

Annual Report 2001-2002



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Brighton Council's
2001-2002
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 29 years and 95% of the population are under 65 years of age.

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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Mayor Tony Foster

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Brighton Race Day:

The Brighton Council co-ordinated the Brighton Race day meeting at Elwick on 29th December 2001, and Congratulations are extended to the owner of the winner of the Brighton Cup, Geoff Taylor.

It was especially pleasing for me to present the trophy to Geoff, being a fellow Councillor.

Council appreciates the support of those businesses that sponsored races on Brighton Race day.

Tidy Towns:

The Council together with BURP cleaned up in the Tidy Towns Competition by winning seven Awards earlier this year.

They were:-

- Best Spring Clean Tasmania Award – for total area clean-ups and initiatives.
- Best Special Effort Award – for stage three of the Council's Midland Highway Beautification Program. This includes the section of highway between the Brighton and Pontville townships. The Council also won this award last year.
- State Award for a region with a population over 4,000.
- Commerce and Industry Award – for the revitalisation of the Green Point Shopping Centre exterior and surrounds.
- Two Garden Awards – one of the completion of more than 500 garden makeovers and the other for the Community Garden at the Rifle Range Park Reserve, Pontville.



Mayor's Address

"The scale of change in this suburb is without a doubt the most significant I've seen in my seven years judging the awards, and indeed I believe in the 21 years the awards have been operating in Tasmania,"

The awards are organised by the Keep Australia Beautiful Council.

State judge Ken Stewart's comment are an indication of how impressed he was with the entries, particularly the work that had been undertaken in the Bridgewater/Gagebrook area.

"The scale of change in this suburb is without a doubt the most significant I've seen in my seven years judging the awards, and indeed I believe in the 21 years the awards have been operating in Tasmania," he said. "In fact I don't know of any other areas in the country that have achieved that level of change over that period of time."

Youth Parliament:

The Brighton Municipality was well represented when the Youth Parliament was held in Hobart in October.

Christopher Isles from St. Paul's School and Laura Blackwell from Bridgewater High School attended the two day session in Hobart.

Laura was one of four students Statewide to address the Parliament.

Her address was well received by all the Politicians.

Brighton Race track

Council has completed its first full year of operating the Brighton Racecourse Training Facility. As part of its ongoing economic development strategy, the Council entered an agreement with TOTE Tasmania to take over ownership and operation of the facility. TOTE contributes financially to the operation of the facility as part of this agreement.

The racetrack is an integral part of the local industry and over the year Council has been a strong advocate to keep the track open and build up the racing industry from this base. A local resident, Ashley Williams, is contracted as Track Manager who reports to a special committee of Council that includes users from each racing code.

Microwise

Microwise built on its initial success by selling PropertyWise to three more Tasmanian Councils. Two of these were in conjunction with a Melbourne based software company, Information Outlook, incorporating the Navision financial software used by Brighton. The other council chose Propertywise with a small "off-the-shelf" accounting package, Quick Books. Negotiations were initiated with a Tasmanian software development company to provide support and extra programming capability for Microwise.



General Manager's Report

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Brighton General Manager
Geoff Dodge

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Recreation plan:

The Council in conjunction with the Office of Sport & Recreation has begun work on a recreation planning process for the municipality.

There were a number of Focus Groups and Meetings held during the year and the final report is expected to be released early in the new year.

Planning scheme review:

The new Brighton Planning Scheme 2000 was certified on 13th December 2001, and the Scheme was advertised for a period of 2 months.

A total of 18 representations were made during that time.

Hearings were conducted in May and it is likely that the new Planning Scheme will become Law prior to Christmas 2002.

Brighton nursery:

The Council leased the Nursery at Bridgewater to the Brighton Garden Club and the Garden Club has been active in assisting residents within the municipality to create new gardens.

The Club has also provided work for participants under the "Work for the Dole" Project, and their efforts have been recognised with Commonwealth Achievement Awards to Annette Batchelor and Edward Picken.

Old Beach recreation ground:

During the year, the Council agreed to take-over the ownership and control of the Old Beach Recreation Ground.

The ground was owned by the Trustees and was primarily used by the Old Beach Cricket Club.

Cities for climate control:

During the year, the Brighton Council became the second Council in Tasmania to make a commitment to become a participant in the Cities for Climate Protection Australia Program.

In making the commitment, the Council has undertaken to complete an action agenda which will reduce greenhouse gas emissions within the Council area.



General Manager's Report

The Council owned Newspaper now moves into its fourth year and Council is grateful to the advertisers and readers that make the newspaper worthwhile.

Jordan Cluster:

The Jordan Cluster was recognised for its commitment to educational excellence in the region with an Award during the year.

The group consists of Principals from the local Schools and Council Officers and has been meeting on a regular basis since 1999.

BURP:

Council has continued to provide support to the Bridgewater/Gagebrook Urban Renewal Program (BURP) during the year and is pleased to recognise the achievements made by BURP, which include:-

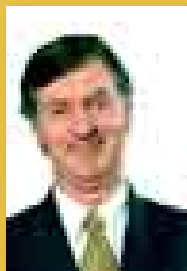
- Wins in the Tidy Towns Competition.
- Improvements to Greenpoint Shopping area.
- Support for Sports and Community Groups, and
- Needle exchange program.

Brighton community news:

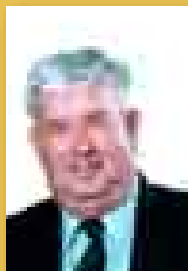
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The community is invited to continue to use the newspaper as a means of advertising community events.

Councillors



Tony Foster
(Mayor)



Ted Jeffries
(Deputy Mayor)



Philip Owen



Lois Rainbird

Cr Tony Foster

Councillor for almost 15 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:-

- Southern Tasmanian Councils Association.
- Hobart Regional Water Authority

Cr Ted Jeffries

Councillor for just over 9 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 13 years

Committee Representation:-

- Executive Committee
- Brighton Planning Committee (Chairperson)

Cr Lois Rainbird

Councillor for just over 18 years

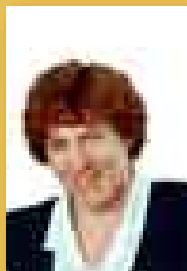
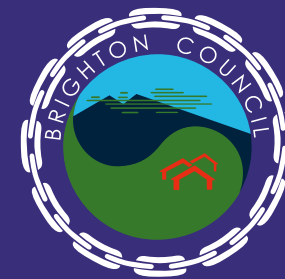
Committee Representation:-

- Parks & Recreation Committee
- Finance Committee

Council Representative:-

- Brighton Junior Council
- Bridgewater High School Council

Councillors



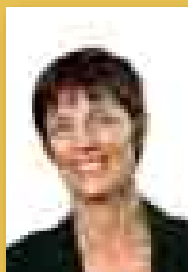
Barbara Curran



Peter Geard



Geoff Taylor



Cris Fitzpatrick



Matt DePaoli

Cr Barbara Curran

Councillor for almost 6 years

Committee Representation:-

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

Cr Peter Geard

Councillor for just over 14 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 17 years

Committee Representation:-

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

Cr Cris Fitzpatrick

Councillor for 1 and a half years

Committee Representation:-

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

Council Representative:-

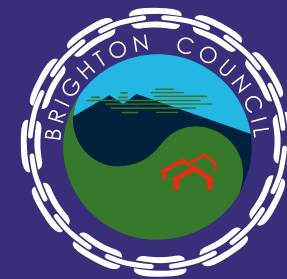
- Gagebrook Primary School Council

Cr Matt DePaoli

Councillor for 1 and a half years

Committee Representation:-

- Finance Committee
- Brighton Training Complex Advisory Committee



Operational Highlights

Environment & Public Health

To maintain sustainability of the Environment and improve Public Health.



Senior Environmental Health Officer
(John Parkinson)

Environmental Health Officer
(Paul Garnsey)

Introduction

Maintaining the Sustainability of the Environment and Public Health

The endeavour to maintain sustainability of the Environment and improve Public Health continued to be major challenge for Council.

There was increasing recognition for the need to implement measures for reducing health risk and extending environmental monitoring programs.

Along with the existing environmental health activities and continuous development and new developments being planned, there is a need for increased regulatory supervision and education to ensure environmental sustainability.

Responsibilities

- Environment and health education;
- Immunisation;
- Safe and properly described food;
- Safe water supply;
- Disease containment;
- Environmental management;
- Pollution control;
- On-site domestic waste water management;
- Plumbing control and professional development.





Operational Highlights

Environment & Public Health

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

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, comprehensive and affordable immunisation program 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.



Operational Highlights

Environment & Public Health

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

Safe & 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
- Carryout regular food premise audits
- Conduct food sampling programs

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.



Operational Highlights

Environment & Public Health

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



Assessing soil permeability
for septic tank John Parkinson
(Senior Environmental Health Officer)

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 contaminated 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.



Operational Highlights

Environment & Public Health

To provide an effective and efficient plumbing control service.

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 water treatment units to aid in effective wastewater disposal.

Plumbing Control

Objective:

To provide an effective and efficient plumbing control service.

- Assess building applications 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 systems
- Recommend the installation and upgrade of trade waste treatment systems where necessary.



Operational Highlights

Environment & Public Health

To enhance staff development, knowledge and skills.

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 & Public Health

Performance/ initiatives

VacciWise – product improvement

VacciWise continues to provide Council with a fully functional immunisation recording system. The product continues to undergo change, the most recent, the ability to electronically up-load information to the Australian Immunisation Register (ACIR) negating the need for time consuming manual forms to be completed.

The product is still gaining recognition among Councils throughout Tasmania with 10 currently using it and a number of other Councils interested. Feedback from current users has been very positive.

Immunisation statistics for 2001/2002

Confidence in Council's immunisation service was clearly maintained again this year. The Council's monthly clinic attracted 268 people for the year, similar to the number attending the previous financial year. This again reflects the popularity and professionalism of Council's Medical Officer of Health, Frances Donaldson and nurse Hazel Wardlaw.

Overall, 531 individual vaccinations were administered at these clinics and a further 529 vaccinations were administered to school children and Council staff. Council visits all schools in the municipality to provide Hepatitis B vaccinations to 136 grade 6 students and MMR, polio and DTPa vaccinations to 55 children in prep.

The development of a broader vaccination program, offering subsidised vaccines, started in the 2000/2001 financial year. The program sought to offer a range of vaccines not currently on the immunisation schedule recommended by the National Health & Medical Research Council. This broader program was further extended in the 2001/2002 financial year when Council voted to include a meningococcal vaccine.

The efforts of the environmental health team in instigating the subsidised program was nationally recognised and was rewarded by winning the inaugural Ministerial Award for Innovative Immunisation Service. Senator Paul Calvert presented the award to Council.



Immunisation Award (Paul Gamsey E.H.O.)



Operational Highlights

Environment & Public Health

Performance/ initiatives

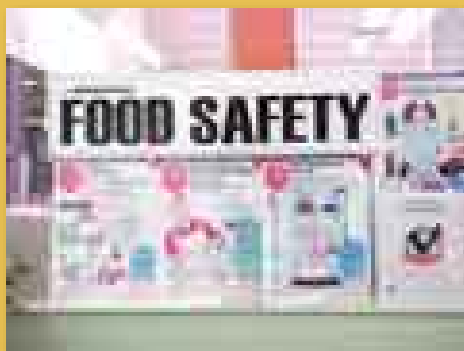
Food Education

The education and training of food handlers continues to be a high priority for Council's environmental health officers. The cornerstone of this training is the promotion and implementation of the 'FoodSafe' training package developed by the Australian Institute of Environmental Health.

Under the FoodSafe program, 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.

A number of food businesses have successfully completed the package and there are a number well on the way to becoming accredited.

Until recently, it has not been mandatory for food handlers to have training in food safety and any training has been completely voluntary. This has somewhat changed with the introduction of new national Food Safety Standards. Under the new Standards, food handlers will need to demonstrate that they have the appropriate skills and knowledge to safely carry out their work and if their skills and knowledge are not to a certain standard they can now be required to undergo formal training.



Food Sampling

Council continues to closely monitor the quality of food sold in the municipality by participating in regional and state food-sampling programs.

These programs involve the collection of 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. Over the last financial year a number of complaints have been dealt with, the most common being food containing a foreign object.





Operational Highlights

Environment & Public Health

Performance/ initiatives

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 systems. 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

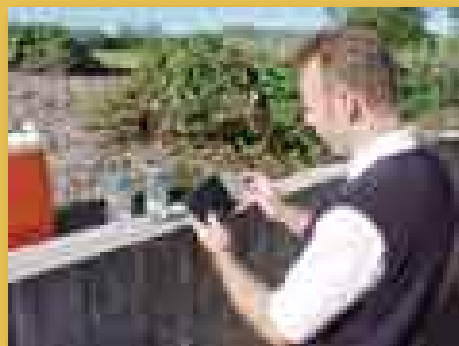
Frequency:	monthly
Number:	5 samples per month
Timing:	begin sampling at approx 9.00am on nominated days 10/12/01 12/06/02

Tests Performed

Total coliforms
Thermotolerant coliforms

Laboratory

Public Health Laboratory (NATA accredited)





Operational Highlights

Environment & Public Health

Performance/ initiatives

Interpretation of Results

Generally speaking, water quality is of a very high standard however, as with previous years there have been a number of samples that have not met the requirements of the NH&MRC Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 1996. Under these guidelines, samples should not contain any coliforms or thermotolerant coliforms per 100ml.

In the 2000/2001 period there were three samples which did not meet the required standard. This financial year seven samples failed.

All of the failed samples showed only slight contamination levels with the exception of 1 (Old Council Chambers) that recorded a coliform level of 180 CFU per 100ml of sample. No sample tested positive for Thermotolerant coliforms, which are indicative of water contaminated with either human or animal faecal matter. All failures were thoroughly investigated; corrective action taken (mostly dosing reservoirs and scouring lines) until follow-up samples all returned 'normal' results.

Whilst no specific sources of contamination could be identified it is anticipated that the largest single contributing factor affecting water quality is the uncovered reservoirs. Without this protective covering, the water is susceptible to wind blown contamination (adding to increased organic matter in the reticulation system) and levels of residual chlorine disinfection are quickly degraded by incoming sunlight. Once residual disinfection is diminished, organic matter accumulates and bacterial growth is accelerated.

This situation may continue and deteriorate further until each reservoir is roofed.



Environment & Public Health

Performance/ initiatives

System Upgrading -

Vandalism of reservoirs is of increasing concern with vandals gaining access, is posing a potentially serious public health risk.

The Horton Hill Reservoir has been roofed and Council will be allocating funds to roof the remaining reservoirs over the next five (5) years.

Current Issues -

As reported the previous financial year, the fine black particles that are believed to be polypropylene based, are still evident in the water supply system, however the incidences have been less evident this year with individual filtration of properties who report contamination, contained direct contamination.

There still remains no source identification; however investigation will continue when further evidence is gained.





Operational Highlights

Environment & Public Health

Performance/ initiatives

The Jordan River is the main recreational water body that Council monitors and manages.

Council monitors the quality of the river in conjunction with the State Department of Health & D.I.P.W.E. water quality-monitoring program of the Derwent Estuary.

Water samples are taken on a fortnightly basis for six (6) months between November and March.

The median enterococci level for the six months was 191 that classifies the Jordan estuary suitable for secondary contact activities e.g. fishing.

However 59% of the samples taken throughout this period indicated that the tidal section of the Jordan River was suitable for primary contact e.g. swimming.

Two bacterial indicators are used to determine water quality, faecal coliforms and enterococci. Due to the high faecal coliform levels caused by the Klebsiella bacteria, commonly found in pulp mill effluent, this may have resulted in a false positive test for faecal coliforms last year, therefore enterococci is increasingly considered to be the preferred indicator.

Council's innovative waste management policies together with an ongoing preventive maintenance program with sewerage pump stations have seen a marked improvement in the Jordan River water quality in recent years.

However due to the variable weather conditions, extensive catchment area and the many agricultural and farming activities and contaminated stormwater discharges from urban areas, the river will be constantly subject to variable flows and environmental values.





Operational Highlights

Environment & Public Health

Performance/ initiatives



Complaints

Complaints of a various nature continue to consume a significant amount of time and effort to satisfactorily resolve. The table below is an approximation of both the numbers and categories of complaints received throughout the year.

Rubbish dumping is continuing to be of major concern with a large increase in litter complaints. Council is committing increasing time and resources into investigating and cleaning up dumped rubbish, including wrecked and stripped vehicles.

CATEGORY		NUMBER
SMOKE	(incinerators, wood heaters)	12
VISUAL AMENITY	(unsightly yards/properties)	16
RUBBISH DUMPING	(green waste, car bodies, general domestic rubbish)	20
NOISE	chainsaws	2
	motorbikes	9
	animals (other than dogs)	8
	home occupation	15
DRAINAGE NUISANCE	(storm water)	21
FOOD SAFETY	(poor food handling, contaminated food)	10
ODOUR	(animals, spray painting etc)	9
UNHEALTHY PREMISES	(unhygienic houses)	7
OTHER	(miscellaneous, pests, wasps, cats etc)	31
TOTAL :		161
SHARPS COLLECTIONS	(needles/syringes) records only avail for 10mths	Collections: 68 Needles: 139



Environment & Public Health

Performance/ initiatives

Council's environmental health officers are finding it very difficult in pinpointing the culprits due to lack of identification, however a prosecution is currently pending.

Motorbikes continue to be an annoyance and danger to the public. Environmental health officers have met with Police to work out strategies to contain this problem. An illegal bike track causing residents concern with noise and trespass has been rehabilitated.

Sharps (needles and syringes) are continuing to be indiscriminately dumped and discarded and may cause a potentially serious risk to Public Health. This is despite BURP achieving a high needle exchange return rate.

Council offers a free disposal service for sharps to try and reduce the risk of needle stick injuries and free sharps containers are available to large users.

A 24-hour secure disposal facility is also being planned for users in areas where needles are commonly found.

Performance

The main emphasis and key to effective management to ensure sustainable Environmental & Public Health activities is education.

Environmental Health officers give priority to education of developers, members of the public and trades personnel, to ensure an understanding of the management of all environmental health activities.

This is achieved by personal contact; public events hand out information and Brighton News articles.

Education, regulatory supervision and monitoring are the essential criteria for effective environmental health management.



Operational Highlights

Environment & Public Health

Performance/ initiatives

Tasmanian Environmental Home Expo Performance

Brighton Council has again demonstrated its commitment to helping create a sustainable natural environment for future generations by again sponsoring the Tasmania Environmental Home Expo.

The Expo was held for the second year at the City Hall.

A detailed poster display was presented on the innovative waste water system that council is trialling and also of the catchment study of Baskerville and Honeywood areas.

The public continues to show their interest in environmental issues with large numbers visiting the Expo and proving that more of us are realizing the importance of attempting to create a truly sustainable future.

Plumbing Control

During the year 212 building applications were assessed for plumbing compliance with 60 being new dwellings and the appropriate plumbing permits were issued and inspections carried out in accordance with the Plumbing Regulations 1994 and Tasmania Plumbing Code.

In addition council is progressively digitising "as constructed" drainage plans which enables staff easier access and gives more permanent and accurate records for future reference.

It has also been a busy year attending and investigating stormwater drainage nuisances and seepage. Professional advice on how to rectify these problems has been given and in some cases, notices were issued and the process for compliance is currently being carried out.

Legislative changes are currently in process with the new National Plumbing Code which will enable the achievement of an acceptable standard of plumbing installation, at all times, in order to provide for public health safety and amenity for the benefit of the community.

The goal is for the requirements to extend no further than is necessary in the public interest, and to be cost effective, easily understood and are not needlessly onerous in their application.





Environment & Public Health

Performance/ initiatives

On-site domestic wastewater management

There is an increasing trend for new home owners to choose alternative domestic wastewater treatment and disposal systems.

This financial year 40% of wastewater treatment systems approved have been Aerated Wastewater Treatment Systems (A.W.T.S).

This trend has occurred due to the new On-site Domestic Wastewater Management Standard AS/NZS 1547:2000, which has ensured that all wastewater disposal systems must be sustainable to ensure sound public health and environmental outcomes are achieved regardless of the design approach selected.

The failures of the past are due in large measure to a lack of understanding of the systems by the users, inappropriate capacity of tanks, or poor siting or design of land application systems and the lack of or, insufficient management of the septic tank systems.

Most areas of Brighton are composed of soils that are not amenable to the septic tank plus trench system.

Environmental health officers must carefully study and assess each proposed site and give informed advice to building developers and landowners on suitable systems that will achieve sustainable and sound environmental performance and healthy outcomes.



Ongoing initiatives

The trialling of a number of different types of domestic wastewater treatment & disposal systems is continuing with the project funding now at its end. The hard work is just beginning with collation of all monitoring and trial results which will produce a performance report together with a report on the Baskerville & Honeywood catchment study, which is still continuing.

The completed systems and outcomes are to be demonstrated to all interested parties including State and Local Government Developers and tradesmen. The systems will also be accredited and this will achieve the desired outcome to provide the public with a wider selection of cost-effective and environmentally friendly wastewater treatment and disposal systems.





Environment & Public Health

Performance/ initiatives

Greywater Filter is being widely accepted as a primary treatment facility to treat grey wastewater and consequently prolongs the life of the greywater disposal facility by reducing the load on pumping systems and reducing the organic load on sub-surface disposal systems.

This filter was developed by Council's Senior Environmental Health Officer who saw a need to improve greywater quality. The filter is now being recommended for use by a number of Councils for domestic greywater filtration.



drumMuster is continuing to ensure that farmers satisfactorily clean their farm chemical containers in an environmentally friendly manner and that the drums are recycled into value added products.

Brighton Council staff conducted another drumMuster inspection for Glamorgan Spring Bay Council and is the central inspection and collection depot for six (6) other southern Councils.

The efforts of the Environmental Health section for their excellent initiative in conducting this program, was rewarded by achieving a National Award. The award was presented by the co-ordinators of the program from Canberra.



Senior Env. Health Officer (John Parkinson)



Operational Highlights

Animal Control

To provide the community with a seven-day a week effective and efficient ranger service.

Objective

To provide the community with a seven-day a week effective and efficient ranger service.

To educate dog owners to be responsible and caring for their animals.

To implement Council's Dog Management Policy.

Action Plans

To publicise the recommendations and outcomes provided through Council's adopted Dog Management Policy.

To raise community awareness in respect to dog registration, education and effective control.

To maintain a high level of response to injured or roaming animals.

To promote education programs for the community and schools.

Performance

- Conducted household checks to maintain optimum registration of dogs in the Municipality.
- Investigated complaints and ensured animal nuisance levels were reduced. Complaint levels were 692 for 2001/02.
- Enforced the provisions of the Dog Control Act 2002 by way of designated off-lead, effective control, training and restricted areas for exercising dogs.
- Maintained a seven-day a week 24-hour on-call service to effectively respond to community needs.
- Ensured dangerous dogs and guard dogs were clearly identified and controlled as required by the Act.
- To prosecute breaches of the Act where compliance co-operation with the statutes cannot be achieved.



Operational Highlights

Land use planning & building

To sustainably manage the resources of the municipality consistent with the objectives of the Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993.

Objective

To sustainably manage the resources of the municipality consistent with the objectives of the Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993.

To deliver a high level of customer service in the area of planning and building to minimise approval times.

To ensure community expectations in terms of environmental, social, economic and cultural values are achieved.

To encourage greater levels of investment in commercial and industrial activities to establish Brighton as a metropolitan leader for such uses.

To maintain community amenity values by ensuring effective planning controls and decision-making.

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

To implement catchment management objectives and environmental best practice for the planning of our natural values.

Action Plan

Finalise the strategic direction of the Municipality in terms of its metropolitan context and the needs of individual communities.

Implement the community based Planning Scheme currently being reviewed by the Resource Planning & Development Commission.

Continue to develop resource data bases to enable applicants to be better informed in the preparation of their submissions and for Council's decision-making.

Encourage community participation in the planning process and to enable full input into Council's decisions.

Protect community infrastructure from encroachment of in-compatible development.

To ensure that industrial uses are provided with suitable environmental buffers and infrastructure to meet their changing needs.

To enforce Council's statutory responsibilities under the Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993 where illegal use or development had occurred.



Operational Highlights

Land use planning & building

Ensure compliance with the Building Code of Australia, Building Regulations Fire & Safety provisions and Australian Standards, as they apply to buildings and structures within the municipality.

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Maintain the quality level of customer service delivery for building and planning approvals.

Performance

- Provided an education and community awareness program for the introduction of the Brighton Planning Scheme early in 2003.
- Council continued to lead the metropolitan building trends, despite external economic constraints.
- Completion of over 485 to building and planning approvals has maintained a high level of efficiency delivering to the community a comprehensive response to their needs.
- Council has taken place in a pilot TIGERS program to develop a community development application enquiry system that will enable the general community to access a wide range of planning systems.
- Encouraged continued growth in the processing of Development Applications, which for the period of 2001/02 numbered 254 or a 40% increase.

- Continued positive growth in subdivisions with 23 applications generating 82 lots. The delivery of residential and rural-residential lots, reflect the economic growth invested in the municipality.
- Completion of the Jordan River Catchment Management Plan and Rivercare Plan has enabled up to \$30,000 to be provided through the N.H.T. grant for in-river works. Removal of willows and other weeds is resulting in a healthier river environment.
- A total of 212 building permits have been issued with a value of \$8,158,369.





Operational Highlights

Community Services

To provide professional, home-based child care service, after-school care and school holiday programs that will meet the continually changing needs of our community.

Objective:

To provide professional, home-based child care service, after-school care and school holiday programs that will meet the continually changing needs of our community.

One of the focuses of both Family Day Care and the Outside School Hours Care has been to become accredited for Quality Assurance.

Quality Assurance in both programs is a nationally driven process and there are many areas that are now being addressed on a local level.

Action plan:

Identify the areas of greatest need for children's services within the municipality.

Structure the services to meet this need.

Continue the preparation of the Service for accreditation.

The continuation of support to the majority of carers who are involved in formal study at some level.

Performance:

Quality Assurance became a reality this year, with the Scheme registering in July, and it seems now that everything we do relates to the Quality Assurance process in some way. This has been a very positive time of reflection and evaluation. A time to examine and really value what we do. There's no doubt there will be periods of stress and anxiety, but we're sure the end result will be most rewarding. Lyn Rossendell, Tammy Cranfield and Gill Barclay travelled to Sydney in September to attend the Quality Assurance Forum.

During August, Lady Gowrie staff visited Carers at Brighton and facilitated a gross motor skills and outdoor play session. The session was very well attended. Training was also held at the Gagebrook Primary School which enabled many Carers to access the training who otherwise wouldn't have been able to.

Training included Mandatory Reporting; Promoting Language and Food Handling and Kitchen Hygiene which was carried out by Council's Environmental Health Officer.

Brighton continued its involvement with the Tastebuds project, and a Nutrition session was held to test-run the new training package being developed through this project. The year's training wound up with a music workshop, facilitated by Ann Colbourn.



Operational Highlights

Community Services

The State Family Day Car Conference this year was held in Hobart in October. The Conference had a strong Quality Assurance focus.

Addie Picone's primary role through this year was co-ordinating HIPPY, but she was also given the task of representing child care in this region in the Curriculum Consultation process. This was undertaken with Brighton Primary School on a local level, but also involved meetings with other regions, and the Education Department. Now that child care is under the Education Department umbrella, and the importance of early learning has finally been officially acknowledged, greater links are being established between schools and child care services. Those working with the 0 – 5 year olds have always known just how crucial these years are to a child's development.

At the conclusion of the year we farewelled several carers, all of whom have contributed to much in various ways to the Scheme. Rebekah Ramanauskas was with us only briefly before moving house. Mandy Bevan has found other employment, so her stay too was short. Jinan Alrudaini has sold her home and moved interstate. Jackie Green also moved house. After many committed years to Family Day Care, Janene Isles closed her door at Oatlands, leaving a huge gap in not only our Scheme, but in her township as well.

To all the ladies who have moved on, thank you for being such an important part to the Scheme.

The Scheme has experienced many changes this year, and will continue to do so in the year ahead. Never before has there been greater pressure on both carers and staff to maintain quality work performances. The journey through Quality Assurance, and finally Accreditation will be an interesting one to say the least. There will be training packages, additional to the in-service training provided by the Scheme so it will be a learning process for us all.

Family Day Care has come such a long way in a very short time. In this State, Family Day Care provides care for more children than any other Service, which is a terrific statistic. So it is an exciting time to be involved with Family Day Care, and hopefully, a rewarding time to be a part of Brighton Family Day Care.





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

Sealing the final stage of Back Tea Tree Road, Tea Tree
Resealing works in Bridgewater, Tea Tree and Old Beach.

Kerb and channel works in Jetty Road, Old Beach

Urban footpath refurbishment in Bridgewater, Gagebrook and Brighton.





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.

Major works on Back Tea Tree Road, Baskerville Road
minor works on Merriworth Road bridges.

Major repairs to Bridgewater jetty.





Operational Highlights

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.

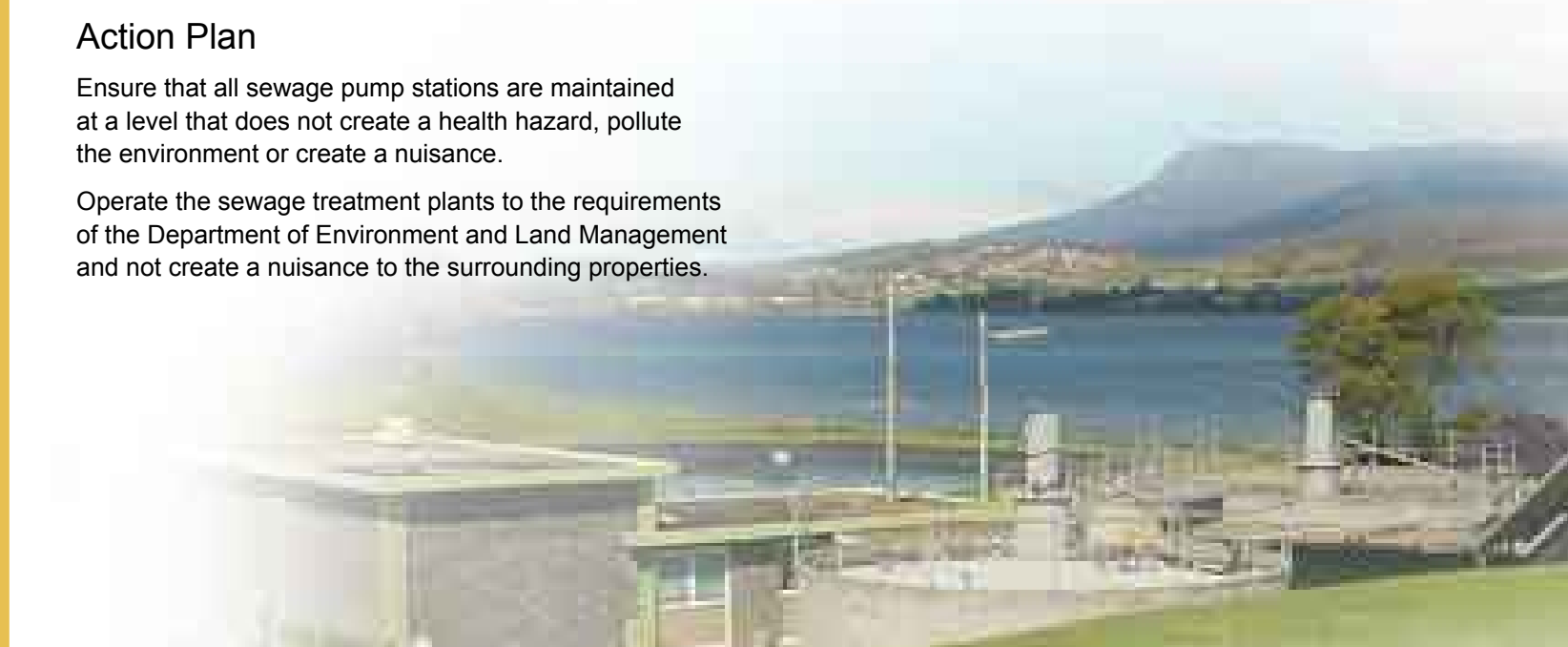
Operate the sewage treatment plants to the requirements of the Department of Environment and Land Management and not create a nuisance to the surrounding properties.

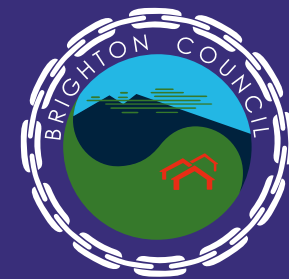
Performance

Further telemetry was installed to sewage pump stations, irrigation system pumps and the Green Point treatment plant.

Successful supply of treated sewage effluent to irrigate crops at Bridgewater, Old Beach and Tea Tree.

Effluent pumps at the Green Point treatment plant.





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

Upgraded the water main along Compton Road, Old Beach.

Installed new fireplugs at Tea Tree.

Repairs to the underwater main adjacent to the East Derwent Highway Bridge over The Jordan River.

New water lines were installed to extend Council's reticulation system to Glen Rose, Tea Tree Road.





Operational Highlights

Physical services – Public buildings

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

Objective

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

Action Plan

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

Performance

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

Extensions to the kitchen at the Brighton football clubrooms, Pontville.





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 junior soccer grounds.

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.

Continued beautification along the Midland Highway, Brighton.

Installed irrigation systems at Cove Creek Oval and Tottenham Park.

Installed playground equipment at Bridgewater.

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.

Continued works on the pathway along the western shore of the Jordan River between Pontville and Brighton.

Stage 2 of the skateboard facilities was 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.

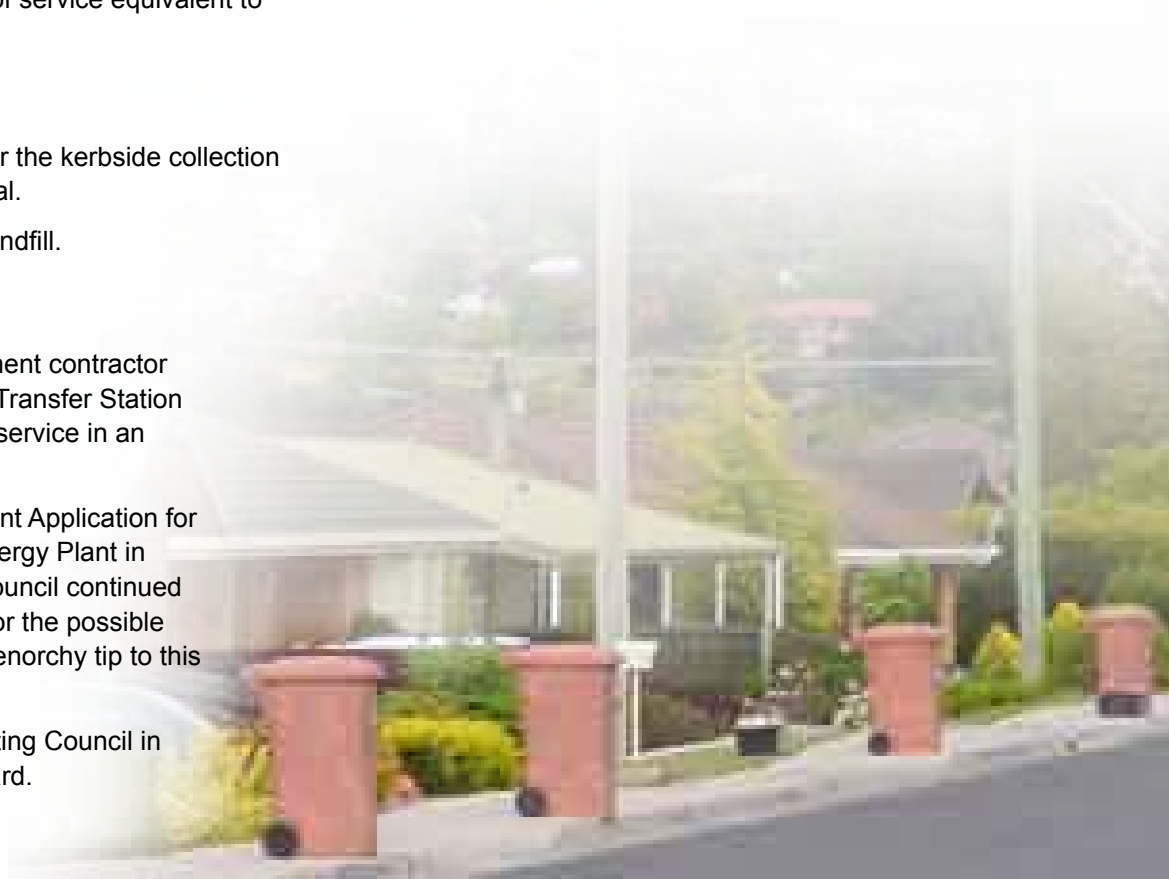
Maximise reduction of waste to landfill.

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 continued 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.



Corporate Services



Administration & finance

Provide high quality administrative support to all Council departments, elected members and external stakeholders.

Objective

Provide high quality administrative support to all Council departments, elected members and external stakeholders.

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 fair and equitable 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

Administration & finance

We successfully implemented all new accounting standards and undertook a total review of our depreciation procedures relating to infrastructure assets.

Performance

The Financial Management of Brighton Council continued to improve with favourable key financial indicators during 2001 – 2002. Brighton Council's percentage of Debt to Revenue decreased during the financial year thanks to responsible financial management by staff and councillors. For 8 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 2003. 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 direct debit payment procedure for rates and water for payments received direct from a ratepayer's bank account. Improved procedures relating to our collection of rates has seen a significant improvement trend in the outstanding debt at year-end.

We successfully implemented all new accounting standards and undertook a total review of our depreciation 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 continued its 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.



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 continual development based on the premise of equality and measurable productivity improvement.

Resource sharing of staff, plant and equipment with other Councils.

Maintain existing staffing, plant and equipment levels.

Continue work place training and development for Council's workforce.

Performance

Resource sharing of Council staff and plant with neighbouring Councils.

Use of temporary placement agency to fill casual vacancies and functions within the workforce.

Council's staff training policy has benefited Council by allowing staff to increase their skills, knowledge and confidence, so that not only Council, but the community benefit from having highly skilled,

committed and motivated staff. Council's record of success over the past few years, from awards in areas such as environmental policy to community communication, could not have been achieved without dedicated and skilled employees.

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

2001-2002

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS

MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Foster	12	10	83
Cr Jeffries	12	11	92
Cr Curran	12	12	100
Cr Geard	12	10	83
Cr Owen	12	12	100
Cr Taylor	12	12	83
Cr Rainbird	12	10	100
Cr Fitzpatrick	12	11	92
Cr DePaoli	12	10	83



Councillor Attendance

2001-2002

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Foster	2	2	100
Cr Jeffries	2	2	100
Cr Curran	2	2	100
Cr Geard	2	2	100
Cr Fitzpatrick	2	2	100
Cr Owen	2	2	100
Cr Taylor	2	1	50
Cr Rainbird	2	1	50
Cr DePaoli	2	1	50

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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



Councillor Attendance

2001-2002

Parks & Recreation Committee

MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Jeffries	5	5	100
Cr Fitzpatrick	5	5	100
Cr Geard	5	3	60
Cr Rainbird	5	5	100

Finance Committee

MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Foster	8	8	100
Cr Jeffries	8	7	88
Cr Rainbird	8	8	100
Cr DePaoli	8	8	100

NON-MEMBERS	Attended
Cr Owen	5
Cr Geard	4
Cr Taylor	2
Cr Fitzpatrick	1



Councillor Attendance

2001-2002

Planning Committee

MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Owen	9	9	100
Cr Jeffries	9	8	89
Cr Taylor	9	8	89
Cr Curran	9	9	100

NON-MEMBERS	Attended
Cr Foster	1
Cr Rainbird	1

Access Advisory Committee

MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Curran	3	3	100
Cr Geard	3	0	0



Councillor Attendance

2001-2002

Pontville Special Committee

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

Environment Advisory Committee

MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Foster	5	4	80
Cr Curran	5	5	100
Cr Fitzpatrick	5	5	100

Brighton Senior Citizens Management Committee

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

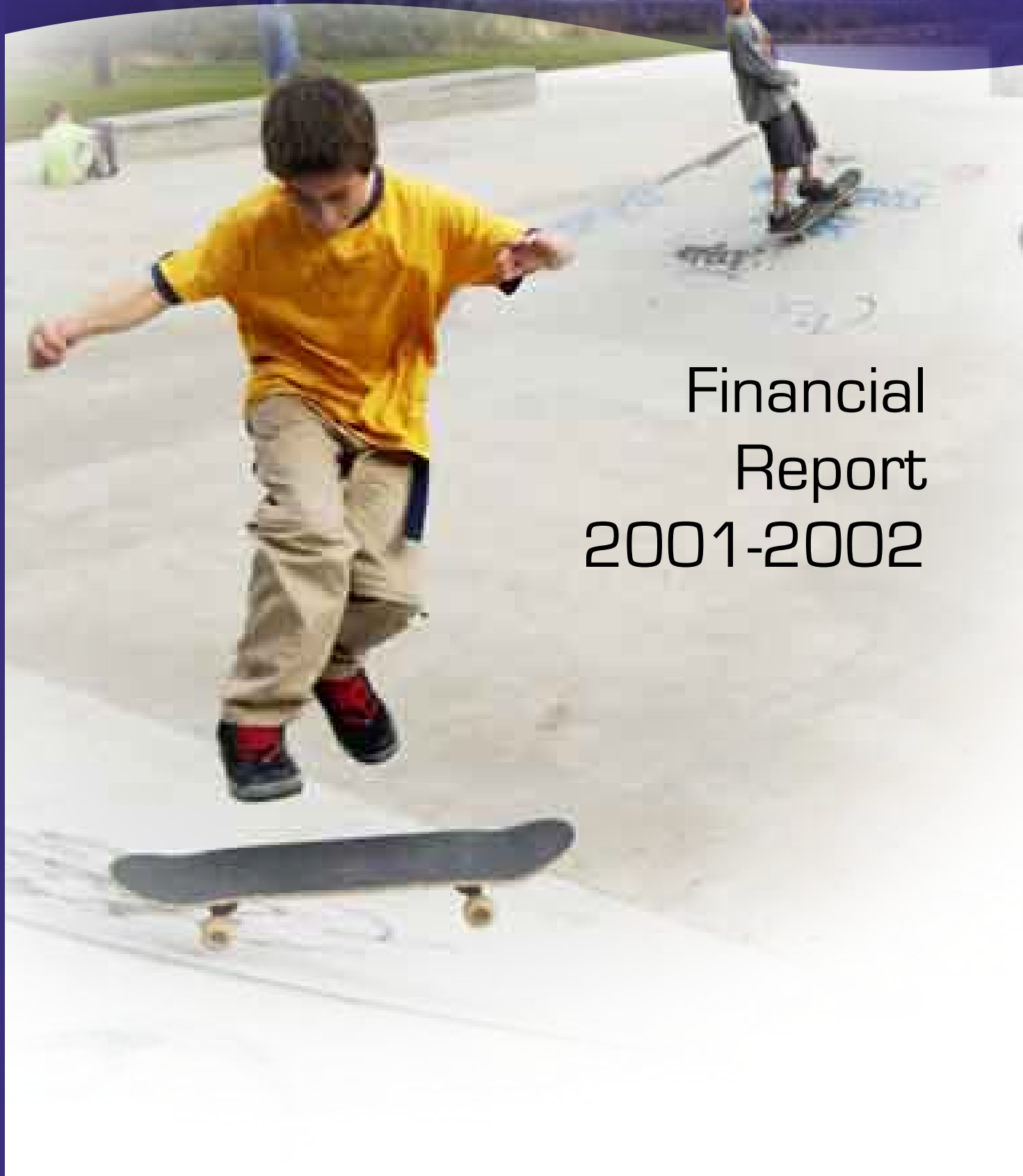
Brighton Training Complex Advisory Committee

MEMBERS	No. of Meetings	Attended	%
Cr Foster	4	4	100
Cr Jeffries	4	4	100
Cr Taylor	4	3	75
Cr DePaoli	4	1	25

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the Councillors of the Brighton Council

Scope

I have audited the financial report of the Brighton Council comprising Statements of Financial Performance, Financial Position, Changes in Equity and Cash Flows and notes thereto, for the year ended 30 June 2002. The General Manager of the Brighton Council is responsible for the financial report. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the Councillors.

The audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia 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*, applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia, the financial position of the Brighton Council at 30 June 2002, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.

A J McHugh
AUDITOR-GENERAL

31 October 2002

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BRIGHTON COUNCIL

Statement by Councillors and Principal Accounting Officer

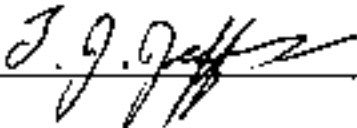
In our opinion:

- (a) the financial report set out on the following pages presents fairly the financial position of BRIGHTON COUNCIL as at 30 June 2002 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 2002

BRIGHTON COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

For the Year ended 30 June 2002.

	Notes	Actual 2002 \$	Budget 2002 \$	Actual 2001 \$
REVENUES				
Revenues from ordinary activities				
Rate Revenues	3(a)(i)	5,639,251	5,559,573	5,312,249
Interest	3(a)(ii)	80,042	70,000	73,079
Profit on asset disposal	3(a)(iii)	3,364	0	6,836
Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred	3(a)(iv)	20,421	12,000	25,426
Government Grants	3(a)(v)	2,060,851	2,027,251	1,900,431
User Charges	3(a)(vi)	1,005,084	1,031,000	1,177,021
Contributions	3(a)(vii)	635,770	635,000	343,000
Other	3(a)(viii)	218,562	203,000	214,343
Fees and Charges		513,039	490,300	584,852
Private Works Sales Proceeds		17,469	4,000	9,739
Recoup prior year valuation loss		0	0	1,450,581
Total revenues from ordinary activities		\$10,193,853	\$10,032,124	\$11,097,557
EXPENSES				
Employee Costs	3(b)(i)	1,530,865	1,547,156	1,427,905
Depreciation	3(b)(ii)	1,774,711	1,954,657	2,006,276
Borrowing Costs	3(b)(iii)	459,994	557,025	596,891
Contributions	3(b)(iv)	556,709	600,210	555,049
Materials/Contracts & Other	3(b)(v)	4,107,568	3,727,785	4,190,271
Purchase of Water		763,053	793,000	835,931
Aldermanic Allowances & Expenses		81,618	81,700	74,176
Family Day Care Fee Relief Subsidy		615,618	600,000	535,366
Donations	4	72,419	55,000	13,749
Remissions Granted		51,942	65,000	17,519
Total expenses from ordinary activities		\$10,014,497	\$9,981,533	\$10,253,133
Change in Net Assets from ordinary activities		\$179,356	\$50,591	\$844,424
Net increase (decrease) in asset revaluation reserve arising on on revaluation of non-current assets	27			10,149,143
Total Revenue, Expense and Valuation Adjustments recognised Directly in Equity				\$10,149,143
Total Changes in Equity		\$179,356		\$10,993,567

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

BRIGHTON COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2002.

	Notes	2002 \$	2001 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash assets	5	693,425	322,015
Receivables - Rates	6	581,596	602,651
Receivables - Other	6	374,966	478,953
Inventories	7	177,000	190,214
Other	8	94,883	162,518
Total Current Assets	2(b)	\$1,921,870	\$1,756,351
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Land	9	1,929,264	1,866,049
Plant and Vehicles	10	380,009	456,103
Small Machinery	11	23,912	29,725
Furniture and Equipment	12	249,962	279,987
Buildings	13	4,031,899	3,935,404
Bridges	14	663,683	634,341
Sewerage	15	10,990,265	11,168,694
Drainage	16	8,590,270	8,703,827
Water	17	11,324,211	11,434,770
Roads	18	30,412,523	30,454,177
Other	20	6,977,353	6,987,778
Total Non Current Assets	2(b)	\$75,573,350	\$75,950,855
Total Assets		\$77,495,220	\$77,707,206
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	21	678,941	643,829
Interest bearing liabilities	22	445,912	413,690
Provisions	23	375,899	401,699
Other	24	22,877	31,450
Total Current Liabilities		\$1,523,629	\$1,490,668
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Interest bearing liabilities	25	5,728,283	6,174,578
Provisions	26	89,405	67,413
Total Non Current Liabilities		\$5,817,688	\$6,241,991
Total Liabilities		\$7,341,317	\$7,732,659
NET ASSETS		\$70,153,903	\$69,974,547
EQUITY			
Reserves	27	16,353,130	16,353,130
Ratepayers Equity		53,800,773	53,621,417
TOTAL EQUITY		\$70,153,903	\$69,974,547

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

BRIGHTON COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the Year Ended 30 June 2002.

	Ratepayers Equity		Asset Revaluation Reserve		Public Open Space Reserve		Total
	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002 2001
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ \$
Balance at the beginning of the financial year							
Buildings	53,621,417	52,776,993			35,585	35,585	53,657,002 52,812,578
Water			790,274	790,274			790,274 790,274
Sewerage			3,292,252	3,292,252			3,292,252 3,292,252
Drainage			606,859	606,859			606,859 606,859
Roads			1,479,017	1,479,017			1,479,017 1,479,017
			10,149,143				10,149,143
Increase / (Decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	179,356	844,424					179,356 844,424
Transfers (from)/to Reserves							
Buildings							
Land							
Water							
Sewerage							
Drainage							
Roads			10,149,143				10,149,143
Balance at the end of the financial year	\$53,800,773	\$53,621,417	\$16,317,545	\$16,317,545	\$35,585	\$35,585	\$70,153,903 \$69,974,547

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

BRIGHTON COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 30 June 2002.

	Notes	2002 \$	2001 \$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Payments			
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(8,180,830)	(7,581,982)
Borrowing Costs		(468,473)	(603,643)
		<u>(8,649,303)</u>	<u>(8,185,625)</u>
Receipts			
Receipts from Ratepayers, Fees & Charges		7,930,233	7,222,457
Interest Received		83,325	68,004
		<u>8,013,558</u>	<u>7,290,461</u>
Net Cash Outflow from Operating Activities	31	<u>(\$635,745)</u>	<u>(\$895,164)</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Payments			
Buildings		(91,732)	(86,812)
Plant and Vehicles & Machinery		(87,880)	(192,114)
Water Reticulation Assets		(152,526)	(154,583)
Roads, Bridges & Drainage Assets		(294,812)	(276,270)
Sewerage Assets		(86,329)	(48,927)
Furniture and Equipment		(76,204)	(78,362)
		<u>(789,483)</u>	<u>(837,068)</u>
Proceeds from			
Public Bodies Loan repayments		11,383	10,483
Other Assets		10,425	11,383
Sale of land		0	7,000
Hobart Water Dividends		105,235	114,084
Sales of Plant and Equipment Assets	3(a)(iii)	34,200	120,117
		<u>161,243</u>	<u>263,067</u>
Net Cash Outflow from Investing Activities		<u>(\$628,240)</u>	<u>(\$574,001)</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Repayment of Borrowings		(425,456)	(396,249)
DSD Equity Investment		0	(150,000)
		<u>(425,456)</u>	<u>(546,249)</u>
Cash Inflow from Government			
Government Grants		<u>2,060,851</u>	<u>1,900,431</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in Cash Held		371,410	(114,983)
Cash at the Beginning of the Financial Year		322,015	436,998
Cash at the End of the Financial Year	5	<u>\$693,425</u>	<u>\$322,015</u>

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

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1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant policies which have been adopted in the preparation of 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 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

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1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(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.

(e) Revaluation of Non Current Assets

The Council has applied the revised July 2001 version of AASB1041 "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 AASB1041 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.

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.

Other Non-Current Assets

Council has continued to apply the cost 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 Assts 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:

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1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

<input type="checkbox"/> Buildings	50 years
<input type="checkbox"/> Plant and vehicles	5-10 years
<input type="checkbox"/> Small machinery and tools	3-8 years
<input type="checkbox"/> Equipment and furniture	5-10 years
<input type="checkbox"/> Roads	39 years on average
<input type="checkbox"/> Hotmix	20 years
<input type="checkbox"/> Flush	10 years
<input type="checkbox"/> Gravel	3 years
<input type="checkbox"/> Pavement	60 years
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub Grade	Infinite
<input type="checkbox"/> Kerb	40 years
<input type="checkbox"/> Footpath	40 years
<input type="checkbox"/> Table Drains	10 years
<input type="checkbox"/> Culverts	80 years
<input type="checkbox"/> Poles	30 years
<input type="checkbox"/> Drainage/sewerage assets	50-60 years
<input type="checkbox"/> Water supply assets	15-80 years
<input type="checkbox"/> 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:

<input type="checkbox"/> land	nil
<input type="checkbox"/> buildings	\$5,000
<input type="checkbox"/> small machinery and tools	\$500 - \$999
<input type="checkbox"/> equipment and furniture	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/> roads	\$5,000
<input type="checkbox"/> water supply / drainage	\$2,500
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.

(j) Employee Entitlements

i. Wages and Salaries

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

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1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

ii. Annual, Sick and Long Service Leave

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

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

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

iii. Superannuation

The superannuation expense for the reporting period is the amount of the statutory contribution the Council makes to the Municipal Employees Assurance Scheme, administered by the Local Government Association of Tasmania, which provides benefits to the employees. The expense incorporates the amounts paid by Council on behalf of the employees to Tasplan scheme, as required under legislation.

(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) Revenue Recognition

i. Rates, Grants and Other Contributions

Rating revenues are recognised at the commencement of the rating period or when the rates are levied. Uncollected rates at balance date are recognised as receivables. Grants, donations and other contributions which are not subject to accompanying conditions that they be expensed in a particular manner, or for a particular purpose, are recognised as revenue in the reporting period when the Council obtains control over the assets comprising the contributions. Unreceived contributions over which Council has control are recognised as receivables. To the extent that grant 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.

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1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

ii. 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.

iii. Interest Income

Interest income is recognised as it accrues

(n) Receivables

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

(o) Payables

Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods or services received, whether or not billed to the Council. These amounts are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

(p) Interest Bearing Liabilities

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

(q) 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.

(r) Revision to an accounting estimate

Based on our engineer's assessment, Council now recognises from July 1 2001 that road pavements have a residual life of 45%. This policy has been adopted in accordance with AAS4 and has the effect of reducing road depreciation to a more accurate basis. The depreciation of roads without this change would have been \$873,999 instead of the stated \$630,041.

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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	
	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Corporate Services	630,855	615,484			59,807	49,468	59,807	49,468				
Water Supply	1,428,532	1,472,394			1,695,044	1,818,112	1,695,044	1,818,112			11,324,211	11,434,770
Parks and Recreation	576,517	559,081	71,200	12,000	164,145	282,238	235,345	294,238			1,929,264	1,866,049
Drainage/Sewerage	1,402,218	1,435,797			1,517,681	1,362,098	1,517,681	1,362,098			19,580,535	19,872,521
Planning & Building	412,657	433,183			141,410	172,824	141,410	172,824				
Buildings	460,144	381,020			85,000	103,000	85,000	103,000			4,031,899	3,935,404
Roads/Bridges	1,868,749	1,889,253	143,748		364,190	1,457,169	507,938	1,457,169			31,076,206	31,088,518
Community Services	1,392,672	1,471,323	783,251	866,615	57,087	26,330	840,338	892,945				
Environmental Health	433,503	450,922			70,503	135,146	70,503	135,146				
Waste Management	686,148	773,862			518,141	503,170	518,141	503,170				
Unallocated Services	722,502	770,814	1,062,652	1,021,816	3,459,993	3,287,571	4,522,645	4,309,387			9,553,105	9,509,944
TOTAL	\$10,014,497	\$10,253,133	\$2,060,851	\$1,900,431	\$8,133,001	\$9,197,126	\$10,193,852	\$11,097,557	\$179,355	\$844,424	77,495,220	\$77,707,206

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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	\$ 1,921,870
Non Current Assets	<u>\$ 75,573,350</u>
	\$ 77,495,220

(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.

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	2002 \$	2001 \$
3 OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES		
3(a) Operating Revenues	Note	
(i) Rates Revenue		
General	2,787,486	2,608,735
Garbage	418,223	396,095
Sewerage	1,407,671	1,291,640
Water	617,745	608,234
Fire Levy	348,511	345,523
Penalties	59,615	62,022
	<u>\$5,639,251</u>	<u>\$5,312,249</u>
(ii) Interest Revenue		
Interest received or due and receivable from:		
Investments	80,042	73,079
	<u>\$80,042</u>	<u>\$73,079</u>
(iii) Profit from Disposal of Property, Plant and Equipment		
Proceeds from Disposal	34,200	120,117
less written down current cost	(30,836)	(113,281)
Gain on Disposal	<u>\$3,364</u>	<u>\$6,836</u>
(iv) Recoveries and Reimbursements		
Reimbursements of Costs Incurred		
Welfare Administration	20,421	25,426
	<u>\$20,421</u>	<u>\$25,426</u>
(v) Grant Revenues		
Grants were received in respect of the following:		
Youth Activities Service	0	46,998
Family Day Care	765,001	711,520
Family Liaison Worker	0	20,803
School Holiday Program	18,250	57,294
Hippy	0	30,000
Commonwealth Tax Sharing	1,051,652	1,019,816
Roads to Recovery	143,748	0
Aust Greenhouse Office	2,000	0
Sport & Recreation	0	12,000
NHT Funding	50,000	0
NHT Jordan River	11,200	0
Department State Development	11,000	0
Duke International Land Care	2,000	0
Mast	6,000	0
Youth Week	0	2,000
Total Grants	<u>\$2,060,851</u>	<u>\$1,900,431</u>

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		2002 \$	2001 \$
3 OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES (continued)			
(vi) User Charges			
Water Consumption Charge		879,861	1,045,879
Flocon Hire		35,837	35,752
Refuse Site Entrance Fees		89,386	95,390
		<u>\$1,005,084</u>	<u>\$1,177,021</u>
(vii) Contributions			
Infrastructure Assets		635,770	343,000
		<u>\$635,770</u>	<u>\$343,000</u>
(viii) Other			
Community Newsletter		6,217	5,093
Microwise Australia	34	107,110	95,166
Hobart Water Dividend		105,235	114,084
		<u>\$218,562</u>	<u>\$214,343</u>
3(b) Operating Expenses			
(i) Employee Costs			
Wages and Salaries		1,231,380	1,170,729
Superannuation		162,400	145,519
Other Employee Related Expenses		137,085	111,657
		<u>\$1,530,865</u>	<u>\$1,427,905</u>
Actual Wages & Salaries for 2002 were \$1,691,506 (\$1,730,682 for 2001) according to the Group Certificate Summary. Other Wages & Salaries are costed to infrastructure maintenance and capital improvements.			
(ii) Depreciation Expense			
Plant and Vehicles		132,511	134,559
Buildings		80,237	76,441
Small Machinery		6,440	6,156
Bridges		34,923	34,335
Sewerage Assets		305,698	304,883
Drainage Assets		149,027	149,027
Water Assets		329,605	327,226
Road Assets		630,041	877,208
Equipment and Furniture		106,229	96,441
		<u>\$1,774,711</u>	<u>\$2,006,276</u>
(iii) Financial Costs			
Borrowing cost expense interest on debt		459,994	490,676
		<u>\$459,994</u>	<u>\$490,676</u>

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		2002 \$	2001 \$
3(b) OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES (continued)			
(iv) Contributions			
State Fire Commission Levy		317,312	333,598
State Library Levy		112,266	106,094
Tas. Canine Defense League Contribution		33,706	31,226
Local Govt. Association of Tasmania		18,794	17,239
Valuation Charges		20,665	4,258
Planning Levy		47,756	47,634
Southern Tasmanian Councils Association		6,210	15,000
		<u>\$556,709</u>	<u>\$555,049</u>
(v) Materials/Contracts & Other			
Street Lighting		104,135	98,342
Solid Waste Contract		373,645	457,971
Contract Recycling		81,084	94,418
Tipping Fees		182,056	173,643
Jordan River NHT Expenditure		30,257	8,520
On Site Waste Disposal Trials		16,656	16,656
Microwise Australia	34	59,718	41,957
Community Newsletter		56,011	58,295
Road & Bridge Maintenance		510,435	441,471
Sewerage Maintenance		616,833	553,878
Water Maintenance		141,873	97,223
Reserve Maintenance		496,474	481,823
Building Maintenance		305,808	227,384
Internal contractors		376,245	309,018
Other materials & contracts		756,338	1,129,672
		<u>\$4,107,568</u>	<u>\$4,190,271</u>
4 2001/02 DONATIONS APPROVED :			
GRANTS AND BENEFITS REGISTER - (SECTION 77 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993)			
Barrow S & J		0	100
Baskerville Catering		200	0
Bridgewater & Friends Country Music		0	125
Bridgewater/Brighton Online Access centre	In Kind	6,000	0
Bridgewater High School		10,500	2,500
Bridgewater United Soccer Club		100	0
Bridgewater United Soccer Club	Halls & Grounds	1,930	0
Brighton Agricultural Society		500	500
Brighton Agricultural Society	Halls & Grounds	1,642	0
Brighton Football Club		3,000	3,000
Brighton Football Club	Halls & Grounds	2,015	0
Brighton Heritage Association		1,000	0
Brighton Junior Council		0	276
Brighton Junior Football Club	Halls & Grounds	5,746	0
Brighton Soccer Club	Halls & Grounds	1,135	0
Brighton Truck Show	Halls & Grounds	1,642	0
Brighton/Green Ponds RSL		200	200

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		2002 \$	2001 \$
4 2001/02 DONATIONS APPROVED (continued)			
Brown Kirsty		250	0
Bugeido Karate	Halls & Grounds	4,048	0
BURP Inc		25,000	0
Butterworth Luke		75	0
Carmichael Meagan		0	75
Citizenship prizes to local schools (8 @ \$60)		480	480
Claremont College		100	50
Cycling South		660	250
Derks Tamika		250	0
Derwent Support Services		0	500
East Derwent Little Athletics		0	160
Engels Luke		0	75
Fagg Henry		75	0
Fogagnolo Priscus		0	100
Gagebrook East Neighbourhood Watch		50	0
Graham Belinda		250	0
Hansen Scott		0	75
Hellessey Rachel		0	75
Herdsmen Cove Primary School		1,000	0
James Christine		0	75
Langley Joshua		0	75
Lathouras Jeremy		75	0
Millington Anita		0	75
Nicole Tuttle Fire Appeal		0	100
Old Beach Fire Brigade		500	0
Old Beach Progress Association		0	2,000
Parremore Kylie		75	0
Parremore Tim		250	0
Pixie Childcare Centre		0	593
Silver Saddles Country Hall		0	150
Smith Justin		250	0
Smith Rebecca		0	75
Southern Cross TV Children's Christmas Party		0	195
Sth East Home Nurse Auxiliary		1,441	0
Southern Junior Football League	Halls & Grounds	405	0
Southern Tas Qtr Horse Association		50	50
Talbot Kerrie-Anne		250	0
Tasmania Special Children's Christmas Party		200	195
Tasmanian Environment Home Expo		500	1,000
Tamlyn Simon		75	0
Tea Tree Hall Committee		0	500
Terry Nichole		100	0
Thompson Leigh		75	0
Tibballs Michael		250	0
United Nations Assoc of Australia		0	50
Wilson Richard		75	0
Young Shannon		0	75
TOTAL		\$72,419	\$13,749

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	2002 \$	2001 \$
5 CURRENT ASSETS - CASH		
Cash at Bank	138,821	110,293
Cash on hand	2,750	2,850
Investments	551,854	208,872
	<u>\$693,425</u>	<u>\$322,015</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.		
6 CURRENT ASSETS - RECEIVABLES		
Rates Receivables	<u>\$581,596</u>	<u>\$602,651</u>
Other Receivables		
Water Consumption/Excess Charges	261,939	286,674
Other Debtors	116,523	198,224
Less provision for Doubtful Debts	(3,496)	(5,945)
	<u>\$374,966</u>	<u>\$478,953</u>
7 CURRENT ASSETS - INVENTORIES		
Land held for resale	<u>\$177,000</u>	<u>\$190,214</u>
Represents land purchased as part of an industrial estate at Bridgewater.		
8 CURRENT ASSETS - OTHER		
Accrued Revenue	82,307	88,975
Work in progress	1,876	2,085
Prepayments	275	60,075
Loans & Advances	10,425	11,383
	<u>\$94,883</u>	<u>\$162,518</u>
9 NON CURRENT ASSETS - LAND		
Land - at Cost	<u>\$1,929,264</u>	<u>\$1,866,049</u>
10 NON CURRENT ASSETS - PLANT AND VEHICLES		
Plant and Vehicles at Cost	906,287	879,791
less Accumulated Depreciation	(526,278)	(423,688)
	<u>\$380,009</u>	<u>\$456,103</u>

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	2002 \$	2001 \$
11 NON CURRENT ASSETS - SMALL MACHINERY		
Small Machinery at Cost	93,204	92,577
less Accumulated Depreciation	(69,292)	(62,852)
	<u>\$23,912</u>	<u>\$29,725</u>
12 NON CURRENT ASSETS - FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT		
Furniture and Equipment at Cost	890,028	892,288
less Accumulated Depreciation	(640,066)	(612,301)
	<u>\$249,962</u>	<u>\$279,987</u>
13 NON CURRENT ASSETS - BUILDINGS		
Buildings at Cost	4,188,577	4,011,845
less Accumulated Depreciation	(156,678)	(76,441)
	<u>\$4,031,899</u>	<u>\$3,935,404</u>
14 NON CURRENT ASSETS - BRIDGES		
Bridges at Cost	1,630,247	1,565,982
less Accumulated Depreciation	(966,564)	(931,641)
	<u>\$663,683</u>	<u>\$634,341</u>
15 NON CURRENT ASSETS - SEWERAGE		
Sewerage Assets at Cost	17,172,857	17,045,587
less Accumulated Depreciation	(6,182,592)	(5,876,893)
	<u>\$10,990,265</u>	<u>\$11,168,694</u>
16 NON CURRENT ASSETS - DRAINAGE		
Drainage Assets at Cost	11,957,655	11,922,185
less Accumulated Depreciation	(3,367,385)	(3,218,358)
	<u>\$8,590,270</u>	<u>\$8,703,827</u>
17 NON CURRENT ASSETS - WATER RETICULATION		
Water Reticulation Assets at Cost	18,470,817	18,251,771
less Accumulated Depreciation	(7,146,606)	(6,817,001)
	<u>\$11,324,211</u>	<u>\$11,434,770</u>
18 NON CURRENT ASSETS - ROADS		
Road Assets at fair value	49,649,819	49,061,432
less Accumulated Depreciation	(19,237,296)	(18,607,255)
	<u>\$30,412,523</u>	<u>\$30,454,177</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.

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	2002 \$	2001 \$
19 FIXED ASSETS RECONCILIATION		
Land		
Carrying amount at the beginning of the year	1,866,049	1,626,049
Additions	63,214	240,000
Carrying amount at the end of the year	<u>\$1,929,263</u>	<u>\$1,866,049</u>
Plant and vehicles		
Carrying amount at the beginning of the year	456,102	528,175
Additions	86,167	174,092
Disposals	(29,749)	(111,606)
Depreciation	(132,511)	(134,559)
Carrying amount at the end of the year	<u>\$380,009</u>	<u>\$456,102</u>
Small machinery		
Carrying amount at the beginning of the year	29,724	19,535
Additions	627	16,345
Depreciation	(6,440)	(6,156)
Carrying amount at the end of the year	<u>\$23,911</u>	<u>\$29,724</u>
Furniture and equipment		
Carrying amount at the beginning of the year	279,987	298,066
Additions	77,290	80,037
Disposals	(1,086)	(1,675)
Depreciation	(106,229)	(96,441)
Carrying amount at the end of the year	<u>\$249,962</u>	<u>\$279,987</u>
Buildings		
Carrying amount at the beginning of the year	3,935,404	3,822,033
Additions	176,732	189,812
Disposals	0	0
Depreciation	(80,237)	(76,441)
Carrying amount at the end of the year	<u>\$4,031,899</u>	<u>\$3,935,404</u>
Bridges		
Carrying amount at the beginning of the year	634,342	627,483
Additions	64,265	41,194
Disposals	0	0
Depreciation	(34,924)	(34,335)
Carrying amount at the end of the year	<u>\$663,683</u>	<u>\$634,342</u>
Sewerage		
Carrying amount at the beginning of the year	11,168,696	11,424,650
Additions	127,269	48,929
Disposals	0	0
Depreciation	(305,698)	(304,883)
Carrying amount at the end of the year	<u>\$10,990,267</u>	<u>\$11,168,696</u>

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	2002 \$	2001 \$
19 FIXED ASSETS RECONCILIATION (continued)		
Drainage		
Carrying amount at the beginning of the year	8,703,827	8,852,854
Additions	35,470	0
Disposals	0	0
Depreciation	(149,027)	(149,027)
Carrying amount at the end of the year	<u>\$8,590,270</u>	<u>\$8,703,827</u>
Water Reticulation		
Carrying amount at the beginning of the year	11,434,770	11,607,413
Additions	219,046	154,583
Disposals	0	0
Depreciation	(329,604)	(327,226)
Carrying amount at the end of the year	<u>\$11,324,212</u>	<u>\$11,434,770</u>
Roads		
Carrying amount at the beginning of the year	30,454,177	19,496,585
Additions	588,387	235,154
Disposals	0	0
Depreciation	(630,041)	(877,288)
Adjustment due to adoption of fair value as per AASB1041 Revaluation of Non-Current Assets	0	11,599,726
Carrying amount at the end of the year	<u>\$30,412,523</u>	<u>\$30,454,177</u>
20 NON CURRENT ASSETS - OTHER		
Hobart Water Joint authority at cost	6,873,165	6,873,165
Loan Debtors	104,188	114,613
	<u>\$6,977,353</u>	<u>\$6,987,778</u>
21 CURRENT LIABILITIES - PAYABLES		
Trade Creditors	71,394	41,855
Accrued Expenses	607,547	601,974
	<u>\$678,941</u>	<u>\$643,829</u>
22 CURRENT LIABILITIES - INTEREST BEARING LIABILITIES		
Secured		
Private Loans	<u>\$445,912</u>	<u>\$413,690</u>
23 CURRENT LIABILITIES - PROVISIONS		
Employee Leave Entitlements Provisions		
Annual Leave	206,013	227,996
Long Service Leave	169,886	173,703
	<u>\$375,899</u>	<u>\$401,699</u>

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	2002 \$	2001 \$
24 CURRENT LIABILITIES - OTHER		
Deposits Held in Trust	20,534	31,450
Revenue Received in advance	2,343	0
	<u>\$22,877</u>	<u>\$31,450</u>
Deposits includes monies held in respect of damage indemnity, facilities booking and various performance related sureties.		
25 NON CURRENT LIABILITIES - INTEREST BEARING LIABILITIES		
Secured		
Private Loans	<u>\$5,728,283</u>	<u>\$6,174,578</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 \$10,000.		
The current policy of Council is to minimise all borrowings and reduce existing debt.		
26 NON CURRENT LIABILITIES - PROVISIONS		
Employee Leave Entitlements Provisions		
Long Service Leave	<u>\$89,405</u>	<u>\$67,413</u>
The provision for long service 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. An inflation factor of 2.59% has been applied where applicable.		
27 RESERVES		
Building Revaluation	790,274	790,274
Water Revaluation	3,292,252	3,292,252
Sewerage Revaluation	606,859	606,859
Drainage Revaluation	1,479,017	1,479,017
Road Revaluation	10,149,143	10,149,143
Public Open Space	35,585	35,585
	<u>\$16,353,130</u>	<u>\$16,353,130</u>
Movements during the year		
(a) Building Revaluation		
Balance at beginning of year	790,274	790,274
Balance at end of year	<u>\$790,274</u>	<u>\$790,274</u>
(b) Water Revaluation		
Balance at beginning of year	3,292,252	3,292,252
Balance at end of year	<u>\$3,292,252</u>	<u>\$3,292,252</u>

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	2002 \$	2001 \$
27 RESERVES (Continued)		
(c) Sewerage Revaluation		
Balance at beginning of year	606,859	606,859
Balance at end of year	<u>\$606,859</u>	<u>\$606,859</u>
(d) Drainage Revaluation		
Balance at beginning of year	1,479,017	1,479,017
Balance at end of year	<u>\$1,479,017</u>	<u>\$1,479,017</u>
(e) Road Revaluation		
Balance at beginning of year	10,149,143	0
Net effect on initial adoption of AASB1041	0	10,149,143
Balance at end of year	<u>\$10,149,143</u>	<u>\$10,149,143</u>
(f) Public Open Space		
Balance at beginning of year	35,585	35,585
Balance at end of year	<u>\$35,585</u>	<u>\$35,585</u>
Total movements during the year		
Balance at beginning of year	16,353,130	6,203,987
Revaluation increment/(decrement)	0	10,149,143
Balance at end of year	<u>\$16,353,130</u>	<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 AASB1041. 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 AASB1041.		
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.		
Equity Reconciliation		
Total equity at beginning of year	69,974,547	58,980,980
Change in net assets recognised in the statement of financial performance	179,356	844,424
Net increase (decrease) in asset revaluation reserve	0	10,149,143
	<u>\$70,153,903</u>	<u>\$69,974,547</u>

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	2002 \$	2001 \$
28 CONTINGENCIES		
There are currently no claims against the Council, its Councilors or any officers which are likely to result in any material liability against Council.		
29 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	16,589	16,589
One year or later and no later than five years	4,147	20,736
Later than five years	0	0
	<u>\$20,736</u>	<u>\$37,325</u>
30 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 Quadrant Superannuation Fund amounts determined by the Plan's actuary. \$259,253 was paid during the year ending 30 June 2002. 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.		

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	2002 \$	2001 \$
31 RECONCILIATION OF INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS TO CASH OUTFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES.		
Increase/(Decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	<u>\$179,356</u>	<u>\$844,424</u>
Items not involving cash		
Non Cash Contributions	(635,770)	(343,000)
Revaluation Decrement/(Increment)	0	(1,450,581)
Depreciation Expense	1,774,711	2,006,276
	<u>\$1,138,941</u>	<u>\$212,695</u>
Revenues from Government		
Government Grants	<u>(\$2,060,851)</u>	<u>(\$1,900,431)</u>
Investing Activity		
Hobart Water Dividends	(105,235)	(114,084)
Net profit on Disposal of Plant and Equipment	(3,364)	(6,836)
	<u>(\$108,599)</u>	<u>(\$120,920)</u>
Change in Operating Assets and Liabilities		
(Increase)/Decrease in Rates Receivables	21,055	72,426
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Debtors	103,987	(54,310)
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Assets	67,635	(10,280)
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors	35,112	12,219
Increase/(Decrease) in Provision for Employee Entitlements	(3,808)	85,373
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities	(8,573)	(36,360)
	<u>\$215,408</u>	<u>\$69,068</u>
Net Cash Outflow from Operating Activities	<u><u>(\$635,745)</u></u>	<u><u>(\$895,164)</u></u>

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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		Fixed interest maturing in:				Non-interest bearing	TOTAL
		Floating interest rate	1 year or less	Over 1 to 5 years	More than 5 years		
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial assets 2002							
	5	141,571					141,571
	6	843,535				113,027	956,562
	7	551,854					551,854
		\$1,536,960				\$113,027	\$1,649,987
Weighted avg. interest		8.20%				0.00%	

Financial liabilities 2002

Loans	9,25		445,912	2,079,263	3,649,020		6,174,195
Accounts payable	21					678,941	678,941
			\$445,912	\$2,079,263	\$3,649,020	\$678,941	\$6,853,136
Weighted avg. interest			6.99%	6.99%	7.24%	0.00%	

Financial assets 2001

	5	113,143					113,143
	6	889,325				192,279	1,081,604
	5	208,872					208,872
		\$1,211,340				\$192,279	\$1,403,619
Weighted avg. interest		9.43%				0.00%	

Financial liabilities 2001

Loans	9,25		413,690	1,955,238	4,219,340		6,588,268
Accounts payable	21					643,829	643,829
			\$413,690	\$1,955,238	\$4,219,340	\$643,829	\$7,232,097
Weighted avg. interest			7.11%	7.12%	7.30%	0.00%	

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

The carrying amounts of cash, accounts receivable, investments and accounts payable approximate net fair value. The loan portfolio owed by Council has been reviewed by Tascorp effective 30 June 2002. 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) is \$6,445,270 compared to the actual value of \$6,174,195.

(c) Credit Risk:

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

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33 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 2002

Revenue	Water		Sewerage	
	2002	2001	2002	2001
Rates & Interest	637,139	620,285	1,407,671	1,340,272
User Charges	991,385	1,083,742	33,600	21,826
Contributions	66,520	114,084	76,410	0
Total Revenue	\$1,695,044	\$1,818,111	\$1,517,681	\$1,362,098
Expenditure				
Employee Costs	95,739	105,900	92,703	105,451
Materials, Contracts & Other	931,004	962,676	918,355	606,224
Interest	72,185	76,592	85,462	90,680
Capital Costs				
Depreciation	329,605	327,226	305,698	304,883
Opportunity Cost of Capital	1,019,179	1,029,129	989,124	1,005,182
Indirect				
Engineering & Admin	28,675	27,977	71,688	69,941
Competitive Neutrality Costs				
Fringe Benefit Tax	0	0	0	0
Stamp Duty	0	0	0	0
Council Rates & Land Tax	3,735	3,671	3,207	2,210
Loan Guarantee Fee	4,369	4,573	5,713	5,414
Notional Income Tax	68,920	92,849	10,618	53,189
Total Expenditure	\$2,553,411	\$2,630,593	\$2,482,568	\$2,243,174

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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.
- * 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.

34 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 \$127,968

The directors of Microwise Australia include:

- Cllr 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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35 REGISTER OF INTERESTS

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

Councillor & Position	Interest
Cr Tony Foster (Mayor)	No interest declared.
Cr Ted Jeffries (Deputy Mayor)	No interest declared.
Cr Barbara Curran	No interest declared.
Cr Matt Depaoli	No interest declared.
Cr Cris 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.

36 AUDIT DISCLOSURE

	2002	2001
	\$	\$
Audit services	\$14,339	\$10,801