

Annual Report

2000-2001



**Brighton
Council**

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Council's
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Annual Report.



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Introduction

Welcome

The Brighton Council area is very rich historically with the area visited by early Royal Marine patrols soon after the arrival of Governor David Collins at Sullivans Cove on 21st February 1804.

In 1821, Governor Lachlan Macquarie toured the island and selected sites for five townships, one of which was Brighton, being so called in honour of the favourite place of residence of King George IV. As early as 1822, twelve months after Macquarie's visit, Brighton was being spoken of as the future capital of Tasmania. Although considered again in 1824 and 1825, the proposal was dropped and in 1826 became a military post on the main Launceston to Hobart road.

The Council itself held its first meeting on 19th November 1863. In 1993, some one hundred and thirty years later, there were significant changes as a result of the number of Councils in Tasmania being reduced from forty six to twenty nine. This "amalgamation" of councils saw the "loss" of sixty one percent of rural land. Brighton is now a small council, covering an area of approximately 168 Square kilometres. It is also quite dry with an annual rainfall of 465mm and an average annual pan evaporation of 1250mm.

Brighton is located approximately 20 kilometres from Hobart and forms the northern urban suburb of the Hobart metropolitan region. Prior to the early 1970's, Brighton was principally a rural municipality. The establishment of the large public housing estates in Bridgewater and Gagebrook in the 1970's and private development in the late 1980's and early 1990's changed the municipality into more of an

urban residential area. In recent years, commercial and industrial development is increasing in our industrial estate, the largest in the south of the state.

Brighton has a population of approximately 13,000 with a median age of 26 years and 80% of the population are under 50 years of age. The unemployment rate in the area is on average almost double the State unemployment rate. In June 1997 Brighton's unemployment rate was 17.6% when the State unemployment rate was 9.7%.

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.

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





Mayor's Address

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Council Elections:



Mayor Tony Foster

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Cris has been the Manager of BURP since its inception and I congratulate her on being elected.

Matt is a well know businessman from Brighton and I also congratulate him on his election to Council.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Cr Wayne Garlick for his services, albeit for just under a year, but Wayne was a conscientious worker for his community.

I would also like to thank Cr David Rolph for his service to the community. David served 3 years back in the late 80's and into the early 90's and another 7 months in 2000.

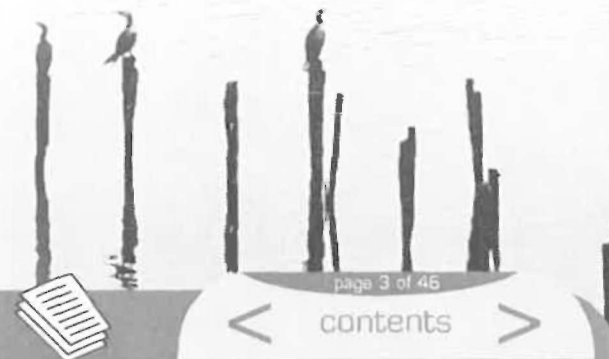
I wish both Wayne and David every success in their future ventures.

It is pleasing to see that my Deputy (Cr Ted Jeffries) and Cr Owen were both re-elected.

Finally, I was privileged to be re-elected as the first popularly elected Mayor for the Brighton Municipality.

Southern Tasmania Councils:

It is pleasing to see that after the amalgamation agreement of a couple of years ago, that the twelve Councils in the Southern Region have now agreed to work together and the new Southern Tasmanian Councils (STC) has been formed, with the Mayor and General Managers meeting on a regular basis to discuss matters of common concern.



General Manager's Report



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Brighton General Manager
Geoff Dodge

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BURP:

BURP (Bridgewater/Gagebrook Urban Renewal Program) has again continued to provide valuable support to both the Council and the community.

After winning it's third consecutive prize for the Christmas Pageant, BURP has taken on the task of entering Bridgewater and Gagebrook in the Tidy Towns Competition, which comes up later this year.

A number of areas have already been beautified, with a new Community Garden in Greenpoint Road, improvements to the landscaping at the Greenpoint Shopping Centre and the donation of trees to all the local schools.

I wish BURP every success, when the judging for Tidy Towns takes place later in the year.

BURP also contributed to the success of Bridgewater High School's win in the Rock Eisteddfod, and the win was truly a great boost for our community and a job so well done by so many.

Community Workshed:

The Community Workshed in Sorell Street, Bridgewater was an idea of residents in the area, and the idea has now become a reality thanks to Housing Services, BURP and the community volunteers that have enabled the workshop to commence.

The workers at the shed were responsible for developing new sets that were utilised by the Bridgewater High School in their Award winning Rock Eisteddfod.

Jordan Cluster:

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

The success of the first year has now been recognised and the cluster recently won an Award for Educational Excellence.



General Manager's Report



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early next year.

HIPPY Program:

The HIPPY Program, which is the acronym for Home Improvement Program for Pre-School Youngsters was funded through the Community Support Levy and commenced early in 2001.

The Program was initiated originally through the Jordan Cluster, but now comes under the umbrella of Brighton Children's Services.

The Program prepares young children for School and the results to date have been quite amazing.

We are very proud to be the very first Council in Australia to operate the HIPPY Program.

Microwise:

Microwise Australia Pty Ltd, the Council owned computer company continued to operate again this year.

Although, sales of our main product have not reached expectations, the Company has more than held it's own and continues to provide valuable support to the Council.

Smaller software packages and support to our users have ensured that Microwise remains viable.

Brighton Community News:

Our Council owned newspaper now moves into it's third year and we are grateful to our advertisers and readers that make the newspaper worthwhile.

The Community is invited to continue to use the newspaper as a means of advertising Community events.

Youth Activities Service:

The Youth Activities Service ceases at 30 June, from the house at 1c McShane Road, and the sponsorship will be transferred to the Bridgewater Police & Citizens Youth Club. I trust the new service will be of benefit to the young people, particularly in the Bridgewater area.

Power From Waste:

During the year, Council received an application from TEST Energy for a revolutionary waste and recycling centre.

After much public debate the facility has now received approval and it is expected that work will commence on the \$120M project early next year.

The Centre will be capable of turning 180,000 tonnes of waste into enough energy to power 20,000 homes.

We look forward to the completion of this very exciting project.





Councillors



Tony Foster
(Mayor)



Ted Jeffries
(Deputy Mayor)



Philip Owen



Lois Rainbird

Cr Tony Foster

Councillor for almost 14 years, Mayor since 1993

Committee Representation:-

- Executive Committee (Chairperson)
- Finance Committee (Chairperson)
- Environmental Advisory Committee (Chairperson)
- Community & Access Advisory Committee (Chairperson)
- Brighton Training Complex Advisory Committee.

Council Representative:-

- Hobart Metropolitan Councils Association and/or Southern Tasmanian Councils Association.
- Hobart Regional Water Authority

Cr Ted Jeffries

Councillor for just over 8 years, Deputy Mayor since 1996

Committee Representation:-

- Executive Committee
- Parks & Recreation Committee (Chairperson)
- Brighton Planning Committee
- Finance Committee
- Solid Waste Management Committee (Chairperson)
- Children's Services Committee
- Brighton Training Complex Advisory Committee

Council Representative:-

- Southern Tasmanian Waste Management Authority

Cr Philip Owen

Councillor for just over 12 years

Committee Representation:-

- Executive Committee
- Brighton Planning Committee (Chairperson)

Cr Lois Rainbird

Councillor for just over 17 years

Committee Representation:-

- Parks & Recreation Committee
- Finance Committee

Council Representative:-

- Brighton Junior Council
- Bridgewater High School Council



Councillors



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Barbara Curran



Peter Geard

Cr Barbara Curran

Councillor for almost 5 years

Committee Representation:-

- Pontville Special Committee
- Brighton Planning Committee
- Environment Advisory Committee
- Community & Access Advisory Committee
- Children's Services Committee.



Geoff Taylor



Cris Fitzpatrick

Cr Peter Geard

Councillor for just over 13 years

Committee Representation:-

- Pontville Special Committee (Chairperson)
- Solid Waste Management Committee
- Parks & Recreation Committee
- Brighton Senior Citizens Management Committee.

Council Representative:-

- State Bicycle Advisory Committee

Cr Geoff Taylor

Councillor for 16 years

Committee Representation:-

- Brighton Planning Committee
- Solid Waste Management Committee
- Brighton Training Complex Advisory Committee

Cr Cris Fitzpatrick

(Elected 20th November 2000)

Councillor for just under 7 months.

Committee Representation:-

- Parks & Recreation Committee
- Environment Advisory Committee
- Community & Access Advisory Committee

Council Representative:-

- Gagebrook Primary School Council





Councillors



Matt DePaoli



Wayne Garlick

Cr Matt DePaoli

(Elected November 2000)

Councillor for just under 7 months.

Committee Representation:-

- Finance Committee
- Brighton Training Complex Advisory Committee

Cr Wayne Garlick

(not re-elected Oct 2000)

Councillor for 1 year.

Committee Representation:-

- Parks & Recreation Committee

Cr David Rolph

(not re-elected Oct 2000)

Councillor for just under 5 years

Committee Representation:-

- Finance Committee
- Brighton Access Advisory Committee



David Rolph





Operational Highlights

Environment and Public Health

The Environmental Health section of Council's Environmental & Development Services Division; continues to perform enthusiastically in expanding the wide area of services it offers to the public.

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The challenges of change have continued to increase staff responsibilities and have created a climate that demands more specialist skills, knowledge and expertise and consequently increasing workloads and accountabilities.

The proactive and innovative performance of staff has seen the continued enhancement of the environment and public health that not only benefits Brighton municipality but also continues beyond municipal boundaries.

Responsibilities

Environment and health education, immunisation, safe and properly described food, safe water supply, disease containment, environmental management, pollution control, on-site domestic wastewater management, plumbing control and professional development.

Environmental Health Officers,
left, John Parkinson and Paul Garnsey





Operational Highlights

current action activities

Environment and Public Health

Environment & Health Education

Objective:

To keep the community informed on relevant and current environmental health issues.

- Advertise & promote community health & environmental issues
- Direct community on-site consultation
- Consultation & education at public events

Immunisation

Objective:

To provide a safe and comprehensive and affordable immunisation programme for all age groups.

- Conduct & promote Council's immunisation program
- Keep accurate computer records of all vaccinations
- Provide each infant the opportunity to complete the recommended cover of immunisation
- Provide immunisation opportunities for adults
- Provide the required vaccines to Council staff and special risk workers
- Provide school entry children with immunisation status certificates
- Provide non-listed vaccines at a discount price to all residents and at a cost price to non-residents

Safe and Properly Described Food

Objective:

To ensure that all food is **safe** and wholesome for human consumption.

- Educate all food handlers in food safety and risk assessment
- Introduce food safety plans
- Classify all food premises into health risk categories
- Inform all food handlers of new food standards
- Ensure that all food recalls are carried out
- FoodSafe accreditation of eligible food premises
- Ensure food premises and food vehicles meet the required standards for construction and sanitation
- Ensure that food sold at markets is **safe** and properly described
- Respond to consumer complaints
- Carry out regular food premise audits
- Conduct food sampling programs



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Environment and Public Health

current action activities

Safe Water Supply

Objective:

To ensure the water supply is regularly monitored and remains safe and potable.

- Sample for analysis on a monthly basis the potable water supply system
- Ensure prompt investigation of all consumer complaints
- Ensure that all water carriers are licenced and vehicles comply with water quality guidelines
- Prompt re-sampling and investigation of any failed water sampling results.

Disease Containment

Objective:

To prevent and control infectious diseases and conditions causing ill health.

- Register all premises where skin penetration activities are performed
- Attend to all rat and mice complaints
- Assist private premises with the eradication of rats by issuing free rat bait
- Provide an advice service to residents for the identification and eradication of annoying insects and vermin
- Prompt investigation and control of all infectious disease notifications

- Aid the Director of Public Health in the investigation of all infectious disease outbreaks
- Monitor and register all public swimming pools and spas
- Give advice to schools and parents on the treatment of head lice

Environmental Health Management

Objective:

To ensure a healthy environment and an effective and efficient level of services to the community.

- Assess the environmental & health impact of all proposed land uses
- Evaluate all proposed developments for compliance with environmental & health legislation and guidelines
- Consult with and advise developers on environmental & health requirements
- Assess contaminate sites and recommend and supervise rehabilitation work
- Environmental health nuisances – advise and consult with the public and take action when necessary, on nuisances and complaints e.g. Noise, air quality and rubbish dumping, drainage issues, unhealthy houses and properties
- Provide a safe and convenient regional site for the collection and disposal of farm chemical drums





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Environment and Public Health

current action activities

On-site Domestic Wastewater Management

Objective:

To reduce public health and environmental risk from failed septic tank systems.

- Assess proposed subdivisions for suitability to dispose of wastewater
- Assess existing subdivision lots and give recommendations on suitable and sustainable wastewater treatment and disposal systems
- Assess failed existing septic tank systems and recommend suitable and sustainable replacement systems
- Trial cost effective and sustainable wastewater treatment systems
- Educate property owners and installers in system management & construction
- Develop grey water treatment unit to aid in effective wastewater disposal.

Plumbing Control

Objective

To provide an effective and efficient plumbing control service.

- Assess building application for compliance with Plumbing Regulations
- Compliance inspections of all plumbing and drainage work
- Drawing of all "as constructed" drainage installations
- Investigate plumbing complaints and drainage nuisances
- Issue plumbing and special connection permits for plumbing works
- Monitor the performance of all trade waste permits for compliance with the relevant standards for discharge to sewerage system
- Recommend the installation and upgrade of trade waste treatment systems where necessary.

Professional Development

Objective:

To enhance staff development, knowledge and skills.

- Attendance at state and national health conferences
- Attendance at wastewater management conference
- Quarterly environmental & health seminars
- Quarterly Derwent Regional Group Meetings
- Technical Committee Derwent Estuary Group
- Technical Committee Stormwater Task Force Group
- Attendance at various state legislative workshops and seminars
- Organise and promote Council activities and initiatives at public events.





Operational Highlights

Environment and Public Health

performance/ initiatives

Vacciwise – Product Improvement

The use, improvement and refinement of Council's vaccination recording software continues to provide Council with a very efficient and easy to operate record facility.

Significant gains were 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 continues to be made available nationally and is marketed by Council's IT section, Microwise with the aid of environmental health officers.

Immunisation Statistics For 2000/2001

This financial year saw a similar number of vaccinations provided by Council as compared with the 1999/2000 year, which clearly shows increased confidence in the service has been maintained. Positive community feedback, particularly directed to Council's Medical Officer of Health,

Frances Donaldson and nurse Hazel Wardlaw continues. Their efforts have contributed to an increase in numbers utilising Council's monthly immunisation clinic.

Council's monthly clinic attracted 284 people over the year, which accounted for 621 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 228 eligible students in grade 6, 176 (77.2%) were vaccinated.

Taking into account members of the community in general, students, teaching staff and Council staff a total of 594 different people were vaccinated representing 1420 individual doses of vaccine.

The initial development of a broader vaccination program, subsidised by Brighton Council, was also started in the 2000/2001 financial year. The program seeks to offer a range of vaccines not currently on the immunisation schedule recommended by the National Health & Medical Research Council. Council recognises the benefit to the community of offering these vaccines and will encourage community participation in the scheme by offering a cost saving.





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Environment and Public Health

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Food Education

Following the success of the Brighton Hotel in becoming Brighton's first accredited FoodSafe premises, three other food premises have also risen to the challenge. Stucki's Farmhouse, Richmond Zoo Doo, and Brighton Pizza Plus all successfully completed the package and in doing so made significant improvements to their food hygiene practices.

Proprietors accept their awards, flanked by Mayor Tony Foster and Senior Environmental Health Officer, John Parkinson.

Under the FoodSafe program, developed by the Australian Institute of Environmental Health, food handlers are provided with basic food handler training and are introduced to food safety practices. It rewards businesses that maintain good hygiene standards and provides guidance to consumers to recognise where food has been handled with care.

The training package is widely supported by local businesses with most expressing an interest in participating. A number of other businesses have commenced the program and are working towards being accredited.

The overall accreditation process requires food businesses to demonstrate that they are capable of looking after the food that they produce. The course provides staff with advice on personal hygiene, cleanliness, sanitation and the dangers of mishandling potentially hazardous foods. When all staff are trained, practices implemented and hygiene checks confirm that they are up to FoodSafe standard, a FoodSafe sticker and certificate will be awarded to the business. Council environmental health officers will then monitor standards during routine inspections. If standards fall the sticker and certificate are removed.



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In addition to FoodSafe, environmental 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.

The year also saw the introduction of new food safety standards now incorporated under the Food Standards Code. Council environmental health officers worked hard to inform all food premises operators of the resulting changes to food legislation and explain what they needed to do to comply with the standards. The most significant change in the standards was the introduction of mandatory skills and knowledge requirements to be able to handle food. This long awaited change to the legislation will actually come into effect in February 2002 but changes are already well underway to ensure that all food handlers are able to demonstrate this.

Promotion of both the FoodSafe initiative and the new standards was undertaken through articles placed in the Brighton Community News and with ongoing discussions held with food premise operators. Promotional and educational activities are considered important tools in achieving public health strategies. Members of the public are made more aware of food hygiene and safety issues and are encouraged to support those businesses that have made significant changes to achieve FoodSafe accreditation.

Food Sampling

Council's food sampling program continues with environmental health officers participating in a regional and state food-sampling program.

The State food-sampling program involves taking random samples of pre-determined foodstuffs for bacterial or chemical analysis to check compliance with the Australian Food Standards Code.

Other sampling occurs as a direct result of complaints from members of the public who are concerned over the condition, appearance or taste of foods they purchase.

In an increasingly health and dietary conscious society, identification of the true composition of foods plays a valuable role in consumers' well being.





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Environment and Public Health

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EHO Paul Garnsey
samples

Potable Water Quality

Water Supply -

Bulk water is supplied to the municipality by Hobart Water.

Controlling Authority -

Brighton Council controls storage reservoirs within the municipality and the subsequent reticulation system. Each of the five reservoirs within the municipality is gravity fed from the Cobbs Hill reservoir operated by Hobart Water.

Catchment Details -

As per Hobart Water.
Nil catchment or supply from within municipality.

Treatment Processes -

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.

Sampling Details -

Frequency - monthly
Number - 5 samples per month
Timing - begin sampling at
approx 9.00am
on nominated days

Dates for 2000/2001:

10/07/00	20/02/01
14/08/00	13/03/01
13/09/00	11/04/01
14/11/00	16/05/01
22/01/01	12/06/01

Tests Performed -

Total coliforms
Thermotolerant coliforms
Public Health Laboratory
(NATA accredited)

Laboratory





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Results of Sampling

LOCATION

DATES

1 COBBS HILL RD

Total (CFUs)

Thermotolerant (CFUs)

10/07/00	14/08/00	13/09/00	14/11/00	22/01/00	20/02/01	13/03/01	11/04/01	18/05/01	12/05/01
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<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	1	<1	<1	<1	<1

OLD COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Total (CFUs)

Thermotolerant (CFUs)

<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1

TEA TREE HALL

Total (CFUs)

Thermotolerant (CFUs)

<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1

COUNCIL CHAMBERS G/B

Total (CFUs)

Thermotolerant (CFUs)

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<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1

OLD BEACH REC. CENTRE

Total (CFUs)

Thermotolerant (CFUs)

<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1





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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 three 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'.

Of the three failed samples, one returned a small (1) 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 suggesting 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 to construct covers for Council reservoirs have been allocated in two previous budgets but on both occasions the funds have been directed elsewhere. Ongoing efforts will be made to include covers in future budgets.





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Current Issues -

During the year complaints were received regarding fine black particles (either suspended or floating) present in the potable water supply. The incidence appears limited to 4 houses in residential areas and is very sporadic. Two of the four houses required the installation of a filter at the water meter to alleviate the problem. Initial testing identified the contaminant as polypropylene however its source is not known at this stage.

There is anecdotal evidence that the same problem also exists in other municipalities and investigations will continue until the source is located. The nature of the product suggests there is no risk to health, but it does have a high annoyance value.





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Environment and Public Health

The Jordan River
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Recreational Water Management

The Jordan River is the main recreational water body that environmental health officers manage. The water quality of this river is generally suitable for secondary contact i.e. boating and fishing and limited direct contact as well as agricultural uses.

Due to the extensive catchment area and irrigation uses, the river is subject to variable flows and environmental values.

Community workshops are being planned by D.P.I.W.E. to set protected environmental values for all waterways and they will represent the current community and industry uses and values of surface waters and will enhance and protect water quality in the future.

Council's annual monitoring programme in conjunction with the State Department of Health is for the six months October – March and is part of the Derwent Estuary Monitoring Programme. Type of sampling conducted: bacteriological.

Conditions during the year were marked by low rainfall and river flows, however the Jordan River has seen an improved quality over the last few years.

Monitoring is carried in the tidal section of the river and due to the presence of *Klebsiella* bacteria, 2000/2001 monitoring results have been difficult to interpret.





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Complaints

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The table below is an approximation of both the numbers and categories of complaints received throughout the year.

Category		Number
Smoke	(incinerators, wood heaters)	10
Visual amenity	(unsightly yards/properties)	24
Rubbish dumping	(green waste, car bodies, general domestic rubbish)	12
Noise	Chainsaws	7
	motorbikes	8
	animals (other than dogs)	10
	home occupation	20
Drainage nuisance	(storm water)	30
Food safety	(poor food handling, contaminated food)	8
Odour	(animals, spray painting etc)	8
Unhealthy premises	(unhygienic houses)	7
other	(miscellaneous, pests, wasps, cats etc)	21
TOTAL:		165
Sharps Collections	(needles/syringes) records only available for 10 months	Collections: 30 Needles: 97

Note: the above table is indicative of logged complaints. A significant number of other enquiries were taken which did not result in or warrant an official complaint being recorded.





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Environment and Public Health

Once again the riding of motorbikes is a major source of annoyance and frustration to affected members of the public, police and Council officers.

Once again the riding of motorbikes is a major source of annoyance and frustration to affected members of the public, police and Council officers. The riding of motorbikes on private property, roads and public open space (parks etc) is very difficult to deal with, as offenders are able to easily evade attempts by police officers to apprehend them. Discussions will continue with Bridgewater Police to develop strategies for a more successful and coordinated approach to the problem. The establishment of a dedicated recreational area for motorbike use will also be investigated with potential applicants.

Air quality is also another area that is achieving greater public awareness. The emphasis in dealing with wood heater/incinerator complaints was placed on educating the offenders, offering advice on ways to minimize smoke production whilst at the same time achieving greater burning efficiency. In the majority of cases, advice offered negated the need for follow-up/regulatory action being taken.

Council officers also respond to, and collect, sharps (needles and syringes) that are dumped throughout the municipality. The numbers shown in the table above only include those sharps collected by Council officers and do not include the many collected after hours by police officers or other members of the

public, or the significant number that Council may be unaware of. The ongoing analysis of numbers/locations of sharps finds will continue in a effort to determine any areas of particular concern that may require specific attention.



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Environment and Public Health

Environmental Health officers are responsible for the assessment of environmental and health impacts of all existing and proposed land uses.

Environmental and Public Health Management

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Sustainable development including risk management is the main assessment criteria that are necessary to ensure a development operation can maintain existing and future environmental values.

All subdivisions and developments have been assessed and approved this year, with the appropriate environmental health management conditions in place to ensure long-term sustainable development.

Consultation with developers is carried out to ensure an understanding of environmental and health requirements.

Soil erosion in environmentally sensitive areas is currently being assessed and due to incorrect land practices in these areas, a management plan will be produced to advise developers and land owners, on best practice methods to prevent and manage soil erosion.

Poor land management in sensitive areas can result in the rapid onset of soil erosion.

drumMuster is an ongoing material program for the collection and recycling of empty, clean farm chemical containers that was introduced to encourage farmers to dispose of their clean drums in an environmentally friendly manner, as opposed to discarding contaminated drums into the environment. Approximately 2000 chemical drums have been collected from the Brighton area and surrounding municipalities, including an East Coast Council.

Monitoring and managing environment nuisances such as; noise, rubbish dumping, unhealthy houses and properties, air quality, drainage issues, etc. is very time consuming and E.H.O.'s place an emphasis on educating and informing the public and offenders of their responsibilities to maintain the healthy amenity of the area.

If offenders persist with their offences, enforcement provisions are instigated.



Operational Highlights



**Brighton
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Environment and Public Health

Brighton Council
was again one
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City Hall
on August
11th – 12th.

Tasmania's Environmental Home Expo

Brighton Council was again one of the main sponsors for another very successful Tasmanian Environmental Home Expo held at the City Hall on August 11th – 12th.

Numbers through the door of this year's expo were up 1,000 from last year, at over 4,600.

Council is committed to creating a sustainable natural environment for future generations and a very important part of that commitment is community consultation, environmental awareness and education. This event also gives Council the opportunity to celebrate its environmental efforts and achievements.

Council's Senior Environmental Health Officer, John Parkinson and Senior Project Engineer, Warren Lee, demonstrated Council's achievements and innovations in domestic onsite wastewater disposal and re-use of the municipality's treated effluent in agriculture to irrigate farmland and a variety of crops.

Both projects are equally funded by the Natural Heritage Trust and Brighton Council and use the latest in innovations and technology to ensure sustainable development and responsible environmental practice, which are examples for the rest of Australia to follow.





Operational Highlights

Environment and Public Health

Council
Environmental
Health officers
continue to
encourage
and promote
the use of
sustainable and
cost effective
wastewater
treatment
and disposal
systems for
domestic use.

On-site Domestic Wastewater Management

Council Environmental Health officers continue to encourage and promote the use of sustainable and cost effective wastewater treatment and disposal systems for domestic use.

Fifty percent of all new wastewater systems installed were alternative treatment systems, other than the standard septic tank with absorption trenches. The latter are still installed in areas where the soils and site are suitable, but their long-term sustainability relies on careful site assessment, system design, user education and management.

The performance objectives of the recently introduced Australian Standard AS/NZS 1547:2000 are on system management and calls for the accreditation of assessors, designers and maintenance personnel and the education of the user (i.e. householder).

There have been 10 aerated wastewater treatment systems installed this year making a total of 38. Environmental Health Officers systematically monitor and sample these systems and generally they comply with the current guidelines.

Due to the mechanical operation and chlorination (disinfection) of the final effluent discharge, the systems require a three (3) monthly maintenance report submitted to Council by appropriately qualified and accredited personnel.





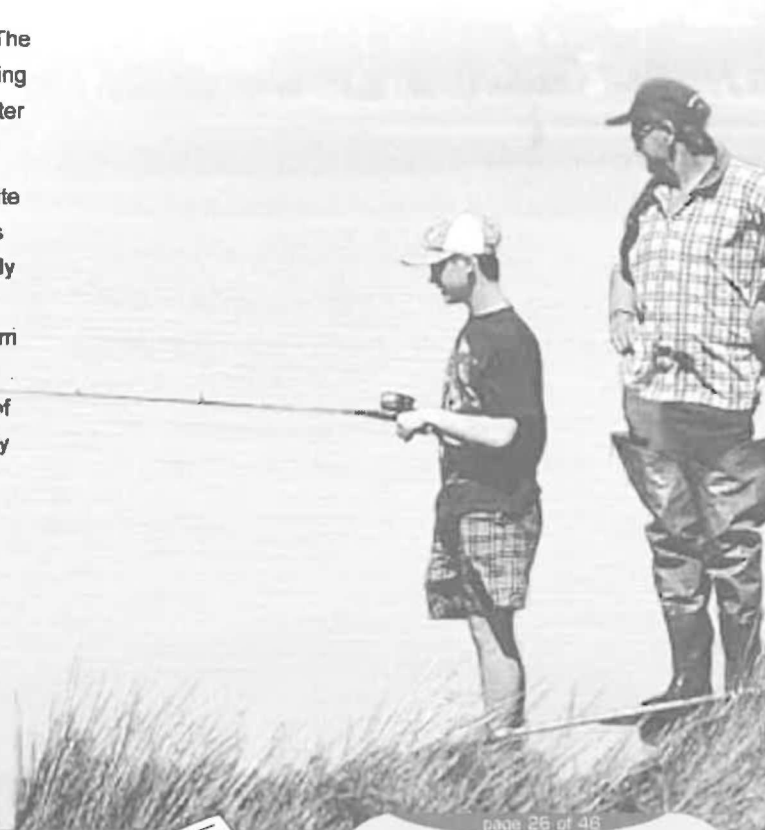
Introduction

Environment and Public Health

The aim of the project is to have the systems accredited and consequently give the public and local authorities, a wider choice of sustainable wastewater treatment systems that will potentially benefit environmental values state-wide.

Ongoing Initiatives

- Council's Environmental Health Officers have produced easily understood information for the property owner on the operation, management and use of wastewater systems and are at the forefront of new developments and initiatives in this area. The successful design, development and now marketing and selling of a grey water filter, which plays an integral role in wastewater treatment, prove staff initiatives in this field.
- In addition the ongoing trialling of innovative alternative on-site wastewater systems is progressing with four (4) trial systems installed and the Baskerville and Honeywood catchment study underway. This is a Natural Heritage Trust Project and is funded by N.H.T., Brighton Council and Public funds. The aim of the project is to have the systems accredited and consequently give the public and local authorities, a wider choice of sustainable wastewater treatment systems that will potentially benefit environmental values state-wide.





Operational Highlights

Animal Control

To have a
community
which enjoys
and understands
the responsibilities
for keeping animals
particularly dogs.
To provide as
animal control
services to the
community which
is effective and
efficient.

Objective

To have a community which enjoys and understands the responsibilities for keeping animals particularly dogs.

To provide as animal control services to the community which is effective and efficient.

Action Plans

Establish a Dog Management Policy with community consultation which provides an education and responsibility role for dog owners.

To continue to develop an education program for schools.

To resource an effective dog control program to optimise dog registrations and effect rapid responses to injured or roaming animals.

Performance

- Completion of household checks to maintain current levels of registration.
- The level of complaints in respect to animal nuisances has slightly reduced to 701.
- Introduction of the New Dog Control Act 2000 has placed greater responsibilities on dog owners and the potential for greater fines for offences. Education of owners is the key.

- Council has declared a number of Restricted areas for dog movements and a Designated Training Area around the Brighton Racecourse complex.
- Council has maintained a seven day a week 24 hour service to respond to community complaints.





Operational Highlights

Land Use Planning & Building Services

To sustainably
manage the
resources of
the Municipality
in accordance
with the
objectives
of the
Land Use
Planning and
Approvals Act
1993.

Objective

To sustainably manage the resources of the Municipality in accordance with the objectives of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993.

To provide an increased level of amenity in terms of environmental, social, economic and cultural values enjoyed by the community.

To minimise land use conflicts through zoning controls and encouragement of planning projects with special needs to appropriate areas.

To ensure that buildings are constructed and maintained in a professional and safe manner.



Action Plan

Undertake a comprehensive approach to strategic planning within the Municipality and surrounding region.

Finalise the introduction of a community based Planning Scheme.

Maintain the consultation input of the community in planning decisions and the process generally.

Improve data available on resource values and infrastructure.

Ensure compliance with the Regulations made under the Building Code of Australia, other relevant statutes and Australian Standards.

Maintain existing levels of service delivery for building and planning approvals.





Operational Highlights

Land Use Planning & Building Services

A total of
136 building
permits
have been
issued with
a value of
\$4,850,162.

Performance

- Implementation of the new Planning Scheme following finalisation with the Resource Planning and Development commission.
- Measure the growth of Development Applications having regard to their reduction in 2000/2001 149(a reduction of approx 25%). Economic limitations early in the year have now commenced positive indicators.
- Subdivisions have maintained their level of development with 18 approvals generating 89 staged lots. The continued production of residential and rural residential lots has provided new directions for home ownership and population growth in the Municipality.
- Council continues to support reduced rates for first home owners eligible for the \$14,000 Commonwealth start up package.
- Jordon River Catchment Management Plan and Rivercare Plan have been processed with the objective of advancing on-ground works to remove willows and other weeds along the watercourse.
- Council has maintained its position in the metropolitan building statistics despite a general downturn in the industry arising from the GST and cost factors.
- A total of 136 building permits have been issued with a value of \$4,850,162.
- Brighton has continued resource sharing with Derwent Valley, Southern Midlands and Huon Valley Councils as well as providing a limited private certification service.
- Brighton continues to maintain its value as a place to live and work in the regional context, Building and Planning Approval Rates are competitive and indications are they will continue into the future.





Operational Highlights

Community Services

The main focus
of both Family
Day Care and
Outside School
Hours Care
has been to
prepare for the
implementation
of Quality
Assurance.

Objective:

The main focus of both Family Day Care and Outside School Hours Care has been to prepare for the implementation of Quality Assurance.

Quality Assurance in both programs will be a nationally driven process, however, there are many areas that can be addressed now on a local level.

The service believes that the better prepared staff and carers are, the smoother the assessment process will be. Family Day Care registered with the National Childcare Accreditation Council in July. Outside School Hours (Before & After School Care and Vacation Care) will be required to register by July 2002.

Action Plan:

Familiarise staff and carers with the criteria and assessment plan. In Family Day Care, a field worker has been assigned the role of supporting carers and being responsible for the distribution of information. Another field worker will develop in-service training to meet the needs of Quality Assurance. Administration staff will examine and re-assess enrolment and placement procedures, policies and record keeping.

An important aim is to have the majority of carers involved in formal study at some level, so the service will support and encourage this by facilitating study

groups, developing the resource library to include the required text books, and offering practical advice and ideas during routine field visits.

Incorporate the HIPPY program more into Family Day Care. By involving carers in a tutor/support role they will be fulfilling many aspects of Quality Assurance while accessing more families who are eligible to participate in HIPPY.

Outside School Hours staff will expand the current policies and procedures and build on the present program planning practices.

Performance:

Carer meetings to introduce the concept of Quality Assurance have been well attended. An in-service training program has been developed and a handbook produced.





Introduction

Community Services

All carers have
developed
observation
and program
planning
methods.

Eight carers are currently enrolled with TAFE and several more ready to begin further study next year. Several requests for additional funding have been submitted to enable child care to be provided for the study groups.

The purchase of text books will be negotiated with the training providers – TAFE & Lady Gowrie – for the next semester.

All carers have developed observation and program planning methods.

Outside School Hours staff now have regular non-contact time to plan and evaluate the programs.





Operational Highlights

Physical Services

Roads...

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

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 the final stage of improvements to Jubilee Avenue in Brighton.

Sealing further stages of Baskerville Road, Old Beach.

Resealing works in Bridgewater, Tea Tree and Old Beach.

The final stage of new storm water works in Brighton was completed.





Operational Highlights

Physical Services

Bridges...

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.

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.

The timber structure, beams and decking, of the Rifle Range Road bridge were replaced.



Operational Highlights



**Brighton
Council**

Physical Services

Sewerage

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

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

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. There was no discharge of sewage effluent to the Derwent or Jordan Rivers from Council's treatment plants during the 2000-2001 year.

Pumps were installed to connect the storage dam at the pine plantation to the effluent reuse reticulation system from Bridgewater to Tea Tree.

Further telemetry was installed to sewage pump stations.





Operational Highlights

Physical Services

Water Supply

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.

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 continued to promote the establishment of new infrastructure to bring fresh water from the Derwent River to the dry farming areas of the Hobart region. The Mayor and Council staff made presentations to the public workshops held by the State Government in developing the Tasmania Water Development Plan.

New water lines were installed to extend Council's reticulation system to Back Tea Tree Road and along Elderslie Road.





Operational Highlights

Physical Services

Public Buildings

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

Objective

To maintain all public buildings to a standard that protects the asset and encourages 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

Continuing maintenance was undertaken at the Bridgewater Community Centre and Coronation Hall.

The carpet in the Council Chambers was replaced and the Mayor's office was renovated.





Operational Highlights

Physical Services

Reserves

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



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 Seymour Street reserve and along the Midland Highway in Brighton.

The resource sharing arrangement continued 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.

A turf wicket was installed at Ferguson Oval in conjunction with the Tasmanian Cricket Association.

Brighton Council continued its sponsorship 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.

The preventative maintenance program for all playgrounds was used to address safety and maintenance matters.

Watering systems were installed at Weily Park and Ferguson Ovals.

A pathway was constructed along the western shore of the Jordan River between Pontville and Brighton.

Skateboard facilities were installed at Lennox Park in Old Beach.





Operational Highlights

Physical Services

Waste Management

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

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.

Council approved the Development Application for the construction of a Waste to Energy Plant in the Brighton Industrial Estate. Council began negotiations with the proponent for the possible diversion of its waste from the Glenorchy tip to this proposed new facility.

Brighton continued as a participating Council in the Southern Waste Strategy Board.





Operational Highlights

Administration & Finance

Develop and implement a sustainable and understandable budgetary system and to incorporate an associated reporting system, to satisfy both internal and external reporting requirements.

OBJECTIVE

Provide administrative support to all Council Departments and elected members.

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

Develop and implement a sustainable and understandable budgetary system and to incorporate an associated reporting system, to satisfy both internal and external reporting requirements.

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 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.

Collect the various levies imposed by Government agencies and remit these accordingly.

Encourage staff development and professional enhancement to optimise resource utilisation.

Pursue effective cost of service delivery.

Ensure equality in treatment of all classes of residents.





Operational Highlights

The joint venture has been a great success in the enhancement of knowledge and skills of existing staff and new entry level employees.

Administration & Finance

PERFORMANCE

The Financial Management of Brighton Council continued to improve with favourable key financial indicators during 2000 – 2001. Brighton Council's percentage of Debt to Revenue decreased during the financial year thanks to responsible financial management by staff and councillors. For 7 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 2002. Against the trend of many Tasmanian Councils, Brighton again managed to hold its rate increase to less than CPI.

Other highlights of the year include the successful implementation of a 24 hour payment procedure for rates and water paid via the telephone and internet. Improved procedures relating to our collection of rates has seen a vast improvement in the outstanding debt at year-end.

We successfully implemented all new accounting standards and undertook a total review of our valuation procedures relating to infrastructure assets. Council is now in a better position to allocate capital expenditure according to asset depreciation to ensure the effective management of assets under our control.

During the last twelve months Council has formed a partnership with Tasmanian Group Training LTD to undertake training and assessment in the Local Government Training Package. The joint venture has been a great success in the enhancement of knowledge and skills of existing staff and new entry level employees.

BRIGHTON COUNCIL		2000-2001	
Revenue	1,234,567	1,234,567	1,234,567
Expenditure	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000
Surplus	134,567	134,567	134,567
Debt	500,000	500,000	500,000
Assets	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Liabilities	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Net Worth	500,000	500,000	500,000



Operational Highlights

Human Resources, Plant & Equipment

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



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 Bargain 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.

Brighton Councillors continue to use their supplied personal computers to enable information to be transferred via e-mail to and from all staff and elected representatives.





Councillor Attendance

2000-2001

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS

MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Foster	12	11	92
Cr Jeffries	12	12	100
Cr Curran	12	12	100
Cr Geard	12	11	92
Cr Owen	12	12	100
Cr Taylor	12	12	100
Cr Rainbird	12	12	100
Cr Fitzpatrick (elected 11/00)	8	7	88
Cr DePaoli (elected 11/00)	8	8	100
Cr Garlick (not re-elected 10/00)	4	2	50
Cr Rolph (not re-elected 10/00)	4	4	100





Councillor Attendance

2000-2001

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Foster	1	1	100
Cr Jeffries	1	1	100
Cr Curran	1	1	100
Cr Geard	1	1	100
Cr Purcell	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 Fitzpatrick	1	0	0
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 DePaoli	1	1	100





Councillor Attendance

2000-2001

Parks & Recreation Committee

MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Jeffries	5	5	100
Cr Fitzpatrick	3	3	100
Cr Geard	5	4	80
Cr Rainbird	5	5	100
Cr Garlick	2	2	100

Finance Committee

MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Foster	9	9	100
Cr Jeffries	9	7	78
Cr Rainbird	9	9	100
Cr DePaoli	6	6	100
Cr Rolph	3	3	100

NON-MEMBERS	Attended
Cr Owen	4
Cr Geard	4
Cr Taylor	2
Cr Garlick	2
Cr Curran	1





Councillor Attendance

2000-2001

Planning Committee

MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Owen	8	8	100
Cr Jeffries	8	7	88
Cr Taylor	8	8	100
Cr Curran	8	8	100

NON-MEMBERS	Attended
Cr Foster	1
Cr DePaoli	5
Cr Rainbird	1
Cr Fitzpatrick	1

Access Advisory Committee

MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Rainbird	7	6	86
Cr D Rolph	4	0	0
Cr DePaoli	2	2	100





Councillor Attendance

2000-2001

Pontville Special Committee

MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Geard	1	1	100
Cr Curran	1	0	0

Environment Advisory Committee

MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Foster	1	0	0
Cr Curran	1	1	100

Brighton Senior Citizens Management Committee

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

Brighton Training Complex Advisory Committee

MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Foster	3	3	100
Cr Jeffries	3	3	100
Cr Taylor	3	3	100
Cr DePaoli	3	2	67



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2000-2001



**Brighton
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Financial Report

2000-2001

BRIGHTON COUNCIL

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Tasmanian Audit Office

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the Aldermen of Brighton Council

Scope

I have audited the financial report of the Brighton Council comprising Financial Performance, Financial Position, Changes in Equity and Cash Flows Statements and notes thereto, for the year ended 30 June 2001. The General Manager of the 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 Aldermen.

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 2001 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.

A J McHugh
AUDITOR-GENERAL

8 November 2001

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BRIGHTON COUNCIL

Statement by Councillors and Principal Accounting Officer

In our opinion:

- (a) the financial report set out on the following pages presents fairly the financial position of BRIGHTON COUNCIL as at 30 June 2001 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views and applicable legislation; and
- (b) the financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act (Tasmania) 1993.

Cr. S.A. Foster
Mayor



Cr. T.J. Jeffries
Deputy Mayor



G.L. Dodge
General Manager



October 2001

BRIGHTON COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

For the Year ended 30 June 2001.

	Notes	Actual 2001 \$	Budget 2001 \$	Actual 2000 \$
REVENUES				
Revenues from ordinary activities				
Rate Revenues	3(a)(i)	5,312,249	5,322,515	5,236,683
User Charges	3(a)(vi)	1,177,021	1,104,555	1,161,490
Fees and Charges		584,852	515,900	404,101
Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred	3(a)(iv)	25,426	5,000	15,530
Private Works Sales Proceeds		9,739	10,000	4,065
Interest	3(a)(ii)	73,079	70,000	78,994
Contributions	3(a)(vii)	343,000	343,000	343,585
Other	3(a)(viii)	214,343	215,055	176,714
Government Grants	3(a)(v)	1,900,431	1,851,000	2,494,529
Profit on asset disposal	3(a)(v)	6,836	5,000	35,481
Recoup prior year valuation loss	3(a)(iii)	1,450,581	0	0
Total revenues from ordinary activities		\$11,097,557	\$9,442,025	\$9,951,172
EXPENSES				
Employee Costs	3(b)(i)	1,427,905	1,341,527	1,350,025
Depreciation	3(b)(ii)	2,006,276	2,004,657	2,300,936
Borrowing cost expense	3(b)(iii)	490,676	476,081	478,384
Financial Costs	3(b)(iii)	106,215	88,000	102,442
Contributions	3(b)(iv)	555,849	584,598	628,764
Materials/Contracts & Other	3(b)(v)	4,190,271	4,227,820	4,089,216
Purchase of Water		835,931	769,893	733,889
Aldermanic Allowances & Expenses		74,176	55,000	88,561
Family Day Care Fee Relief Subsidy		535,366	587,000	455,354
Loss on Asset Revaluations	30	0	0	1,541,749
Donations	31	13,749	15,000	16,551
Remissions Granted		17,519	45,000	50,156
Total expenses from ordinary activities		\$10,253,133	\$10,194,576	\$11,836,027
Change In Net Assets from ordinary activities		\$844,424	(\$752,551)	(\$1,884,855)
Net increase (decrease) in asset revaluation reserve arising on revaluation of non-current assets	25	10,149,143		5,719,268
Total Revenue, Expense and Valuation Adjustments recognised Directly In Equity		\$10,149,143		\$5,719,268
Total Changes In Equity		\$10,993,567		\$3,834,413

The Statement of Financial Performance should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

BRIGHTON COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2001.

	Notes	2001 \$	2000 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash assets	4	322,015	436,998
Receivables - Rates	5	602,651	675,077
Receivables - Other	5	478,953	424,643
Inventories	6	190,214	197,214
Work in Progress	7	2,085	9,380
Other	8	160,433	142,858
Total Current Assets	2(b)	<u>\$1,756,351</u>	<u>\$1,886,170</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Land	13	1,866,049	1,626,049
Plant and Vehicles	14	456,103	528,175
Small Machinery	15	29,725	19,535
Furniture and Equipment	16	279,987	298,066
Buildings	17	3,935,404	3,822,033
Bridges	18	634,341	627,482
Sewerage	19	11,168,694	11,424,650
Drainage	20	8,703,827	8,852,854
Water	21	11,434,770	11,607,413
Roads	22	30,454,177	19,496,585
Other	24	6,987,778	6,999,161
Total Non Current Assets	2(b)	<u>\$75,950,855</u>	<u>\$65,302,003</u>
Total Assets		<u>\$77,707,206</u>	<u>\$67,188,173</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	9	643,829	631,610
Interest bearing liabilities	10	413,690	385,766
Provisions	11	401,699	340,099
Other	12	31,450	217,810
Total Current Liabilities		<u>\$1,490,668</u>	<u>\$1,575,285</u>
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Borrowings	10	6,174,578	6,588,268
Employee Entitlements	11	67,413	43,640
Total Non Current Liabilities		<u>\$6,241,991</u>	<u>\$6,631,908</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>\$7,732,659</u>	<u>\$8,207,193</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>\$69,974,547</u>	<u>\$58,980,980</u>
EQUITY			
Reserves	25	16,353,130	6,203,987
Ratepayers Equity		53,621,417	52,776,993
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>\$69,974,547</u>	<u>\$58,980,980</u>

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the Year Ended 30 June 2001.

	Ratepayers Equity		Asset Revaluation Reserve		Public Open Space Reserve		Total	
	2001 \$	2000 \$	2001 \$	2000 \$	2001 \$	2000 \$	2001 \$	2000 \$
Balance at the beginning of the financial year	52,776,993	54,661,848			35,585	35,585	52,812,578	54,697,433
Buildings			790,274	790,274			790,274	790,274
Water			3,292,252	3,292,252			3,292,252	3,292,252
Sewerage			606,859	606,859			606,859	606,859
Drainage			1,479,017	1,479,017			1,479,017	1,479,017
Roads				6,168,402			0	
Increase / (Decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	844,424	(1,884,855)					844,424	(1,884,855)
Transfers (from)/to Reserves								
Buildings				475,777				
Land				(134,636)				
Water				3,292,252				
Sewerage				606,859				
Drainage				1,479,016				
Roads			10,149,143				10,149,143	
Balance at the end of the financial year	\$53,621,417	\$52,776,993	\$10,149,143	\$5,719,268	\$35,585	\$35,585	\$69,974,547	\$58,980,980

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

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 30 June 2001.

	Notes	
	2001	2000
	\$	\$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Payments		
Payments to Suppliers and Employees	(7,581,982)	(7,792,167)
Interest and other costs of finance	(603,643)	(580,826)
	<u>(8,185,625)</u>	<u>(8,372,993)</u>
Receipts		
Receipts from Ratepayers, Fees & Charges	7,212,718	6,585,031
Other Revenue	9,739	4,065
Interest Received	<u>68,004</u>	<u>78,994</u>
	7,290,461	6,668,090
	<u>(895,164)</u>	<u>(704,903)</u>
Net Cash Outflow from Operating Activities	29	
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Payments		
Buildings	(86,812)	(9,599)
Land	0	(32,763)
Plant and Vehicles & Machinery	(192,114)	(193,354)
Water Reticulation Assets	(154,583)	(15,040)
Roads Bridges & Drainage Assets	(276,270)	(284,000)
Sewerage Assets	(48,927)	(1,154,327)
Furniture and Equipment	<u>(78,362)</u>	<u>(98,112)</u>
	(837,068)	(1,787,195)
Proceeds from		
Public Bodies Loan repayments	10,483	9,655
Other Assets	11,383	10,481
Sale of land	7,000	0
Hobart Water Dividends	114,084	107,376
Sales of Plant and Equipment Assets	<u>120,117</u>	<u>118,370</u>
	263,067	245,882
	<u>(574,001)</u>	<u>(541,313)</u>
Net Cash Outflow from Investing Activities		
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Repayment of Borrowings	(396,249)	(340,581)
Proceeds from Borrowings	0	700,000
DSD Equity Investment	<u>(150,000)</u>	<u>150,000</u>
	(546,249)	509,419
Cash Inflow from Government		
Government Grants	<u>1,900,431</u>	<u>2,494,529</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in Cash Held	(114,983)	(242,268)
Cash at the Beginning of the Financial Year	436,998	679,266
Cash at the End of the Financial Year	4	\$436,998

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

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Report

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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) Major Classes of Assets

The major classes of assets are:

- Land
- Buildings
- Small machinery & tools
- Furniture & equipment
- Plant & vehicles
- Water Infrastructure
- Sewerage Infrastructure
- Road Infrastructure
- Drainage Infrastructure
- Bridge Infrastructure

(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.

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

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1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(e) Revaluation of Non Current Assets Change in Accounting Policy

The Council has applied the revised July 2001 version of AASB38 "Revaluation of Non-Current Assets" for the first time from 1 July 2000. The standard requires each class of non-current asset to be measured on either cost or fair value basis. Council has applied AAS38 as follows:

Land, Land Improvements, Building, Bridges, Water, Sewerage, Drainage and Hobart Water Joint Authority.

The Council has adopted a cost basis for Land, Land Improvements, Building, Bridges, Water, Sewerage, Drainage and Hobart Water Joint Authority, and has deemed the cost of these assets to be equal to the carrying value as at 1 July 2000 as disclosed in the comparative figures in the notes. The change in accounting policy has no financial effect in the current or prior financial years. As a consequence of making this election on adoption of AAS38 the balance of the asset revaluation reserve at 1 July 2000 relates to these assets, which is no longer available for asset write-downs is \$6,203,987.

Roads

The Council has adopted the fair value basis of valuation for road assets. The fair value of these assets is based on a valuation performed by Pitt and Sherry Consultant Engineers as at 30 June 2001. The change in accounting policy has resulted in a revaluation increment of \$11,599,724. \$1,450,581 of this amount is a recoupment of prior year losses on revaluation and has been taken to the Statement of Financial Performance as revenue. The remaining balance of \$10,149,143 has been credited to the asset revaluation reserve at 1 July 2000, representing prior year revaluations.

Other Non-Current Assets

Council has continued to apply the cash basis for other Non-Current Assets such as Receivables, Loan debtors, Deferred Expenses, Land Held for Resale, Furniture and Fittings and Plant and Equipment.

(f) Recoverable amount of Non Current Assets valued on a cost basis.

The Council is a not for profit entity and does not hold Non-Current Assets for the purpose of generating cash flows. In accordance with AAS10 the recoverable amount test does not apply to Non-Current Assets where the future economic benefits comprising these assets are not primarily dependant on the assets ability to generate net inflows.

(g) 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	39 years on average
* Houtmix	20 years
* Flush	10 years

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1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

* Gravel	3 years
* Pavement	60 years
* Sub Grade	Infinite
* Kerb	40 years
* Footpath	40 years
* Table Drains	10 years
* Culverts	80 years
* Poles	30 years
* drainage/sewerage assets	50 years
* water supply assets	15-80 years
* bridges	25-70 years

Road assets are divided into their component parts for depreciation purposes. Road components are listed above. Land under roads is not included in the carrying value of these assets.

(h) 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

(i) 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 carrying 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.

(j) 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.

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1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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

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

iii. Superannuating

The superannuating 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.

(k) Investments

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

(l) 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.

(m) 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 expensed in a particular manner or for a particular purpose are recognised as revenue in the reporting period when the Council obtains control over the assets comprising the contributions. Undeceived contributions over which Council has control are recognised as receivables. To the extent that grant monies have not, at balance date, been expensed in a manner or over a period, specified by a grantor, the nature of amounts relating to those undischarged conditions are disclosed in the Notes to the Accounts.

(n) Lease Liabilities

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

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

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1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(o) 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.

(p) Accounts Payable

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

(q) Borrowings

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

(r) 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.

(s) Goods and Services Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office (ATO). In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of expense.

Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included. The net amount of GST recoverable from or payable to the ATO is included as a current asset or liability in the statement of financial position. Cash flows are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flow arising from investing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are classified as operating cash flows.

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) Operating Capability		Assets Attributed to Function/Activity	
	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Corporate Services	615,484	750,404			49,468	61,108	49,468	61,108				
Water Supply	1,472,394	1,382,810			1,818,112	1,845,323	1,818,112	1,845,323			11,434,770	11,607,413
Parks and Recreation	559,081	524,679	12,000		282,238	19,582	294,238	19,582			1,866,049	1,593,286
Drainage/Sewerage	1,435,797	1,414,813		788,500	1,362,098	1,475,962	1,362,098	2,264,462			19,872,521	20,277,504
Planning & Building	433,183	412,678			172,824	140,727	172,824	140,727				
Buildings	381,020	537,757			103,000	0	103,000	0			3,935,404	3,822,033
Roads/Bridges	1,889,253	3,682,556		3,742	1,457,169	162,077	1,457,169	165,819			31,088,518	20,124,067
Community Services	1,471,323	1,214,380	866,615	650,286	26,330	10,705	892,945	660,991				
Environmental Health	450,922	508,008			135,146	100,708	135,146	100,708				
Waste Management	773,862	651,564			503,170	465,434	503,170	465,434				
Unallocated Services	770,814	756,378	1,021,816	1,052,001	3,287,571	3,175,017	4,309,387	4,227,018			9,509,944	9,763,870
TOTAL	\$10,253,133	\$11,836,027	\$1,900,431	\$2,494,529	\$9,197,126	\$7,456,643	\$11,097,557	\$9,951,172	\$844,424	(\$1,884,855)	77,707,206	\$67,188,173

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2. FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES of the COUNCIL (continued)

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

Current Assets	\$ 1,756,351
Non Current Assets	<u>\$ 75,950,855</u>
	\$ 77,707,206

(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.

BRIGHTON COUNCIL

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For the year ended 30 June 2001.

	2001	2000
	\$	\$
3 OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES		
3(a) Operating Revenues		
	Note	
Rates	(i)	
User Charges	(vi)	
Fees and Charges		
Reimbursements	(iv)	
Private Works Sales		
Interest		
Contributions	(ii)	
Community Newsletter	(vii)	
Microwise Australia		
Hobart Water Dividend	34	
Grants		
Profit/(Loss) on disposal	(v)	
Recoup prior year valuation loss	(iii)	
(i) Rates Revenue		
General		
Garbage		
Sewerage		
Water		
Fire Levy		
Penalties		
(ii) Interest Revenue		
Interest received or due and receivable from:		
Investments		
(iii) Profit from Disposal of Property, Plant and Equipment		
Proceeds from Disposal		
less written down current cost		
Gain on Disposal		
(iv) Recoveries and Reimbursements		
Reimbursements of Costs Incurred		
Welfare Administration		

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	2001	2000
	\$	\$

3 OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES (continued)

3(a) Operating Revenues (continued)

(v) Grant Revenues

Grants were received in respect of the following:

Youth Activities Service	46,998	45,651
Family Day Care	711,520	556,192
Family Liaison Worker	20,803	20,459
School Holiday Program	57,294	27,984
Hippy	30,000	0
Commonwealth Tax Sharing	1,019,816	1,052,001
Waste Water Re-use Grant	0	788,500
Sport & Recreation	12,000	0
Black Spot Programme	0	3,742
Youth Week	2,000	0
Total Grants	\$1,900,431	\$2,494,529

(vi) User Charges

Water Consumption Charge	1,045,879	1,068,686
Flocon Hire	35,752	23,541
Refuse Site Entrance Fees	95,390	69,263
	\$1,177,021	\$1,161,490

(vii) Contributions

Infrastructure Assets	343,000	343,585
	\$343,000	\$343,585

(viii) Other

Community Newsletter	5,093	10,136
Microwise Australia	95,166	59,202
Hobart Water Dividend	114,084	107,376
	\$214,343	\$176,714

3(b) Operating Expenses

(i) Employee Costs

Wages and Salaries	1,170,729	1,097,587
Superannuation	145,519	140,823
Other Employee Related Expenses	111,657	111,615
	\$1,427,905	\$1,350,025

Actual Wages & Salaries for 2001 were \$1,730,682 according to the Group Certificate Summary.
Other Wages & Salaries are costed to infrastructure maintenance and capital improvements.

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	2001 \$	2000 \$
3 OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES (continued)		
(ii) Depreciation Expense		
Plant and Vehicles	134,559	146,277
Buildings	76,441	113,408
Small Machinery	6,156	17,202
Bridges	34,335	33,433
Sewerage Assets	304,883	256,618
Drainage Assets	149,027	185,920
Water Assets	327,226	261,914
Road Assets	877,208	1,203,006
Equipment and Furniture	96,441	83,158
	<u>\$2,006,276</u>	<u>\$2,300,936</u>
(iii) Financial Costs		
Interest on Debt	490,676	478,384
Audit Fees	10,801	11,608
Bank Charges & Credit Cards	35,447	27,294
Finance Lease Interest & Amortisation Expense	0	5,814
Discount Allowed	35,622	27,955
Other	24,345	29,771
	<u>\$596,891</u>	<u>\$580,826</u>
(iv) Contributions		
State Fire Commission Levy	333,598	312,068
State Library Levy	106,094	114,739
Tas. Canine Defence League Contribution	31,226	98,721
Local Govt. Association of Tasmania	17,239	16,350
Valuation Charges	4,258	21,942
Planning Levy	47,634	49,944
Hobart Metropolitan Councils Association	15,000	15,000
	<u>\$555,049</u>	<u>\$628,764</u>
(v) Materials/Contracts & Other		
Street Lighting	98,342	118,983
Solid Waste Contract	457,971	391,465
Tipping Fees	173,643	111,309
Jordan River NHT Expenditure	8,520	54,981
On Site Waste Disposal Trials	16,656	35,498
Microwave Australia	41,957	97,453
Community Newsletter	58,295	54,937
Road & Bridge Maintenance	441,471	461,902
Sewerage Maintenance	553,878	613,490
Water Maintenance	97,223	197,286
Reserve Maintenance	481,823	318,865
Building Maintenance	227,384	355,321
Internal contractors	309,018	106,688
Other materials & contracts	1,224,090	1,171,038
	<u>\$4,190,271</u>	<u>\$4,089,216</u>

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4 CURRENT ASSETS - CASH

Cash at Bank	110,293	141,506
Cash Advances	2,850	2,800
Investments	208,872	292,692
	<u>\$322,015</u>	<u>\$436,998</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.

5 CURRENT ASSETS - RECEIVABLES

Rates Receivables	\$602,651	\$675,077
Other Receivables		
Water Consumption/Excess Charges	286,674	211,251
Other Debtors	198,224	219,992
Less provision for Doubtful Debts	(5,945)	(6,600)
	<u>\$478,953</u>	<u>\$424,643</u>

6 CURRENT ASSETS - LAND HELD FOR RESALE

Cost of acquisition	190,214	197,214
Development cost capitalised	0	0
Other Costs	0	0
	<u>\$190,214</u>	<u>\$197,214</u>

Represents land purchased as part of an industrial estate at Bridgewater.

7 CURRENT ASSETS - WORK IN PROGRESS

Private Works	2,085	9,380
	<u>\$2,085</u>	<u>\$9,380</u>

8 CURRENT ASSETS - OTHER

Accrued Revenue	88,975	132,275
Prepayments	60,075	0
Other	11,383	10,583
	<u>\$160,433</u>	<u>\$142,858</u>

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	2001	2000
	\$	\$
9 CURRENT LIABILITIES - CREDITORS & ACCRUALS		
Trade Creditors	41,855	95,921
Accrued Expenses	601,974	535,689
	<u>\$643,829</u>	<u>\$631,610</u>
10 LIABILITIES - BORROWINGS		
CURRENT		
Secured		
Private Loans	<u>\$413,690</u>	<u>\$385,766</u>
NON CURRENT		
Secured		
Private Loans	<u>\$6,174,578</u>	<u>\$6,588,268</u>
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.		
11 LIABILITIES - EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS		
CURRENT		
Employee Leave Entitlements Provisions		
Annual Leave	227,996	174,328
Long Service Leave	<u>173,703</u>	<u>165,771</u>
	<u>\$401,699</u>	<u>\$340,099</u>
NON CURRENT		
Employee Leave Entitlements Provisions		
Long Service Leave	<u>\$67,413</u>	<u>\$43,640</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 CURRENT LIABILITIES - OTHER		
Deposits Held in Trust	31,450	10,010
Revenue Received in advance	0	57,800
DSD Investment in Microwise Australia	<u>0</u>	<u>150,000</u>
	<u>\$31,450</u>	<u>\$217,810</u>
Deposits includes monies held in respect of damage indemnity, facilities booking and various performance related sureties.		

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13	NON CURRENT ASSETS - LAND		
	Land - at Local Government valuation - 2000	0	1,593,286
	Land - at Cost	1,866,049	32,763
		<u>\$1,866,049</u>	<u>\$1,626,049</u>
14	NON CURRENT ASSETS - PLANT AND VEHICLES		
	Plant and Vehicles at Cost	879,791	950,693
	less Accumulated Depreciation	(423,688)	(422,518)
		<u>\$456,103</u>	<u>\$528,175</u>
15	NON CURRENT ASSETS - SMALL MACHINERY		
	Small Machinery at Cost	92,577	76,231
	less Accumulated Depreciation	(62,852)	(56,696)
		<u>\$29,725</u>	<u>\$19,535</u>
16	NON CURRENT ASSETS - FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT		
	Furniture and Equipment purchased on Finance Lease	0	197,530
	Furniture and Equipment at Cost	892,288	935,008
	less Amortisation of Finance Lease	0	(197,530)
	less Accumulated Depreciation	(612,301)	(636,942)
		<u>\$279,987</u>	<u>\$298,066</u>
17	NON CURRENT ASSETS - BUILDINGS		
	Buildings at Valuation	0	3,812,434
	Buildings at Cost	4,011,845	9,599
	less Accumulated Depreciation	(76,441)	0
		<u>\$3,935,404</u>	<u>\$3,822,033</u>
18	NON CURRENT ASSETS - BRIDGES		
	Bridges at Replacement Cost	0	1,524,788
	Bridges at Cost	1,565,982	0
	less Accumulated Depreciation	(931,641)	(897,306)
		<u>\$634,341</u>	<u>\$627,482</u>
19	NON CURRENT ASSETS - SEWERAGE		
	Sewerage Assets at Replacement Cost	0	15,842,333
	Sewerage Assets at Cost	17,045,587	1,154,327
	less Accumulated Depreciation	(5,876,893)	(5,572,010)
		<u>\$11,168,694</u>	<u>\$11,424,650</u>

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20 NON CURRENT ASSETS - DRAINAGE

Drainage Assets at Replacement Cost	0	11,843,179
Drainage Assets at Cost	11,922,185	79,006
less Accumulated Depreciation	(3,218,358)	(3,069,331)
	<u>\$8,703,827</u>	<u>\$8,852,854</u>

21 NON CURRENT ASSETS - WATER RETICULATION

Water Reticulation Assets at Replacement Cost	0	18,082,148
Water Reticulation Assets at Cost	18,251,771	15,040
less Accumulated Depreciation	(6,817,001)	(6,489,775)
	<u>\$11,434,770</u>	<u>\$11,607,413</u>

22 NON CURRENT ASSETS - ROADS

Road Assets at Replacement Cost	0	50,950,575
Road Assets at fair value	49,061,432	284,000
less Accumulated Depreciation	(18,607,255)	(31,737,990)
	<u>\$30,454,177</u>	<u>\$19,496,585</u>

Fair Value of road assets is based on valuations prepared by the Engineering Department in association with Pitt & Sherry as at 30 June 2001.

23 FIXED ASSETS RECONCILIATION

Land

Carrying amount at the beginning of the year	1,626,049
Additions	240,000
Disposals	0
Depreciation	0
Carrying amount at the end of the year	<u>\$1,866,049</u>

Plant and vehicles

Carrying amount at the beginning of the year	528,175
Additions	174,092
Disposals	(111,606)
Depreciation	(134,559)
Carrying amount at the end of the year	<u>\$456,102</u>

Small machinery

Carrying amount at the beginning of the year	19,535
Additions	16,345
Disposals	0
Depreciation	(6,156)
Carrying amount at the end of the year	<u>\$29,724</u>

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Furniture and equipment

Carrying amount at the beginning of the year	298,066
Additions	80,037
Disposals	(1,675)
Depreciation	<u>(96,441)</u>
Carrying amount at the end of the year	<u><u>\$279,987</u></u>

Buildings

Carrying amount at the beginning of the year	3,822,033
Additions	189,812
Disposals	0
Depreciation	<u>(76,441)</u>
Carrying amount at the end of the year	<u><u>\$3,935,404</u></u>

Bridges

Carrying amount at the beginning of the year	627,483
Additions	41,194
Disposals	0
Depreciation	<u>(34,335)</u>
Carrying amount at the end of the year	<u><u>\$634,342</u></u>

Sewerage

Carrying amount at the beginning of the year	11,424,650
Additions	48,929
Disposals	0
Depreciation	<u>(304,883)</u>
Carrying amount at the end of the year	<u><u>\$11,168,696</u></u>

Drainage

Carrying amount at the beginning of the year	8,852,854
Additions	0
Disposals	0
Depreciation	<u>(149,027)</u>
Carrying amount at the end of the year	<u><u>\$8,703,827</u></u>

Water Reticulation

Carrying amount at the beginning of the year	11,607,413
Additions	154,583
Disposals	0
Depreciation	<u>(327,226)</u>
Carrying amount at the end of the year	<u><u>\$11,434,770</u></u>

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Roads

Carrying amount at the beginning of the year
Additions
Disposals
Depreciation
Adjustment due to adoption of fair value
as per AAS38 Revaluation of Non-Current Assets
Carrying amount at the end of the year

19,496,585
235,154
0
(877,288)
11,599,726
\$30,454,177

24 NON CURRENT ASSETS - OTHER

Hobart Water Joint authority at cost
Loan Debtors

6,873,165
114,613
\$6,987,778

6,873,165
125,996
\$6,999,161

25 RESERVES

Building Revaluation
Water Revaluation
Sewerage Revaluation
Drainage Revaluation
Road Revaluation
Public Open Space

790,274
3,292,252
606,859
1,479,017
10,149,143
35,585
\$16,353,130

790,274
3,292,252
606,859
1,479,017
0
35,585
\$6,203,987

Movements during the year

(a) Building Revaluation

Balance at beginning of year
Prior year revaluation increment/(decrement)
Balance at end of year

790,274
\$790,274

314,497
475,777
\$790,274

(b) Water Revaluation

Balance at beginning of year
Prior year revaluation increment/(decrement)
Balance at end of year

3,292,252
\$3,292,252

3,292,252
\$3,292,252

(c) Sewerage Revaluation

Balance at beginning of year
Prior year revaluation increment/(decrement)
Balance at end of year

606,859
\$606,859

606,859
\$606,859

(d) Drainage Revaluation

Balance at beginning of year
Prior year revaluation increment/(decrement)
Balance at end of year

1,479,017
\$1,479,017

1,479,017
\$1,479,017

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(e) Road Revaluation		
Balance at beginning of year		10,149,143
Net effect on initial adoption of AAS38	1 (e)	
Revaluation of Non-Current Assets		
Balance at end of year		<u>\$0</u>
(f) Land Revaluation		
Balance at beginning of year		
Prior year revaluation increment/(decrement)		134,636
Balance at end of year		<u>(134,636)</u>
(g) Bridges Revaluation		
Balance at beginning of year		
Prior year revaluation increment/(decrement)		\$0
Balance at end of year		<u>\$0</u>
(h) Public Open Space		
Balance at beginning of year		35,585
Balance at end of year		<u>\$35,585</u>
Total movements during the year		
Balance at beginning of year		6,203,987
Revaluation increment/(decrement)		10,149,143
Balance at end of year		<u>\$16,353,130</u>
Nature and purpose of reserves		
Asset Revaluation		
The asset revaluation reserve includes the net revaluation increments and decrements arising from the revaluation of non-current assets in accordance with AAS 38. An amount of \$6,203,987 is not available for future asset write downs as a result of using the deemed cost election for buildings, water, sewerage and drainage when adopting AAS38.		
Public Open Space		
Section 117 of the Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 requires Council to hold money raised as cash in lieu of public open space on trust.		

26 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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27 COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

(a) Capital Commitments

There are no capital expenditure commitments as at balance date.

(b) Operating Commitments

There are no operating expenditure commitments as at balance date.

(c) Finance Lease Commitments

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

(d) Operating Lease Commitments

Future operating lease commitments not provided for in the financial statements and payable:

Within one year	8,352	8,352
One year or later and no later than five years	10,440	18,792
Later than five years	0	0
	<u>\$18,792</u>	<u>\$27,144</u>

28 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 \$196,753

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

Items not involving cash		
Non Cash Contributions	(343,000)	(358,279)
Revaluation Decrement/(Increment)	(1,450,581)	1,541,749
Depreciation Expense	2,006,276	2,300,936
	<u>\$212,695</u>	<u>\$3,484,406</u>
Revenues from Government		
Government Grants	<u>(\$1,900,431)</u>	<u>(\$2,494,529)</u>
Investing Activity		
Hobart Water Dividends	(114,084)	(107,376)
Net profit on Disposal of Plant and Equipment	<u>(6,836)</u>	<u>(35,481)</u>
	<u>(\$120,920)</u>	<u>(\$142,857)</u>
Change in Operating Assets and Liabilities		
(Increase)/Decrease in Rates Receivables	72,426	(97,950)
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Debtors	(54,310)	65,138
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Assets	(10,280)	(131,492)
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors	12,219	(123,113)
Increase/(Decrease) in Provision for Employee Entitlements	85,373	(27,865)
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities	<u>(36,360)</u>	<u>(351,786)</u>
	<u>\$69,068</u>	<u>(\$667,068)</u>
	<u>(\$895,164)</u>	<u>(\$1,704,903)</u>
Net Cash Outflow from Operating Activities		

30 LOSS ON ASSET REVALUATIONS

- Roads	0	1,450,581
- Bridges	0	15,209
- Reserves	0	75,959
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,541,749</u>

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	2001 \$	2000 \$
31 2000/01 DONATIONS APPROVED :		
GRANTS AND BENEFITS REGISTER -		
Anglicare	0	200
Barrow S & J	100	0
Bridgewater & Friends Country Music	125	0
Bridgewater High School	2,500	8,300
Brighton Agricultural Society	500	500
Brighton Family Day Care Carers	0	100
Brighton Football Club	3,000	1,500
Brighton Junior Council	276	0
Brighton Junior Football Club	0	100
Brighton Playgroup Association	0	550
Brighton/Green Ponds RSL	200	200
Cantwell, Thia	0	60
Carmichael Meagan	75	0
Citizenship prizes to local schools (8 @ \$60)	480	480
Claremont College	50	310
Cycling South - Federation Fun Ride	250	0
Derwent Naval Reserve	0	100
Derwent Support Services	500	0
East Derwent Little Athletics	160	0
Engels Luke	75	0
Fogagnolo Priscus	100	0
Gagebrook Safety House	0	100
Hansen Scott	75	0
Headway Support Services	0	100
Hellessey Rachel	75	0
James Christine	75	0
Jury Samantha	0	110
Langley Joshua	75	110
Ling Chante	0	60
Masters Timothy	0	60
Millington Anita	75	0
Moy Mathew	0	60
Nicole Tuttle Fire Appeal	100	0
Old Beach Progress Association	2,000	0
O'Neil Dwayne	0	50
Pixie Childcare Centre	593	0
Self Esteem & Enterprise Development (SEED)	0	116
Silver Saddles Country Hall	150	0
Smith Rebecca	75	0
Southern Cross TV Children's Christmas Party	195	0
Southern Tas Qtr Horse Association	50	500
State Bicycle Advisory Committee	0	0
Tasmania Special Childrens Christmas Party	195	0
Tasmanian Canine Defence League	0	385
Tasmanian Environment Home Expo	1,000	1,500
Tea Tree Hall Committee	500	1,000
United Nations Assoc of Australia	50	0
Young Shannon	75	0
TOTAL	\$13,749	\$16,551

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32 ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT DISCLOSURES:

(a) Interest Rate Risk:

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

Note	Floating interest rate	Fixed interest maturing in: 1 year or less Over 1 to 5 years More than 5 years	Non-interest bearing	TOTAL
Financial assets 2001				
Cash	4 113,143			113,143
Receivables	5 889,325		192,279	1,081,604
Investments	4 208,872			208,872
	\$1,211,340		\$192,279	\$1,403,619
Weighted average interest	9.43%			0.00%

Financial liabilities 2001

Loans	10	413,690	1,955,238	4,219,340		6,588,268
Accounts payable	9	\$413,690	\$1,955,238	\$4,219,340	643,829	643,829
					\$643,829	\$7,232,097
Weighted average interest		7.11%	7.12%	7.30%		0.00%

Financial assets 2000

Cash	4	144,306				144,306
Receivables	5	886,328			213,392	1,099,720
Investments	4	292,692				292,692
		\$1,323,326			\$213,392	\$1,536,718
Weighted average interest		10.38%				0.00%

Financial liabilities 2000

Loans	10	385,766	1,824,956	4,763,312		6,974,034
Accounts payable	9				631,610	631,610
		\$385,766	\$1,824,956	\$4,763,312	\$631,610	\$7,605,644
Weighted average interest		7.11%	7.12%	7.28%		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 2001. Following this review, it was determined that, having regard to the fixed rate of interest applicable for the remaining life of each loan, the approximate net fair value (which equates to current market value) \$6,852,876 compared to the actual value of \$6,588,268.

(c) Credit Risk:

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

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3.3 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 2001

Revenue	Water		Sewerage	
	2001	2000	2001	2000
Rates	620,285	603,987	1,340,272	1,345,614
User Charges	1,083,742	1,079,286	21,826	789,570
Contributions	114,084	162,050	0	129,278
Total Revenue	\$1,818,111	\$1,845,323	\$1,362,098	\$2,264,462
Expenditure				
Employee Costs	105,900	74,130	105,451	73,732
Materials, Contracts & Other	962,676	971,003	606,224	682,989
Interest	76,592	75,763	90,680	89,698
Capital Costs				
Depreciation	327,226	261,914	304,883	256,618
Opportunity Cost of Capital	1,029,129	1,044,667	1,005,182	1,028,219
Indirect				
Engineering & Admin	27,977	34,109	69,941	85,273
Competitive Neutrality Costs				
Fringe Benefit Tax	0	0	0	0
Stamp Duty	0	0	0	0
Council Rates & Land Tax	3,671	3,632	2,210	2,188
WST	0	1,973	0	6,135
Loan Guarantee Fee	4,573	4,839	5,414	5,729
Notional Income Tax	92,849	150,466	53,189	382,356
Total Expenditure	\$2,630,593	\$2,622,496	\$2,243,174	\$2,612,937

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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 previously applied 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 30% applied to the notional accounting profit.

3.4 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 \$91,943

The directors of Microwise Australia include:

- C/r 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 consolidated revenue and expenditure under notes 3(a) and 3(b)-(v) respectively due to immateriality.

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3.5 REGISTER OF INTERESTS

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

Councillor & Position	Interest
Cr Tony Foster (Mayor)	No interest declared.
Cr Ted Jefferies (Deputy Mayor)	No interest declared.
Cr Barbara Curran	No interest declared.
Cr Matt Depaoli	No interest declared.
Cr Chris Fitzpatrick	No interest declared.
Cr Peter Geard	No interest declared.
Cr Philip Owen	No interest declared.
Cr Lois Rainbird	No interest declared.
Cr Geoff Taylor	No interest declared.

3.6 AUDIT DISCLOSURE

Audit services:

2001	2000
\$	\$
\$10,801	\$11,608