

# BRIGHTON COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2000



Building the Community of Tomorrow





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## Introduction

Brighton Council continues to set new standards of achievement in local government in Tasmania and has shown what can be achieved by the local community and council working together. In fact Brighton is used by many as an example of what would have been lost if the forced amalgamations of councils had been carried out.

Brighton has been recognised nationally by winning two prestigious awards; the National Awards for Innovation in Local Government - Community Services Category which was contested by eighty councils from across Australia and the Banksia Environmental Foundation Awards - Local Agenda 21 Category.

These awards acknowledge what can be achieved by a small council with relatively few resources. They also reflect the way Brighton Council does its business by considering the three pillars of sustainability; environmental, social and economic well being.

Having been quite successful in the environmental and social areas, Brighton increased its focus on economic development in 1999/2000 as illustrated by the following three projects.

- An agreement has been reached with the state government and TOTE to transfer ownership and management of the Brighton Racecourse and Training Facility to the council,
- Council has established Microwise Australia Pty Ltd with the state government as an equity shareholder to develop and market computer software and
- Council was instrumental in establishing the Southern Region Irrigation Development Board to promote and facilitate the supply of bulk irrigation water to the greater Hobart region.

So much has happened in 1999/2000 to build a bright future for the Brighton community. The various initiatives and achievements will be highlighted by the Mayor and General Manager and the operational reports.

If you would like further information or wish to comment on any aspect of Council please contact the General Manager, Geoff Dodge, who will be pleased to help.



## Mayor's Address

1999/2000 was another banner year for Brighton, We have a good report card and our achievement in winning national and state awards are very gratifying.

I was very proud of our community, our council and our staff as I accepted the Banksia Environment Award in Sydney; won against strong competition from much larger and wealthier organisations.

In my opinion the reason for our success at every level is how we work as a team, councillors and staff, for the benefit and development of our community.

While highlights of the year are covered throughout this report I will mention two milestones especially dear to my heart:

Firstly, the realisation of a far reaching goal set by council back in 1993 to cease all sewage effluent discharge to the Derwent and Jordan Rivers by the year 2000. In late December 1999 we started pumping sewage effluent from the treatment plant at Bridgewater to farm dams at Old Beach and Tea Tree for agriculture irrigation.

Secondly, the involvement of so many in our community with the Kosovars at the Brighton Army Camp. We can all hold our heads high about the number of volunteers and generous donations that came from Brighton. My own trip to Kosovo to visit the returned refugees was one of the most emotional experiences I have ever had. With the assistance of the state government we began establishing a sister city relationship with FERIZAI in Kosovo. I'm confident that through exchanges and regular contact our community can maintain the close ties that were formed at the safe haven.

There is definitely more to local government than roads, rates and rubbish and throughout the year Council continued to speak out on non-traditional local government issues. I believe that we were able to do this with authority because of our record and because we continue to provide good service to our residents.

On behalf of all councillors I commend this annual report as testimony to a successful year.







## General Manager's Report

### Introduction

With the threat of amalgamation and uncertainty behind us, 1999/2000 enabled Council to progress with those issues that had been identified in the strategic planning process.

There were many important issues dealt with during the year and this report will highlight a few of those issues.

During the year, Council was again recognised for its work within the areas of Community Development and the Environment, bringing the total of Awards to seven within two years, with five state and two National Awards.



### BURP

BURP (Bridgewater/Gagebrook Urban Renewal Program) has continued to provide valuable support to the local community and Council is proud to be able to provide staff to the Board of Directors, where Ron Sanderson (Deputy General Manager) has been the Chairman since its inception, and I have been Treasurer since its inception.

Council also support BURP financially with an Annual Grant.

### Microwise

Microwise Australia Pty Ltd, the Council owned computer company continued to operating dur the last year.

The main product known as Propertywise is being considered by a number of Councils both in Tasmania and on the mainland, and the Directors are confident that the number of users will be expanded in the next year.

However, Microwise developed a new Immunisation Program known as Vacciwise an this has been sold to several Councils all over Australia and sales are expected to continue.

Other Specific Industry Programs are in the process of being developed and the future of Microwise as a company is almost assured if the current trends can continue.



## Resource Sharing

Council continued to explore areas of cost savings by sharing resources with neighbouring Councils.

During the year Council negotiated with Hobart City Council to maintain sports grounds within the Brighton area, and the results have meant that the grounds have never looked better, and there has been a cost saving to Council.

This latest venture is an expansion of the Resource Sharing that Council has been involved in over the last few years, where Council hires road making equipment from other Councils as well as local Contractors, and also where Council hires out to other Councils our Flocon machine, which is a specialised road sealing vehicle.

## Jordan Cluster

The Jordan Cluster comprises the principals of the eight Schools in the Brighton Municipality and Senior Council Officers.

In September 1999, I attended a meeting of Principals from all the Schools in the Southern part of Tasmania and the purpose of that meeting was to discuss ways that Schools and Local Government could work closer together.

As a consequence of that meeting, we have been meeting regularly to discuss issues that are common to both the Schools and Councils.

Some of the issues that have been discussed include the following:-

- Sharing Resources for maintenance of grounds;
- Early Intervention Parenting Projects;
- On-line Access Centre;
- Local Security Co-operative;
- Municipal Sports Day.

## Brighton Community News (BCN)

In an effort to improve communication with our Community the Council held a meeting with interested residents, business people and community leaders last May and as a consequence the first edition of Brighton Community News was issued in August 1999.



Brighton Community News is issued 11 times a year and is an 8 page tabloid size newspaper that covers community news for the Brighton Municipality.

The newspaper also provides local business people an opportunity to market their business to the local people at a reasonable advertising rate.

Although the paper has not attracted as many advertisers as Council would have hoped for, it has been well received by the Community and has proven to be a valuable tool for Council to communicate with its residents.

It is interesting to note that other Councils, both interstate and within Tasmania are interested in the format of BCN and one Tasmanian Council has already changed the format of their Newspaper to the same as BCN.

Whilst the newspaper promotes Council News it also encourages members of the community to submit articles and stories that are of human interest to the whole of the residents of Brighton.

The Council is very proud of the Newspaper and appreciates the assistance received from the Community to ensure that the paper is well received by the Community.

## Youth Activities Service

The Brighton Youth Activities Service operates from 1c McShane Road, Bridgewater – adjacent to the Bridgewater High School. The Service is targeted at young people between the ages of 11 and 16. The Service offers programs after schools hours during school terms and also offers a School Holiday Program during the holidays.

The Co-ordinator/Family Liaison Worker, Robyn Tringrove had resigned in June and there have been two new appointments made. Robyn had been very successful year in running the Service since the restructure in early 1999.

The Family Liaison Worker's role is to provide practical support and guidance to young people and their families to help them deal with difficulties such as family conflict, lack of communication or other issues affecting their well-being as a family and to refer them to other specialist services as required.

The Service is funded by both the Commonwealth Government and Council and is run by a Management Committee, comprising local public servants and businesses.



# Environment and Development Services

## Environmental and Public Health

### Objective

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

### Action Plan

#### Food

Educate food handlers in risk assessment and introduce food safety plans.  
Rank food establishments into health risk categories.  
Expand the food sampling program.

#### Immunisation

Promote Council's role and the need for immunisation.  
Continuation of the monthly public immunisation clinics and the annual schools immunisation program.

#### Septic Tank & Waste-water Disposal Systems

Promote cost effective and sustainable septic tank and waste-water disposal systems for new and existing installations.

#### Potable & Recreational Water Supplies

Ensure water supplied to the public is safe and potable.  
Improve the quality of the municipality's recreational waters.

#### Environment

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





### Performance

Council's Environmental Health section continues to offer a wide and varied service to the public that is innovative and incorporates best practice technology to ensure the enhancement of the environment and public health, not only within the Brighton municipality but also in other areas.

### Responsibilities

Immunisation; health education; safe and properly described food; safe water supply; disease containment; environmental management; pollution control; and on-site domestic wastewater management.



*Environmental Health Officers, John Parkinson (Senior) and Paul Garnsey*

### Installation of updated immunisation recording system – VacciWise

Early in the year the immunisation software was re-written with the aid of environmental health staff and the new version, re-named 'VacciWise' was installed for Council staff use. The re-vamped software offers a greater range of functions and flexibility making the vaccination data storage and retrieval process simpler and significantly more time efficient.

Significant gains have been made by being able to store and retrieve data on-site (via a lap top computer) during the vaccination process, which saves unnecessary time in updating records after the event. The software also allows for the fast production of immunisation certificates; has a wide range of reporting facilities allowing a pro-active approach to immunisation; and can electronically up-load information to the Australian Immunisation Register (ACIR) negating the need for manual forms to be completed. The 'VacciWise' program is now available nationally and is marketed by Council's IT section, Microwise.

### Immunisation statistics for 1999/2000

This financial year saw an increase in the total number of vaccinations provided by Council, which reflects an increased confidence in the immunisation staff by the community. Positive community feedback has been particularly directed to Council's Medical Officer of Health, Frances Donaldson and nurse Hazel Wardlaw. Their efforts have contributed to an increase in numbers utilising Council's monthly immunisation clinic.

Council's monthly clinic attracted 280 people over the year, which accounted for 606 individual vaccinations. As well as offering a monthly clinic, Council visits all schools in the municipality, the major emphasis being on providing Hepatitis B vaccinations to grade 6 students. From a total of 182 eligible students in grade 6, 148 (81%) were vaccinated.



Taking into account members of the community in general, students, teaching staff and Council staff a total of 533 different people were vaccinated representing 1443 individual doses of vaccine.

### Food Education

Our first FoodSafe award has been presented to the Brighton Hotel who has made significant improvements to their food hygiene practices to be the first food premises to be awarded the FoodSafe Certificate within the municipality. Three other premises qualifications and practices are currently being assessed.

Since the introduction of the FoodSafe program there has been marked improvement on food hygiene and safety practices by food handlers and delivery personnel. Environmental Health Officers will continue to encourage other food premises to complete the training program.

In addition to FoodSafe, health officers are introducing the 'Healthy Options Tasmania' (HOT) award program to food outlets to encourage the proprietors to offer healthy choices in food for sale to the public.

Both programs are part of the ongoing food hygiene audits of all food premises and food vehicles.



*Brighton Hotel proprietors and staff accept their FoodSafe award.*

### Food Sampling

Council's food sampling program continues and Environmental Health Officers' participate in a regional and state food sampling program. In an increasingly health and dietary conscious society, identification of the true composition of foods plays a valuable role in consumers' well-being.



## Potable Water Quality Report - 1999/2000

<u>Water Supply</u> -	Bulk water is supplied to the municipality by Hobart Water.
<u>Controlling Authority</u> -	Storage reservoirs within the municipality and the subsequent reticulation system are controlled by Brighton Council. Each of the five reservoirs within the municipality are gravity fed from the Cobbs Hill reservoir operated by Hobart Water.
<u>Catchment Details</u> -	As per Hobart Water. Nil catchment or supply from within municipality.
<u>Treatment Processes</u> -	As per Hobart Water. Water is treated at the Bryn Estyn Treatment Plant and is subject to the following:  Screening; Coagulation/flocculation; Sedimentation; Filtration; Fluoridation; Storage; and Chlorination (disinfection).

Note: subsequent chlorination of municipal reservoirs is done on a need basis and is influenced by environmental conditions such as the undertaking of works (maintenance/cleaning) on the reticulation system.

Type of Sampling - Bacteriological analysis.

Location of Sampling Sites -

1 Cobbs Hill Road, Bridgewater.  
Old Council Chambers, Pontville.  
Tea Tree Hall.  
Council Chambers, Gagebrook.  
Old Beach Recreation Centre.



*EHO, Paul Garnsey samples potable water supply*

Sampling Details -

Frequency - monthly

Number - 5 samples per month

Timing - begin sampling at approx 9.00am on nominated days

Dates for 1999/2000:

12/07/99	10/01/00
16/08/99	14/02/00
21/09/99	13/03/00
11/10/99	17/04/00
08/11/99	15/05/00
13/12/99	13/06/00

Tests performed -

Total coliforms

Thermotolerant coliforms

Laboratory -

Public Health Laboratory (NATA accredited)

Results of sampling -

LOCATION	DATES											
	12/07/99	16/08/99	21/09/99	11/10/99	08/11/99	13/12/99	10/01/00	14/02/00	13/03/00	17/04/00	15/05/00	13/06/00
1 COBBS HILL RD												
Total (CFUs)	<1	1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	6	<1	<1
Thermotolerant (CFUs)	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
OLD COUNCIL CHAMBERS												
Total (CFUs)	<1	<1	<1	<1	6	7	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Thermotolerant (CFUs)	<1	<1	<1	<1	6	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
TEA TREE HALL												
Total (CFUs)	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Thermotolerant (CFUs)	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
COUNCIL CHAMBERS G/B												
Total (CFUs)	<1	<1	<1	3	<1	1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Thermotolerant (CFUs)	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
OLD BEACH REC. CENTRE												
Total (CFUs)	<1	70	<1	1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Thermotolerant (CFUs)	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1



Interpretation of Results - Water quality is of a very high standard. Residual chlorine is sufficient to provide longer term protection in most cases.

Throughout the year there were eight departures from the NH&MRC Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 1996 which stipulate that no samples should contain any coliforms or thermotolerant coliforms per 100ml. Mostly, the failed samples indicated very low numbers of 'total coliforms' however one significantly high result was obtained (70) at the Old Beach Recreation Centre sample point. Further investigation revealed the reservoir servicing this area was being drained for cleaning/maintenance. During the 7 to 10 days it takes to empty the reservoir and with no input of chlorinated water, residual chlorination levels fell to zero. Reservoirs with extended periods of drainage are now progressively chlorinated.

Of the eight failed samples, one returned a small (6) but positive result for thermotolerant coliforms. Although the matter was investigated, no definitive explanation can be given for the failure. The reservoir supplying the sample site is unroofed and the surrounding area is primarily farmland suggests possible windblown contamination of the reservoir.

In all cases corrective action (mostly dosing reservoirs and scouring lines) and subsequent sampling occurred until samples fell within the guidelines.

System Upgrading - Funds have not been allocated to construct covers for Council reservoirs, however priority funding will be sought in 2000/01.



## Environmental and Public Health Management

Council's Environmental Health Officers' continue to monitor and manage environmental issues such as – noise, rubbish accumulation, pests, backyard burning, odour, wastewater disposal and toxic chemicals.

Evaluation of all proposed developments for compliance with environmental health legislation is also undertaken.

The most common among many environmental health problems dealt with during the year have been - septic tank effluent, noise and rubbish accumulation. The Environmental Management & Pollution Control Act, Public Health Act and the nuisance sections of the Local Government Act as well as education articles in Council's newspaper control these issues.



Preservation of our natural environment is central to our long-term welfare with sustainable development strongly encouraged.

*drumMuster* a national program for the collection and recycling of empty, clean farm chemical containers was introduced during the year.

Council's Environmental Health Officers' again demonstrated their awareness towards preserving the natural environment by inviting five (5) other regional Councils to participate in the program. A regional collection centre has been developed at the Cove Hill Road Waste Transfer Station where cleaned chemical containers are accepted for recycling from all Hobart regional Councils.

Drums are accepted preferably on Tuesdays by prior appointment.

Council's vision is not only to promote the enhancement of our local environment, it is also to share our awareness with neighbouring Councils and help protect and improve regional environmental amenity.

Glamorgan Spring Bay has expressed interest in contracting Council's services to help them with their drumMuster program.





## Alternate Home Expo

The Alternate Home Expo was held at the City Hall and was again a great success with Council's environmental health officers promoting Council's innovative expertise in on-site waste disposal and effluent re-use.

Brighton Council is a major sponsor of this event and has proven to be a very beneficial promotion for Council with lots of positive public feedback.



## On-site Domestic Wastewater Management



Council's environmental health section continues to lead by example in this field.

Trials on innovative alternate on-site wastewater disposal systems using the latest technology continue with two different types of sand-filtration systems completed.

This project is for three years and is 50/50 funded by the Natural Heritage Trust and Brighton Council.

The aim of the project is to trial alternative domestic wastewater treatment and disposal systems using the latest technology and innovations. Upon completion of the project, an application will be made to have the systems accredited and consequently give the public and local government E.H.O's a wider choice of suitable and sustainable wastewater disposal systems for domestic use.

- 1) An aerobic re-circulating sand filtration system that relies only on natural microbiological processes for treatment.

The effluent is sub-surface irrigated to a landscaped garden area using drip irrigation onto selected Tasmanian native trees and shrubs.

This system has been operating for 2 years with minimum maintenance and is consistently producing an effluent quality of T.F.C.100 T.S.S. B.O.D: 10.

- 2) An intermittently dosed slow sandfilter using much finer graded medium.

This system has a 6000 litre primary treatment chamber. Effluent is discharged through a rock-filter planted with wetland plants prior to the main sandfilter closing chamber.



The closing chamber automatically times the effluent dosing rate of the sandfilter that in turn pre-filters and re-circulates a percentage of the dosed effluent back through the primary treatment chamber. The naturally treated effluent is disposed through a 6-port rota-valve that distributes the effluent into a 200 m<sup>2</sup> lawn area through waste-flow dripper tube 4 litre/s. The rota-valve in turn irrigates five other separate landscaped garden beds through adjustable drippers.

This system treats 800 litre of effluent per day and is consistently producing T.F.C. L5, T.S.S. L5, B.O.D. L5.

Two other systems are planned for the next financial year: 2000/01.

- 1) Filtered septic tank system utilising disc filters from New Zealand and a self-cleansing UV disinfection system.
- 2) An extended aeration and activated sludge system utilizing OZONE for dis-infection of effluent.

**NOTE:**

All the above systems are based on re-use of the treated effluent in landscaped garden beds without the use of chlorine as a dis-infection agent.

- 3) A catchment study of the Baskerville area will also be undertaken during this period and will include: -
  - a) Performance of existing septic tank systems.
  - b) Recommendations on suitable waste disposal systems for this area.
  - c) Mapping of existing and potential erosion prone areas.
  - d) Recommendations on rehabilitation and maintenance of erosion prone areas.
  - e) Identification of areas unsuitable for sustainable development.
  - f) Recommendations on maintaining sustainable development.

This report will be available for current owners and developers of this area.



## New Australian Standard AS/NZS 1547: 2000

A new standard will be introduced in July 2000 that will ensure the enhancement of the overall performance of on-site wastewater practices.

It will stipulate long-term performance objectives and ensure that sound and sustainable public health and environmental outcomes are achieved.

The failures of the past will be rectified and are due to a lack of understanding of the systems by the users, inappropriate tank capacities and poor siting and design of the land application system.

To ensure a sustainable on-site domestic wastewater system and protection of public health and the environment, a system of management and controls needs to be in place.

The standards committee considers that the responsibility of a system of management and controls falls to the regulatory authority to take up and put in place, whether the regulatory authority or private contractors carry it out, it needs to be instigated for the greater benefit of public health and the environment. Ref: AS/NZS 1547:2000.



## Animal Control

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

### **Action Plan**

Maintain an effective dog control program.

### **Performance**

- Successful completion of household checks has increased the level of registrations by 12%.
- The level of complaints in respect to animal nuisances has increased to 711 and has necessitated a full seven day a week, 24 hour service, to ensure complaints are promptly responded to.



# Operational Plan Highlights

## Land Use Planning and Building Services

### Objective

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

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

### Action Plan

Undertake strategic planning to promote sustainable development.

Increase community consultation.

Prepare and implement a new planning scheme.

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

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

Ensure public access complies with the Disability Discrimination Act .

### Performance

- Council has finalised a new Planning Scheme to replace the previous planning scheme and Interim Order of 1992. Implementation is anticipated during 2001.
- Development applications have increased to 201. Increases in industrial and commercial activities have contributed to the expansion of the economic base.
- Subdivision applications number 18 and delivered 78 new lots. This is a significant number to past years and whilst many proposals are staged, the long term production of new residential lots will continue to attract new house development, particularly at Brighton.
- Council agreed to initiate a policy to reduce rates on home owners eligible for the \$7,000 first home buyers Commonwealth package. It is hoped this will attract new residents to the municipality.





- Catchment Management Planning has continued in the Jordan Catchment with the final draft of the Plan being prepared for public comment. Additionally works have commenced on a new park at Brighton along the watercourse as a link between Andrew Street and Pontville Oval.

## Building

Council has continued to maintain a steady building growth rate despite a general slowing of the industry and introduction of the GST. A total of 204 building permits have been issued with a value of \$8.3m. This represents an increase in dollar terms of 24% to the previous annual turnover.

Brighton has also entertained a resource sharing service to Derwent Valley, Southern Midlands and Huon Valley Councils which has successfully provided these Councils with a high level of professional support.

Both building and planning approval rates have maintained the ongoing level of economic support for Brighton as a place to live and work. There is no indication this will not continue in the future.



## Community Services

### Family Day Care

#### Objectives

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

To work to Quality Assurance criteria.

#### Action Plan

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

Structure the service to meet this need

Prepare the service for accreditation

#### Performance

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

#### Family Day Care

Building good working relationships with schools in the area, in particular Greenpoint Primary School. Strong focus on assisting children to be "*school ready*" through Carer training and support

Continued involvement with Kids Expo and other community activities that promote quality child care.

#### Before & After School Care

Now established at Brighton Primary School. Utilisation is steadily growing.

#### Vacation Care

Operates from Pontville Hall. Growth has exceeded all expectations. The service has expanded by ten extra places



## Networking for Harmony Project

The Networking for Harmony Project is one of three projects in Tasmania to have been funded under the *Living in Harmony* initiative.

The Networking for Harmony Project is a joint project of the Brighton, Hobart, Glenorchy, Clarence and Kingborough Councils, the Migrant Resource Centre, the Ethnic Communities Council and Australians for Reconciliation. It is managed by a Steering Committee made up of representatives of the above organizations.

The Project aims to bring together individuals, community services/organizations and local Councils to develop community plans and programs to counter racism and cultural isolation. This will be achieved by hosting community meetings in each Council area to identify issues and possible strategies for dealing with such problems. The strategies will then be incorporated into community plans and a local Steering Committee will be formed to oversee the implementation.

Brighton Council will be hosting local Community Meetings during next financial year, with the possibility of the outcome strategies being incorporated into Council's short term and long term community plans.



## Physical Services

### Roads

#### Objective

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

#### Action Plan

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

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

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

Improve the standard of unmade roads taken over by Council.

#### Performance

Reconstruction works on Briggs Road and Jubilee Avenue in Brighton.

Construction of stormwater works at Augusta Street Brighton.

Sealing further stages of Baskerville Road, Honeywood and Back Tea Tree Road, Tea Tree.

Resealing works in Bridgewater, Brighton and Honeywood.

The second stage of new storm water works from Brighton Primary School towards Andrews Street was completed.



## Bridges

### Objective

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

### Action Plan

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

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

### Performance

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

## Sewerage

### Objective

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

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

Encourage the reuse of sewerage effluent

### Action Plan

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

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



## Performance

Completed the major project to recycle sewerage effluent from the Greenpoint Wastewater Treatment Plant at Bridgewater. Some 18 km of pipeline and 4 pumping stations were constructed by Brighton Council assisted by a Commonwealth Coast and Clean Seas grant of \$788,000. Water from the Bridgewater Treatment Plant is pumped to Old Beach and Tea Tree to on site storage dams on three large farms. These farmers also constructed some 6 km of pipelines and purchased new irrigation systems.

The discharge to the Derwent River ceased in late December 1999 which met Council's strategic objective to cease all sewage discharge to the river by the year 2000.

Details of this project are available from Council's office or on its web site.

An automated inlet screen was installed at the Greenpoint Treatment Plant.

A computer control system and radio telemetry was installed at the Greenpoint Treatment Plant and numerous pump stations.

## Water Supply

### Objective

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

### Action Plan

Maintain all water storage reservoirs and water mains at a standard that will ensure the supply of potable water to all consumers, is within the accepted health standards.

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

### Performance

Council was instrumental in establishing the Southern Region Irrigation Development Board which is chaired by Mayor Foster. This board is promoting the establishment of new infrastructure to bring fresh water from the Derwent River to the dry farming areas of the Hobart region.

A new water line was installed to Back Tea Tree Road from Honeywood.





## Public Buildings

### Objective

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

### Action Plan

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

### Performance

A new office was established at the Brighton Central Shopping Complex to provide council services for the Brighton/Pontville area and for Microwise Australia Pty Ltd.

## Reserves

### Objective

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

### Action Plan

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

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

### Performance

Improvements were undertaken at the foreshore reserve at Old Bridgewater and at Tottenham Park, Gagebrook.

A resource sharing arrangement was reached with Hobart City Council to use its parks and reserves staff to maintain Brighton's ovals. Hobart's expertise and specialised equipment have improved the standard of council's well-used facilities.

Brighton Council became a major sponsor of the Brighton Football Club which recognises the importance of the club to the community and its ongoing contribution to improving the facilities at Pontville Park.

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



## Waste management

### Objective

Maintain a waste management system that promotes a healthy environment and a level of service equivalent to community expectations.

### Action Plan

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

Maximise reduction of waste to landfill.

### Performance

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

Extended the contract for waste collection and transfer station operation.

Participated in the Southern Waste Strategy Board strategy development and implementation.



## Other Services, Resource Allocation

### Administration and Finance

#### Objective

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

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

#### Action Plan

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

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

Minimise Council level of debt write-offs.

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

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

#### Performance

The Financial Management of Brighton Council continued to improve with favourable key financial indicators during 1999 - 2000. Brighton Council's percentage of Debt to Revenue decreased during the financial year thanks to responsible financial management by staff and councillors. For 6 years now Council's debt ratio has been steadily falling and will continue to fall with no new loan requirements for the financial year ending in June 2001. Against the trend of most Tasmanian Councils, Brighton again managed to hold its rate increase to less than CPI.

Other highlights of the year include the successful implementation of Navision, our new financial management system. Our new system allows for improved financial information, particularly with regard to job costing for our infrastructure assets. The ease of use and interrogation power of our new financial system compliments our highly successful property system "PropertyWise" developed by Brighton Council IT Manager Scott Smith. Both systems are fully integrated and provide for seamless data transactions in a true windows environment.

The service to residents of the Brighton and Pontville areas was improved with the opening of a new office at the Brighton Central Shopping Complex on the Midland Highway, Brighton.



## Human Resources, Plant And Equipment

### Objective

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

### Action Plan

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

Implement resource sharing of staff, plant and equipment with other Council's.

Maintain existing staffing, plant and equipment levels.

### Performance

Resource sharing of Council staff and plant with neighbouring councils.

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

Each Brighton Councillor has been supplied with a personal computer and is connected into Councils wide area network. This enables information to be transferred via e-mail to and from all staff and elected officials.

The essential equipment was checked and Council's normal contingency plans were put on alert in preparation for the "Y2K Millenium Bug". The year 2000 arrived and passed without any problem to Council's operations.

Locals were used extensively for works, particularly in the major effluent re-use project which was mainly constructed by three local contractors.



## Councillors as at 30<sup>TH</sup> June 2000

### Cr Tony Foster

Councillor for almost 13 years, Mayor since 1993

Committee Representation:-

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

Council Representative:-

- Hobart Metropolitan Councils Association
- Hobart Regional Water Authority

### Cr Ted Jeffries

Councillor for just over 7 years, Deputy Mayor since 1996

Committee Representation:-

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

Council Representative:-

- Southern Tasmanian Waste Management Authority



## Cr Philip Owen

Councillor for just over 11 years

Committee Representation:-

- Executive Committee
- Brighton Planning Committee (Chairperson)

Council Representative:-

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

## Cr Lois Rainbird

Councillor for just over 16 years

Committee Representation:-

- Parks & Recreation Committee
- Finance Committee
- Brighton Access Advisory Committee

Council Representative:-

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





## **Cr Darren Purcell** (Resigned 7<sup>th</sup> February 2000)

Councillor for just over 3 years

Committee Representation:-

- Parks & Recreation Committee
- Brighton Planning Committee

## **Cr Barbara Curran**

Councillor for almost 4 years

Committee Representation:-

- Pontville Special Committee
- Finance Committee (until 20/3/00)
- Brighton Planning Committee (from 20/3/00)
- Environment Advisory Committee
- Brighton Senior Citizens Centre Management Committee (Chairperson)
- Community Advisory Committee
- Community Services Committee
- Brighton Access Advisory Committee (until 20/3/00)

Council Representative:-

- Natural Heritage Trust Management Committee



## Cr Peter Geard

Councillor for just over 12 years

Committee Representation:-

- Pontville Special Committee (Chairperson)
- Solid Waste Management Committee
- Parks & Recreation Committee

Council Representative:-

- Local State Emergency Services Co-ordinator

## Cr Geoff Taylor

Councillor for 15 years

Committee Representation:-

- Brighton Planning Committee
- Solid Waste Management Committee

## Cr Leigh Cowley (Resigned on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1999)

Councillor for 3 years

Committee Representation:-

- Nil



## **Cr Wayne Garlick** (Elected 15<sup>th</sup> November 1999)

Councillor for just over 7 months

Committee Representation:-

- Parks & Recreation Committee

## **Cr David Rolph** (Re-elected 20<sup>th</sup> March 2000)

Councillor for just under 4 years

Committee Representation:-

- Finance Committee
- Brighton Access Advisory Committee



## Councillors Attendance 1999/2000

### Ordinary Council Meetings

MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Foster	12	12	100
Cr Jeffries	12	11	92
Cr Curran	12	12	100
Cr Cowley (Resigned 1/11/99)	4	0	0
Cr Geard	12	12	100
Cr Purcell (Resigned 7/2/00)	7	4	57
Cr Owen	12	12	100
Cr Taylor	12	12	100
Cr Rainbird	12	12	100
Cr Garlick (Elected 15/11/99)	8	8	100
Cr Rolph (Elected 20/3/00)	4	4	100

### Special Council Meeting

MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Foster	1	1	100
Cr Jeffries	1	1	100
Cr Cowley (Resigned 1/11/99)	1	0	0
Cr Curran	1	1	100
Cr Geard	1	1	100
Cr Purcell (Resigned 7/2/00)	1	1	100
Cr Owen	1	1	100
Cr Taylor	1	1	100
Cr Rainbird	1	1	100



## Annual General Meeting

MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Foster	1	1	100
Cr Jeffries	1	1	100
Cr Garlick	1	1	100
Cr Owen	1	1	100
Cr Taylor	1	1	100
Cr Geard	1	1	100
Cr Curran	1	1	100
Cr Rainbird	1	1	100
Cr Purcell	1	1	100

## Parks & Recreation Committee

MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Jeffries	6	6	100
Cr Purcell (Resigned 7/2/00)	3	2	67
Cr Geard	6	5	83
Cr Rainbird	6	6	100
Cr Garlick (Appointed 20/3/00)	2	2	100

NON-MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Owen	1	1	100



## Finance Committee

MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Foster	7	6	85
Cr Jeffries	7	7	100
Cr Rainbird	7	7	100
Cr Curran (Resigned 7/2/00)	5	4	80
Cr Rolph (Appointed 20/3/00)	2	2	100

NON-MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Owen	6	6	100
Cr Geard	4	4	100
Cr Purcell	3	3	100
Cr Taylor	2	2	100
Cr Garlick	2	2	100
Cr Curran	2	2	100

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Owen	5	5	100
Cr Jeffries	5	4	80
Cr Taylor	5	5	100
Cr Purcell (Resigned 7/2/00)	2	2	100
Cr Curran (Appointed 20/3/00)	2	2	100

NON-MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Foster	1	1	100
Cr Curran	2	2	100



## Access Advisory Committee

MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Curran (Resigned 20/3/00)	7	2	28
Cr Rainbird (Appointed 20/3/00)	4	2	50
Cr Rolph (Appointed 20/3/00)	3	0	0

## Pontville Special Committee

MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Geard	2	2	100
Cr Curran	2	0	0

## Environment Advisory Committee

MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Foster	4	4	100
Cr Curran	4	4	100

## Community Advisory Committee

MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Foster	2	2	100
Cr Curran	2	2	100

## Brighton Senior Citizens Management Committee

MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Curran	2	2	100

# BRIGHTON COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2000



## FINANCIAL REPORT





**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT****To the Councillors of the Brighton Council****Scope**

I have audited the financial report of the Brighton Council comprising Operating, Financial Position, Changes in Equity and Cash Flows Statements and notes thereto, for the year ended 30 June 2000. The General Manager of the Brighton Council is responsible for the financial report. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the Councillors.

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

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

**Audit Opinion**

In my opinion the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements, the financial position of the Brighton Council as at 30 June 2000, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.

A J McHugh  
**AUDITOR-GENERAL**

30 November 2000

**HOBART**

**TASMANIAN**  
  
**AUDIT OFFICE**



## **BRIGHTON COUNCIL**

### **Statement by Councillors and Principal Accounting Officer**

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In our opinion:

- (a) the financial report set out on the following pages presents fairly the financial position of BRIGHTON COUNCIL as at 30 June 2000 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views and applicable legislation; and
- (b) the financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act (Tasmania) 1993.

**Cr. S.A. Foster**  
**Mayor**



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**Cr. T.J. Jeffries**  
**Deputy Mayor**



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**G.L. Dodge**  
**General Manager**



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**November 2000**

**OPERATING STATEMENT** For the Year ended 30 June 2000

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Actual 2000</i>	<i>Budget 2000</i>	<i>Actual 1999</i>
<b>REVENUES</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Rate Revenues	3(a)(i)	5,236,683	5,158,806	5,021,392
User Charges	3(a)(vi)	1,161,490	1,021,500	942,117
Fees and Charges		404,101	480,000	563,622
Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred	3(a)(iv)	15,530	15,530	13,725
Private Works Sales Proceeds		4,065	5,000	92,425
Interest	3(a)(ii)	78,994	60,000	70,095
Contributions	3(a)(vii)	343,585	350,000	817,957
Other		176,714	150,000	106,492
		\$7,421,162	\$7,240,836	\$7,627,825
Government Grants	3(a)(v)	2,494,529	2,425,932	1,721,109
Profit from Sale of Plant	3(a)(iii)	35,481	30,000	92,470
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<b>\$9,951,172</b>	<b>\$9,696,768</b>	<b>\$9,441,404</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Employee Costs	3(b)(i)	1,871,639	2,018,170	2,108,723
Depreciation	3(b)(ii)	2,300,936	2,212,318	2,225,352
Interest	3(b)(iii)	478,384	481,778	493,013
Financial Costs	3(b)(iii)	102,442	110,689	118,015
Contributions	3(b)(iv)	628,764	618,071	538,773
Materials/Contracts & Other	3(b)(v)	3,567,602	3,906,622	2,563,792
Purchase of Water		733,889	755,000	754,128
Aldermanic Allowances & Expenses		88,561	86,000	74,806
Family Day Care Fee Relief Subsidy		455,354	450,000	447,224
		\$10,227,571	\$10,638,648	\$9,323,826
Donations	30	16,551	15,000	14,606
Remissions Granted		50,156	34,158	60,734
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$10,294,278</b>	<b>\$10,687,806</b>	<b>\$9,399,166</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets from Operations before abnormal items</b>		<b>(\$343,106)</b>	<b>(\$991,038)</b>	<b>\$42,238</b>
Abnormal Items	29	1,541,749	1,500,000	-6,873,165
<b>Change in Net Assets from Operations</b>		<b>(\$1,884,855)</b>	<b>(\$2,491,038)</b>	<b>\$6,915,403</b>



## BRIGHTON COUNCIL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 1999 - 2000

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As at 30 June 2000.

	Notes	2000 \$	1999 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash	4	436,998	679,266
Receivables - Rates	5	675,077	577,127
Receivables - Other	5	424,643	489,781
Land Held for Resale	6	197,214	197,214
Work in Progress	7	9,380	11,090
Other	8	142,858	9,656
<i>Total Current Assets</i>	2(b)	\$1,886,170	\$1,964,134
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors & Accruals	9	631,610	754,723
Borrowings	10	385,766	327,230
Employee Entitlements	11	340,099	388,552
Lease Liabilities	12	0	10,636
Other	13	217,810	408,960
<i>Total Current Liabilities</i>		\$1,575,285	\$1,890,101
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>\$310,885</b>	<b>\$74,033</b>
<b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Land	14	1,626,049	1,803,880
Plant and Vehicles	15	528,175	566,637
Small Machinery	16	19,535	34,087
Furniture and Equipment	17	298,066	283,112
Buildings	18	3,822,033	3,450,066
Bridges	19	627,482	676,125
Sewerage	20	11,424,650	9,869,811
Drainage	21	8,852,854	7,480,752
Water	22	11,607,413	8,507,360
Roads	23	19,496,585	21,691,847
Other	24	6,999,161	7,009,642
<i>Total Non Current Assets</i>	2(b)	\$65,302,003	\$61,373,319
<b>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Borrowings	10	6,588,268	6,277,734
Employee Entitlements	11	43,640	23,052
<i>Total Non Current Liabilities</i>		\$6,631,908	\$6,300,786
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>\$58,980,980</b>	<b>\$55,146,566</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Reserves		6,203,987	484,718
Surplus (Deficit) for the year		(1,884,855)	6,915,403
Ratepayers Equity		54,661,848	47,746,445
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>\$58,980,980</b>	<b>\$55,146,566</b>

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



## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the Year Ended 30 June 2000.

	Ratepayers Equity		Asset Revaluation Reserve		Plant Replacement Reserve		Public Open Space Reserve		Total	
	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at the beginning of the financial year	54,661,848	47,746,445	449,133	449,133	0	100,000	35,585	35,585	55,146,566	48,331,163
Increase / (Decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	(1,884,855)	6,915,403							(1,884,855)	6,915,403
Transfers (from)/to Reserves			5,719,269			(100,000)			5,719,269	(100,000)
Balance at the end of the financial year	\$52,776,993	\$54,661,848	\$6,168,402	\$449,133	\$0	\$0	\$35,585	\$35,585	\$58,980,980	\$55,146,566



**BRIGHTON COUNCIL STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS** For the year ended 30 June 2000.

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>1999</i>
		\$	\$
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>			
<i>Payments</i>			
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(7,792,167)	(6,562,993)
Interest and other costs of finance		(580,826)	(579,787)
		(8,372,993)	(7,142,780)
<i>Receipts</i>			
Receipts from Ratepayers, Fees & Charges		6,585,031	6,428,528
Other Revenue		4,065	92,425
Interest Received		78,994	70,095
		6,668,090	6,591,048
<b>Net Cash Outflow from Operating Activities</b>	28	(\$1,704,903)	(\$551,732)
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>			
<i>Payments</i>			
Buildings		(9,599)	(48,442)
Land		(32,763)	0
Plant and Vehicles & Machinery		(193,354)	(375,250)
Water Reticulation Assets		(15,040)	(20,092)
Roads Bridges & Drainage Assets		(284,000)	(343,761)
Sewerage Assets		(1,154,327)	(237,801)
Furniture and Equipment		(98,112)	(159,941)
		(1,787,195)	(1,185,287)
<b>Proceeds from:</b> Public Bodies Loan repayments		9,655	51,152
Other Assets		10,481	
Hobart Water Dividends		107,376	106,492
Sales of Plant and Equipment Assets	3(a)(iii)	118,370	237,669
<b>Net Cash Outflow from Investing Activities</b>		(\$1,541,313)	(\$789,974)
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>			
Repayment of Borrowings		(340,581)	(315,566)
Proceeds from Borrowings		700,000	250,000
DSD Equity Investment		150,000	0
Repayment of Lease Liabilities		0	(25,178)
		509,419	(90,744)
<b>Cash Inflow from Government</b>			
Government Grants		2,494,529	1,721,109
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in Cash Held</b>		(242,268)	288,659
Cash at the Beginning of the Financial Year		679,266	390,607
<b>Cash at the End of the Financial Year</b>	4	\$436,998	\$679,266



## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT For the year ended 30 June 2000

### 1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant policies which have been adopted in the preparation of this Financial Report are:

#### *(a) Basis of Accounting*

The financial reports of Council have been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, the Corporations law and the Local Government Act 1993.

It has been prepared on the basis of historical costs and except where stated, does not take into account changing money values or current valuations of non-current assets.

The accounting policies have been consistently applied and, except where there is a change in accounting policy, are consistent with those of the previous year.

Where necessary, comparative information has been reclassified to achieve consistency in disclosure with current financial year amounts and other disclosures.

#### *(b) The Local Government Reporting Entity*

Council prepares a general purpose financial report that encompasses all business and non-business operations which Council controls, either directly or through the operation of controlled entities. These reports will detail all funds, assets and liabilities over which Council exercises or may exercise control. In the process of preparing the Brighton Council financial reports, the effects of transactions between Council and other controlled entities have been eliminated.

#### *(c) Asset Valuations*

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historic cost convention. Assets are revalued at replacement cost unless greater accuracy may be ascertained by utilising historic costs in assets less than 5 years old. Assets have been valued as per the following:

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

#### *(d) Acquisition of Assets*

The cost method of accounting is used for the initial recording of all acquisitions of assets. Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration, including architects fees and engineering design fees and all other costs incurred in getting the assets ready for use.



## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT For the year ended 30 June 2000

### *(d) Acquisition of Assets (continued)*

Non-monetary assets received in the form of grants and donations are recognised as assets and revenues at their fair value at the date of receipt. Fair value means the amount for which an asset could be exchanged between a knowledgeable, willing buyer and a knowledgeable, willing seller in an arms length transaction.

### *(e) Revaluation of Non Current Assets*

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

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

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

### *(f) Depreciation of Non Current Assets*

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

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

Non current assets are those assets which provide a benefit to Council extending beyond twelve months.

The current applicable rates of depreciation are:

- |                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| • buildings                 | 50 years    |
| • plant and vehicles        | 5-15 years  |
| • small machinery and tools | 3-8 years   |
| • equipment and furniture   | 5-10 years  |
| • roads                     | 30 years    |
| • drainage/sewerage assets  | 50 years    |
| • water supply assets       | 15-80 years |
| • bridges                   | 25-70 years |

### *(g) Asset Recognition Thresholds*

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

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





## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT For the year ended 30 June 2000

### *(h) Maintenance and Repairs*

Maintenance and repair costs are expensed when incurred. If the maintenance costs significantly increase the economic life of an asset or the total value exceeds the written down current value, and the costs are consistent with the asset acquisition limits, then the costs will be capitalised.

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

### *(i) Employee Entitlements*

#### i) Wages and Salaries

A liability for wages and salaries is recognised, and is measured as the amount unpaid at balance date at current pay rates in respect of employees' service up to that date.

#### ii) Annual, Sick and Long Service Leave

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

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

No liability is recognised for sick leave as this is non-vesting.

#### iii) Superannuation

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

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

### *(j) Investments*

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

### *(k) Land Held for Resale*

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

Land and land held for resale are revalued at the date of each general valuation of property within the Municipality, the last such revaluation being 30th June 2000. Any revaluation increment or decrement is charged directly to the Asset Revaluation Reserve.



## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT For the year ended 30 June 2000

### *(l) Rates, Grants and Other Contributions*

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

Rating revenues are recognised at the commencement of the rating period or when the rates are levied.

Uncollected rates at balance date are recognised as receivables.

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

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

### *(m) Lease Liabilities*

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

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

### *(n) Receivables*

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

### *(o) Accounts Payable*

Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods or services received, whether or not billed to the Council.

### *(p) Borrowings*

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

### *(q) Revenue Recognition*

#### *i) Sales revenue*

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

#### *ii) Interest Income*

Interest income is recognised as it accrues.



## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT For the year ended 30 June 2000

### 2. FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL

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

Functions	Expenses		Grant Revenue		Other Revenue		Total Revenue		Increase/(Decrease) in Operating Capability		Assets Attributed to Function/Activity	
	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Corporate Services	750,404	795,897			61,108	176,345	61,108	176,345				
Water Supply	1,382,810	1,310,082			1,845,323	1,604,292	1,845,323	1,604,292			11,607,413	8,507,360
Parks and Recreation	524,679	601,441			19,582	11,545	19,582	11,545			1,593,286	1,745,350
Drainage/Sewerage	1,414,813	1,177,841	788,500		1,475,962	1,415,163	2,264,462	1,415,163			20,277,504	17,350,563
Planning & Building Services	412,678	131,194			140,727	94,219	140,727	94,219				
Buildings	537,757	246,219			0	0	0	0			3,822,033	3,450,066
Roads/Streets/Bridges	3,682,556	2,152,563	3,742		162,077	645,899	165,819	645,899			20,124,067	22,367,972
Community Services	1,214,380	1,153,187	650,286	679,540	10,705	337,898	660,991	1,017,438				
Environmental Health	508,008	425,793			100,708	70,877	100,708	70,877				
Waste Management	651,564	848,819			465,434	548,394	465,434	548,394				
Unallocated Services	756,378	556,130	1,052,001	1,041,569	3,175,017	9,688,828	4,227,018	10,730,397			9,763,870	9,916,142
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,836,027</b>	<b>\$9,399,166</b>	<b>\$2,494,529</b>	<b>\$1,721,109</b>	<b>\$7,456,643</b>	<b>\$14,593,460</b>	<b>\$9,951,172</b>	<b>\$16,314,569</b>	<b>(\$1,884,855)</b>	<b>\$6,915,403</b>	<b>\$67,188,173</b>	<b>\$63,337,453</b>



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### 2. FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL

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

Current Assets	\$ 1,886,170
Non Current Assets	\$ 65,225,754
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	\$ 67,111,924

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

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



## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT For the year ended 30 June 2000

### 3. OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES

#### 3(a) Operating Revenues

	Note	2000 \$	1999 \$
Rates	(i)	5,236,683	5,021,392
Fees and Charges		404,101	563,622
User Charges	(vi)	1,161,490	942,117
Interest	(ii)	78,994	70,095
Reimbursements	(iv)	15,530	13,725
Contributions	(vii)	343,585	817,957
Private Works Sales		4,065	92,425
Community Newsletter		10,136	0
Microwise Australia	33	59,202	0
Grants	(v)	2,494,529	1,721,109
Hobart Water Dividend		107,376	106,492
Profit from Sale of Assets	(iii)	35,481	92,470
		<u>\$9,951,172</u>	<u>\$9,441,404</u>
i) Rates Revenue			
General		2,531,413	2,456,342
Garbage		382,790	375,030
Sewerage		1,345,833	1,274,723
Water		603,987	596,908
Fire Levy		324,261	283,960
Penalties		48,399	34,429
		<u>\$5,236,683</u>	<u>\$5,021,392</u>
ii) Interest Revenue			
Interest received or due and receivable from:			
Investments		78,994	70,095
		<u>\$78,994</u>	<u>\$70,095</u>
iii) Profit from Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment			
Proceeds from Sales		118,370	237,669
less written down current cost of asset sold		(82,889)	(145,199)
Gain on Sale		<u>\$35,481</u>	<u>\$92,470</u>
iv) Recoveries and Reimbursements			
Reimbursements of Costs Incurred			
Welfare Administration		15,530	13,725
		<u>\$15,530</u>	<u>\$13,725</u>



**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT** For the year ended 30 June 2000

	Note	2000 \$	1999 \$
<b>3. OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES (continued)</b>			
<i>3(a) Operating Revenues</i>			
v) Grant Revenues			
Grants were received in respect of the following:			
<i>Community Services</i>			
Youth Activities Service		45,651	10,714
Family Day Care		556,192	657,425
Family Liaison Worker		20,459	0
School Holiday Program		27,984	10,371
Home and Community Care		0	1,030
		<u>\$650,286</u>	<u>\$679,540</u>
<i>Other</i>			
Commonwealth Tax Sharing		1,052,001	983,403
Waste Water Re-use Grant		788,500	0
Black Spot Programme		3,742	0
Jordan River Management Grant		0	58,166
		<u>\$1,844,243</u>	<u>\$1,041,569</u>
<i>Total Grants</i>		<u>\$2,494,529</u>	<u>\$1,721,109</u>
vi) User Charges			
Water Consumption Charge		1,068,686	843,519
Flocon Hire		23,541	25,673
Refuse Site Entrance Fees		69,263	72,925
		<u>\$1,161,490</u>	<u>\$942,117</u>
vii) Contributions			
Infrastructure Assets		343,585	817,957
		<u>\$343,585</u>	<u>\$817,957</u>
<i>3(b) Operating Expenses</i>			
i) Employee Costs			
Wages and Salaries		1,599,407	1,713,530
Superannuation		153,249	201,136
Other Employee Related Expenses		118,983	194,057
		<u>\$1,871,639</u>	<u>\$2,108,723</u>



## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT For the year ended 30 June 2000

	Note	2000 \$	1999 \$
<b>3. OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES (continued)</b>			
<i>3(a) Operating Revenues</i>			
(ii) Depreciation Expense			
Plant and Vehicles		146,277	140,902
Buildings		113,408	112,197
Small Machinery		17,202	6,030
Bridges		33,433	33,433
Sewerage Assets		256,618	249,789
Drainage Assets		185,920	185,681
Water Assets		261,914	260,658
Road Assets		1,203,006	1,159,460
Equipment and Furniture		83,158	77,202
		<u>\$2,300,936</u>	<u>\$2,225,352</u>
(iii) Financial Costs			
Interest on Debt		478,384	493,013
Audit Fees		11,608	14,668
Bank Charges		12,983	8,882
Finance Lease Interest Expense		277	5,647
Finance Lease Amortisation Expense		5,537	31,241
Credit Card Costs		14,311	17,433
Discount Allowed		27,955	28,373
Other		29,771	11,771
		<u>\$580,826</u>	<u>\$611,028</u>
(iv) Contributions			
State Fire Commission Levy		312,068	270,361
State Library Levy		114,739	112,626
Tas. Canine Defence League Contribution		98,721	41,357
Local Govt. Association of Tasmania		16,350	12,605
Valuation Charges		21,942	39,071
Planning Levy		49,944	49,003
Hobart Metropolitan Councils Association		15,000	13,750
		<u>\$628,764</u>	<u>\$538,773</u>



**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT** For the year ended 30 June 2000

	<i>Note</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>1999</i>
		\$	\$
<b>3. OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES (continued)</b>			
(v) Materials/Contracts & Other			
Street Lighting		118,983	123,562
Solid Waste Contract		391,465	451,661
Tipping Fees		111,309	130,009
Jordan River NHT Expenditure		54,981	0
On Site Waste Disposal Trials		35,498	0
Microwise Australia	33	97,453	0
Community Newsletter		54,937	0
Road & Bridge Maintenance		461,902	488,909
Sewerage Maintenance		613,490	468,444
Water Maintenance		197,286	186,014
Reserve Maintenance		318,865	229,989
Building Maintenance		355,321	256,283
Other materials & contracts		756,112	228,921
		<u>\$3,567,602</u>	<u>\$2,563,792</u>

<b>4. CURRENT ASSETS - CASH</b>			
		<i>2000</i>	<i>1999</i>
		\$	\$
Cash at Bank		141,506	209,651
Cash Advances		2,800	2,200
Investments		292,692	467,415
		<u>\$436,998</u>	<u>\$679,266</u>

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and in bank and investments in money market accounts or short term deposits, net of any outstanding bank overdrafts. Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related item in the statement of financial position as above.

<b>5. CURRENT ASSETS - RECEIVABLES</b>			
		<i>2000</i>	<i>1999</i>
Rates Receivables		\$675,077	\$577,127
Other Receivables			
Water Consumption/Excess Charges		211,251	301,813
Other Debtors		219,992	193,781
Less provision for Doubtful Debts		(6,600)	(5,813)
		<u>\$424,643</u>	<u>\$489,781</u>

Other Debtors includes an amount \$94,819 owed by the Defence Department which is currently in dispute. The dispute is currently being investigated by the Ombudsman.




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	2000	1999
	\$	\$

**6. CURRENT ASSETS - LAND HELD FOR RESALE**

Land Held for Resale	\$197,214	\$197,214
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Represents land purchased as part of an industrial estate at Bridgewater.

**7. CURRENT ASSETS - WORK IN PROGRESS**

Private Works	9,380	11,090
	<u>\$9,380</u>	<u>\$11,090</u>

**8. CURRENT ASSETS - OTHER**

Accrued Revenue	132,275	0
Other	10,583	9,656
	<u>\$142,858</u>	<u>\$9,656</u>

**9. CURRENT LIABILITIES - CREDITORS & ACCRUALS**

Trade Creditors	95,921	0
Other Creditors and Accruals	535,689	754,723
	<u>\$631,610</u>	<u>\$754,723</u>

**10. LIABILITIES - BORROWINGS**
**CURRENT**
*Secured*

Private Loans	<u>\$385,766</u>	<u>\$327,230</u>
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**NON CURRENT**
*Secured*

Private Loans	<u>\$6,588,268</u>	<u>\$6,277,734</u>
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*Security for Borrowings*

The loans are secured over the general rates of the Council.

*Financing Arrangements*

Council does not currently utilise access to any overdraft facilities.

Council has corporate credit cards with a combined limit of \$5,000.

The current policy of Council is to minimise all borrowings and reduce existing debt.



## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT For the year ended 30 June 2000

	2000	1999
	\$	\$
<b>11. LIABILITIES - EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS</b>		
<i>CURRENT</i>		
<i>Employee Leave Entitlements Provisions</i>		
Annual Leave	174,328	160,368
Long Service Leave	165,771	228,184
	<u>\$340,099</u>	<u>\$388,552</u>
<i>NON CURRENT</i>		
Employee Leave Entitlements Provisions		
Long Service Leave	<u>\$43,640</u>	<u>\$23,052</u>

The provision for annual leave is established at a level sufficient to cover the liability due to employees for leave due in the current financial year plus accrued entitlements due. The provision for long service leave is established at a level sufficient to cover the liability due to employees. The current provision recognises these vested entitlements.

## 12. LIABILITIES - LEASES

### CURRENT

Lease Liabilities	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$10,636</u>
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See Note 26 for lease details.

## 13. CURRENT LIABILITIES - OTHER

Deposits Held in Trust	10,010	8,960
Revenue Received in advance	57,800	400,000
DSD Investment in Microwise Australia	150,000	0
	<u>\$217,810</u>	<u>\$408,960</u>

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

## 14. NON CURRENT ASSETS - LAND

Land - at Local Government valuation - 2000	1,593,286	1,745,350
Land - at Cost	32,763	58,530
	<u>\$1,626,049</u>	<u>\$1,803,880</u>

Valuations of land were taken from the valuations provided by the Valuer-General. The revaluation of the municipality was performed in 2000, effective from 30 June 2000. Land valuations not specifically identified are based on adjacent site values.

## 15. NON CURRENT ASSETS - PLANT AND VEHICLES

Plant and Vehicles at Cost	950,693	917,326
less Accumulated Depreciation	(422,518)	(350,689)
	<u>\$528,175</u>	<u>\$566,637</u>

Valuations of plant & equipment are based on original purchase prices.



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	2000	1999
	\$	\$
<b>16. NON CURRENT ASSETS - SMALL MACHINERY</b>		
Small Machinery at Cost	76,231	73,581
less Accumulated Depreciation	(56,696)	(39,494)
	<u>\$19,535</u>	<u>\$34,087</u>

Valuations of small machinery are based on original purchase prices.

## 17. NON CURRENT ASSETS - FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Furniture and Equipment purchased on Finance Lease	197,530	197,530
Furniture and Equipment at Cost	935,008	833,575
less Amortisation of Finance Lease	(197,530)	(191,993)
less Accumulated Depreciation	(636,942)	(556,000)
	<u>\$298,066</u>	<u>\$283,112</u>

Valuations of furniture and equipment are based on original purchase prices. Previously furniture & equipment was recognised at replacement cost up to June 1993 and at cost from that date. Predominantly furniture & equipment prior to 1993 has been replaced so is now fully recognised at cost.

## 18. NON CURRENT ASSETS - BUILDINGS

Buildings at Valuation	3,812,434	3,939,543
Buildings at Cost	9,599	251,463
less Accumulated Depreciation	0	(740,940)
	<u>\$3,822,033</u>	<u>\$3,450,066</u>

Valuations of buildings were taken from the valuations provided by the Valuer-General. The revaluation of the municipality was performed in 2000, effective from 30 June 2000.

## 19. NON CURRENT ASSETS - BRIDGES

Bridges at Replacement Cost	1,524,788	1,295,000
Bridges at Cost	0	27,306
less Accumulated Depreciation	(897,306)	(646,181)
	<u>\$627,482</u>	<u>\$676,125</u>

Valuations of bridges were prepared by the Engineering Department in consultation with Pitt & Sherry as at 30 June 2000.

## 20. NON CURRENT ASSETS - SEWERAGE

Sewerage Assets at Replacement Cost	15,842,333	13,243,987
Sewerage Assets at Cost	1,154,327	1,331,578
less Accumulated Depreciation	(5,572,010)	(4,705,754)
	<u>\$11,424,650</u>	<u>\$9,869,811</u>



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Valuations of sewerage assets were prepared by the Engineering Department in association with Pitt & Sherry as at 30 June 2000.

	2000	1999
	\$	\$
<b>21. NON CURRENT ASSETS - DRAINAGE</b>		
Drainage Assets at Replacement Cost	11,843,179	11,134,980
Drainage Assets at Cost	79,006	20,200
less Accumulated Depreciation	(3,069,331)	(3,674,428)
	<u>\$8,852,854</u>	<u>\$7,480,752</u>

Valuations of drainage assets were prepared by the Engineering Department in association with Pitt & Sherry as at 30 June 2000.

## 22. NON CURRENT ASSETS - WATER RETICULATION

Water Reticulation Assets at Replacement Cost	18,082,148	11,975,455
Water Reticulation Assets at Cost	15,040	1,632,059
less Accumulated Depreciation	(6,489,775)	(5,100,154)
	<u>\$11,607,413</u>	<u>\$8,507,360</u>

Valuations of water reticulation assets were prepared by the Engineering Department in association with Pitt & Sherry as at 30 June 2000. Water meters are now included in the water reticulation total. Previously they were identified separately.

## 23. NON CURRENT ASSETS - ROADS

Road Assets at Replacement Cost	50,950,575	40,226,602
Road Assets at Cost	284,000	2,308,007
less Accumulated Depreciation	(31,737,990)	(20,842,762)
	<u>\$19,496,585</u>	<u>\$21,691,847</u>

Valuations of road assets were prepared by the Engineering Department in association with Pitt & Sherry as at 30 June 2000. Street lights are now included in the roads total. Previously they were identified separately.

## 24. NON CURRENT ASSETS - OTHER

Hobart Water Joint authority	6,873,165	6,873,165
Loan Debtors	125,996	136,477
	<u>\$6,999,161</u>	<u>\$7,009,642</u>

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

## 25. CONTINGENCIES

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



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	2000	1999
	\$	\$

### 26. COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

#### (a) Capital Commitments

There are no capital expenditure commitments as at balance date.

#### (b) Operating Commitments

These expenditures are payable:

Not later than one year	0	365,534
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#### c) Finance Lease Commitments

At 30 June 2000, the Council had the following obligations under finance leases (the sum of which is recognised as a liability after deduction of future lease finance charges included in the obligation):

These expenditures are payable:

Not later than one year	0	10,913
Later than one year but not later than five years	0	0
Minimal lease payments	0	10,913
Deduct future finance charges	0	(277)
Lease Liability	\$0	\$10,636

Comprised of:

Current	0	10,636
Non Current	0	0
	\$0	\$10,636

#### d) Operating Lease Commitments

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

### 27. SUPERANNUATION

Brighton Council contributes in respect of its employees to a superannuation plan established for all Local Governments in the State. In accordance with the statutory requirements, the Council contributes to the Municipal Employees Assurance Scheme Superannuation Fund amounts determined by the Plan's actuary. As such, assets accumulate in the Fund to meet members' benefits as they accrue. If the assets of the Fund were insufficient to satisfy benefits payable to its beneficiaries, Council would be required to meet its share of the deficiency. No liability of Council has been recognised as at the reporting date in respect of the superannuation benefits for its employees. The most recent actuarial report indicates that as at 30 June 1999, the Scheme's assets were sufficient to satisfy all benefits that would have been vested under the Scheme in the event of: termination of the scheme, voluntary termination of the employment of each employee on the initiative of that employee, and compulsory termination of the employment of each employee of the employer. Superannuation contributions paid by the Council during the reporting period was \$249,470.



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

	2000 \$	1999 \$
<i>Increase/(Decrease) in net assets resulting from operations</i>	(\$1,884,855)	\$6,915,403
<i>Items not involving cash</i>		
Lease Amortisation	0	31,241
Acquisition of Hobart Water	0	(6,873,165)
Non Cash Contributions	(358,279)	(817,957)
Revaluation Decrement	1,541,749	
Depreciation Expense	2,300,936	2,225,352
	<u>\$3,484,406</u>	<u>(\$5,434,529)</u>
<i>Revenues from Government</i>		
Government Grants	(\$2,494,529)	(\$1,721,109)
Investing Activity		
Hobart Water Dividends	(107,376)	(106,492)
Net profit on Disposal of Plant and Equipment	(35,481)	(92,470)
	<u>(\$142,857)</u>	<u>(\$198,962)</u>
<i>Change in Operating Assets and Liabilities</i>		
(Increase)/Decrease in Rates Receivables	(97,950)	(139,853)
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Debtors	65,138	(134,854)
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Assets	(131,492)	105,205
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventories		12,489
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors	(123,113)	(213,688)
Increase/(Decrease) in Provision for Employee Entitlements	(27,865)	135
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities	(351,786)	258,031
	<u>(\$667,068)</u>	<u>(\$112,535)</u>
<i>Net Cash Outflow from Operating Activities</i>	<u>(\$1,704,903)</u>	<u>(\$551,732)</u>

**29. ABNORMAL ITEMS**

*Revenue*

Gain from investment in Hobart Regional Water Authority previously not recognised.	<u>(\$6,873,165)</u>
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*Expenditure*

Loss on Asset Revaluation	
- Roads	1,450,581
- Bridges	15,209
- Reserves	75,959
	<u>\$1,541,749</u>



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	2000	1999
	\$	\$
<b>30. 1999/00 DONATIONS APPROVED GRANTS AND BENEFITS REGISTER -</b>		
(SECTION 77 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993)		
Anglicare	200	700
Asthma Foundation of Tasmania Inc.	0	100
Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame	0	100
Bridgewater High School	6,300	3,300
Bridgewater/Gagebrook Playgroup	0	220
Brighton Agricultural Society	500	500
Brighton Family Day Care Carers	100	200
Brighton Football Club	1,500	0
Brighton Junior Football Club	100	0
Brighton Playgroup Association	550	0
Brighton Robin's Cricket Club	0	600
Brighton/Green Ponds RSLA	200	200
BURP Inc	0	500
Camp Quality	0	100
Cantwell, Thia	60	0
Christian James	0	60
Citizenship prizes to local schools (8 @ \$60)	480	480
Claremont College	310	50
Derwent Naval Reserve	100	0
Drop in centre	0	118
Gagebrook Safety House	100	0
Headway Support Services	100	0
Jeremy Brown	0	250
Jessica Allen	0	60
Jury, Samantha	110	0
Langley, Joshua	110	0
Lee Tulip	0	60
Ling, Chante	60	0
Masters, Timothy	60	0
Miss T Churchill	0	85
Moy, Mathew	60	0
Old Beach Progress Association	0	1,500
O'Neil Dwayne	50	0
School Bursaries ( 8/6 @ \$250 )	2,000	1,500
Self Esteem & Enterprise Development (SEED)	116	368
Soccer Tasmania Ltd	0	60
Southern Cross TV Children's Christmas Party	0	195



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	2000	1999
	\$	\$
<b>30. 1999/00 DONATIONS APPROVED GRANTS AND BENEFITS REGISTER (continued)</b>		
State Bicycle Advisory Committee	500	200
Tasmanian Canine Defence League	385	0
Tasmanian Crabbet Arabian Group	0	100
Tasmanian Environment Centre	1,500	1,000
Tea Tree Hall Committee	1,000	1,000
Youth Insearch Tasmania	0	1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,551</b>	<b>\$14,606</b>

## 31. ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT DISCLOSURES

### (a) Interest Rate Risk:

The Council's exposure to interest rate risk and the effective weighted average interest rate for Fixed interest maturing in:

	Note	Floating interest rate \$	1 year or less \$	Over 1 to 5 years \$	More than 5 years \$	Non-interest bearing \$	TOTAL \$
<i>Financial assets 2000</i>							
Cash	4	144,306					144,306
Receivables	5					1,099,720	1,099,720
Investments	4	292,692					292,692
		\$436,998				\$1,099,720	\$1,536,718
Weighted average interest		5.78%				0.00%	
<i>Financial liabilities 2000</i>							
Loans	10		385,766	1,824,956	4,763,312		6,974,034
Accounts payable	9					631,610	631,610
Lease liabilities	12		0				0
			\$385,766	\$1,824,956	\$4,763,312	\$631,610	\$7,605,644
Weighted average interest			7.11%	7.12%	7.28%	0.00%	
<i>Financial assets 1999</i>							
Cash	4	211,851					211,851
Receivables	5					1,066,908	1,066,908
Investments	4	467,415					467,415
		\$679,266				\$1,066,908	\$1,746,174
Weighted average interest		4.96%				0.00%	





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### 31. ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT DISCLOSURES (continued)

#### (a) Interest Rate Risk:

	Note	Floating interest rate \$	1 year or less \$	Over 1 to 5 years \$	More than 5 years \$	Non-interest bearing \$	TOTAL \$
<i>Financial liabilities 1999</i>							
Loans	10		327,230	1,576,554	4,701,180		6,604,964
Accounts payable	9					754,723	754,723
Lease liabilities	12		10,636				10,636
		\$337,866	\$1,576,554	\$4,701,180	\$754,723	\$7,370,323	
Weighted average interest		7.40%	7.70%	8.09%	0.00%		

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

The carrying amounts of cash, accounts receivable, investments, accounts payable and lease liabilities approximate net fair value. The loan portfolio owed by Council has been reviewed by Tascorp effective 30 June 2000. Following this review, it was determined that, having regard to the fixed rate of interest applicable for the remaining life of each loan, the approximate net fair value (which equates to current market value) \$7,147,558 compared to the actual value of \$6,974,034.

#### (c) Credit Risk:

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

### 32. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS ACTIVITIES OF COUNCIL

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

#### Statement of Cost of Operations for the year ending 30 June 2000

Revenue	Water		Sewerage	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
Rates	603,987	596,908	1,345,614	1,274,723
User Charges	1,079,286	845,142	789,570	17,075
Contributions	162,050	162,242	129,278	123,300
Total Revenue	\$1,845,323	\$1,604,292	\$2,264,462	\$1,415,098
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Employee Costs	74,130	47,303	73,732	59,910
Materials, Contracts & Other	971,003	912,124	682,989	414,507
Interest	75,763	53,778	89,698	68,111
Other		22,894		49,140
<i>Capital Costs</i>				
Depreciation	261,914	273,984	256,618	266,666
Opportunity Cost of Capital	1,044,667	765,662	1,028,219	888,283



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**32. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS ACTIVITIES OF COUNCIL (continued)**

*Statement of Cost of Operations for the year ending 30 June 2000*

	<i>Water</i>		<i>Sewerage</i>	
	<i>2000</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>1999</i>
<i>Indirect</i>				
Engineering & Admin	34,109	36,177	85,273	90,443
<i>Competitive Neutrality Costs</i>				
Fringe Benefit Tax	0	0	0	0
Stamp Duty	0	0	0	0
Council Rates & Land Tax	3,632	3,632	2,188	2,188
WST	1,973	1,323	6,135	3,459
Loan Guarantee Fee	4,839	4,571	5,729	5,411
Notional Income Tax	150,466	89,462	382,356	163,895
<i>Total Expenditure</i>	<i>\$2,622,496</i>	<i>\$2,210,910</i>	<i>\$2,612,937</i>	<i>\$2,012,013</i>

Competitive Neutrality costs are shown to give an indication of the costs council would have to meet if the significant business activities as detailed, operated within the private sector.

In preparing the information disclosed in relation to significant business activities the following assumptions have applied.

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

**33. MICROWISE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD**

Microwise Australia is an incorporated entity that has been formed by Brighton Council to:

- Own and manage the intellectual property contained in the PropertyWise software product.
- Create and develop new software products to meet the identified needs of existing and potential customers within local government and other public and private sectors.
- Provide software maintenance and technical support to existing customers.
- Provide upgrades and enhancements to a portfolio of products.
- Manage the relationship with marketing organisations to achieve market coverage and representation.

Currently Brighton Council has an equity investment of \$150,001 and Department of State Development has redeemable preference shares to the value of \$150,000.



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### 33. MICROWISE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD (continued)

The directors of Microwise Australia include:

- Clr Tony Foster
- Mr. Geoff Dodge
- Mr. Greg Davoren

Microwise Australia has been consolidated in the current year financial statements. The financial statements only identify the DSD liability and the consolidated revenue and expenditure under notes 3(a) and 3(v) respectively due to immateriality.

### 34. REGISTER OF INTERESTS

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

<i>Councillor &amp; Position</i>	<i>Interest</i>
Clr Tony Foster (Mayor)	No interest declared.
Clr Ted Jefferies (Deputy Mayor)	No interest declared.
Clr Barbara Curran	No interest declared.
Clr Wayne Garlick	No interest declared.
Clr Peter Geard	No interest declared.
Clr Philip Owen	No interest declared.
Clr Lois Rainbird	No interest declared.
Clr David Rolph	No interest declared.
Clr Geoff Taylor	No interest declared.

### 35. AUDIT DISCLOSURE

	<i>2000</i>	<i>1999</i>
	\$	\$
Audit services:	\$11,608	\$14,668