

District Council of
ROBE

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of seafood, wine & coastal delight*

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Vision

The District of Robe will comprise dynamic and expanding local businesses working with a progressive, cohesive community that enjoys prosperity, capital city standard services and an enviable quality of life in a unique heritage and coastal environment.

Objectives

Planning and Development

To control development to ensure quality housing and business premises, preserve built heritage and maintain Robe's unique appeal of coast, native vegetation and green spaces.

Utilities, IT and Communications

To facilitate the provision of power, water, broadband internet and telephone communications at capital city standards to facilitate a competitive environment and improve the quality of life for residents and visitors.

Coast and Natural Environment

To conserve and protect Robe's coastline and natural heritage while making it accessible for people to enjoy.

Tourism

To build on Robe's popularity as a tourist destination by expanding tourism activities and services and developing year round tourism.

Transport and Roads

To make the Robe town and district easily accessible for residents, visitors, businesses and emergency vehicles; and facilitate frequent transport services for businesses and residents.

Economic Development

To create a progressive environment that assists Robe business development, empowers and skills Robe's workers, provides year round employment and contributes to Robe's prosperity.

Sporting Facilities

To provide sporting facilities that delivers health and quality of life for Robe's residents and complements Robe's Tourism.

Health, Community, Youth and Government Services

To facilitate and assist in the provision of health, community, youth and government services to ensure a safe, healthy, vibrant and empowered community.

Asset Management

To maintain and improve the assets of Council.

From The Strategic Management Plan, 2003-2006, District Council of Robe

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The District Council of Robe covers an area of 110,596 hectares of prime grazing and cropping land over aquifer, renowned terra rossa over limestone soil, freshwater lakes and estuaries, coastal dunes, rugged cliffs and family beaches. Robe's weather is mild in summer, with a high rainfall in winter providing lush pastures and plentiful groundwater.

Robe is home to approximately 1480 permanent residents and a retreat to a large number of holiday homeowners. During the summer season, the township of Robe welcomes up to 15,000 additional people as tourists and seasonal workers in the district's wine, fishing and tourism industries.

Robe is renowned for its unique history and its 84 historic buildings and sites. Explored by Captain Matthew Flinders and Nicolas Baudin, this busy wool trade port featured numerous shipwrecks of tall ships, and the landing of over 17,000 Chinese who walked to the Victorian Goldfields.

Robe's large Southern Rock Lobster (crayfish) fishing fleet provides bountiful harvest to Robe, Australian, and international restaurants, while its wine districts of Mt Benson and Robe Ranges produce increasingly respected quality wines for the Australian market and export. Aquaculture is expanding in the district with farmers of outstanding Barramundi, Murray Cod and Atlantic Salmon supplying local and overseas markets. Robe has long been renowned for its high-grade beef and spring lamb, and emerging produce such as olives, berries and herbs complement Robe's predominance in gourmet markets.

Robe has a thriving tourism industry with over 40 accommodation providers operating motels, caravan parks, holiday units, historic cottages, and high-grade modern apartments. Restaurants, cafes, hotels, cinema, antique and gift shops, galleries and deep-sea fishing and diving charters support this industry.

Residents of Robe enjoy a safe and vibrant lifestyle in a caring community. Facilities available to the Robe community include a community health centre, an Ambulance / CFS centre, library, public internet facilities, sporting facilities including golf course, football oval and netball courts, community bus, 7 day extended hours supermarket, hardware store, and building and mechanical tradespeople.

Population (estimated 30 June 2006)	1699
Number of Electors	2100
Area	110,576 ha
Road length	475 kms
New building approvals	56 dwellings
Additions and Improvements	38 dwellings

Contact Details

Administration

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10.00am – 1.00pm
Christmas - Closed
Good Friday - Closed

Websites

Council Website: www.council.robe.sa.gov.au
Tourism Website: www.robe.sa.com.au

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Mayor's Report

In November 2006 a new Council was elected to serve the Robe community for a four-year term until 2010. Your new Council has been working towards gathering information and receiving training, to facilitate informed decisions for the benefit of Robe and District.

Throughout the difficult months since the election, Elected Members remain committed to the core goal of enhancing the District Council of Robe's charm while maintaining the quality of life enjoyed by residents.

Elected members are committed to building a firm foundation for the future of the community and a Council that is financially sustainable in order to provide for the changing service needs of our district. The difficulties of the past cannot be altered, however we can improve from where we are. Council have developed a business plan which aims to finalise the gathering of information on the matters which have resulted in a high level of debt and potential ongoing liabilities.

To this end, Council, with assistance from the Office for State/Local Government Relations are conducting a complete financial review for the purpose of establishing a financial base from which to build an infrastructure management plan and long term financial plan. These documents will guide Council's funding decisions and allow for the development of Council policies which will inform Council's staff in the effective delivery of Council decisions.

A Project Manager, Judith Jones, has been appointed to concentrate on working through the current issues of the Robe Marina and this work will guide Council in the future development and management of that facility. This work will commence in mid August. In the interim, the Project Manager will work with existing and potential berth holders in sorting through the many issues that have arisen. The manager will also brief Council, who will inform the community as work progresses.

Our newly appointed Chief Executive Officer is conducting a due diligence audit in conjunction with Wallmans Solicitors for the purpose of developing a plan and timeline for bringing Council Governance to legislative compliance. This will ensure that decisions of Council are made against a background of delegated authority, are compliant with legislation and provide a reliable audit trail of events and transactions.

The Council is committed to working with the community to create a better future. We have to plan, anticipate and adapt to change. Your Council is committed to improving the situation for Robe and District.

William Peden
Mayor

Role of Council

The council, comprising the Mayor and six elected members, are charged with making policy decisions to be implemented under delegations by the Chief Executive Officer and Council staff. Policies set at the Council meeting relate to council services such as rubbish collection, road building and maintenance, library services and health services, regulation compliance such as building development, cat and dog management and food safety, economic development such as the redevelopment of Lake Butler, tourism and industry support, and management including asset management, resourcing and finances. Council also delegates specific responsibilities to its committees, including the Council Development Assessment Panel.

Agendas for all council meetings are placed on public display at the Council Office no less than 3 days prior to meeting. Minutes are placed on display at the Council office and the Robe Library, 5 working days after the meeting. Access to these documents is also available on the Council's website www.council.robe.sa.gov.au.

Business is conducted by Council at the Council Chambers, Smillie Street, Robe on the second Tuesday of each month, with the General Council Meeting commences at 5.00pm. Council Development Assessment Panel, is the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Development Applications need to be submitted at least 10 days prior to the meeting for consideration. Correspondence for the General Council Meeting must be received at the Council office at least one week prior to the meeting to be included in that month's agenda. If a member of public wishes to address the Council meeting, there is a public forum at 7.00pm and arrangements to address the Council at this time may be made through the Mayor or the Chief Executive Officer. Members of public may also write to Council on any Council policy, activity or service, may submit written petitions, or discuss any issue relevant to Council with their elected member.

Elected Members

The District Council of Robe has a representation quota of a mayor and six elected members spread over two wards – the Town Ward and the Rural Ward.

A comparison of the Councils of similar size namely Cleve, Elliston, Flinders Rangers, Franklin Harbour, Karoonda-East Murray, Kimba, Le Hunte, Orroroo/Carrieton and Streaky Bay shows that the representation varies between 111 - 295. In accordance with the Local Government Act 1999, Robe's representation quota will be reviewed to be in effect for the 2006 Local Government Election. Advertisements were placed seeking electors' submissions on representation prior to the representation quota review. Council has resolved that no change be made and has forwarded the final report to the Electoral Commissioner.

Mayor

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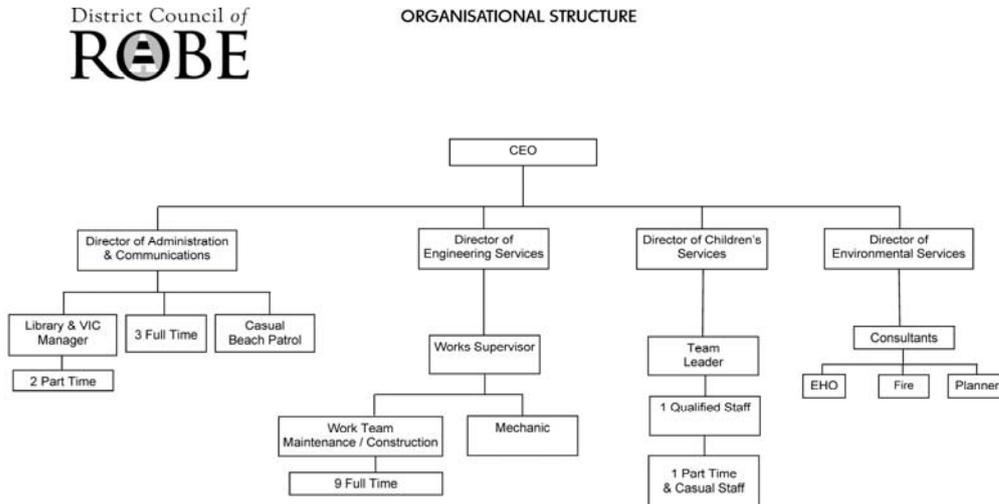
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Allowances

Mayor	\$17,000 per annum
Deputy Mayor	\$3,000 per annum
Elected Members	\$2,500 per annum

Management

The diagram below is the organisational structure adopted by Council (includes number of staff in each area).



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Chief Executive Officer

Malcolm Crout

Responsible for the operations of the local government authority

Allowances and benefits: Car with private use, telephone

Bonuses: Nil

Director of Engineering Services and Harbour Master

Glenn Sanford, JP

Responsible for works and engineering services and the operations of the Lake Butler Boat Haven

Allowances & Benefits: Car with private use, telephone rental

Bonuses: Nil

Director of Environmental Services

Dennis Crafter MAIBS, MWOBO

Responsible for planning, building, and general inspection services

Allowances & Benefits: Car with private use, telephone rental

Bonuses: Nil

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The Chief Executive Officer, Director of Environmental Services, the Director of Engineering Services and the Director of Child Care Services are provided with mobile telephones.

Employees of the District Council of Robe have entered into an Enterprise Bargaining Agreement.

The District Council of Robe has an Equal Opportunity program to fulfill its responsibility to create an employment environment which is free of discrimination and reflects the diversity and needs of the community it serves.

Council is regularly visited by an Occupational Health and Safety specialist from the Local Government Associations' Workers' Compensation Scheme.

Council Committees – as at 30 June 2007

Child Care Services Management Committee

Sally Smith, Debra Mackey, Paula Bigmore, CEO, Robyn Paterson, Tracy Harris, Cr Peter Riseley, 2 parent delegates

Terms of Reference: To advise on the management of the Child Care on Wheels Service (CCOWS).

Meetings held 2006/2007: 11

Council Development Assessment Panel (CDAP)

Mr. B Hender (Chairman), Mayor W Peden, Cr P Riseley, Cr J Mathews, Mr. R Miles, Mr. D Chapman, Mr. D Stanhope

Terms of Reference: To hear and approve development applications.

Meetings held in 2006/2007: 10

Industrial Relations Committee

Mayor W Peden, CEO, Cr David Loxton

Terms of Reference: To monitor and formulate council's Industrial Relations policy.

Meetings held in 2006/2007: Nil

Machinery Committee

CEO, Glenn Sanford, Cr David Loxton, Cr Rolf Petrovic

Terms of Reference: To monitor Council's plant, equipment and purchases.

Meetings held in 2006/2007: Nil

School / Robe Library Management Committee

Sue Shopov, Cr Jenny Mathews, School Representative X 2

Terms of Reference: To facilitate the school's involvement with the Robe Public Library.

Meetings held in 2006/2007: One

All Council Committees, excepting the Development Assessment Panel, meet as required. All meetings are open to the public. Council Committees do not receive any allowances.

Council Delegates to Regional Committees – as at 30 June 2006

Aged Care Committee

Cr R Petrovic
Allowances paid: Nil

Kingston Community School

Mr. R Davidson
Allowances paid: Nil

Kingston Robe Ambulance Service

Ms. J Ingham
Allowances paid: Nil

Kingston Soldiers Memorial Hospital

Cr J Mathews
Allowances paid: Nil

Robe Bushfire Prevention Committee

Cr P Riseley & Cr R Petrovic
Allowances paid: Nil

Robe KESAB Committee

Cr J Mathews
Allowances paid: Nil

Robe Sports and Recreation Association Committee

Cr D Loxton, Cr R Dell'Antonio
Allowances paid: Nil

Robe Tourism and Traders Association (RTTA)

Cr R Petrovic
Allowances paid: Nil

SE Coastal Management Group

Cr P Riseley & CEO
Allowances paid: Nil

South East Local Government Association (SELGA)

Mayor W Peden (Delegate) & Cr D Loxton (Proxy)

SELGA Roads and Transport Working Group

Cr R Petrovic, Mr. G Sanford
Allowances paid: Nil

SELGA Waste Management Group

Cr David Loxton, Mr. G Sanford
Allowances paid: Nil

Skate & Recreation Park Advisory Committee

Cr J Mathews, Cr R Dell'Antonio, Mr. T Bayliss, Mr. R McMartin

Allowances paid: Nil

Local Marine Parks Consultative Committee

Mr. R Roach

Robe Ratepayers Association

Cr D Loxton

Friends of the Institute

Cr J Mathews

Council's General Information

Strategic Management Plan

Under the Local Government Act, Council is required to prepare a Strategic Management Plan for the next 3 – 5 years. Public consultation took place regarding the draft plan and the Strategic Management Plan was adopted by Council in November 2002, reviewed in December 2003. The Strategic Management plan addresses strategies in relation to the economic, social and environmental needs of the district.

Development Plan

Pursuant to the Development Act, 1993 District Council of Robe carried out a review of its Development Plan in 2003. In 2005 the Development Plan was forwarded onto the Minister for authorisation which was granted on 11th November 2005.

Management Plans for Community Land

Council has developed for management plans for Community Land as required by Section 196 of the Local Government Act 1999.

Community Services

Robe Public Library

The Robe Public Library is a service provided for the community by the District Council of Robe. The Council employs three staff members – one permanent full time and two part-time, to operate the Library and Visitor Information Centre. The Centre is open seven days a week and is only closed on Christmas day.

The Library collection comprises adult hardcover and paperback fiction, large-print fiction, children's fiction and picture books, adult and children's non-fiction books, as well as a selection of magazines, CD's, videos, DVD's and audio books. (A total of 14,231 items)

Library members can also access more resources through the regional SPYDUS network or as Inter Library Loans through the state PLAIN system. The total number of borrowers is 2,478 which include students from the Robe Primary School and Visitors who can register with the Library and provide a refundable deposit of \$20.

The public-use computers are always in strong demand with two new services now available. A new online tutoring service (yourtutor.com.au) is available free to students from 4 – 9pm Monday to Friday. Visitors and members of the Robe Library are also able to use their own laptop computers for free Wireless Internet access. Users need to register for wireless access to obtain their login and password.

During the period from July 2006 to June 2007 the total number of loans from the Robe Library has been 13,033.

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Visitor Information Centre

The Robe Visitor Information Centre is located opposite the Foreshore in Mundy Terrace. Parking can be found on three sides with disabled parking at the rear of the building.

The Centre is open seven days a week and focuses on providing a high quality of information service. The Robe brochure and Town Map along with the Robe Accommodation Listing are available to meet the needs of visitors to Robe. There is an extensive selection of up-to-date brochures and visitor guides for Robe and the Limestone Coast as well as other regions in South Australia and interstate.

The Historical Interpretation Centre is part of the Library and Visitor Information Centre. It is an excellent presentation of Robe's history in photographic format and text.

The Datatrax Machine is another valuable resource which enables visitors to access tourist information after hours. It contains information on accommodation, dining, shopping, wineries and other attractions in the region and throughout Australia and overseas.

From July 2006 – June 2007 the Robe Visitor Information Centre recorded a total number of 35,500 visitors.

Robe Community Newsletter

Council produces the monthly Robe Community Newsletter that is distributed to all residents. The newsletter gives feedback to the community about Council initiatives and development, makes provision for Robe Community Groups to report on and promote their activities and includes advertisements from local businesses. Non-residents may arrange to have the newsletter posted to them for a small annual charge to cover this expense. The newsletter is available to download on Council's website, or you can subscribe to have the newsletter emailed to you monthly.

Casuarina Lodge – Independent Living Aged Homes

Council has purchased Casuarina Lodge, 13 Hateley Crescent, Robe comprising 7 independent living units for the aged, built and formerly managed by the Housing Trust of South Australia.

Community Bus

The Robe Community Bus operates each Thursday to take elderly people and other residents to key services such as the Post Office, the library and the supermarket. In addition to this, the bus operates a monthly service for residents to take a return trip to Mount Gambier for a small fee. The bus is also available for use by sporting and community groups and may be hired for other purposes. Council thanks the Robe RSL for rostering drivers to operate the Community Bus for the benefit of the Robe community.

Red Cross Car

As part of the Red Cross Community Transport Service, Council houses and maintains the Red Cross Car. For enquiries and bookings telephone 8725 3622.

Child Care

The Robe Child Care On Wheels Service (CCOWS) is an innovative service which provides child care in Robe three times a week, in Kangaroo Inn once a week, and in Beachport once a week. This service is well supported and appreciated by families, and has a waiting list even though licensed places have been increased.

Development

Heritage

The heritage of Robe, particularly in the historic district of Robetown, is a major feature of our town's appeal to residents and visitors. The Council's Development Plan seeks to ensure that development enhances the historic charm of Robe and maintains low density, high quality housing and other development. With regard to the heritage area of Robetown, Council consults heavily with Richard Woods, South East Heritage Adviser, to review plans for development. The Advisor is particularly concerned about suitable roof pitches, windows and doors, the use of heritage colours and finishes, and ensuring that new additions do not obscure the ability of the public to observe the original heritage features of the building. Council also consults with its planning consultants, Masterplan, regarding significant developments that are likely to have an impact on the surrounding area.

Height Restrictions

In the newer parts of town, particularly near West Beach and Long Beach, Council has been particularly challenged at ensuring height restrictions are enforced. Property owners are all anxious to secure themselves a waterfront view, but in so doing the view of existing or future properties must not be obscured.

Transportable Homes

Council has been concerned about the number of transportable homes of varying quality that have been brought to Robe, particularly in new subdivisions. Council has reviewed its development requirements for transportable homes to ensure that such homes are of a suitable quality and do not degrade the surrounding neighbourhood.

New Subdivisions

There is considerable pressure on Council to approve new residential subdivisions. Council takes care to ensure that such subdivisions will be provided with adequate services and that suitable access and easement conditions are met. Council is mindful of the rapid growth of Robe and considers that some foresight applied now will ensure a sufficiently low density housing configuration in the future and the development of parkland areas as proposed by a developer in Thompson Road.

Supervising Builders

Owner builders of a residential development must now engage a licensed builder or building works supervisor to oversee the development and sign the completion certificate. Council may conduct audit inspections of residential developments to ensure that the builder has constructed the development in accordance with Council's development approval and the requirements of the Building Code of Australia.

Development Control

Council's responsibility to control development is very widespread and the definition of what work constitutes a development is extensive and complex. Before commencing any works, starting a businesses, and in some circumstances even purchasing a property where you have plans to develop it, please contact Council's Development Officer on 8768 2003 for advice of your obligation to obtain Council approval.

Works and Engineering Services

Construction/Maintenance Works

Over the past financial year Council's Works Department focused on finalizing the construction and bitumen sealing of 6.0kms of the Boatswain Point Road, commencing at the Southern Ports Highway to the Boatswain Point settlement.

Council received a \$320,000 grant through the 'Special Local Roads' program to enable the Council to upgrade this section of road from unsealed to bitumen standard fit for purpose.

Other funds awarded to the District Council of Robe were from the Department of Transport Energy and Infrastructure through the 'State Black Spot' funding program. Council received \$60,000 towards the Southern Ports/Wright Bay Intersection upgrade.

A number of unsealed roads throughout the rural road network were repaired under Council's routine maintenance works program which is an on-going maintenance schedule.

The Nora Creina Road received \$62,500 through the Special Local Roads Fund, this is matched by Council dollar for dollar, to undertake resheeting of 1.6kms of unsealed road, commencing at the Bog Lane/Nora Creina Road Intersection heading north towards Robe. Works will commence during November and/or December 2007.

Domestic/Commercial and Recycling Waste Services

Council continues with its weekly and fortnightly domestic and commercial waste collection services.

Over the past 12 months changes have occurred with the Council's existing landfill site. Some of the improvements and changes that have occurred: -

- Dumping fees have increased to reflect council's annual expenditure;
- Council commenced its fortnightly co-mingled recycling pickup service for the community of Robe. This new service commenced 1st February 2007, it is estimated to divert at least 200 to 250tonnes from the landfill each year.
- The co-mingled recycling materials are transported directly to Green Triangle Recyclers located in Mount Gambier.

Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS)

General periodic maintenance of the CWMS continues with pump upgrades at strategic chamber stations to ensure that pump capacity and reliability is maintained. Council is currently investigating options to reuse excess effluent from the CWMS Treatment Lagoon. The current practice is to spray the excess effluent over sand hills approximately 500metres from the Landfill site (*this practice was approved in 1986 by the SA Health Commission*). Investigative works have been undertaken to consider all possible options, funding will be required to change this current practice by providing treated effluent to the nearby lawns for the Golf Course, Sports & Recreation Grounds and Council Parks and Gardens. Regular contact and meetings have been held with representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and SA Health Commission to establish approved disposal methods.

Long Beach Reserve, Toilet Amenities

The Long Beach reserve is an area of very high significance for the community and Council. Council received funding through SA Tourism Commission for the removal and establishment of a new toilet amenity block. Paved paths were created to provide pedestrian movement to and from the amenity as well as the Lions Club shelter nearby.

Rural Roads Tree Trimming

Council's annual rural tree trimming works program was completed throughout the districts road network over the past 12 months. This work practice has been in place for the past four years, and has now completed the required works for financial year 2007/08. It is likely we will recommence the rural tree trimming program (subject to budget allocation) during financial year 2008/09.

Health

Food Premises

Council conducts Food Safety Audit Inspections of food premises and in particular their food preparation areas, to ensure compliance with legislation. Non-complying operators are advised of instances of non-compliance and Council advises and works with operators to help them improve their premises and reach the required standards. Council also provides advice to owners seeking to construct new food premises. Under the new Food Act there are now heavy penalties (\$500,000) to food businesses and owners who sell food that is unsuitable and unsafe to the public.

Food Recalls

Council monitors recalls by the manufacturer of contaminated or faulty packaged and prepared food. Council follows up such recalls by contacting food retailers and ensuring that recalled foods are no longer being supplied to the public.

Environmental Health

Council conducts inspections of public swimming pools and spas, and private pools used for private lessons, in compliance with the Environmental Health Act.

Septic and STED Systems

The installations of new septic tanks, any upgrade of septic tanks and septic / STED (Septic Tank Effluent Drainage) systems are approved by Council. Council also maintains and monitors the STEDS system for the area.

Health Programs and Immunisation

Council operates community health promotions and preventative health programs, including child and youth immunisation through the Robe Medical Service.

Mosquitoes

Council works with the Department of Health to control mosquitoes and prevent the spread of the Ross River virus. Mosquito Traps have been placed throughout the Robe town to determine whether Ross River Virus carrying mosquitoes are present in the Robe district and leaflets have been distributed to residents as well as information to tourist accommodation operators on preventative measures.

Dog Management

Dog Registrations

Council registers dogs in the district. Dog owners are required to register dogs within 14 days of acquiring the dog, or by the time a puppy is 3 months of age. Dogs must be reregistered by 31 August each year, and that year's registration disc must be displayed on the dog's collar, when the dog is not at its normal place of abode. Expiation fees may apply where a dog is unregistered or has no disc displayed.

Dog Control

Council impounds dogs that are roaming the streets and countryside, that are not under the effective control of the owner; impoundment and expiation fees may apply. Should a dog's roaming result in a dog attack or harassment of people or animals, further expiation fees may apply.

Health and Dogs

Dog faeces on footpaths and in other public places are considered to be a health issue and owners are required to remove and properly dispose of their dog's faeces when in public areas. Dogs are not permitted in food premises under any circumstances. Expiation fees may apply.

Environmental Services

Bushfire Prevention

The Robe Bushfire Prevention Committee actively work towards the prevention of bushfires in the district and have prepared a Bushfire Prevention Plan. Council monitors flammable growth on properties in the district, and administers the Fire Emergency Services Act by serving notices on property owners to reduce flammable growth.

Pests and Plants

The control of proclaimed plants (such as Salvation Jane and Horehound) and proclaimed animals (such as rabbits and foxes) are the responsibility of the South East Natural Resource Management Board. Dean Burgoyne is the Board's Authorised Officer and can be contacted for information on spraying, baiting and other control operations by telephoning 0408 854 602.

Coast and Marine

Council acts as the host for the SE Region Coast and Marine Officer by providing an office and facilities for the Coast and Marine Officer, and paying the Coast and Marine Officer. Council is reimbursed from the Department for Environment & Heritage for these costs. Council contributes towards coastal protection by providing materials for the development of walking trails such as timber for boardwalks and fencing, and limestone gravel for surfacing walking trails. Council also provides expertise in works management and undertakes specific works such as fencing to assist volunteer groups.

Beach Patrol

Council provides a Beach Patrol Officer to patrol and enforce the speed limit on Long Beach, to give assistance and advice to people in need and to promote safe beach use. This service operates from Boxing Day to Easter as appropriate to the weather and number of visitors in town.

Policies

Policies are guidelines that Councillors and Staff refer to when making decisions on certain issues. The District Council of Robe has developed a policy document that is continually updated due to a change in circumstance or when a new issue occurs.

Rating Policy

This is a summary version of the formal rating policy document adopted by the Council. The complete policy statement is available free on request. The Council's budget and other strategic documents are available for inspection at:

The District Council of Robe
Administration Centre
Royal Circus
ROBE SA 5276

The District Council of Robe Library
Mundy Terrace
ROBE SA 5276

Further Information

Any queries in relation to this summary or requests for additional information regarding rates payments, remissions or objections should be directed to Rob Kay, Chief Executive Officer, telephone (08) 87682003.

Strategic Focus

In setting its rates for the 2006/2007 financial year the Council has considered its strategic plan, the current economic climate, the specific issues faced by our community, the budget for the 2006/2007 financial year and the impact of rates on the community.

Business Impact Statement

The Council has considered the impact of rates on all businesses in the Council area, including primary production. In considering the impact, Council assessed those elements of the Council's strategic plans relating to business development; the equity of the distribution of the rate burden between ratepayers; current local, state and national economic conditions; changes in the valuation of business and primary production properties; and specific Council projects for the coming year.

Method Used to Value Land

All land within a Council area, except for land specifically exempt (eg crown land, council occupied land), is rateable. The District Council of Robe had decided to use capital value as the basis for valuing land within the council area. The Council considers that this method of valuing land provides the fairest method of distributing the rate burden across all ratepayers. The Council has adopted the valuations made by the State Valuation Office as provided to the Council for 2006/2007. If you are dissatisfied with a property valuation then an objection may be made to the Valuer-General in writing within 60 days of receiving notice of the valuation, explaining the basis for the objection – provided you have not: (a) previously received a notice of this valuation under the Local Government Act 1999, in which case the objection period of 60 days from the receipt of the first notice; or (b) previously had an objection to the valuation considered by the Valuer-General. The address of the Valuer-General is: Office of the Valuer-General, GPO Box 1354, Adelaide 5001, email:

lsg.objections@saugov.sa.gov.au and the telephone number is 1300 653 345. The Council has no role in this process. It is important to note that the lodgement of an objection does not change the due date for payment of rates.

General Rates and Minimum Rate

At its meeting held on 21 June 2006 the Council decided to raise by a general rate on all properties in the District Council of Robe rate revenue of \$2056700 in a total revenue budget of \$4752900. As a result of this decision Council has declared the following general rate in the dollar of 0.2980 cents over the whole of the area to raise the necessary revenue. However a minimum rate of \$481.00 will be applied to every rateable property in the Town.

Service Charge

The Council provides a septic tank effluent disposal system to all properties in Robe. The Council will recover the cost through a service charge for each Property Unit for which the service is available. Where the service is provided to non-rateable land, a service charge is levied against the land. A significant reserve is being established to fund upgrades to the scheme.

Natural Resources Management Levy

Council collects a regional Natural Resources Management (NRM) Levy on all rateable properties on behalf of your NRM board. The Levy funds vital NRM projects and is the new name for contributions South Australian ratepayers have been making for many years through their Catchment Water management Levies and/or animal and plant control rate revenue contributions from local government. For more information about the projects your regional NRM Levy helps fund please contact the Mt Gambier NRM Board on 08 87246000.

Waste Management Services Levy

Council has implemented a recycling waste management service which will commence on 1 February 2007. A separate charge is being levied to cover the costs thereof. The fee for the 2006/2007 is calculated of 5 twelfths of the annual cost of \$220.00 per tenement in the township of Robe. The levy for 2006/2007 will be \$91.65.

Pensioner Concessions

If you are an eligible pensioner you may be entitled to a remission on your rates. Application forms (including information on the concessions) are available from the Council's Administration Centre or by phoning the Council on (08) 87682003. It is important to note that seeking a remission does not change the due date for payment of rates.

Unemployed Persons Concessions

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

State Seniors Card Ratepayers (self-funded retiree)

This is a new concession introduced from 1 July 2001 and is administered by Revenue SA. If you are a self-funded retiree and currently hold a State Seniors Card you may be eligible for a concession toward Council rates. In the case of couples, both must qualify, or if only one holds a State Senior's Card, the other must not be in paid employment for more than 20 hours per week. If you have not received a concession on your rates notice or would like further information please contact the Revenue SA Call Centre on 1300 366 150.

Payment of Rates

The Council has decided that the payment of rates will be by four instalments due on 1st September 2006, 1st December 2006, 1st March 2007, 1st June 2007. Any ratepayer who may, or is likely to, experience difficulty with meeting the standard payment arrangements is invited to contact the Council to discuss alternative payment arrangements. Such inquiries are treated confidentially.

Penalty for Late Payment of Rates

The Local Government Act provides that Councils impose an initial fine of 2% on any payment for rates, whether by instalment or otherwise, that is received late. A payment that continues to be late is then charged a prescribed interest rate on the expiration of each month that it continues to be late.

Postponement of Rates

Under Sections 182(1)(a) and (2) of the said Act a postponement of rates may be granted if Council is satisfied that the payment of rates would cause hardship. Council may on application and subject to the ratepayer substantiating the hardship, consider granting a postponement of payments of rates in respect of an Assessment on the condition that the ratepayer agree to pay interest on the amount affected by the postponement at the Cash Advance Debenture rate and if the ratepayers satisfies the following criteria:

1. The property is the principal residence of the ratepayer and is the only property owned by the ratepayer, and
2. The property has been owned by the ratepayer and has been their principal residence for a minimum 15 years, and
3. The ratepayer is able to produce one of the following identification cards:
 - Pensioner Concession Card – Centrelink
 - Pensioner Concession Card – Veterans Affairs
 - TPI Card – Veterans Affairs

The amount postponed will not exceed 30% of the rates payable for the assessment prior to deducting pensioner concessions and shall accrue interest at the Cash Advance Debenture rate published by the LGFA for 1 July each year.

Rebate of Rates

The Local Government Act requires Councils to rebate the rates payable on some land. Specific provisions are made for land used for health services, community services, religious purposes, public cemeteries, the Royal Zoological Society and educational institutions.

Sale of Land for Non-Payment of Rates

The Local Government Act provides that a Council may sell any property where the rates have been in arrears for three years or more. The Council is required to notify the owner of the land of its intention to sell the land if payment of the outstanding amount is not received within one month, and provide the owner with details of the outstanding amounts. Except in extraordinary circumstances, the Council enforces the sale of land for arrears of rates and a copy of the policy is available from the Council.

Disclaimer

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

Freedom of Information

The Chief Executive Officer is appointed as Freedom of Information Officer and is delegated to administer the Freedom of Information provisions as it relates to Local Government.

Information Summary

This information summary is published by the District Council of Robe in accordance of the Freedom of Information Act. The District Council of Robe is pleased to comply with this regulation and welcomes enquiries under the Freedom of Information Act.

Freedom of Information

The District Council of Robe publishes an Information Statement in its requirements under the Freedom of Information Act. The most recent statement is available from the Council Office. Freedom of Information enquiries or requests must be addressed to The Freedom of Information Officer, District Council of Robe, PO Box 1, Robe SA 5276 or telephone (08) 8768 2003.

Certificates Issued Under Section 65zy

There were three Freedom of Information was received in the twelve months to June 2007.

Robe Confidentiality Provisions

In fulfilling the role of an effective Council that is responsive to the needs of the community and operates within the legal framework as prescribed by the Local Government Act, the District Council of Robe is fully committed to the principle of open and accountable Government, whilst recognizing that on some occasions it may be necessary in the broader community interest to restrict public access to discussion or documents.

Council went into confidence (public excluded from the meeting) 17 times during 2006/2007.

National Competition Policy

The District Council of Robe has no significant business activity operated by itself or as a subsidiary or joint venture where principles of competitive neutrality apply. Competition Complaints may be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer and will be addressed using the Council's complaints procedure.

Competitive Tendering Policy

The District Council of Robe is committed to ensuring a fair, transparent and accountable process in the provision of services, purchasing of goods and services and in the disposal of land and other assets. The Council's Competitive Tendering, Contracting Out and Sale and Disposal of Land and Other Assets Policy addresses the key elements of the conduct of Council affairs in these areas and the principles will guide its decision making processes. This policy has been developed and adopted in accordance with Section 49 of the Local Government Act.

Purchase of Local Goods Policy

In its usual course of business, as far as practical, Council chooses suppliers of goods and services in Robe and the greater Limestone Coast region. The use of local suppliers is also dependent of the availability of goods and services sought.

By Laws

The following By Laws was adopted by Council on 12 November 2002:

- ByLaw 1* To provide for a permit system and continuing penalties in Council by-laws, to clarify the construction of such by-laws, and to repeal by-laws
- ByLaw 2* To set standards for moveable signs on streets and roads and to provide conditions for and the placement of such signs
- ByLaw 3* For the management of roads vested in or under the control of the Council.
- ByLaw 4* For the management of land vested in or under the control of the Council.
- ByLaw 5* For the management and control of dogs within the Council's area.
- ByLaw 6* The purpose of this by-law is to regulate the use of bird scaring devices to enable land owners reasonable means by which to protect crops, but at the same time to prevent nuisances and to encourage land owners and occupiers to use a wide range of bird control techniques.

Policy Manual

Council's Policy Manual contains the following:

Section 1 – Delegations

- 1.1 Delegation Public & Environmental Health & Food Act
- 1.2 Policy Procedures for Control Delegations
- 1.3 Delegation DA and Building
- 1.4 Delegations under Development Act
- 1.5 Referrals
- 1.6 Plans Delegated Authority
- 1.7 Accounts Payable
- 1.8 Robe Marina Corporation

Section 2 – Codes – LG Act Requirements

- 2.1 Contracts & Tenders Policy
- 2.2 Investment Policy
- 2.3 Control of State & Federal Election Signs

*Robe – the heritage centre
of seafood, wine & coastal delight*

- 2.4 Public Consultation Policy
- 2.5 Registration of Interest Prescribed Officers
- 2.6 EEO Policy
- 2.7 Equal Employment Opportunity Program Outline
- 2.8 Sexual Harassment Policy
- 2.9 Code of Conduct for Employees
- 2.10 Code of Conduct for Council Members
- 2.11 Procedure for Internal Review for Council Decision
- 2.12 Code of Practice for Access to Council Meetings etc.
- 2.13 Order Making Policy

Section 3 – Occupational Health Safety & Welfare

- 3.1 Occupational Health Safety & Welfare
- 3.2 Occupational Health & Safety Responsibilities
- 3.3 Resolution of OHS Issues
- 3.4 Consultation Statement
- 3.5 OHSW Confined Spaces
- 3.6 Internal Rehabilitation
- 3.7 Hepatitis B & HIV/AIDS
- 3.8 Pre-placement Medical
- 3.9 Contracting OHSW
- 3.10 Consultation – Formalised Consultation Process
- 3.11 Safety Policy
- 3.12 Injury Management Policy and Procedures
- 3.13 Communicable Diseases/Universal Precautions
- 3.14 Inclement Weather – Skin Cancer Policy and Procedure
- 3.15 Smoke Free Workplace Policy

Section 4 – Risk Management

- 4.1 Risk management Policy
- 4.2 Fireworks
- 4.3 Playground Maintenance Policy
- 4.4 Hall Maintenance Inspection
- 4.5 Contractors Public Liability Cover

Section 5 – General Policies

- 5.1 Fundraising – Charitable & Community Groups (Raffles/Stalls/Trading Tables)
- 5.2 Long Service Leave
- 5.3 Concerts and Other Functions
- 5.4 Alterations to Roads
- 5.5 Media Reports
- 5.6 Emergency Callout – CFS and Ambulance
- 5.7 Travel Allowance
- 5.8 Septic Tank Effluent Drainage Connection Guidelines
- 5.9 Garbage Collection
- 5.10 STEDS Contribution (levy)
- 5.11 Institute

- 5.12 Plant & Equipment Use – Sporting and Community Bodies
- 5.13 Notification and Inspection of Building Work – Development Act 1993
- 5.14 Non-Approved Building Work
- 5.15 Building Inspection Policy
- 5.16 Underground Power
- 5.17 Road Access to Properties
- 5.18 Use of Contractors
- 5.19 Outdoor Dining
- 5.20 Policy Manual – Review
- 5.21 Sign Policy
- 5.22 Trees Shrubs on Footpaths
- 5.23 Accounts Payment Process
- 5.24 Houses
- 5.25 Liquor Licences
- 5.26 Records Management
- 5.27 Electronic Communications Facilities Policy
- 5.28 Australia Day

Registers

The following registers are kept in as required by the Local Government Act 1999 or Local Government (Elections) Act 1999:

- Register of Campaign Donation Returns
- Register of Remuneration, Salaries and Benefits
- Register of Members' Allowances and Benefits
- Register of Members' Interests
- Registers of Staff Interests
- Assessment Record
- Register of Community Land
- Register of Public Roads
- Register of Bylaws
- Development Applications Register

Codes of Practice

Codes of practice are included in the adopted policies of Council.

Annual Financial Statements

See attachment A

Subsidiaries of Council

Section 42 – Robe Marina Corporation – see attachment B

Section 43 – South East Local Government Association – see attachment C

Decision Making Structure of Council

- Prepare Council Agenda
- Deadline for Council Agenda items is 1st Tuesday of the month
- Deliver Elected Members Agenda at least 3 clear days prior to meeting
- Council Meeting held in Council Chambers at 5.00 pm on 2nd Tuesday of the month
- Minutes taken from Council Meeting with resolutions adopted and put into effect
- Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting sent via post within 5 days of meeting
- Reports, Correspondence, Petitions, Deputations go to Council, with decisions put into effect
- Development Applications and Staff Reports, go to Council Development Assessment Panel, with decisions put into effect

Tenders

Council has not subjected itself to competitive tendering. Council is however currently pursuing policies including full cost attribution, unit based costing and benchmarking to ensure that it is providing its services in a cost effective manner.

Council does tender some of its services including septic tank cleaning, resealing of roads and streets and rubble raising. In other cases Council uses contractors and their plant and machinery to supplement its own workforce in order to carry out road construction and maintenance works.

While Council does not have a written policy on the use of purchasing locally in practice, we do strongly support the local businesses and will generally opt to use local services, providing that the service is actually available and that it is reasonably competitive.

Strategic Management Plan

Significant progress has been made to achieve the strategies in the Strategic Management Plan during the year with some of the major achievements being:

- To review planning for new subdivisions and provide for green space and ensure adequate entrance widths for Council vehicle access
- Continued lobbying for the improvement of internet line quality to Robe's rural district and broadband internet line availability to the town and district
- Investigate to undertake beautification work at Boatswains Point
- Maintain South Australian Tourism commission Visitor Information Centre accreditation
- Continued emphasis to improve Childcare Services

Council will need to review the Strategic Management Plan in 2006 for the next 5 years.

Robe Marina Corporation

The Robe Marina Corporation, a subsidiary of Council was operational for the first 6 months of the 2006/2007 financial year.

The Corporation has been disbanded by Council, therefore no Annual Report has been prepared as there is no board to approve the report.

The Minister is aware of the fact that there will be no Annual Report for the 2006/2007 financial year and is aware of the current position and likely future of the continuation of the Robe Marina Corporation.

ATTACHMENT A

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

District Council of Robe

CONSOLIDATED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Incorporating Robe Marina Corporation a Single Council Subsidiary)

2006/07

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INCOME STATEMENT for the year ended 30 June 2007

	Notes	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
INCOME			
Rates	3	2,558	2,293
Statutory charges	3	66	58
User charges	3	417	281
Grants, subsidies and contributions	3	582	732
Investment income	3	53	15
Reimbursements	3	47	39
Other revenues	3	259	266
Total Revenues		<u>3,982</u>	<u>3,684</u>
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	4	1,393	1,287
Materials, contracts & other expenses	4	2,023	1,984
Finance costs	4	409	149
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	4	1,178	1,285
Total Expenses		<u>5,003</u>	<u>4,705</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) BEFORE CAPITAL AMOUNTS		(1,021)	(1,021)
Net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets	5	(465)	(24)
Amounts rec'd specifically for new/upgraded assets	3	219	-
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		<u>(1,267)</u>	<u>(1,045)</u>

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

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ROBE

BALANCE SHEET as at 30 June 2007

	Notes	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	568	897
Trade & other receivables	6	561	453
Inventories	6	773	753
Total Current Assets		<u>1,902</u>	<u>2,103</u>
Non-current Assets			
Financial Assets	7	31	36
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	8	52,930	50,278
Total Non-current Assets		<u>52,961</u>	<u>50,314</u>
Total Assets		<u>54,863</u>	<u>52,417</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	9	2,841	961
Borrowings	9	4,396	2,500
Short-term Provisions	9	220	201
Total Current Liabilities		<u>7,457</u>	<u>3,662</u>
Non-current Liabilities			
Long-term Borrowings	9	1,920	1,941
Long-term Provisions	9	41	85
Total Non-current Liabilities		<u>1,961</u>	<u>2,026</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>9,418</u>	<u>5,688</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>45,445</u>	<u>46,729</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		7,885	9,093
Asset Revaluation Reserve	10	37,218	37,235
Other Reserves	10	342	401
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>45,445</u>	<u>46,729</u>

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DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ROBE

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

	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
	Notes	
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS		
Balance at end of previous reporting period	9,093	10,221
Net Result for Year	(1,267)	(1,045)
Transfers to Other Reserves	(48)	(83)
Transfers from Other Reserves	107	-
Balance at end of period	7,885	9,093
ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE		
	10	
Balance at end of previous reporting period	37,235	37,235
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	(17)	-
Transfer to Accumulated Surplus on sale of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	-	-
Balance at end of period	37,218	37,235
OTHER RESERVES		
	10	
Balance at end of previous reporting period	401	318
Transfers from Accumulated Surplus	48	83
Transfers to Accumulated Surplus	(107)	-
Balance at end of period	342	401
TOTAL EQUITY AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD	45,445	46,729
<i>Total of all revenues recognised directly in Equity</i>	-	-
<i>Total of all expenses recognised directly in Equity</i>	(17)	-
NET CHANGE IN EQUITY	(17)	-

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



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ROBE

CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 30 June 2007

	Notes	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Operating receipts		4,683	3,935
Investment receipts		53	15
<u>Payments</u>			
Operating payments to suppliers & employees		(3,978)	(3,357)
Finance payments		(375)	(149)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities		383	444
 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Grants specifically for new or upgraded assets		219	-
Sale of surplus assets		42	429
Sale of real estate developments		712	-
Repayments of loans by community groups		4	4
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(477)	(139)
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		(3,426)	(2,404)
Development of real estate for sale		(1,192)	-
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(4,118)	(2,110)
 CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from Borrowings		2,134	2,419
Premiums received in advance (Marina)		1,531	-
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of Borrowings		(259)	(7)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		3,406	2,412
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		(329)	746
 Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period		897	151
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period		568	897

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



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ROBE

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

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

1 Basis of Preparation

1.1 Compliance with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards

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

The financial report was authorised for issue by the Council by certificate under clause 11 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999.

1.2 Historical Cost Convention

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

1.3 Critical Accounting Estimates

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

1.4 Rounding

All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$'000).

2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

District Council of Robe is incorporated under the SA Local Government Act 1999 and has its principal place of business at 1 Royal Circus Robe. These financial statements include all entities through which Council controls resources to carry on its functions. In the process of reporting on the Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between activity areas and controlled entities have been eliminated.

Trust monies and property held by Council but subject to the control of other persons have been excluded from these reports. A separate statement of moneys held in the Trust Fund is available for inspection at the Council Office by any person free of charge.

3 Revenue recognition

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

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

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ROBE

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30 June 2007

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

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

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

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

All financial instruments are recognised at fair value at the date of recognition. A detailed statement of the accounting policies applied to financial instruments forms part of Note 12.

5 Inventories

Inventories held in respect of stores have been valued by using the weighted average cost on a continual basis, after adjustment for loss of service potential. Inventories held in respect of business undertakings have been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

5.1 Real Estate Assets Developments

Real Estate Assets developments have been classified as Inventory in accordance with AASB 102 and are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Cost includes the costs of acquisition, development, borrowing and other costs incurred on financing of that acquisition and up to the time of sale.

Revenues arising from the sale of property are recognised in the operating statement when settlement is completed.

5.2 Other Real Estate held for resale

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

Certain properties, auctioned for non-payment of rates in accordance with the Local Government Act but which failed to meet the reserve set by Council and are available for sale by private treaty, are recorded at the lower of the unpaid rates and charges at the time of auction or the reserve set by Council. Holding costs in relation to these properties are recognised as an expense when incurred.

6 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

6.1 Transitional Provisions

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

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

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ROBE

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30 June 2007

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

6.2 Initial Recognition

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

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

6.3 Materiality

Assets with an economic life in excess of one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds established by Council for each type of asset. In determining (and in annually reviewing) such thresholds, regard is had to the nature of the asset and its estimated service life. Examples of capitalisation thresholds applied during the year are as follows. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

Office Furniture & Equipment	\$1,000
Other Plant & Equipment	\$1,000
Buildings - new construction/extensions	\$1,000
Park & Playground Furniture & Equipment	\$1,000
Road construction & reconstruction	\$1,000
Paving & footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	\$1,000
Drains & Culverts	\$1,000
Reticulation extensions	\$1,000
Sidelines & household connections	\$1,000
Artworks	\$1,000

6.4 Subsequent Recognition

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

6.5 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

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

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

Plant, Furniture & Equipment	
Office Equipment	5 to 10 years
Office Furniture	10 to 20 years
Vehicles and Road-making Equip	5 to 8 years
Other Plant & Equipment	5 to 15 years
Building & Other Structures	
Buildings – masonry	50 to 100 years
Buildings – other construction	20 to 40 years
Park Structures – masonry	50 to 100 years
Park Structures – other construction	20 to 40 years
Playground equipment	5 to 15 years
Benches, seats, etc	10 to 20 years

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

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

Infrastructure	
Sealed Roads – Surface	15 to 25 years
Sealed Roads – Structure	20 to 50 years
Unsealed Roads	10 to 20 years
Bridges – Concrete	80 to 100 years
Paving & Footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	80 to 100 years
Drains	80 to 100 years
Culverts	50 to 75 years
Flood Control Structures	80 to 100 years
Dams and Reservoirs	80 to 100 years
Bores	20 to 40 years
Reticulation Pipes – PVC	70 to 80 years
Reticulation Pipes – other	25 to 75 years
Pumps & Telemetry	15 to 25 years
Other Assets	
Library Books	10 to 15 years
Artworks	indefinite

6.6 Impairment

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

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

6.7 Borrowing Costs

Borrowing costs in relation to qualifying assets (net of offsetting investment revenue) have been capitalised in accordance with the allowed alternative treatment in AASB 1023 "Borrowing Costs". The amounts of borrowing costs recognised as an expense or as part of the carrying amount of qualifying assets are disclosed in Note 4, and the amount (if any) of interest revenue offset against borrowing costs in Note 3.

7 Payables

7.1 Goods & Services

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

7.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

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

8 Borrowings

Loans are carried at their principal amounts which represent the present value of future cash flows associated with servicing the debt. Interest is accrued over the period to which it relates, and is recorded as part of "Payables".

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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

9 Employee Benefits

9.1 Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences

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

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

9.2 Superannuation

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

Accumulation Fund Members

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

10 Construction Contracts

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

11 GST Implications

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

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

12 Comparative Information

Comparative information has been reclassified to be consistent with the current year disclosure of equivalent information in accordance with AIFRS.

13 New Accounting Standards

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

- AASB 7 *Financial Instruments: Disclosures* and AASB 2005-10 *Amendments to AASB 132, AASB 101, AASB 114, AASB 117, AASB 133, AASB 139, AASB1, AASB4 AASB 1023 & AASB 1038*
- AASB 2006-1 *Amendments to AASB 121*
- AASB 2006-3 *Amendments to AASB 1045*
- AASB 2006-4 *Amendments to AASB 134*
- AASB 2007-1 *Amendments to AASB 2 arising from AASB Interpretation 11*
- AASB 2007-2 *Amendments to AASB 1, AASB 117, AASB 118, AASB 120, AASB 121, AASB 127, AASB 131 & AASB 139 arising from AASB Interpretation 12*

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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

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

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

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Note 2 - FUNCTIONS

REVENUES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES											
	REVENUES		EXPENSES		OPERATING RESULT		GRANTS INCLUDED IN REVENUES		ASSETS HELD (CURRENT & NON-CURRENT)		TOTAL
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	2007	2006	2007	2006	
2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Administration	2,721	2,413	860	637	1,861	1,776	24	23	2,884	2,900	
Public Order and Safety	6	9	26	17	(20)	(8)	-	-	5	5	
Health	9	9	30	33	(21)	(24)	-	-	13	13	
Social Security and Welfare	441	364	442	375	(1)	(11)	353	286	589	592	
Housing and Community Amenities	106	116	511	666	(405)	(550)	10	2	4,129	4,151	
Protection of the Environment NEC	60	72	123	127	(63)	(55)	2	3	572	575	
Sport and Recreation	39	40	345	409	(306)	(369)	12	9	18,299	18,397	
Mining, Manufacturing and Construction	53	45	188	183	(135)	(138)	-	-	-	-	
Transport and Communications	228	371	1,188	1,305	(960)	(934)	193	352	16,352	16,440	
Economic Affairs NEC	482	221	735	443	(253)	(222)	207	57	9,708	7,020	
Other Purposes NEC	56	24	1,020	534	(964)	(510)	-	-	2,312	2,324	
TOTALS	4,201	3,684	5,468	4,729	(1,267)	(1,045)	801	732	54,863	52,417	

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Note 2 (cont) - COMPONENTS OF FUNCTIONS

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

Administration

General and office operations not attributable to another specific activity, rates, and elected members expenses.

Public Order and Safety

Supervision of various by-laws, fire prevention and animal control.

Health

Food control, operation of community health programs and health centre.

Social Security and Welfare

Child Care, Aged Services, Youth Services & Community Welfare and Aged Homes.

Housing and Community Amenities

Rubbish collections services, operation of tip, effluent drainage, public toilets, street cleaning and lighting, town planning and maintenance of cemeteries.

Protection of the Environment NEC

Foreshore protection, Beach Patrol, Coast and Marine.

Sport and Recreation

Maintenance of halls, library operations, national estates, parks and gardens, recreation and sporting venues.

Mining, Manufacturing and Construction

Development Act requirements, quarry operations.

Transport and Communications

Construction and maintenance of roads, bridges, footpaths, parking & signs, stormwater drainage.

Economic Affairs NEC

Land Development activities, caravan park operations, off-street parking, tourism, robe marina corporation.

Other Purposes NEC

Public Debt transactions, plant and machinery operations, depot expenses, vandalism costs and private works.

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Note 3 - REVENUES

	Notes	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
RATES REVENUES			
<u>General Rates</u>		2,037	1,906
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs		(8)	
		2,029	1,906
<u>Other Rates</u> (including service charges)			
Natural Resource Management levy		52	23
Waste collection		88	-
Community wastewater management systems		385	364
		525	387
<u>Other Charges</u>			
Penalties for late payment		4	-
		4	-
		2,558	2,293
STATUTORY CHARGES			
Development Act fees		52	45
Animal registration fees & fines		5	6
Sundry		9	7
		66	58
USER CHARGES			
Cemetery/crematoria fees		2	2
Lake Butler / Robe Marina		214	114
Caravan Fees		37	40
Hall & equipment hire		7	6
Sundry		157	119
		417	281
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Interest on investments			
Local Government Finance Authority		24	7
Banks & other		29	8
		53	15



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NOTE 3 - REVENUES (continued)

	Notes	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
REIMBURSEMENTS			
- for roadworks		0	20
- for private works		11	6
- other		36	13
		47	39
 OTHER REVENUES			
Sundry		259	266
		259	266
 GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS			
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		219	0
Other grants, subsidies and contributions		582	732
		801	732
 <i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 2.</i>			
 Sources of grants			
Commonwealth government		368	547
State government		216	124
Other		217	61
		801	732

Conditions over grants & contributions

Grants and contributions which were obtained on the condition that they be expended for specified purposes or in a future period, but which are not yet expended in accordance with those conditions, are as follows:

	\$'000	\$'000
<i>Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period</i>	0	0
<i>Less: expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods</i>		
<i>Roads Infrastructure</i>	0	0
<i>Heritage & Cultural Services</i>	0	0
<i>Subtotal</i>	0	0
<i>Plus: amounts recognised as revenues in this reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions</i>		
<i>Roads Infrastructure</i>	63	0
<i>Heritage & Cultural Services</i>	0	0
<i>Subtotal</i>	63	0
<i>Unexpended at the close of this reporting period.</i>	63	0



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Note 4 - EXPENSES

	Notes	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Salaries and Wages		1,244	1,242
Employee leave expense		95	53
Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions	15	110	101
Workers' Compensation Insurance		28	23
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		(84)	(132)
Total Operating Employee Costs		1,393	1,287
 Total Number of Employees		 23	 24
<i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i>			
 <i>(Comparative information for superannuation has been adjusted following the discovery of an error in the 2006 published figure, this amount has been offset against Salaries and Wages.)</i>			
MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES			
<u>Prescribed Expenses</u>			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the financial reports		10	8
- Other Services		22	1
- Other Auditors			
Bad and Doubtful Debts		-	1
Elected members' expenses		119	98
Election expenses		16	-
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		167	108
<u>Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses</u>			
Maintenance		340	447
Legal Expenses		34	3
Levies paid to government - NRM levy		51	21
- Other Levies		18	17
Professional services		324	103
Sundry		1,089	1,285
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		1,856	1,876
		2,023	1,984
 FINANCE COSTS			
Interest on Borrowings		409	149
		409	149
 DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT			
Depreciation			
Land		-	-
Buildings		142	157
Infrastructure		812	1,015
Plant and Equipment		188	129
Furniture and Fittings		29	27
Other Community Assets		7	8
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		-	(51)
		1,178	1,285

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Note 5 - ASSET DISPOSAL & FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

	Notes	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT			
Proceeds from disposal		42	59
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		<u>56</u>	<u>83</u>
Gain (Loss) on disposal		<u>(14)</u>	<u>(24)</u>
REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT ASSETS			
Proceeds from disposal		712	
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		<u>1,163</u>	<u> </u>
Gain (Loss) on disposal		<u>(451)</u>	<u>-</u>
NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION OF ASSETS		<u>(465)</u>	<u>(24)</u>



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Note 6 - CURRENT ASSETS

	Notes	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS			
Cash on Hand and at Bank		568	897
		<u>568</u>	<u>897</u>
 TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES			
Rates - General & Other		82	76
Debtors - general		387	373
Prepayments		87	-
Loans to community organisations		5	4
Total		<u>561</u>	<u>453</u>
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts		-	-
		<u>561</u>	<u>453</u>
 INVENTORIES			
Stores & Materials		87	96
Real Estate Developments		686	657
		<u>773</u>	<u>753</u>
 <i>Real Estate Developments</i>			
<i>Industrial & Commercial</i>		<u>686</u>	<u>657</u>
Total Real Estate for Resale		<u>686</u>	<u>657</u>
 <i>Represented by:</i>			
<i>Development Costs</i>		641	626
<i>Finance Costs</i>		45	31
		<u>686</u>	<u>657</u>
Less: Allowance for Under-Recovery		-	-
Total Real Estate for Resale		<u>686</u>	<u>657</u>

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Note 7 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS

FINANCIAL ASSETS	Notes	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
Receivables			
Loans to community organisations		<u>31</u>	<u>36</u>
		31	36
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts		<u>31</u>	<u>36</u>
		31	36
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS		<u>31</u>	<u>36</u>



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Note 8 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	2006 \$'000			2007 \$'000				
	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT
Land	-	25,463	-	25,463	25,463	-	-	25,463
Buildings	27	3,149	(157)	3,019	3,220	-	(299)	2,921
Infrastructure	14,113	19,196	(12,731)	20,578	17,752	19,196	(13,668)	23,280
Plant and Equipment	2,063	-	(952)	1,111	2,201	-	(1,013)	1,188
Furniture and Fittings	185	-	(125)	60	192	-	(154)	38
Other Community Assets	116	-	(69)	47	116	-	(76)	40
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	16,504	47,808	(14,034)	50,278	48,944	19,196	(15,210)	52,930
2006 Totals	4,817	47,808	(2,347)	50,278	16,504	47,808	(14,034)	50,278

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

Note 8 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR							2007 \$'000
	2006 \$'000	Additions	Disposals	Depreciation	Impairment	Blank	Net Revaluation	
Land	25,463	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,463
Buildings	3,019	61	-	(142)	-	-	(17)	2,921
Infrastructure	20,578	3,514	-	(812)	-	-	-	23,280
Plant and Equipment	1,111	321	(56)	(188)	-	-	-	1,188
Furniture and Fittings	60	7	-	(29)	-	-	-	38
Other Community Assets	47	-	-	(7)	-	-	-	40
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	50,278	3,903	(56)	(1,178)	-	-	(17)	52,930
2006 Totals	49,961	2,594	(452)	(1,336)	-	-	(489)	50,278

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

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

Valuation of Assets

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

Plant, Furniture & Equipment

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

Land & Land Improvements

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

Land improvements, including bulk earthworks with an assessed unlimited useful life, are recognised on the cost basis, originally deriving from a valuation at 30 June 2005 by Peta Rowe (B Bus Property (Valuation) AAPI, Certified Practising Valuer) and Carin Meier (B Bus Property (Valuation) GAPI) of Maloney Field Services, Property Consultants and Valuers. Additions are recognised at cost.

Buildings & Other Structures

Pursuant to Council's election, buildings and other structures are recognised on the cost basis originally deriving from a valuation at 30 June 2005 by Peta Rowe (B Bus Property (Valuation) AAPI, Certified Practising Valuer) and Carin Meier (B Bus Property (Valuation) GAPI) of Maloney Field Services, Property Consultants and Valuers. Additions are recognised at cost.

Infrastructure

Transportation assets were valued by Peta Rowe (B Bus Property (Valuation) AAPI, Certified Practising Valuer) and Carin Meier (B Bus Property (Valuation) GAPI) of Maloney Field Services, Property Consultants and Valuers at written down current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June 2005 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Stormwater drainage infrastructure was valued by Peta Rowe (B Bus Property (Valuation) AAPI, Certified Practising Valuer) and Carin Meier (B Bus Property (Valuation) GAPI) of Maloney Field Services, Property Consultants and Valuers at written down current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June 2005 at written down current replacement cost, based on actual costs incurred during the reporting period ended 30 June 2005 and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Community wastewater management systems infrastructure was valued by Peta Rowe (B Bus Property (Valuation) AAPI, Certified Practising Valuer) and Carin Meier (B Bus Property (Valuation) GAPI) of Maloney Field Services, Property Consultants and Valuers at written down current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June 2005 at current written down cost and pursuant to Council's election are disclosed at deemed cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

All other assets

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

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Note 9 - LIABILITIES

		2007 \$'000		2006 \$'000	
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES	Notes	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Goods & Services		498		312	
Payments received in advance		464	-	385	-
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements		57	-	50	-
Accrued expenses - other		73	-	39	-
Premiums received in advance (Marina)		1,531	-	-	-
Deposits, Retentions & Bonds		218	-	175	-
		2,841	-	961	-
BORROWINGS					
Borrowings		4,396	1,920	2,500	1,941
		4,396	1,920	2,500	1,941
PROVISIONS					
Employee entitlements (including oncosts)		220	41	201	85
		220	41	201	85

All interest bearing liabilities are secured over the future revenues of the Council.



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Note 10 - RESERVES

ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	1/07/2006	Net Increments (Decrements)	Transfers on Sale	30/06/2007
Notes	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	37,235	(17)		37,218
Total Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	37,235	(17)		37,218
Available for Sale Investments				
TOTAL	37,235	(17)		37,218
2006 Totals	37,235			37,235

OTHER RESERVES	1/07/2006	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/06/2007
Long Service Leave	60		(60)	
Plant Replacement	1	14		15
CED Maintenance	108		(47)	61
CWMS Maintenance	206	33		239
Contribution Reserve	22	1		23
Lake Butler Reserve	4			4
TOTAL OTHER RESERVES	401	48	(107)	342
2006 Totals	318	83		401

PURPOSES OF RESERVES

Asset Revaluation Reserve

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

Long Service Leave Reserve for the future cash requirements upon staff leaving

Plant Replacement Reserve for the Lake Butler Plant Replacement - (Monies being contributed by Robe Marina)

CED Maintenance Reserve for future asset replacement and capital maintenance

CWMS Maintenance Reserve for future asset replacement and capital maintenance

Contribution Reserve being open space monies required under legislation to be held in reserve

Lake Butler Reserve funds are retained by Council for expenditure on projects associated with Lake Butler Management Committee

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Note 11 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

	Notes	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
Total cash & equivalent assets	6	<u>568</u>	<u>897</u>
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		<u>568</u>	<u>897</u>

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)		(1,267)	(1,045)
Non-cash items in Income Statement			
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment		1,178	1,285
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits		(18)	46
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity		(219)	-
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals		<u>465</u>	<u>24</u>
		139	310
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (increase) decrease in receivables		(107)	(361)
Net (increase) decrease in inventories		9	27
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables		<u>342</u>	<u>468</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations		<u>383</u>	<u>444</u>

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Note 12 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Recognised Financial Instruments

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Deposits are returned variable interest rates between 5.5% and 6.0%.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.</p>
Receivables - Rates & Associated Charges (including legals & penalties for late payment)	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 0.81% (2006: 0.79%) Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the State.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
Receivables - Fees & other charges	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
Receivables - other levels of government	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal value.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. All amounts are due by Departments and Agencies of the Governments of the Commonwealth & State.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals	<p>Accounting Policy: Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Council.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Interest Bearing Loans	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at the principal amounts. Interest is charged as an expense as it accrues.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: secured over future revenues, interest is charged at fixed rates between 5.44% and 11.5% (2006: 5.44% and 11%)</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Finance Leases	<p>Accounting Policy: accounted for in accordance with AASB 117.</p>

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ROBE

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

Note 12 (cont) - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Liquidity Analysis

2007	Floating Interest Rate \$'000	≤ 1 year \$'000	Fixed interest maturing in > 1 year ≥ 5 years \$'000	> 5 years \$'000	Non- interest bearing \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial Assets						
Fair Value through P&L						
Cash Assets	567				1	568
Loans & Receivables						
Receivables	37				468	505
Total	604	-	-	-	469	1,073
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	6.50%					
Financial Liabilities						
Payables	2,066				718	2,784
Borrowings	2,950	1,446	977	943	-	6,316
Total	5,016	1,446	977	943	718	9,100
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	7.25%	7.08%	6.70%	6.55%		
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	(4,412)	(1,446)	(977)	(943)	(249)	(8,027)

2006	Floating Interest Rate \$'000	≤ 1 year \$'000	Fixed interest maturing in > 1 year ≥ 5 years \$'000	> 5 years \$'000	Non- interest bearing \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial Assets						
Fair Value through P&L						
Cash Assets	896				1	897
Loans & Receivables						
Receivables		4	36		449	489
Total	896	4	36	-	450	1,386
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	5.00%	6.70%	6.70%	0.00%		
Financial Liabilities						
Payables	153				758	911
Borrowings	1,322	1,178	719	1,222	-	4,441
Total	1,475	1,178	719	1,222	758	5,352
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	6.50%	7.90%	7.18%	6.63%		
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	(579)	(1,174)	(683)	(1,222)	(308)	(3,966)

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ROBE

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

Note 12 (cont) - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Credit Risk Exposures

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

Reconciliation of Financial Assets & Liabilities

	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
Net financial assets from above		
Financial Assets	1,073	1,386
Financial Liabilities	<u>9,100</u>	<u>5,352</u>
	(8,027)	(3,966)
Non-financial assets and liabilities		
Prepayments	87	0
Inventories	773	753
Property, Plant & Equipment	52,930	50,278
Accrued Expenses	(57)	(50)
Provisions	(261)	(286)
	<u>53,472</u>	<u>50,695</u>
Net Assets per Balance Sheet	<u>45,445</u>	<u>46,729</u>

Net Fair Value

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

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ROBE

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

Note 13 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

	2007	2006
	\$'000	\$'000

These Financial Indicators have been calculated in accordance with *Information Paper 9 - Local Government Financial Indicators* prepared as part of the LGA Financial Sustainability Program for the Local Government Association of South Australia. Detailed methods of calculation are set out in the SA Model Statements.

Operating Surplus	(1,021)	(1,021)
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Being the operating surplus (deficit) before capital amounts .

Operating Surplus Ratio

<u>Operating Surplus</u>	(41%)	(45%)
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Rates - general & other less NRM levy

This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of general and other rates, net of NRM levy.

Net Financial Liabilities

	8,258	4,302
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Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets (excluding equity accounted investments in Council businesses).

Net Financial Liabilities Ratio

<u>Net Financial Liabilities</u>	210%	118%
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Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy

Interest Cover Ratio

<u>Net Interest Expense</u>	9.2%	3.7%
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Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy less Investment Income

Asset Sustainability Ratio

<u>Net Asset Renewals</u>	40%	11%
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Depreciation Expense

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

Asset Consumption Ratio

<u>Carrying value of depreciable assets</u>	64%	64%
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Gross value of depreciable assets

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

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ROBE

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

Note 14 - UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

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

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

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

	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
Operating Revenues	3,982	3,684
<i>less</i> Operating Expenses	<u>(5,003)</u>	<u>(4,705)</u>
Operating Surplus / (Deficit) before Capital Amounts	(1,021)	(1,021)
<i>less</i> Net Outlays on Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	477	139
<i>less</i> Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	(1,178)	(1,285)
<i>less</i> Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	(701)	(1,146)
<i>less</i> Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets <i>(including investment property & real estate developments)</i>	4,618	2,404
<i>less</i> Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	(219)	-
<i>less</i> Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets <i>(including investment property and real estate developments)</i>	<u>(754)</u>	<u>(429)</u>
	3,645	1,975
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	<u>(3,965)</u>	<u>(1,850)</u>

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ROBE

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

Note 15 – SUPERANNUATION

Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme (the Scheme).

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

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ROBE

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

Note 16 – REGIONAL SUBSIDIARY

The South East Local Government Association (SELGA) is a regional subsidiary of Council. The Association represents the interests of seven Councils that cover the South East Region of South Australia. The Association meets on a quarterly basis to discuss Local Government policy and other matters and provides advice back to the Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA) from a regional perspective.

Contributions to the Association are made by Council as disclosed below.

	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
SELGA Contributions	42	40

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ROBE

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

Note 17 – COUNCIL SUBSIDIARY

The financial statements include operating revenue, operating expenses, cash flows, assets and liabilities of the Robe Marina Corporation, a wholly owned single Council subsidiary. The Robe Marina Corporation was formed and operated for the first time in 2005. Any transactions between the Robe Marina Corporation and the District Council of Robe have been eliminated on consolidation.

The Corporation incurred an operating deficit before capital amounts of \$378,000 in 2006/07 (\$102,000 in 2005/06). The Corporation's assets at 30 June 2007 of \$3,860,000 (mainly infrastructure) were exceeded by liabilities at that date.

At the time of certification of these financial statements, the Council has not confirmed future plans for the Robe Marina Development. Should the Council choose to maintain control of the Marina, it will be liable to incur additional capital expenditure to complete Stage 1 of the Development. No provision for this expenditure has been recorded in the financial statements, as the dollar value and probability cannot be reliably estimated. Council has received a rough indicative estimate of the additional capital expenditure needed to complete Stage 1 of the Development of \$2,700,000 which includes estimated dredging costs of approximately \$2,000,000. It is emphasised that these amounts are subject to a significant degree of uncertainty. If control of the Marina is maintained, the Council also will be liable for future maintenance, renewal and replacement costs associated with the Marina's infrastructure assets. Again, no provision has been recorded in the financial statements for these costs. In any event reliable estimates of the dollar value and probability of such costs were not available at the time of certification of these financial statements.

The Council has very serious concerns that future revenue streams associated with the Marina Development will be insufficient to meet ongoing operating costs (including depreciation costs associated with the Marina Infrastructure).

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ROBE
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2007

STATEMENT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I, William Lewis Hender, the person for the time being occupying the position of Chief Executive Officer of District Council of Robe, do hereby state that the Financial Statements of the Council (incorporating the Robe Marina Corporation) for the year ended 30 June 2007 are to the best of my knowledge presented fairly, and in accordance with accounting procedures which have been maintained in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* made under that Act.



William Lewis Hender

ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dated this 12th day of December 2007

ADOPTION STATEMENT

Laid before the District Council of Robe and adopted on the 11th day of December 2007.

William Peden
MAYOR



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ROBE
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2007

**STATEMENT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND PRESIDING
MEMBER OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

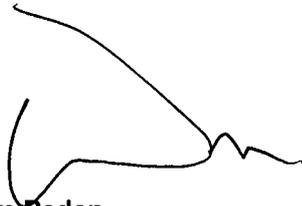
To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of District Council of Robe (incorporating Robe Marina Corporation) for the year ended 30 June 2007, the Council's Auditor, Galpin, Engler, Bruins & Dempsey, has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* made under that Act. It is noted that the prescribed auditor independence requirements have been in operation since 25 January 2007 and that the Minister for State/Local Government Relations has granted the District Council of Robe an exemption from Regulation 16A(1) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* until 31 December 2007.

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



William Lewis Hender

ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Mayor William Peden

PRESIDING MEMBER

Dated this 12th day of December 2007



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Accountants, Auditors & Business Consultants

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ROBE

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2007

STATEMENT BY AUDITOR

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of the District Council of Robe for the year ended 30 June 2007, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Section 290, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 16A (4) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999*.



Laurie Galpin

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Dated this 28th day of November 2007

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE COUNCILLORS OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ROBE

Scope

The financial report and Chief Executive Officer's responsibility

The financial report comprises the Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Cash Flow Statement, accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements and the Chief Executive Officer's Statement of District Council of Robe (the Council) for the year ended 30 June 2007.

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, and for the accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent in the financial report.

Audit Approach

We conducted an independent audit in order to express an opinion to the members of the Council. Our audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, in order to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. The nature of an audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgement, selective testing, the inherent limitations of internal control, and the availability of persuasive rather than conclusive evidence. Therefore, an audit cannot guarantee that all material misstatements have been detected.

We performed procedures to assess whether, in all material respects, the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999, the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999, applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia, a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Council's financial position, and of its performance as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows.

We formed our audit opinion on the basis of these procedures, which included:

- examining, on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial report; and
- assessing the appropriateness of the accounting policies and disclosures used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Board.

While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and context of our procedures, our audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Qualification

No provisions have been recognised in respect of the Robe Marina Development for additional capital expenditure to complete stage 1 of the development, nor for future maintenance, renewal and replacement costs. Sufficient relevant and reliable data to support estimates of cost and probability of the liabilities was not available at the time of certification of the financial statements, and as such we are not in a position to provide any level of assurance in relation to estimates provided in note 17. The dollar value of the excluded provisions is likely to be material.

Qualified Audit Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects on the financial report of the matter referred to in the qualification paragraph, the financial report of the District Council of Robe for the year ended 30 June 2007 is properly drawn up:

- (a) so as to give a true and fair view of:
 - (i) the Council's state of affairs as at 30 June 2007 and its operating result and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) the other matters required by Division IV of the Local Government Act 1999 to be dealt with in the accounts;
- (b) in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999; and
- (c) in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

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ATTACHMENT B

SUBSIDIARIES OF COUNCIL

ROBE MARINA CORPORATION

ROBE MARINA CORPORATION

General Purpose Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2007

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ROBE MARINA CORPORATION

INCOME STATEMENT
for the year ended 30 June 2007

	Notes	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
INCOME			
User charges	3	179	-
Grants, subsidies and contributions	3	-	90
Investment income	3	29	2
Other revenues	3	35	-
Total Revenues		<u>243</u>	<u>92</u>
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	4	14	-
Materials, contracts & other expenses	4	475	191
Finance costs	4	128	3
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	4	14	-
Total Expenses		<u>631</u>	<u>194</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) BEFORE CAPITAL AMOUNTS		(388)	(102)
Amounts rec'd specifically for new/upgraded assets	3	201	-
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		<u>(187)</u>	<u>(102)</u>

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



ROBE MARINA CORPORATION

BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 June 2007

	Notes	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	325	216
Trade & other receivables	5	37	276
Total Current Assets		<u>362</u>	<u>492</u>
Non-current Assets			
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	6	3,488	649
Total Non-current Assets		<u>3,488</u>	<u>649</u>
Total Assets		<u>3,850</u>	<u>1,141</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	7	2,104	155
Borrowings	7	1,903	953
Total Current Liabilities		<u>4,007</u>	<u>1,108</u>
Non-current Liabilities			
Long-term Borrowings	7	19	22
Total Non-current Liabilities		<u>19</u>	<u>22</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>4,026</u>	<u>1,130</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>(176)</u>	<u>11</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		(176)	11
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>(176)</u>	<u>11</u>

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



ROBE MARINA CORPORATION

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

	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
	Notes	
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS		
Balance at end of previous reporting period	11	113
Net Result for Year	(187)	(102)
Transfers to Other Reserves	-	-
Transfers from Other Reserves	-	-
Balance at end of period	<u>(176)</u>	<u>11</u>
TOTAL EQUITY AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD	<u>(176)</u>	<u>11</u>

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



ROBE MARINA CORPORATION

CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 30 June 2007

	Notes	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Operating receipts		708	103
Investment receipts		27	2
<u>Payments</u>			
Operating payments to suppliers & employees		(361)	(334)
Finance payments		(91)	(3)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities		283	(232)
 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Grants specifically for new or upgraded assets		201	-
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		(2,853)	(621)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(2,652)	(621)
 CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from Borrowings		950	976
Repayment of Finance Lease Liabilities		1,531	-
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of Borrowings		(3)	-
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		2,478	976
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		109	123
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period		216	93
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period		325	216

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



ROBE MARINA CORPORATION

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

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

1 Basis of Preparation

1.1 Compliance with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards

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

The financial report was authorised for issue by the Council by certificate under clause 11 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999.

1.2 Historical Cost Convention

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

1.3 Critical Accounting Estimates

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

1.4 Rounding

All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$'000).

2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

Robe Marina Corporation is incorporated under the SA Local Government Act 1999 and has its principal place of business at 1 Royal Circus Robe. These financial statements include the consolidated fund and all entities through which Council controls resources to carry on its functions. In the process of reporting on the Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between activity areas and controlled entities have been eliminated.

Trust monies and property held by Council but subject to the control of other persons have been excluded from these reports. A separate statement of moneys held in the Trust Fund is available for inspection at the Council Office by any person free of charge.

3 Revenue recognition

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

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

ROBE MARINA CORPORATION

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30 June 2007

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

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

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

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

All financial instruments are recognised at fair value at the date of recognition. A detailed statement of the accounting policies applied to financial instruments forms part of Note 9.

5 Inventories

Inventories held in respect of stores have been valued by using the weighted average cost on a continual basis, after adjustment for loss of service potential. Inventories held in respect of business undertakings have been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

6 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

6.1 Transitional Provisions

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

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

6.2 Initial Recognition

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

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

6.3 Materiality

Assets with an economic life in excess of one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds established by Council for each type of asset. In determining (and in annually reviewing) such thresholds, regard is had to the nature of the asset and its estimated service life. Examples of capitalisation thresholds applied during the year are as follows. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

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

ROBE MARINA CORPORATION

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

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

6.4 Subsequent Recognition

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

6.5 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

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

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

Plant, Furniture & Equipment	
Office Equipment	5 to 10 years
Office Furniture	10 to 20 years
Other Plant & Equipment	5 to 15 years
Building & Other Structures	
Buildings – masonry	50 to 100 years
Buildings – other construction	20 to 40 years
Infrastructure	

6.6 Impairment

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

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

6.7 Borrowing Costs

Borrowing costs in relation to qualifying assets (net of offsetting investment revenue) have been capitalised in accordance with the allowed alternative treatment in AASB 1023 "Borrowing Costs". The amounts of borrowing costs recognised as an expense or as part of the carrying amount of qualifying assets are disclosed in Note 4, and the amount (if any) of interest revenue offset against borrowing costs in Note 3.

7 Payables

7.1 Goods & Services

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

ROBE MARINA CORPORATION

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

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

7.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

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

8 Borrowings

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

9 Construction Contracts

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

10 Joint Ventures and Associated Entities

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

11 Leases

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

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

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

12 GST Implications

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

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

13 Comparative Information

Comparative information has been reclassified to be consistent with the current year disclosure of equivalent information in accordance with AIFRS.

ROBE MARINA CORPORATION

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30 June 2007

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

14 New Accounting Standards

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

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

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

ROBE MARINA CORPORATION

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

Note 2 - FUNCTIONS

REVENUES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES											
REVENUES		EXPENSES			OPERATING RESULT			GRANTS INCLUDED IN REVENUES		TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT & NON-CURRENT)	
ACTUAL	2006 \$'000	ACTUAL	2007 \$'000	ACTUAL	2006 \$'000	ACTUAL	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000	2007 \$'000
444	92	631	194	(187)	(102)	201	-	-	-	3,850	1,141
444	92	631	194	(187)	(102)	201	-	-	-	3,850	1,141

Economic Affairs NEC

TOTALS



ROBE MARINA CORPORATION

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

Note 2 (cont) - COMPONENTS OF FUNCTIONS

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

Economic Affairs NEC

Development and operation of Marina.

ROBE MARINA CORPORATION

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

Note 3 - REVENUES

	Notes	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
USER CHARGES			
Marina Fees		<u>179</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>179</u>	<u>0</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Interest on investments			
Banks & other		<u>29</u>	<u>2</u>
		<u>29</u>	<u>2</u>
OTHER REVENUES			
Sundry		<u>35</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>35</u>	<u>0</u>
GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS			
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		201	0
Other grants, subsidies and contributions		<u>0</u>	<u>90</u>
		<u>201</u>	<u>90</u>
<i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 2.</i>			
Sources of grants			
Other		<u>201</u>	<u>90</u>
		<u>201</u>	<u>90</u>

ROBE MARINA CORPORATION

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

Note 4 - EXPENSES

	Notes	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Salaries and Wages		14	-
Total Operating Employee Costs		14	-
 MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES			
<u>Prescribed Expenses</u>			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the financial reports		4	2
- Other Services		14	1
- Other Auditors		-	-
Board members' expenses		70	132
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		88	135
 <u>Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses</u>			
Energy		1	-
Maintenance		131	-
Legal Expenses		34	7
Professional services		123	37
Sundry		98	12
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		387	56
		475	191
 FINANCE COSTS			
Interest on Borrowings		128	3
		128	3
 DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT			
Depreciation			
Buildings		3	-
Infrastructure		10	-
Furniture and Fittings		1	-
		14	-



ROBE MARINA CORPORATION

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

Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS

	Notes	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS			
Cash on Hand and at Bank		<u>325</u>	<u>216</u>
		<u>325</u>	<u>216</u>
TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES			
Accrued Revenues		2	-
Debtors - general		<u>35</u>	<u>276</u>
Total		<u>37</u>	<u>276</u>
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>37</u>	<u>276</u>

ROBE MARINA CORPORATION

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

Note 6 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	2006 \$'000				2007 \$'000			
	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT
Buildings	27	-	-	27	27	-	(3)	24
Infrastructure	618	-	-	618	3,461	-	-	3,461
Furniture and Fittings	4	-	-	4	4	-	(1)	3
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	649	-	-	649	3,492	-	(4)	3,488
2006 Totals	649	-	-	649	649	-	-	649

This Note continues on the following pages.

Note 6 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR \$'000							2007 \$'000
	2006 \$'000 CARRYING AMOUNT	Additions	Disposals	Depreciation	Impairment	Blank	Net Revaluation	CARRYING AMOUNT
Buildings	27	-	-	(3)	-	-	-	24
Infrastructure	618	2,853	-	(10)	-	-	-	3,461
Furniture and Fittings	4	-	-	(1)	-	-	-	3
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	649	2,853	-	(14)	-	-	-	3,488
2006 Totals	28	621	-	-	-	-	-	649

This Note continues on the following pages.

ROBE MARINA CORPORATION

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

Note 6 (cont) – INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Valuation of Assets

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

Plant, Furniture & Equipment

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

Buildings & Other Structures

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

Infrastructure

All other assets

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

ROBE MARINA CORPORATION

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Note 7 - LIABILITIES

	Notes	2007 \$'000		2006 \$'000	
		Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES					
Goods & Services		330		-	
Payments received in advance		4	-	-	-
Accrued expenses - other		38	-	1	-
Premiums received in advance (Marina)		1,531	-	-	-
Deposits, Retentions & Bonds		201	-	154	-
		2,104	-	155	-
 BORROWINGS					
Borrowings		1,903	19	953	22
		1,903	19	953	22

All interest bearing liabilities are secured over the future revenues of the Council.



ROBE MARINA CORPORATION

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

Note 8 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

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

	Notes	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
Total cash & equivalent assets	6	<u>325</u>	<u>216</u>
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		<u>325</u>	<u>216</u>

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)		(187)	(102)
Non-cash items in Income Statement			
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment		14	-
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity		(201)	-
		<u>(374)</u>	<u>(102)</u>
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (increase) decrease in receivables		239	(271)
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables		418	(12)
Net increase (decrease) in other liabilities		-	153
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations		<u>283</u>	<u>(232)</u>

ROBE MARINA CORPORATION

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

Note 9 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Recognised Financial Instruments

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning variable interest.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.</p>
Receivables - Fees & other charges	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
Receivables - other levels of government	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal value.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. All amounts are due by Departments and Agencies of the Governments of the Commonwealth & State.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals	<p>Accounting Policy: Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Council.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Interest Bearing Loans	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at the principal amounts. Interest is charged as an expense as it accrues.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: secured over future revenues, interest is charged at variable rates between 6.92% and 7.15%</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Finance Leases	<p>Accounting Policy: accounted for in accordance with AASB 117.</p>

ROBE MARINA CORPORATION

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

Note 9 (cont) - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Liquidity Analysis

2007	Floating	Fixed interest maturing in			Non-interest bearing	Total
	Interest Rate	≤ 1 year	> 1 year ≥ 5 years	> 5 years		
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial Assets						
Fair Value through P&L						
Cash Assets	325				-	325
Loans & Receivables						
Receivables					35	35
Total	325	-	-	-	35	360
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>						
	3.80%					
Financial Liabilities						
Payables	2,066				-	2,066
Borrowings	1,900	3	14	5	-	1,922
Total	3,966	3	14	5	-	3,988
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>						
	6.99%	7.45%	7.45%	7.45%		
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS (LIABILITIES)						
	(3,641)	(3)	(14)	(5)	35	(3,628)
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2006	Floating	Fixed interest maturing in			Non-interest bearing	Total
	Interest Rate	≤ 1 year	> 1 year ≥ 5 years	> 5 years		
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial Assets						
Fair Value through P&L						
Cash Assets	216				-	216
Other Financial Assets					-	-
Loans & Receivables						
Receivables					276	276
Total	216	-	-	-	276	492
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>						
	3.80%					
Financial Liabilities						
Payables	154				-	154
Borrowings		953	22		-	975
Total	154	953	22	-	-	1,129
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>						
	7.05%	7.05%	7.45%			
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS (LIABILITIES)						
	62	(953)	(22)	-	276	(637)

ROBE MARINA CORPORATION

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

Note 9 (cont) - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Credit Risk Exposures

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

Reconciliation of Financial Assets & Liabilities

	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
Net financial assets from above		
Financial Assets	360	492
Financial Liabilities	3,988	1,129
	(3,628)	(637)
Non-financial assets and liabilities		
Accrued Revenues	2	0
Prepayments	0	0
Inventories	0	0
Investments in Associates	0	0
Investment Property	0	0
Property, Plant & Equipment	3,488	649
Other Assets	0	0
Accrued Expenses	(38)	(1)
Provisions	0	0
Other liabilities	0	0
	3,452	648
Net Assets per Balance Sheet	(176)	11

Net Fair Value

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

ROBE MARINA CORPORATION

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

Note 10 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

	2007	2006
	\$'000	\$000

These Financial Indicators have been calculated in accordance with *Information Paper 9 - Local Government Financial Indicators* prepared as part of the LGA Financial Sustainability Program for the Local Government Association of South Australia. Detailed methods of calculation are set out in the SA Model Statements.

Operating Surplus	(388)	(102)
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Being the operating surplus (deficit) before capital amounts .

Net Financial Liabilities

	3,664	638
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Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets (excluding equity accounted investments in Council businesses).

Net Financial Liabilities Ratio

<u>Net Financial Liabilities</u>	1508%	693%
Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy		

Interest Cover Ratio

<u>Net Interest Expense</u>	46.3%	1.1%
Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy less Investment Income		

ROBE MARINA CORPORATION

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

Note 11 - UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

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

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

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

	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
Operating Revenues	243	92
<i>less</i> Operating Expenses	<u>(631)</u>	<u>(194)</u>
Operating Surplus / (Deficit) before Capital Amounts	(388)	(102)
<i>less</i> Net Outlays on Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	-	-
<i>less</i> Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	(14)	-
<i>less</i> Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	(14)	-
<i>less</i> Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets <i>(including investment property & real estate developments)</i>	2,853	621
<i>less</i> Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	(201)	-
<i>less</i> Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets <i>(including investment property and real estate developments)</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	2,652	621
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	<u>(3,026)</u>	<u>(723)</u>

ROBE MARINA CORPORATION

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

Note 12 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

At the time of certification of these financial statements, the Council has not confirmed future plans for the Robe Marina Development. Should the Council choose to maintain control of the Marina, it will be liable to incur additional capital expenditure to complete Stage 1 of the Development. No provision for this expenditure has been recorded in the financial statements, as the dollar value and probability cannot be reliably estimated. Council has received a rough indicative estimate of the additional capital expenditure needed to complete Stage 1 of the Development of \$2,700,000 which includes estimated dredging costs of approximately \$2,000,000. It is emphasised that these amounts are subject to a significant degree of uncertainty. If control of the Marina is maintained, the Council also will be liable for future maintenance, renewal and replacement costs associated with the Marina's infrastructure assets. Again, no provision has been recorded in the financial statements for these costs. In any event reliable estimates of the dollar value and probability of such costs were not available at the time of certification of these financial statements.

The Council has very serious concerns that future revenue streams associated with the Marina Development will be insufficient to meet ongoing operating costs (including depreciation costs associated with the Marina Infrastructure).

ROBE MARINA CORPORATION

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2007

STATEMENT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I, William Lewis Hender, the person for the time being occupying the position of Acting Chief Executive Officer of Robe Marina Corporation, do hereby state that the Financial Statements of the Council for the year ended 30 June 2007 are to the best of my knowledge presented fairly, and in accordance with accounting procedures which have been maintained in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* made under that Act.



William Lewis Hender

ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

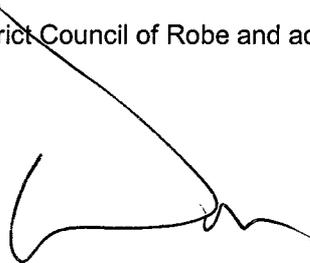
Dated this 12th day of December 2007

ADOPTION STATEMENT

Laid before the District Council of Robe and adopted on the 11th day of December 2007.

William Peden

MAYOR





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ROBE MARINA CORPORATION

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2007

STATEMENT BY AUDITOR

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of the Robe Marina Corporation for the year ended 30 June 2007, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Section 290, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 16A (4) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999*.



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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE COUNCILLORS OF THE ROBE MARINA CORPORATION

Scope

The financial report and Chief Executive Officer's responsibility

The financial report comprises the Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Cash Flow Statement, accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements and the Chief Executive Officer's Statement of Robe Marina Corporation (the Corporation) for the year ended 30 June 2007.

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, and for the accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent in the financial report.

Audit Approach

We conducted an independent audit in order to express an opinion to the members of the Corporation. Our audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, in order to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. The nature of an audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgement, selective testing, the inherent limitations of internal control, and the availability of persuasive rather than conclusive evidence. Therefore, an audit cannot guarantee that all material misstatements have been detected.

We performed procedures to assess whether, in all material respects, the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999, the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999, applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia, a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Corporation's financial position, and of its performance as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows.

We formed our audit opinion on the basis of these procedures, which included:

- examining, on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial report; and
- assessing the appropriateness of the accounting policies and disclosures used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Board.

While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and context of our procedures, our audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Qualification

No provisions have been recognised in respect of the Robe Marina Development for additional capital expenditure to complete stage 1 of the development, nor for future maintenance, renewal and replacement costs. Sufficient relevant and reliable data to support estimates of cost and probability of the liabilities was not available at the time of certification of the financial statements, and as such we are not in a position to provide any level of assurance in relation to estimates provided in note 12. The dollar value of the excluded provisions is likely to be material.

Qualified Audit Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects on the financial report of the matter referred to in the qualification paragraph, the financial report of the Robe Marina Corporation for the year ended 30 June 2007 is properly drawn up:

- (a) so as to give a true and fair view of:
 - (i) the Council's state of affairs as at 30 June 2007 and its operating result and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) the other matters required by Division IV of the Local Government Act 1999 to be dealt with in the accounts;
- (b) in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999; and
- (c) in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

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ATTACHMENT C

SUBSIDIARIES OF COUNCIL

SOUTH EAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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President's Report for 2006/07

President:
Mayor Steve Perryman

The South East Local Government Association has experienced a busy program in the 2006/07 year at both the Board and Subcommittee level.

Executive Officer:
Ron Ellis

The SELGA continues to be an effective forum for communication and collaboration of Councils across the South East of South Australia and for a unified approach to the other tiers of government. The SELGA is highly regarded as a strong and active regional local government body and being selected as the pilot region in South Australia for regionalization of the South Australian Strategic Plan and Regional Delivery of Services for Environmental Health Officers in the past year is evidence of this.

Member Councils:

City of:
Mount Gambier

As the region's representative on the State Executive Committee of the Local Government Association of South Australia I have had the opportunity to put the perspective of this region on many issues.

Districts of:
Grant

In November of 2006 I was appointed as Chairman of the South Australian Organisation of Regional Councils (SAROC), the role of which is to provide a forum for the interests of region councils to be discussed and recommendations put to the LGA State Executive.

Kingston
Naracoorte Lucindale
Robe
Tatiara

Election of LGA Vice Presidents occurred in May of 2006 I was reappointed to the position as a Country Vice President. I am also an LGA appointee of the following groups: Minister's State/Local Government Relations Forum; Local Government Waste Committee; Ministerial Advisory Group on The Delivery of Regional Economic Development Services.

Wattle Range

Application of the Native Vegetation Act, service levels under the new Natural Resources Management structure and the increases in NRM levy, taxi licensing in regional areas, Heavy Vehicle Access Framework, and changes to the Federal Government's regional broadband subsidy schemes are some of the areas that this region has had a particular interest, which has been put across.

The collaboration with our Victorian colleagues on the Princess Highway West Position Statement and Campaign has been worked on solidly by representatives of the SELGA. The campaign was launched and continues to gain momentum. Thanks to Mayor Don Pegler for launching the position statement in the South East in February 2007. It was pleasing to see the launch well supported by industry stakeholders and the media.

The previously completed Freight Transport Plan for the South East Region of South Australia which was developed through a partnership between the South Australian Government and the SELGA has been very helpful in supporting the Princess Highway West Position Statement.

I am grateful of the support that Minister for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure the Honourable Pat Conlon has given to both of these issues and was very pleased to co-sign along with the Minister, South Australian Freight Council, RAA and others, a letter to the Federal Minister for Transport supporting the inclusion of this region in the Auslink Network.

Development of a Regional Road Safety Strategy has been advanced. With the Office for Road Safety having completed consultation with Road Safety Groups and other stakeholders in recent months SELGA can expect to see shortly a draft strategy. The most important and challenging task still lays ahead, which is, ensuring that actions identified in the strategy are acted upon.

The Environmental Protection Agency's landfill closure deadlines have brought into sharp focus the need for Councils to find solutions to regional waste management. Recent meetings of the SELGA Waste Committee have highlighted the need for a whole of region approach. Dealing with the myriad of issues associated with the changes being introduced will consume considerable human and financial resources of the SELGA and will require commitment from all members.

Changes to the funding of regional broadband communications projects was a severe blow for the SELGA region which was in advanced stages of negotiations with Agile Communications when the changes were announced. The changes scuttled many months of work of the Telecommunications Subcommittee and the Executive Officer. This was a most disappointing outcome for all concerned.

A presentation from Trent Mader on Regionalising South Australia's Strategic Plan has lead to this region being selected as the pilot region for the process. This will commence in August this year. In recognition of the important role that local government will have in this process, opportunity for local government input will be provided and as SELGA President I will join other local government representatives to be invited to be on the Steering Group for the project.

This report covers some of the work undertaken by the South East Local Government Association. I want to thank Executive Officer Ron Ellis for his effort and leadership over the past year. Ron is a loyal and very hardworking servant of the SELGA Board and we are fortunate to have his services.

I must recognise the representatives of Limestone Coast Tourism and the Limestone Coast Regional Development Board for attending SELGA Board meetings and providing updates on their activities. As major funding partners of these regional bodies it is important that communications are maintained.

Thanks also to staff of the Local Government Association and the Office for State / Local Government Relations who have kept the SELGA Board informed on a range of state wide issues and given helpful advice to assist in good decision making.

The strength of SELGA lays in the way which we work together. I wish to gratefully acknowledge the support of delegates and Sub committee Chairs for the valuable input they each provide to matters before the SELGA Board.

Yours truly,



Steve Perryman
MAYOR
PRESIDENT SOUTH EAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
1/8/07

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT FOR 2006-2007

Financial

President:
Mayor Steve Perryman

The Audited Financial Statements show that the South East Local Government Association continues to be in a sound financial position.

Executive Officer:
Ron Ellis

SELGA achieved an increased operating cash surplus of \$29,977 for the twelve months to 30th June 2006, up on the \$18,622 a year ago. The surplus is mostly attributable to an increase in interest earned (\$27,000, up from \$20,400) and an increase in the balance of yet-to-be-used tied funding at the 30th June (including \$10,000 for SE Road Safety Strategy and \$3,500 for Senior's Week).

Member Councils:

The surplus has been achieved after absorbing some unfunded costs (\$4,274) in the Recruit and Retain a Doc project, and paying significantly more for fuel and car rental.

City of:
Mount Gambier

The balance of untied Consolidated Revenue at the 30th June just over \$92,000, down slightly on this time last year.

Districts of:
Grant

Prudent financial management is continuing, resulting in a further reduction in levies on Councils for the coming year. The total levies estimated for 2007-2008 is \$466,233, down \$1,451 a year earlier.

Kingston
Naracoorte Lucindale

For comparison, the levies raised from Councils in the previous four years 2002-2003 to 2005-2006 were \$484 554, \$509 568, \$488 741 and \$467,684, respectively.

Robe
Tatiara
Wattle Range

Management of Greater Green Triangle Region Association Inc

The SELGA Executive Officer has continued to manage the financial and legal affairs of the GGTRA during 2006-2007.

The GGTRA Board has met to consider the future for the organisation. The SELGA Executive Officer has prepared a discussion paper on the future of the organisation for consideration by Local Governments in both the SE of South Australia and SW Victoria.

The GGTRA Board has resolved that it will meet with representatives of SELGA and Great South Coast Municipalities to assess support for its continuation as a forum for considering cross-border issues.

South East Transport Infrastructure

The development of the Freight Transport Plan during 2005-2006 has resulted in significant investment by the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure in regional transport infrastructure. Upgrading the Riddoch Highway with widening and shoulder sealing, installation of more passing lanes and funding for bypasses at Millicent and Mount Gambier are all directly related to the planning activities in the previous year.

Princes Highway West Position Statement and Campaign

Since launching the Princes Highway Statement on 23 February, SELGA has been collaborating with the G21 and GSC Shires to secure Victorian Government commitment to the campaign.

SW Shires and G21 Group met with Victorian Minister for Roads, Hon Tim Pallas on 18 May 2007. Minister Pallas has given an encouraging response to Local Government on the issue. SELGA is continuing to play its part, in partnership with the Victorians, to persuade the Federal Government to admit the Princes Highway between Geelong and Mount Gambier into Auslink II in 2009.

SELGA and the City of Mount Gambier have both pledged \$2,000 to this campaign.

SELGA Roads and Transport Working Group

SELGA Councils received \$1.244 million for Special Local Roads Funding in 2006-2007. The R&TWG plays an important role in overseeing the development and assessment of Special Local Roads Program applications by Constituent Councils. Over the past four years significant improvements in the quality and competitiveness of Councils proposals have resulted from the assessments made by SELGA's independent consultant.

In April 2007, following the same assessment procedures, SELGA Councils submitted proposals for Special Local Roads Program funding worth more than \$1.307 million. Unofficially, SELGA has been informed that grants totalling \$1,252,500 can be expected in the early part of 2007-2008.

Broadband Project

The Executive Office has completed negotiations for employment of an independent consultant to assist Telecommunications Committee with the Stages 3 and 4 of the SE Broadband Project.

A Project Brief and expressions of interest from industry to invest in broadband services in the SE region was advertised and Agile Communications/Internode was selected as the preferred provider in December 2006. Telecommunications Committee was to act as the project Steering Committee to oversee the whole EOI process in consultation with the Science Technology and Innovation Directorate of DFEEST.

In late 2006 and early 2007, interventions by the Commonwealth in regard to Broadband Project subsidies and the launch of two new Commonwealth programs (Broadband Connect Infrastructure Program and Australian Broadband Guarantee) resulted in Agile withdrawing as SELGA's preferred provider.

While SELGA continues to be in contact with DFEEST in relation to opportunities for influencing the regional broadband infrastructure rollout so that consumers in more isolated locations are serviced, the fact is that agreements between the OPEL joint venture and the Commonwealth have yet to be signed for the BCIP. SELGA is maintaining a close watch on developments and will re-activate its plans when opportune.

Waste Management

SELGA has continued to provide a regional forum for local government waste reforms through its Waste Management Committee.

The Committee reached agreement with Zero Waste SA to facilitate an independent Assessment Panel to review applications for Regional Implementation Program funding. The Assessment Panel was comprised of three private sector operators and three from Local Government. The Executive Officer provided executive services to the group.

Two Councils, Wattle Range Council and Kingston District Council, received \$150,000 and \$51,772 respectively for the development of four waste transfer stations (Penola, Millicent, Beachport and Kingston). A SELGA consultation with Zero Waste SA has indicated that the next round of funding under this program is likely to be exclusively for transfer station developments.

Waste Management Committee has continued to address the issue of landfill reforms in the region. Recommendations by the Committee, formulated in consultation with the EPA

and ZWSA, will provide SELGA with a way forward in 2007-2008 aimed at solving the important problem of developing a second landfill facility for the region.

Review of the SELGA Charter

Council CEOs reviewed the SELGA Charter on 22 March 2007. Questions concerning the date of the Annual General Meeting were resolved and the revised document was adopted by the Board, as required by legislation, in June 2007. The revised Charter has yet to be forwarded to the Office for State/Local Government Relations.

SELGA Sub-Committees and Working Groups

SELGA maintains eight sub-Committees, namely:

- (i) Building Fire Safety Committee
- (ii) Coastal Management Committee
- (iii) Planning Committee
- (iv) Recreation and Sports Steering Committee
- (v) Roads and Transport Working Group
- (vi) Tourism Committee
- (vii) Telecommunications Committee
- (viii) Waste Management Committee

SELGA has completed an active year through sub-committees. Some notable achievements have been:

Regional Recreation and Sport Program (Active Community Field Officer)

Under the leadership of Tom O'Connor and assisted by Deb Agnew, has completed a successful Recreation and Sports program covering the whole southeast region. The fact that all seven Constituent Councils gave financial support to this program in 2006-2007 is an indication of a solid endorsement of this initiative. The Executive Summary Report (attached) highlights the year's achievements.

Contract Management

SELGA has negotiated renewed of contracts and implementation of services on behalf of Members, including:

- (i) Renewed resource agreement for Limestone Coast Regional Development Board
- (ii) Consultancy to evaluate Councils' applications for Special Local Roads Grants
- (iii) Consultancy to evaluate a regional Environmental Health Service Delivery model jointly funded by DoH and LGA of SA
- (iv) Negotiated a renewed contract with DEH for the SE Heritage Advisory Service.
- (v) Renewed resource agreement for Limestone Coast Tourism
- (vi) Collaborated with the South East Region Community Health Service to assist training and delivery of Community Health programs, especially the SE Suicide Prevention and Intervention Strategy and Seniors Week.
- (vii) Assisted Coastal Management Committee to negotiate new contract with Envirofund Australia on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Sites Preservation Project worth \$1,743.
- (viii) Negotiated an agreement with DTEI to create the SE Road Safety Strategy.

Other Achievements

- SELGA staff have provided executive support (agendas, minutes, etc.) to meetings of the SELGA Board, Building Fire Safety Committee, Roads and Transport Working Group, Recreation and Sports Steering Committee, South East Coastal Management Group, Telecommunications Committee, Waste Management Committee and Tourism Committee.
- The President, Members, Executive Officer and the Recreation and Sports Coordinator presented SELGA's views on a wide variety of policy issues to State

Agencies and Local Government meetings, including, roads and transport, waste reform, tourism marketing, natural resources management, recreation and sports development, telecommunications services, and aboriginal and community health.

- SELGA has provided input to a wide variety of activities by way of its nominees to external committees and boards. The SELGA Executive Officer has played a role by acting as SELGA representative to the SE Emergency Management Committee and the Reference Group assisting the Review of the SE Water Conservation and Drainage Act, 1992.
- Attended meetings and written submissions to the Commonwealth and State Governments and to the LGA on key policy issues, including:
 - (i) Zero Waste SA Board on regional waste reforms and the need for funding for Regional Waste Programs
 - (ii) Letters to Federal and State Ministers and Agencies conveying SELGA's resolutions and views on a wide range of matters including road funding, waste funding and levies, shared services, State Government services in regional areas, regionalisation of the State Strategic Plan, health and dental funding

Acknowledgements

The effectiveness of SELGA as an instrument of Local Government is founded on the strong working relationships between Councils and SELGA staff. I acknowledge the continued support of SELGA Members, particularly the President, Mayor Steve Perryman, and the Chairpersons of committees that were active during the year, Mayor Don Pegler (Roads and Transport), Cr Graham Gribble (Waste Management), Cr Rosemary Kain (Telecommunications), Cr Diana Penniment (Tourism Committee), Mr Leith McEvoy (SE Coastal Management) and Council Chief Executive Officers (Recreation and Sport).

I also warmly acknowledge the achievements and skilled commitment of the SELGA staff, Mr Tom O'Connor and Ms Deb Agnew. Also, the support provided by staff of the Limestone Coast Regional Development Board, especially Ms Jan Shanahan for skilled financial services and Ms Kate Pohlner and Ms Lorelie Ellis is warmly acknowledged.

Ron Ellis
EXECUTIVE OFFICER
 20/7/2006



Government of South Australia
Office for Recreation and Sport

South East
Active Community Field Officer

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June 2006 to June 2007
Tom O'Connor/Deb Agnew



Executive Summary

Early July saw the return of Tom O'Connor from the Caribbean to the South East Recreation & Sport Field Officer position. Deb Agnew had successfully kept the momentum and grown the program bringing some new light and ideas to the position. In doing so Deb managed to attract the District Council of Tatiara to the program bringing all 7 SELGA Councils into the Field Officer to the Program.

Highlights during the July 06 to November 06 Period

1. The inclusion of the District of Tatiara meaning the work being carried in Towns like Keith, Bordertown, Padthaway and Mundulla.
2. The first Millicent Sports Network meeting
3. 2 Network meetings in Tatiara and Mount Gambier. 1 in Kingston and Naracoorte
4. 2007 Healthy Clubs Project
5. Mount Gambier Sportfest 2007
6. Paralympic Talent Search Program
7. Naracoorte Community Recreation Sports Committee Projects – Bike Plan
8. Creating Child Safe Environments Session – Jan Stirling
9. Continuation and development of the communication hub through the Sport SE web site
10. Numerous success of clubs and associations through the Office for Recreation & Sport Grants Programs
11. The ongoing support by the South East Community for the Recreation & Sport Field Officer position and value it adds to the region.

November 2006 to June 2007

In December 2006 Tom O'Connor vacated the SELGA Sport and Recreation Community Field Officer position to take on a role as Sports Consultant in Club Development/Membership growth with the Australian Sports Commission. Tom was replaced by Deb Agnew who had previously filled this position in a part time capacity while Tom had travelled overseas in 2006. Deb has filled this position on a full time basis since Tom's departure.

In the last 7 months

1. There has been continuation and development of the Sports Networks in Mount Gambier, Millicent, Tatiara, Naracoorte and Kingston.
2. Ongoing support for numerous clubs with grant applications through the Office for Recreation and Sport.
3. Commencement and ongoing success of the 'Healthy Clubs' Pilot Project
4. Web page upgrading.
5. Collaboration with Club Development Network through the Australian Sports Commission.
6. Links with schools for Grant applications and various physical activity workshops
7. Links with disability work and school Groups.
8. Grant Writing Workshop
9. Ongoing support from the South East community for the Recreation and Sport Field Officer position and the value it adds to the region.

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ANNUAL PROGRAM / BUSINESS PLAN FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE 2008

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Mayor Steve Perryman

Executive Officer:

Ron Ellis

Member Councils:

City of:

Mount Gambier

Districts of:

Grant

Kingston

Naracoorte Lucindale

Robe

Tatiara

Wattle Range

Introduction

The principle roles and responsibilities of the South East Local Government Association, as stated in the Association's Strategic Management Plan 2002-2005, are:

1. Represent and act in the best interests of Member Councils through presenting a progressive, strong and united voice to key organisations, groups, governments and Cabinet Ministers etc. on matters Member Councils perceived to be of regional significance.
2. Explore opportunities to engage in activities that provide administrative and other efficiencies for Member Councils.
3. To serve and respond to the needs and aspirations of the Member Councils.
4. To maintain relationships and on-going liaison with LGA, ALGA and other linked regional associations.
5. To develop and maintain the financial and economic well being of the region, and for such purposes undertaken any venture which in the opinion of SELGA is necessary, desirable or convenient for its Member Councils.
6. Maintain and keep under review a core business plan for the activities of SELGA.

Business Plan for 2007-2008

SELGA will engage the following suite of activities during 2005-2006:

1. **Support sub-committees and working parties** established by the Board, including:
 - SELGA - Building Fire Safety Committee
 - SELGA - Planning Committee
 - SELGA - Roads and Transport Working Group
 - SELGA - South East Coastal Management Group
 - SELGA - South East Recreation and Sports Steering Committee
 - SELGA - Telecommunications Working Group
 - SELGA - Tourism Committee
 - SELGA - Waste Management Committee
2. Be represented on, or nominate persons to act on, key **Local Government and regional Boards and Committees**, including, but not limited to: State Executive of the LGA

SAROC
 Limestone Coast Regional Development Board
 Limestone Coast Tourism
 Limestone Coast Area Consultative Committee
 South East Resource Information Centre
 South East Natural Resource Management Board
 South East Water Conservation and Drainage Board
 SE Country Arts Trust – Riddoch Art Gallery Board
 SE Regional Bushfire Prevention Committee
 SE Regional Emergency Management Committee
 SE Relief Trust
 SE Country Arts Trust
 Group Training Employment
 SE Education and Training Association

3. By 30 June 2008, **negotiate new contracts** and ventures authorised by the Board, including:
 - Agreement with the Minister for Local Government on a resource agreement for the **Limestone Coast Regional Development Board, to be implemented in 2008-2009**
 - A funding agreement with the Department for Environment and Heritage for the **SE Heritage Advisory Services for 2007-2008 to 2009-2010.**
 - An agreement with the **Minister for Road Safety** on the **SE Road Safety Project, a statewide pilot to be implemented in the 2007-2008 year.**
 - A funding agreement with the Minister for Environment and Conservation for the **Assessment of SE Landfill Options**

4. **Administer existing contracts** and ventures established by the Board, including:
 - Limestone Coast Regional Development Board Resource Agreement
 - Limestone Coast Tourism Resource Agreement
 - Limestone Coast Division of General Practice “Recruit and Retain a Doc” Project
 - South East Resource Information Centre Resource Agreement
 - South East Heritage Advisory Service
 - Envirofund Project #58831 – Protection and Preservation of Aboriginal Cultural Sites
 - SE Regional Recreation and Sports Program
 - South East Broadband Project
 - South East Waste Management Action Plan

5. Review the **SELGA Strategic Management Plan 2002-2005** and undertake investigations required by the Board and its Committees on emerging strategic issues.

There remains a strong need to focus on and consolidate gains in two key areas of activity for SELGA and Councils, namely:

- (i) **regional roads and transport**, through leadership of the SE push for **Federal and State funding** to implement the SE Regional Freight Transport Plan
- (ii) Maintaining cooperation with Shires in the SW of Victoria and consolidating the relationships with the State DTEI to advance the **Princes Highway West Campaign**
- (iii) Continuing to provide leadership in **regional waste management reform** by assisting Councils with planning waste transfer stations, assist rationalisation of the SE regional landfill system and investigate improved waste management.

It is also intended to continue to focus SELGA activities, in collaboration with Councils and other stakeholders, on the following:

- By 30 April 2008, review and document **roads of regional significance** in the **SE Local Roads Network** and prepare applications for **Special Local Roads Grants for 2008-2009**
 - Keep abreast of developments in the Commonwealth Government's Broadband Connect Infrastructure Program and, by June 2008, establish the SE as an early target in the rollout of OPEL's national broadband infrastructure.
 - By December 2007, provide to the Board a **SE Regional Road Safety Plan** and an outline for a funding **agreement with the Minister for Road Safety** on its implementation.
 - By March 2008, convene the **Regional Assessment Panel** and report to **Zero Waste SA** on project applications for funding under the **Regional Implementation Program**. The Panel to include suitably qualified private sector stakeholders and staff of SELGA Councils with understanding of **regional waste management priorities**.
6. Without diminishing the effectiveness of the SELGA Board or any of its sub-Committees, it is proposed to undertake the following significant activities in 2006-2007:
- In conjunction with the **December SELGA meeting, undertake a review of SELGA's strategic direction**. The review should build on the Strategic Management Plan and lay the foundation for activities in 2008-2009 year.
 - Assist Councils in bolstering **Seniors' Week** activities by continuing collaboration with the Country Health SA/SE Regional Community Health Service
 - Attend and address Local Government meetings on topics in which SELGA has an interest
 - If appropriate, implement collaborative projects with Councils related to the formation of a regional **Environmental Health, Planning and Asset Management Projects**.
7. **Act as an advocate** and voice the interests of the Board and Member Councils at regional and statewide forums. Provide comments to the LGA, State and Commonwealth Governments on major policy issues of concern to the Board and Member Councils.
8. **Strengthen and unify communications** with SELGA Members, Local Government officers in the region, the LGA of SA, Government Agencies and the community generally, so as to enhance the credibility and reputation of SELGA as an arm of Local Government.

Ron Ellis
EXECUTIVE OFFICER
 27/7/2007

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the Committee of South East Local Government Association Inc.

Scope

We have audited the financial report, being a special purpose financial report comprising of the Profit & Loss statement and Balance Sheet of South East Local Government Association Inc. for the year ended 30th June 2007. The Committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet the requirements of the entities constitution and meet the needs of the Committee. We have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for the distribution to the Committee for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee's requirements. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the Committee, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of 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 the accrual basis of accounting. These policies do not require the application of all Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

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

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described above the financial position of South East Local Government Association Inc. as at 30th June 2007 and the results of its operations for the year then ended. We have obtained all the information and explanations we required from the association.

GALPIN, ENGLER, BRUINS & DEMPSEY
Accountants, Auditors & Business Consultants



D J Chant
Partner.

233 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier. S.A. 5290
Dated this 24th day of July 2007

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Profit & Loss [Last Year Analysis]

July 2006 through June 2007

	This Year	Last Year
INCOME		
SUBSCRIPTIONS-MEMBER COUNCILS		
City of Mount Gambier	\$27,883.00	\$26,385.00
District Council of Grant	\$13,671.00	\$13,812.00
Kingston District Council	\$6,714.00	\$6,661.00
Naracoorte Lucindale Council	\$15,688.00	\$15,581.00
District Council of Robe	\$6,052.00	\$5,953.00
District Council of Tatiara	\$13,046.00	\$13,156.00
Wattle Range Council	\$22,385.00	\$22,534.00
Total SUBSCRIPTIONS-MEMBER COUNCIL	\$105,439.00	\$104,082.00
CONTRIBUTIONS		
LCRDB	\$71,999.00	\$72,000.00
Limestone Coast Tourism	\$185,000.00	\$185,000.00
SAROC	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
IT & T Loan Repayments	\$0.00	\$21,147.00
SE Resource Info Centre	\$29,995.00	\$29,995.00
Youth Week	\$0.00	\$26,110.83
Total CONTRIBUTIONS	\$288,994.00	\$336,252.83
PROJECTS		
Waste Management-Reg.Strat.	\$4,363.64	\$240.91
Roads & Transport	\$6,400.00	\$6,400.00
Regional Rec & Sports	\$95,304.77	\$78,995.26
LGR&DS Regional Capacity Build	\$20,470.12	\$0.00
Zero Waste -Green Waste	\$0.00	\$124.55
Broadband Project	\$0.00	\$6,525.43
SE Regional Health P/ship	\$11,675.46	\$45,890.00
Heritage Services	\$70,500.00	\$51,800.00
SE Coast (LC) Access M/Ment	\$32,225.12	\$7,502.15
Coast & Marine Support	\$24,891.24	\$58,154.51
LCD Gen Practice GP Program	\$20,000.00	\$15,726.00
Senior Week Partnership	\$16,500.00	\$0.00
Broadband Project Stage 2	\$14,381.10	\$101.82
Regional EH Service	\$18,609.64	\$0.00
Total PROJECTS	\$335,321.09	\$271,460.63
OTHER INCOME		
Interest	\$27,157.00	\$20,451.47
Miscellaneous	\$3,559.91	\$274.20
Consolidated Revenue Acc	\$4,866.67	\$0.00
Total OTHER INCOME	\$35,583.58	\$20,725.67
Total INCOME	\$765,337.67	\$732,521.13
EXPENSES		
EXEC OFFICER/OFFICE EXPENSES		
Executive Officer Salary Costs		
Salary	\$60,335.38	\$56,887.92
Superannuation	\$5,347.33	\$5,298.72
Workcover	\$656.48	\$647.98
Fringe Benefits Tax	\$935.95	\$931.25
Total Executive Officer Salary Costs	\$67,275.14	\$63,765.87
Vehicle & Travel Costs		
Vehicle Lease	\$9,242.64	\$8,649.43
Fuel Costs	\$5,027.33	\$4,658.97
Travel & Accommodation	\$1,300.22	\$601.27
Total Vehicle & Travel Costs	\$15,570.19	\$13,909.67
Office Expenses		
Printing & Stationery	\$654.49	\$446.18
Postage	\$100.00	\$45.45
Audit Fees	\$690.00	\$640.00
Bank Fees	\$498.68	\$506.04
Insurance	\$901.99	\$864.99
Seminars/Workshops	\$23.61	\$1,974.09

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Profit & Loss [Last Year Analysis]

July 2006 through June 2007

	This Year	Last Year
Sponsorship	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
Miscellaneous	\$3,531.45	\$939.36
Meeting Expenses	\$3,259.26	\$3,173.92
Executive Expenses	\$3,929.11	\$2,612.69
President Allowances	\$6,000.00	\$9,000.00
Telephone	\$4,452.97	\$3,119.00
Computing & IT	\$118.61	\$744.64
Consolidated Revenue	\$4,866.67	\$0.00
Total Office Expenses	\$30,526.84	\$24,566.36
Total EXEC OFFICER/OFFICE EXPENSES	<u>\$113,372.17</u>	<u>\$102,241.90</u>
CONTRIBUTIONS		
LCRDB (LCRDB,SELGA,LCT)	\$71,666.66	\$71,666.66
Limestone Coast Tourism	\$185,000.00	\$185,000.00
SE Resource Info Centre	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
IT & T Loan Repayment	\$0.00	\$21,148.43
Youth Week 2006	\$0.00	\$25,695.60
Total CONTRIBUTIONS	<u>\$286,666.66</u>	<u>\$333,510.69</u>
PROJECTS		
LGR&DS-Regional Capacity Build	\$20,470.12	\$0.00
Waste Management-Reg. Strat.	\$4,363.64	\$240.91
Heritage Services	\$70,500.00	\$51,800.00
Roads & Transport	\$6,400.00	\$6,400.00
Zero Waste - Green Waste	\$0.00	\$124.55
Resource Recovery & Landfills	\$0.00	\$104.55
Broadband Project	\$0.00	\$8,831.81
SE Regional Health Partnership	\$11,675.46	\$45,890.00
SE Coast (LC) Access M/Ment	\$32,225.12	\$7,502.15
Coast & Marine Support	\$24,891.24	\$58,154.51
LCD Gen Practice GP Program	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Broadband Project Stage 2	\$14,381.10	\$101.82
Senior Week Partnership	\$16,500.00	\$0.00
Regional EH Service	\$18,609.64	\$0.00
Total PROJECTS	<u>\$240,016.32</u>	<u>\$199,150.30</u>
REGIONAL REC & SPORT CO-ORD		
Salary	\$47,515.47	\$48,103.74
Salary Costs	\$4,592.53	\$3,444.23
Telephone	\$1,790.17	\$1,615.46
Postage/Printing/Stationery	\$1,318.32	\$944.03
Vehicle Expenses	\$13,476.50	\$12,651.48
Admin Fee	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Office Rental	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$6,901.73	\$1,371.31
Programs		
Club Development	\$1,950.00	\$1,771.90
Country Seminar	\$0.00	\$30.00
Comm Sport & Rec Network	\$2,114.90	\$517.00
Volunteer M/Ment & Assoc. MM	\$0.00	\$4,944.56
Special Initiatives SE	\$0.00	\$1,601.55
Youth Initiatives SE	\$2,727.27	\$0.00
Sports Libraries	\$1,698.06	\$0.00
Healthy Clubs	\$3,791.82	\$0.00
SportFest	\$5,428.00	\$0.00
Total Programs	<u>\$17,710.05</u>	<u>\$8,865.01</u>
Total REGIONAL REC & SPORT CO-ORD	<u>\$95,304.77</u>	<u>\$78,995.26</u>
Total EXPENSES	<u>\$735,359.92</u>	<u>\$713,898.15</u>
Operating Profit	<u>\$29,977.75</u>	<u>\$18,622.98</u>
Other Expenses		
Net Profit/(Loss)	<u>\$29,977.75</u>	<u>\$18,622.98</u>

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Balance Sheet [Last Year Analysis]

June 2007

	This Year	Last Year
Assets		
General Cheque Account	\$3,398.25	\$84,090.41
Express Saver Account	\$320,400.57	\$312,247.38
Trade Debtors	\$0.00	\$14,080.00
Total Assets	<u>\$323,798.82</u>	<u>\$410,417.79</u>
Liabilities		
Trade Creditors	\$2,378.09	\$0.00
GST Liabilities		
GST Collected	\$0.00	\$1,280.00
GST Control Account	-\$2,015.80	\$3,484.29
GST Paid	-\$216.19	\$0.00
Total GST Liabilities	<u>-\$2,231.99</u>	<u>\$4,764.29</u>
Payroll Liabilities		
PAYG Payable	\$2,736.00	\$3,404.00
WorkCover Payable	-\$145.42	-\$31.95
Accrued Annual Leave	\$2,547.81	\$2,515.43
Total Payroll Liabilities	<u>\$5,138.39</u>	<u>\$5,887.48</u>
Unpsent Grant Funds	\$217,397.86	\$328,627.30
Total Liabilities	<u>\$222,682.35</u>	<u>\$339,279.07</u>
Net Assets	<u>\$101,116.47</u>	<u>\$71,138.72</u>
Equity		
Retained Earnings	\$71,138.72	\$52,515.74
Current Earnings	\$29,977.75	\$18,622.98
Total Equity	<u>\$101,116.47</u>	<u>\$71,138.72</u>

SOUTH EAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

NOTE 1 : STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a special purpose financial prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act (SA). The Committee has determined that the organisation is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act (SA). There is no requirement to apply accounting standards, UIG Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board in the preparation of the financial report.

The statements are prepared on an accruals basis. They are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.