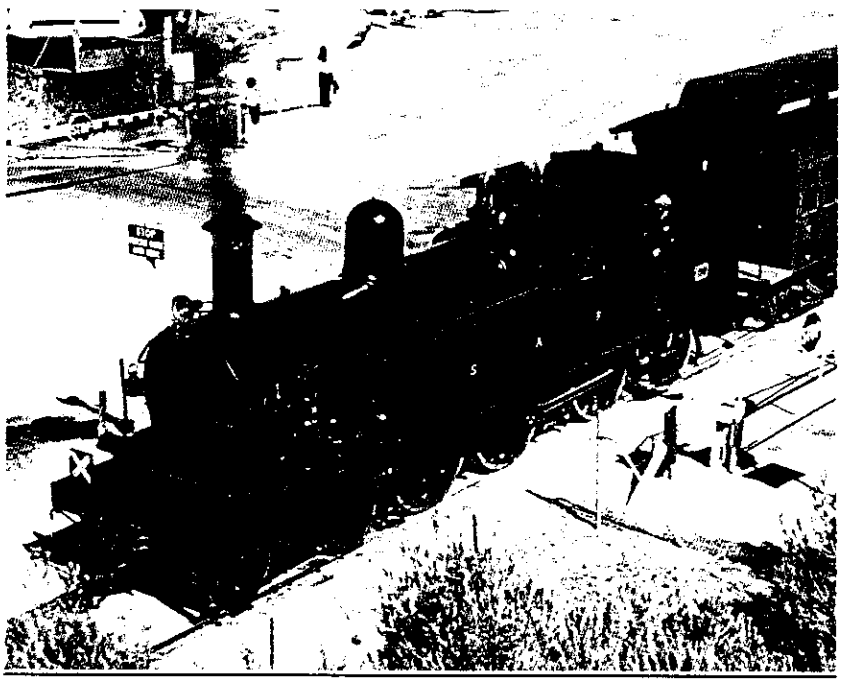
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Annual Report 2001/2002

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VISION STATEMENT

A visionary Council that embraces the needs of the community by protecting and enhancing:

- our natural environment
- lifestyles
- cultures and heritage

through positive economic, social, cultural and environmental initiatives.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is to provide visionary leadership and serve the local and wider community equitably with efficient and effective services in order to achieve our community's present and future needs.

Preserving the Past - Securing the Future

CORPORATE PLAN GOALS

1. Pro actively attract and facilitate appropriate economic development.
2. Preserve the natural environment through responsible management.
3. Deliver high quality and equitable community services.
4. Establish and maintain a high standard of infrastructure that meets community needs.
5. Provide clear and consistent planning processes to sustain the communities quality of life.
6. Provide open communication with the community

FROM THE MAYOR

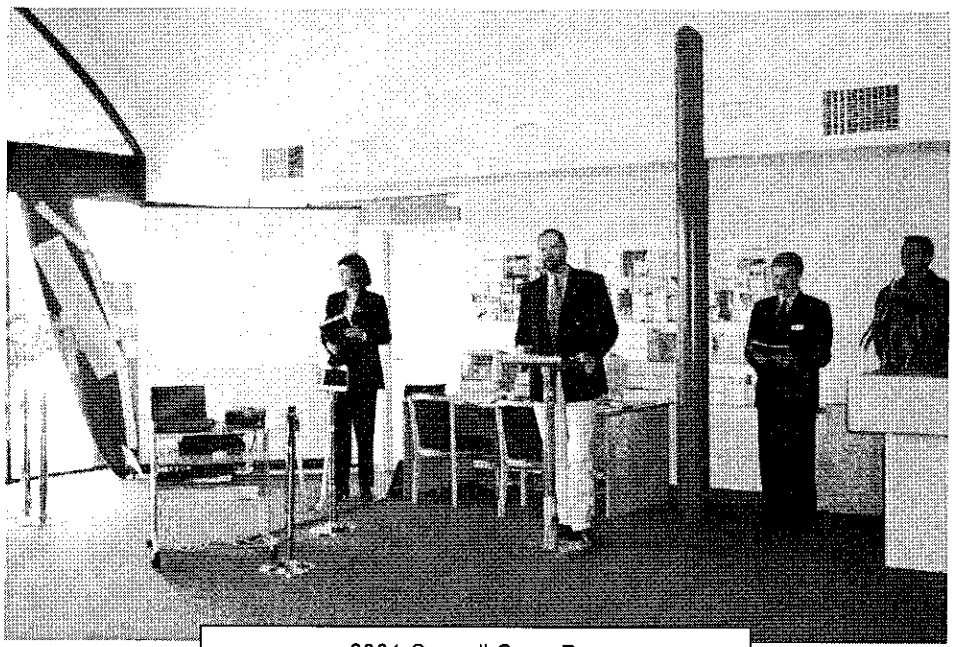
I am pleased to report the Alexandrina Council has completed another very successful year.

Elected Members and staff continue to operate as a united team which contributes greatly to performance and morale.

The completion of Council's 10 Year Strategic Infrastructure Plan, matched to its 10 Year Financial Plan has, after much hard work and discussion, set in place a milestone that lays a solid foundation for managing Council and community assets and infrastructure well into the future. This year Council has announced the redevelopment of the Goolwa Wharf Precinct which will be jointly funded by the State Government and Council; this project along with the anticipated upgrading of the Goolwa Library and Community Centre will provide additional value to Council and community assets.

I commend this Annual Report to you and wish to acknowledge the commitment from our Elected Members and staff who, in addition to our many volunteers, contribute in so many ways to make our community vibrant and strong and a great place to live, work and recreate.

Kind Regards
Mayor Kym McHugh



2001 Council Open Day

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

I commend the Annual Report of the Alexandrina Council to you.

This year has been a year of consolidation as we celebrate our 5th birthday. We have witnessed the completion of our 10 year financial plan linked to our Long Term Asset Renewal Strategy. This strategic approach will not only ensure our road construction and maintenance works will be undertaken in a planned and efficient manner but an overall strategic program has been developed for our other numerous service areas. Given the extensive work undertaken in these areas we have been included as one of 6 councils in South Australia to be involved in a local government pilot project which will have councils strategies and programs independently audited and assessed. This will be part of a 2 year project which will have implications for councils both in this State and Nationally.

Council continues to strive for customer service excellence and we will again be participating in the Customer Service Accreditation process by independent auditors.

The second year of out three year Corporate Plan will be implemented this year. Linkages have been made to our financial plans with quarterly reports being presented to council giving updates on the progress being made on our Action Plans. Details of these reports will be available from our offices and from our Web site.

We will continue to have our council meetings at various locations throughout our district, which has been enthusiastically supported by our community.
I would like to particularly recognise the important role the numerous community committees, groups and volunteers play in contributing to our community well being. Without their support and involvement we would not experience the quality of life we enjoy today.

The Elected Members and staff of the council are proud and committed to serving their community and we look forward with confidence to the challeges before us.

John Coombe
Chief Executive

COUNCIL OFFICES

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Whilst the principle office is at Dawson Street, Goolwa, Council still provides a full service at the Strathalbyn Office. This service provides general advice on Council and Community issues, processes rate payments, dog registrations, account enquiries and professional staff are available at Strathalbyn by appointment.

DISTRICT DETAILS

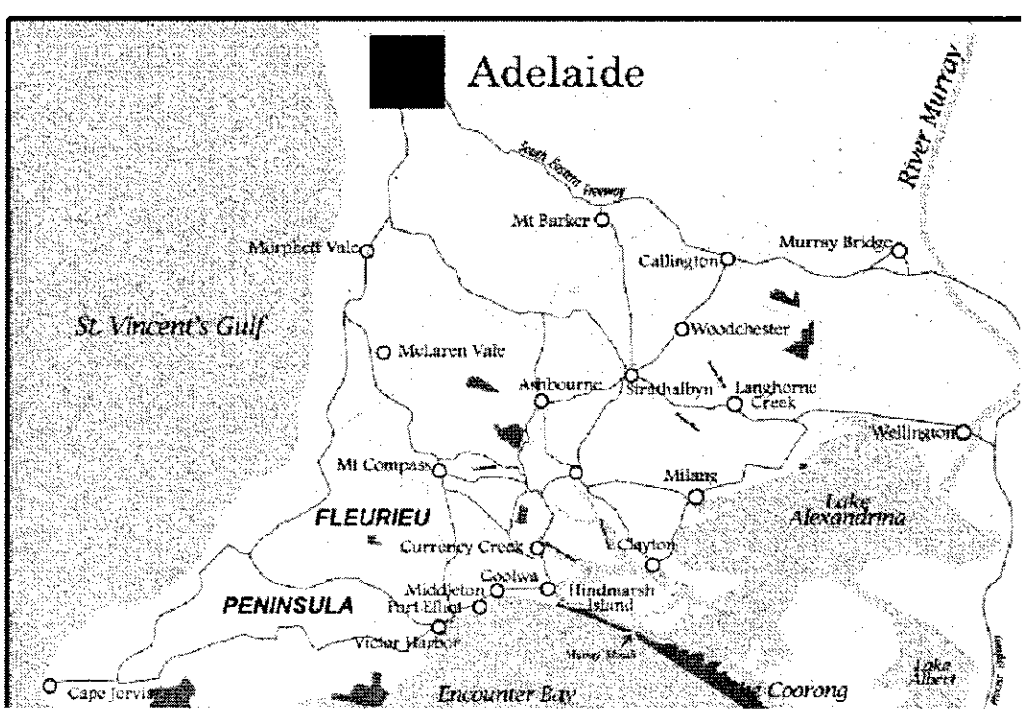
Area	167,711 ha
Estimated population	18,500
No. of rateable assessments	14,132
No. of Electors	18,668
No. of Councillors (Mayor elected at large)	10
Length of sealed road	424 kms
Length of unsealed local roads	951 kms

Major Industries:

Clipsal Manufacturing and Training Centre at Strathalbyn, saleyards and abattoirs, viticulture, general farming and dairying, tourism, primary production, fruit production, local manufacturing, flour mill, electrical engineering, boat building, furniture manufacturing.

Major Tourist Attractions:

Beaches, river, wine growing areas, Signal Point, Heritage Buildings, Cockle Train, Riverboats, surfing, fishing, swimming, sailboarding, South Coast Regional Arts Centre, Coastal walks, Boardwalks, Bike tracks, Community Festivals & Events, Wooden Boat Festival, Trout Farm, Whale watching.



ELECTED MEMBERS

Following the election held in May 2000, elected to the Alexandrina Council for the term of 16/5/2000 to 5/5/2003 were:

Mayor:

Mayor Kym McHugh

Elected Members:

Glenda Rosemary Connor	Nangkita-Ashbourne Ward
Geoffrey James Jarrett	Strathalbyn Ward
Judith Anne Woolford	Strathalbyn Ward
Terence William McAnaney	Angas-Bremer Ward
Roderick Roy Potter	Angas-Bremer Ward
Mary Elizabeth Beckett	Port Elliot - Middleton Ward
Geoffrey Neil Martin	Port Elliot - Middleton Ward
Barry Lionel Griffin	Currency Creek - Hindmarsh Island Ward
Leon Frank Tuckwell	Goolwa Ward
Peter Reedman	Sturt Ward

SENIOR OFFICERS

Chief Executive	John Coombe
Director Technical Services	David Banks
Director Corporate Services	Michael Shelley
Director Finance & Information Services	Kym Yeates
Director Environmental Services	Des Commerford

CORPORATE INFORMATION

Auditor	Dean Newbery & Partners
Bank	Bank SA
Solicitor	Lempriere Abbott and McLeod
Debt Collection	Collection House

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Ordinary meetings of the full Council are held alternately between Goolwa and Strathalbyn on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month.

The first Monday meeting comprises Corporate Services, Environmental Services and Council commencing at 1.30pm.

The third Monday meeting comprises Technical Services, Finance & Information Services and Council commencing at 4.30pm

All meetings are open to the public and Agendas and Minutes of meetings are on display and available on Council's web site for public inspection.

STAFF OVERVIEW

Council as at 30th June 2002 employed:

96 full time staff
13 permanent part time
19 casual staff

STRUCTURE & FUNCTION OF COUNCIL

The Administration includes the functional areas of Governance, Corporate Services; Environmental Services; Technical Services and Finance & Information Services.

CORPORATE SERVICES

This year Council in conjunction with the South Australian Community Housing Authority and Whalers Housing Co-operative Inc., were very pleased to open additional community housing units in Goolwa and Port Elliot.

Goolwa saw the opening of 10 units for aged and disabled members of our community. In Port Elliot, 11 units in total were commissioned for the aged and disabled members of our community. One of the units was specifically designed and constructed as a low allergenic unit. The Stationmaster's House was also included as part of the community housing project and refurbished to create a Respite House for carers within our community. This exciting project has received widespread community support with many groups and organizations donating significant items to furnish the house.

The Alexandrina Council Housing Association appointed Whalers Housing Cooperative Inc to manage all of the new units within the Council area.

The Alexandrina Council is happy with its partnership with the South Australian Community Housing Authority and looks forward to future joint venture projects.

In November Council undertook a Review of Transport Services in the Alexandrina Council district. The objectives of the report were to provide Council with an overview of:

- current transport services
- usage patterns of residents
- transport needs and gaps as identified by residents
- projected future needs

The report identified key transport issues for the district and made recommendations for addressing these issues.

This year saw the continuation of Council's Volunteer Committee who coordinated a successful Afternoon Tea in the Goolwa Centenary Hall in recognition for the valued contribution that all volunteers have made to our community. The Council's volunteer badge was launched at the Heritage Club during the National Volunteer Week and distributed to all volunteers.

As part of the celebrations for the Centenary of Federation, Council participated in the "Peoplescape Project" and used the services of local artist Norman Bence to coordinate a visual representation of Council's volunteers in its peoplescape figurine. Contributions were also provided by the communities of Mt Compass and Port Elliot.

Our Youth Week program of activities was a great success with many young people involved in the planning and running of a Film Festival. The Film Festival exhibited 8 youth films. Each film promoted young people and their contribution to the community in general. The Festival was totally organised by young people and all people attending enjoyed an evening hosted by youth.

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CORPORATE SERVICES
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Funding has been received to establish a Regional Youth Advisory Committee to encourage youth input in local and regional issues and decision making.

This year Council introduced a Recreation and Youth Sport Small Grants Scheme totalling $10,000. Grants were allocated to a number of needy organizations that encouraged youth sport participation.

Council allocated capital funding to purchase land adjacent to the Goolwa Sports Stadium to facilitate the future planning of other sporting activities including the development of a Skate Park.

Heritage Club – Aged Services

In February 2002 the Heritage Club Management Committee commissioned Collins Anderson to oversee a review of the Club and formulate a five-year Strategic Plan.
The Final Report was adopted by Council in early August.

Among the recommendations were:

- A facility committee be formed to investigate the feasibility of relocation due to the impact on services by the projected increase in residents over 65 years of age.
- Members, staff and community be consulted in the possibility of changing the name.
- Funding bodies be lobbied to fund a program coordinator's position.

The successful intergenerational program "GoolwaSkill" has been entered in the Youth Category for this year's National Awards for Local Government. Since it's conception over 100 youth and 40 volunteers have participated in this positive intergenerational program.

The fifth new and varied program offered to youth is to be launched in October 2002

In February 2002, the Heritage Club was accepted as one of six small agencies to take part in a pilot peer support group to prepare for national standards appraisals..
The Coordinator , Heather Grant, attended eight appraisal sessions on behalf of Alexandrina Council's Home And Community Care programs.(The Heritage Club and Strathalbyn Home Assist program) and the seven standards were met with a 50/50 score. Both programs will now prepare for external accreditation in 2005.

The Better Practice Programme, an initiative of Aged Care and Housing, is now being adopted by the Heritage Club for aged residents who don't wish to be part of the centre's programs.
This program encourages citizenship with aged people continuing to live a valued life within the community as opposed to those factors that lead to clienthood and dependency.
Volunteers are matched with the aged resident and assist them to maintain a normal life style within their own home and community.

Alexandrina Library Service

The Alexandrina Library Service completed its Business Plan in May 2002. Council formally endorsed this plan on 1st July 2002. The Business Plan was developed around the provision of library services for the Alexandrina Council area. It will act as a management tool for the implementation of Alexandrina Council's Corporate Objectives as they relate to library services. The plan sets out specific targets for service performance and outlines strategies to achieve these targets.

Key areas of the Business Plan included Customer Service and Service Delivery, Information Technology, Human Resources, Financial, Economic Development and the Marketing and Promotion of Services.

The year saw significant changes and improvements including:

- The Goolwa Library Management System was upgraded to a Windows based, Web enabled Public Catalogue and Management System in April 2002. The recommendation to select SIRSI's Unicorn system was based on outstanding performance in the following areas:
    - Functionality
    - High commitment to customer service
    - Service and support
    - References, and
    - Pricing
- The importance of the Alexandrina Library services to its total community was recognised with services at each service point i.e. Goolwa, Milang, Mt Compass, Port Elliot, Strathalbyn, Homebound and Web access being considered.
- A project was undertaken to investigate the need to provide a large flexible multi-purpose space for library services, administration and the community at the Goolwa Civic Centre. Following an extensive Community Consultation process during March – May 2002, Council endorsed an Infrastructure Financial and Library Community Centre Redevelopment Report in June 2002.
- A Joint Use Agreement group was established to work towards the establishment of a Joint Use Library Agreement between the Alexandrina Council and the Eastern Fleurieu 7-12 School at Strathalbyn.
- A review of the Alexandrina Library Service, carried out in 1998, highlighted the need for the Goolwa Public Library to open on Mondays. New opening hours at the Goolwa Public Library to include Monday opening commenced in September 2001.
- Homebound Services were extended to include the Milang area.
- A FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) booklet was developed to help customers with internet enquiries.
- As part of the Encounter 2002 celebrations, Lisette Flinders Petrie, Mathew Flinders' Great Great Granddaughter signed facsimile copies of "A Voyage to Terra Australia: undertaken [by Mathew Flinders in the years 1801, 1802 and 1803].
- Strathalbyn Community Library's extended and refurbished building continued to provide many benefits for members of the community. The installation of large signage and a prominent canopy draws attention to the entrance, with an attractive glass fronted foyer leading to the main library, which is newly painted in trendy blue shades.

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Alexandrina Library Service
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- Networks for You programs continued to be popular at both Strathalbyn and Goolwa Libraries. Library volunteers have been trained to run the training sessions at the local libraries, with Networks for You Regional Coordinators still acting as coordinators for the overall project.
- Public Access Internet PC's were upgraded from Unix to windows based software. This upgrade allowed customers to download documents via Adobe Acrobat and access the various PDF Community Consultation documents.
- In recognition of the International Year of Volunteers, His Worship the Mayor, Kym McHugh, hosted a special morning tea for Goolwa Library volunteers.

Human Resource Management

As part of Councils Quality Customer Service Protocols we developed a Performance Enhancement Program (P.E.P.) The aim of the Performance Enhancement Program is to improve individual and organisational performance through self-review and analysis of past performance followed by discussion and agreement on future development, goals and objectives.

The Performance Enhancement Program has been introduced throughout the Council.

Council has continued its strong commitment to Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare for all employees. The Occupational Health and Safety Committee has been extremely valuable and pro active in its role assisting Council in ensuring that all employees are provided with safe and healthy working conditions.

The Occupational Health Safety and Welfare Committee is made up of the following members;

- Director Corporate Services
- Councillor
- Goolwa Depot Representative
- Strathalbyn Depot Representative
- Office Safety Representative

The following members provide assistance to the Committee at meetings and in the discharge of responsibilities.

Works Superintendent
Works Overseer – Goolwa
Works Overseer – Strathalbyn
Parks and Gardens Supervisor
OH & S Administration Officer
OH & S Advisor (Local Government Association)

FINANCE AND INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The focus of the Department for the past twelve months has been assisting in the development of Councils ten-year Infrastructure plan.

This plan is fully costed and is linked to our Financial plan providing valuable guidance to future elected members in their decision making process.

Our I.T. focus has been directed on "disaster management" issues including restructuring of our server requirements and back up facilities, continued WEB development, printing review, new library systems, roll out of new software, and normal plant replacement.

It is most pleasing to also report the successful introduction of Elected Members to laptops, where online facilities have been available from their home to the office together with the production of electronic agendas.

Rates growth continues to be strong with high levels of building activity, continued expansion of our viticulture industry and development on Hindmarsh Island being at its peak. Additional revenue generated from these areas is being directed into service provision and expansion of asset renewal strategies.

Financially the Council continues to head in a strong financial position, with debt strategies updated regularly, asset renewal a priority and sensible rating supported by our elected members.

RATE REBATES- RETIREMENT VILLAGES

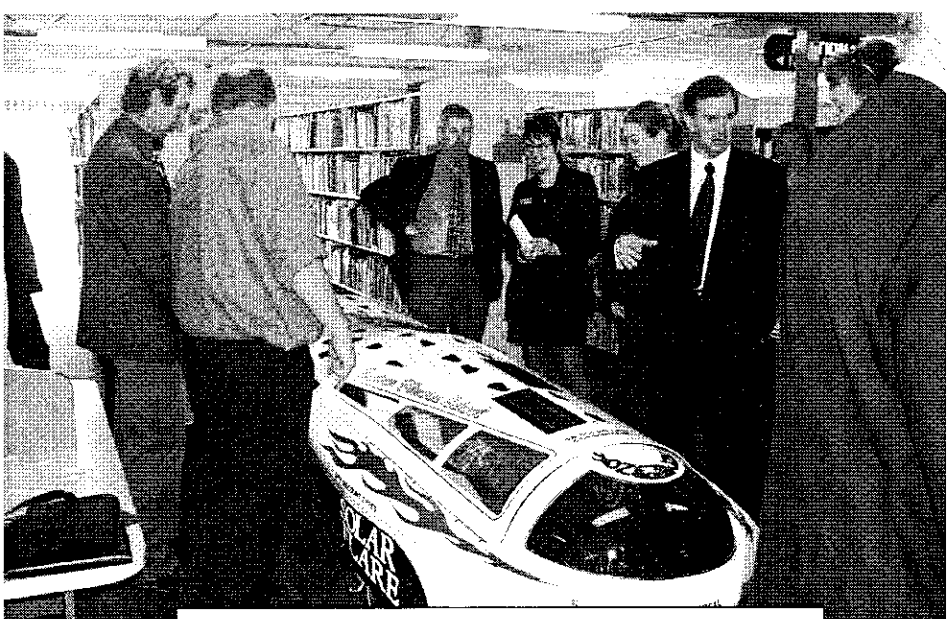
Council has not provided any organization with rate rebates over the past three years.

ALLOWANCES PAID TO MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND BONUSES ETC

Mayor	Maximum Allowance under Section 76 of the Local Government Act, 1999, and Regulations Number 245 of 1999. Motor vehicle for Mayoral duties Reimbursement expenses incurred on Council business.
Deputy Mayor	Maximum Allowance under Section 76 of the Local Government Act, 1999, and Regulations Number 245 of 1999. Reimbursement expenses incurred on Council business.
Councillors	Maximum Allowance under Section 76 of the Local Government Act, 1999, and Regulations Number 245 of 1999. Reimbursement expenses incurred on Council business

SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REMUNERATION

Chief Executive	Contract package Motor vehicle – full private use Telephone reimbursement for rental plus Council calls Superannuation
Directors of: ▪ Environmental Services ▪ Finance & Information Services ▪ Corporate Services ▪ Technical Services	Contract package Motor vehicle – full private use Telephone reimbursement for rental plus Council calls Superannuation



Eastern Fleurieu School
Winner 2002 World Solar Car Challenge

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Development Pressure

The average annual growth rate for the past twenty years, for the Alexandrina Council area, has been 6.1% with a total permanent population number over 22,000 expected in the next ten years. The most significant increases will occur in Middleton and Goolwa with each township experiencing an average annual population growth rate in excess of 10%. During the last two years some 600 new residential approvals were issued worth $58 million.

This unprecedented growth rate, particularly for the South Coast area of the council district, will result in the need for a review of housing density, type and location to ensure a balance between environmental protection of natural resources and retaining the open character of our coastal and riverside areas.

Council has commenced a review of all residential zones and is considering long term expansion options for Goolwa. A major constraint to development in the South Coast area is the provision of water and effluent disposal infrastructure. Townships within the Council area are not well serviced in sewer infrastructure and so the promotion of orderly infilling of vacant land and staged development is encouraged.

Good Residential Design

In association with the City of Victor Harbor, Alexandrina Council has reviewed design policies for housing through the resources of the internet, planning schemes and policies for select coastal areas in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia. The consistent approach to be taken will include:

- The scenic and visual qualities of coastal areas shall be considered and protected as a resource of public importance.
- Manage future urban development on the coast to minimize adverse impact.
- Promote new development within existing township boundaries.

Environmental Protection

The protection of natural resources should be the overriding priority of the community. To be "environmentally smart" will be the best legacy we can leave to the unborn generation. To achieve a committed approach to everything we do from storm water disposal to waste minimization in the home will ensure the place we enjoy today is better in fifty years time.

Council is adopting Ecological Sustainable Development (ESD) principles in all its operations and has appointed a Natural Resource Project Officer to assist with the process. The partnership with various community land care groups will continue including use of Green Corp programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
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Being Healthy

Environmental Health Unit has decided to expand on their current productive relationship with the community. There has always been a commitment to customer service with our commercial food premises, however the legislative changes have required further efforts to facilitate the transition into the new food laws. A brochure entitled "Hygienic food preparation and handling" has been developed to accompany a fact sheet on appropriate thermometers for use in a food premise. This information has been sent to all premises along with an indicator thermometer and a fridge magnet explaining the safe storage temperatures. Previous food safety publications have included a bi-monthly newsletter called "Food Safety News" and a series of stickers promoting correct practices in food handling and hygiene.

Other initiates are the collection and re-use of chemical drums through the DrumMuster program; mosquito trapping and control program undertaken during the mosquito season throughout the Council area; and ongoing commitment to eradicating European wasp nests; and the current availability of low cost compost bins to promote responsible waste management.

Heritage

This years Cultural Heritage Awards were the biggest ever. An amazing number of nominations were received from throughout the Council area. To those persons who received awards and commendations congratulations from Council and the Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee. To compliment the Awards the Department is planning a Built Heritage Bus Tour.

Councils Heritage Advisory Service is available to residents within heritage places throughout the Council area. Town centre plans, based on heritage protection are planned for Strathalbyn and Milang. This will compliment work already completed in Goolwa and Port Elliot. Council has commenced a study to review all heritage buildings in the district.

Rural Planning

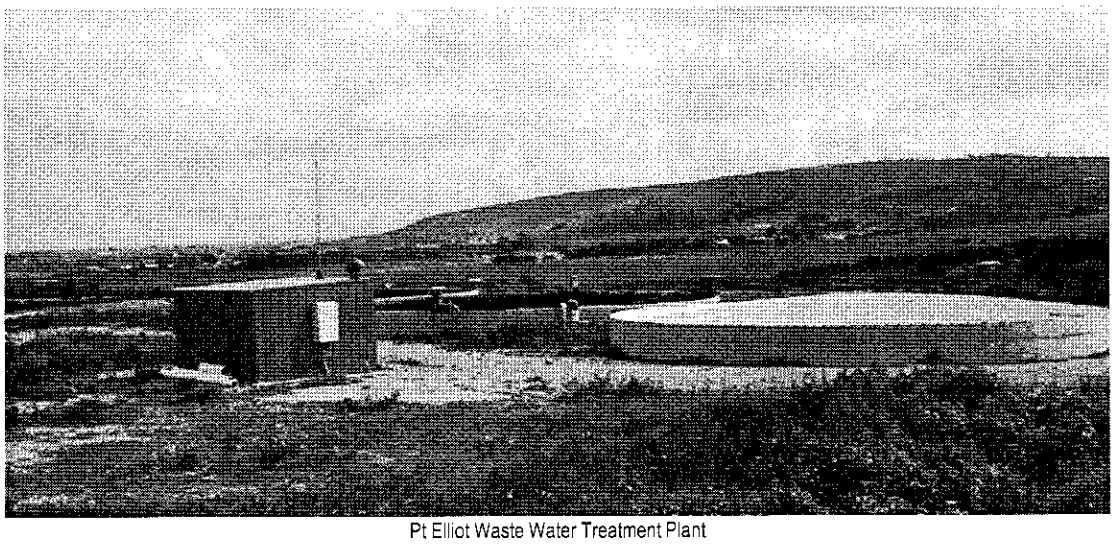
A review of the rural area and existing zones will commence in the next financial year. Particular emphasis will be placed upon the right to farm without undue impact from urban development. The protection of natural vegetation and other natural resources will be a priority of the review.

TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Asset management has been the catch cry for year 2000 – 2001. Infrastructure studies released over the last twelve months have highlighted the inability of Local Government to recognise and fund depreciating assets. Councils have been ever ready in the past to extend service levels and introduce new infrastructure without fully accepting the long term maintenance responsibilities associated with owning and operating millions of dollars of assets such as buildings, bridges and roads.

In accepting the challenge to identify these issues for the Alexandrina Council, the Technical Services Department has developed a ten year Infrastructure Plan that attempts to address most of the significant assets held by Council and more importantly ties the expenditure levels to the operating budget of Council. It became obvious during the process that the levels of expenditure required demanded an aggressive funding approach and accepted that programmes would need to be staged so as to minimize the financial impacts. Currently $2.5 million is set aside in the 2000 / 2001 budget for these items of concern with this figure rising to $5.5 million in todays terms by the year 2010 / 2011.

It is important to recognise that the Alexandrina Councillors have played a major role in auditing the asset depreciation assessment and adopting a ten year financial plan that will secure the funding into the future. The document is now a public document and is available on the Council website or on display at the libraries in Strathalbyn and Goolwa.



Pt Elliot Waste Water Treatment Plant

This year the STEDs department has seen a major boost with the employment of an electrical engineer adding to the expert operations team. Mr David Cross from Belvidere brings expertise of significant proportion to the group running the Council's water, sewerage and STEDs infrastructure. Mr Cross has now completed the development of the T2000, Council's very own Programmable Logic Controller. This controller has been built to service the forty pump stations controlled by Council and is Australian first technology with over 200 programmable options held within the controller.

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TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
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Given the potentially unreliable electricity supply to our towns, generators have been purchased and special plugs are being fitted to our key pump stations in each town so as to prevent effluent inundation of houses due to long term power failure.

The commissioning of the Port Elliot Sewerage Treatment Plant occurred in February 2002 and now clears the way for more intensive type development with selected parcels of land within Port Elliot. The Plant produces a class B irrigation water which will allow access for neighboring farmland holders facilitating more intensive crop use.

Council's allocation of $170,000 to the rising main for the supply of effluent water to the proposed Strathalbyn Racecourse Treatment Plant was integral in the club gaining federal funding for the implementation of the scheme. This development will allow for the diversion of approximately 30% of the towns effluent to the racecourse for the purpose of treatment, storage and reuse thus allowing for more cost effective irrigation methods and the extension of the training facilities at the track as well as the improved viability of the Club.

In what has proved to be a successful resolution of an ongoing issue all meters were replaced this year on the Finniss water scheme. The scheme had over the previous years lost substantial amounts of unidentifiable water use and was approaching insolvency. The new meters have resolved water use among the clients and the scheme will have a balanced budget from next year.

Management Plans for Community Land

Council is required to prepare management plans for all land owned or under the care and control of Council by 1st January 2005.

A register of community land has been prepared that identifies each land parcel and its current use and has been available for public inspection since January 2001.

Management Plans are to be the subject of Council's Public Consultation Policy and should include:

- Land identity and ownership
- Whether the land is subject to a dedication, reserve or other instrument of trust
- Purpose and use of land
- Performance targets
- Relativity to other plans affecting the property

A pro-forma Management Plan has been developed and is ready for use.

Goolwa Wharf Precinct has been the subject of a Management Plan and public consultation (April 2000).

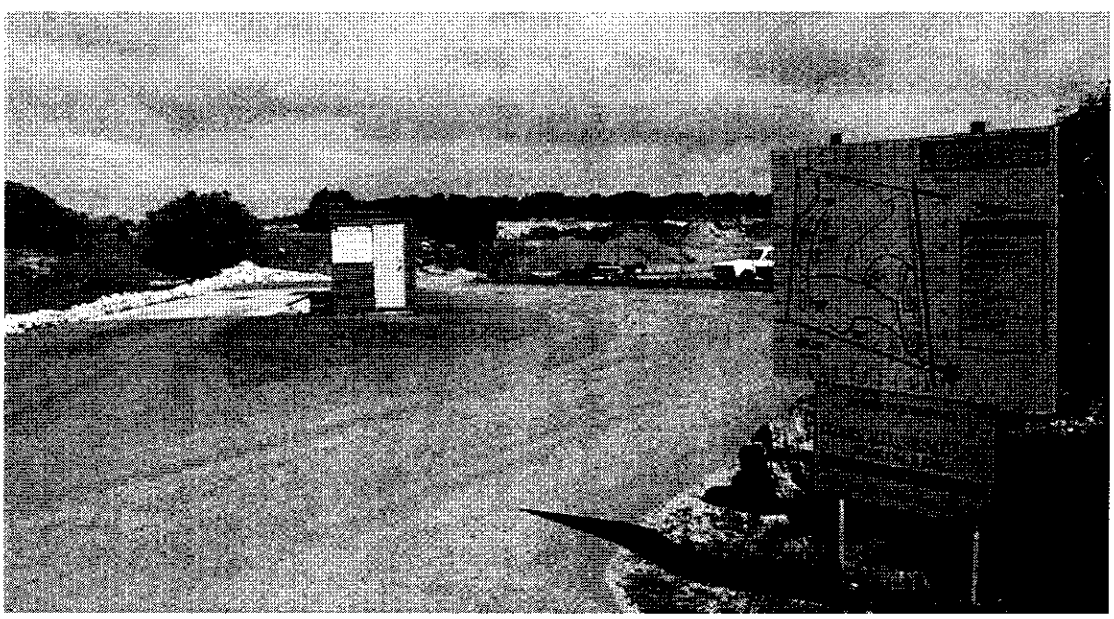
TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
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Exclusions:

A listing of properties have been identified for exclusion from the definition of Community Land where the property is subject to a lease or licence that gives exclusive occupation of the land to another party or is required for operational purposes. Land that is intended for sale or disposal by a long-term lease must also be excluded from Community Land.

The listing is the subject of Public Consultation closing Friday 11th October 2002.

Councils Built Asset Coordinator has completed the ten year building maintenance plans and presented such for Council adoption. These plans were adopted within the Infrastructure Plan and now supply guidance for the long term upgrade and maintenance of buildings under the care and control of Council. Over the next ten years it is envisaged that $1.8 million will be required to satisfy the recognized issues associated with these buildings. Council have adopted and encouraged staff to commit to a proactive policy of asset rationalization which nominates potential sites for change of care and control or outright change of ownership. This strategy will conform to the public consultation process and be an ongoing part of any rationalization process.



Goolwa Refuse Depot

The Alexandrina Council this year accepted back the care and control of the Goolwa Landfill. The Landfill had been run by contractors for some fifteen years and with the ever growing environmental demands on Council it was recognised that the issues associated with the Landfill needed to be dealt with through in-house control. Significant changes were introduced including the placement of a weighbridge. The change of management has been overwhelmingly accepted by the community with Council staff receiving deserved praise for their efforts in customer service and landfill tidiness.

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TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
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Garbage collection routes were finalised this year for the implementation of a complete collection service to all areas of the district. This does not necessarily involve a complete door to door collection but does in more isolated areas provide an ability for farm properties to have a weekly garbage collection service through the use of bin banks. This service was let to contract with significant savings against the previous collection method.



Strathalbyn Bikeway

From an operational point of view Council staff are ever increasingly aware of the issue of liability. This year has seen the introduction of a $140,000 footpath construction programme which has now been adopted to continue through the asset management strategy. The funding of footpath and bikeway maintenance and construction has now grown to $280,000 per year. Just as with footpaths minimum inspection standards need to be introduced for all assets so as to meet community expectations with regard to ability to use community assets.

Alexandrina Council were successful in receiving $160,000 of co funding for Stage 2 of the Goolwa North Drainage Scheme. These works involved the excavation of a catchment area and the building of wetlands in the Mark Lane reserves. The works were a result of the substantial flood event that occurred during December of 1992 and when completed will provide overland flood routes from Goolwa North into the catchment lagoons and then to the river.

Across the Technical Services budget maintenance continues to grow and will be the focus for ensuing years. Unsealed roads maintenance has grown dramatically over the last two years in an attempt to deal with the more intensive agricultural practices being adopted in the rural area. Next financial year will see the first years implementation of the Infrastructure Plan with a funding increase of $700,000 to the maintenance budgets of Council's assets.

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TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
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Goolwa North Drainage

TOURISM REPORT

Brochure Displays

Six brochure displays have been produced in the following towns : Port Elliot, Middleton, Mount Compass, Milang, Clayton and Langhorne Creek. The aim of developing the brochure displays has been to provide an outlet for brochures in the towns that do not have visitor information centres. The displays have been established in community based buildings as well as local tourism based businesses.

The displays feature the Alexandrina Council visitor guide, the Fleurieu Visitor Guide as well as brochures of tourism operators within that town.

Strathalbyn Information Bay

The Council along with the Strathalbyn Lakes & Tourist Association have worked in conjunction to develop a visitor information bay on the Mount Barker entrance to the town. The information bay features three large panels consisting of a history profile of the town, a large map and a list of tourism related businesses.

Mount Compass Interpretive Sign

The Council along with the Mount Compass Tourism Group have successfully completed the development of an interpretive sign in the centre of town. The interpretive sign features a clear map of the town and the surrounding Mount Compass District. The Mount Compass Tourism & Produce Trail is highlighted on the map.

Wooden Boat Festival

Planning for the forthcoming South Australian Wooden Boat Festival is well underway. The committee have attended three boats shows : Sydney Classic Boat Show, Melbourne Boating Industry Boat Show and the Adelaide Boating Industry Boat Show. The 2003 festival will feature a new logo and promotional material, which has been developed over the last 12 months. A new range of festival merchandise has also been developed. A new festival website has been developed which has currently had in excess of 20,000 hits.

The festival has been fortunate to secure $22,500 in funding through the South Australia Tourism Commissions Regional Festivals & Events Grant. This contribution is for a two year period for the marketing and promotion of the festival to the interstate and overseas wooden boatie market.

Jacob's Creek Tour Down Under

The Jacob's Creek Tour Down Under passed through the Alexandrina Council area during two stages of the Jacob's Creek Tour Down Under. The town of Strathalbyn were fortunate to receive the finish of stage 3, 16th of January 2002. It proved to be a fantastic day for Strathalbyn. Council received excellent support from Mario & Thelma Ielasi from Strathalbyn who co ordinated the local community to be involved.

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The race passed through Ashbourne, Currency Creek, Goolwa, Middleton and Port Elliot on stage 4, Friday the 18th of January. A sprint finish took place in Goolwa.



Unveiling of HS817 Rotor Blade & Plaque

Classic Adelaide

The Classic Adelaide Car Rally passed through the Alexandrina Council area on two occasions. A lunch stop was held within the Goolwa Wharf Precinct on Friday the 19th of October. The drivers and crew had lunch on the Murray River Queen. On Sunday the 21st of October the rally stop in Dawson Street Strathalbyn for a drinks stop.

Middleton Interpretive Sign

The Council along with assistance from the Middleton Town & Foreshore developed an interpretive sign next to the arts & craft centre on the main road. The sign features a large clear map of the town with a short history profile.

150th Anniversary Goolwa – Port Elliot Railway

The 18th of May 2004 will mark the 150th Anniversary of the first recorded operation of the Goolwa – Port Elliot Railway. The Council along with support from the local community have developed committees in the towns of Goolwa, Middleton and Port Elliot to work towards activities and celebrations to mark this historic occasion.

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A steering committee has been developed to oversee this project. This committee comprises of representatives from, SteamRanger, National Railway Museum, Goolwa National Trust, Port Elliot National Trust, South Australia Tourism Commission, Southern Alexandrina Business Association, Armfield Slip and Alexandrina Council.

Encounter 2002

The Alexandrina Councils involvement with the Encounter 2002 celebrations focussed on Port Elliot on Sunday the 7th of April 2002. Alexandrina's activities at Port Elliot varied from Tug of War to a Street Parade, Croquet Demonstrations, Petanque Demonstrations, Lookout Opening, stage performances and the visit by the tall ships.

The Port Elliot Committee promoted the day as "Where they Met" meaning Port Elliot as the closest celebration to where the explorers actually met.

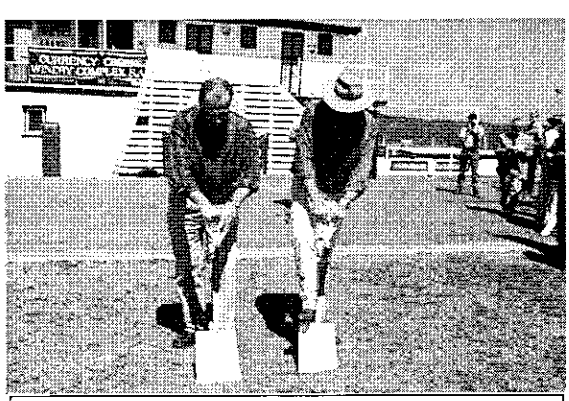
An estimated attendance number to Port Elliot on the day ranged from 3,000 to 6,000 people. The day was heralded as a huge success by visitors and the local community.

International Year of Eco Tourism

The Coorong National Park was fortunate to host the national launch of International Year of Eco Tourism. A contingent of approximately 150 guests travelled via three cruise operators from Mundoo Channel on Hindmarsh Island to Godfrey's Landing in the Coorong.

Some of the key representatives at the launch included : Jo Hockey (Federal Tourism Minister), Martin Hamilton – Smith (SA Tourism Minister at the time), Bill Spurr (Chief Executive South Australia Tourism Commission), Sorrell Wilby (Presenter on Channel Nine's Getaway Program) and Kym Mc Hugh (Mayor Alexandrina Council).

The day was a huge success.



Sod Turning – Goolwa Wharf Redevelopment

LISTING OF CODES OF CONDUCT OR PRACTICE

Code of Conduct for Elected Members and Staff
Code of Practice for Access to Council Documents, Council Committees & Council Meetings

LIST OF REGISTERS

Register of Primary Interest – Elected Members

Register of Ordinary Interest – Elected Members

Register of Allowances & Benefits – Elected Members

Register of Remuneration, Salaries & Benefits – Employees

Register of by-laws

Register of Public Roads



Presentation of Volunteer Badges
Goolwa KESAB Tidy Towns Groups

Periodic Review
(Section 12 of the Local Government Act 1999)

A report on the review undertaken by Council in respect to its future size, composition and ward structure in June 2002.

1. Introduction

The provisions of Section 12 of the Local Government Act 1999 require Council to undertake a review of its size, composition and ward structure, at least once every six (6) years, so as to ensure the fair and adequate representation of the electors within the Council area.

The Alexandrina Council formally commenced its review in November 2000 with the publication of public notices in "The Advertiser", "Southern Argus" and "The Times" and "The Courier" newspapers, as well as the South Australian Government Gazette. Council has subsequently given due consideration to all matters relevant to the review and, at its meeting on Monday 3rd June 2002, indicated its support, in principle, for a proposal to amend its composition and current ward structure.

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Sections 12(7) and (8) of the Local Government Act, aims to provide interested members of the community with details pertaining to the proposal being considered by Council, and the matters which were taken into account in the formulation of the proposal. Council will accept written submissions in respect to this report, and the proposal detailed herein, until the close of business on Friday 5th July 2002.

Upon expiration of this public consultation period, any person who has made a submission to Council will be afforded the opportunity to appear personally, or by representation, before Council, or a committee thereof, to be heard in respect to his or her submission. Following the hearing, Council will make its final decisions in relation to the review, and convey its decisions (in the form of a written report) to the Electoral Commissioner, for consideration and assessment.

2. The Proposal

2.1 Composition

It is proposed that the future Council comprise eleven (11) Councillors. The Mayor will be the twelfth and principal member of the Council.

2.2 Ward Structure

The elected members of Council have indicated their preference for the Council area to be divided into five (5) wards, with three (3) of the proposed wards each being represented by two (2) Councillors, one (1) of the proposed wards being represented by one (1) Councillor, and the remaining ward being represented by four (4) Councillors (total of 11 Councillors).

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The boundaries of the proposed wards are briefly described hereinafter, and are depicted on the map provided in Appendix A.

Ward 1: The existing Strathalbyn Ward.

Ward 2: Ashbourne–Goolwa Road, Deep Creek Road, and the northern boundary of the existing Port Elliot-Middleton Ward.

Ward 3: Ashbourne–Goolwa Road, Deep Creek Road, and the northern boundary of the existing Currency Creek-Hindmarsh Island Ward.

Ward 4: The existing Port Elliot – Middleton Ward.

Ward 5: The boundaries of the existing Port Elliot-Middleton and Currency Creek-Hindmarsh Island Wards.

3. Assessment Criteria

Section 12(8) of the Local Government Act 1999 requires that, when undertaking a review, Council take into account the principles in Section 26 and the matters referred to in Section 33 of the Act.

Section 26 requires Council have regard to a miscellany of principles, the most relevant of which are as follows.

- A Council should reflect communities of interest of an economic, recreational, social, regional or other kind, and be consistent with community structures, values, expectations and aspirations.

- The importance within the scheme of local government to ensure that local communities within large council areas can participate effectively in decisions about local matters.

- Residents should receive adequate and fair representation within the local government system, while over-representation in comparison with councils of a similar size and type should be avoided (at least in the longer term).

The provisions of Section 33 are particularly relevant to the review, as they specifically relate to ward quotas. In brief, Section 33 requires that the following matters must be taken into account, as far as practicable, in the formation of a proposal that relates to the boundaries of a ward or wards.

- The desirability of reflecting communities of interest of an economic, social, regional or other kind.

- The population of the area, and of each ward affected or envisaged by the proposal.

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- The topography of the area, and of each ward affected or envisaged by the proposal.

- The feasibility of communication between electors affected by the proposal and their elected representatives.

- The nature of substantial demographic changes that may occur in the foreseeable future.

- The need to ensure adequate and fair representation while at the same time avoiding over-representation in comparison with councils of a similar size and type should be avoided (at least in the longer term).

- The elector ratio within a ward (ie the number of electors represented by a Councillor) must not vary from the average ward quota for the City (ie total number of electors within the Council area divided by the number of Councillors) by more than **10%**. Compliance with this principle will serve to uphold the democratic philosophy of "one person, one vote, one value".

4. Council Considerations

4.1 Public Submissions

At the completion of the first prescribed public consultation period, Council had received seven (7) formal submissions, six (6) of which expressed support for the continued division of the Council area into wards. It was also suggested that Hindmarsh Island become a ward.

The remaining submission supported the abolition of the ward structure and the introduction of "Area Councillors".

Council has given due consideration to these submissions and ultimately resolved, in principle, that:

- the Council area should continue to be divided into wards, so as to ensure representation of various sections of communities (in particular the rural community), and to provide clearly identifiable lines of communication between these communities and Council;

- eleven (11) Councillors provides an appropriate level of representation, given the close relationship between the elected members and their constituents and local community groups; the vast size and physical characteristics of the Council area; and the existing workload of the elected members; and

- the office of Mayor has served the Council and the community well and, as such, is preferred to that of the alternative (a "Chairperson").

4.2 Legislative Provisions

4.2.1 Quota

The following table provides the elector numbers in each of the wards within Council's **existing** ward structure, as at February 2002. This data was derived from the State House of Assembly Roll and Council's Supplementary Voters Roll.

The data presented indicates that five of the existing seven wards (ie Nangkita–Ashbourne, Strathalbyn, Angas-Bremer, Currency Creek-Hindmarsh Island, and Sturt) exhibit elector ratios which breach the specified 10% quota tolerance limit prescribed under Section 33(2) of the Local Government Act. As such, the existing ward structure cannot be retained in its current form.

Table 1: Electors Numbers - Current Ward Structure (February 2002)

Ward	Crs	Electors	Elector Ratio	% Variance
1	1	2,181	1:2,181	+11.0
2	2	3,266	1:1,633	- 16.9
3	2	3,382	1:1,691	- 13.9
4	2	3,658	1:1,829	- 6.9
5	1	2,509	1:2,509	+27.7
6	1	2,116	1:2,116	+ 7.7
7	1	2,541	1:2,541	+29.3
Total	10	19,653		
Average			1:1,965	

Ward Schedule: Nangkita-Ashbourne (1); Strathalbyn (2); Angas-Bremer (3); Pt Elliot - Middleton (4); Currency Creek-Hindmarsh Island (5); Goolwa (6) and Sturt (7).

Council has, throughout the course of the review, sought to identify a new and/or amended ward structure that purports a better, more equitable distribution of the current and future elector numbers. The data presented in Table 2 indicates that Council's proposed ward structure complies with the quota principle; and allows for the expected significant increase in elector numbers in the relevant parts of the Council area.

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Table 2: Elector Numbers - Proposed Ward Structure

Ward	Crs	Electors	Elector Ratio	% Variance
1	2	3,266	1:1,633	- 8.6
2	1	1,920	1:1,920	+7.4
3	2	3,643	1:1,822	+1.9
4	2	3,658	1:1,829	+2.4
5	4	7,166	1:1,792	+0.3
Total	11	19,653		
Average			1:1,787	

Council is aware that elector numbers change considerably as a consequence of on-going (daily) amendments to the voter's rolls. As such, the elector data will continue to be reviewed (throughout the remaining stages of the review process) so as to ensure the accuracy thereof.

4.2.2 Population Projections and Demographic Trends

Council is aware that:

- the number of electors on the House of Assembly Roll has increased significantly (1,853 or 16.4%), and consistently, over the period August 1997 - April 2002;
- the above growth in elector numbers has occurred in similar numbers (226 – 309 or 11.7% to 24.0%.) within all wards;
- future residential opportunities within the Council area include the north-west portion of Hindmarsh Island (proposed residential and country living zones) and at North Goolwa;
- a further 500 residential allotments could be created in the next 2 – 3 years (total of 1,100 allotments) in the Marina Hindmarsh Island, wherein and the dwelling development rate is expected to be approximately 100 dwellings per annum for the next 8 years;
- approximately 500 additional allotments can be created within the Residential (Golf Course) Zone at Strathalbyn; and
- the primary growth centres within the Council area are Middleton, Goolwa, Port Elliot, Strathalbyn and, to a lesser degree, Milang.

It is evident from the above information that considerable growth in population (and therefore elector numbers) is expected to occur within the coastal communities, and in the western part of Hindmarsh Island. Accordingly, the proposed ward structure has been developed to accommodate this predicted growth.

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4.2.3 Communities of Interest

The provisions of Sections 26 and 33 of the Local Government Act require that, when forming proposals which relate to boundaries of a ward, Council must take into account (as far as practical) the desirability of reflecting communities of interest of an economic, social, regional or other kind.

Alexandrina Council comprises rural, residential, commercial, industrial and foreshore precincts. Care has been taken to ensure that, where possible, these land use precincts have been maintained (in their entirety) within the bounds of a proposed ward, taking into account the features of the landscape and/or urban development. In order to achieve this, Council has aimed to maintain entire suburbs within wards.

4.2.4 Size and Composition of Council

Council believes that eleven (11) Councillors provides an appropriate level of representation, taking into account the physical characteristics of the Council area; the size and area of the proposed wards; the existing workload of the elected members in the chamber; likely future growth in elector numbers; the desire to maintain close and strong working relationships between the elected members and their constituents and/or local community groups; and the need to provide adequate lines of communication with the community.

4.2.5 Comparison with other Councils

Sections 26 and 33 of the Local Government Act seek to achieve adequate and fair representation while, at the same time, avoiding over-representation in comparison with Councils of a similar size and type.

The comparison of Councils is a difficult exercise, given that no two Councils are identical in terms of size, population, topography, communities of interest and/or land use. Notwithstanding this, Tables 3 and 4 present, for comparison purposes only, information pertaining to the composition, size and elector ratio of a range of outer metropolitan/regional Councils, and several of the smaller metropolitan Councils, as at April 2002. Elector ratio is determined by dividing the total number of electors within the City by the number of ward Councillors.

There are only a handful of Councils that are of a similar size (in terms of elector numbers) to Alexandrina Council. Council believes that the proposed level of representation (and therefore the elector ratio) is appropriate when compared to the elector ratios exhibited by these Councils.

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Table 3 - Elected Member and Elector Data
Various Rural and Regional Councils (April 2002)

Council	Councillors	Electors	Ratio
Pirie Regional	12	13,215	1:1,101
Barossa	13	15,558	1:1,196
Victor Harbor	10	12,232	1:1,223
Murray Bridge	9	14,112	1:1,568
Alexandrina*	**11**	**19,653**	**1:1,787**
Whyalla	8	15,027	1:1,878
Mount Barker	10	18,844	1:1,884
Mount Gambier	8	17,172	1:2,146
Adelaide Hills	12	30,472	1:2,539

Table 4 - Elected Member and Elector Data
Various Small Metropolitan Councils (April 2002)

Council	Councillors	Electors	Ratio
Gawler	10	14,217	1:1,422
Prospect	10	16,151	1:1,615
Alexandrina*	**11**	**19,653**	**1:1,787**
Norw'd/Payneham	15	32,134	1:2,142
Adelaide	8	19,717	1:2,464
Holdfast Bay	12	30,500	1:2,541
Unley	12	31,845	1:2,653
Burnside	12	35,678	1:2,973

4.2.6 Topography

Alexandrina Council covers approximately is expansive (1,800kms^2), with a large (relatively lightly populated) rural sector; exhibits coastal settlements wherein 60% of the electors reside (approximately 50% alone in Port Elliot, Middleton and Goolwa); and contains ten (10) long established, independent townships and many other smaller rural communities, which are of varying sizes (elector numbers), widely dispersed, and exhibit different characters. It is considered that the ward structure presented herein befits and accommodates these topographical features of the Council area.

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4.2.7 Communication

Council believes that the proposed ward structure and level of representation therein will provide an appropriate communication network for interaction between the community and elected members of Alexandrina Council.

5. Summary

In November 2000 Alexandrina Council initiated a review of its composition and ward structure, in accordance with the provisions of Section 12 of the Local Government Act. The review process required Council to assess and identify the most appropriate elector ratio for the Council area; and to develop a ward structure that it believes will ensure fair and adequate representation of the electors within the local community for the next six (6) years.

Since commencing the review Council has undertaken a six week public consultation process, and given due consideration to all relevant matters.

At its meeting on the 3rd June 2002, Council resolved to support (in principle) a proposal to:

- retain the office of Mayor;
- increase the number of ward Councillors from ten (10) to eleven (11), which effectively establishes an elector ratio of approximately 1:1,787; and
- continue to divide the Council area into wards.

Council further agreed to present its proposed future ward structure to the community, for consideration and comment.

It should be noted that Council will not make any formal decisions in respect to the review, until it has considered any submissions that may be received during the prescribed second public consultation period. Any amendments that may be formally adopted by Council at the completion of this review will be put into effect before the Local Government elections in May 2003.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Sections 12(7) and (8) of the Local Government Act, and seeks to provide interested members of the public with information pertaining to the review (to date). The provisions of Section 12(8) of the Local Government Act also require that Council enter into a second public consultation period (three weeks) at this time.

Public notice was given providing any person who makes a submission will be afforded the opportunity to address Council, at a future date, in respect to his or her submission.

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Council's preferred ward structure has been recommended in September 2002 to the State Electoral Commissioner for approval.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

2nd July 2001	Goolwa Football Club
23rd July 2001	Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council 26th June 2001
20th August 2001	Oscar 'W' Refit
3rd October 2001	Licence to Operate a Sail Boat Hire Hindmarsh Island Hall
15th October 2001	Rates Collections 2001-2002 Port Elliot Oval
3rd December 2001	Purchase Land Extension – Glendale Grove, Goolwa (c) Goolwa Beach Kiosk Re-development (d) (ii) Goolwa Port Elliot Football Club Use of Facilities (e) Currency Creek Township Review
17th December 2001	Currency Creek Township Review Library Management System for Alexandrina Library Service Goolwa Library and Council Administration Precinct Redevelopment Minutes of the Waste and Machinery Committee Meeting Australia Day Citizen, Young Citizen and Community Event of the Year Nominations.
21st January 2002	Goolwa Sail Hire – Status of Operation, Goolwa South Foreshore Enterprise Bargaining – A.W.U. Update
4th February 2002	History Alive Ratepayer Enquiries Elected Member Workshop 31st January 2002
18th February 2002	Non-Disclosure Agreement
4th March 2002	Land Purchase Port Elliot Drive In Site
18th March 2002	Feasibility Estimate Port Elliot Drive In Site Special Meeting of Council 4th March 2002 Goolwa Wharf Redevelopment

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS
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22nd April 2002	Tender for Septic Tank Pumpout – Strathalbyn & Milang Townships
21st May 2002	Extension of Lease Period M & E Fluri – Review of Council Decision Extension of Lease – Middleton Institute Hall
3rd June 2002	Port Elliot Drive In Goolwa Skate Park Signing & Sealing of Directors Contracts
17th June 2002	Cleaning Contract No 2 – Strathalbyn/Milang/Clayton/Langhorne Creek

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Nil applications for the provision of information under the Freedom of Information legislation were received during the year.



Children enjoying activities at the Goolwa Library

ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL RATING POLICY/STATEMENT 2001-2002

Introduction

This document sets out the policy of the Alexandrina Council for setting and collecting rates from its community.

The policy covers:-

- method used to value land;
- adoption of valuations;
- business impact statement
- Councils revenue raising powers
- Differential general rates;
- minimum rate;
- service charges;
- water charges;
- water catchment levy (the Council's collection role);
- pensioner and retirees concessions;
- unemployed persons concessions;
- payment of rates;
- late payment of rates;
- sale of land for non-payment of rates;
- remission and postponement of rates; and
- rebate of rates.
- disclaimer

Strategic Focus

In setting its rates for the 2001/2002 financial year the Council has considered the following:-

- Its current corporate plan, *Alexandrina Council – Corporate Plan 2001-2004*, which was adopted in 2001 and will be reviewed in 2004. The strategic corporate plan was developed following an extensive series of public meetings and community consultation with local businesses, community groups and interested citizens.

- The current economic climate in which the major factors are unemployment prospects generally, inflation, high growth and interest rates.

- The specific issues faced by our community, which are:

  - the need over the next ten years for a significant capital works program to replace and upgrade infrastructure assets which were constructed in the 1950's;

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- the identification and review of all Council assets;
- improvement of library facility access;
- the development of new aged care facilities; and
- the development of sport and recreation centres and other programs for the youth of the area;

- The budget for the 2001/2002 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 (refer section on General Rates); and
  - minimising the level of general rates 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 2001/2002 financial year the Council has decided to increase the rates by 3% above inflation (other than adjustments resulting from the five-year equalisation program) to offset the cost of rate instalment legislation. A general growth in property values of approximately 11% residential and .08% rural, together with the added value of new development will provide the Council with sufficient additional revenue to meet cost increases.

The strategic management plans and the Council's budget are available for inspection at:-

Alexandrina Council Administration Centre
16 Dawson Street
GOOLWA SA 5214

Alexandrina Council Office
1 Colman Terrace
STRATHALBYN SA 5255

Alexandrina Council Library
Dawson Street
GOOLWA SA 5214

Strathalbyn Community Library
Callington Road
STRATHALBYN SA 5255

With data available on Councils Web site www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au

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

Mr John Coombe
Chief Executive
Alexandrina Council
PO Box 21
GOOLWA SA 5214
or
Email: johnc@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

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 rating policy. The policy must be available at the principal office of the Council and a summary version must be distributed with the rates notice. This policy is available for inspection at contact locations listed on page 2

Method Used to Value Land

The Council may adopt one of three valuation methods 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; and
- *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 considers that this method of valuing land provides the fairest method of distributing the rate burden across all ratepayers on the following basis:-

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- the equity principle of taxation requires that ratepayers of similar wealth pay similar taxes and ratepayers of greater wealth pay more tax than ratepayers of lesser wealth;

- property value is a relatively good indicator of wealth, and capital value, (which closely approximates the market value of a property) provides the best indicator of overall property value; and

- the distribution of property values throughout the Council area is such that few residential ratepayers will pay significantly more than the average rate per property.

Adoption of Valuations

The Council has adopted the most recent valuations available from the Valuer-General as at the 6th July 2001. If you are dissatisfied with the valuation made by the Valuer-General then you may object to the Valuer-General in writing, within 60 days of receiving this notice of the valuation, explaining the basis for the objection - provided you have not: (a) previously received a notice of this valuation under the Local Government Act, 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:-

Office of the Valuer-General
GPO Box 1354
ADELAIDE SA 5001
Email: objections@saugov.sa.gov.au

Phone: 1300 653 345

The Council has no role in the valuation review process. **It is important to note that the lodgement of an objection does not change the due date for payment of rates.**

Notional Values

Certain properties may be eligible for a notional value under the Valuation of Land Act 1971. 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. Valuation Services have during 2000/2001 undertaken a comprehensive audit of notional value eligibility, which has affected 456 properties. 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. In considering the impact, Council will be assessing or has assessed the following matters:

- Council consultations with the local branch of the Farmers' Federation.
- Those elements of the Council's strategic management plans relating to business development:
    - The Economic Development and Tourism Plan; and
    - The Regional Development Plan
- The equity of the distribution of the rate burden – apart from the decision to provide a differential rate for primary production properties and urban fringe properties, 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.
- Council's proposed policy on facilitating local economic development:
    - The Business Incentive Project, where Council is assisting in the start-up of local businesses;
    - The Business Training and Development Project, where the Fleurieu Regional Development Corporation facilitates the provision of seminars and workshops that enhance the capacity of local businesses to provide quality goods and services for domestic and export markets; and
    - Preference for local suppliers where price, quality and service provision are comparable to suppliers outside the Council area;
    - Information from the Australian Bureau of Statistics on business and farm incomes, compared with average resident incomes
- 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. The major concern is the continued limited employment prospects for school leavers and other persons currently unemployed. The prospect is good for a continuation of a low rate of inflation and low interest rates.
- Changes in the valuation of business and primary production properties from the previous financial year. Generally, property values are relatively stable except in Hindmarsh Island and properties with water views, with only average increases recorded in valuation in most cases. However, there is evidence that the value of viticulture properties is increasing at a faster rate than other properties and the Council will undertake research in the coming financial year to examine whether income from viticulture is keeping pace with the increase in property value. This has already commenced through the review of the Valuation of Land Act.
- Specific Council projects for the coming year that will solely or principally benefit businesses and primary producers – Council employs a part time Economic Development Officer in addition to the FRDC to research the local economy and provide support and assistance to local associations and individual businesses in the Council area.

- Specific infrastructure maintenance issues that will solely or principally benefit businesses and primary producers – Council will be:
  - Upgrading the pavement structure and sealing a number of rural roads as a result of increases in farm production in the dairying and viticulture sectors;

  and
  - Encouraging the constructing of additional off-street parking facilities to reduce congestion in main streets and improve the turnover of parking availability to assist local businesses.

Council's Revenue Raising Power

All land within a Council area, except for land specifically exempt (e.g. Crown Land, 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 2.

Rating Equalisation

The 1997amalgamation of the District Council of Pt Elliot and Goolwa, District Council of Strathalbyn and Part A of the District Council of Willunga brought about the merging of three widely differing rating strategies.

Council has developed an alignment model, which bring similar rating types together over a prescribed period with full alignment being achieved by the year 2003. This will further be reviewed after that date for minor amendments. Full details are contained within the 2001/2002 Budget document.

General Rates

All land within a council area, except for land specifically exempt (e.g. crown land, council occupied land and other land prescribed in the Local Government Act – refer Section 168 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.

At its meeting of July 6th, 2001 the Council decided to raise rate revenue of $9,413,000 in a total revenue budget of $15,321,900. As a result of this decision the Council has set differential general rates as set out in this document to raise the necessary revenue.

Minimum Rate

The Council has decided to impose a minimum rate of $390, which will affect 4,349 (30%) of rateable properties. The minimum rate is levied against the whole of an allotment (as defined in the Act) and only one minimum rate is levied against two or more pieces of adjoining land (whether separated by a road or not) if they are owned by the same owner and occupied by the same occupier. The reasons for imposing a minimum rate are:-

- the Council considers it appropriate that all rateable properties make a contribution to the cost of administering the Council's activities; and
- the Council considers it appropriate that all rateable properties make a contribution to the cost of creating and maintaining the physical infrastructure that supports each property.

Differential General Rates

The Alexandrina Council recognises the wide variety of lifestyles that are represented within our district. To reflect this diversity, the Council has adopted three rating categories, which are identified by "locality" as defined by planning zone and land use.

These are:-

- *Urban* – Properties which are located within townships as defined by Councils Development Plan and which ratepayers generally enjoy full access to a higher level of service provision;

- *Urban Fringe* – Properties that are located in proximity to the townships, with semi-rural character and enjoying access to most of the services provided to town residents. The Council has assessed the reduced level of available services for Urban Fringe properties at approximately 10% and consequently the rates have been set at 90% of the urban rate in the dollar, subject to the rate equalisation process resulting from the amalgamation; and

- *Rural* – Council recognises the economic and social importance of primary production to the district, and to support the long term viability of this group, also allows benefit of the "rural" rate to properties which are used for primary production but which are located in Urban and Urban Fringe areas. Council has assessed the reduced level of available services for rural properties and consequently the rate in the dollar for these properties has been set at between 70% and 80% of the Urban rate, subject to the rate equalisation process resulting from the amalgamation. Ratepayers within the old Willunga area pay an additional 5% in rates beyond those levels to offset their special recycling collection pickup. Generally land in this category is classified on the basis as being:-

    - the land tends to be remote from many of the services provided by Council in townships;
    - most rural properties do not receive a door to door waste collection or recycling service, but do have access to a collection service;

- most rural properties do not have footpaths or street lighting; and
- most rural properties are served by gravel, rather than sealed roads.

There are 9,411Urban properties,1605 Urban Fringe properties and 3493 Rural properties within the Council area with rates payable being apportioned at 56%, 8% and 36% respectively.

Land use and locality are factors jointly used to levy differential rates. If a ratepayer believes that a particular property has been wrongly classified as to its land use, then they may object (to the Council) to that land use within 21 days of being notified. A ratepayer may discuss the matter with our Rates Officers, on 85557041 in the first instance. The Council will provide, on request, a copy of Section 156 of the Local Government Act which sets out the rights and obligations of ratepayers in respect of objections to a land use.

The objection must set out the basis for the objection and details of the land use that should be attributed to that property. The Council may then decide the objection as it sees fit and notify the ratepayer. A ratepayer also has the right to appeal against the Council's decision to the Land and Valuation Court. Objections to the Council's decision may be lodged with Mr John Coombe, Chief Executive, Alexandrina Council , PO Box 21,Goolwa,S.A. 5214. **It is important to note that the lodgement of an objection does not change the due date for payment of rates.**

Declared Rating levels adopted were:

Declaration of Rates for the Year Ending 30th June 2002

Council declares the following rates on the capital value differentiated by reference to locality and land use at its meeting on the 6th day of July 2001 as follows:-

1. Urban

1.1 For rateable land in the following zones delineated in the Alexandrina Council Development Plan as:-

- Residential
- Residential (Goolwa)
- Residential (Strathalbyn)
- Residential (Milang)
- Residential (Golf Course)
- Residential (Mount Compass)
- Industry
- Industrial
- Light Industry
- Light Industrial
- Home Industry

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- Tourist Accommodation
- Tourist Commercial
- Local Centre
- District Centre
- Country Township (Langhorne Creek)
- Waterfront (Sections 183, 213 to 325, 331 & 447 Hd Alexandrina)
- Local Centre
- Country Township (Clayton)
- Town Centre (Mount Compass)
- Historic Conservation - Centre
- Historic Conservation - Residential
- Historic Conservation - Tourism Accommodation
- Historic Conservation - Coastal
- Historic Waterfront
- Centre
- Centre Conservation
- Commercial
- Centre (Goolwa)
- Recreation (Goolwa)
- Urban Waterfront

A differential rate of 0.4818 cents in the dollar of capital value of rateable land with land
use categories 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9 as described in the Local Government (Land Use)
Regulations.

2. Urban Fringe

2.1 For rateable land in the following zones delineated in the Alexandrina Council Development Plan as:-

- Rural Living (Strathalbyn District) Policy areas 7,8,9
- Future Urban

A differential rate of 0.4336 cents in the dollar of capital value of rateable land with land use categories 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9 as described in the Local Government (Land Use) Regulations.

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2.2 For rateable land in the following zones delineated in the Alexandrina Council Development Plan as:-

- Rural Living (Port Elliot Goolwa District)
- Rural Fringe
- Country Living
- Rural (Deferred Urban)
- Rural Waterfront (Hindmarsh Island)
- Residential (Hindmarsh Island)
- Holiday House (Hindmarsh Island)
- Residential Marina (Hindmarsh Island)
- Conservation (Hindmarsh Island)
- General Farming (Hindmarsh Island)

(a) A differential rate of 0.4336 cents in the dollar of capital value of rateable land with and use categories numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9 and described in the Local Government (Land Use) Regulations and that lies predominantly within a proclaimed township boundary.

(b) A differential rate of 0.4119 cents in the dollar of capital value of rateable land with land use categories numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9 as described in the Local Government (Land Use) Regulations and that lies predominantly outside a proclaimed township boundary.

3. Rural

3.1 For all rateable land in the Willunga (OM) district as delineated in Map ALEX/68 of the Alexandrina Council Development Plan:-

A differential rate of 0.3971 cents in the dollar of capital value of rateable land

3.2 For all other land in the Alexandrina Council District which is not described in categories 1 (Urban) and 2 (Urban Fringe) or 3.1(Rural ex Willunga) a differential rate of 0.3730 cents in the dollar of capital value

Minimum Rate

A minimum amount by way of general rates of $390.00 is fixed in respect of rateable land in accordance with section 158 of the Local Government Act 1999

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Service Charge

The Council provides a septic tank effluent disposal system to properties in portions of the townships of Strathalbyn, Goolwa, Pt Elliot, Pt Elliot (Waterport), and Milang.

The full cost of operating and maintaining these Schemes for this financial year is budgeted to be $970,400. This includes setting aside $279,100 for depreciation costs for the future replacement of infrastructure of the schemes. The Council will recover these costs through the imposition of service charges of $138.00, $200.00, $190.00, $226.00 and $242.00 respectively for each occupied unit and $104.00, $150.00, $143.00, $170.00 and $182.00 respectively for each unoccupied unit.

Where the service is provided to non-rateable land, a service charge is levied against the land.

Details on what constitutes a 'property unit', and other information about the scheme, are available from our Rates Officers or Environmental Health/STEDS Officer on 85557000.

Water Schemes

The Council operates three water schemes located in Clayton, Langhorne Creek and Finniss. The full cost of operating these schemes amounts to some $122,800 in 2001/2002 including a depreciation allowance of $53,000.Charges adopted for the year are:-

1. Clayton Water Scheme

(a) A charge of $167.00 for properties connected to the scheme with an additional charge of 83.5 cents per kilolitre for consumption in excess of 200 kilolitres per year.

(b) A charge of $121.00 for properties to which the water service is available, but not connected.

2. Langhorne Creek Water Scheme

(a) A charge of $99.00 for properties connected to the scheme within the township of Langhorne Creek, with an additional charge of 72 cents per kilolitre for consumption in excess of 138 kilolitres.

(b) A charge of $224.00 for properties connected to the scheme outside the township to Langhorne Creek with an additional charge of 72 cents per kilolitre for consumption in excess of 138 kilolitres.

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3. Finniss Water Scheme

A basic user charge of $300.00 for properties connected to the scheme (which includes a special $150 per meter deficit levy) with an additional charge of $2.09cents per kilolitre for consumption.

Water Catchment Levy

Portion of the Council is in the Angas Bremer Water Catchment well area. No ratepayer funding is required under the Water Resources Act to fund the operations at present.

Pensioner Concessions

An eligible pensioner may be entitled to a rebate on Council rates and water and effluent charges where applicable. Application forms, which include information on the concessions, are available from the Council at the contact locations listed on the first page. They are also available from SA Water Corporation and its District Offices or the Department of Human Services.

An eligible pensioner must hold a Pension Card, State Concession Card or be a T.P.I. Pensioner. They must also reside at and be responsible for the payment of rates on the property for which they are claiming a concession.

Applications are administered by the State Government. Payment of rates should not be withheld pending assessment of an application by the State Government as penalties apply to unpaid rates. A refund of rates will be paid to an eligible pensioner if Council is advised that a concession applies and the rates have already been paid.

Self Funded Retirees

This is a new concession available from the 1st July 2001 and 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 towards Council Rates. In the case of couples, both must qualify, or if only one holds a State Seniors Card, the other must not be in paid employment for more than twenty hours per week. If you have not received a concession on your rates notice or would like more information please contact the Revenue SA call centre on 1300 366 150.

Unemployed Persons Concession

The Department of Human Services may assist with the payment of Council rates for your principal place of residence (remissions are not available on vacant land or rental premises). Please contact your nearest Department of Human Services office for details.

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Payment of Rates

Rates can be made by single payment (due by 1st September) or by paying their rates off over four quarters. This year the first instalment must be paid by the 1st September 2001, with subsequent instalments due on 1st December 2001, 1st March 2002 and 1st June 2002. Council will send out instalment notices to ratepayers advising them of their next instalment due day at least 30 days prior.

Rates may be paid:-

- At any Post Office in Australia;
- by telephone, by using the BPAY service through participating banks or phoning DEFT Payments Systems on 1800 672 162;
- by mail by posting to PO Box 21, GOOLWA SA 5214; or
- in person, at the Council offices:-

Alexandrina Council Administration Centre
16 Dawson Street
GOOLWA SA 5214
Or
Strathalbyn Office
1 Colman Terrace
STRATHALBYN SA 5255

During the hours of 9.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday with the exception of the Strathalbyn Office which is closed for lunch daily between 12.30pm and 1.30pm. EFTPOS facilities are available for payments.

Council will not accept telephone payments at our Council Office.

Any ratepayer who may, or is likely to, experience difficulty with meeting the standard payment arrangements is invited to contact our Rates Staff, on 85557041 to discuss alternative payment arrangements. Such inquiries are treated confidentially by the Council.

Late Payment of Rates

The Local Government Act requires that Councils impose a penalty of a 2% fine on any payment for rates, whether instalment or otherwise, that is received late. The purpose of this penalty is to act as a genuine deterrent to ratepayers who might otherwise fail to pay their rates on time, to allow Councils to recover the administrative cost of following up unpaid rates and to cover any interest cost the Council may incur because it has not received the rates on time. Rates remaining unpaid will be charged interest each month at a rate prescribed in the Act

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The Council may at its discretion remit penalties for late payment of rates where ratepayers are experiencing genuine hardship.

The Council issues a final notice for payment of rates when rates are overdue i.e. unpaid by the due date. Should rates remain unpaid more than 21 days after the issue of the final notice then the Council may refer the debt to a debt collection agency for collection. The debt collection agency charges collection fees that are recoverable from the ratepayer.

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

- first – to satisfy any costs awarded in connection with court proceedings;
- second – in payment of debt collection costs;
- third – to satisfy any interest costs
- fourth – in payment of any fines imposed;fifth – in payment of rates, in chronological order (starting with the oldest amount owing)

Remission and Postponement of Rates

Section 182 of the Local Government Act permits the Council, on the application of the ratepayer, to partially or wholly remit rates or to postpone rates, on the basis of hardship. Where a ratepayer is suffering hardship in paying rates he/she is invited to contact our Rates Staff, on 85557041 to discuss the matter. Such inquiries are treated confidentially by the Council.

Rebate of Rates

The Local Government Act requires Councils to rebate the rates payable on some land. Specific provisions are made for the 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.

Council also rebates rates to community organisations that encourage, enhance and foster the well being of our community, especially the youth and aged.
Enquiries can be made through the Director of Finance on 8555 7000.

Sale of Land for Non-Payment of Rates

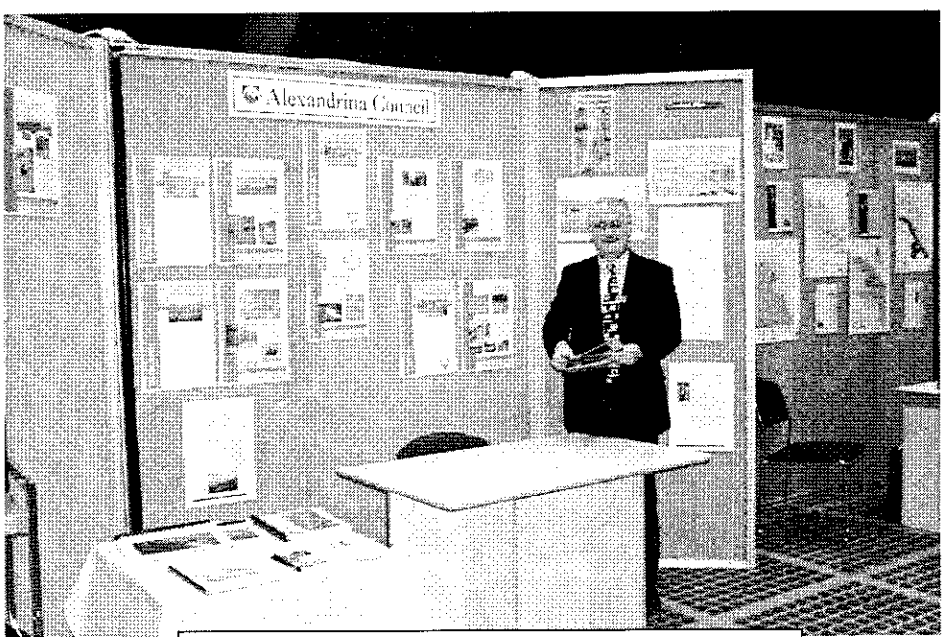
The Local Government Act provides that a Council may sell any property where the rates have been in arrears for three years or more. The Council is required to notify the owner of its intention to sell the land if payment of the outstanding amount is not received within one month, and must provide the owner with details of the outstanding amounts.
Except in extraordinary circumstances, the Council enforces the sale of land for arrears of rates and a copy of the Council's policy is available from Rates staff on 85557041 or by writing to Alexandrina Council, PO Box 21, GOOLWA SA 5214.

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Hindmarsh Island Bridge Act
Levies and contributions payable under this Act for persons affected will commence from the 1st of July 2002 however contributions for bulk one-off payments may be made prior to this date. Full details on this issue will be released prior to the levy being raised.

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

Where a ratepayer believes that the Council has failed to properly apply this policy it should raise the matter with the Council. In the first instance contact our Rates Officers on 85557041 to discuss the matter. If, after this initial contact, a ratepayer is still dissatisfied they should write to Mr John Coombe, Chief Executive, Alexandrina Council, PO Box 21, GOOLWA SA 5214.



Alexandrina Council's Stand
Local Government Open Day

ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL
Operating Statement for the year ended 30th June 2002

	Notes	2002 $	$	2001 $
OPERATING REVENUE				
Rates - General	3	9,413,110		8,186,432
Rates - Other	4	925,576		840,320
Statutory Charges		575,093		387,099
User Charges		623,735		351,544
Operating Grants and Subsidies	5	1,157,306		1,108,055
Investment Income		215,049		353,199
Reimbursements	6	207,999		267,590
Net Gain on Disposal of Non Current Assets		362,687		
Income from Commercial Activities		294,629		164,764
Other Revenue	7	317,721		404,063
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE			**14,092,904**	**12,063,066**
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Employee Costs	8	4,851,666		4,101,789
Contractual Services		2,624,007		2,305,615
Materials		1,764,998		1,309,545
Finance Charges	9	514,406		474,775
Depreciation	10	3,694,974		3,427,475
Loss of Revaluations				
Net Loss on Disposal of non Current Assets				44,745
Other Expenses	11	1,320,778		1,596,823
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES			**14,770,828**	**13,260,767**
Operating Deficit Before Capital Revenues			**(677,925)**	**(1,197,701)**
CAPITAL REVENUES				
Capital Grants, Subsidies and Monetary Contributions	12	1,219,690		409,089
Physical Resources Received Free of Charge	13	1,113,515		-
			2,333,205	**409,089**
Operating Surplus after Capital Revenues and before Abnormal and/or Extraordinary Items			**1,655,280**	**(788,612)**
Abnormal Items				
Extraordinary Items				
NET SURPLUS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS			**1,655,280**	**(788,612)**

This Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL
Statement of Financial Position as at year ended 30th June 2002

	Notes	2002 $	$	2001 $
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash	14	1,548,671		1,163,109
Receivables	15	1,124,618		690,031
Land Held for Resale	16	400,000		400,000
Inventory	17	62,364		50,630
Investments	18	3,278,000		2,500,000
Other	19	-		1,517
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS			6,413,652	4,805,287
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Overdraft				
Creditors & Provisions	20	2,019,905		1,923,384
Loans	21	776,747		1,136,054
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES			2,796,652	3,059,438
Net Current Assets			**3,617,000**	**1,745,849**
NON-CURRENT ASSETS				
Receivables		-		-
Land	22	19,032,328		18,873,790
Buildings	23	12,785,597		12,899,077
Infrastructure	24	90,233,791		89,107,292
Equipment	25	3,239,937		2,805,140
Furniture & Fittings	26	986,684		1,090,904
Other	27	2,020,581		1,494,177
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS			128,298,919	126,270,380
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Creditors & Provisions	28	483,060		407,133
Loans	29	7,222,598		5,305,726
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			7,705,658	5,712,859
NET ASSETS			**124,210,261**	**122,303,370**
EQUITY				
Accumulated Surplus		98,393,473		97,998,425
Reserves		25,816,788		24,304,945
TOTAL EQUITY			**124,210,261**	**122,303,370**

This Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL
Statement of Changes in Equity for year ended 30th June 2002

	Notes	2002 $	$	2001 $
ITEM				
Accumulated Surplus				
Balance at Beginning of Period		97,998,425		98,790,759
Change in financial position resulting from operations		1,655,280		(788,612)
Transfers from reserves		2,205,402		1,474,483
Transfers to reserves		(3,465,634)		(1,478,205)
Balance at End of Period			**98,393,473**	**97,998,425**
Asset Revaluation Reserve				
Balance at Beginning of Period		22,455,722		2,288,119
Transfers to Reserve				
- Revaluation Increment		251,611		20,524,059
Transfers from Reserve		-		(356,456)
Balance at End of Period			**22,707,333**	**22,455,722**
Common Effluent Drainage Reserves				
Balance at Beginning of Period		1,341,369		1,432,592
Transfers to Reserve		1,053,358		934,535
Transfers from Reserve		(1,844,217)		(1,025,758)
Balance at End of Period			**550,510**	**1,341,369**
Water Scheme Reserves				
Balance at Beginning of Period		107,444		111,314
Transfers to Reserve		98,849		77,225
Transfers from Reserve		(85,683)		(81,095)
Balance at End of Period			**120,610**	**107,444**
Boating & Riverfront Development Reserves				
Balance at Beginning of Period		216,528		83,952
Transfers to Reserve		2,124,235		347,331
Transfers from Reserve		(200,868)		(214,755)
Balance at End of Period			**2,139,895**	**216,528**
Halls & Library Reserves				
Balance at Beginning of Period		12,360		7,290
Transfers to Reserve		7,951		13,154
Transfers from Reserve		(6,240)		(8,084)
Balance at End of Period			**14,071**	**12,360**
Other Reserves				
Balance at Beginning of Period		171,522		210,353
Transfers to Reserve		181,241		105,960
Transfers from Reserve		(68,394)		(144,791)
Balance at End of Period			**284,369**	**171,522**
TOTAL EQUITY			**124,210,261**	**122,303,370**

This Statement should be read in conjunction with accompanying notes.

ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL
Statement of Cash Flow for year ended 30th June 2002

	Notes	2002 $	$	2001 $
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		**Inflows/ - Outflows**		
RECEIPTS				
Receipts		13,122,283		11,665,255
Interest Received		215,049		352,640
Goods and Services Tax Collected		194,545		162,211
Goods and Services Tax Remitted		681,272		636,630
PAYMENTS				
Payments		(10,378,598)		(9,111,229)
Interest on Loans		(514,406)		(457,348)
Goods & Services Tax Paid		(938,139)		(696,298)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	31		**2,382,006**	**2,551,861**
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
RECEIPTS				
Loans Received		2,693,000		1,593,131
PAYMENTS				
Principal on Loans		(1,135,435)		(741,271)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY/(USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES			**1,557,565**	**851,860**
CASH FLOW FROM OTHER ACTIVITIES				
RECEIPTS				
Capital Grants/Subsidies/Contributions		1,219,690		668,532
Sale of Assets		1,185,649		806,132
PAYMENTS				
Purchase of Assets		(5,181,349)		(4,597,180)
NET CASH USED IN OTHER ACTIVITIES			**(2,776,010)**	**(3,122,516)**
NET INCREASE IN CASH HELD			**1,163,561**	**281,205**
CASH AT BEGINNING OF REPORTING PERIOD			**3,663,109**	**3,381,904**
CASH AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD	31		**4,826,670**	**3,663,109**

This Statement should be read in conjunction with accompanying notes.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements have been prepared according to Australian Accounting Standards and the requirements of the Local Government Act. The financial statements have also been prepared on the basis of historical costs and do not take into account changing money values, or, except where stated, current valuations of Non-Current Assets. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.
The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Council in the preparation of the financial statements.

(a) THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTING ENTITY

All funds through which the local government controls resources to carry on its functions have been included in this financial report, including the following Committees constituted under Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1999:

1) Riverport of Goolwa Authority
2) Port Elliot Institute
3) Armfield Slip and Shed
4) Strathalbyn Tourist Information Centre
5) Wooden Boat Festival

In the process of reporting on the local government as a single unit, all transactions and balances between those Funds (for example, loans and transfers between funds) and committees have been eliminated in full.

Trust Funds

The Council holds funds for the Basham Beach Trust.

As the Council performs only a custodial role in respect of these monies, and because the monies cannot be used for council purposes, they are not brought to account in the financial report, but are shown in Note 35.

(b) ACQUISITION OF ASSETS

The cost method of accounting is used for the initial recording of all acquisitions of assets. Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration 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.

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

(c) REVALUATION OF NON-CURRENT ASSETS

Land and Buildings were revalued to their fair value being current cost less accumulated depreciation as at 1st July 1998. The net revaluation increments were added directly to the accumulated surplus.

All other non-current assets, other than receivables, land held for resale and investments, were revalued to their fair value being current cost less accumulated depreciation at the date of each general revaluation of the property within the Council area. The last such revaluation was at 1st July 2001. Revaluation increments were added directly to the asset to the asset revaluation reserve

Current cost with an asset, means the lowest cost at which the gross service potential of that asset could be obtained in the normal course of operations

Revaluations do not result in the value of non-current assets exceeding the net amount expected to be recovered through the net cash inflows arising from their continued use and subsequent disposal ("recoverable amount")

(d) DEPRECIATION OF NON-CURRENT ASSETS

All non-current assets having a limited useful life are systematically depreciated over their useful lives in a manner which reflects the consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets. Land is not a depreciable asset.

Depreciation is recognised as follows;

(a) Straight Line method depreciation

Buildings	25-50 Years
Office Furniture and Fittings	10 Years
Computers	3 Years
Office Electrical Equipment	5 Years
Minor Equipment	5-10 Years
Library Bookstock	4-7 Years
Water Tanks & Storage	
Bridges	
Footpaths	
Kerbing	
Road Pavement - Sealed	
Road Pavement - Pavement Structure	
Road Pavement - Earthworks	
Common Effluent Treatment Plant	
StormWater Drainage	

(b) Units of Useage

Major Equipment

(e) NON-CURRENT ASSETS CONSTRUCTED BY THE COUNCIL

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 plant operating costs. Direct labour costs include an overhead component to cover leave and other employment costs.

(f) 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, have been measured at their nominal amount.

Long service leave entitlements payable after one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for these entitlements.

Contributions are made by the Council to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme and are charged as expenses when incurred.

(g) INVESTMENTS

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

(h) LAND HELD FOR RESALE

Land bought for development valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes the cost of acquisition, development and finance charges. Interest and other holding costs incurred after completion are recognised as expenses.

Revenue arising from the sale of property is recognised in the operating statement as at the time of signing a binding contract of sale.

(i) LEASES

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

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

(j) RATES, GRANTS, DONATIONS AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

Rates, grants, donations and other contributions are recognised as revenues when the Council obtains control over the assets comprising the contributions. Control over assets acquired from rates is obtained at the commencement of the rating period or, where earlier, upon receipt of the rates. Control over granted assets is normally obtained upon receipt or upon prior notification that a grant has been secured.

The Local Government Act provides Councils with powers which make the collection of all delinquent rates probable and no provision is made for uncollectables.

Where contributions 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 nature and amounts pertaining to those undischarged conditions are disclosed in Notes 5 and 12. These Notes also disclose the amount of contributions recognised as revenues in a previous reporting years which were obtained in respect of the Council's operations for the current reporting period.

(k) CASH

For 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-day basis, net of outstanding bank overdraft. Cash deposits that are made for a period of less than twelve months are included as cash.

(l) ACTIVITY BASED COSTING

The council has introduced "activity based costing principles" during the subject accounting period, which has distributed administrative costs (in various function areas) throughout the whole organisation. The application of these costs will for the first financial year distort comparisons between the current and previous financial years

NOTE 2(a) DEPARTMENTS/ACTIVITIES OF THE ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL
REVENUES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS/ACTIVITIES

	Governance		Corporate Services		Environment Services		Technical Services		Finance & Information Technology		Total	
	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001
	$000	$000	$000	$000	$000	$000	$000	$000	$000	$000	$000	$000
EXPENSES	1,528	721	2,336	2,461	1,527	2,079	8,668	7,219	766	984	14,825	13,464
REVENUES												
Grants	566	0	289	274	39	175	951	520	432	474	2,277	2,009
Other	175	0	582	422	693	615	976	737	11,772	9,458	14,198	11,232
Total	741	0	871	696	732	790	1,927	1,257	12,204	9,932	16,475	13,241
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS											1,655	(789)
ASSETS	5,318		9,645	11,344	163	3,655	116,360	110,978	3,227	5,098	134,713	136,393

ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for year ended 30th June 2002

	2002 $	$	2001 $
NOTE 3:			
RATES - GENERAL			
Rates - General is made up:			
General Rates	9,467,482		8,187,271
Less Rates Remitted	74,214		25,078
Less Rates Donated	1,276		1,191
Less Doubtful Debt Expense	3,039		712
		9,388,954	8,160,290
Rates Fines Income	24,803		27,158
Less Fines Remitted	647		1,016
		24,156	26,142
Total		**9,413,110**	**8,186,432**
NOTE 4:			
RATES - OTHER			
Rates - Other is made up:			
Special Rates;			
Port Elliot Common Effluent Drainage	146,199		133,505
Less remitted rates			
sub-total		146,199	
Goolwa Common Effluent Drainage	339,350		310,602
Less remitted rates	11		192
sub-total		339,339	
Waterport Common Effluent Drainage	28,768		27,940
Less remitted rates			
sub-total		28,768	
Strathalbyn Common Effluent Drainage	238,640		218,400
Less remitted rates			
sub-total		238,640	
Milang Common Effluent Drainage	73,781		72,840
Less remitted rates			
sub-total		73,781	
Water Rates			
Clayton Water Scheme	64,130		57,062
Langhorne Creek Water Scheme	14,778		12,526
Finniss Water Scheme	19,942		7,637
sub-total		98,849	
Total		**925,576**	**840,320**

	2002 $	$	2001 $
NOTE 5:			
OPERATING GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES			
Operating Grants were received in respect of the following:-			
General Purpose:			
Grants Commission	431,918		473,915
Department of Road Transport	287,665		275,202
Trainees subsidies	69,108		35,359
Wooden Boat Festival	10,000		13,636
Other Tourism & Heritage related	16,500		0
Goolwa Library Operating subsidy	30,815		29,327
Senior Citizens (Heritage Club)	63,876		39,790
Families First Program	25,900		21,250
Families Links Program	71,544		76,235
Home Visiting	25,000		0
Community Services	22,484		0
Youth Services	22,300		0
Coastal Park	18,101		0
Traffic Management	11,818		0
Diesel Fuel Grant Scheme	12,735		12,783
Other Operation Grants	37,543		130,558
Total		**1,157,306**	**1,108,055**
Conditions on Operating Grants			
Grants which were recognised as revenues in a previous reporting period and were expended during the current reporting period in the manner specified by the grantor were:			
SA Tourism ("Australia's First Railway" brochure)	500		
Education Employment Training (Youth Advisory Comm)	3,000		
Develop Assess Plan (Hindmarsh Island Management Plan & Residential Design)			10,000
NOTE 6:			
REIMBURSEMENTS			
ACI Industrial Minerals Royalty Lanacoona Road	35,561		18,220
Private Works	118,326		124,378
Road Maintenance	14,318		0
Fringe Benefit Employee Contribution	9,440		11,343
Recovery of Legal Charges - Rates	10,006		0
Other Reimbursements	20,347		113,649
Total		**207,999**	**267,590**

	2002 $	$	2001 $
NOTE 7:			
OTHER REVENUE			
Other revenue consists of:-			
Loan Donations Goolwa Bowling Club	32,438		32,438
Strathalbyn Tourist Info Centre	10,476		0
Port Elliot Common Effluent Drainage Contribution	34,001		117,780
River Murray Catchment Water Management Board	75,500		0
Sport & Recreation contributions	27,500		0
Miscellaneous Donations & contributions	29,503		49,774
Other Health	13,248		0
Other Revenue	95,055		204,071
Total		**317,721**	**404,063**
NOTE 8:			
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Employee Costs (including leave entitlements, superannuation expenses and other employee related expenses	5,058,420		4,253,281
Less Amounts capitalised; Non-current assets constructed by the Council	206,754		151,492
Total		**4,851,666**	**4,101,789**
NOTE 9:			
FINANCE CHARGES			
Bank Charges	44,708		41,523
Interest paid/payable	469,698		433,252
Total		**514,406**	**474,775**
NOTE 10:			
DEPRECIATION EXPENSES			
Depreciation was charged in respect of:			
Buildings	578,131		549,217
Infrastructure	2,472,424		2,257,313
Equipment, Plant & Machinery	346,856		323,469
Furniture and Fittings	278,142		215,256
Other	19,421		82,220
Total		**3,694,974**	**3,427,475**

	2002 $	$	2001 $
NOTE 11:			
OTHER EXPENSES			
Other expenses includes;			
Mayoral Expenses	41,795		42,743
Members Expenses	103,148		104,740
Election Expenses	5,120		8,824
CEO Operational Expenses	59,331		53,500
General Admin Operational Expenses	208,627		221,067
Animal and Plant Control Board Contribution	86,187		83,566
Tourism Operational Expenses	17,119		56,539
Tourism Events & Projects	26,917		1,656
Fleurieu Regional Dev Corp Contribution	32,887		32,886
Community Services contributions & other	38,639		28,357
Contribution Bashams Beach Trust from Pt Ell Caravan PK	51,834		49,552
Insurance & Registration Plant and Machinery	50,053		44,874
Rates and Cashiers Operational Expenditure	34,035		31,893
Audit Services	6,900		6,500
Other Services	625,125		857,283
Sub-total	1,387,718		1,623,980
Less Amounts capitalised;			
Non-current assets constructed by the Council	66,940		27,157
Total		**1,320,778**	**1,596,823**

NOTE 12:
CAPITAL GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES

Capital Grants and subsidies were received in respect of the following:-

PLAIN Library Book Purchases Grant	45,015		43,799
Local Library Purchases Grant	12,706		11,737
Riverport of Goolwa	488,925		31,215
Oscar W Development/Upgrade	30,000		50,000
Signal Point Development	8,409		18,636
Bashams Beach Trust Capital Projects	47,391		40,727
Foreshore Protection - Middleton Creek & Chapman	10,000		0
Goolwa North Flood Mitigation	169,298		0
DOT-Strathalbyn Bikeway	24,631		14,476
Sanitation & Garbage	19,618		0
Roads to Recovery	351,131		0
Other Capital Grants	12,567		198,499
Total		**1,219,690**	**409,089**

Conditions on Capital Grants

Grants that were recognised as revenues during the reporting period and which were obtained on the condition that they be expended on the acquisitiion of assets but had yet to be applied in that manner as at the reporting date were:

Environment and Heritage (Coast and Marine)	10,000	
Centenary Hall (Heating & Accoustics)		20,000
Freemans Nob (Art Project)		2,000
Oscar W (Portion of Development/Upgrade)		17,646
Goolwa SkateboardPark (Skateboard Construction)		7,000
Recreational Boating (Sanctuary Destinations)		25,667

	2002 $	$	2001 $
NOTE13:			
PHYSICAL RESOURCES RECEIVED FREE OF CHARGE			
Physical resources received free of charge (The Marina, Hindmarsh Island)	1,113,515		
Total		**1,113,515**	-
NOTE14:			
CURRENT ASSETS - CASH			
Cash at bank and on hand	157,101		82,066
Deposits at call	1,391,570		1,081,043
Total		**1,548,671**	**1,163,109**
NOTE 15:			
CURRENT ASSETS - RECEIVABLES			
Rates Receivable	211,507		102,069
Loan & Advances			
Less: Provision for doubtful debts			3,333
sub-total		211,507	98,736
Other Debtors	913,111		591,295
sub-total		913,111	591,295
Total		**1,124,618**	**690,031**
NOTE 16:			
CURRENT ASSETS - LAND HELD FOR RESALE			
Land Held for Resale - at Cost			
Port Elliot Drive-In	400,000		400,000
Total		**400,000**	
NOTE 17:			
CURRENT ASSETS - INVENTORY			
Inventory	62,364		50,630
Total		**62,364**	**50,630**

	2002 $	$	2001 $
NOTE 18: CURRENT ASSETS - INVESTMENTS			
Term Deposits (Local Government Finance Authority)*	3,278,000		2,500,000
Total		**3,278,000**	**2,500,000**
* Included in the total deposits, are amounts dedicated to the funding of the following			
CED Schemes	550,510		1,341,368
Water Schemes	120,610		107,444
Riverport of Goolwa Authority	1,977,856		0
Boating & Riverfront Development	162,039		216,528
Halls & Libraries	14,071		12,359
Other	284,369		171,522
		3,109,455	1,849,221
NOTE 19: CURRENT ASSETS - OTHER			
Prepayments	0		1,517
Total		**0**	**1,517**
NOTE 20: CURRENT LIABILITIES - CREDITORS & PROVISIONS			
Creditors	1,274,766		1,274,449
Accrued Salaries and Wages	51,582		74,049
Other accrued expenses	178,002		157,811
Provision for Annual Leave	470,611		355,147
Provision for Long Service Leave	44,944		61,928
Total		**2,019,905**	**1,923,384**
NOTE 21: CURRENT LIABILITIES - LOANS			
Loans - Local Govt. Finance Authority - secured*	714,447		1,077,429
Loans - National Australia Bank (Strath)*	42,514		38,838
Loan - Local Govt. Superannuation Scheme	19,786		19,787
Total		**776,747**	**1,136,054**

* The Local Government Finance Authority and National Australia Bank Loans are secured over the rates

	2002 $	$	2001 $
NOTE 22: NON-CURRENT ASSETS - LAND			
Land - at independent valuation 1/7/98 *	18,873,790		18,129,889
- at independent/Council valuation - prior years	-		-
- at cost	158,538		743,901
Total		**19,032,328**	**18,873,790**
NOTE 23: NON-CURRENT ASSETS - BUILDINGS			
Buildings - at independent valuation 1/7/98 *	15,998,817		13,801,782
- at independent/Council valuation - prior years	25,600		25,600
- at net cost	439,226		2,197,035
sub-total		16,463,643	16,024,417
Less accumulated depreciation		3,678,046	3,125,340
Total		**12,785,597**	**12,899,077**

* Valuation of land was determined by the Valuer Generals Department on 1/7/98 and the value for the Buildings was determined by Jamahl Waddington B Bus CPV on 1/7/98 by assessing either the replacement cost, market value or written down current cost, as appropriate

NOTE 24: NON-CURRENT ASSETS - INFRASTRUCTURE			
Infrastructure - at Council valuation 30/06/2002 **	115,208,886		113,517,845
- physical resources received free of charge	1,113,515		
- at cost	2,233,796		1,439,430
sub-total		118,556,197	114,957,275
Less: Accumulated depreciation		28,322,406	25,849,983
Total		**90,233,791**	**89,107,292**

** The valuation of infrastructure was internally determined by Council using the Microstation Geographics system and visual inspection during 2001/2002 to establish an infrastructure database rated on condition, from which expected life was calculated.

NOTE 25: NON-CURRENT ASSETS - EQUIPMENT			
Equipment - at Council valuation 1/7/00***	4,298,475		4,787,371
- adjustment for deleted assets 1/7/01	(103,285)		
- at net cost	455,927		(488,896)
sub-total		4,651,117	4,298,475
Less: Accumulated depreciation		1,411,180	1,493,335
Total		3,239,937	2,805,140

	2002 $	$	2001 $
NOTE 26:			
NON-CURRENT ASSETS - OFFICE EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE AND FITTINGS			
Off Equip,Furn & Fitt - at Council valuation 1/7/00***	1,861,546		1,681,387
- adjustment for deleted assets 1/7/01	(583,995)		
- at net cost	173,796		180,159
sub-total		1,451,347	1,861,546
Less: Accumulated depreciation		464,663	770,642
Total		**986,684**	**1,090,904**

*** The valuations of equipment & furniture and fittings were determined by Mr Noel Huppatz employed as a consultant by Council using and asset listing determined from visual inspection as at 1/7/2000, with revaluation on an individual basis using 50% of present day cost, with the exception of historical items and the computer network.

NOTE 27:			
NON-CURRENT ASSETS - OTHER ASSETS			
Work in Progress		1,439,558	951,973
Other Assets -	756,878		
- adjustment for deleted assets 1/7/01	(637,609)		
- at cost	0		756,878
		119,269	756,878
Less Accumulated depreciation		95,193	726,783
		24,076	30,095
Library Bookstocks* -			
- at valuation (Goolwa)	277,989		245,330
- at valuation (Strathalbyn)	278,959		266,779
		556,947	512,109
Total		**2,020,581**	**1,494,177**

* Library Bookstock valuation is based on unit prices, depreciation periods and residual values determined by the Public Libraries Board

NOTE 28:			
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES - CREDITORS & PROVISIONS			
Provision for Long Service Leave	483,060		407,133
Total		**483,060**	**407,133**

NOTE 29:			
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES - LOANS			
Loans - Local Government Finance Authority-secured*	7,050,743		5,072,958
Loans - National Aust Bank (Strath)*	153,241		195,755
Loan - Local Government Superannuation Scheme	18,614		37,013
Total		7,222,598	5,305,726

* The Local Government Finance Authority and National Australia Bank Loans are secured over the rates.

	2002		2001
	$	$	$

NOTE 30:

SUPERANNUATION

Alexandrina Council contributes in respect of its employees to a defined benefit superannuation plan established in respect of all local governments in the State. In accordance with statutory requirements, the local government contributes to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme "the plan", amounts determined by the Plan actuary. As such, assets accumulate in the Plan to meet members" benefits as they accrue. If the assets of the Plan were insufficient to satisfy benefits payable to its beneficiaries, the local government would be required to meet its share of the deficiency.

The audited general purpose financial report of the Plan as at 30th June 2002, which was not subject to any audit qualification, indicates that the assets of the Plan are sufficient to meet the accrued benefits. No liability of the local government has been recognised as at the reporting date in respect of superannuation benefits for its employees. The general purpose financial report of the Plan discloses that the most recent actuarial assessment of the Plan was undertaken as at 30th June 2002 by SGIC and that the actuary indicated that without improvements to benefit conditions, or other unanticipated events, current contribution rates would be sufficient to meet members' benefits as they accrue.
The amount of superannuation contributions paid by the local government during the reporting period was $584,519

NOTE 31:

RECONCILIATION OF CHANGE IN EQUITY RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS TO NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Decrease in Equity resulting from operations	1,655,280		(788,612)
Items not involving cash			
Depreciation	3,694,974		3,427,475
Net Loss(Gain) on disposal of Non-Current Assets	(362,687)		44,745
Net Interest treated as a financing activity	-		-
Capital grants, subsidies treated as an other activity	(1,219,690)		(409,089)
Physical Resources received free of charge	(1,113,515)		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities			
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors & Provisions	172,448		330,667
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventory	(11,734)		(5,882)
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	(434,587)		(53,600)
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Assets	1,517		6,161
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		**2,382,006**	**2,551,865**
CASH AT END OF PERIOD			
Investments	3,278,000		2,500,000
Cash	1,548,670		1,163,109
Bank Overdraft			
Total		**4,826,670**	**3,663,109**

	2002 $		2001 $

NOTE 32:

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(a) Interest Rate Risk

Council'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 applicable financial assets and liabilities at the end of the reporting period is as follows;

	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Fair Value of Variable Interest Rate Instruments	Fair Value Of Fixed Interest Rate Instruments	
			Maturing Within 1 Year	Maturing Beyond 1 Year
Financial Assets				
Investments				
Bank SA	4.18%	155,835		
LGFA - 24HR Call	4.75%	1,390,090		
LGFA-Term deposit	4.75%	3,278,000		
		4,823,925		
Financial Liabilities				
Loans				
LGFA - Fixed & Variable Terms	7.18%		72,307	7,692,883
NAB - Fixed Term	9.25%		0	195,755
			72,307	**7,888,638**

(b) Credit Risk

Credit risk represents the loss that would be recognised if other entities/ratepayers failed to perform as contracted

Council's exposure to credit risk is summarised as follows;

Rates receivable and other debtors - Council's maximum exposure is disclosed in the financial statements, net of any provision for doubtful debts. Council has the power to force the sale of property to recover unpaid rates. Council did not have any material exposure to a single debtor or group of debtors as at the end of the reporting period.

The LGFA investments listed under Financial assets are capital guaranteed

(c) Net Fair Value

The net fair value of a financial instrument is defined as its value net of all costs to settle the asset or liability

The financial assets and liabilities listed or mentioned above are stated at their face value (less any provision for doubtful debts if applicable).

Due to the nature of the financial instruments held by Council, the costs associated with their settlement would not be material and therefore have not been considered.

	2002 $	$	2001 $
NOTE 33:			
CAPITAL COMMITTED			
The following material capital contracts have been signed and Council committed as at 30th June 2002. The figures represent the amounts still outstanding on the contract;			
Traffic Management Cadell Street	10,000		
Goolwa North Drainage	15,000		
The Strand Toilet upgrade (Port Elliot)			61,612
Strathalbyn Town public toilet			39,687
Waste Water treatment plant (Port Elliot)			406,907
Fairfield Racecourse Rising Main (Strathalbyn)			123,500
Mcharg Creek Bridge (McHarg Creek)			6,472
		25,000	638,178
NOTE 34:			
OPERATING LEASES			
(a) Rentals charged to Operating Result*		**16,461**	**10,366**
(b) Lease commitments;			
- not later than one year	4,459		9,138
- later than one year and not later than two years	-		3,926
- later than two years and not later than five years	-		-
- later than five years	-		-
Minimum Lease Payments		**4,459**	**13,064**

* From the 1st July 2000, the operating leases related to vehicles not under Council's control. Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Plan are paying Custom Leasing direct, even though the lessee is Council

	2002 $	$	2001 $
NOTE 35:			
TRUST FUNDS			
Donation and Lease rental monies received as agent, and held in trust, for the Basham Beach Trust		**216,750**	**203,525**

As the Alexandrina Council performs only a custodial role in respect of these monies, and because the monies cannot be used for Council purposes, they are not brought to account in the financial report, but are shown here for information purposes.

BASHAM BEACH TRUST

Balance as at 1st July, 2001		203,525	184,149
Add Port Elliot Caravan Park Lease (55%)	51,834		49,552
Interest	8,783		10,551
sub-total		60,617	60,103
Less Reimbursed Expenditure		(47,391)	(40,727)
Balance as at 30th June 2002		**216,750**	**203,525**

NOTE 36:
REGIONAL SUBSIDIARIES

The Southern and Hills Local Government Association has been created as regional subsidiary to represent the interests of all Councils in the southern hills, Fleurieu Peneinsula and Kangaroo Island, within local government in SA. The group meet on a monthly basis and discuss Local Government policy and procedures, and provide advice back to the LGA from a regional perspective. Alexandrina Council contributed $4,500 in the 2001/2002 period.

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NOTE 37:

NON-CURRENT ASSET MOVEMENT SCHEDULE

	Land	Buildings	Infrstrct	Equip	Furniture & Fittings	Other	Total
	$	$	$	$	$	$	
Balance as at 1st July 2001	18,873,790	12,899,077	89,107,291	2,805,140	1,090,904	1,494,177	126,270,379
Additions	158,538	473,316	3,347,311	1,594,421	175,450	1,067,770	6,816,806
Disposals		(8,666)		(812,768)	(1,528)	(521,945)	(1,344,907)
Revaluation increments/ decrements			251,611				251,611
Depreciation Expense		(578,131)	(2,472,424)	(346,856)	(278,142)	(19,421)	(3,694,974)
Balance at 30th June 2002	19,032,328	12,785,596	90,233,789	3,239,937	986,684	2,020,581	128,298,916

ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I, John Lynton Coombe, Chief Executive Officer of the Alexandrina Council, do hereby state that the Statement of Financial Position of the Alexandrina Council as at 30th June 2002 and the Operating Statement, Statement of Changes in Equity and the Statement of Cash Flows, together with supporting notes, for the year ended on that date are to the best of my knowledge presented fairly and in accordance with accounting procedures which have been maintained in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999, and the Local Government Accounting Regulations made under that Act.

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Signed

10TH OCTOBER 2002
Dated

ADOPTION STATEMENT

Laid before the ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL

and adopted on 28th OCTOBER 2002

.....
J.L. Coombe Chief Executive Officer

.....
B.K. McHugh Mayor

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE

ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL

SCOPE OF THE AUDIT

I have audited the Financial Statements being the Chief Executive Officer's Statement, Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cashflows and Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements of the Alexandrina Council for the year ended 30 June 2002. The Council's officers are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Financial Statements and all of the information they contain. I have conducted an independent audit of the Financial Statements to express an opinion on them to the Elected Members of Council.

My audit has been conducted according to Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance that the Financial Statements are free of material mis-statement. My audit procedures included examination on a test basis of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the Financial Statements together with an evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates.

My audit procedures have also included an evaluation of compliance by Council with the Local Government Act 1999, together with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999.

These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether the Financial Statements present fairly according to Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional statements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) and statutory requirements a view of the Council consistent with my understanding of its financial position and operations for the year ended 30 June 2002.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE

ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL

AUDIT OPINION

In my opinion, the Financial Statements of the Alexandrina Council are properly drawn up:

(a) to give a true and fair view of:-

(i) the Council's state of affairs as at 30 June 2002, and the change in equity resulting from operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

(ii) the other matters required by the Local Government Act 1999 to be dealt with in the Financial Statements.

(b) according to the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999; and

(c) according to Australian Accounting Standards and mandatory professional statements.

DON VENN - FCA
PARTNER: DEAN NEWBERY & PARTNERS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

DATED at **NORTH ADELAIDE** this 14th day of October 2002

LISTING OF COUNCIL POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Aboistop Collar, Hire of
Access to Council Meetings, Council Committees & Council Documents – Code of Practice
Assessment Book – Changes to
Australia Day Awards
Badge Days; Raffles; Street Stalls; Trading Tables
Bees – Snakes – Wasps (Pest Control)
Building Work, Inspection of
Cat Traps, Hire of
Cemeteries
Citizenship Ceremonies
Committees, Membership – Mayor and C.E.
Community Groups - Payment of Fees
Complaints, Anonymous
Computer Systems Usage Policy
Consultants
Contracts, Leases, Licences, Permits and Tenders
Contracts, Tenders and Purchasing
Correspondence – Late
Council Chamber, Use of
Council Cheques, Signing of
Council Fees and Charges, Review of
Credit Cards - Corporate
Crossover to Properties
Dead Animals on Road Reserves
Depot Security
Deputy Mayor
Development Applications – Refund of Fees following Withdrawal of
Donations
Donations & Rebates to Halls and Community Groups
Drivers Licence, Loss of
Elected Members – Agenda Enquiries
Elected Members - Allowances and Benefits
Elected Members – Certificate of Service
Elected Members - Grievance against Employees
Elected Members and Staff – Code of Conduct
Election Signs, Control of
Electricity – Undergrounding of Cables – Private Supply Service
Electricity Mains, Approval of Extensions to
Employee & Community Plant Hire
Employees - Casual
Employees – Study Leave
Events, Sponsorship of

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LISTING OF COUNCIL POLICIES & PROCEDURES
(Continued)

Fees – Fines
Fees - Legal
Fees – Parking
Fencing
Financial Statements/Budget - Annual
Garbage Collection - Private
Golf – On Reserves
House Numbering
Human Resource Policy & Procedures
Industrial Representation
Information Policy
Inspection of Building Work *(see Building Work, Inspection)*
Insurance – Council Assets
Insurance – General
Internal Control Procedures
Internal Review of Council Decisions
Liquor Licence Approvals - Temporary
Litter - General
Long Service Leave
Machinery, Use in a Major Disaster
Media – Documents Available to the Local Media
Media – Response to Media Statements
Meetings and Seminars
Mobile Phone Policy
Money, Acceptance of
Occupation of Two Dwellings on a Rural Allotment
Offences - Cancellation of
Payment Arrangements (Special)
Petitions - Procedure
Pipes Under Road - Commercial
Plant Replacement
Playgrounds – Surface Materials
Pooled Vehicle Fleet
Postponement of Rates Policy
Pram Ramps
Principal Officer
Properties – Council Owned
Public Consultation Policy
Public Liability Coverage for Events & Functions
Public Relations
Rate Rebate Policy
Rates - Sale of Land for Non Payment of
Rating Policy Statement

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LISTING OF COUNCIL POLICIES & PROCEDURES
(Continued)

Receipts
Records - Council
Refreshments
Removal Costs – Staff
Reserves - Development
Reserves - Mowing
Reserves – Open Space
Reserves – Recreation, Refuse Collection
Road Reserve – Right of Way
Road Reserve Management Plan
Road Sealing – Non -Budgeted
Roads - Closure of for Special Events
Roads - Grading
Roadside Timber – Removal of
Salaries and Wages – Payment in Advance
Search Fee for Preserved Documentation & Plans
Search Requests – Certificate of Liabilities
Signage – Community – Permanent
Speed Limits at Roadworks
Spillages – Oil Spills on Council Roads
Staff Policies and Practices
STEDS – Maintenance
STEDS Charges
STEDS Charges – Aerobic Waste Water Treatment Systems
STEDS Charges – Multiple Commercial Premises with or without Residence
Stormwater Outflows - Rural
Street Lighting
Street Signs
Street Tree Planting
Streets and Reserves, Naming of within the Council Area
Superannuation – Joining the Fund
Surf Contests
Temporary Road Closures – Road Works
Temporary Stock Control Signs
Tourism
Transportable Buildings - Pre-Used
Trees - Planting of in Rural Areas
Trees – Removal of
Trees – Seed Collection
Trees – Trimming – Road Reserves Rural
Trees – Trimming - Street
Uniforms - Corporate
Urban Design for Town Entry

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LISTING OF COUNCIL POLICIES & PROCEDURES
(Continued)

Urban Verge Maintenance
Vandalism
Vegetation Clearance for Dairy Access
Vehicles or Equipment Involved in Accidents
Volunteer Policy
Works – Common Effluent Drainage
Works – Implementation of Approved Works
Works – Road Reserve

Implementation of Strategic Management Plans

The Council has developed a three (3) year Strategic Management Plan in consultation with our community.

The Plan was also in part being referenced to Council's Budget and Three (3) Year Projections.

Regular reports are tabled before Council to assess our level of compliance and achievement. Targets or Action Plans have been established for the ensuing two (2) years.

Competitive Tendering and Service Reviews

Council has a Policy in compliance with Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1999.

Covering Contracts, Tenders and Purchasing, review of this policy is undertaken annually or as deemed necessary.

Within Council's strategic focus and forming part of Council's adopted Ten (10) Year Asset Infrastructure Plan, regular reviews are undertaken on our service delivery to ensure the community continues to receive cost effective services.

Decision Making Structure of Council

Council has adopted a policy having regard to our decision making and review processes. In support of this policy, Council has also adopted a policy concerning internal control procedures.

This will result in legislative and operational compliance.

National Competition Policy

Council has had regard to the National Competition Policy (NCP) particularly in relation to the Clause 7 Statement. Council has no significant business activities and Council by-laws have been reviewed and reformed where required.

No other activities of requirements have been generated as a result of the National Competition Policy.