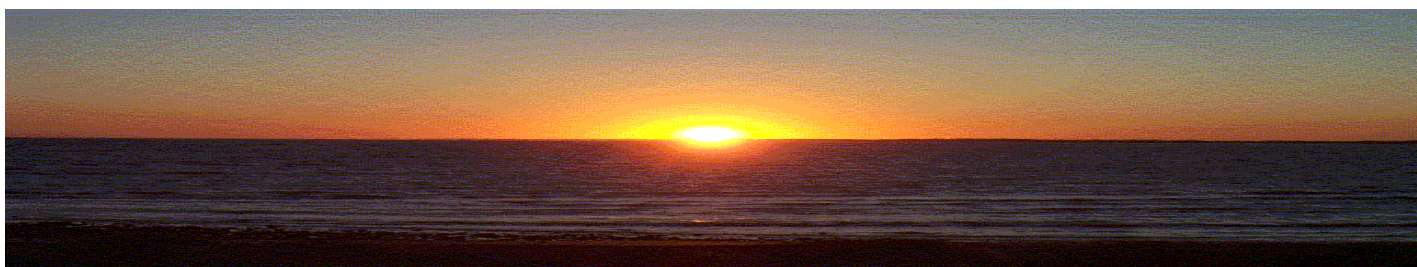




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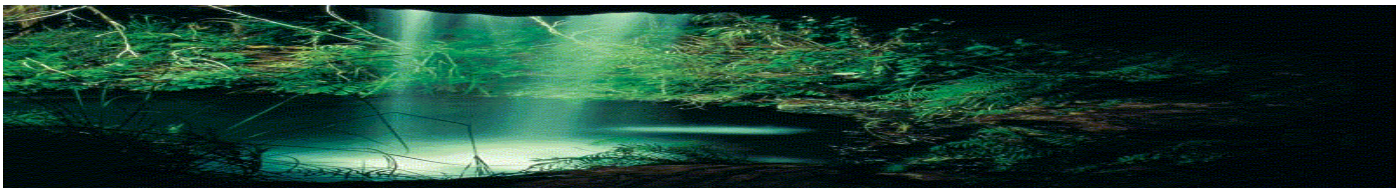
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## **2005/2006**



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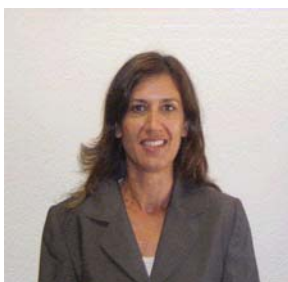
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## **General Information**

There are six wards in the Shire of Ashburton. The current elected members for each Ward are:

### **Ashburton Ward**



**Cr Leanne Corker, President**

### **Tableland Ward**



**Cr Lorraine Thomas**

### **Onslow Ward**



**Cr Anne Eyre**

### **Paraburdoo Ward**

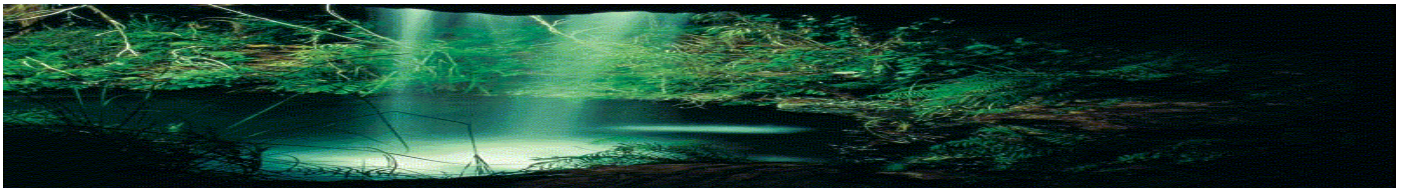


**Cr Linton Rumble**



**Cr Peter Foote**





**Tom Price Ward**



**Cr Tony Bloem**



**Cr Hugh Martin**



**Cr Ana Cecilia Fernandez**

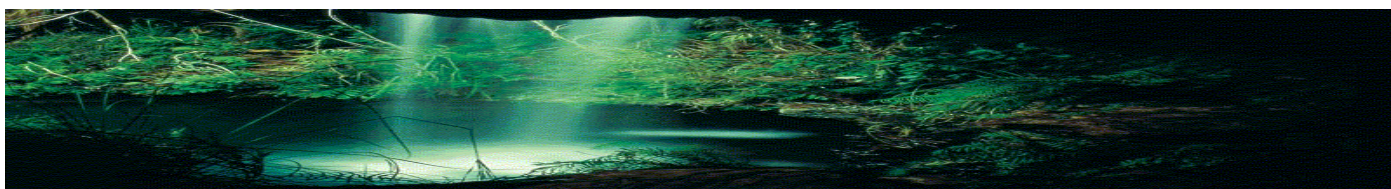
**Pannawonica Ward**



**Cr Elaine Walsham**

**Our Executives and Councillors**





## **Elections**

Recent changes to legislation regulating local government elections in Western Australia means that general local government elections will be next held on the third Saturday of October 2007 and at two yearly intervals from them.

Voting in local government elections is not compulsory; however participation by residents is vital to the effectiveness of local government. Residents who are not included on the State Electoral Roll should contact the Australian Electoral Commission. Local Government councillors elections are held every second year. An Annual Meeting of Electors is held each financial year, a notice of which is published in the local press.

There are 11 Council meetings scheduled for the coming year. These rotate between Tom Price, Pannawonica, Onslow and Paraburdo.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Tuesday, 19 June 2007	Neighbourhood Centre, Pannawonica	9.00am
Tuesday, 17 July 2007	Meeting Room, Community Recreation Centre, Tom Price	9.00am
Tuesday, 21 August 2007	Shire Council Chambers, Second Avenue, Onslow	9.00am
Tuesday, 18 September 2007	Ashburton Hall Ashburton Avenue, Paraburdo	9.00am
Tuesday, 16 October 2007	Meeting Room, Community Recreation Centre, Tom Price	9.00am
Tuesday, 20 November 2007	Shire Council Chambers, Second Avenue, Onslow	9.00am
Tuesday, 18 December 2007	Ashburton Hall Ashburton Avenue, Paraburdo	9.00am
Tuesday, 19 February 2008	Meeting Room, Community Recreation Centre, Tom Price	9.00am
Tuesday, 18 March 2008	Shire Council Chambers, Second Avenue, Onslow	9.00am
Tuesday, 15 April 2008	Ashburton Hall Ashburton Avenue, Paraburdo	9.00am
Tuesday, 20 May 2008	Meeting Room, Community Recreation Centre, Tom Price	9.00am

## **Agenda and minutes**

Minutes of the meetings are available at each Shire office and from the Shire's website [www.ashburton.wa.gov.au](http://www.ashburton.wa.gov.au)

## **Presidents Report**



2005/06 has been a year of consolidation within the Shire organisation.

It began with an urgent recruitment program, the positions of Chief Executive Officer and two management positions being vacant. Mr Keith Pearson was appointed as Chief Executive Officer in November, previously being the Manager of Development Services.

In September council approved a management structure that included the new position of Executive Manager Western Operations, recognising the expected growth in the western sector of the shire, and the subsequent need to have a member of the management team located there. All management positions were substantively filled for the first time for several years which was a notable and important achievement.

It was most unfortunate that the shire was obliged to close the Paraburdoo swimming pool for safety reasons at the height of summer in January 2006. Council understood the community's concern and frustration and undertook to reopen the pool as soon as was practical. The process of obtaining sufficient funds was commenced immediately and council subsequently gave formal approval for the project. It is anticipated that work will be completed in May 2007 and the pool will be open for the 2007/08 season. I would like to acknowledge the generous contributions from the Department of Sport and Recreation, Pilbara Iron and the Pilbara Development Commission, and the support of Tom Stephens MLA which have enabled the refurbishment. Council intends investigating the needs of the Tom Price swimming pool such that any necessary works may be carried out with minimal inconvenience to the community.

At the end of March 2006 Cyclone Glenda impacted on Onslow causing significant damage to the shire hall, offices and other infrastructure. There was much disruption as the shire offices were temporarily relocated. The Onslow staff continued to work diligently under less than ideal conditions, and the Onslow residents patiently awaited a return to provision of normal services, the library in particular. A positive result is the opportunity to refurbish the premises and enhance the service we provide to the community.

The reinstatement and improvement of the Onslow aerodrome was commenced in May 2006. The condition of the strip's surface was recognised to be deteriorating, and damage resulted from heavy rains during Cyclone Glenda. Council understood the importance to the township of Onslow that the airstrip be accessible in all but extreme weather conditions, particularly in times of emergency, and thus made it a high priority.

On behalf of council I extend appreciation to the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Keith Pearson, for his dedicated management of the diverse affairs of the shire, and to the Executive Management and their staff for the progress made throughout the year.

It has been a pleasure to work with our council members who are always able to maintain respect and a sense of humour, even after difficult and controversial decisions are made.

Cr Anne-Marie Laddie, Deputy Shire President, regrettably resigned from council in August 2006 and I wish to extend to her my sincere thanks for her invaluable support and her dedication to her role as councillor. Mr Hugh Martin was duly elected as Deputy Shire President in September.

Council will be focusing on strategic review, policy development and the implementation of some overdue projects during the coming year. I urge you to attend the Annual General Meeting of Electors. Council invites your participation, comments, feedback and suggestions. I look forward to meeting you there.

Leanne Corker  
Shire President



## **Chief Executive Officers Report**



Welcome to the Annual Report for the Shire of Ashburton for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

In November 2005 I had the privilege of being appointed Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Shire after a four year period in the role of Executive Manager Development Services.

Since my appointment, my job has been at times challenging and other times exciting. The passage of time has certainly underscored the opportunities and issues facing the Shire.

A more immediate issue facing the Shire at the commencement of the period under review, was the matter of human resources. Four of the six senior management positions within the organisation (including the position of CEO) were occupied by acting appointees. Further, approximately one third of all staffing positions were vacant.

I am pleased to be able to report that by the end of the period under review only one senior position was vacant (and an appointment was made to that position soon after). Much progress was also made in filling other vacant positions.

Most importantly, the increase in staffing levels has been accompanied by an improved level of staff retention. This bodes well for the future operational efficiency of the Shire.

Administrative and governance matters have, of necessity, received a high priority over the last year. To many people may seem neither productive nor glamorous. If the Shire is to prosper, however, it is essential that further actions be built on a solid foundation.

Significant progress has, in fact, been made, and at the time of writing these comments the Shire is looking forward to the imminent launch of its new, integrated accounting and a management system, which, it is anticipated, will result in the more efficient use of both financial and human resources. Most importantly, it is expected to lead to a higher level of service to the community.

During the review year Cyclone Glenda left a strong imprint on the Shire, particularly Onslow. Shire infrastructure including the Shire Offices, library and airport bore the brunt of the damage. It is testimony to staff commitment that the Onslow office continued to give a high level of services to the local community, despite operating from temporary offices in a disused shop for an extended period of time.

A prominent feature of the year under review has been the continuation of the 'resources boom' which has both 'blessed' and 'plagued' the Pilbara Region. In many ways it is easy to lose sight of the



benefits when constraints on accommodation, services and goods are apparent (in some form) everyday. It is important to note, however, that the opportunities such as that currently presenting itself to the Pilbara Region are a “once in a lifetime” opportunity to develop sustainable communities.

Council has recognised this fact and as a consequence has actively promoted the interests of the Shire and the region with relevant agencies and organisations, including State politicians and agencies, major resource companies as well as other organisations and individuals of influence.

Council also recognises that many services and much infrastructure throughout the region is outdated or inadequate. Addressing these issues is not easy as the revenue/income regime under which the Shire operates means that, despite the high level of resources activity, very little of the financial benefit remains in the region. Council is strongly advocating, at all levels, the community’s case for a fair and reasonable share of these benefits.

The Shire provides a wide range of services to the community which live within its boundaries.

I believe the Shire has undertaken the traditional roles expected of local government well. Improvements have been made in terms of road maintenance programs, waste collection has continued to be managed in an efficient manner, and parks and sporting fields have been maintained to a high standard. Library services have been improved and the Tom Price Tourist Centre has continued to service the tourist industry well.

Equally importantly major new projects were commenced towards the end of the review period. These included the sealing of the Onslow Airport and the reconstruction of the Paraburdoo Swimming Pool. Both of the projects, in their own way, make living in the Pilbara more attractive.

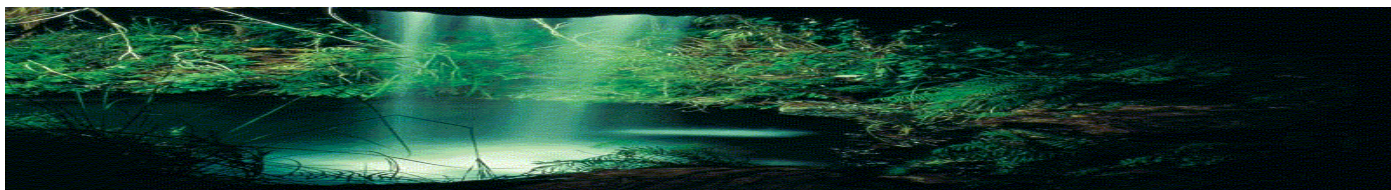
It is necessary for the Shire to continue to strive for meaningful improvements to services and infrastructure. Individual projects, such as the upgrading of the Tom Price Aquatic Centre, townscape improvements in Onslow and new landfill sites for Tom Price, Paraburdoo and Onslow are all at different stages in the planning process.

In order to ensure that resources are assigned to these and projects in the most efficient manner, Council is presently undertaking a major review of its Strategic Plan. This plan, which is presently the subject of a community consultation process, will be a significant influence on Council decision making for the next five years.

My final task is a very pleasant one. Throughout the year I have been extremely fortunate to have the support of a progressive and forward thinking Council. I have also had much support and assistance from staff at all levels.

For this reason I wish to place on record my personal appreciation of the Shire President, Cr Leanne Corker, for her strong personal support as well as that provided by all Councillors and staff. Without this support of the progress made throughout the year, would not have been achieved.

Keith Pearson  
Chief Executive Officer



## **Record Keeping**

The Shire was required under the State Records Act 2000 to develop a Records Plan which details how the Shire manages its recordkeeping systems. That included control, retention and disposal of the Shire's public records. It also required the Shire to maintain a recordkeeping training program which is regularly reviewed. To comply with this requirement a review and upgrade of the Records induction program commenced in 2006 and is ongoing into 2007, This review has ensured that Shire employee's are informed of their responsibilities in regard to recordkeeping.

Education and training has been provided to staff through the following:

- Staff induction given to all new staff member on commencement.
- All staff have access to a copy of the Shire's Records Polices and Procedure manual

The Shire of Ashburton records policies are currently being reviewed for the current financial year.

## **National Competition Policy**

The Competition Principles Agreement is an Inter-government Agreement between the Commonwealth and State/Territory Governments that sets out how government will apply National Competition Policy principles to public sector organizations within their jurisdiction.

The State Government released a Policy Statement effective from July 1996 called the Clause 7 Statement, which forms part of the Competition Principles Agreement. The Clause 7 policy document sets out nominated principles from the Agreement that now apply to Local Government. The provisions of Clause 7 of the Competition Principles Agreement require local government to report annually as to the implementation, application and effects of the Competition Policy.

The Competition Principles Agreement, under Clause 7, specifies three broad areas of reporting, they are:

1. Competitive Neutrality
2. Structural Review of Public Monopolies; and
3. Legislative Review

In accordance with the requirements of the National Competition Policy the Shire of Ashburton makes the following disclosure for 2004-2005.

### **Competitive Neutrality**

The objective of competitive neutrality is the elimination of resource allocation distortions arising out of local government ownership of significant business activities.

The Shire of Ashburton has assessed its operations and considers that it has no business activity that would be classed as significant under the current guidelines. Also the Shire of Ashburton does not operate a business enterprise that has been classified by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as either a Public Trading Enterprise or Public Financial Enterprise.

- The number of activities to which competitive neutrality principles have been applied in the reporting period is: Zero (0)
- The number of activities to which competitive neutrality principles have been considered but not applied in the reporting period is: Zero (0)

### **Structural Review of Public Monopolies**

The Shire of Ashburton is not classified as a natural monopoly, nor does it conduct any business activities that could be classified as public monopolies. Therefore, the principle of structural monopolies does not apply to the Shire of Ashburton.

### **Legislative Review**

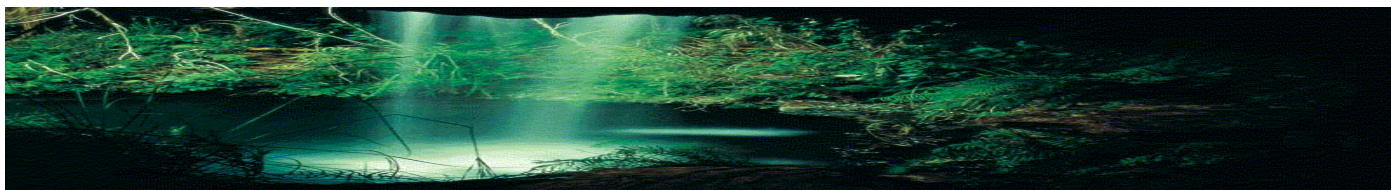
Council is required by the Local Government Clause 7 Competition Policy Statement to consider new and existing Local Laws to ensure that the existing legislation should not restrict competition unless it can be demonstrated that

- The benefits of the restriction to the community as a whole outweigh the costs; and
- The objectives of the legislation can only be achieved by restricting competition.

Accordingly, the Shire of Ashburton is required to implement a systematic review of all of its existing legislation to determine whether there are any direct or indirect effects on competition.

In relation to a Legislative Review the Shire of Ashburton discloses that:

- As at the reporting date the number of Local Laws which have been reviewed and reformed as a result of any legislative review is: Zero (0)
- As at the reporting date the number of Local Laws which the application of any legislative review principles were considered but not applied is: Zero (0).



## **Disability Services Plan**

The Disability Services Act (1993), as amended in 2004, required all public authorities, including Local Government Authorities, to prepare and implement a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan to ensure that people with disabilities can access their services and facilities and participate in the activities of the community.

This Act also required all public authorities to report on the implementation of their Disability Access and Inclusion Plan. Local Government Authorities were required to report on progress in the implementation of their plan in their Annual report and to inform the DSC so that it can report to Parliament on compliance.

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

#### ***Our Objective***

*“To ensure that the needs of persons with disabilities, their families and carers are addressed in the facilities, functions and services provided the Shire of Ashburton.”*

#### **Background**

The Shire of Ashburton is located in the western and central Pilbara region of Western Australia. The Shire covers more than 105,000 square kilometres and includes the towns of Onslow, Pannawonica, Paraburdoo and Tom Price. Council’s Administration Centre is located in Tom Price with offices also located in Onslow, Pannawonica and Paraburdoo.

Hamersley Iron Pty Ltd (now known as Pilbara Iron Pty Ltd) established the towns of Paraburdoo and Tom Price in the late 1960’s and early 1970’s. Responsibility for management of virtually all of the facilities and services provided in the towns has passed from the company to Council.

A large percentage of the population of Paraburdoo and Tom Price are Pilbara Iron employees and their families. The predominance of young families gives rise to a very low age profile.

The historic coastal town of Onslow has a much older population base and includes a significant Aboriginal population. Over 50% of the Bindi Bindi Aboriginal Community is located within the townsite.

Pilbara Iron (formerly) Robe River Iron Associates generally maintain Pannawonica. Council provides limited facilities and services within the townsite.



## **Disability Services Plan**

The outlying Aboriginal Communities of Bellary Springs, Ngurrowaana, Wakathuni, Yathalla and Youngaleena are also located within the Shire of Ashburton.

The huge area and diverse nature of the Shire results in marked variance in the nature of facilities and services provided by council at population centres. This variance was an important consideration in the development of the Disability Service Plan and is reflected in the needs identified for persons with disabilities throughout the Shire.

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The Disability Discrimination Act (1992) makes it illegal to discriminate against a person on the basis of their disability. It specifically outlaws discrimination in a number of areas and has provision for the development of standards in the areas of access to premises, transport, education and accommodation.

### **What does the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan Contain?**

The Plan includes:

- Information on Council facilities, functions and services (both in-house and contracted);
- A policy statement about Council's commitment to addressing the issue of access for people with disabilities, their families and carers;
- A description of the process used to develop, monitor, revise and implement the plan and the consultation mechanism with people with disabilities, their families, carers, disability organisations and relevant community groups;
- The identification of objectives and strategies to overcome barriers that people with disabilities identified during the consultation process;
- An operational plan detailing dates and the identification of the officers responsible for the proposed strategies (this is an internal operational document rather than a formal part of the plan);
- A method of review and evaluation of the plan; and
- Information about how the plan is being communicated to staff and people with disabilities.

## Disability Services Plan

### 2. EXISTING COUNCIL FACILITIES, FUNCTIONS & SERVICES (BOTH IN-HOUSE AND CONTRACTED)

Facilities, functions & services provided by the Shire of Ashburton are detailed below.

#### 2.1 FACILITIES, FUNCTIONS & SERVICES

##### Services to the Community including:

- Provision, allocation and maintenance of council facilities for community use (Refer to chart below - SoA = Shire of Ashburton);
- Assisting community and sporting groups in establishment, incorporation and affiliation with State Associations;
- Offering financial assistance to community and sporting groups in hosting, competitions, junior development, umpiring and coaching clinics, and travelling to regional, state and national competitions;
- Assistance in the provision of activities for youth;
- Assistance in cultural projects such as Cultural Awareness Programs, Arts Development, Festivals together with the development and implementation of a Cultural Plan;
- Cleaning of all Council facilities;

FACILITY	OWNED BY	MANAGED BY	LEASED BY
<b>Tom Price</b>			
Administration Office	SoA	SoA	
Library	SoA	SoA	
Public Halls x3 (incl. Sports Pavilion)	SoA	SoA	
Tourist Bureau	SoA	SoA	
Public Toilets x2	SoA	SoA	
Change rooms / Public Toilets x3	SoA	SoA	
Swimming Pool	SoA	SoA	
Basketball Courts	SoA	SoA	
Tennis Courts	SoA	SoA	
Sports Grounds x3	SoA	SoA	
Parks / Playgrounds x5	SoA	SoA	
Car parks x2	SoA	SoA	
Information Bay	SoA	SoA	
<b>Paraburdoo</b>			
Administration Office	SoA	SoA	
Library	SoA	SoA	
Public Halls x2	SoA	SoA	
Meeting Room	SoA	SoA	
Public Toilets x2	SoA	SoA	
Change rooms / Public Toilets x2	SoA	SoA	
Swimming Pool	SoA	SoA	
Basketball Courts	SoA	SoA	
Tennis Courts	SoA	SoA	
Sports Pavilion	SoA	SoA	

## Disability Services Plan

FACILITY	OWNED BY	MANAGED BY	LEASED BY
<b>Paraburdoo (continued)</b>			
Sports Grounds x2	SoA	SoA	
Parks / Playgrounds x4	SoA	SoA	
Car parks x2	SoA	SoA	
Information Bay	SoA	SoA	
<b>Onslow</b>			
Administration Office / Library	SoA	SoA	
Public Hall	SoA	SoA	
Public Toilets x3	SoA	SoA	
Change rooms x1	SoA	SoA	
Child Care Centre	SoA	In House Committee	Onslow Occasional Child Care Committee (Inc.)
Aged Persons Home Units x10	SoA	SoA	
Aerodrome	SoA	SoA	
Basketball Courts	SoA	SoA	
Tennis Courts	SoA	SoA	
Sports Ground	SoA	SoA	
Parks / Playgrounds x2	SoA	SoA	
Bowling Club	SoA	Club Committee	Onslow Bowling Club (Inc.)
Sports Club	SoA	Club Committee	Onslow Sports Club (Inc.)
Information Bay	SoA	SoA	
<b>Pannawonica</b>			
Library	SoA	SoA	
Change rooms / Public Toilets x1	SoA	SoA	
Caravan Park	SoA	SoA	

### **Services to Property including:**

- Construction and maintenance of roads, shared paths and cycle facilities;
- Land drainage and development;
- Waste Collection and Disposal;
- Litter control and street cleaning;
- Planting and caring of trees;
- Numbering of buildings and lots;
- Street lighting;
- Emergency management including bush fire and cyclone preparedness, response and recovery procedures.

### **Regulatory Services including:**

- Planning of road systems, sub-division and town planning scheme;
- Building approval for any construction, addition or alteration to a building;
- Ranger Services;
- Environmental Health Services

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### **General Administration including:**

- The provision of general information to the public;
- Lodging of complaints;
- Payment of rates, dog registrations, etc.

### **Processes of Government including:**

- Ordinary and Special Council meetings;
- Electors meetings and Election of Council members.

## **2.2 SERVICE DEPARTMENTS**

The Shire of Ashburton is responsible for a large number of physical assets such as buildings, roads, sporting grounds, parks and recreational amenities.

These physical assets undergo almost continuous change as they wear out, are upgraded, or completely replaced and they require effective management and ongoing repair.

The coordination of this repair and renewal process is carried out by the *Engineering Services Division* which is responsible for the physical assets of the Council. The *Development Services Division* ensures private development conforms to the appropriate standards required to maintain public health and safety, and preserve environmental standards.

In order to ensure efficient and effective service delivery in the areas of community Services, Engineering and Development Services and in economic development it is essential that well managed and efficient administrative support structures are in place.

These services and support are provided by the *Corporate Services Division* which includes:

- Accounting Functions for the recording and controlling of Council's financial transactions;
- Providing financial evaluations and analysis in order to monitor Council's ongoing operations;
- Providing Human Resource Management for all of Council's staff;
- Provision of the most appropriate technology to enable Council to function;
- Undertake media liaison and public relations to promote the services of Council.



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### 2.3 EXISTING SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Further development has occurred within the Shire of Ashburton that highlights Council's recognition of the need for the development of services and facilities for persons with disabilities.

This is reflected in works undertaken during recent years as outlined in the Shire of Ashburton's Disability Services Plan – April 1996.

Access and toilets for persons with disabilities have been included in new facilities developed by Council from 1993, and the upgrading of existing facilities and services has also progressed.

Full details of services currently provided by Council are detailed on the chart below.

FACILITY	EXISTING PROVISIONS
<b>Tom Price</b>	
Administration Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking bay/s for persons with disabilities</li> <li>• Wheelchair access</li> </ul>
Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking bay/s for persons with disabilities</li> <li>• Wheelchair access</li> </ul>
Tourist Bureau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking bay/s for persons with disabilities</li> <li>• Wheelchair access</li> </ul>
Lion's Park Public Toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of a toilet for persons with disabilities</li> </ul>
Shopping Centre Mall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgraded ramp access</li> </ul>
Community Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking bay/s for persons with disabilities</li> <li>• Wheelchair access</li> <li>• Provision of a toilet for persons with disabilities</li> </ul>
Civic Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking bay/s for persons with disabilities</li> <li>• Wheelchair access</li> <li>• Provision of a toilet for persons with disabilities</li> </ul>
Sports Pavilion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking bay/s for persons with disabilities</li> <li>• Wheelchair access (to rear entrance)</li> </ul>
No. 2 Oval Change rooms / Public Toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wheelchair access</li> <li>• Provision of a toilet for persons with disabilities</li> </ul>
Swimming Pool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking bay/s for persons with disabilities</li> <li>• Wheelchair access</li> </ul>
Basketball Courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ramp access from Civic Centre car park (lower)</li> </ul>
Parks / Playgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ramp access from roadside / car park area to facilities</li> </ul>
Dual Use Paths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ramp access</li> </ul>

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FACILITY	EXISTING PROVISIONS
<b>Paraburdoo</b>	
Administration Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking bay/s for persons with disabilities</li> <li>• Wheelchair access</li> </ul>
Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking bay/s for persons with disabilities</li> <li>• Wheelchair access</li> </ul>
Ashburton & Lesser Halls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking bay/s for persons with disabilities</li> <li>• Wheelchair access</li> <li>• Provision of a toilet for persons with disabilities</li> </ul>
Sports Pavilion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking bay/s for persons with disabilities</li> <li>• Wheelchair access</li> </ul>
Shopping Centre Mall / Public Toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking bay/s for persons with disabilities</li> <li>• Wheelchair access</li> <li>• Provision of a toilet for persons with disabilities</li> </ul>
Swimming Pool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking bay/s for persons with disabilities</li> <li>• Wheelchair access</li> <li>• Provision of a toilet for persons with disabilities</li> <li>• Access to pools via concourses</li> </ul>
Main Oval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ramp access from car park to pathway</li> </ul>
Oval No. 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ramp access from car park to pathway</li> </ul>
Parks / Playgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ramp access from roadside / car park to facilities</li> </ul>
Public Car parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking bay for persons with disabilities</li> </ul>
Duel Use Paths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ramp access</li> </ul>
<b>Onslow</b>	
Administration Office / Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking bay/s for persons with disabilities</li> <li>• Wheelchair access</li> <li>• Provision of a toilet for persons with disabilities</li> </ul>
R. M. Forrest Memorial Hall / Public Toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking bay/s for persons with disabilities</li> <li>• Wheelchair access</li> <li>• Provision of a toilet for persons with disabilities</li> </ul>
Basketball Courts / Change rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wheelchair access</li> <li>• Provision of a toilet for persons with disabilities</li> </ul>
Aged Persons Home Units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 5 constructed in 1994 are fully fitted with facilities and access for persons with physical disabilities</li> <li>• The 5 constructed pre-1994 have disabled access</li> </ul>
Public Car parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking bay/s for persons with disabilities</li> </ul>
<b>Pannawonica</b>	
Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking bay/s for persons with disabilities</li> <li>• Wheelchair access</li> </ul>
Caravan park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wheelchair access to public toilets</li> </ul>

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### 3. ACCESS POLICY STATEMENT

The Shire of Ashburton is committed to ensuring that the community is an accessible and inclusive community for all people of all ages and abilities and particularly for people with disabilities, their families & carers. Council believes an accessible community is one in which all council functions, facilities and services (both in-house and contracted) are open and available to people with disabilities providing them with the same opportunities, rights and responsibilities enjoyed by all other people in the community with the same level of dignity and respect.

The Shire of Ashburton's understanding of disability is that provided by the Western Australian Disability Commission, as follows:

- Which is attributed to an intellectual, psychiatric, cognitive, neurological, sensory or physical impairment or a combination of those impairments;
- Which is permanent or likely to be permanent;
- Which may or may not be of a chronic or episodic nature; and which results in:
- A substantially reduced capacity of the person for communication, social interaction, learning or mobility; and
- A need for continuing support services.

The Shire of Ashburton believes that a community that recognises its diversity and supports the participation of all its members making for a richer community life. Council recognises that people with disabilities are valued members of our community who make a variety of contributions to local social, economic and cultural life.

The Shire of Ashburton is committed to consulting with people with disabilities, their families and carers and, where required, disability organisations to ensure that barriers to access are identified and addressed appropriately. Council is also committed to working in partnership with local businesses to improve access to community facilities and services.

The Shire of Ashburton is committed to achieving the following outcomes:

**Outcome 1: *People with disabilities have the same opportunities as other people to access the services of and any event organised by, a public authority.***

- Council will endeavour to be adaptable in responding to the barriers experienced by people with various disabilities including people with physical, sensory, cognitive and psychological disabilities.
- Council will ensure that all policies and practices that govern the operation of council functions, facilities and services are consistent with Council's policy on access.

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**Outcome 2:** *People with disabilities have the same opportunities as other people to access the buildings and facilities of a public authority.*

- Council will undertake to incorporate the priorities regarding access for people with disabilities, identified during the consultations, into its submission for its capital works improvement program. Modifications will commence as funds are made available.
- Council will undertake to liaise with developers to increase their awareness of the access requirements of people with disabilities.

**Outcome 3:** *People with disabilities receive information from a public authority in a format that will enable them to access the information as readily as other people are able to access it. .*

- Council will produce all of its information on council functions, facilities and services using clear and concise language.
- Council will advise the community that, upon request, information about council functions, facilities and services can be made available in alternative formats, such as large print and audio cassette.

**Outcome 4:** *People with disabilities receive the same level and quality of service from staff of a public authority as other people receive from the staff of that public authority.*

- Council will undertake to ensure that staff are aware of the key access needs of residents with disabilities and people with disabilities who visit the local government area in relation to the provision of all services.
- Where required, council will seek expert advice from the disability field on how to meet the access needs of people with disabilities.

**Outcome 5:** *People with disabilities have the same opportunities as other people to make complaints to a public authority.*

- Council will ensure that information is available in clear and concise language on how residents can participate in decision making processes, public consultations and grievance mechanisms.
- Council will advise the community that this information can be made available in alternative formats upon request.
- Council will also undertake to support people with disabilities to attend meetings of council.

**Outcome 6:** *People with disabilities have the same opportunities as other people to participate in any public consultation by a public authority.*

- Council will ensure public consultation is available to all people.

**Council will ensure the information available for public consultation is clear and concise so all people can be involved in the consultation.**



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### 4. 5. **CONSULTATION PROCESSES**

#### **Initial consultation to develop the plan**

The original Shire of Ashburton Disability Services Plan (referred to as the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan from here) was introduced in April 1996 after consultation with local residents, including persons with disabilities, their families and carers.

In January 2000 and 2006, Council advised the community through advertisements in local newspapers, flyers on community & Shire noticeboards in Tom Price, Paraburdoo, Pannawonica and Onslow of the forthcoming Disability Access and Inclusion Plan Review.

Public submissions were invited on any issues relevant to persons with disabilities, which should be considered in preparation of the Plan Review.

Council Staff did not receive any comments or submissions from any residents or community groups following the advertising of the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan Review and call for public comment.

Council Staff also contacted various community groups to ascertain any special needs relevant to the Plan Review. No specific requirements were received from these groups.

Comment received from the Disability Services Commission was positive in relation to Councils Staff intentions for the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan Review.

The Disability Access and Inclusion Draft Plan was placed on the Shire of Ashburton's webpage with flyers on local community and Shire noticeboards inviting people to raise any issues they may have with the plan. The draft plan was open to the public for five weeks and there were no issues raised.

#### **Ongoing consultation**

Consultation between staff and the community is ongoing to ensure that the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan is relevant to the community and their needs.

The Shire will conduct a minimum of one community consultation meeting each year to assist in the review process and help the Shire meet the requirements of its residents. Council will ensure that any review of the DAIP is advertised in the local newspaper and through its website.

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### 5. OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES IDENTIFIED TO OVERCOME BARRIERS

The following Action Plan proposes a detailed program for the implementation of services and facilities for persons with disabilities.

The Action Plan will be reviewed on an annual basis as part of the budget preparation process between Council's Community Services and Engineering and Development Services Divisions.

The Action Plan is subject to Council approval with respect to identification of funding.

#### 5.1 FACILITIES

FACILITY	ACTION REQUIRED	PROGRES S	COMPLETIO N DATE	RESPONSIBL E OFFICER
<b>Tom Price</b>				
Administration Office	• Provide parking bay for persons with disabilities	Completed	April 1996	EMES
	• Remove ledge at entrance to facilitate access	Completed	April 1996	EMES
	• Install sensor activated door system. Current front door too heavy for wheelchair bound clients to open by themselves. Also door opens outwards	To be included in 2006/2007 Budget	June 2007	B/S
	• Reception desk too high for wheelchair bound clients to access	To be included in 2006/2007 Budget	June 2007	B/S
Library	• Provide ramp access to entrance	Complete	June 1996	EMES
Community Centre	• Provide parking bay for persons with disabilities	Completed	April 1996	EMES
	• Provide ramp access to front entrance	Completed	June 1996	EMES
	• Remove ledges at internal doorways to facilitate access	Completed	June 1996	EMES
	• Provide toilet for persons with disabilities	Completed	June 1996	EMES
	• Repair surrounding paths (uneven surface)	2005/2006 Budget	June 2006	EMES
	• Provide extra lighting outside building & in car park	2005/2006 Budget	June 2006	B/S

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FACILITY	ACTION REQUIRED	PROGRES S	COMPLETIO N DATE	RESPONSIBL E OFFICER
<b>Tom Price (Continued)</b>				
Civic Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide parking bays for persons with disabilities</li> </ul>	Completed	April 1996	EMES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide ramp access to entrances</li> </ul>	Completed	June 1996	EMES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide toilet for persons with disabilities (adj. to existing public toilets)</li> </ul>	Completed	June 2000	P/C
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide hand rail / safety guard between steps and ramp</li> </ul>	2005/2006 Budget	June 2006	B/S
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paint step edges to define for sight impaired persons</li> </ul>	2005/2006 Budget	June 2006	B/S
Sports Pavilion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide parking bays for persons with disabilities</li> </ul>	Completed	April 1996	EMES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide ramp access to rear entrance</li> </ul>	Completed	March 1996	EMES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide toilet for persons with disabilities (adj. to existing public toilets)</li> </ul>	2006/2007 Budget	June 2007	B/S
Tourist Bureau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide ramp access to entrance</li> </ul>	Completed	June 1996	EMES
Central Public Toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide toilet for persons with disabilities (adj. to existing public toilets)</li> </ul>	2005/2006 Budget	June 2006	B/S
Lion's Park Public Toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide toilet for persons with disabilities (adj. to existing public toilets)</li> </ul>	Completed	June 2000	P/C
Oval No. 2 Change rooms / Public Toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Erect sign indicating existing public toilet for persons with disabilities</li> </ul>	Completed	March 1996	EMES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construct pathway to facilitate access from parking area to change rooms / public toilets</li> </ul>	Completed	June 1998	P/C
Area W Change rooms / Public Toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide toilet for persons with disabilities (adj. to existing public toilets)</li> </ul>	2007/2008 Budget	June 2008	B/S
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide ramp access from existing pathway to change room / public toilets</li> </ul>	2007/2008 Budget	June 2008	B/S

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FACILITY	ACTION REQUIRED	PROGRESS	COMPLETION DATE	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER
<b>Tom Price (Continued)</b>				
Swimming Pool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide parking bays for persons with disabilities</li> </ul>	Completed	April 1996	EMES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide ramp access from car park to pool entrance</li> </ul>	Completed	June 1996	P/C
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide toilet for persons with disabilities</li> </ul>	2006/2007 Budget	June 2007	RFM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide hoist or ramp access for persons with disabilities from concourses to pool</li> </ul>	2006/2007 Budget	June 2007	RFM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Widen ramps to facilitate access (currently too narrow)</li> </ul>	2005/2006 Budget	June 2006	RFM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide additional parking bays for persons with disabilities</li> </ul>	2005/2006 Budget	June 2006	EMES
Basketball Courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide ramp access from Civic Centre car park (lower)</li> </ul>	Completed	June 1997	EMES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide extra seating around courts</li> </ul>	2006/2007 Budget	June 2007	RFM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide extra shade / shelter around courts</li> </ul>	2006/2007 Budget	June 2007	RFM
Oval No. 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construct pathways (with ramp access) to facilitate access from roadside / parking area to facilities</li> </ul>	2007/2008 Budget	June 2008	EMES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide extra seating around park grounds</li> </ul>	2007/2008 Budget	June 2008	RFM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide extra shade / shelter around park grounds</li> </ul>	2007/2008 Budget	June 2008	RFM
Oval No. 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construct pathways (with ramp access) to facilitate access from roadside / parking area to facilities</li> </ul>	2007/2008 Budget	June 2008	EMES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide extra seating around park grounds</li> </ul>	2007/2008 Budget	June 2008	RFM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide extra shade / shelter around park grounds</li> </ul>	2007/2008 Budget	June 2008	RFM
Parks / Playgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construct pathways (with ramp access) to facilitate access from roadside / parking areas to facilities</li> </ul>	Completed	June 2000	P/C
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide extra seating around park grounds</li> </ul>	2006/2007 Budget	June 2007	RFM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide extra shade / shelter around park grounds</li> </ul>	2006/2007 Budget	June 2007	RFM

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FACILITY	ACTION REQUIRED	PROGRES S	COMPLETI ON DATE	RESPONSIB LE OFFICER
<b>Tom Price (Continued)</b>				
Doug Talbot Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct pathway (with ramp access) to facilitate access from Entrance No. 2 to toilet block located near Entrance No. 1</li> </ul>	2008/2009 Budget	June 2009	EMES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove barricades from existing pathways to facilitate wheelchair access to toilet block</li> </ul>	2005/2006 Budget	June 2006	EMES
Shopping Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrade existing ramp access from mall to shopping centre</li> </ul>	Completed	June 1997	EMES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resurface pathway between Coles and the furniture shop (surface is currently uneven)</li> </ul>	2006/2007 Budget	June 2007	EMES
Footpaths / Duel Use Paths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide ramp access from road pavement level to existing paths where required</li> </ul>	Completed	June 1999	EMES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Include ramp access from road pavement level in new path construction</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Ongoing	EMES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide ramp access to all paths around town</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Ongoing	EMES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide wheelchair accessible paths where none exist</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Ongoing	EMES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resurface all uneven paths around town</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Ongoing	EMES
Street Lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide additional lighting around town (especially in Area W)</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Ongoing	EMES

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FACILITY	ACTION REQUIRED	PROGRESS	COMPLETION DATE	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER
<b>Paraburdoo</b>				
Administration Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove ledge at entrance to facilitate access</li> </ul>	Accessible	June 1996	EMES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install sensor activated door system. Current front door too heavy for wheelchair bound clients to open by themselves.</li> </ul>	2006/2007 Budget	June 2007	B/S
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reception desk too high for wheelchair bound clients to access</li> </ul>	2006/2007 Budget	June 2007	B/S
Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove ledge at entrance to facilitate access</li> </ul>	Completed	June 1996	EMES
Ashburton Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove ledge at entrance to facilitate access</li> </ul>	Completed	June 1996	EMES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide toilet for persons with disabilities (adj. to existing public toilets)</li> </ul>	Completed	June 1999	P/C
Sports Pavilion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove ledges at entrance to facilitate access</li> </ul>	Completed	June 1996	EMES
Shopping Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide toilet for persons with disabilities (adj. to existing public toilets)</li> </ul>	Completed	June 1999	P/C
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide parking bays (2) for persons with disabilities</li> </ul>	Completed	March 1996	EMES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relocate existing parking bays for persons with disabilities to main section of car park</li> </ul>	2005/2006 Budget	June 2006	EMES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove barricades from pathway around shopping centre complex</li> </ul>	2005/2006 Budget	June 2006	EMES
Swimming Pool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide parking bay for persons with disabilities</li> </ul>	Completed	June 1996	EMES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide ramp access from car park to pool entrance</li> </ul>	Completed	June 1997	EMES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide toilet for persons with disabilities</li> </ul>	Completed	June 1998	P/C
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide access for persons with disabilities from concourses to pools</li> </ul>	Completed	June 2000	P/C

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FACILITY	ACTION REQUIRED	PROGRESS	COMPLETION DATE	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER
<b>Paraburdoo (Continued)</b>				
Swimming Pool (Continued)	• Widen ramps to facilitate access (currently too narrow)	2006/2007 Budget	June 2007	EMES
	• Provide additional parking bays for persons with disabilities	2005/2006 Budget	June 2006	EMES
	• Provide hoist or ramp access for persons with disabilities from concourses to pool	2006/2007 Budget	June 2007	RFM
Main Oval	• Construct pathways (with ramp access) to facilitate access from car parks to facilities	Completed	June 1999	P/C
	• Provide extra seating around park grounds	Ongoing	Ongoing	RFM
	• Provide extra shade / shelter around park grounds	Ongoing	Ongoing	RFM
Oval No. 2	• Construct pathways (with ramp access) to facilitate access from car parks to facilities	Completed	June 1999	P/C
	• Provide extra seating around park grounds	Ongoing	Ongoing	RFM
	• Provide extra shade / shelter around park grounds	June 2008/2009 Budget	June 2009	RFM
Parks / Playgrounds	• Construct pathways (with ramp access) to facilitate access from roadside / car parks to facilities	Ongoing	Ongoing	EMES
	• Provide extra seating around park grounds	Ongoing	Ongoing	RFM
	• Provide extra shade / shelter around park grounds	Ongoing	Ongoing	RFM
Footpaths / Dual Use Paths	• Provide ramp access from pavement level to existing paths where required	Ongoing	Ongoing	EMES
	• Include ramp access from road pavement level in new path construction	Ongoing	Ongoing	EMES
	• Repair pathways (uneven surface)	Ongoing	Ongoing	EMES
Street Lighting	• Provide additional lighting around town	Ongoing	Ongoing	EMES



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FACILITY	ACTION REQUIRED	PROGRESS	COMPLETION DATE	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER
<b>Onslow</b>				
Administration Office / Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove ledge at entrance door to facilitate access</li> </ul>	Completed	Sept 2003	EMDS
Shopping Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide seating near taxi pull-up (in shady area at end of ramp)</li> </ul>	2007/2008 Budget	June 2008	EMES
R. M. Forrest Memorial Hall / Public Toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide parking bay for persons with disabilities</li> </ul>	Completed	May 1996	EMES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide toilet for persons with disabilities (adj. to existing public toilets)</li> </ul>	Completed	Sept 1999	EMDS
Basketball Courts / Change rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide ramp access from road pavement level to facilitate access to change rooms</li> </ul>	Completed	June 1996	EMES
Aerodrome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide parking bay for persons with disabilities</li> </ul>	Currently under reconstruction. Necessary actions will be taken as part of the reconstruction process.		EMES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide ramp access from passenger lounge to apron</li> </ul>			P/C
Parks / Playgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct pathways (with ramp access) to facilitate access from roadside / parking areas to facilities</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Ongoing	STM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide extra seating around park grounds</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Ongoing	STM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide extra shade / shelter around park grounds</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Ongoing	STM
Car parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide parking bays (2) for persons with disabilities on Second Ave in Town Centre</li> </ul>	Completed	June 2001	EMES
Footpaths / Dual Use Paths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide ramp access from pavement level to existing paths where required</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Ongoing	STM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Include ramp access from road pavement level in new path construction</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Ongoing	STM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repair pathways (uneven surface), alternatively mark uneven steps with white paint to highlight for sight impaired persons</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Ongoing	STM
<b>Pannawonica</b>				
Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide parking bay for persons with disabilities</li> </ul>	Completed	April 1996	EMES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide ramp access from car park to front entrance</li> </ul>	Completed	June 1998	EMES
Change rooms / Public Toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide toilet for persons with disabilities adj. to existing toilets</li> </ul>	Completed		P/C
Caravan Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct pathway to public toilets</li> </ul>	Completed	June 1998	P/C

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### 5.2 SERVICES

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE	ACTION REQUIRED	PROGRESS	COMPLETION DUE	RESPONSIBLE OFFICE
Libraries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Story-telling &amp; activities for persons with disabilities</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Ongoing	CMSO
Recreation / Cultural Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities to be designed to cater for persons with disabilities, with input sought from the community and professional organisations</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Ongoing	CMSO
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More emphasis on arts based programs, not just sports</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Ongoing	CMSO
Provision Of Information To The Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing facilities and services available to persons with disabilities to be advertised through local newspapers and Council publications</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Ongoing	CMSO
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New disability services to be advertised as they become available</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Ongoing	CMSO
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information on Council facilities and services to be provided in suitable formats for persons with disabilities (large print, audio, etc)</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Ongoing	CMSO
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council staff to be trained to interact with persons with disabilities</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Ongoing	CMSO

#### Key to Abbreviations

EMDS	Executive Manager Development Services
EMES	Executive Manager Engineering Services
P/C	Planning Committee
B/S	Building Surveyor
CMSO	Community Services Officer
RFM	Recreation Facilities Manager
STM	Supervisor Town Maintenance

## **Disability Services Plan**

### **6. REVIEW AND EVALUATION MECHANISMS**

The Disability Services Planning Committee will meet in 2010 to start planning the disability access and inclusion and as required appraise progress on the implementation of the strategies identified in the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan. The Planning Committee will provide Disability Access and Inclusion Plan status reports to Council in 2010. The status report will also be forwarded to the Disability Services Commission.

The Planning Committee will be responsible for preparation of Annual Budget submissions subject to Council approval for funding allocation. Prior to preparing Budget submissions, a detailed independent audit of all Council facilities and services will be carried out in January of each year and any needs for persons with disabilities not previously identified will be included in the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan. In conjunction with the audit, community input will be sought on the effectiveness of the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan including any perceived additional requirements. Community consultations and/or submissions will be sought through advertisements in local newspapers and Council publications.

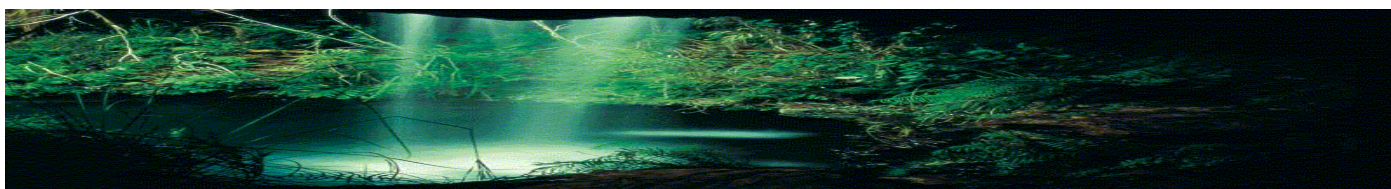
Following Council's formal adoption of the Draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, copies of the Plan will be forwarded to relevant community members and organisations for comment along with the operational plan. Copies of the Plan will be available to other members of the public upon request. Comments on the Plan and the operational plan will be considered by the Planning Committee and incorporated as required.

The Disability Services Plan will be formally reviewed and amended in July each year, taking into account comments from the community, Councillors and staff. Amendments to the Plan will be submitted to Council for formal approval and copies of the updated Plan will be provided to the Disability Services Commission and relevant community organisations.

### **1. COMMUNICATING THE PLAN TO STAFF AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

Each year as plans are amended the Shire of Ashburton will advise both its staff and the community of the availability of the updated plan via the local media, in its own publications and on its website.

The plan will be available at the shire offices in hard copy and electronic format and in alternative formats including by email, on request, it will also be available on the shires website.



## Plan For of the Future

<b>KEY RESULT AREA</b>	Economic Growth and Diversity
<b>PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY</b>	Onslow Aerodrome Improvements
<b>YEAR FIRST PROPOSED</b>	XXXX
<b>ACTIVITY LIFESPAN</b>	Finite
<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	To achieve an all-weather runway and to provide an improved, extended sealed landing surface

### ANTICIPATED OUTCOME RESULTING FROM THE ACTIVITY

- To enable the aerodrome to be used by all aircraft on a twenty four hour per day basis including RFDS and other emergency needs.
- To Increase the safety of the aerodrome.
- To assist in the securing of future investment for the development of Onslow. Onslow is pivotal in the servicing of off-shore natural resource projects and has a tourist industry that would greatly benefit by improved air services.

### COSTS/INCOMES (\$1,000s)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE .....

	2006	2007	2008	2009	Budget Ref
Costs (expenditure) sealing & sub base improvements	1022	0	0	0	
Costs (expenditure) extension	0	0	500	0	
Costs (expenditure) terminal building	0	0	0	0	
Costs (expenditure) ablutions	0	150	0	0	
Income (other than general purpose income) - Loan	500				
- Govt Grants	349	0	250	0	
- Private Contrib.	-				
Nett amount required from general purpose income	174	150	250	0	

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

1. Funding contracts established. Construction time table set to complete project
2. Additional usage of aerodrome from sun down to sun up.
3. Runway extension completed by 2008.

Notes: The Onslow aerodrome improvements could at some point be affected by the proposed BHP development in Onslow requiring alteration to the proposal possibly offset by private contributions to construction work.

## Plan For of the Future

<b>KEY RESULT AREA</b>	Economic Growth and Diversity
<b>PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY</b>	Development of additional land for industry and commerce.
<b>YEAR FIRST PROPOSED</b>	XXXX
<b>ACTIVITY LIFESPAN</b>	Finite
<b>OBJECTIVE:</b>	To provide for the establishment of new industry principally within the townships of Tom Price and Onslow to assist in achieving the Council's broader objective of diversifying the economic base of the Shire.

### ANTICIPATED OUTCOME RESULTING FROM THE ACTIVITY

- Council recognises that strong investment and development can come from the industrial and commercial sector in Tom Price. Initial funding may be available from the sale of Council land in the Tom Price light industrial area which can be used to finance investigate further investigation and development in both Tom Price and Onslow.

#### COSTS/INCOMES (\$1,000s)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE .....

	2006	2007	2008	2009	Budget Ref
Costs (expenditure)	200	-	-	-	
Income (other than general purpose income)					
Sale of Land	200	-	-	-	
Reserve Funds	0				
Nett amount required from general purpose income	0	-	-	-	

#### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

1. New industrial development at Tom Price.
2. Establishment of a Reserve Fund to assist in financing roads and utility costs associated with the further subdivision at Tom Price and Onslow with recoup of moneys through sale of land.
3. New industrial/commercial development at Onslow.

*Note: the provision of land beyond 2004/2005 could be subject to negotiations between Pilbara Iron and the State Government so has not been included at this time.*

## Plan For of the Future

<b>KEY RESULT AREA</b>	Economic Growth and Diversity
<b>YEAR FIRST PROPOSED</b>	XXXX
<b>ACTIVITY LIFESPAN</b>	Finite
<b>PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY</b>	To redevelop and refurbish the shopping precincts throughout the Shire of Ashburton in accordance with townscape development plans.
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	To create pleasant and functional environments that will act as focal points for the towns and provide greater opportunity for retail and commercial development.

### ANTICIPATED OUTCOME RESULTING FROM THE ACTIVITY

- The mining towns in the Shire were built thirty to forty years ago and at that time were constructed with finite lives that have since been passed. The infrastructure is aging and the shopping centres are feeling the affect of time, neglect and a design that was to cater for residents of closed mining towns. Redevelopment will unleash the potential that now exists with tourism, it will capture a greater percentage of resident retail spending, and with the expected growth in resource development cater for the additional life that has now been granted to the towns.

### COSTS/INCOMES (\$1,000s)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE .....

	2006	2007	2008	2009	Budget Ref
Costs (expenditure)	100				
Income (other than general purpose income) - Pilbara Iron	32				
- Reserve	26				
- Grant	32				
Nett amount required from general purpose income	0				

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

1. Public reaction.
2. Retail activity.
3. Visitor numbers.

**Note: Although there will be expenditure on this activity in future years an accurate budget has yet to be determined and possible income is still being sourced.**

## Plan For of the Future

<b>KEY RESULT AREA</b>	Economic Growth and Diversity
<b>PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY</b>	Redevelop the Onslow Town Centre in accordance with the Onslow Townscape Development Plan.
<b>YEAR FIRST PROPOSED</b>	XXXX
<b>ACTIVITY LIFESPAN</b>	Finite
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	To create a pleasant and functional environment that will act as a focus for the township.

### ANTICIPATED OUTCOME RESULTING FROM THE ACTIVITY

- Onslow is an historic town that has grown over time with little or no thought for planning issues as they relate to retail or commercial centres. Focussing the retail and commercial development on a designated precinct within Second Avenue will benefit the growth and further this sector.

### COSTS/INCOMES (\$1,000s)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE .....

	2006	2007	2008	2009	Budget Ref
Costs (expenditure)	100	100	100	100	
Income (other than general purpose income) - Govt Grant	50	50	50	50	
Nett amount required from general purpose income	50	50	50	50	

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Works Progress
- Public reaction.
- Retail activity.
- Visitor numbers.



## Plan For of the Future

<b>KEY RESULT AREA</b>	Economic Development and Diversity
<b>PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY</b>	Support and promote business development with the intention of broadening the economic base of the Shire.
<b>YEAR FIRST PROPOSED</b>	XXXX
<b>ACTIVITY LIFESPAN</b>	Ongoing
<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	To create an economic development plan in consultation with stakeholders. To develop initiatives and feasibility plans to encourage major investment in tourism accommodation infrastructure.

### ANTICIPATED OUTCOME RESULTING FROM THE ACTIVITY

- The development of business opportunities that provide economic growth, employment and a broader economic base

#### COSTS/INCOMES (\$1,000s)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE .....

	2006	2007	2008	2009	Budget Ref
Costs (expenditure)	40				
Income (other than general purpose income) -					
Grants	-				
WATC	-				
Pilbara Development Commission	20				
Nett amount required from general purpose income	20				

#### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

1. Number and nature of new economic opportunities identified
2. New economic activity stimulated.
3. Extent of activities will largely depend on external funding.

## Plan For of the Future

<b>KEY RESULT AREA</b>	Economic Growth and Diversity
<b>PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY</b>	Tourism Promotion through strategic infrastructure provision
<b>YEAR FIRST PROPOSED</b>	XXXX
<b>ACTIVITY LIFESPAN</b>	Ongoing with the identification of new infrastructure requirements
<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	Construct entry statements for Onslow and Tom Price - 2005 Construct new public toilets near Tom Price Visitor Centre – 2005 Determine priorities for other infrastructure for 2006 and beyond.

### ANTICIPATED OUTCOME RESULTING FROM THE ACTIVITY

- Improved infrastructure which supports tourism activity
- Encouraging tourists to increase length of stay

**COSTS/INCOMES (\$1,000s)**

**YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE .....**

	2006	2007	2008	2009	Budget Ref
Costs (expenditure)	250	200	200	200	
Income (other than general purpose income)					
Pilbara Iron	170				
Govt Grant	30				
Nett amount required from general purpose income	50				

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

1. Volume of tourists.
2. Ability of Local Visitor Centres to be self sustaining, without Council assistance.
3. Private expenditure on tourism development.

***Note: Although there is anticipated expenditure for providing infrastructure in future years the funding sources have yet to be examined.***

## Plan For of the Future

**KEY RESULT AREA**                      Quality Lifestyle and Social Well Being

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY**                Pannawonica Community Development.

**YEAR FIRST PROPOSED**            XXXX

**ACTIVITY LIFESPAN**                Ongoing

**OBJECTIVE**                            To provide assistance to community groups and organisations.

**ANTICIPATED OUTCOME RESULTING FROM THE ACTIVITY**

The provision of a part time community development officer is anticipated to result in increased participation by community groups and individuals in the Pannawonica community and greater awareness of Council activities.

This initiative of Council was being funded for the first time in 2004/2005.

**COSTS/INCOMES (\$1,000s)**

**YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE .....**

	2006	2007	2008	2009	Budget Ref
Costs (expenditure)	40	40	40	40	
Income (other than general purpose income)    -	0	0	0	0	
Nett amount required from general purpose income	40	40	40	40	

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

1. Customer satisfaction.
2. Increased grant attraction.
3. Improved maintenance of Council facilities.

## Plan For of the Future

<b>KEY RESULT AREA</b>	Quality Lifestyle and Social Well Being
<b>PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY</b>	Development of Bicycle/Multi-Use Paths.
<b>YEAR FIRST PROPOSED</b>	XXXX
<b>ACTIVITY LIFESPAN</b>	Ongoing
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	To Maintain and enhance the bicycle and pedestrian traffic networks throughout communities in a way which facilitates safe use of these networks safe and minimises conflict between users.

### ANTICIPATED OUTCOME RESULTING FROM THE ACTIVITY

- Construction of a network of dual use footpaths which meet community expectations and are built to appropriate standards. The pathways play a key role in Council's commitment to lifestyle activities for all family members. They also provide greater access and links that encourage people into shopping centres, entertainment and recreational areas.
- One identified pathway is the connection of the Tom Price Tourist Park and a major recreational area of Kings Lake with the town centre of Tom Price. This pathway would serve as a major tourist attraction as the anticipated route would take in the views of Mount Nameless and the associated landscapes. A viewing platform for photography enthusiasts could also be constructed adjacent to the railway line.

### COSTS/INCOMES (\$1,000s)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE .....

	2006	2007	2008	2009	Budget Ref
Costs (expenditure)	0	150	150	150	
Income (other than general purpose income) -Govt Grants	0	50	50	50	
Nett amount required from general purpose income	0	100	100	100	

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

1. Community satisfaction
2. Completion of works within time frames.
3. Community satisfaction with facilities when complete.

*NB: Works may only proceed if funding from external sources is secured.*

## Plan For of the Future

<b>KEY RESULT AREA</b>	Quality Lifestyle and Social Well Being
<b>PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY</b>	Swimming Pools Enhancements
<b>YEAR FIRST PROPOSED</b>	XXXX
<b>ACTIVITY LIFESPAN</b>	Finite
<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	To maintain and improve existing aquatic facilities in Tom Price and Paraburadoo. To determine the long term requirements of Tom Price, Paraburadoo and Onslow with regard to the provision of swimming pools.

### ANTICIPATED OUTCOME RESULTING FROM THE ACTIVITY

- Increased patronage at aquatic facilities
- Greater range of recreation and programming options particularly for youth
- Increased levels of general physical fitness within the community

### COSTS/INCOMES (\$1,000s)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE .....

	2006	2007	2008	2009	Budget Ref
Costs (expenditure)		900			Various
Income (other than general purpose income)					
- Loan Funds		300			
- Govt Grant		300			
- Private Contrib.		300			
Nett amount required from general purpose income					

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

1. Number of people using the facilities
2. Community satisfaction with facilities
3. Level of subsidisation of facilities by Council

*Note: This would only proceed if the external funding sources are secured.*

## Plan For of the Future

<b>KEY RESULT AREA</b>	Quality Lifestyle and Social Well Being
<b>PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY</b>	Services to Aboriginal Communities
<b>YEAR FIRST PROPOSED</b>	XXXX
<b>ACTIVITY LIFESPAN</b>	Ongoing
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	To ensure the equitable delivery of services to Aboriginal Communities in accordance with Council's capacity to do so.

### ANTICIPATED OUTCOME RESULTING FROM THE ACTIVITY

- Improved living standards within Aboriginal communities
- Integration of Aboriginal communities into mainstream service delivery efforts.

### COSTS/INCOMES (\$1,000s)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE .....

	2006	2007	2008	2009	Budget Ref
Costs (expenditure)	148	148	148	148	Various
Income (other than general purpose income)	100	100	100	100	
Nett amount required from general purpose income	48	48	48	48	

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

1. Customer satisfaction within Aboriginal communities
2. Improved health standards within communities

## Plan For of the Future

<b>KEY RESULT AREA</b>	Quality Lifestyle and Social Well Being
<b>PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY</b>	Determine short, medium and long term plans for the delivery of services and facilities required by senior residents of the Shire.
<b>YEAR FIRST PROPOSED</b>	2005
<b>ACTIVITY LIFESPAN</b>	Finite
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	To determine what is required to encourage senior residents to reside in the Shire of Ashburton and to adequately provide for those senior residents who already choose to do so.

### ANTICIPATED OUTCOME RESULTING FROM THE ACTIVITY

- Inclusion in future budgets of infrastructure, community services and social programs.

### COSTS/INCOMES (\$1,000s)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE .....

	2006	2007	2008	2009	Budget Ref
Costs (expenditure)	20	0	0	0	
Income (other than general purpose income)					
Nett amount required from general purpose income	20	0	0	0	

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

1. Retention of senior residents who would otherwise have retired in other locations.
2. Improved quality of life for those senior residents already choosing to retire in the Shire of Ashburton.
3. Creation of extended families thereby encouraging greater population retention overall.

## Plan For of the Future

<b>KEY RESULT AREA</b>	Quality Lifestyle and Social Well Being
<b>PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY</b>	Provision of new sports pavilion at the Paraburdoo sports Ground.
<b>YEAR FIRST PROPOSED</b>	2005
<b>ACTIVITY LIFESPAN</b>	Finite
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	To enhance sporting facilities in Paraburdoo.

### ANTICIPATED OUTCOME RESULTING FROM THE ACTIVITY

- Provision of an alternative location for after sport functions.
- Possible attraction of more sporting events.

### COSTS/INCOMES (\$1,000s)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE .....

	2006	2007	2008	2009	Budget Ref
Costs (expenditure)	700				
Income (other than general purpose income)					
Community	20				
Pilbara Iron	680				
Nett amount required from general purpose income	0				

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

1. Usage by sporting groups.
2. attraction of events to Paraburdoo

Note: The \$20,000 contribution by the community is for the planning or architectural stage of the project.



## Plan For of the Future

**KEY RESULT AREA**                      Quality Lifestyle and Social Well Being

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY**                To facilitate the provision of an Auto Teller Machine in Paraburadoo.

**YEAR FIRST PROPOSED**            2005

**ACTIVITY LIFESPAN**                Finite

**OBJECTIVE**                            To provide a reliable source of cash for residents out of hours.

**ANTICIPATED OUTCOME RESULTING FROM THE ACTIVITY**

- Less reliance on businesses to act as defacto banks.
- Convenience to the communtiy.

**COSTS/INCOMES (\$1,000s)**

**YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE .....**

	2006	2007	2008	2009	Budget Ref
Costs (expenditure)	0	0	0	0	
Income (other than general purpose income)					
Nett amount required from general purpose income	0	0	0	0	

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

1. Provision of Auto Teller Machine
2. Customer satisfaction

Note: This is a facilitation role for Council and requires no financial input.

## Plan For of the Future

<b>KEY RESULT AREA</b>	Quality Lifestyle and Social Well Being
<b>PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY</b>	Upgrade and provide safety and shade to community play ground equipment and areas through the Shire.
<b>YEAR FIRST PROPOSED</b>	XXXX
<b>ACTIVITY LIFESPAN</b>	Finite
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	To provide safe and secure playground areas for families.

### ANTICIPATED OUTCOME RESULTING FROM THE ACTIVITY

- Council mindful of the number of families living in the Shire, particularly those with young children.
- Children require safe and secure areas in which to play with pristine equipment and facilities.

### COSTS/INCOMES (\$1,000s)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE .....

	2006	2007	2008	2009	Budget Ref
Costs (expenditure)	15	15	15	15	
Income (other than general purpose income)					
Nett amount required from general purpose income	15	15	15	15	

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

3. Customer satisfaction
4. Absence of incidents

## Plan For of the Future

<b>KEY RESULT AREA</b>	Environment Management and Ecological Sustainability
<b>PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY</b>	Conservation of Old Onslow Townsite
<b>YEAR FIRST PROPOSED</b>	XXXX
<b>ACTIVITY LIFESPAN</b>	Ongoing
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	Conservation and preservation of the Old Onslow Townsite is a significant tourism opportunity, it secures a vital social link between the old town and the new town and preserves part of the important heritage of the Shire of Ashburton.

### ANTICIPATED OUTCOME RESULTING FROM THE ACTIVITY

- Preservation of the townsite for the benefit and enjoyment of current and future generations as a significant tourist icon and historical record.

#### COSTS/INCOMES (\$1,000s)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE .....

	2006	2007	2008	2009	Budget Ref
Costs (expenditure)	30	80	80	80	5307
Income (other than general purpose income)      Govt Grant	15	40	40	40	2339
Nett amount required from general purpose income	15	40	40	40	

#### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

1. Timely implementation of preservation and improvement works.
2. Visitor numbers.

## Plan For of the Future

<b>KEY RESULT AREA</b>	Environmental Management & Ecological Sustainability
<b>PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY</b>	Waste Management
<b>YEAR FIRST PROPOSED</b>	XXXX
<b>ACTIVITY LIFESPAN</b>	Finite
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	To plan for the timely development of required waste disposal facilities at Onslow, Paraburdoo and Tom Price in line with community expectations and legislative requirements.

### ANTICIPATED OUTCOME RESULTING FROM THE ACTIVITY

- A new rubbish disposal facility in Onslow (first priority).
- A new rubbish disposal facility for Tom Price (second priority).

### COSTS/INCOMES (\$1,000s)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE .....

	2006	2007	2008	2009	Budget Ref
Costs (expenditure)	50	50	1000	0	
Income (other than general purpose income)					
- Reserve Funds			1000	0	
- Loan Funds					
Nett amount required from general purpose income	50	50			

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

1. Customer satisfaction.
2. Compliance with regulations.

## Plan For of the Future

<b>KEY RESULT AREA</b>	Environmental Management & Ecological Sustainability
<b>PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY</b>	Waste Water Re-Use Strategy
<b>YEAR FIRST PROPOSED</b>	XXXX
<b>ACTIVITY LIFESPAN</b>	Finite
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	To plan for the re-use of treated waste water to enhance the appearance of the Shire towns and reduce the dependence on scheme water.

### ANTICIPATED OUTCOME RESULTING FROM THE ACTIVITY

Enhanced town-site areas, sporting facilities and reduced scheme water use.

### COSTS/INCOMES (\$1,000s)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE .....

	2006	2007	2008	2009	Budget Ref
Costs (expenditure)	50	0	1000		
Income (other than general purpose income)					
- Pilbara Iron	50	0	500		
- Govt Grants	0	0	500		
Nett amount required from general purpose income	0	0	0		

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

1. Planning for and work commenced.
2. Customer satisfaction.
3. Compliance with regulations.
4. Improved sporting facilities.

**Note: The (estimated) capital expenditure listed for 2008 is entirely dependant on the feasibility study being completed in 2006 and then sourcing external funding for the works.**

## Plan For of the Future

<b>KEY RESULT AREA</b>	Best Practice Local Government
<b>PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY</b>	The purchase, installation and implementation of an Asset/Business Management System, including the upgrading of information for the ROMAN (Road inventory) system and the plant replacement process.
<b>YEAR FIRST PROPOSED</b>	XXXX
<b>ACTIVITY LIFESPAN</b>	Finite
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	To identify and record the condition of all the Shire's physical assets and prepare financial and maintenance plans covering their repair, replacement and funding requirements.

### ANTICIPATED OUTCOME RESULTING FROM THE ACTIVITY

- Development of a long term Assets/Business Management Plan that complies with statutory requirements.
- Improved performance of the ROMAN system that will ensure better performance in acquiring grant funds.
- Maintaining a better standard of Shire assets that will assist in maintaining the desirability of the Shire towns as a place to live and in turn increase the attraction of the Shire as a destination for tourists.

### COSTS/INCOMES (\$1,000s)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE .....

	2006	2007	2008	2009	Budget Ref
Costs (expenditure)	100	20	20	20	3676
Income (other than general purpose income) -	-	-	-	-	
Nett amount required from general purpose income	100	20	20	20	

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

1. Timely asset disposal or maintenance.
2. Customer satisfaction.

## Plan For of the Future

**KEY RESULT AREA** Best Practice Local Government

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY** Plant Replacement Program

**YEAR FIRST PROPOSED** XXXX

**ACTIVITY LIFESPAN** Ongoing

**OBJECTIVE** The timely replacement of Council plant.

**ANTICIPATED OUTCOME RESULTING FROM THE ACTIVITY**

All plant replacements are funded from reserves

**COSTS/INCOMES (\$1,000s)**

**YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE .....**

	2006	2007	2008	2009	Budget Ref
Costs (expenditure)	1,000	300	300	300	
Income (other than general purpose income)					
- Trade in	150	75	75	75	
Nett amount required from general purpose income	850	225	225	225	

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

1. Optimum cost effectiveness in the replacement program.

## Plan For of the Future

<b>KEY RESULT AREA</b>	Best Practice Local Government
<b>PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY</b>	Implementation of the Staff Housing Plan
<b>YEAR FIRST PROPOSED</b>	XXXX
<b>ACTIVITY LIFESPAN</b>	Ongoing
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	To establish and maintain the optimum number of staff houses to a contemporary standard acceptable to the employees and their families.

### ANTICIPATED OUTCOME RESULTING FROM THE ACTIVITY

Houses that meet the expectations of staff and support Council's efforts in attracting and retaining high quality staff

### COSTS/INCOMES (\$1,000s)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE .....

	2006	2007	2008	2009	Budget Ref
Costs (expenditure)					Various
-Renovations	260	260	260	260	
-Purchases					
-Loan Payments					
-Transfers to Reserves					
Income (other than general purpose income)					Various
- Loan Funds	0	0	0	0	
- Sales	0	0	0	0	
- Reserve Interest	0	0	0	0	
- Reserves	260	260	260	260	
Nett amount required from general purpose income	0	0	0	0	

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

1. Achieve a self supporting financial system for housing maintenance.
2. Staff satisfaction and retention.

**Note: Reserves are replenished through rentals and housing subsidies.**



## Plan For of the Future

<b>KEY RESULT AREA</b>	Improved Services and Infrastructure
<b>PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY</b>	Street Lighting
<b>YEAR FIRST PROPOSED</b>	XXXX
<b>ACTIVITY LIFESPAN</b>	Finite
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	To provide and maintain street lighting in the townships of Onslow, Tom Price and Paraburdoo which meets the expectations of the general community.

### ANTICIPATED OUTCOME RESULTING FROM THE ACTIVITY

- To identify through safety audits the optimum location for street lighting.
- To enhance the safety of townships throughout the Shire through provision of lights on the main pedestrian routes through the town areas.

### COSTS/INCOMES (\$1,000s)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE .....

	2006	2007	2008	2009	Budget Ref
Costs (expenditure)	30	50	250	250	
Income (other than general purpose income)	-	-			
- Other			250	250	
Net amount required from general purpose income	30	50	-	-	

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

1. Rate of installation of lights.
2. Effectiveness and community satisfaction with lighting provided.
3. Compliance with new Australian/New Zealand standards for street lighting.

*Note: This is a finite item as it would be anticipated that all new streets throughout the Shire would be constructed with adequate lighting provided at the time by the developer.*

## Plan For of the Future

<b>KEY RESULT AREA</b>	Improved Services and Infrastructure
<b>PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY</b>	Streets and Roads Capital Works
<b>YEAR FIRST PROPOSED</b>	XXXX
<b>ACTIVITY LIFESPAN</b>	Ongoing
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	To enhance the streets and roads throughout the Shire thereby providing suitable access to all property.

### ANTICIPATED OUTCOME RESULTING FROM THE ACTIVITY

- Improvement of streets and roads to a standard which meets community and business expectations.
- Our roads are a vital asset which supports all Shire businesses and if not maintained to a suitable standard and improved as required will have a detrimental affect on the local economy.

### COSTS/INCOMES (\$1,000s)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE .....

	2006	2007	2008	2009	Budget Ref
Costs (expenditure)	2000	2000	2000	2000	Various
Income (other than general purpose income) -Govt Grants	1500	1500	1500	1500	
Nett amount required from general purpose income	500	500	500	500	

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

1. Community and business satisfaction
2. Completion of works within time frames.

*NB: Works may only proceed if funding from external sources is secured. Grant sources include Federal, Regional and Direct Road Grants.*

## Plan For of the Future

<b>KEY RESULT AREA</b>	Improved Services and Infrastructure
<b>PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY</b>	Onslow Emergency Services Multipurpose Sports Facility
<b>YEAR FIRST PROPOSED</b>	XXXX
<b>ACTIVITY LIFESPAN</b>	Finite
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	To provide an evacuation centre which can be used for a variety of indoor recreational and/or community activities for the people of Onslow.

### ANTICIPATED OUTCOME RESULTING FROM THE ACTIVITY

- It is crucial to provide a safe environment to evacuate the community of Onslow in the event of a cyclone or tidal surge.
- An indoor multi purpose facility for the Onslow community consistent with Council's commitment to lifestyle activities.

### COSTS/INCOMES (\$1,000s)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE .....

	2006	2007	2008	2009	Budget Ref
Costs (expenditure)	800				3644
Income (other than general purpose income) - - Govt Grants	600				
- Other	100				
Nett amount required from general purpose income	100				

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

1. Timely construction of Facility by June 2007.
2. Community satisfaction with facilities when complete.

*Works will only proceed if government grants or other external funding sources are forthcoming.*

## Plan For of the Future

<b>KEY RESULT AREA</b>	Improved Services and Infrastructure
<b>PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY</b>	New Shire Office, Civic Centre, Tourist and Library Centre
<b>YEAR FIRST PROPOSED</b>	2004
<b>ACTIVITY LIFESPAN</b>	Finite
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	To provide a functional business and community centre satisfying the requirements of the Council, community and visitors.

### ANTICIPATED OUTCOME RESULTING FROM THE ACTIVITY

- Functional office and meeting space.
- Central location for library and visitor centre in relation to the shopping centre/main street of Tom Price.
- Focussing the activities associated with the proposed centre would bring many extra potential shoppers and visitors to the heart of the shopping precinct and have a positive impact of the economics of the area.
- The proposal would also free the area currently used by the Visitor Centre and Community Centre creating opportunities for redevelopment.

### COSTS/INCOMES (\$1,000s)

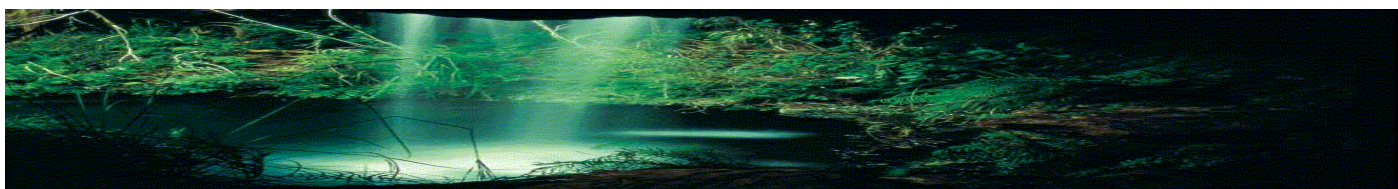
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE .....

	2006	2007	2008	2008	Budget Ref
Costs (expenditure)		4000			
Income (other than general purpose income) - Reserve Funds					
Land Swap/Sale		1000			
Govt Grants		1000			
Loans		2000			
Nett amount required from general purpose income					

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

1. Timely construction of Facility by 2007.
3. Community and Council satisfaction with facilities when complete.

*Works will only proceed if government grants or other funding sources through the redevelopment of the Tom Price Town Centre are forthcoming.*



## **Annual Financial Statements**

For the year ended 30 June 2006

**APPENDIX 1 - BDO Letters**  
**APPENDIX 2 - Annual Financial Report**



## **Independent audit report to the electors of the Shire of Ashburton**

### **Scope**

#### *The financial report and Council's responsibility*

The financial report comprises the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows and accompanying notes to the financial statements for the Shire of Ashburton for the year ended 30 June 2006.

Council is responsible for the preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995. 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 electors of the Shire. 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 1995, including compliance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia, a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Shire'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 Council.

While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and extent 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.

**Audit Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial report presents, fairly in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995, the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements, the financial position of the Shire of Ashburton as at 30th June 2006 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.

**Other Matters**

In accordance with the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996, we also report that:

- (a) There are no material matters that in our opinion indicate significant adverse trends in the financial position or the financial management practices of the Shire.
- (b) There were no matters indicating non-compliance with Part 6 of the Local Government Act 1995, the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 or applicable financial controls of any other written law were noted during the course of our audit.
- (c) All necessary information and explanations were obtained by ourselves.
- (d) All audit procedures were satisfactorily completed in conducting our audit.

**BDO KENDALLS AUDIT & ASSURANCE (WA) PTY LTD**

BDO Kendalls



**GLYN O'BRIEN**

Director

DATE: 1 May 2007  
PERTH, WA

**SHIRE OF ASHBURTON**  
**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2006**

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**SHIRE OF ASHBURTON**  
**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2006**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995**  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 1996**

**STATEMENT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

The attached financial report of the Shire of Ashburton being the annual financial report and other information for the financial year ended 30th June 2006 are in my opinion properly drawn up to present fairly the financial position of the Shire of Ashburton at 30th June 2006 and the results of the operations for the financial year then ended in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and comply with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulations under that Act.

Signed on the 1 day of May 2007.



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Keith Pearson  
Chief Executive Officer

**SHIRE OF ASHBURTON**

**INCOME STATEMENT**

**BY NATURE OR TYPE**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2006**

	NOTE	2006 \$	2006 Budget \$	2005 \$
<b>REVENUES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES</b>				
Rates	22	3,694,057	3,622,168	3,418,015
Grants and Subsidies	28	3,602,853	3,846,561	3,806,244
Contributions Reimbursements and Donations		408,340	109,145	453,951
Fees and Charges	27	1,838,848	1,867,989	1,542,374
Interest Earnings	2(a)	252,532	140,000	280,574
Other Revenue		<u>35,778</u>	<u>161,450</u>	<u>59,802</u>
		<u>9,832,408</u>	<u>9,747,313</u>	<u>9,560,960</u>
<b>EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES</b>				
Employee Costs		(4,189,402)	(4,449,482)	(5,024,539)
Materials and Contracts		(2,454,933)	(2,500,000)	(2,107,277)
Utilities		(506,714)	(405,000)	(459,883)
Depreciation	2(a)	(2,621,126)	(2,552,600)	(2,626,164)
Interest Expenses	2(a)	(145,529)	(146,337)	(148,784)
Insurance		(503,345)	(425,000)	(379,410)
Other Expenditure		<u>(357,747)</u>	<u>(114,605)</u>	<u>(338,666)</u>
		<u>(10,778,796)</u>	<u>(10,593,024)</u>	<u>(11,084,723)</u>
Grants and Subsidies - non-operating	28	1,193,116	3,600,680	2,542,811
Profit on Asset Disposals	20	243,731	0	23,232
Loss on Asset Disposals	20	<u>(908,251)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(2,877)</u>
<b>NET RESULT</b>		<u>(417,792)</u>	<u>2,754,969</u>	<u>1,039,403</u>

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

**SHIRE OF ASHBURTON**

**INCOME STATEMENT**

**BY PROGRAM**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2006**

	NOTE	2006 \$	2006 Budget \$	2005 \$
<b>REVENUES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES</b>				
Governance		12,059	8,650	92,687
General Purpose Funding		7,131,458	6,969,053	6,598,220
Law, Order, Public Safety		181,606	653,049	144,840
Health		115,413	209,312	163,356
Education and Welfare		25,133	6,000	135,722
Housing		279,931	297,856	421,382
Community Amenities		991,877	1,050,818	889,590
Recreation and Culture		311,732	1,717,500	1,488,444
Transport		1,398,728	1,882,160	1,598,924
Economic Services		391,936	405,095	437,720
Other Property and Services		429,382	148,500	156,118
	2 (a)	<u>11,269,255</u>	<u>13,347,993</u>	<u>12,127,003</u>
<b>EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES EXCLUDING BORROWING COSTS EXPENSE</b>				
Governance		(775,564)	(927,786)	(861,756)
General Purpose Funding		(304,545)	(411,286)	(163,756)
Law, Order, Public Safety		(470,704)	(496,781)	(498,509)
Health		(232,169)	(382,538)	(345,542)
Education and Welfare		(34,950)	(70,387)	(336,128)
Housing		(637,511)	(457,028)	(428,635)
Community Amenities		(1,541,788)	(1,191,938)	(1,229,270)
Recreation & Culture		(2,612,038)	(2,346,183)	(2,697,205)
Transport		(4,220,341)	(3,267,994)	(2,938,279)
Economic Services		(614,599)	(791,543)	(771,241)
Other Property and Services		(97,309)	(103,223)	(668,495)
	2 (a)	<u>(11,541,518)</u>	<u>(10,446,687)</u>	<u>(10,938,816)</u>
<b>BORROWING COSTS EXPENSE</b>				
Governance		(2,732)	(3,192)	(3,793)
Law, Order, Public Safety		(15,580)	(16,283)	(16,995)
Housing		(53,835)	(53,989)	(55,850)
Community Amenities		(32,258)	(31,231)	(26,950)
Recreation & Culture		0	(1,759)	0
Transport		(38,647)	(39,528)	(42,567)
Economic Services		(258)	(355)	(526)
Other Property and Services		(2,219)	0	(2,103)
	2 (a)	<u>(145,529)</u>	<u>(146,337)</u>	<u>(148,784)</u>
<b>NET RESULT</b>		<u>(417,792)</u>	<u>2,754,969</u>	<u>1,039,403</u>

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

**SHIRE OF ASHBURTON**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 30TH JUNE 2006**

	NOTE	2006 \$	2005 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3	3,162,771	3,405,732
Trade and Other Receivables	4	778,135	988,835
Inventories	5	21,317	35,854
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>3,962,223</u>	<u>4,430,421</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Other Receivables	4	11,002	11,002
Property, Plant and Equipment	6	11,903,113	11,438,613
Infrastructure	7	67,107,147	68,075,299
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>79,021,262</u>	<u>79,524,914</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>82,983,485</u>	<u>83,955,335</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and Other Payables	8	420,476	1,115,633
Borrowings	9	220,524	213,255
Provisions	10	196,798	255,830
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>837,798</u>	<u>1,584,718</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Long Term Borrowings	9	2,393,488	2,315,263
Provisions	10	210,405	95,768
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>2,603,893</u>	<u>2,411,031</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>3,441,691</u>	<u>3,995,749</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>79,541,794</u>	<u>79,959,586</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained Surplus		77,630,068	78,047,860
Reserves - Cash Backed	11	1,470,364	1,470,364
Reserves - Asset Revaluation	12	441,362	441,362
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>79,541,794</u>	<u>79,959,586</u>

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

**SHIRE OF ASHBURTON**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2006**

	NOTE	2006 \$	2005 \$
<b>RETAINED SURPLUS</b>			
Balance as at 1 July 2005		78,047,860	76,744,077
Net Result		(417,792)	1,039,403
Transfer from/(to) Reserves		0	264,380
Balance as at 30 June 2006		<u>77,630,068</u>	<u>78,047,860</u>
<b>RESERVES - CASH BACKED</b>			
Balance as at 1 July 2005		1,470,364	1,734,744
Amount Transferred (to)/from Retained Surplus		0	(264,380)
Balance as at 30 June 2006	11	<u>1,470,364</u>	<u>1,470,364</u>
<b>RESERVES - ASSET REVALUATION</b>			
Balance as at 1 July 2005		441,362	441,362
Revaluation Increment		0	0
Revaluation Decrement		0	0
Balance as at 30 June 2006	12	<u>441,362</u>	<u>441,362</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u><u>79,541,794</u></u>	<u><u>79,959,586</u></u>

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

**SHIRE OF ASHBURTON  
CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2006**

	NOTE	2006 \$	2006 Budget \$	2005 \$
<b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities</b>				
<b>Receipts</b>				
Rates		3,694,057	3,722,168	3,149,875
Grants and Subsidies - operating		3,602,853	4,420,884	4,881,647
Contributions, Reimbursements & Donations		408,340	109,145	462,531
Fees and Charges		2,188,398	1,887,989	1,763,659
Interest Earnings		252,532	140,000	280,574
Goods and Services Tax		521,004	1,012,000	672,257
Other		40,871	161,450	59,802
		<u>10,708,055</u>	<u>11,453,636</u>	<u>11,270,345</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Employee Costs		(4,133,797)	(4,452,960)	(4,992,287)
Materials and Contracts		(3,137,204)	(2,539,320)	(2,510,349)
Utilities (gas, electricity, water, etc)		(506,714)	(405,000)	(459,883)
Insurance		(503,345)	(425,000)	(379,410)
Interest		(145,529)	(146,337)	(148,784)
Goods and Services Tax		(659,854)	(992,000)	(734,623)
Other		(362,440)	(114,605)	(338,666)
		<u>(9,448,883)</u>	<u>(9,075,222)</u>	<u>(9,564,002)</u>
<b>Net Cash Provided By (Used In)</b>				
<b>Operating Activities</b>	13(b)	<u>1,259,172</u>	<u>2,378,414</u>	<u>1,706,343</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>				
Payments for Purchase of Property, Plant & Equipment		(1,590,231)	(4,878,007)	(432,537)
Payments for Construction of Infrastructure		(1,476,155)	(4,601,326)	(2,824,816)
Grants/Contributions for the Development of Assets		1,193,116	3,600,680	2,542,811
Proceeds from Sale of Plant & Equipment		284,392	496,300	28,597
		<u>(1,588,878)</u>	<u>(5,382,353)</u>	<u>(685,945)</u>
<b>Net Cash Provided By (Used In)</b>				
<b>Investing Activities</b>		<u>(1,588,878)</u>	<u>(5,382,353)</u>	<u>(685,945)</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>				
Repayment of Debentures		(213,255)	(234,698)	(191,647)
Proceeds from Self Supporting Loans		0	0	3,100
Proceeds from New Debentures		300,000	1,130,000	428,000
<b>Net Cash Provided By (Used In)</b>				
<b>Financing Activities</b>		<u>86,745</u>	<u>895,302</u>	<u>239,453</u>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held</b>		(242,961)	(2,108,637)	1,259,851
Cash at Beginning of Year		3,405,732	2,945,408	2,145,881
<b>Cash at End of Year</b>	13(a)	<u><u>3,162,771</u></u>	<u><u>836,771</u></u>	<u><u>3,405,732</u></u>

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

**SHIRE OF ASHBURTON**  
**RATE SETTING STATEMENT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2006**

	NOTE	2006 \$	2006 Budget \$
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Governance		12,059	8,650
General Purpose Funding		3,437,401	3,346,885
Law, Order, Public Safety		181,606	653,049
Health		115,413	209,312
Education and Welfare		25,133	6,000
Housing		279,931	297,856
Community Amenities		991,877	1,050,818
Recreation and Culture		311,732	1,717,500
Transport		1,398,728	1,882,160
Economic Services		391,936	405,095
Other Property and Services		429,382	148,500
		<u>7,575,198</u>	<u>9,725,825</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Governance		-778,296	-930,978
General Purpose Funding		-304,545	-411,286
Law, Order, Public Safety		-486,284	-513,064
Health		-232,169	-382,538
Education and Welfare		-34,950	-70,387
Housing		-691,346	-511,017
Community Amenities		-1,574,046	-1,223,169
Recreation & Culture		-2,612,038	-2,347,942
Transport		-4,258,988	-3,307,522
Economic Services		-614,857	-791,898
Other Property and Services		-99,528	-103,223
		<u>-11,687,047</u>	<u>-10,593,024</u>
<b>Adjustments for Cash Budget Requirements:</b>			
<b>Non-Cash Expenditure and Revenue</b>			
(Profit)/Loss on Asset Disposals		664,520	0
Adjustment to Loan Principal		-1,251	0
Movement in Non-Current Employee Provisions		114,636	0
Depreciation on Assets		2,621,126	2,552,600
<b>Capital Expenditure and Revenue</b>			
Purchase Land and Buildings		-365,610	-3,450,430
Purchase Infrastructure Assets - Roads		-1,270,904	-2,238,670
Purchase Infrastructure Assets - Parks		-4,161	-511,500
Purchase Infrastructure Assets - Footpaths		-69,750	-223,156
Purchase Infrastructure Assets - Other		-131,340	-1,628,000
Purchase Plant and Equipment		-1,211,838	-1,403,270
Purchase Furniture and Equipment		-12,783	-24,307
Proceeds from Disposal of Assets		284,392	496,300
Repayment of Debentures		-213,255	-234,698
Proceeds from New Debentures		300,000	1,130,000
Transfers to Reserves (Restricted Assets)		0	-110,000
Transfers from Reserves (Restricted Assets)		0	881,500
ADD Estimated Surplus/(Deficit) July 1 B/Fwd		1,599,595	2,008,662
LESS Estimated Surplus/(Deficit) June 30 C/Fwd		<u>1,885,585</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Amount Req'd to be Raised from Rates</b>	<b>22</b>	<u><u>-3,694,057</u></u>	<u><u>-3,622,168</u></u>

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

**SHIRE OF ASHBURTON**

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2006**

**1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The significant accounting policies which have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report are:

**(a) Basis of Preparation**

The financial report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards, the Local Government Act 1995 (as amended and accompanying regulations (as amended)). The report has also been prepared on the accrual basis under the convention of historical cost accounting.

**First AIFRSs Financial Report**

This is the Shire's first Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards ("AIFRSs") annual financial report covered by AIFRSs and AASB1 "First Time Adoption of Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards".

The preparation of the annual financial report in accordance with AIFRSs resulted in changes to the accounting policies as compared with the most recent annual financial statements prepared under previous Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("previous GAAP").

The accounting policies set out below have been consistently applied to all periods presented in this financial report. They have also been applied in preparing an opening AIFRSs balance sheet as at 1 July 2004 for the purposes of the transition to Australian Accounting Standards - AIFRSs as required by AASB 1. The impact of the transition from previous GAAP to AIFRSs is explained in Note 35.

**Compliance with IFRSs**

International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") form the basis of Australian Accounting Standards adopted by the AASB, being AIFRSs. The financial report of the Shire complies with IFRSs and interpretations adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board except as follows:

- AIFRSs include specific provisions relating to not-for-profit entities. These are not included in IFRSs.
- Australian Accounting Standard AAS27 "Financial Reporting by Local Governments" also applies and there is no equivalent standard in IFRSs.

The principal areas of non-compliance with IFRSs include:

- the recognition of non-reciprocal revenue;
- the definition of value in use for the purposes of estimating the recoverable amount of impaired assets; and
- the offsetting of asset revaluation increments and decrements on a class of asset basis rather than individual asset basis.



SHIRE OF ASHBURTON

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2006

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(a) Basis of Preparation (Continued)

**Critical Accounting Estimates**

The preparation of a financial report in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that effect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses.

The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The results of this experience and other factors combine to form the basis of making judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

(b) The Local Government Reporting Entity

All Funds through which the Council controls resources to carry on its functions have been included in the financial statements forming part of this financial report.

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

All monies held in the Trust Fund are excluded from the financial statements, but a separate statement of those monies appears at Note 19 to this financial report.

(c) Goods and Services Tax

In accordance with recommended practice, revenues, expenses and assets capitalised are stated net of any GST recoverable. Receivables and payables in the Balance Sheet are stated inclusive of applicable GST.

(d) Fixed Assets

Property, plant and equipment and infrastructure assets are brought to account at cost or independent or management valuation less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation, amortisation or impairment losses.

The value of all infrastructure assets (other than land under roads) has been recorded in the Balance Sheet. Land under roads are excluded from infrastructure in accordance with legislative requirements.

SHIRE OF ASHBURTON

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2006

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(e) Inventories

**General**

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

**Land Held for Resale**

Land purchased for development and/or resale is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes the cost of acquisition, development and interest incurred on the financing of that land during its development. Interest and holding charges incurred after development is complete are recognised as expenses.

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

(f) Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

All non-current assets having a limited useful life are separately and systematically depreciated over their useful lives in a manner which reflects the consumption of the future economic benefits embodied in those assets.

Depreciation is recognised on a straight-line basis, using rates which are reviewed each reporting period. Major depreciation periods are:

Buildings	30 to 50 years
Furniture and Equipment	4 to 10 years
Plant and Equipment	5 to 15 years
Sealed roads and streets	
clearing and earthworks	not depreciated
construction/road base	50 years
original surfacing and	
major re-surfacing	
- bituminous seals	20 years
- asphalt surfaces	25 years
Gravel roads	
clearing and earthworks	not depreciated
construction/road base	50 years
gravel sheet	12 years
Formed roads (unsealed)	
clearing and earthworks	not depreciated
construction/road base	50 years
Footpaths - slab	40 years
Sewerage Piping	100 years
Stormwater & drainage systems	75 years

(g) Capitalisation of Assets

Property, plant and equipment are to be capitalised if the value exceeds:

Buildings	\$5,000
Infrastructure	\$5,000
Land	All land
Plant & Equipment	\$1,000
Furniture and Fittings	\$1,000
Tools	\$1,000

## SHIRE OF ASHBURTON

### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2006

#### 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

##### (h) Leases

Leases of fixed assets, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not legal ownership, are transferred to the entity, are classified as finance leases. Finance leases are capitalised recording an asset and a liability equal to the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual value. Leased assets are amortised over their estimated useful lives. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period.

Lease payments under operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

##### (i) Investments

All investments are valued at cost and interest on those investments is recognised when accrued.

##### (j) Impairment

In accordance with Australian Accounting Standards the Shire's assets, other than inventories, are assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication they may be impaired.

Where such an indication exists, an estimate of the recoverable amount of the asset is made in accordance with AASB 136 "Impairment of Assets" and appropriate adjustments made.

An impairment loss is recognised whenever the carrying amount of an asset or its cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in the Income Statement.

##### (k) Joint Venture

The municipality's interest in a joint venture has been recognised in the financial statements by including its share of any assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses of the joint venture within the relevant items reported in the Balance Sheet and Income Statement. Information about the joint venture is set out in Note 16.

##### (l) Employee Benefits

The provisions for employee benefits relates to amounts expected to be paid for long service leave, annual leave, wages and salaries and are calculated as follows:

###### (i) Wages, Salaries, Annual Leave and Long Service Leave (Short-term Benefits)

The provision for employees' benefits to wages, salaries, annual leave and long service leave expected to be settled within 12 months represents the amount the municipality has a present obligation to pay resulting from employees services provided to balance date. The provision has been calculated at nominal amounts based on remuneration rates the Council expects to pay and includes related on-costs.

###### (ii) Annual Leave and Long Service Leave (Long-term Benefits)

The provision for employees' benefits for annual leave and long service leave expected to be settled more than 12 months from the reporting date represents the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made by the employer resulting from the employees service to balance date.

## SHIRE OF ASHBURTON

### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2006

##### 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

###### (m) Rates, Grants, Donations and Other Contributions

Rates, grants, donations and other contributions are recognised as revenues when the local government obtains control over the assets comprising the contributions. Control over assets acquired from rates is obtained at the commencement of the rating period or, where earlier, upon receipt of the rates.

Where contributions recognised as revenues during the reporting period were obtained on the condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period, and those conditions were undischarged as at the reporting date, the nature of and amounts pertaining to those undischarged conditions are disclosed in Note 2(c). That note also discloses the amount of contributions recognised as revenues in a previous reporting period which were obtained in respect of the local government's operation for the current reporting period.

###### (n) Superannuation

The Shire of Ashburton contributes to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme and the Occupational Superannuation Fund. Both funds are defined contribution schemes.

###### (o) Interest Rate Risk

The Shire's exposure to interest rate risk, which is the risk that a financial instrument's value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates, is considered negligible for all financial instruments other than borrowings. Information on interest rate risk as it applies to borrowings is disclosed in Note 21(e).

###### (p) Credit Risk

The maximum exposure to credit risk, excluding the value of any collateral or other security, at balance date to recognised financial assets is the carrying amount, net of any provisions for doubtful debts, as disclosed in the balance sheet and notes to and forming part of the financial report. The Shire does not have any material credit risk exposure to any single debtor or group of debtors under financial instruments entered into by the Shire.

###### (q) Fair Value

The fair value of assets and liabilities approximate their carrying values. No financial assets and financial liabilities are readily traded on organised markets in standardised form. Financial assets where the carrying amount exceeds fair value have not been written down as the Council intends to hold these assets to maturity.

The aggregate fair value and carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities are disclosed in the balance sheet and in the notes to and forming part of the financial report.

###### (r) Rounding Of Figures

All figures shown in this annual financial report, other than a rate in the dollar, are rounded to the nearest dollar.

###### (s) Comparative Figures

Where required, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

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<b>2. REVENUES AND EXPENSES</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>(a) Result from Ordinary Activities</b>		
The Result from Ordinary Activities includes:		
(i) Charging as an Expense:		
<b>Auditors Remuneration</b>		
- Audit	13,250	20,440
- Other Services	0	71,977
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Buildings	250,874	247,344
Furniture and Equipment	70,000	73,589
Plant and Equipment	286,614	362,296
Roads	1,618,514	1,606,051
Footpaths	40,537	40,537
Drainage	135,384	135,383
Parks	80,800	66,169
Recreation Facilities	39,961	15,858
Other	98,442	78,937
	<u>2,621,126</u>	<u>2,626,164</u>
<b>Interest Expenses</b>		
Debentures (refer Note 21(a))	<u>145,529</u>	<u>148,784</u>
	<u>145,529</u>	<u>148,784</u>
<b>Rental Charges</b>		
- Operating Leases	<u>84,274</u>	<u>95,938</u>
 (ii) Crediting as Revenue:		
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>Budget</b>
		<b>\$</b>
<b>Interest Earnings</b>		
Investments		
- Reserve Funds	52,075	110,000
- Other Funds	129,445	25,000
Other Interest Revenue (refer note 26)	71,012	5,000
	<u>252,532</u>	<u>140,000</u>
	<u>252,532</u>	<u>280,574</u>

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## 2. REVENUES AND EXPENSES (Continued)

### (b) Statement of Objective

In order to discharge its responsibility to the community, the shire has developed a set of operational and financial objectives. These objectives have been established both on an overall basis and for each of its broad activities/programs.

Council operations as disclosed in this financial report encompasses the following service orientated programs which it has established.

### GOVERNANCE

Administration and operation of facilities and services to members of Council. Other costs that relate to the tasks of assisting elected members and ratepayers on matters which do not concern specific Council services.

### GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING

Rates, general purpose grants and interest on investments

### LAW, ORDER, PUBLIC SAFETY

Supervision of various local laws, fire prevention, emergency services and animal control.

### HEALTH

Food control, maintenance & contribution to health services & facilities, aboriginal health.

### EDUCATION AND WELFARE

Maintenance of pre-school facilities & donations to schools. Maintenance of Senior Citizens Homes, Day Care Centre, assistance to welfare groups. Aged & Disabled services, Home and Community Care and Respite Care programs.

### HOUSING

Maintenance of staff and rental housing.

### COMMUNITY AMENITIES

Rubbish collection services, maintenance of refuse sites, control & co-ordination of cemeteries, administration of town planning schemes & other community/environmental services. Heritage issues relating to old Onslow.

### RECREATION AND CULTURE

Maintenance of halls, sporting facilities, parks & associated facilities & provision of library services in Tom Price, Onslow, Pannawonica & Paraburdo.

### TRANSPORT

Construction and maintenance of roads, drainage, footpaths, parking facilities, traffic & street signs. Operation of Onslow airport.

### ECONOMIC SERVICES

Noxious weeds & vermin control, tourism & area promotion including management of tourist bureau, building control.

### OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES

Public works overheads, plant operating costs & other unclassified works.

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2. OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES (Continued)

(c) Conditions Over Contributions

Grants recognised as revenues in a previous reporting period which were not expended at the close of the previous reporting period (ie opening balances).

	2006 \$	2005 \$
Grants for Aboriginal Environmental Health	105,459	0
Grants for Fesa Onslow	87,120	0
Grants for PDC Onslow Development	20,000	0
Grants for PDC Tom Price City Centre	62,181	0
Grants for PDC Grant Officer	36,364	0
Grants for PDC Tom Price Toilets	50,000	0
Grants for Heritage Comm Onslow War Memorial	5,000	0
Grants for HI Parraburdoo Drainage	45,246	0
Grants for Culture Arts (Recreation)	11,650	0
Grants for Safety and Crime Prevention (Law & Order)	11,200	0
Grants for Main Roads Nameless Valley Road (Transport)	40,000	0
Grants for R2R (transport)	748,170	131,445
Grants for Onslow Landscape (transport)	54,763	54,763
Grants for Walyun Mia Safe House (Welfare)	4,237	45,145
Grants for Community Recreation Funding (recreation)	0	272,727
Grants for FESA Funding (Law)	24,872	24,872
Grants for Onslow Seawall and Flood Mitigation (transport)	99,742	99,742
Grants for EHOAC (transport)	0	82,018
	<u>1,406,004</u>	<u>710,712</u>

Add:

New grants which were recognised as revenues during the reporting period and which had not yet been fully expended by the contributor.

Grants for R2R (transport)	562,465	743,648
Grants for Walyun Mia Safe House (Welfare)	10,467	99,358
Grants for Aboriginal Environmental Health	27,548	155,914
Grants for FESA Funding (Law)	75,186	87,120
Main Roads Regional Road Group	87,970	0
Main Roads Black Spot	28,526	0
Grants for Onslow Development	0	20,000
Grants for Tom Price City Centre	0	62,181
Grants for PDC Grant Officer	0	36,364
Grants for PDC Tom Price Toilets	0	50,000
Grants for Heritage Comm Onslow War Memorial	0	5,000
Grants for HI Parraburdoo Drainage	0	45,246
Grants for Culture Arts (Recreation)	0	11,650
Grants for Safety and Crime Prevention (Law & Order)	0	11,200
Grants for Main Roads Nameless Valley Road (Transport)	0	40,000
	<u>792,162</u>	<u>1,367,681</u>

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**2. OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES (Continued)**

**(c) Conditions Over Contributions**

Less:

Grants which were recognised as revenues in a previous reporting period and which were expended in the current reporting period in the manner specified by the contributor.

Grants for R2R (Transport)	(748,170)	(126,923)
Grants for Walyun Mia Safe House (Welfare)	0	(140,266)
Grants for Aboriginal Environmental Health	(105,459)	(132,473)
Grants for Community Recreation Funding (recreation)	0	(272,727)
Onslow Townscape	(54,763)	0
Onslow Seawall and Flood Mitigation	(99,742)	0
FESA Funding	(24,872)	0
PDC Doug Talbert Park	(50,000)	0
Heritage Comm Onslow War Memorial	(5,000)	0
Dept Culture Arts Grant	(11,650)	0
Safety & Crime Prevention	(11,200)	0
Main Roads Nameless Valley Rd	(40,000)	0
	<u>(1,150,856)</u>	<u>(672,389)</u>

Closing balances of unexpended grants	<u>1,047,310</u>	<u>1,406,004</u>
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Comprises:

Grants for R2R (transport)	562,465	748,170
Grants for Walyun Mia Safe House (Welfare)	14,704	4,237
Grants for Onslow Townscape	0	54,763
Grants for Aboriginal Environmental Health	27,548	105,459
Grants for Onslow Seawall and Flood Mitigation (transport)	0	99,742
Grants for FESA Funding (Law)	75,186	24,872
Grants for Fesa Onslow	87,120	87,120
Grants for PDC Onslow Development	20,000	20,000
Grants for PDC Tom Price City Centre	62,181	62,181
Grants for PDC Grant Officer	36,364	36,364
Grants for PDC Tom Price Toilets	0	50,000
Grants for Heritage Comm Onslow War Memorial	0	5,000
Grants for HI Parraburdoo Drainage	45,246	45,246
Grants for Culture Arts (Recreation)	0	11,650
Grants for Safety and Crime Prevention (Law & Order)	0	11,200
Grants for Main Roads Nameless Valley Road (Transport)	0	40,000
Main Roads Regional Road Group	87,970	0
Main Roads Black Spot	28,526	0
	<u>1,047,310</u>	<u>1,406,004</u>



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	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		
Unrestricted	345,097	529,364
Restricted	<u>2,817,674</u>	<u>2,876,368</u>
	<u><u>3,162,771</u></u>	<u><u>3,405,732</u></u>
The following restrictions have been imposed by regulations or other externally imposed requirements:		
Employee Benefit Reserve	109,926	109,926
Plant Replacement Reserve	171,216	171,216
Infrastructure Reserve	155,953	155,953
Housing Reserve	455,914	455,914
Onslow Community Infrastructure Reserve	27,037	27,037
Onslow Emergency Evacuation Building Reserve	175,532	175,532
Property Development Reserve	333,100	333,100
Town Centre Re-development Reserve	32,195	32,195
Onslow Aerodrome Reserve	9,491	9,491
Unspent Grants	1,047,310	1,406,004
Unspent Loans	300,000	0
	<u><u>2,817,674</u></u>	<u><u>2,876,368</u></u>
<b>4. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Rates Outstanding	343,535	435,624
Sundry Debtors	472,728	648,022
Accrued Income	0	82,167
Provision for Doubtful Debts	(176,978)	(176,978)
GST Receivable	138,850	0
	<u><u>778,135</u></u>	<u><u>988,835</u></u>
<b>Non-Current</b>		
Western Power Bond	5,858	5,858
Tennis Club	5,144	5,144
	<u><u>11,002</u></u>	<u><u>11,002</u></u>
<b>5. INVENTORIES</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Fuel and Materials	1,907	3,355
Tourist Bureau Stock	19,410	32,499
	<u><u>21,317</u></u>	<u><u>35,854</u></u>

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	2006	2005
	\$	\$
<b>6. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</b>		
Land and Buildings - Cost	13,034,316	12,953,737
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(3,444,988)</u>	<u>(3,242,421)</u>
	9,589,328	9,711,316
Furniture and Equipment - Cost	630,846	1,225,684
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(458,929)</u>	<u>(996,550)</u>
	171,917	229,134
Plant and Equipment - Cost	5,451,816	6,262,427
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(3,309,948)</u>	<u>(4,764,264)</u>
	2,141,868	1,498,163
	<u>11,903,113</u>	<u>11,438,613</u>

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6. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

Movements in Carrying Amounts

The following represents the movement in the carrying amounts of each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

	Land & Buildings \$	Furniture & Equipment \$	Plant & Equipment \$	Total \$
Balance as at 1 July 2005	9,711,316	229,134	1,498,163	11,438,613
Additions	365,610	12,783	1,211,838	1,590,231
(Disposals)	-18,424	0	-78,925	-97,349
Revaluation - Increments - (Decrements)	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Impairment - (losses) - reversals	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Depreciation (Expense)	-250,874	-90,615	-286,614	-628,103
Other Movements	-218,300	20,615	-202,594	-400,279
Balance as at 30 June 2006	<u>9,589,328</u>	<u>171,917</u>	<u>2,141,868</u>	<u>11,903,113</u>

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	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>7. INFRASTRUCTURE</b>		
Roads - Cost	82,196,594	80,925,690
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-29,559,018</u>	<u>-27,940,504</u>
	52,637,576	52,985,186
Footpaths - Cost	1,709,904	1,621,465
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-913,506</u>	<u>-872,970</u>
	796,398	748,495
Drainage - Cost	10,179,236	10,179,236
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-2,574,444</u>	<u>-2,439,060</u>
	7,604,792	7,740,176
Parks & Ovals - Cost	3,723,297	3,323,411
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-1,920,052</u>	<u>-1,725,112</u>
	1,803,245	1,598,299
Other Infrastructure - Cost	2,639,039	3,346,150
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-316,136</u>	<u>-325,201</u>
	2,322,903	3,020,949
Recreation Facilities - Cost	1,998,052	1,998,052
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-55,819</u>	<u>-15,858</u>
	1,942,233	1,982,194
	<u>67,107,147</u>	<u>68,075,299</u>

The valuations of the municipality's infrastructure were originally based on the written down replacement cost performed in accordance with Statement of Accounting Practice SAP 1 'Current Cost Accounting'.

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**7. INFRASTRUCTURE (Continued)**

**Movements in Carrying Amounts**

The following represents the movement in the carrying amounts of each class of infrastructure between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

	Roads \$	Footpaths \$	Drainage \$	Parks and Ovals \$	Other Infrastructure \$	Recreation Facilities \$	Total \$
Balance as at 1 July 2005	52,985,186	748,495	7,740,176	1,598,299	3,020,949	1,982,194	68,075,299
Additions	1,270,904	69,750	0	4,161	131,340	0	1,476,155
(Disposals)	0	0	0	0	-851,563	0	-851,563
Revaluation - Increments - (Decrements)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impairment - (losses) - reversals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Depreciation (Expense)	(1,618,514)	(40,537)	(135,384)	(60,187)	(98,442)	(39,961)	(1,993,025)
Other Movements	0	18,690	0	260,972	120,619	0	400,281
Balance as at 30 June 2006	<u>52,637,576</u>	<u>796,398</u>	<u>7,604,792</u>	<u>1,803,245</u>	<u>2,322,903</u>	<u>1,942,233</u>	<u>67,107,147</u>

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	2006	2005
	\$	\$
<b>8. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Sundry Creditors	327,320	385,869
Accrued Expenses	0	628,075
Accrued Interest on Loans	24,092	27,844
Accrued Salaries and Wages	69,064	73,845
	<u>420,476</u>	<u>1,115,633</u>
<b>9. LONG-TERM BORROWINGS</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Secured by Floating Charge Debentures	<u>220,524</u>	<u>213,255</u>
	<u>220,524</u>	<u>213,255</u>
<b>Non-Current</b>		
Secured by Floating Charge Debentures	<u>2,393,488</u>	<u>2,315,263</u>
	<u>2,393,488</u>	<u>2,315,263</u>
Additional detail on borrowings is provided in Note 21.		
<b>10. PROVISIONS</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Provision for Annual Leave	196,798	168,756
Provision for Long Service Leave	0	87,074
	<u>196,798</u>	<u>255,830</u>
<b>Non-Current</b>		
Provision for Long Service Leave	<u>210,405</u>	<u>95,768</u>
	<u>210,405</u>	<u>95,768</u>

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	2006 \$	2006 Budget \$	2005 \$
<b>11. RESERVES - CASH BACKED</b>			
<b>(a) Employee Benefits Reserve</b>			
Opening Balance	109,926	109,169	97,473
Amount Set Aside / Transfer to Reserve	0	7,706	12,453
Amount Used / Transfer from Reserve	0	0	0
	<u>109,926</u>	<u>116,875</u>	<u>109,926</u>
<b>(b) Plant Replacement Reserve</b>			
Opening Balance	171,216	176,187	203,072
Amount Set Aside / Transfer to Reserve	0	12,437	19,396
Amount Used / Transfer from Reserve	0	(160,000)	(51,252)
	<u>171,216</u>	<u>28,624</u>	<u>171,216</u>
<b>(c) Disaster Reserve</b>			
Opening Balance	0	0	25,834
Amount Set Aside / Transfer to Reserve	0	0	0
Amount Used / Transfer from Reserve	0	0	(25,834)
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>(d) Infrastructure Reserve</b>			
Opening Balance	155,953	154,879	138,286
Amount Set Aside / Transfer to Reserve	0	10,933	17,667
Amount Used / Transfer from Reserve	0	0	0
	<u>155,953</u>	<u>165,812</u>	<u>155,953</u>
<b>(e) Housing Reserve</b>			
Opening Balance	455,914	544,654	753,284
Amount Set Aside / Transfer to Reserve	0	38,449	51,649
Amount Used / Transfer from Reserve	0	(541,500)	(349,019)
	<u>455,914</u>	<u>41,603</u>	<u>455,914</u>
<b>(f) Onslow Community Infrastructure Reserve</b>			
Opening Balance	27,037	26,852	23,975
Amount Set Aside / Transfer to Reserve	0	1,895	3,062
Amount Used / Transfer from Reserve	0	0	0
	<u>27,037</u>	<u>28,747</u>	<u>27,037</u>
<b>(g) Onslow Emergency Evacuation Building Reserve</b>			
Opening Balance	175,532	174,324	155,648
Amount Set Aside / Transfer to Reserve	0	12,306	19,884
Amount Used / Transfer from Reserve	0	(180,000)	0
	<u>175,532</u>	<u>6,630</u>	<u>175,532</u>

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	2006 \$	2006 Budget \$	2005 \$
<b>11. RESERVES - CASH BACKED (Continued)</b>			
<b>(h) Wittenoom Legal Cost Reserve</b>			
Opening Balance	0	0	4,843
Amount Set Aside / Transfer to Reserve	0	0	0
Amount Used / Transfer from Reserve	0	0	(4,843)
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>(i) Property Development Reserve</b>			
Opening Balance	333,100	330,806	295,365
Amount Set Aside / Transfer to Reserve	0	23,352	37,735
Amount Used / Transfer from Reserve	0	0	0
	<u>333,100</u>	<u>354,158</u>	<u>333,100</u>
<b>(j) Town Centre Redevelopment Reserve</b>			
Opening Balance	32,195	31,974	28,548
Amount Set Aside / Transfer to Reserve	0	2,257	3,647
Amount Used / Transfer from Reserve	0	0	0
	<u>32,195</u>	<u>34,231</u>	<u>32,195</u>
<b>(k) Onslow Aerodrome Reserve</b>			
Opening Balance	9,491	9,426	8,416
Amount Set Aside / Transfer to Reserve	0	665	1,075
Amount Used / Transfer from Reserve	0	0	0
	<u>9,491</u>	<u>10,091</u>	<u>9,491</u>
<b>TOTAL CASH BACKED RESERVES</b>	<u>1,470,364</u>	<u>786,771</u>	<u>1,470,364</u>



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#### 11. RESERVES - CASH BACKED (Continued)

All of the cash backed reserve accounts are supported by money held in financial institutions and match the amount shown as restricted cash in Note 3 to this financial report.

In accordance with council resolutions in relation to each reserve account, the purpose for which the reserves are set aside are as follows:

##### **Employee Benefits Reserve**

- To contribute towards funding the Council's liability for payments of employee benefits owing to staff and taken either as leave or paid upon termination of their employment.

##### **Plant Replacement Reserve**

- To provide an optimum level of cash reserves for funding the Council heavy machinery replacement program on a five year rolling basis.

##### **Disaster Reserve**

- To provide funds to assist the Council to finance capital and operational expenditure associated with preparing for and responding to natural disasters. Council decided to close this reserve at the June 2004 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

##### **Infrastructure Reserve**

- To provide funds for provision and maintenance of new and existing infrastructure assets throughout the Shire.

##### **Housing Reserve**

- To provide funds to assist the Council to maintain and improve Council housing stock in accordance with the Housing Asset Management Plan.

##### **Onslow Community Infrastructure Reserve**

- To provide funds for the development of community facilities in Onslow.

##### **Onslow Emergency Evacuation Building Reserve**

- To provide for the construction and fitting out of an emergency evacuation facility for the joint use by the emergency services in Onslow.

##### **Wittenoom Legal Costs Reserve**

- To provide funds to assist, where necessary, financing the Council's contingent liability for claims made against the Council arising out of exposure by individuals to asbestos dust at Wittenoom and legal costs. Council decided to close this reserve at the June 2004 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

##### **Property Development Reserve**

- To provide funds to assist the Council in purchasing, developing and selling property to stimulate economic development.

##### **Town Centre Redevelopment Reserve**

- To provide funds to develop and implement a plan to redevelop the Tom Price town centre.

##### **Onslow Aerodrome Reserve**

- To provide funds for the upgrading and modifications to the Onslow aerodrome.

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<b>12. RESERVES - ASSET REVALUATION</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Asset revaluation reserves have arisen on revaluation of the following classes of assets:		
(a) <b>Roads</b>		
Balance as at 1 July 2005	441,362	441,362
Revaluation Increment	0	0
Revaluation Decrement	0	0
Balance as at 30 June 2006	<u>441,362</u>	<u>441,362</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSET REVALUATION RESERVES</b>	<u>441,362</u>	<u>441,362</u>

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**13. NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

**(a) Reconciliation of Cash**

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and in banks and investments, net of outstanding bank overdrafts. Cash at the end of the reporting period is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:

	2006 \$	2006 Budget \$	2005 \$
Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>3,162,771</u>	<u>836,771</u>	<u>3,405,732</u>

**(b) Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities to Net Result**

Net Result	(417,792)	2,754,969	1,039,403
Depreciation	2,621,126	2,552,600	2,626,164
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	210,700	714,323	980,880
(Profit)/Loss on Sale of Asset	664,520	0	(20,355)
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventories	14,537	(4,320)	(6,845)
Increase/(Decrease) in Payables	(696,408)	(35,000)	(402,345)
Increase/(Decrease) in Employee Provisions	55,605	(3,478)	32,252
Grants/Contributions for the Development of Assets	<u>(1,193,116)</u>	<u>(3,600,680)</u>	<u>(2,542,811)</u>
<b>Net Cash from Operating Activities</b>	<u>1,259,172</u>	<u>2,378,414</u>	<u>1,706,343</u>

**(c) Undrawn Borrowing Facilities  
Credit Standby Arrangements**

Bank Overdraft limit	500,000	500,000
Bank Overdraft at Balance Date	0	0
Credit Card limit	2,000	2,000
Credit Card Balance at Balance Date	0	0
<b>Total Amount of Credit Unused</b>	<u>502,000</u>	<u>502,000</u>

**Loan Facilities**

Loan Facilities - Current	220,524	213,255
Loan Facilities - Non-Current	2,393,488	2,315,263
<b>Total Facilities in Use at Balance Date</b>	<u>2,614,012</u>	<u>2,528,518</u>

<b>Unused Loan Facilities at Balance Date</b>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>0</u>
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	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>14. CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS</b>		
<b>(a) Finance Lease Commitments</b>		
There are no finance lease commitments.		
<b>(b) Operating Lease Commitments</b>		
Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the accounts.		
Payable:		
- not later than one year	84,274	61,092
- later than one year but not later than five years	272,832	49,298
- later than five years	11,422	0
	<b>368,528</b>	<b>110,390</b>

**(c) Capital Expenditure Commitments**

None.

**15. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

A claim for damages for faulty road construction resulting in a tour vehicle sustaining damage is pending against the Council. The action resulting in a claim for damages should be covered by our insurers.

Wittenoom asbestos claims are being made against the Shire by former miners, residents and visitors to Wittenoom for damages incurred as a result of suffering from asbestos related diseases.

Future potential claims in respect of Wittenoom are not reliably quantifiable, and Council is currently in discussions with the State Government seeking indemnity for the Council and possible shut down of the town of Wittenoom. All cases to date have been settled out of court, and no judgement on the matter has been reached by the court.

In the possible case of a number of court judgements against the Shire, there is potential to have a significant impact on its ability to provide services to ratepayers.

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**16. JOINT VENTURE**

**Recreation Centre - Tom Price Senior High School**

The Minister of Education and the Shire of Ashburton jointly funded the construction of the School and Community Recreation Centre during 2004/05. The Recreation Centre was built on land vested in the Ministry of Education, which has granted the Shire a twenty one year licence to use the facilities for recreational purposes. Utilities and maintenance expenses are to be shared on a basis as determined and set out in the lease agreement. The Council's share of these assets as included in the Statement of Financial Position and at Note 8 is as follows:

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
	\$	\$
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
Plant & Equipment	1,998,052	1,998,052
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(55,819)</u>	<u>(15,858)</u>
	<u><u>1,942,233</u></u>	<u><u>1,982,194</u></u>

**17. TOTAL ASSETS CLASSIFIED BY FUNCTION AND ACTIVITY**

Governance	758,589	1,425,413
General Purpose Funding	129,216	1,105,072
Law, Order, Public Safety	874,808	1,089,672
Health	0	98,720
Education and Welfare	237,150	315,589
Housing	2,639,400	1,898,726
Community Amenities	8,810,971	8,055,261
Recreation and Culture	6,972,254	8,195,428
Transport	57,446,780	56,691,144
Economic Services	970,492	1,347,842
Other Property and Services	1,228,940	2,587,421
Unallocated	<u>2,957,685</u>	<u>1,145,047</u>
	<u><u>83,026,285</u></u>	<u><u>83,955,335</u></u>

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	2006	2005	2004
<b>18. FINANCIAL RATIOS</b>			
Current Ratio	1.57	1.05	1.36
Untied Cash to Trade Creditors Ratio	1.05	0.52	0.74
Debt Ratio	0.04	0.04	0.05
Debt Service Ratio	0.04	0.03	0.03
Gross Debt to Revenue Ratio	0.31	0.21	0.19
Gross Debt to Economically Realisable Assets Ratio	0.22	0.22	0.14
Rate Coverage Ratio	0.33	0.28	0.28
Outstanding Rates Ratio	0.08	0.13	0.05

The above rates are calculated as follows:

Current Ratio	$\frac{\text{Current assets minus restricted current assets}}{\text{Current liabilities minus liabilities associated with restricted assets}}$
Untied Cash to Trade Creditors Ratio	$\frac{\text{Untied cash}}{\text{Unpaid trade creditors}}$
Debt Ratio	$\frac{\text{Total liabilities}}{\text{Total assets}}$
Debt Service Ratio	$\frac{\text{Debt Service Cost (Principal \& Interest)}}{\text{Available operating revenue}}$
Gross Debt to Revenue Ratio	$\frac{\text{Gross debt}}{\text{Total revenue}}$
Gross Debt to Economically Realisable Assets Ratio	$\frac{\text{Gross debt}}{\text{Economically realisable assets}}$
Rate Coverage Ratio	$\frac{\text{Net rate revenue}}{\text{Operating revenue}}$
Outstanding Rates Ratio	$\frac{\text{Rates outstanding}}{\text{Rates collectable}}$

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19. TRUST FUNDS

Funds held at balance date over which the Municipality has no control and which are not included in the financial statements are as follows:

	Balance 1-Jul-05 \$	Amounts Received \$	Amounts Paid (\$)	Balance 30-Jun-06 \$
Cleaning and Key Deposits	9,009	12,200	-13,640	7,569
Other Trust Monies	1,356	1,396	-185	2,567
Bonds and Guarantees	18,145	8,225	-4,440	21,930
Nomination Deposit	0	160	0	160
Unclaimed Monies	1,880	100	0	1,980
	<u>30,390</u>	<u>22,081</u>	<u>-18,265</u>	<u>34,206</u>

20. DISPOSALS OF ASSETS - 2005/06 FINANCIAL YEAR

The following assets were disposed of during the year.

	Net Book Value		Sale Price		Profit (Loss)	
	Actual \$	Budget \$	Actual \$	Budget \$	Actual \$	Budget \$
<b>Other Governance</b>						
Toyota Prado	448	25,000	23,273	25,000	22,825	0
Hi Lux Extra Cab AS618	0	11,000	9,091	11,000	9,091	0
<b>Health</b>						
Vehicle	0	25,000	0	25,000	0	0
<b>Housing</b>						
Onslow House	18,424	120,000	120,028	120,000	101,604	0
<b>Community Amenities</b>						
Rubbish Truck	12,399	10,000	12,000	10,000	-399	0
TP Rubbish Truck	0	10,000	31,818	10,000	31,818	0
<b>Recreation &amp; Culture</b>						
Ride on Mower	0	8,000	0	8,000	0	0
<b>Transport</b>						
TP Extra Cab Ute 2WD	0	12,000	0	12,000	0	0
TP Cat 950 FE Loader	0	60,000	72,727	60,000	72,727	0
RM Landcruiser Tray Top	9,789	15,000	15,455	15,000	5,666	0
<b>Economic Services</b>						
Caravan Park	0	150,000	0	150,000	0	0
Industrial Land	0	50,000	0	50,000	0	0
<b>Other Properties &amp; Services</b>						
Plant & Equipment (Refer*)	56,289	0	0	0	-56,289	0
Infra Other (Refer *)	851,563	0	0	0	-851,563	0
	<u>948,912</u>	<u>496,000</u>	<u>284,392</u>	<u>496,000</u>	<u>-664,520</u>	<u>0</u>

\* During the financial year under review, the Shire undertook a review of its asset register to determine it's currency. The review revealed a significant amount of assets (written down value totalling \$907,852) which had either been previously disposed of and not recorded correctly, were unserviceable or no longer existed. Consequently it was necessary to write off these assets.

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**21. INFORMATION ON BORROWINGS**

**(a) Debenture Repayments**

Particulars	Principal 1-Jul-05 \$	New Loans \$	Principal Repayments		Principal 30-Jun-06		Interest Repayments	
			Actual \$	Budget \$	Actual \$	Budget \$	Actual \$	Budget \$
<b>Governance</b>								
Loan 106 - Computers	36,714		11,490	11,490	25,224	25,224	1,821	2,128
Loan 108 - Paraburdoo Office	18,357		5,745	5,745	12,612	12,612	911	1,064
<b>Law, Order &amp; Public Safety</b>								
Loan 112 - Collocation Facility	274,088		23,692	23,692	250,396	250,396	15,580	16,283
<b>Housing</b>								
Loan 14 - Housing	3,764		1,424	1,424	2,340	2,340	236	253
Loan 113 - Staff Housing	29,141		5,076	5,076	24,065	24,065	1,890	1,897
Loan 117 - Housing Manager	941,822		31,567	28,750	910,255	913,072	51,709	51,839
<b>Community Amenities</b>								
Loan 111 - Refuse Site	171,526		39,253	60,640	132,273	103,126	8,331	31,231
Loan 118 - Comm Rec Centre	418,872		19,061	0	399,811	0	23,927	0
<b>Transport</b>								
Loan 105 - Panna/Millstream	42,220		13,213	13,213	29,007	29,008	2,094	2,447
Loan 107 - GIS System	11,475		11,475	11,475	0	0	231	531
Loan 109 - Onslow Footpaths	9,165		2,434	2,434	6,731	6,731	463	498
Loan 110 - Onslow Bitumen	19,996		5,310	5,310	14,686	14,686	1,009	1,086
Loan 116 - Onslow Aerodrome (Adj by 1251 error 04-05)	514,563		28,750	28,750	485,813	427,213	34,797	34,966
Loan 119 - Onslow Aerodrome	0	300,000	0	0	300,000	0	53	0
<b>Economic Services</b>								
Loan 102* Onslow Tourist Bur	5,144		3,360	31,567	1,784	-26,423	258	355
<b>Other Property &amp; Services</b>								
Loan 95 - Spinifex Club	30,420		11,405	5,132	19,015	25,288	2,219	1,759
	2,527,267	300,000	213,255	234,698	2,614,012	1,807,338	145,529	146,337

(\* ) Self supporting loan financed by payments from third parties.  
 All other loan repayments were financed by general purpose revenue.

**(b) New Debentures - 2005/06**

Particulars/Purpose	Amount Borrowed		Institution	Loan Type	Term (Years)	Total Interest & Charges \$	Interest Rate %	Amount Used		Balance Unspent \$
	Actual \$	Budget \$						Actual \$	Budget \$	
Housing Renovation	0	250,000	WATC	Debenture	20	N/A	N/A	0	250,000	0
Onslow Housing	0	250,000	WATC	Debenture	20	N/A	N/A	0	250,000	0
Toilet Block	0	130,000	WATC	Debenture	10	N/A	N/A	0	130,000	0
Onslow Aerodrome	300,000	500,000	WATC	Debenture	20	253	6.36	0	500,000	300,000



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**21. INFORMATION ON BORROWINGS (Continued)**

(c) Unspent Debentures

Particulars	Date Borrowed	Balance 1-Jul-05 \$	Borrowed During Year \$	Expended During Year \$	Balance 30-Jun-06 \$
Loan 119 - Onslow Aerodrome	28-Jun-06	0	300,000	0	300,000
		0	300,000	0	300,000

(d) Overdraft

Council have an overdraft facility of \$500,000. There was no overdraft facility utilised at 1 July 2005 and 30 June 2006.

A mortgage over Council Income is utilised by the Shire.

(e) Interest Rate Risk

Council's exposure to interest rate risk as a result of borrowings and the effective weighted average interest rate on these borrowings is as follows:

	2006 \$	2005 \$
<b>Borrowings</b>		
<b>Floating interest rates</b>	0	0
Fixed interest rate maturing		
- within one year	4,124	11,475
- one to five years	265,613	366,447
- over five years	2,346,275	2,150,596
<b>Non interest bearing</b>	0	0
<b>Total Borrowings</b>	<u>2,616,012</u>	<u>2,528,518</u>
<b>Weighted average effective interest rate</b>	<u>6.06%</u>	<u>6.04%</u>

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22. RATING INFORMATION - 2005/06 FINANCIAL YEAR

RATE TYPE	Rate in \$	Number of Properties	Rateable Value \$	Rate Revenue \$	Interim Rates \$	Back Rates \$	Total Revenue \$	Budget Rate Revenue \$	Budget Interim Rate \$	Budget Back Rate \$	Budget Total Revenue \$
<b>Differential General Rate</b>											
<b>GRV Residential</b>	0.1077	2204	18,505,380	1,995,106	14,663	0	2,009,769	1995516	20000	0	2,015,516
Commercial Civic	0.1077	94	3,037,614	324,301	0	0	324,301	324302	0	0	324,302
Tourism	0.1077	2	182,000	19,601	0	0	19,601	19702	0	0	19,702
Community	0.1077	3	23,728	2,556	0	0	2,556	2556	0	0	2,556
Industrial	0.1077	30	387,524	41,736	0	0	41,736	41,737	0	0	41,737
Industrial Development	0.1077	1	5,700	614	0	0	614	614	0	0	614
Rural/Pastoral	0.0636	36	1,177,040	138,129	0	0	138,129	138,156	0	0	138,156
Rural/Commercial	0.1510	4	176,000	30,223	0	0	30,223	30,224	0	0	30,224
Rural/Industrial	0.1510	15	501,000	84,964	0	0	84,964	84,965	0	0	84,965
Mining Leases	0.1510	66	2,460,228	461,602	91,087	0	552,689	432,379	30,000	0	462,379
Exploration Licenses	0.1510	118	1,142,875	172,574	0	0	172,574	185,936	0	0	185,936
Petroleum Production	0.1510	4	803,216	121,286	0	0	121,286	121,286	0	0	121,286
General Purpose Leases	0.1510	4	7,085	10,705	0	0	10,705	10,705	0	0	10,705
<b>Sub-Totals</b>		<b>2,581</b>	<b>28,409,390</b>	<b>3,403,397</b>	<b>105,750</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,509,147</b>	<b>3,388,078</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,438,078</b>
<b>Minimum Rates</b>											
<b>GRV Residential</b>	410.00	162	120,535	78,310	0	0	78,310	79,950	0	0	79,950
Commercial Civic	410.00	3	6,350	1,230	0	0	1,230	1,230	0	0	1,230
Tourism	410.00	1	1,300	410	0	0	410	410	0	0	410
Community	410.00	4	7,875	1,640	0	0	1,640	1,640	0	0	1,640
Industrial	410.00	33	32,866	13,530	0	0	13,530	13,530	0	0	13,530
Vacant	410.00	9	2,960	3,690	0	0	3,690	4,920	0	0	4,920
Rural/Pastoral	410.00	5	6,256	2,050	0	0	2,050	1,640	0	0	1,640
Rural/Commercial	410.00	3	3,201	1,230	0	0	1,230	1,230	0	0	1,230
Rural/Industrial	410.00	38	8,627	15,170	0	0	15,170	15,170	0	0	15,170
Mining Leases	410.00	69	50,843	38,950	0	0	38,950	35,670	0	0	35,670
Exploration Licenses	410.00	59	73,967	23,780	0	0	23,780	22,960	0	0	22,960
UV Permits	410.00	6	7,511	2,460	0	0	2,460	3,280	0	0	3,280
General Purpose Leases	410.00	6	7,293	2,460	0	0	2,460	2,460	0	0	2,460
<b>Sub-Totals</b>		<b>398</b>	<b>329,574</b>	<b>184,910</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>184,910</b>	<b>184,090</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>184,090</b>
<b>Totals</b>							<b>3,694,057</b>				<b>3,622,158</b>

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**23. SPECIFIED AREA RATE - 2005/06 FINANCIAL YEAR**

There were no specified area rates levied in the 2005-06 financial year.

**24. SERVICE CHARGES - 2005/06 FINANCIAL YEAR**

There were no service charges imposed during the 2005-06 financial year.

**25. DISCOUNTS, INCENTIVES, CONCESSIONS, & WRITE-OFFS  
- 2005/06 FINANCIAL YEAR**

**(a) Discounts**

No discount for early payment of rates or any other monies due to Council was offered.

**(b) Incentives**

Council offers incentive prizes to all eligible ratepayers who pay all current general rates and all outstanding arrears, if any, within thirty five (35) days of issue of an annual rate assessment notice. Included within such incentive prizes is a \$500 cash incentive together with external sponsorship. Interim rates assessments do not qualify under this incentive.

**(c) Waiver & Concessions**

Requests for waivers of, or concessions on, any amount of money owed to Council will be considered on request.

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**26. INTEREST CHARGES AND INSTALMENTS - 2005/06 FINANCIAL YEAR**

	<b>Interest Rate %</b>	<b>Admin. Charge \$</b>	<b>Revenue \$</b>	<b>Budgeted Revenue \$</b>
Interest on Unpaid Rates	11		71,012	5,000
Charges and Interest on Instalment Plan	5.5	6	4,209	3,000
			<u>75,221</u>	<u>8,000</u>

Ratepayers had the option of paying rates in four equal instalments, due on 11th November 2005, 13th January 2006, 10th March 2006 and 5th May 2006. Administration charges and interest applied for the final three instalments.

<b>27. FEES &amp; CHARGES</b>	<b>2006 \$</b>	<b>2005 \$</b>
Governance	558	4,181
General Purpose Funding	6,059	9,524
Law, Order, Public Safety	47,178	31,565
Health	5,345	8,403
Housing	30,628	211,715
Community Amenities	960,059	839,535
Recreation & Culture	128,669	102,397
Transport	144,962	6,222
Economic Services	378,100	186,149
Other Property & Services	137,290	142,683
	<u>1,838,848</u>	<u>1,542,374</u>

There were no changes during the year to the amount of the fees or charges detailed in the original budget.

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<b>28. GRANT REVENUE</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>By Nature and Type:</b>		
Grants and Subsidies - operating	3,602,853	3,806,244
Grants and Subsidies - non-operating	1,193,116	2,542,811
	<u>4,795,969</u>	<u>6,349,055</u>
<b>By Program:</b>		
General Purpose Funding	3,174,059	2,893,618
Law, Order, Public Sector	81,192	112,068
Health	97,612	142,278
Education	25,000	1,435,460
Community Amenities	0	58,193
Recreation and Culture	181,881	50,812
Transport	1,224,825	1,592,702
Economic Services	11,400	63,924
	<u>4,795,969</u>	<u>6,349,055</u>

**29. COUNCILLORS' REMUNERATION**

The following fees, expenses and allowances were paid to council members and/or the president.

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$</b>
		<b>\$</b>	
Meeting Fees	58,000	50,000	57,000
President's Allowance	9,000	18,000	5,000
Travelling Expenses	51,876	54,500	47,507
Telecommunications Allowance	0	1,050	0
	<u>118,876</u>	<u>123,550</u>	<u>109,507</u>

**30. EMPLOYEES' REMUNERATION**

Set out below, in bands of \$10,000, is the number of employees of the Shire entitled to an annual salary of \$100,000 or more.

<b>Salary Range</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>\$</b>		
100,000 - 109,999	1	0
110,000 - 119,999	0	1
120,000 - 129,999	0	0
130,000 - 139,999	1	0

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**31. EMPLOYEE NUMBERS**

**2006**

**2005**

The number of full-time equivalent  
Employees at balance date

58

57

**32. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY**

A significant portion of revenue is received by way of grants from the State and Federal Government. The total of grant revenue from government sources is disclosed in Note 28.

**33. MAJOR LAND TRANSACTIONS**

Council did not participate in any major land transactions during the 2005/06 financial year.

**34. TRADING UNDERTAKINGS AND MAJOR TRADING UNDERTAKINGS**

Council did not participate in any trading undertakings or major trading undertakings during the 2005/06 financial year.

**35. RELATED PARTIES**

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**36. FIRST TIME ADOPTION OF AUSTRALIAN EQUIVALENTS TO INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (AIFRSs)**

**(a) Reconciliation of Equity at 1 July 2004**

There were no material differences between Equity in the opening AIFRSs Balance Sheet and the equity in the 1 July 2004 Balance Sheet presented under previous GAAP.

**(b) Reconciliation of Equity at 30 June 2005**

There were no material differences between Equity in the 30 June 2005 Balance Sheet presented under AIFRSs and the equity in the 30 June 2005 Balance Sheet presented under previous GAAP.

**(c) Reconciliation of Net Result for the Year Ended 30 June 2005**

There were no material differences between the Net Result for the year ended 30 June 2005 presented under AIFRSs and the Net Result for the year ended 30 June 2005 presented under previous GAAP.

**(d) Explanation of Material Adjustments to the Cash Flow Statement**

There are no material differences between the Cash Flow Statement presented under AIFRSs and the Cash Flow Statement presented under previous GAAP.