has provided our regional input into many topics that are relevant to all communities across the State, some of which include:

- Heavy Vehicle Access Framework (HVAF).
- Transport of Grain from Silos.
- Integration of Community Passenger Transport Services.
- CFS Fire Permit Policy.
- Road Funding Allocations.
- Drought Relief.
- EPA Landfill Guidelines.
- Speed Limits on State Roads.
- Regional Broadband.
- Rural Property Addressing Standard.

- Changes to Water Licencing Arrangements.
- Native Vegetation.
- Revised Criteria of Reclassification of Roads.
- Review of the NRM Act 2004.
- Review of grant methodology for the Special Local Roads Program (SLRP).
- Licencing of Country Taxis.
- and, Review of Regional Development Boards.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2007.**

The audited Financial Statements are included at the rear of this report. Surplus cash flow funds have been deposited with the Local Government Finance Authority and drawn on when and as required.

### **REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING.**

The Association acknowledges and thanks the Local Government Research and Development Fund Scheme for their annual 2006-2007 grant of \$30,930 to the Association.

This grant has ensured that the Association has been able to undertake regional enhancement and capacity building projects throughout the year.

### **INFORMING COUNCILS AND OTHER PARTIES.**

The Association recognises the importance of providing both topical and detailed information on its activities to Member Councils, the LGA SA, the Office of Local Government, Politicians, other key stakeholders and the general public within and outside the Region.

The Newsletter, the “Murray Mallee Briefs” has been prepared after each general meeting and is electronically widely distributed. Numerous media interviews have been undertaken as a result of the Newsletter’s circulation.

The Association’s website [www.mmlga.sa.gov.au](http://www.mmlga.sa.gov.au) contains a wealth of information on the Association’s activities, including all Agendas, Appendices and Minutes for General and Committee Meetings.

## **NATIVE TITLE AND INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENTS.**

The Association has continued to engage Rosemary Craddock LLB, to assist Member Councils in Native Title negotiations in and adjacent to the Region.

The CEO provides executive support and a coordinating role, supporting Rosemary Craddock for the Member Councils and other adjacent Council(s) that are involved in the claims impacting on this Region.

## **PARTNERSHIP/STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES 2006 – 2007.**

The Association has continued to pursue a number of strategic issues with the support of partners and other key stakeholders in the Region. Without these partners and stakeholders, the Association would not have been able to singularly progress these initiatives.

### **Strategic Focus – Telecommunications.**

The project partners are:

The Riverland Development Corporation,  
The Murraylands Regional Development Board, and  
DFEEST.

The Broadband Demand Aggregation Project has been continued by the partners, with the Project being managed by the Murraylands Regional Development Board.

During the year, a Broadband Development Fund (BDF) funding submission was completed and forwarded to DFEEST for assessment.

The funding requested was to supplement Federal Government assistance under the Broadband Connect Subsidy Program (BCSP) and the preferred ISP supplier capital funding.

However, subsequent to the BDF funding application completion, the Federal Government ceased the operation of the BCSP and replaced it with the Interim Broadband Guarantee Program (IBGP) until the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 to be followed by the full Broadband Guarantee Program (BGP) to operate until the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2008.

In addition, the Federal Government announced the Australian Broadband Infrastructure Program (ABIP) which may provide broadband fibre opportunities through currently unknown portions of the region.

Regionally identified and endorsed ISP's have advised that their current business plans do not support the Federal Government's changes for infrastructure subsidies and currently the Association's Regional Broadband Program is on hold, once again, awaiting a Federal Government announcement on the coverage to be provided under the BIF Program.

### **Strategic Focus – Transport Infrastructure.**

Our Project Partners are:

The Riverland Development Corporation,  
The Murraylands Regional Development Board, and  
Transport SA.

During 2006-2007, the process of Councils and the Association's Regional Transport Strategy Committee's review of the Murray and Mallee Regional Transport Strategy Plan was undertaken. The Association, in conjunction with the Committee has the opportunity to annually comment on the Plan to determine its currency and appropriateness to the changing needs of the Region.

The Plan has provided the basis to enable the Association and its Member Councils, to determine and support applications for Special Local Roads and Auslink funding applications.

Applications for funding in the 2006-2007 round were lodged with the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel at the end of April, 2006 resulting in \$2.89m funding availability for identified road construction in the region.

Applications for funding in 2007-2008 were lodged with the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel at the end of April, 2007, and the Association awaits the results of the Panel's recommendation for the Special Local Roads component to the Local Government Grants Commission.

### **Strategic Focus – Community Transport. – Riverland Community Passenger Network and the Murray Mallee Community Passenger Network Schemes.**

Our partners are:

The South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC),  
The Local Government Association of SA,  
The Riverland and Murray Mallee Community Passenger Transport  
Networks and Advisory Committees.

Through the SAROC Committee, the Association has pursued the issue of the integration of Community Passenger Network (CPN) Schemes throughout the region.

Integration allows for the use of agency managed governmental vehicles for the purpose of providing further transport solutions for the disadvantaged.

The SAROC Committee resolved to raise the matter with the Government Reform Commission (GRC) who is in the process of encouraging the State Government to provide an overarching policy, applicable to all governmental departments, to provide the availability of under-utilised assets to be made available to improve CPN services.

## **Strategic Focus – Environment - Drought.**

Our partners are:

The Riverland Development Corporation,  
The Murraylands Regional Development Board,  
Primary Industries and Resources SA,  
Murray and Mallee Strategic Task Force,  
Irrigation Authorities and Associations.

The Drought has severely affected environmental and economic stability and planned growth throughout the region.

With partners, the Association provided representation and input into two successful Exceptional Circumstances (EC) applications covering both the dryland farming areas and the River Murray Irrigator's corridor, effectively covering the entire Murray and Mallee Local Government region.

Member Councils are to be congratulated on providing individual financial assistance to each EC Committee assisting with the preparation of the EC Applications.

The Association, through the SAROC Committee is currently pursuing the State Government to provide annual rate subsidies for EC eligible farmers and businesses, based on the 50% annual rate subsidy in the Victorian Government model.

**On other environmental matters, the Association and Member Councils have:**

- Completed a Regional Waste Strategy Implementation funding application to Zero Waste SA.
- Provided an Association representative on the River Murray Water Quality Risk Assessment Committee.
- Provided representation on the NRM Capacity Building Reference Group.
- Until March, 2007 provided a Local Government non-voting Member to the SA MDB NRM Board.
- Provided input into the Zero Waste SA Regional Implementation Program.
- Provided information to Member Councils regarding Adaptation Actions for Local Government on Climate Change issues.

## **BEYOND 2007.**

General Meetings of the Association will continue to be held on the first Friday in the months of August, December, February, April with the Annual General Meeting to be held in June. They will continue to be held throughout the Region and will be hosted alphabetically within the respective Member Council areas.

At the Annual General Meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2007, the Association endorsed their revised Strategic Plan, 2005-2008 and their Annual Business Plan 2007-2008, which was extracted from the revised Strategic Plan 2007-2008. These documents are available to be viewed and downloaded from the Association's website.

The status of the objectives and actions in the Association's Annual Business Plan 2007-2008 will be reviewed half yearly at the December General Meeting and the June Annual General Meeting as per the provisions of the Association's Charter.

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The Murray and Mallee  
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**MURRAY AND MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2007**

**MURRAY AND MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**INCOME STATEMENT  
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2007</b> <b>\$</b>	<b>2006</b> <b>\$</b>
Revenues	7(a)	111,639.89	106,773.43
Other Expenses	7(b)	( <u>93,325.69</u> )	( <u>89,305.06</u> )
Profit from operations	6	<u>18,314.20</u>	<u>17,468.37</u>

**The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.**

**MURRAY AND MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 30 JUNE 2007**

<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash	2(a)	33,155.02	60,649.79
Receivables	3	3,274.85	6,583.83
Money held in Trust		<u>2,961.74</u>	<u>2,961.74</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>39,391.61</u>	<u>70,195.36</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>39,391.61</u>	<u>70,195.36</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Payables	4	1,185.50	1,070.00
Unexpended Project Funds	5	9,094.55	46,325.29
Native Title Claim Moneys unexpended		<u>2,961.74</u>	<u>2,961.74</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u>13,241.79</u>	<u>50,357.03</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>26,149.82</u>	<u>19,838.33</u>
<b>Equity</b>			
Accumulated Surplus	6	<u>26,149.82</u>	<u>19,838.33</u>
<b>Total Equity Surplus</b>		<u>26,149.82</u>	<u>19,838.33</u>

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.

**MURRAY AND MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**STATEMENT OF RECOGNISED INCOME AND EXPENSE**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007**

	<b>Retained Earnings</b>
<b>Balance as at 1 July 2005</b>	15,074.46
Profit/(Loss) attributable to association	17,468.37
Transfer to projects in progress	<u>(12,704.50)</u>
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2006</b>	<u>19,838.33</u>
<b>Balance as at 1 July 2006</b>	19,838.33
Profit/(Loss) attributable to association	18,314.20
Transfer to projects in progress	<u>(12,002.71)</u>
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2007</b>	<u>26,149.82</u>

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.

**MURRAY AND MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Cash Flow from Operations</b>			
Receipts from Members		75,596.00	70,805.00
Receipts from others		30,930.00	30,000.00
Interest received		5,500.87	5,824.28
Payments to suppliers		(90,288.19)	(100,679.62)
Projects:			
Receipts from Grants		-	55,522.74
Payments to Suppliers		<u>(49,233.45)</u>	<u>(118,545.45)</u>
<b>Net Cash provided by (used in)</b>			
<b>Operating Activities</b>	2 b)	(27,494.77)	(57,073.05)
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		(27,494.77)	(57,073.05)
Cash at the beginning of the year		<u>60,649.79</u>	<u>117,722.84</u>
Cash at the end of the year	2 a)	<u>33,155.02</u>	<u>60,649.79</u>

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.

# MURRAY AND MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

#### **Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies**

This financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations, Other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act (SA).

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Association in the preparation of the financial report.

#### **Basis of Preparation**

##### ***Reporting Basis and Conventions***

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs modified by the revaluation of selected non-current assets, and financial assets and financial liabilities for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied.

#### **a) Income Tax**

The activities of the Association are exempt from taxation under the Income Tax Assessment Act.

#### **b) Cash**

For the purposes of the Cash Flow Statement, cash includes cash on hand, at banks and on deposit.

#### **c) Goods and Services Tax**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the Balance Sheet are shown exclusive of GST.

#### **d) Amounts**

Amounts are presented in dollars and cents as per CEO instructions.

# MURRAY AND MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

#### Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

##### e) Financial Instruments

###### **Recognition**

Financial instruments are initially measured at cost on trade date, which includes transaction costs, when the related contractual rights or obligations exist. Subsequent to initial recognition these instruments are measured as set out below.

###### **Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss**

A financial asset is classified in this category if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short-term or if so designated by management. Derivatives are also categorised as held for trading unless they are designated as hedges. Realised and unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of these assets are included in the income statement in the period in which they arise.

###### **Available-for-sale financial assets**

Available-for-sale financial assets include any financial assets not included in the above categories. Available-for-sale financial assets are reflected at fair value. Unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are taken directly to equity.

###### **Financial liabilities**

Non-derivative financial liabilities are recognised at amortised cost, comprising original debt less principal payments and amortisation.

###### **Impairment**

At each reporting date, the association assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. In the case of available-for-sale financial instruments, a prolonged decline in the value of the instrument is considered to determine whether an impairment has arisen. Impairment losses are recognised in the income statement.

# MURRAY AND MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

#### **Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies**

##### **f) Impairment of Assets**

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

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

##### **g) Comparative Figures**

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

#### **Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments**

The committee members evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information.

Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the association.

##### *Key Estimates - Impairment*

The association assesses impairment at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the association that may lead to impairment of assets. Where an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. Value-in-use calculations performed in assessing recoverable amounts incorporate a number of key estimates.

**MURRAY AND MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007**

<b>Note 2: Cash Flow Information</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>a) Reconciliation of Cash</b>		
Cash	100.00	100.00
Cash at Bank	1,289.61	633.56
LGFA Investment	<u>31,765.41</u>	<u>59,916.23</u>
	<u>33,155.02</u>	<u>60,649.79</u>
<b>b) Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to profit/(loss) from ordinary activities</b>		
Profit/(Loss) from ordinary activities	18,314.20	17,468.37
Changes in Assets and Liabilities		
(Increase) Decrease in Debtors	386.98	(144.15)
(Increase) Decrease in GST Rec/Pay	2,922.00	(11,174.56)
Increase (Decrease) in Creditors	115.50	50.00
Increase (Decrease) in Unexpended Grant Funds	(37,230.74)	(50,568.21)
Increase/(Decrease) in Retained Earnings from Transfers	<u>(12,002.71)</u>	<u>(12,704.50)</u>
Cash Flow provided by (used in) Operating Activities	<u>(27,494.77)</u>	<u>(57,073.05)</u>
 <b>Note 3: Receivables</b>		
GST Refund	2,480.00	5,402.00
Accrued Interest	<u>794.85</u>	<u>1,181.83</u>
	<u>3,274.85</u>	<u>6,583.83</u>
 <b>Note 4: Payables</b>		
Sundry Creditors	8.50	-
Audit Fees	<u>1,177.00</u>	<u>1,070.00</u>
	<u>1,185.50</u>	<u>1,070.00</u>

**MURRAY AND MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007**

<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
\$	\$

**Note 5: Unexpended Grant Funds**

Grant Funds Unexpended may be refundable and are reflected as liabilities at balance date. It is anticipated that the balance of funds unexpended will be fully utilised on the nominated project.

<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
\$	\$

**Transport Strategy Project**

**Income**

Balance brought forward	-	(204.50)
Contribution - MMLGA	<u>-</u>	<u>204.50</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	-	-
 Project Funds not expended at 30 June 2007	 <u>-</u>	 <u>-</u>

**Water Management Project**

**Income**

Balance brought forward	<u>4,373.00</u>	<u>6,373.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	4,373.00	6,373.00

**Less Expenses**

Contribution - River Murray Salinity	-	-
- Survey	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,000.00)</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,000.00)</u>

Project Funds not expended at 30 June 2007	<u>4,373.00</u>	<u>4,373.00</u>
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**Mobile Base Station Provision**

**Income**

Balance brought forward	2,500.00	2,500.00
Contribution - MMLGA	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	2,500.00	2,500.00

Project funds not expended at 30 June 2007	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>
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**MURRAY AND MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007**

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Note 5: Unexpended Grant Funds (cont)</b>		
<b>Transport Strategy Stage 2</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Balance brought forward	3,000.00	4,000.00
Contribution - MMLGA	<u>7,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	10,000.00	6,000.00
<b>Less Expenses</b>		
North South Transport Business case	-	(3,000.00)
Transport Strategy Review	<u>(10,000.00)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	(10,000.00)	(3,000.00)
Project funds not expended at 30 June 2007	<u>-</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
<b>Sport and Recreation</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Balance brought forward	1,363.64	-
Contribution - MMLGA	<u>-</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	1,363.64	2,500.00
<b>Less Expenses</b>		
Feasibility Study	-	(1,136.36)
Contribution to regional demand assessment	(1,250.00)	-
Transfer to Discretionary Projects	<u>( 113.64)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	(1,363.64)	(1,136.36)
Project funds not expended at 30 June 2007	<u>-</u>	<u>1,363.64</u>

**MURRAY AND MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007**

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Note 5: Unexpended Grant Funds (cont)</b>		
<b>Web/Logo Design and Implementation Income</b>		
Balance brought forward	175.91	-
Contribution - MMLGA	-	2,000.00
Transfer from Discretionary Project	<u>-</u>	<u>585.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>175.91</b>	<b>2,585.00</b>
<b>Less Expenses</b>		
Corporate Design	(80.00)	(136.36)
Construction Costs	-	(2,272.73)
Website Hosting	(50.00)	-
Transfer to Discretionary Projects	<u>(45.91)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(175.91)</b>	<b>(2,409.09)</b>
Project funds not expended at 30 June 2007	<u>-</u>	<u>175.91</u>
<b>Regional STEDS Audits Income</b>		
Balance brought forward	28,022.74	-
Southern Mallee District	-	1,574.55
Coorong DC	-	4,723.64
DC Loxton Waikerie	-	1,574.55
Mid Murray Council	-	17,000.91
Rural City Murray Bridge	-	3,149.09
Contribution - MMLGA	<u>2.71</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>28,025.45</b>	<b>28,022.74</b>
<b>Less Expenses</b>		
Regional STEDS Audit	<u>(28,025.45)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(28,025.45)</b>	<b>-</b>
Project funds not expended at 30 June 2007	<u>-</u>	<u>28,022.74</u>

**MURRAY AND MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007**

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Note 5: Unexpended Grant Funds (cont)</b>		
<b>Discretionary Projects</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Balance brought forward	6,165.00	1,000.00
Contribution - MMLGA	-	6,000.00
Transfer from Legal Charter Review	172.00	-
Transfer from Sport and Recreation	113.64	-
Transfer from Regional Waste Strategy	725.00	-
Transfer from Web/Logo Design and Implementation	<u>45.91</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>7,221.55</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>
<b>Less Expenses</b>		
Transfer to Sundry Expense	-	(250.00)
Transfer to Web/Logo Project	-	(585.00)
Transfer to Extreme Leadership Program	<u>(5,000.00)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(5,000.00)</b>	<b>(835.00)</b>
 Project funds not expended at 30 June 2007	 <u><b>2,221.55</b></u>	 <u><b>6,165.00</b></u>

**MURRAY AND MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007**

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Note 5: Unexpended Grant Funds (cont)</b>		
<b>Legal Charter Review</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Contribution - MMLGA	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	5,000.00	-
<b>Less Expenses</b>		
Legal Charter Review	(4,828.00)	-
Transfer to Discretionary Projects	<u>( 172.00)</u>	<u>-</u>
	(5,000.00)	-
Project funds not expended at 30 June 2007	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Extreme Leadership Program</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Transfer from Discretionary Projects	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	5,000.00	-
<b>Less Expenses</b>		
Extreme Leadership Contribution	<u>(5,000.00)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	(5,000.00)	-
Project funds not expended at 30 June 2007	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**MURRAY AND MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

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	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Note 5: Unexpended Grant Funds (cont)</b>		
<b>Regional Waste Strategy</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Balance brought forward	725.00	83,225.00
Zero Waste SA	<u>-</u>	<u>27,500.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>725.00</u>	<u>110,725.00</u>
<b>Less Expenses</b>		
Transfer to Discretionary Projects	(725.00)	-
Consultancy	<u>-</u>	<u>(110,000.00)</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>(725.00)</u>	<u>(110,000.00)</u>
 Project funds not expended at 30 June 2007	 <u>-</u>	 <u>725.00</u>
 <b>Total Unexpended Grant Funds</b> <b>at 30 June 2007</b>	 <u><u>9,094.55</u></u>	 <u><u>46,325.29</u></u>

**MURRAY AND MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**  
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**Note 6: Financial Instruments**

**(a) Interest Rate Risk**

The association's exposure to interest rate risk, which is the risk that a financial instrument's value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates and the effective weighted average interest rates on those financial assets and financial liabilities, is as follows:

	<b>Weighted Average Effective Interest</b>		<b>Floating Interest  Rate</b>		<b>Non Interest  Rate</b>		<b>Bearing</b>	
	<b>Total</b>							
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
	%	%	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Financial Assets</b>								
LGFA Investment	6.0	5.5	31,765	59,916	-	-	31,765	59,916
Cash			-	-	100	100	100	100
Cash at Bank	1.60	1.65	<u>1,290</u>	<u>634</u>	-	-	<u>1,290</u>	<u>634</u>
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>			<u>33,055</u>	<u>60,550</u>			<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
			<u>33,15560,650</u>					
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>			<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**(b) Credit Risk**

The maximum exposure to credit risk, excluding the value of any collateral or other security, at balance date to recognised financial assets is the carrying amount, net of any provisions for doubtful debts, as disclosed in the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial report.

The association does not have any material credit risk exposure to any single debtor or group of debtors under financial instruments entered into by the association.

**(c) Net Fair Values**

Methods and assumptions used in determining net fair value.

For assets and liabilities the net fair value approximates their carrying value. Financial assets where the carrying amount exceeds net fair values have not been written down as the association intends to hold these assets to maturity.

The aggregate net fair values and carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities are disclosed in the Balance Sheet and in the notes to and forming part of the financial report.

**MURRAY AND MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL ACCOUNT  
INCOME STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007**

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Note 7:</b>		
<b>(a) INCOME</b>		
Interest - Investment LGFA	4,635.50	5,502.11
- Bonus	326.70	235.98
- Bank	151.69	230.34
MBM LGA contributions:		
Berri Barmera Council	11,642.00	10,903.97
Coorong District Council	7,711.00	7,222.11
DC of Karoonda East Murray	4,082.00	3,823.47
DC of Loxton Waikerie	12,322.00	11,541.22
Mid Murray Council	9,222.00	8,638.21
The Rural City of Murray Bridge	15,422.00	14,444.22
DC of Renmark Paringa	10,356.00	9,700.28
Southern Mallee DC	<u>4,838.00</u>	<u>4,531.52</u>
Total MBM LGA contributions	75,595.00	70,805.00
Regional Enhancement Fund Grant	30,930.00	30,000.00
Other Income	<u>1.00</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>111,639.89</b>	<b>106,773.43</b>
 <b>(b) EXPENDITURE</b>		
Audit Fees	1,070.00	1,070.00
Bank and Government Fees	152.50	127.80
Executive Officer Contract Services	85,540.00	81,120.00
Insurance	992.00	936.00
Meeting Expenses		
- Association	880.00	1,168.36
- Working Parties	1,018.18	1,261.36
Postage	84.01	60.33
Presidents Travelling Allowance	635.00	600.00
Stationery	529.77	463.08
Sundry Expenses	252.83	419.95
Telecommunications	782.14	782.82
Telephone	<u>1,389.26</u>	<u>1,295.36</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>93,325.69</u></b>	<b><u>89,305.06</u></b>
 Profit/(Loss) at End of Year	 <u>18,314.20</u>	 <u>17,468.37</u>

**MURRAY AND MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

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**Note 8: Contingent Liabilities**

At 30<sup>th</sup> June 2007, the Committee is unaware of any liability, contingent or otherwise, which has not already been recorded elsewhere in this financial report.

**Note 9: Capital Commitments**

At 30<sup>th</sup> June 2007, the Committee is unaware of any capital or leasing commitments which have not already been recorded elsewhere in this financial report.

**Note 10: Events After the Balance Sheet Date**

Since the reporting date, there have been no events that would materially impact on the contents and result of this report.

## MURRAY AND MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

### STATEMENT BY THE COMMITTEE

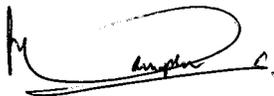
In the opinion of the members of the committee:

1. (a) the accompanying Income Statement is drawn up so as to present fairly the surplus of Murray and Mallee Local Government Association for the financial year;  
(b) the accompanying Balance Sheet is drawn up so as to present fairly the state of affairs of Murray and Mallee Local Government Association as at the end of the financial year;  
(c) the accounts of the association have been made out in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.
2. The committee has reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
3. No officer of the association, or a firm of which the officer is a member, or a corporate in which the officer has a substantial financial interest, has received or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, a firm of which the officer is a member or a corporate in which the officer has a substantial financial interest and the association.
4. No officer of the association has received directly or indirectly from the association any payment or other benefit of a pecuniary value.

This statement is made in accordance with the resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:



**President**



**CEO**

**Dated this 10th day of August 2007.**

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF  
MURRAY AND MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**Report on the Financial Report**

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Murray and Mallee Local Government Association (the association) which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2007 and the income statement, statement of recognised income and expenditure and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the statement by members of the committee.

*Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report*

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

*Auditor's Responsibility*

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

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

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

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF  
MURRAY AND MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
(continued)**

*Independence*

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

*Auditor's Opinion*

In our opinion:

The financial report of Murray and Mallee Local Government Association is in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985 including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2007 and of their performance for the year ended on that date; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporations Act (SA) 1985.

**WHK THOMSONS AUDIT SERVICES**



**Chris Campbell CA**

**Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 2007.**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE –  
AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE.**

**Barry C Hurst**

I, ....., the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive officer of the ~~Renmark Paranga Council~~ Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation 16A(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999) that the auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 – noting that for the 2006-2007 financial year only that the prescribed auditor independence requirements have been in operation and effect only from 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2007.

  
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(Signed)

15. 10. 07  
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(Dated)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE –  
AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE.**

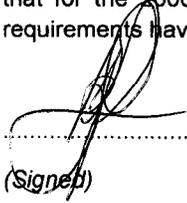
I, Rodney Layton Ralph, the person for the time being occupying the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Southern Mallee District Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation 16A(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999) that the auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 – noting that for the 2006-2007 financial year only that the prescribed auditor independence requirements have been in operation and effect only from 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2007.

  
.....  
(Signed)

15<sup>th</sup> October 2007  
.....  
(Dated)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE –  
AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE.**

I, STEPHEN RUFUS, the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive officer of the BERRI BARMERA Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation 16A(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999) that the auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 – noting that for the 2006-2007 financial year only that the prescribed auditor independence requirements have been in operation and effect only from 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2007.

  
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(Signed)

18/10/2007  
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(Dated)

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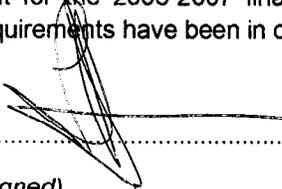
I, Peter Smithson, the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive officer of the District Council of <sup>Murray</sup> ~~North~~ <sup>Wimmera</sup> ~~East~~ <sup>Wimmera</sup> Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation 16A(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999) that the auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 – noting that for the 2006-2007 financial year only that the prescribed auditor independence requirements have been in operation and effect only from 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2007.

  
.....  
(Signed)

12/10/2007  
.....  
(Dated)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE –  
AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE.**

I, TIMOTHY DREW, the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive officer of the COOYONG DISTRICT Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation 16A(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999) that the auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 – noting that for the 2006-2007 financial year only that the prescribed auditor independence requirements have been in operation and effect only from 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2007.



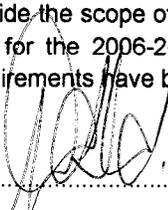
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18-10-07

(Dated)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE –  
AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE.**

I, PETER ACKLAND, the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive officer of the DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LONDON WARRICK Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation 16A(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999) that the auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 – noting that for the 2006-2007 financial year only that the prescribed auditor independence requirements have been in operation and effect only from 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2007.



(Signed)

18 Oct 07

(Dated)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE –  
AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE.**

I, Dean Hilary Gallow, the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive officer of the Mud Murray Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation 16A(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999) that the auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 – noting that for the 2006-2007 financial year only that the prescribed auditor independence requirements have been in operation and effect only from 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2007.

  
(Signed)

18/10/07  
(Dated)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE –  
AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE.**

I, P. Alhman, the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive officer of the Rural City of Murray Bridge Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation 16A(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999) that the auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 – noting that for the 2006-2007 financial year only that the prescribed auditor independence requirements have been in operation and effect only from 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2007.

  
(Signed)

18/10/07  
(Dated)

**CHAIRPERSON REPORT - MURRAY MALLEE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEME**  
**Annual General Meeting 7 August 2007**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Again it is my pleasure to present an annual report as your Chairperson at the completion of yet another year. One that has in my opinion passed relatively quickly and smoothly. One factor that comes quickly to mind when reporting this is the ready and competent assistance rendered us in the staff changes by one Nat Traeger of Coorong District Council.

I am very appreciative of the staff's functioning and the fine leadership of Helen Luke who is conducting the organisations responsibilities well and effectively. One other administrative detail that I would draw your attention to is the contribution made to this committee by the Treasurer Trevor Symonds to whom I sincerely say "thank you" for a job well done.

Volunteer drivers are always important to us and again have earned my highest praise. Sometime during the year numbers were less than desirable but Helen's diligence has corrected this mainly by her mastering of the accreditation requirements of the present times.

During this year the arrangement of the CWA car will expire due to influx of times and I believe the transition period that this presents for us is in hand properly supportive of the magnificent contribution to our district by these fine ladies.

The conclusion of the period with the CWA car will I hope cause us to be in a more transparent method to evaluate the actual kilometer cost of our cars in the present car market which is repeatedly changing

In conclusion I would sincerely like to thank all Committee Members for their loyalty and support over the years. My sincere wish is that this Committees future will continue to fulfill a very real need in our district as we have in the past.

WJ MURDOCH  
CHAIRPERSON  
MANAGEMENT BOARD  
MURRAY MALLEE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEME

## MURRAY MALLEE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEME

### COORDINATORS REPORT 7 AUGUST 2007

It is with pleasure that I present to this meeting my Annual Report for 2007. The past 12 months have presented some quite interesting challenges which have included providing suitable transport options for early appointment times when drivers were not available and not able to be changed, transporting clients with special needs eg oxygen cylinder and filling in the gaps while drivers have either been away on holidays, fulfilling work commitments or coping with personal issues. To my knowledge the outcomes have been favourable.

There are now two vehicles in the Transport Scheme fleet. A report was presented to the Management Board as requested in regards to CPN vehicle usage when all 3 vehicles were on the road. The report showed that out of 151 days there were 9 days when all three cars were in use. The decision was made by Management Board members to drop one vehicle from the fleet. MMCTS now has one Station Wagon and one Sedan. In the past 12 months there have been several vehicle changeovers and one vehicle sold.

A new computer and transport program was installed in mid December of 2006 as a result of this some of our data did not transfer. Hence the figures stated in this report are from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007 - 31<sup>st</sup> July 2007. Most of the client details needed to be re-entered manually.

There are still some small gaps identified within the transport system in the Council areas that we service but with time and persistence it is envisaged that these gaps will slowly close.

CPN vehicles have travelled a total of 27,533 kms and 9,793 kms for the Hospital vehicles.

Our small team of volunteer drivers continue to excel within their chosen field of volunteering and I have had nothing but very favourable verbal reports from clients as to the service that is provided and the drivers who commit their time to the Transport Scheme. The few times when we have not been able to provide transport for a client most have been understanding and been able to either change their appointments or quite willingly worked in with other people in the vehicle. There are 3 potential new drivers now waiting driver accreditation. The original crew that went through with Volunteer Driver Accreditation Program (VDAP) will soon be put through reaccreditation as it has been almost 5 years since this was first implemented. Some drivers chose not to participate in the original program as at the time it was not compulsory. This has now changed. Every effort will be made to encourage these drivers to participate with accreditation as without it they will be unable to drive. In the past 7 months the drivers once again have gone above and beyond to assist whenever they could and have given 853 hours of their time.

Our present Passenger Transport Division Trainee Kierra Gill began work in February 2007. Kierra attends TAFE in Murray Bridge one day a week and settled into her position very quickly. Kierra has a sound understanding of community, regional transport and client needs.

There are a vast number of people and organisations who contribute to the Transport Scheme in some way. I would sincerely like to mention and thank the following people for their valuable assistance.

**MURRAY MALLEE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEME**  
COORDINATORS REPORT 7 AUGUST 2007

To Chairperson, Bill Murdoch, and members of the Management Board, for your time, and support in assisting me to understand my role, encouragement and overseeing the overall management of the Transport Scheme to ensure that the community has access to a Passenger network in a rural and remote area.

Thanks to Trevor Symonds, Nat Traeger and Chris Hartmann at Tintinara for your assistance in all matters financial and involved and for paying MMCTS accounts and driver reimbursements.

Thanks to the Coorong Council for in-kind support receipting and banking our client donations through the Tailem Bend office.

To the Staff at the Pinnaroo and Lameroo Hospitals and Outreach Services for assistance given to MMCTS drivers and Staff in order to access vehicles from these locations for transport of clients living in the Southern Mallee Council area.

To the volunteers of the Tailem Bend Community Centre thank you for access of the facilities and gourmet catering expertise.

To Karen Webb, MMCTS Office Administration assistant cheers for being available when required and for being a quick learner.

Thank you to Kierra Gill, MMCTS PTD Trainee for your sound work ethics, friendly and courteous manner that you display to drivers, clients and myself.

To the clients we service in the Council areas of Southern Mallee, Karoonda East Murray and Coorong thank you for you patronage, understanding and flexibility.

Thank you to the volunteers at the Information Centre where MMCTS is co-located. Coorong Coaches Management and Staff for your professionalism and assisting MMCTS Staff with coordination of transport options.

Finally, a big thank you to our very special Team of Volunteer Drivers for your time, and commitment, professional manner and great sense of humour you are all a very valuable part of the Transport Scheme.

To anyone else that MMCTS has been associated with and I have not mentioned, Thank you.

The Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme is and will be continued to be promoted within the region.

Helen Luke  
CPN Coordinator  
Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme

*Murray Mallee  
Community  
Transport Scheme*



*ANNUAL  
FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS*

*30<sup>th</sup> June 2007*

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# Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme

## Income Statement For the Year Ended 30th June 2007

	Note	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>Revenues</b>			
User Donations	2	11,143	14,121
Operating Grants & Subsidies	3	58,205	112,648
Investment Income		604	727
Other		207	47
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b><u>70,159</u></b>	<b><u>127,543</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Wages and Salaries	4	59,927	49,936
Contractual Services	5	3,361	5,454
Materials	6	13,888	19,955
Other	7	12,009	13,345
Depreciation	9	14,257	8,549
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b><u>103,442</u></b>	<b><u>97,239</u></b>
<b>Operating (Deficit)/ Surplus before Capital Amounts</b>		<b>(33,283)</b>	<b>30,304</b>
<b>Capital Amounts</b>			
Profit on Disposal of assets	8	182	-
Loss on Disposal of assets	8	(24,510)	(4,279)
<b>Total Capital Amounts</b>		<b><u>(24,328)</u></b>	<b><u>(4,279)</u></b>
<b>Net (Deficit)/ Surplus after Capital Amounts</b>		<b><u>(57,611)</u></b>	<b><u>26,025</u></b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme

### Balance Sheet As at 30th June 2007

	Note	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash	10	100	100
Cash at Bank	10	6,934	42,287
Investments	10	4,158	14,013
Prepayments		-	-
Accrued Income		62	189
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>11,254</u>	<u>56,589</u>
<b>Non Current Assets</b>			
Equipment	11	52,250	63,057
Office Equipment	11	1,413	2,143
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>		<u>53,663</u>	<u>65,200</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>64,917</u>	<u>121,789</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Sundry Creditors		1,284	904
Accrued Salaries		1,151	924
Provision Annual Leave		2,588	2,456
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u>5,023</u>	<u>4,284</u>
 <b>Net Assets</b>		 <u>59,894</u>	 <u>117,505</u>
 <b>Equity</b>			
<b>Accumulated Surplus</b>		<u>59,894</u>	<u>117,505</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme

## Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 30th June 2007

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
<b>Accumulated Surplus</b>		
Balance at beginning of period	117,505	91,480
Change in financial position from operations	(57,611)	26,025
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	<u>59,894</u>	<u>117,505</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme

### Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended 30th June 2007

	Note	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>			
Receipts		70,159	127,543
Payments		(103,442)	(97,239)
Loss on sale of Non Current Assets		-	-
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors and Provisions		738	(333)
Depreciation		14,257	8,549
Decrease/(Increase) in other Assets		127	552
<b>Net Cash provided by Operating Activities</b>		<u>(18,161)</u>	<u>39,072</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Other Activities</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>			
Capital Grants		-	-
Sale of Motor Vehicles and computer	11	78,336	73,608
<b>Payments</b>			
Payment for Motor Vehicles	11	(105,383)	(77,085)
Payment for Computer and Office Furniture		-	(2,275)
<b>Net Cash (Used in) other Activities</b>		<u>(27,047)</u>	<u>(5,752)</u>
<b>Net (Decrease)/Increase in Cash Held</b>		<b>(45,208)</b>	<b>33,320</b>
<b>Cash at beginning of year</b>		<b>56,400</b>	<b>23,080</b>
<b>Cash at end of year</b>	<b>10</b>	<u><b>11,192</b></u>	<u><b>56,400</b></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## **Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme**

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2007

### **NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### **Compliance with Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards**

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

#### **Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards**

AIFS included certain specific provisions relating to not for profit entities that are not included in the International Financial Reporting Standards. In addition, Australian Accounting Standards AAS 27 Financial Reporting by Local Government also applies. Except to the extent that these special provisions require these financial statements comply with International Financial Reporting Standards.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme in the preparation of the financial statements.

(a) **The Reporting Entity**

The Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme is a Regional Subsidiary under Section 43 and Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1999. Section 43 of the Local Government Act provides that two or more Councils may establish a regional subsidiary to carry out projects, functions and activities of the councils. The constituent Councils are the Coorong District Council in conjunction with the District Councils of Karoonda/East Murray and Southern Mallee.

All funds which the Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme controls to carry on its functions have been included in this financial report.

(b) **Acquisitions of Assets**

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

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

(c) **Employee Entitlements**

Provision is made for the Councils liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Long service leave expected to be settled within one year together with entitlements arising from salaries and wages and annual leave which will be settled after one year, have been measured at their nominal amount.

Contributions are made by the Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme and are charged as expenses when incurred.

(e) **Investments**

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

(f) **Grants, Donations and Other Contributions**

Grants, donations and other contributions are recognised as revenues when the Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme obtains control over the assets comprising the contributions. Control over assets acquired from rates is obtained on the commencement of the rating period or, where earlier, upon receipt of the rates. Control over granted assets is normally obtained upon receipt or upon prior notification that a grant has been secured.

(g) **Cash**

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash deposits which are readily convertible to cash on hand and which are used in the cash management function on a day to basis, net of outstanding bank overdraft. Cash deposits that are made for a period of less than twelve months are included as cash.

## Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30th June 2007

	30th June 2007	30th June 2006
	\$	\$
<b>NOTE 2: USER CHARGES</b>		
Client Contributions	11,143	14,121
	11,143	14,121
<b>NOTE 3: GRANTS, SUBSIDIES &amp; CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
The Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme received grants to establish the service		
<u>Specific Operating Grants</u>		
Passenger Transport Board	48,834	103,277
Council Contributions	9,371	9,371
<b>TOTAL OPERATING GRANTS &amp; SUBSIDIES</b>	<b>58,205</b>	<b>112,648</b>
<i>Grants recognised as revenues during the reporting period which were obtained on the condition that they be expended for a specific purpose but had not yet been applied (either fully or partially) for that purpose as at the end of the reporting period were as follows:</i>		
Operating Grant	6,934	42,287
<i>Grants which were recognised as revenue in previous reporting periods and which were expended during the current reporting period in the manner specified by the grantor were as follows:</i>		
Operating Grant	42,287	9,679
<b>NOTE 4: EMPLOYEE COSTS</b>		
Wages & Salaries including leave entitlements	53,982	46,098
Superannuation Contributions	4,777	3,838
Workers Compensation Insurance	1,168	
	59,927	49,936
<b>NOTE 5: CONTRACTUAL SERVICES</b>		
Consultants & Contractors	3,361	5,454
	3,361	5,454
<b>NOTE 6: MATERIALS</b>		
Materials	13,888	19,955
	13,888	19,955
<b>NOTE 7: OTHER EXPENSES</b>		
Telephone	3,320	5,196
Volunteer Reimbursement	192	407
Vehicle Other Costs	5,390	3,447
Postage	189	830
Other Costs	2,919	3,465
	12,009	13,345
<b>NOTE 8: (LOSS)/PROFIT ON SALE OF ASSETS</b>		
(Loss)/ on sale of Motor Vehicles	(24,510)	(4,279)
Profit on sale of assets	182	
	(24,328)	(4,279)
<b>NOTE 9: DEPRECIATION</b>		
Vehicles	13,527	7,477
Office Equipment	730	1,072
	14,257	8,549
<b>NOTE 10: CASH</b>		
Cash on Hand	100	100
Cash at Bank - General	6,934	42,287
Investments 30/6/07	4,158	14,013
	11,192	56,400

**Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme**

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended 30th June 2006**

	<b>30th June 2007</b>	<b>30th June 2006</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>NOTE 11 : EQUIPMENT</b>		
<b>VEHICLES</b>		
Balance 1-7-06	63,057	71,336
Equipment - at cost	105,383	77,085
Sale value of Vehicle	(78,154)	(73,608)
(Loss)/Profit on Sale	(24,509)	(4,279)
Less Depreciation	<u>(13,527)</u>	<u>(7,477)</u>
	52,250	63,057
<b>OFFICE EQUIPMENT</b>		
Balance 1-7-05	2,143	940
Equipment - at cost	-	2,275
Sale value of Assets Sold	(182)	
Profit on Sale	182	
Less Depreciation	<u>(730)</u>	<u>(1,072)</u>
	<u>1,413</u>	<u>2,143</u>
	<u><u>53,663</u></u>	<u><u>65,200</u></u>

**NOTE 12: SUPERANNUATION**

The Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme is a member of the Local Government Superannuation Scheme. Membership of the scheme for staff is voluntary and an amount equal to 9% of wages or salaries is contributed to the scheme by the Council on behalf of its members.





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Dear Board Members

**STATEMENT OF AUDITORS INDEPENDENCE  
MURRAY MALLEE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEME – REGIONAL SUBSIDIARY**

In accordance with Regulation 16A Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1999 (as amended).

We confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme for the 2006/2007 financial year, we have monitored our independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for professional accountants, Section 290, the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 made under that Act.

Yours sincerely

**TREVOR D HIRTH  
PARTNER**

Dated this 31 day of October 2007