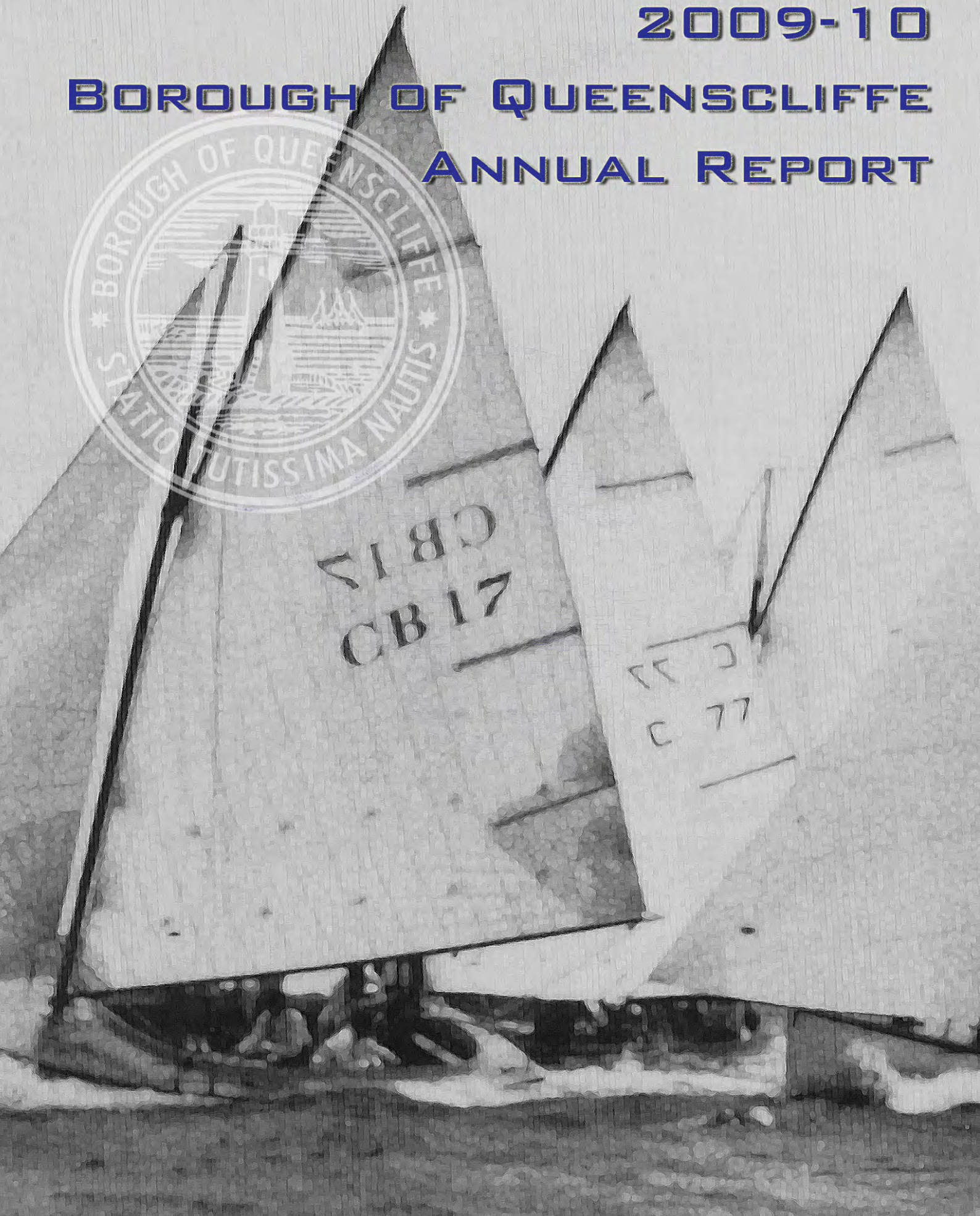
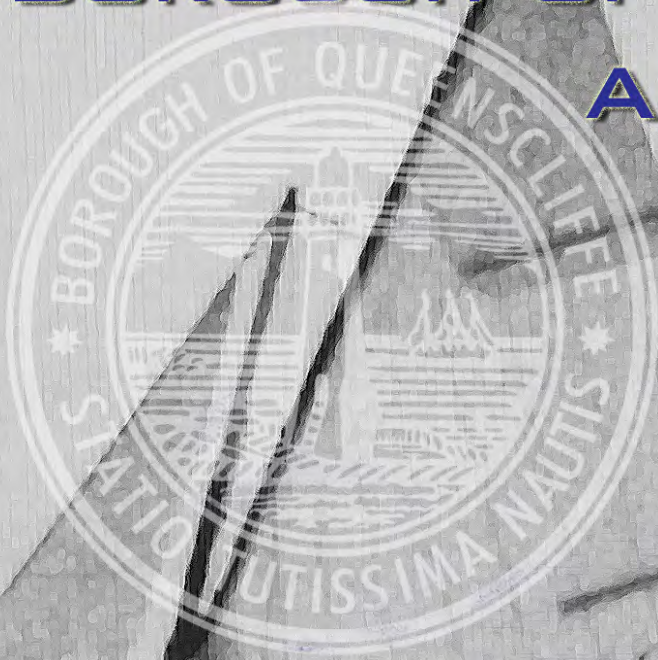


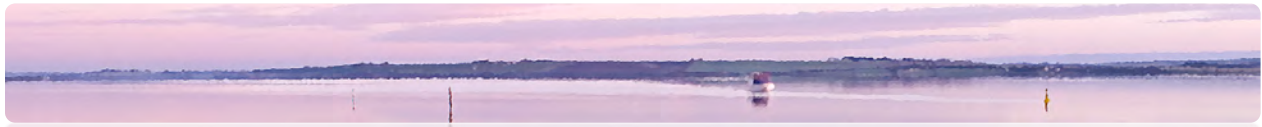
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**BOROUGH OF QUEENSCLIFFE
ANNUAL REPORT**





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BOROUGH OF QUEENSLIFFE

COUNCIL'S VISION

The making of a place in which people live, work and visit with a mutual respect for the environment and for others with whom we share our Borough.

COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Council has identified what we considered to be the key areas of importance to our community. These areas have been grouped into five key portfolio areas:

Governance, Finance & External Relations	Providing accountable governance and long-term sustainable financial management.
Sustainability & Local Environment	Living sustainably and protecting and restoring our diverse environment.
Business & Tourism	Supporting local businesses and tourism by providing an environment in which they can both flourish.
Community Development	Work in partnership with the community to build a strong, safe, inclusive and connected community.
Planning, Heritage & Community Assets	Striving to ensure development sustains and enhances the character of the natural and built environment.

ABOUT THIS REPORT

The Borough of Queenscliffe Annual Report is presented as part of Council's commitment to open, transparent and accountable governance.

This annual report presents information for people with an interest in the organisation and reflects on the achievements and challenges experienced in the financial year.

It provides information about Council's operations in the 2009-10 financial year and an outline of Council's services and commitment to corporate governance.

It measures performance against the Council Plan and the 2009-10 Business Plan Priority Actions presents the audited financial statements for the financial year and contains other information required by the Local Government Act 1989 and other relevant legislation.



ABOUT THE BOROUGH OF QUEENSCLIFFE

Location

The Borough of Queenscliffe is located at the eastern tip of the Bellarine Peninsula and opposite Point Nepean at Port Phillip Heads. It is bounded by Bass Strait, Port Phillip Bay and Swan Bay on three sides and has a land boundary with the City of Greater Geelong on its west.

The Borough is located approximately 105 kilometres southwest of Melbourne and 35 kilometres east of Geelong.

The Borough of Queenscliffe includes the small seaside towns of Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale and is the smallest local government area in Victoria (10.83 square kilometres).

Our History

The Borough of Queenscliffe has a rich history of Aboriginal and European activity and settlement which contributes to the cultural and historical significance of the Borough.

Queenscliffe was first and foremost built for Government purposes. It provided postal, customs, health and telegraph services, lighthouse and signal services, military and defence establishments and the sea pilots service.

The small sea-side villages of Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale on the Bellarine Peninsula form the Borough of Queenscliffe, which is the smallest local government area in Victoria, covering 10.83 square kilometres. The predominantly urban Borough was created on 12 May, 1863 and has remained in existence since that time.

Our Community

The unique heritage and coastal environment makes the Borough of Queenscliffe a classic location for residents and visitors. The Borough of Queenscliffe had a permanent resident population of 2,937 in 2008. These figures do not account for the significant numbers of temporary residents who own property and holiday or live part-time in the Borough.

While the municipality has a vibrant population that is very active in community and civic activities, the demography of the Borough highlights a comparatively high incidence of people aged over 60 years (37.9% compared to the Victorian average of 17.9%), people living alone (34.3% compared to the Victorian average of 24.5%), and non-

resident ratepayers (53.0% of assessments are absentee ratepayers).

This population profile presents a range of challenges for Council, particularly given the population fluctuations associated by tourism and the attraction of the Borough over the summer period.

Our Environment

The Port Phillip Bay and Bass Strait coastlines of the Borough are characterised by primary dunes covered in remnant coastal vegetation, formal parkland, and beaches. There are also limestone cliffs exposed along the coast at both Point Lonsdale and Shortlands Bluff, which are significant landscape features. The marine and terrestrial environments of Swan Bay, its foreshore and islands are environmental assets of international significance.

Council has considerable responsibility for coastal and crown land management with foreshore reserves under Council's management comprising approximately 8% of the total municipal area (27 reserves totaling around 104 hectares) - the highest proportion of any municipality in Victoria.

Our Economy

Tourism is by far the most significant activity in the Borough, accounting for at least 45% of the local economy. The attraction of our beautiful beaches and coastal landscapes, the heritage buildings of Queenscliff and the village atmosphere of Point Lonsdale along with quality restaurants and shops, and the many and varied events held throughout the year, from the Queenscliff Music Festival to the Rip View Swim Classic, make the Borough a unique and classic experience for every visitor.



MAYOR'S REPORT

It is my pleasure to introduce the 2009/10 Annual Report for the Borough of Queenscliffe.

It reflects a very busy year that included many significant challenges and achievements for both Council and the community.

New Council Plan

In 2009/10 we commenced implementation of the new Council Plan, which was framed around the five portfolios that reflect the Council's strategic priorities.

The associated community Portfolio Reference Groups have now been in operation for a full year and have had extensive input into the Council Plan and Budget formulation. Their input has been a valuable assistance.

Community Engagement

Our emphasis has been to strengthen community engagement and increase consultation to better utilise the advice and expertise available in our community.

Advisory Groups have provided key input into projects such as the Princess Park Playground, Hesse Street Revitalisation and many others.

Specific input was also sought on key issues such as the development of the Tree Management, Removal and Replacement Strategy or our Climate Change Adaption Strategy.

Council will continue to engage with the community to shape and progress the strategic directions and priority actions of the Council Plan.

Growing the Local Economy

The local economy has withstood the potential challenges of the global financial crisis and we now look forward to increasing opportunities.

As tourism generates nearly half of the Borough's economic activity, Council will continue to focus on coordinating efforts with Queenscliff Lonsdale Tourism, Bellarine Tourism and Geelong Otway Tourism to work together to promote the Borough as a tourist destination.

This will minimise duplication of efforts and ensure maximum flow-on to all local businesses.

Volunteerism

Council acknowledges the role of volunteers in making our community vibrant. The contributions of community groups add immeasurably to our lifestyle and enjoyment of the Borough.

Council is working to support the activities of local groups and key events such as the Queenscliff Music Festival, Australia Day and the Maritime Festival.

Council is committed to providing activity spaces for all clubs and organisations and will continue to work with them to maximise their contribution to the community.

This year Council provided support to a number of organisations via Community Grants and Donations totalling over \$85,000.

We have supported the Queenscliff Music Festival and Queenscliff and District Neighbourhood House in finding new homes and commenced the process to develop a shared Community Centre on the 'Old High School' site.

We also supported the Point Lonsdale Bowls Club in completing Stage 1 of its Clubhouse Redevelopment Program and secured funding to commence Stage 2.

We will continue to look for ways to support all community organisations in the Borough.

Managing our Assets

Council have committed to giving increased attention to improving asset management.

A number of our community assets are approaching the end of their useful life or are degraded.

Responding to the challenge of maintaining the standard of community building and facilities will continue to be a key focus of this Council.

Advocacy

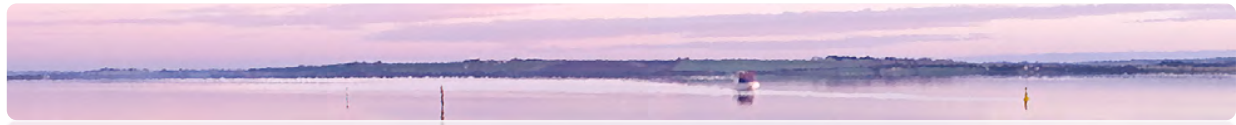
Council has taken a lead role advocating to both State and Federal Governments on key issues including: climate change; improved public transport and security of tenure or 'Committee of Management' control of VicTrack land – giving certainty to the Sea Scouts, Senior Citizens and Boat Ramp users.

We are working with the Queenscliff Golf Club to secure their long-term viability on Swan Island and will continue to advocate strongly on issues associated with the harbour precinct, including changes to berth fees, access to moorings and the redevelopment of Fisherman's Wharf.

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Councillors, Portfolio and Advisory Group Members, Council Officers and our countless community volunteers for their contribution and hard work over this year.

Bob Merriman
Mayor



CEO'S REPORT

I am pleased to present the 2009/10 Annual Report for the Borough of Queenscliffe Council. This Annual Report provides a reflection on the implementation of the first year of the 2009-2013 Council Plan that identified the strategic direction for the term of the elected Council and the business plan priorities for 2009/10. The Council Plan provides the key reference point to focus the investment of the organisation's financial resources and the energy and talents of the dedicated staff team.

I am pleased to advise that Council finished the 2009/10 financial year with an underlying operating surplus of \$306,000 against a budgeted underlying deficit of \$115,000. (Refer Annual Financial Report Standard Income Statement – Alternative Format)

The major reasons for the \$421,000 positive variance to Budget were:

- Employee costs - Workcover premium reduction and some changes to the organisational structure combined to generate savings.
- Materials & Services were under budget due to some projects being deferred to 2010/11 as well as reductions in expenditure in the Foreshore maintenance contract
- Interest received was greater than anticipated and retrospective Lease income recovered was not budgeted for.

While this result presents an immediate positive picture regarding Council's financial position, the long term financial sustainability of the Borough Council will be an important focus for 2010/11.

The introduction of the State Government Public Health & Wellbeing Act reinforced the important role and responsibilities of Local Government in supporting the health and wellbeing of local communities. The 'Community Profile' of the Borough of Queenscliffe underlines the comparatively high levels of volunteerism and the critical role of community organisations in building social networks, promoting participation in sport, recreation, arts and civic activities and improving people's health and quality of life.

The Community Profile also drew attention to the comparatively higher number of people in the over 65 and over 85 year old cohort. This data reinforces the important role of Council's aged and disability services in supporting older residents to continue living independently in their own homes. During 2009/10 Council was able to attract additional State Government resources to expand the level of home and community care services.

The 2009-2013 Council Plan targeted resources to improving environmental sustainability that has resulted in development of a 'Sustainability Action Plan' and a range of community initiatives designed to increase recycling,

reduce plastic bags and encourage the use of products that promote sustainable living.

During 2009/10 Council conducted a review and condition assessment of all Council owned and managed assets. This asset management planning is part of a statewide process supported by the Municipal Association of Victoria and the State and Federal Governments and is designed to improve the long term financial sustainability of local government throughout Australia. This asset management planning was endorsed by Council in 2009/10 and provides a basis for guiding future investment in asset renewal and asset maintenance over time.

With valuable community assistance, Council completed a number of important capital works projects including:

- Establishing the Playspace in Princess Park;
- Replacing the street drainage and upgrading the footpath in Hesse Street, Queenscliff;
- Completing stage 1 of the clubroom upgrade of the Point Lonsdale Bowling Club;
- Installing new safety signage at all beach access points around the Borough;
- Constructing new lighting for the Queenscliff Netball Courts;
- Removing the stormwater pipe from the Queenscliff Ocean View beach;
- Upgrading the exhibition area and access to the Queenscliff Maritime Museum

The majority of these projects would not be achieved without successful grant submissions to the State and Federal Government. Council has placed a high priority on accessing funding from other levels of government and building the quality of working relationships with our State and Federal Government colleagues.

Towards the end of the 2009/10, Council endorsed a new Customer Service Charter that defines the standard of service that Council will seek to deliver. This will be reviewed at the end of the 2010 calendar year.

2009/10 has again been a challenging and rewarding year and I would like to thank the capable staff team for their energy and dedicated service delivery. I would also like to acknowledge the support and leadership of the Mayor and the commitment of the Councillors.

Lenny Jenner
CEO



YOUR COUNCILLORS



Cr. Bob Merriman AM – Mayor (Elected to Council in November 2008).

Cr Merriman was elected Mayor on 4 December 2008.

He is actively involved with the community, sporting clubs and organisations.

He is a former Australian Industrial Relations Commissioner and former Chairman of Cricket Australia, Councillor of Latrobe University and Trustee of the Bradman Foundation and Cats Foundation.

PORTFOLIO REFERENCE GROUP Governance, Finance and External Relations

COUNCIL DELEGATE TO: G21 Region Alliance Board; Municipal Association of Victoria

Email: bob.merriman@queenscliffe.vic.gov.au



Cr. John Burgess (Elected to Council in March 2001).

His interests include spending time with his family, travelling and golf.

He is a Fellow of Certified Practising Accountants and the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Cr. Burgess brings to Council his professional skills and a broad business background.

PORTFOLIO REFERENCE GROUP Business and Tourism

COUNCIL DELEGATE TO: Barwon Region Waste Management; Geelong Otway Tourism

COUNCIL COMMITTEE Audit Committee

Email: john.burgess@queenscliffe.vic.gov.au



Cr. Helene Butler (Elected to Council in November 2008).

Her interests include spending time with her children and family, reading, handicrafts and music.

Cr. Butler has been actively involved with Kindergarten and Primary School 'Parents and Friends' committees, Fundraising Auctions, Playgroups, Family and 'Children's Services' Network and the Queenscliff High School Site Steering Committee.

PORTFOLIO REFERENCE GROUP Community Development

COUNCIL DELEGATE TO: Geelong Region Library Corporation

Email: helene.butler@queenscliffe.vic.gov.au



Cr. Lloyd Davies (Elected to council in November 2008).

He is passionate about bringing the community's views to council and protecting the environment.

He works as a Civil Engineer and has a degree in Marine Biology.

His interests include SCUBA diving, research, hiking and beach cricket.

PORTFOLIO REFERENCE GROUP Sustainability and Local Environment

Email: lloyd.davies@queenscliffe.vic.gov.au



Cr. David Mitchell (Elected to Council in November 2008).

His interests include facilitating greater community involvement, boating and enjoying Queenscliff and its unique natural environment.

Cr. Mitchell is a retired Corporate Banker, a past member of the Australian Institute of Chartered Accountants and has a Masters Degree in Urban Management.

PORTFOLIO REFERENCE GROUP Planning & Heritage

COUNCIL DELEGATE TO: Association of Bayside Municipalities

COUNCIL COMMITTEE Audit Committee

Email: david.mitchell@queenscliffe.vic.gov.au



YOUR COUNCIL

Councillor Remuneration

Under Section 73B of the Local Government Act 1989, provision is made for an annual adjustment factor to be made to Mayoral and Councillor Allowances.

The Department of Planning and Community Development advised that the Minister for Local Government has approved and published by notice in the Government Gazette an adjustment factor of 2.5% to apply for 2010.

This brings the Councillor Allowance to \$15,375 per annum and the Mayoral Allowance to \$35,875 per annum (plus 9% superannuation).

The maximum allowed was set at \$16,605 per annum for Councillors and \$49,610 per annum for Mayors (plus 9% superannuation).

Meetings of Council

The basic purpose of an Ordinary Meeting of Council is to consider items requiring a decision of the Council, whether they are:

- Required by legislation;
- Legal requirements;
- Procedural matters;
- Council Policy matters.

An Ordinary Meeting of Council is held monthly, where the Council may determine decisions of primary concern for the good governance of the municipality.

The Ordinary Meetings of Council are held monthly at 7.00pm on the third Wednesday of each calendar month at the municipal office or at an alternative venue as advised.

On occasions, additional Special Meetings of Council are called to consider specific matters.

Council also held, separate to the Ordinary Meeting of Council, monthly Planning Review Meetings as required to assist Council in ensuring sustainable planning processes and allow for interactive discussion between the Councillors, officers, applicants, submitters and objectors on planning applications.

Attendance at Meetings

Ordinary Meetings of Council

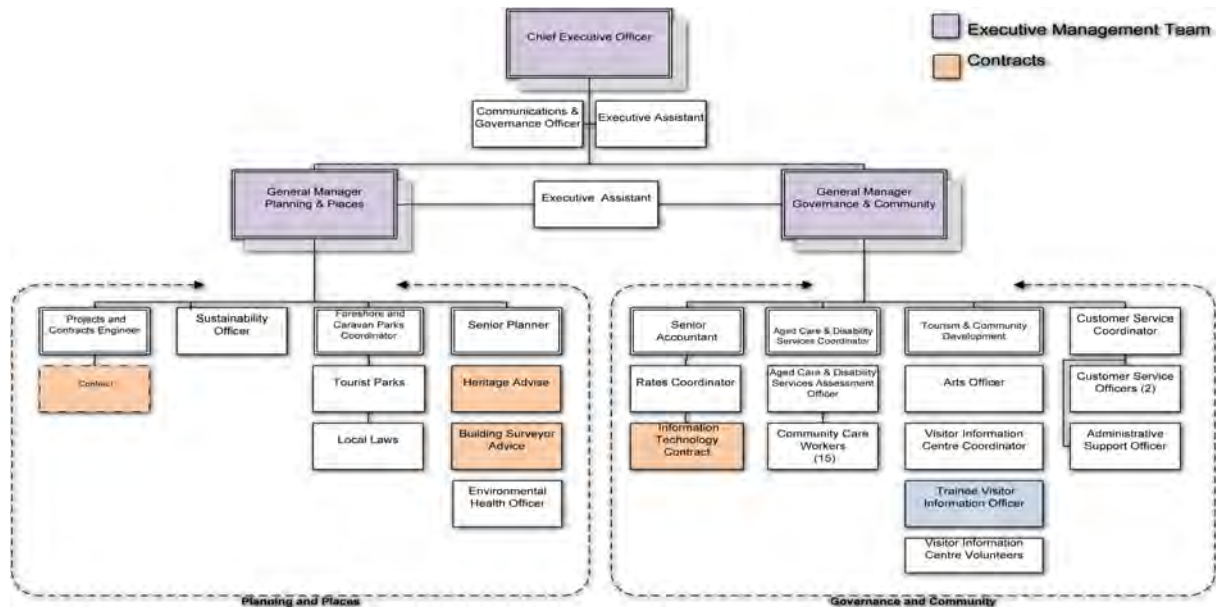
Councillor	Eligible to Attend	Attended
Cr. Bob Merriman	12	12
Cr. John Burgess	12	11
Cr. Helene Butler	12	12
Cr. Lloyd Davies	12	12
Cr. David Mitchell	12	12

Special Meetings of Council

Councillor	Eligible to Attend	Attended
Cr. Bob Merriman	2	2
Cr. John Burgess	2	2
Cr. Helene Butler	2	2
Cr. Lloyd Davies	2	2
Cr. David Mitchell	2	2



OUR ORGANISATION



Executive Management Team

Council's Executive Management Team is led by the Chief Executive Officer and includes the General Manager of Planning and Places and the General Manager of Governance and Community.

Chief Executive Officer

Lenny Jenner was appointed to the position of Chief Executive Officer in October 2008.

Lenny's qualifications include a Master of Arts (Social Policy), Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Arts (Recreation).

As Chief Executive Officer, Lenny has overall responsibility for ensuring that Council is fully informed on issues and oversees the structures and processes adopted by council.

General Manager Governance & Community

Ev Wuchatsch was appointed to the position in January 2009.

Ev has a Degree in Business, post graduate training in Industrial Relations and is a Fellow of the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants. (FCPA).

As General Manager, Governance and Community, Ev is responsible to Council for several diverse portfolios including Corporate Services, Finance, Governance, Aged Care & Disability Services, Community Development & Tourism, Arts & Culture, Customer Services and Records.

General Manager Planning & Places

Karen Hose was appointed to the position in January 2009.

Karen has a Bachelor of Arts Degree, a Graduate Diploma in Urban and Regional Planning and a Diploma in Frontline Management. Karen is also a member of the Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association.

As General Manager of Planning and Places, Karen is responsible for overseeing the operations of the foreshore and caravan parks, planning, engineering, local laws, building surveying, environmental health services and the recently created sustainability functions of council.

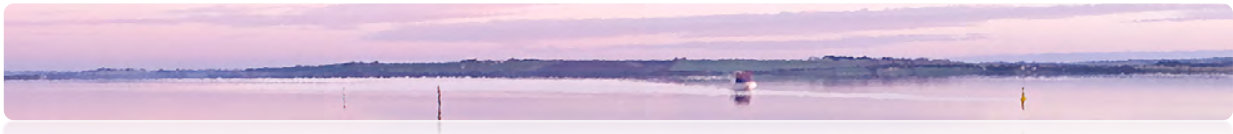
In addition to the management of functions and resources, the role involves providing professional advice to Council on a range of statutory matters.

Staff Numbers

There are 50 staff employed by the Borough of Queenscliffe.

Type of Employment	Female	Male
Full Time	9	8
Part Time	28	1
Casual	3	1
TOTAL	40	10

Additional staff resources have been allocated to the Town Planning, Environmental Health and Sustainability.



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Equal Employment Opportunity

Council's Policy on Equal Employment Opportunity reflects its desire to enjoy a workplace free of discrimination where each person has the opportunity to progress to the extent of his or her ability.

The Council of the Borough of Queenscliffe is wholly committed to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity.

In all policies and practices of the Council there shall be no discrimination relating to sex, marital status, parenthood, race, colours, national origin, physical or mental impairment, religious or political affiliation.

Selection of individuals for employment, promotion or advancement, training and staff development will be on the basis of the person's merit in fair and open competition according to the skills, qualifications, knowledge and efficiency relevant to the position involved.

Information & Records Management

From 1863 the Borough has been keeping hardcopy records and the preservation of many of these documents will now be archived offsite in storage facilities that will ensure the long-term security and preservation that these records require. This action is undertaken in accordance with the Public Records Act 1973 and the Public Records Office Victoria Standards.

General information pertaining to statistics and services provided by Council can be found on Council's Web site: www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au

Risk Management

The key objective of the Risk Management Strategy is to identify, assess and control risks throughout Council's operations.

An important component of the Risk Management Strategy is the annual risk audit conducted by Council's insurers, which prompts a review of systems for continuous improvement.

Incident reporting is an important part of Council's risk plan and where potential liability is identified or incidents occur, these are referred to Council's insurers or to the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

Procurement Policy

Council has Procurement Procedures that outline the core principles that apply to all purchases made and contracts entered into.

Procurement of goods, services and works must be done in a way that is beyond reproach. To ensure this, Council employees are required to perform their duties and conduct themselves in a manner that ensures that they

maintain a reputation for being fair and unbiased when dealing with suppliers.

Occupational Health and Safety

Council continues to recognise that it is responsible for and committed to ensuring, as far as practicable, a safe and healthy working environment for all its employees, contractors and visitors to its workplaces. In fulfilling this responsibility, Council has a duty to provide and maintain a working environment that is safe and without risks to health.

Council's Occupational Health and Safety manual provides a clear framework with policies and procedures to guide the health, safety and welfare of all staff.

Interstate and Overseas Travel

The Local Government Act (1989) requires councillors to register their interstate and overseas travel and associated expenses.

During the 2009/10 financial year, the Mayor, Councillor Bob Merriman registered interstate travel expenses in June 2010 in attending the National General Assembly of Local Government in Canberra at a cost of \$2,828

Best Value

The Local Government (Best Value Principles) Act 1999 requires all Victorian Councils to review their services against key principles to ensure that they are providing value for money to their communities.

Council delivers best value to the community by:

- Understanding the needs of both customers and the community
- Agreeing on what's required, with the resources available
- Delivering what's required through effective management in an economical manner; and
- Continually evaluating and improving the service.

Council's Best Value Policy and Program has been in operation since being adopted by Council on 5 December 2000. There has been no revision to the policy or program and the program has now been completed in accordance with its legislative requirements. However, Council still derives ongoing learning from that program which is applied to all Council's services.

Freedom of Information Act

The Freedom of Information Act 1982 establishes a legally enforceable right for Individuals or organisations to access information from certain records held by Council. Council received three request during the financial year 2009-10, which were granted in full.



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Requests for access to documents under the Act can be lodged with the Freedom of information Officer, Borough of Queenscliffe, PO Box 93, Queenscliff, 3225. A fee of \$23.90 is applicable to each application.

Whistleblower Protection Act

The Whistleblowers Protection Act 2001 was introduced in January 2002 and is designed to encourage and facilitate the disclosure of improper conduct by Council Officers and Councillors.

The Act also provides protection for persons making disclosures who may suffer reprisals as a result of their disclosures.

The Borough of Queenscliffe complies with the requirements of the Act.

During the financial year 2009-10 there were no disclosures made to the Borough of Queenscliffe.

Information Available for Inspection

The following documents are available for inspection at the Council Offices, 50 Learmonth Street, Queenscliff during office hours. Interested persons are able to have copies of any documents on payment of the relevant fee.

- Details of current allowances fixed for the Mayor and Councillors under section 74 of the Act;
- Details of Senior Officers' (as defined by the Act) current gross salaries, allowances and other benefits for the current financial year and two previous financial years;
- Details of overseas or interstate travel, undertaken in an official capacity by Councillors or any member of Council staff in the previous 12 months;
- Names of Council officers who were required to submit a return of interest during the financial year and the dates the returns were submitted;
- Names of councillors who submitted returns of interest during the financial year and the dates the returns were submitted;
- Agendas for and minutes of ordinary and special meetings kept under section 93 of the Act except where such minutes relate to parts of meetings which have been closed to members of the public under section 89 of the Act;
- A list of all major committees established by Council and the purpose for which each committee was established;

- A list of all major committees established by the Council which were abolished or ceased to function during the financial year;
- Minutes of meetings of special committees established under section 86 of the Act except where such minutes relate to parts of meetings which have been closed to members of the public under section 89 of the Act;
- Register of delegations kept under section 88 of the Act;
- Submissions received under section 223 of the Act during the previous 12 months;
- Agreements to establish regional corporations under section 196 of the Act;
- Register of leases entered into by the Council;
- Register of authorised officers appointed under section 224 of the Act;
- Annual Report including financial statements;

Information Privacy Act

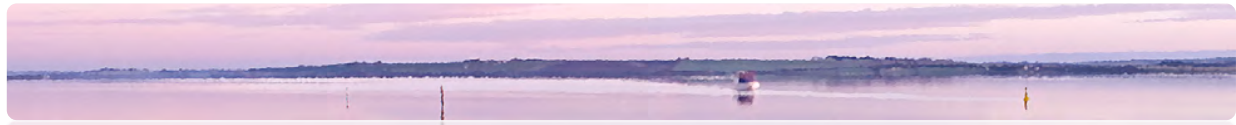
The Victorian Information Privacy Act 2000 requires that Council follow information privacy principle when collecting, managing and using an individual's personal information.

Council's Information privacy policy and procedures are public documents available upon request and on Council's website.

Information requests and any questions or complaints regarding people's rights under the privacy legislation and Council's Information Privacy Policy can be discussed with Council's Privacy Officer on 5258 1377 or you can email: privacy@queenscliffe.vic.gov.au

National Competition Policy

The Borough of Queenscliffe Council has complied with the requirements of the National Competition Policy (NCP) for the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, in accordance with the requirements outlined in National Competition Policy and Local Government – A Revised Statement of Victorian Government Policy (January 2002); with respect to Trade Practices, Local Laws and Competitive Neutrality Compliance.



GOVERNANCE AND STATUTORY INFORMATION

Audit Committee

As part of Council's governance obligations to its community, Council has an Audit Committee set up to facilitate:

- The enhancement of the credibility and objectivity of internal and external financial reporting;
- The effective management of financial and other risks and the protection of Council assets;
- The compliance with laws and regulations as well as use of best practice guidelines;
- The effectiveness of the internal audit function;
- The provision of an effective means of communication between the external auditor, internal audit, management and the Council.

The Committee's role is to report to Council and provide appropriate advice and recommendations on matters relevant to its Charter in order to facilitate decision making by Council in relation to the discharge of its responsibilities.

The Audit Committee is an independent advisory committee, which has no executive powers or authority to implement actions in areas over which management has responsibility. The Audit Committee is therefore independent of management and is the conduit for financial and risk reporting to Council through the Internal Audit program and contract.

The Audit Committee is composed of independent chairman, Mr Richard Bull, independent members, Mr David Shaw, Mr Roland Orchard, Mr Barry Capp, Mr Stephen Cogle (resigned 24 May 2010) and two Councillors, Councillors David Mitchell and Councillor John Burgess. Mr Fergus McKee resigned 9 July 2009.

Member	Eligible to attend	Attended
Mr Richard Bull	3	3
Mr Fergus MacKee (resigned 9 July 2009)	0	0
Mr David Shaw	2	1
Mr Roland Orchard	2	2
Mr Barry Capp	2	1
Mr Stephen Cogle (resigned 28 May 2010)	1	1
Cr. David Mitchell	3	3
Cr John Burgess	3	3

Internal Audit reports

During 2009-10 Internal audit reports received from AFS & Associates (Council's internal audit contractor) covered the following areas:

- Risk management policy
- Fraud prevention policy
- Public liability and professional development insurances
- Community development grants processes
- Revenue and cash procedures
- Asset management
- Review of risk register items

Property Revaluation

In accordance with the Valuation of Land Act (1960), Council undertook the biennial revaluation of all properties in the Borough of Queenscliffe, as at 1 January 2010.

Council's contracted valuers, Landlink Opteon conducted the revaluation, which will be used for rating purposes for the 2010/11 rating year. This legislative process under the Act requires Councils around the State to update property values every two years and distribute rates, based on the varying property values, to residents/ratepayers.

Total Capital Improved Value	\$1.739b
Average CIV per property	\$.630m
Median CIV per property	\$.529m

Local Laws

At June 30, 2010 the only local law current is Local Law No. 1 (2000), which is supported by the "Borough of Queenscliffe Policies and Procedures Manual" and covers a broad range of governance issues. It will be reviewed in the second half of 2010.

In 2009-10 a number of infringement notices, registrations and permits were issued under this Local Law. These are summarised below.

INFRINGEMENT NOTICES	2008/09	2009/10
Parking Infringements	444	423
Animal Infringements	9	18
Local Law Infringements	15	10
Fire Prevention	6	0
TOTAL	475	451
Court Briefs	19	37



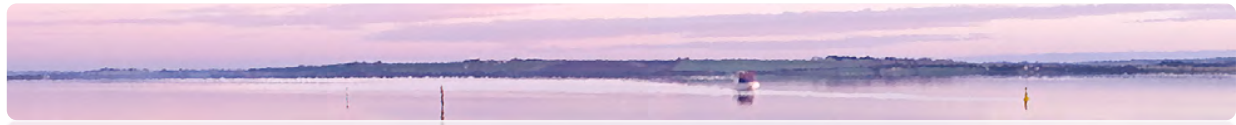
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Consume Alcohol	16	15
Weddings	30	40
Major Events	14	10
Bulk Rubbish Bins	20	34
Disable Permits	66	55
Out Door Eating Facilities	20	30
Goods for Sale	32	15
A Frame	56	46
Residential Parking	2	5
Boat Ramp	280	269
Other	86	100
Permits Total	616	619

ANIMAL REGISTRATION	2008/09	2009/10
Animals Registered	809	754
Dogs	659	609
Cats	150	145
Impounded animals	10	8
Door Knocks (Streets)	23	26
Animal Warning Notices	105	180
Native Animal Responses	9	15
FIRE PREVENTION	84	69
Non Compliance of Notices	8	0
After Hours Calls	26	33
After Hours Call-outs	2	10

Membership of Organisations

ORGANISATION	Financial Contribution	
	2009/10	2008/09
Geelong Otway Tourism (GOT)	\$13,752	\$13,126
Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) - Membership	\$6,464	\$6,234
Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) - Step Asset Management Program	\$6,600	\$6,800
Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) - Councillors Workcover	\$3,500	\$0
Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) - GMHBA Health Plan	\$2,500	\$0
Barwon Region Waste Management Group	\$5,738	\$2,313
G21 Regional Alliance	\$5,730	\$5,000
Association of Bayside Municipalities (ABM)	\$2,551	\$2,556
Victorian Caravan Parks Association (Vic Parks)	\$2,058	\$2,011
Victorian Employers' Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VECCI)	\$1,775	\$1,697
CPA Australia	\$1,064	\$0
Local Government Professionals (LGPro)	\$1,000	\$1,000
ICLEI	\$870	\$1,500
Risk Management Institute of Australia (RMIA)	\$300	\$294
Coastal Camping Victoria	\$227	\$0
Local Government Finance Professionals (FinPro)	\$200	\$0
AAA Tourism Advantage	\$173	\$0
Revenue Management Association (RMA)	\$90	\$90
Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA)	\$0	\$450
Our Community	\$0	\$300
Total Membership Contributions	\$54,592	\$43,371



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Local Government Indicators

The survey is conducted annually by the Department of Planning and Community Development and allows it to consider the community drivers of satisfaction, which have moved beyond the traditional Rs of 'rates, roads and rubbish'.

The three key drivers of residents' satisfaction statewide are town planning policy and approvals; economic development; and local roads and footpaths. The survey questions refer to the broad areas of governance and service delivery.

The *Community Satisfaction Survey*, together with the financial and asset management measures are reported in the *Local Government in Victoria Report* each year.

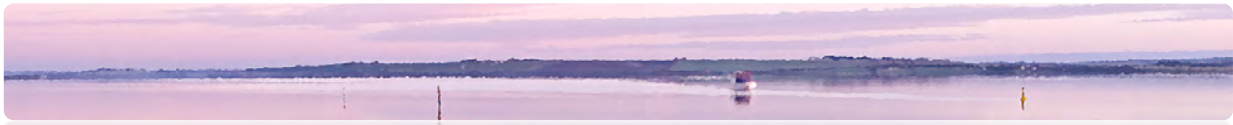
Indicators	2008-09	2009-10	Change in Performance	Comparison with All Councils
Overall Performance	66	62	Declined	Lower
Advocacy	61	60	Unchanged	Lower
Community Engagement	65	53	Declined	Lower
Customer Contact	75	73	Unchanged	Similar
Specific Performance Areas				
Local Roads and Footpaths	61	59	Unchanged	Higher
Health and Human Services	81	79	Unchanged	Higher
Recreational Facilities	68	70	Unchanged	Similar
Appearance of Public Areas	71	70	Unchanged	Similar
Traffic Management and Parking	58	61	Improved	Higher
Waste Management	73	71	Unchanged	Similar
Enforcement of Local Laws	67	65	Unchanged	Similar
Economic Development	60	62	Unchanged	Similar
Town Planning Policy and Approvals	52	47	Declined	Lower



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Grants and Donations to Local Organisations

Recipient	Purpose	Amount
<i>Donations</i>		
Point Lonsdale Life Saving Club	Lifeguard services	\$22,758
Queenscliff Music Festival	Support of the event (cash donation and in-kind support)	\$16,105
Great Victorian Bike Ride	Support of the event (cash donation)	\$8,000
Seafood Feast	Support of the event (in-kind support)	\$7,000
Australian Volunteer Coastguard	Coast guard Services (cash donation)	\$5,000
<i>Community Development Grants</i>		
Queenscliff Neighbourhood House	International Women's Day dinner	\$2,000
Queenscliff Kindergarten	Create a boat and timber jetty playspace for children	\$2,000
St James Anglican Church	Winter luncheons for the older Point Lonsdale community	\$2,000
1st Queenscliff Sea Scouts	Repair of yachts, rescue boat engines and purchase of 32 kayaks	\$1,960
Community Association Inc.	Queenscliff Christmas festival	\$600
<i>Arts & Cultural Development Grants</i>		
Lighthouse Theatre Group	Purchase of proper storage equipment for costumes and materials	\$1,700
Bellarine Community Health	Community garden arts project stone pathway	\$1,500
Queenscliff Film Society	Purchase of a data projector to show up-to-date movies	\$1,436
Queenscliff Historical Museum	Purchase of 2 book trolleys to improve access for the public	\$1,200
Queenscliff Seniors Club	Melodaires Entertainment Group – purchase of equipment	\$1,000
Queenscliff Tennis Club	Coaching fees for junior development tennis carnival	\$800
St George the Martyr Church	Purchase of urn, glasses and vacuum for events in church	\$527
Fort Queenscliff Museum Assoc.	Purchase of catering equipment for use by the volunteers	\$160
<i>Contribution to Operating Costs</i>		
Queenscliffe	Point Lonsdale Christmas Tree Festivities	\$3,408
<i>Youth Cultural Program</i>		
Youth Cultural Program	Bellarine Skate Series	\$2,752
Youth Cultural Program	Youth Music Event	\$2,471
<i>Education Awards</i>		
Bellarine Secondary College	Scholarship	\$1,000
Point Lonsdale Primary School	Scholarship	\$100
Queenscliff Primary School	Scholarship	\$100
St. Aloysius Primary School	Scholarship	\$100
TOTAL		\$85,675



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Grants and Subsidies Received by Council

Purpose	Grant Type	Source	2009/10	2008/09
Federal Grants				
Community Aged Care Packages	Operating	Department of Health & Ageing	\$70,738	\$52,188
Maritime Museum	Capital	Department of Heritage	\$69,158	\$0
Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Access Ramp	Capital	Department of Infrastructure	\$30,000	\$0
			\$169,896	\$52,188

State Grants

General	Operating	Grants Commission	\$159,912	\$202,977
Local Roads	Operating	Grants Commission	\$48,794	\$47,652
Removal of Dangerous Trees	Operating	DSE	\$50,000	\$0
Removal of Pipe works at Ocean View	Operating	DSE	\$22,500	\$0
Drought Relief	Operating	DVC	\$7,000	\$0
Caravan Park Staff Training	Operating	DSE	\$6,000	\$0
Aged Care – Assessments & Care	Operating	DHS	\$183,267	\$174,369
Aged Care – Home Maintenance	Operating	DHS	\$34,727	\$33,572
Aged Care – Emergency Preparation	Operating	DHS	\$10,000	\$0
Aged Care – Additional Assessments	Operating	DHS	\$5,000	\$0
Aged Care – Traineeship	Operating	DHS	\$1,500	\$0
Maternal and Child Health	Operating	DHS	\$46,587	\$40,835
Community Development Officer	Operating	DHS	\$18,799	\$18,698
Heritage Officer	Operating	Heritage Victoria	\$14,000	\$14,000
Strategic Projects Officer	Operating	RDV	\$0	\$12,500
School Crossing Supervision	Operating	Vic Roads	\$10,420	\$10,420
Beach Cleaning	Operating	DSE	\$2,186	\$8,967
Senior Citizens Centre	Operating	DHS	\$7,989	\$7,271
Aged Care - Minor Works	Operating	DHS	\$4,790	\$7,127
Victorian Seniors Festival Senior Week	Operating	DPCD	\$2,750	\$2,750
Councillor Training	Operating	DPCD	\$182	\$1,818
Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Ramp	Capital	DSE	\$50,000	\$0
Pedestrian & Road Safety Strategy	Capital	TAC	\$18,000	\$0
Netball Courts Lighting	Capital	Sport & Recreation	\$17,196	\$0
Kirk Road War Memorial	Capital	Department of Premier	\$9,890	\$0
			\$727,117	\$1,148,842

Other Grants

Revegetation at 'The Narrows'	Operating	Port of Melbourne Corporation	\$10,000	\$0
Tobacco Activity Program	Operating	Municipal Association Victoria	\$8,719	\$7,347
Bushfire Preparation	Operating	Municipal Association Victoria	\$7,690	\$0
			\$26,409	\$10,741



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:

Governance, Finance & External Relations

Providing accountable governance and long term sustainable financial management

Maximising State and Federal grant revenue for Business Plan priorities

In 2009/10 the Borough of Queenscliffe Council was able to significantly increase the level of grant funding from both State and Federal Government departments. Funding assistance was received to support projects of importance to Council and local community groups. Successful funding applications enabled Council to work with the community to progress planning, design and construction of the following projects:

- Building the new 'Queenscliff Playspace' in Princess Park (construction completed in February 2010)
- Undertaking the second stage improvements to the clubrooms and associated amenities of the Point Lonsdale Bowls Club (construction scheduled to be completed in September 2010)
- Replacing and upgrading the Point Lonsdale Beach Access Ramp (construction scheduled to be completed in November 2010)
- Queenscliff Netball Lighting Improvements (construction completed in March 2010)
- Removal of the Ocean View Stormwater Pipe at the Queenscliff front beach (removal works completed in April 2010)
- Improvements to the Queenscliff Maritime Museum (completed in June 2010)
- Restoration of the Kirk Road, Point Lonsdale War Memorial (scheduled for completion in November 2010)
- Repairs to the Point Lonsdale Seawall following major storm activity

Additional financial assistance through non-capital grants from other levels of Government also resulted in Council:

- Increasing the level of Home and Community Care services to Borough residents
- Removing and replacing dangerous trees in Princess, Citizens and Victoria Parks
- Commencing pedestrian and road safety planning in Point Lonsdale
- Reviewing the Municipal Emergency Management planning

Reinstate community portfolio groups

After receiving an extremely positive response from the community and establishing portfolio reference groups, Council continued to call on the expertise and knowledge of local community members to inform Council practice across the five Strategic Directions of:

- Governance, Finance & External Relations
- Sustainability & Local Environment
- Business & Tourism
- Community Development and
- Planning, Heritage & Community Assets

Community feedback and advice was particularly important in relation to infrastructure planning, key policy debates and community issues covering many areas that included but were not limited to:

- Finalising the draft Council Plan and draft budget prior to formal public consultation
- Designing the priority infrastructure improvements in Hesse Street, Queenscliff
- Identifying priorities for improving Council and foreshore assets
- Informing the tree removal, replacement and management strategy
- Identifying planning considerations in response to sea level rise and climate change

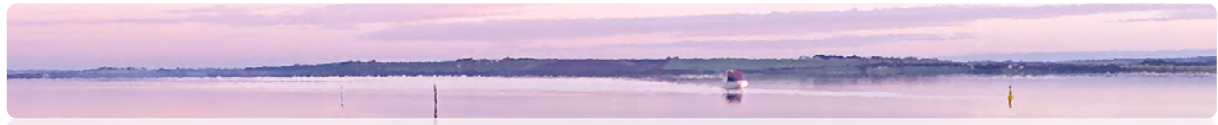
Review Risk Management Policies and Practices

Council placed a high priority on improving its risk management policies and procedures during the 2009/10 financial year. A review of Council's Audit Committee membership resulted in an increased number of members who bring a high level of skills and experience to this vital role. The Audit Committee now comprises four independent members (including an independent chairperson) and two Councillors. The CEO and senior management prepare agenda reports and attend all meetings along with Council's internal auditor.

During 2009/10 the key improvements in risk management included:

- Addressing a significant number of outstanding matters related to risk management reports presented to Council by the Internal Auditor between 2004 and 2008;
- Preparing amendments to strengthen Council's Risk Management policy and Fraud policy;
- Reviewing and progressing improvements to Council's Risk Register

Council also completed preparation of risk management plans related to climate change and how this is likely to impact of future service provision and management of Council and Foreshore assets.



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:

Governance, Finance & External Relations

Improve Council's website

The new Borough of Queenscliffe website went live on 30 June 2010 and was officially launched at the monthly Queenscliff Lonsdale Tourism meeting held at the Victoria Hotel in Queenscliff. While meeting the requirements of the Local Government Act, the website upgrade has delivered improved functionality and ease of use through simple graphic presentation and increased quality and standard of information. The technology

supporting the website will allow new information to be progressively added including improved ways of promoting local events, businesses and community activities.

The website also provides an immediate link to local, regional, state and national tourism information. This function will be progressively improved with assistance from Geelong Otway Tourism.

2009/10 Business Plan Priority Actions	Outcome
Develop a strategic financial plan	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11
Minimise rate increases	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11
Maximise state and federal grant revenue for Business Plan priorities	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11
Increase revenue by developing cabins and caravan parks	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11
Investigate resource sharing with neighbouring municipalities and other organisations	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11
Reinstate community portfolio groups and community plan process	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11
Commence process for municipal boundary relocation	In progress
Advocate for improved public transport with regional organisation and State and Federal Government	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11
Advocate and seek to resolve key issues surrounding Queenscliff's marine precinct	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11
Develop and implement a Council customer service charter	Completed
Review risk management policies and practices	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11
Rationalise and maximise the return on Council assets within social and environmental constraints	In progress
Identify and resolve key issues related to the Defence Department's use of Fort Queenscliff	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11
Improve Council's website	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:

Sustainability & Local Environment

Living sustainably and protecting and restoring our diverse environment

Develop and implement the Tree Management, Removal and Replacement Strategy

During 2009/10 Council and the Borough community worked together to respond to the major challenges associated with risk management of aged exotic and indigenous trees in Princess, Citizens and Victoria Parks in Queenscliff. With professional advice from arborist, John Patrick and the active engagement of local citizens, Council was able to craft a Tree Removal, Replacement and Management Strategy to guide practice in these three iconic parks.

Council was able to complete all identified tree removals prior to Christmas 2009 and this resulted in minimal disruption to the camping and holiday season. A Vegetation Advisory Group was established to advise Council on tree replanting. In the final months of 2009/10, 14 Port Jackson Figs were planted in Gellibrand Street, Queenscliff and 28 trees of various species planted in Princess Park. Major tree plantings in Victoria Park are scheduled to occur in September 2010.

Establish a Sustainability Officer position

Consistent with the commitment of the Council to establish a range of strategic priorities in relation to the portfolio of 'Sustainability & Local Environment', Council allocated funds in the 2009/10 budget to create the first officer position dedicated to working with the community to advance sustainable living.

A key priority of this role has been the development of a Sustainability Action Plan. The draft plan was presented to Council in June 2010 and is now on exhibition seeking public feedback prior to endorsement from Council.

Facilitate programs to assist resident's access sustainability products including solar hot water, water tanks and solar panels

Council has provided one-on-one support and information to residents, rate payers and community groups that call or make appointments to discuss their needs regarding accessing information on products that enhance sustainability at home. Council has facilitated information sessions at the Queenscliffe Neighbourhood House on solar hot water, solar power, available Government Rebates and opportunities available for bulk buying related products. The Sustainable Living component of the new Council website has been developed and is due to be implemented early in 2010/11. This will provide residents,

ratepayers and anyone accessing the Borough Council website with information related to living sustainably and sustainability products.

Work with local environment groups and the community to reduce and prevent the spread of noxious and environmental weeds in the Borough

During 2009/10 Council continued its partnership with the Bellarine Catchment Network to engage the community in reducing weed infestation with a particular focus on 'The Narrows'. The three year review of this partnership is completed and both parties agreed to extend the positive and complementary working relationship.

Throughout 2009/10 Council continued to capitalise on opportunities to utilise Corrective Services that enabled significant environmental programs to be implemented for a limited cost outlay. Use of the Corrections Victoria program has been expanded and this has enabled significant progress on weed removal and revegetation priority locations in the Borough.

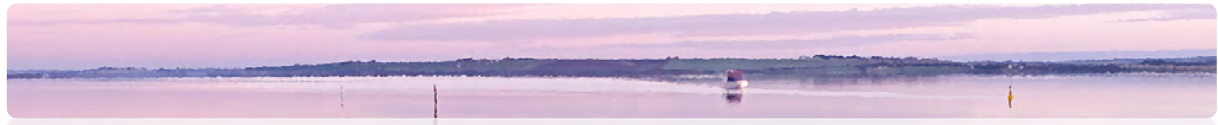
Public Health Services

Council's Environmental Health Service undertakes a wide range of services each year to protect and promote public health. Below are some of the statistics for the 2009-10 compared with the 2008-09 financial year.

As well as the more well known tasks such as registering and inspecting premises, registering hairdressers, taking random food samples at festivals and investigating nuisance complaints, Council also monitors the sale of tobacco, is involved in the mosquito control program, and prepares and responds to pandemic and influenza plans.

The Environmental Health Officer is also responsible for public health education (e.g. the Bairnsdale ulcer program) and administers the Municipal Public Health Plan.

	2008-09	2009-10
Food Act Registrations	74	82
Food Act Assessments	24	87
Health Act Registrations	6	5
Prescribed Accommodation	17	19
Residential Tenancies Act Accommodation	6	6
Tobacco Act Inspections	5	15
Nuisance Complaints	30	27



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:

Sustainability & Local Environment

2009/10 Business Plan Priority Actions	Outcome
Identify future priorities for development of bike paths and walking tracks throughout the Borough and surrounds	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11
Develop and implement the Tree Management, Removal and Replacement Strategy ensuring timely replacement of mature exotic tree specimens and replanting regimes	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11
Progress further stages of the ICLEI program to produce a strategy to move the Council by 2013 and community by 2020 to carbon neutrality and progress the strategy to inform the 2010/2011 Budget	Alternative action approved and Completed
Continue to advocate to State and Federal Governments for an expansion of 'Port Phillip Bay (Western Shoreline) and Bellarine Peninsula' Ramsar site to include the Core Wetlands and surrounding land of the Lonsdale Lakes Wetland Complex and Sand Island	In progress
Establish a Sustainability Officer position	Completed
Facilitate programs to assist residents' access to sustainability products including solar hot water, water tanks and solar panels	Completed
Investigate the installation of energy efficient street lighting	Completed
Join Eco Buy	Alternative action approved and Completed
Work with local environment groups and the community to reduce and prevent spread of noxious and environmental weeds in the Borough	Completed
Advocate for a move to carbon neutrality	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11
Identify funding opportunities that would enable Council to progress a 'Wetlands Strategy'	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:

Business & Tourism

Supporting local businesses and tourism by providing an environment in which they can both flourish

Implement opportunities arising from the Tourism Infrastructure Opportunities Study

During 2009/10 Council implemented a range of actions consistent with the key recommendations of the Tourism Infrastructure Opportunities Study that was endorsed by Council in June 2009. These actions reinforced the importance of improving infrastructure that would increase the range of opportunities and quality of experience of both residents and people visiting or holidaying in the Borough of Queenscliffe. Council was able to progress the following priorities:

- Construction of a new 'Queenscliff Playspace' in Princess Park;
- Successful application for State Government funding of \$250K to improve the pathways, carparking, park furniture and fencing as well as undertaking revegetation and planting in Princess and Citizens Parks;
- Preparation of a 'concept plan', in partnership with Parks Victoria, to improve foreshore pathways and beach access between the Ferry Terminal and the Queenscliff Pier. This will lead to the preparation of a funding submission in 2010/11;
- Successful grant application to the Federal Government to undertake exhibition improvements at the Queenscliff Maritime Museum;
- Introductory trial of a 'ferry ambassador program', conducted in partnership with Peninsula Searoad Transport (Ferry), Mornington Peninsula Shire, Mornington Peninsula Tourism and Bellarine Peninsula Tourism, designed to increase passenger's knowledge of events and tourist opportunities in Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale.

Review the relationships between Queenscliff Lonsdale Tourism with both Geelong Otway Tourism and Bellarine Tourism

During 2009/10 Council and Queenscliff Lonsdale Tourism (QLT) used the 2010/11 budget planning process to clarify roles and relationships in respect to improving tourism opportunities in the Borough. This resulted in the drafting of a new Memorandum of Understanding that will provide greater clarity to the respective lead responsibilities of the Council, QLT, Bellarine Tourism and Geelong Otway Tourism.

The meetings held with representatives from each of the organisations reinforced the respective commitments and identified the best way of working together to increase tourism in the Borough, minimise duplicated effort and improve the range of tourism related activities and programs.

The upgraded Council website provides new opportunities for local businesses to promote their products and tailor

their advertising on the Council website as information changes and new opportunities or events emerge. Given the clear trend towards internet based tourism and holiday planning, Council and QLT are working together to engage as many local businesses as possible in this new promotional medium.

Visitor Information Centre

The distinctive blue and yellow 'i' sign at the Visitor Information Centre identifies the Visitor Information Centre as one of 74 statewide accredited Visitor Information Centres. Whilst the centre attracts a lot of walk in enquiries our statistics would indicate that the way people are finding out about the Borough of Queenscliffe is changing.

Approximately 80% of visitors in Australia use the internet to make their travel plans (source: tourismvic.vic.gov.au).

	2008-09	2009-10
Walk In Visitors	62,738	57,540
Phone Enquiries	9,164	3,748
Email Enquiries	178	195
Heritage Walk Participants	638	673
Website Homepage Hits	51,226	45,636
Visitor Centre Homepage Hits	30,803	32,580

The Visitor Information website was redeveloped during the year and now has improved links, resources and information, fact sheets, maps and guides.

Accreditation

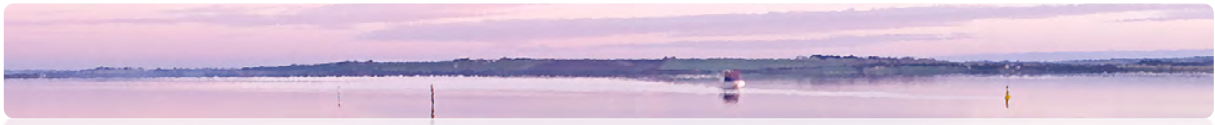
The Australian Tourism Accreditation Program (ATAP) is approved by the Tourism Accreditation Board of Victoria Inc. All businesses accredited through the Australian Tourism Accreditation Program meet the Australian Tourism Accreditation Standard. The Visitor Information Centre achieved their annual accreditation at the end of June.

Volunteer Involvement

The Visitor information Centre is currently maintained by two full time paid staff and a pool of 25 Customer Service Volunteers and eight Heritage Guides.

During the year six volunteers – David Francis, David Rafferty, Margaret Snooks, Robyn Vellef, Lyn Wiles and Emi Ambrose retired. We thank them for their invaluable contribution.

In 2010 the Visitor Information Centre commenced a trial of the Ferry Ambassador Program, on the Queenscliff/Sorrento Searoad Ferry service, utilising an initial group of six skilled volunteers.



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:

Business & Tourism

This is proving to be very popular and efforts are now being made to recruit volunteers from both the Bellarine and Mornington Peninsulas to extend this service.

The Visitor Information Centre also participated in the Government Employment Training Scheme and successfully trained Ms Sam Diamond over the last 12 months to Certificate III in Tourism (Visitor Information

Services). Sam is currently enjoying a working holiday in Britain putting her skills to good use. We thank her and wish her well in her future endeavours.

A review is underway of recruitment strategies and processes and anyone interested in becoming a tourism volunteer should contact Maree Greenwood on 5258 4843

2009/10 Business Plan Priority Actions	Outcome
Implement opportunities arising from the Tourism Infrastructure Opportunities Study.	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11
Work in partnership with businesses and other organisations to develop the packaging of tourism opportunities and accommodation particularly during seasonal times of the year	Completed
Review the relationships between Queenscliff Lonsdale Tourism with both Geelong Otway Tourism and Bellarine Tourism	In progress
Seek to be appointed Committee of Management for the TOC-H site and source funding opportunities to develop and precinct plan for the TOC-H site	In progress
Complete precinct plan for Golightly Park	In progress
Coordinate development of an events calendar	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11
Source tourism data regarding accommodation provision and information regarding tourist visitation to the Borough of Queenscliffe	Completed



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:

Community Development

Work in partnership with the community to build a strong, safe, inclusive and connected community.

Work with local groups to establish a community garden on the former High School site

The establishment of an indigenous garden on the former High School site was identified as a priority in the community planning process conducted by the Borough Council in 2007/08. The Point Lonsdale Primary School (with involvement from a range of other interested community members) and the Borough Council have worked together to establish the indigenous garden. A Memorandum of Understanding between the Primary School and Council provides guidance to the respective roles and responsibilities for activity at the site. The garden was officially opened in Reconciliation Week in May 2009 and since that time the local community has worked diligently to extend the indigenous plantings and create a fantastic space for the local community.

Progress the Hesse Street revitalization project

Developing a future design for Hesse Street was another priority identified in the Borough Council's community planning process in 2007/08. Council has progressed this 'Hesse Street Revitalisation' project in 2009/10 with the support of a community reference group and the assistance of urban design consultants, 2MH.

Following an extensive public consultation period (totalling 10 weeks) Council adopted the final report and concept plans at its meeting on 23 June 2010.

During 2010/11 Council will progress a funding submission to the State Government to undertake the priority improvement works in Hesse Street.

Complete Queenscliff playground and park development project

After securing funding from the Federal Government, construction of the Queenscliff Playspace in Princess Park was officially opened by Mr Darren Cheeseman, Federal Member for Corangamite in March 2010. Since the opening the playground has been well utilised by children and families.

Given the extensive period of planning and fund raising, the work of the Queenscliff Playspace community reference group was formally recognised by Council as part of the Australia Day celebrations.

The successful application to the State Government for improvements to Princess and Citizens Parks will complement the increased level of activity and interaction associated with the new playground.

Support and encourage community organisations

The release of the 'Indicators of Community Wellbeing' for each local government authority reinforces the role and importance of community organisations to the health and wellbeing of local communities. Council recognises its

role in working with community organisations to either support or facilitate the successful implementation of a range of community events.

Council provided cash support to the Great Victorian Bike Ride and Queenscliff Music Festival, as well as in kind support for the Queenscliff Rod Run (hotrod show), Queenscliff Seafood Feast and other community events including the Hesse Street Christmas Festival, Point Lonsdale Lighting of the Christmas Tree, Rip to River Run and the Rip View Swim Classic.

Facilitate civic events and activities

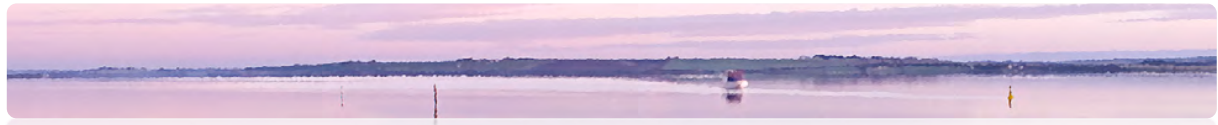
The annual Victorian Seniors Festival was conducted from 4-11 October 2009. Designed to increase participation of older residents, the festival included many free and low-cost events across the Borough. Activities included a High Tea at the Vue Grand, an 'Over 80s' Afternoon Tea in the Town Hall, concerts and performances, information sessions, outings and special entry prices to many museums in the Borough.

The Council's Volunteer Recognition event was conducted at the Point Lonsdale Bowls Club in December 2009. Over 70 Volunteers attended, and enjoyed some 'barefoot bowls' and refreshments. Mayor Bob Merriman reinforced the significant role of volunteers in the Borough, highlighting the comparatively high levels of volunteerism in this municipality.

Council's Australia Day Celebrations were held on 26 January 2010 at the Queenscliff Town Hall. A number of Australia Day awards were presented: Citizen Of The Year was awarded to David (John) Anwyl, Junior Citizen of the Year was awarded to Lisa Hanley, the Community Event of the Year was awarded to the Queenscliffe Lighthouse Theatre Group for their production of "Sound of Music" and the Community Service of the Year award was presented to Queenscliff Playspace Community Working Group. Excellent feedback was received in relation to this event.

Council encouraged local Schools to participate in the 'Ride to School' Day held on 17 March 2010. Excellent results were reported including some notable results from St Aloysius Primary School who achieved a participation rate of 88.4% of students riding and 5.3% walking to school

The Bellarine Peninsula 2010 Skate Series commenced in January 2010 with heats being held across the Bellarine. Council hosted a fantastic Grand Final 'skate off' on 11 April 2010 at the Point Lonsdale Skate Park.



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:

Community Development

Review Council's Municipal Health Plan

In 2008 the Parliament of Victoria initiated reforms to its public health legislation and as at 1 January 2010 the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 was enacted.

Under Section 26 of the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 Councils are able to integrate the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan into their Council Plan.

The Borough of Queenscliffe Council adopted this model and following the public exhibition process, Council adopted the Council Plan, incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, at its meeting on 23 June 2010.

As part of this planning process, the Borough Council commissioned G21 to produce a health and wellbeing profile of Borough residents and the community overall. This profile reinforces the critical role of social relationships, participation in community groups and physical activity as well as access to public transport, employment and education as fundamental building blocks to individual and community health and wellbeing.

Investigate a suitable future location for the Queenscliffe & District Neighbourhood House

In 2009/10 Council met with the Queenscliffe & District Neighbourhood House Committee of Management (QNH) to examine alternative accommodation options that would improve their capacity to respond to the lifelong learning needs of the Borough community. Council and QNH examined a range of options and determined to identify a short and long-term solution. As an interim arrangement, Council facilitated QNH moving to the former Port of Melbourne Authority property in Tobin Drive, Queenscliff. All reports indicate that this has been extremely beneficial in terms of increasing program capacity and levels of community participation.

In a related sequence of activities the Queenscliff Music Festival (QMF) approached Council seeking assistance to address their accommodation requirements in light of the cessation of their lease in Flinders Street, Queenscliff. Council has also been able to respond by supporting QMF to relocate to the QNH building in King Street Queenscliff.

2009/10 Business Plan Priority Actions	Outcome
Source funding opportunities to develop a precinct plan for the former High School site	In progress
Work with local groups to establish a community garden on the former High School site	Completed
Progress the Hesse Street revitalization project	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11
Source funding opportunities to review the precinct plan for Queenscliff Recreation Reserve	In progress
Complete Queenscliff playground and park development project	In progress
Support and encourage community organisations	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11
Facilitate civic events and activities	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11
Review community grants and recognition awards	In progress
Review Council's Municipal Health Plan	Completed
Improve pedestrian safety, including advocating for reduced speed limits in residential areas without footpaths	In progress
Facilitate use of public transport	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11
Work with the CFA and SES to improve community awareness and participation in response to emergencies	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11
Establish regular dialogue with the Victoria Police	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11
Improve Municipal Emergency Management planning	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11
Undertake a review of Council leases	In progress
Investigate a suitable future location for the Neighbourhood House	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11
Identify funding opportunities that would enable Council to progress Stage 2 of the Point Lonsdale Bowls Club re-development project	Completed



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:

Planning, Heritage & Community Assets

Striving to ensure development and enhances the character of the natural and built environment.

Adopt and implement recommendations of the Point Lonsdale Structure Plan

After an extensive process of planning and community consultation and the active input of the joint Project Control Group (between the City of Greater Geelong and Borough of Queenscliffe) Council adopted the Point Lonsdale Structure Plan at its July 2009 meeting.

A Planning Scheme Amendment is now required to introduce this Structure Plan into the Planning Schemes of both municipalities and to give the document statutory weight. In November 2009 the Borough and the City of Greater Geelong jointly requested the Minister for Planning undertake both amendments.

On 2 June 2010, the Minister for Planning advised that he would assume Planning Authority Status in order for the amendment process to be undertaken in a co-ordinated manner and to provide more clarity for the local community.

During 2010/11 the State Department of Planning and Community Development will facilitate the planning scheme amendment.

Planning Activity

During 2009/10 Council's Planning Department received a 10.24% increase in planning applications. A break down of the applications received is summarised below.

	08/09	09/10
Number of Applications Lodged	166	183
Number of Applications Withdrawn	14	14
Number of Permit/Notice of Decisions Issued	161	176
Number of Subdivisions	20	20
Number of VCAT Appeals	6	9

Develop Asset Maintenance and Renewal Program

During 2009/10 Council invested considerable time and effort in reviewing Council owned and Council managed assets. This asset management activity is being undertaken in parallel with a statewide planning process supported by the peak local government agency, the Municipal Association of Victoria and a Federal Government policy reform designed to improve the long

term financial sustainability of local government throughout Australia.

As part of the asset management program the Borough Council commissioned a condition assessment of all road and building assets as a basis for determining the appropriate expenditure levels for asset renewal and asset maintenance over time. The Asset Maintenance and Renewal Program has been considered in the preparation of the 2010/11 budget.

Council is planning to undertake the next roads and footpath condition assessment in 2010/11 as scheduled.

Complete the Geotechnical Cliff Safety Assessment adjacent to the Point Lonsdale Bowling Club

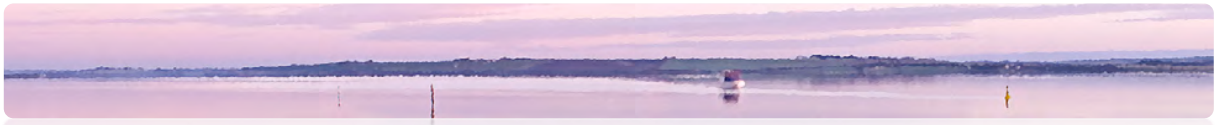
Council received funding from the State Government to undertake a geotechnical assessment of cliff safety at Point Lonsdale adjacent to the Point Lonsdale Bowls Club.

During 2009/10, consultant Peter Yttrup was appointed to complete this project and his final report and associated recommendations has informed a Council funding application under the State Government Coastal Risk Mitigation Program.

Implement Coastal Safety Signage Project

In 2008/09 Council received funding from the State Government to implement the signage related recommendations identified in the Point Lonsdale and Queenscliff Coastal Risk and Safety Signage Report prepared by Life Saving Victoria. This report was designed to increase beach safety through improving and standardising signage adjacent to beaches along the Victorian coastline.

The Borough Council installed signs at all beach access tracks prior to the 2009 Christmas - New Year peak tourist period.



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:

Planning, Heritage & Community Assets

2009/10 Business Plan Priority Actions	Outcome
Adopt and implement recommendations of the Point Lonsdale Structure Plan	In progress
Review the Borough of Queenscliffe Planning Scheme	Yet to commence
Review planning procedures and processes to promote efficiency and productivity	Completed
Construct traffic calming devices in Point Lonsdale Shopping Centre precinct	In progress
Improve road edges in Point Lonsdale for pedestrian safety and amenity	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11
Develop Asset Maintenance and Renewal Program	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11
Complete Geotechnical Cliff Safety Assessment adjacent to Point Lonsdale Bowling Club	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11
Implement Coastal Safety Signage Project	Completed
Advocate for roundabouts in priority locations	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11
Propose undergrounding of powerlines in priority locations	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11
Source funding opportunities to undertake Stage 2 of the Heritage Study	Completed
Complete Climate Change Strategy	Completed. Continuing in 2010/11



UNDERSTANDING FINANCIAL REPORTS

Simple Guide to the Financial Reports

The Financial Report is a general-purpose financial report that consists of a Comprehensive Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Cash Flow Statement, and notes accompanying the financial statements. This Annual Report includes a section called 'Understanding the Financial Report'. This is provided in 'laymans terms' to assist in understanding what each of the statements represent. The Comprehensive Income Statement for the financial year ending 30 June 2010 shows a surplus of \$1.809M against the previous years result of \$.521M.

In order to ascertain an underlying operating result as has been calculated in Council's long term financial planning and financial key performance indicators going forward, any capital funding is deducted.

Whilst this does not comply with current accounting standards and therefore cannot be disclosed in this manner in the audited statements for the Annual Report,

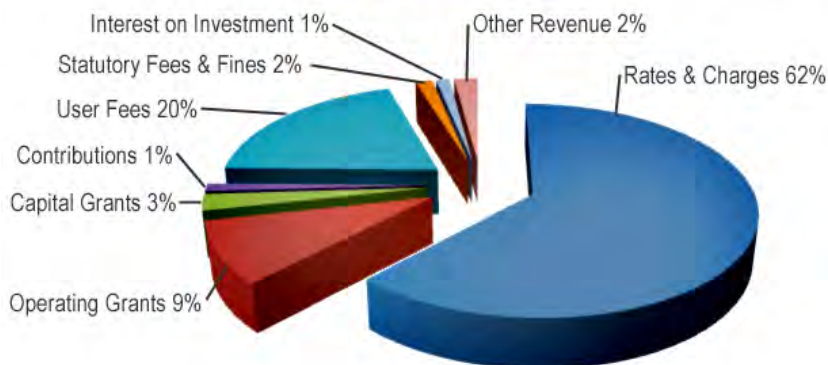
it is deemed a valuable method of determining a purely operational result for the financial year. This is done on the basis that capital expenditure is not contained in the Income statement whilst the capital funding (in terms of grants and contributions) is.

Also adjusted in the final underlying result is the timing difference in receipt of grants income. Government grants received for specific projects are matched against the expenditure on those projects.

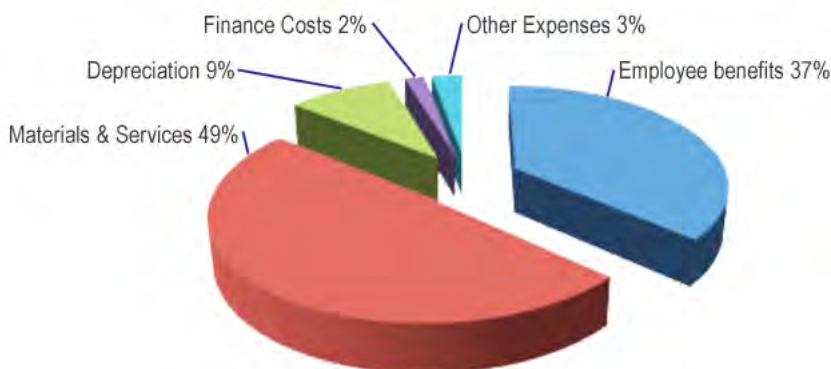
Therefore "unexpended" grants in 2008/09 have been adjusted in the 2009/10 result and similarly grant income has been transferred from 2009/10 into next year where projects are incomplete by 30 June 2010.

The underlying operational result net of capital income and other adjustments as above, is a surplus of \$306,000. This compares favourably to previous years showing a positive trend for the Borough's financials.

Income 2009-10



Expenditure 2009-10





UNDERSTANDING FINANCIAL REPORTS

Performance Snapshot

Local Government Performance Indicators	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
Affordability / Cost of Governance			
Average Rates and Charges per Assessment	\$1,419.40	\$1,528.55	\$1,597.48
Average Rates and Charges per Residential Assessment	\$1,354.18	\$1,482.94	\$1,541.75
Sustainability			
Average Liabilities per Assessment	\$1,029.37	\$966.24	\$999.87
Operating Result per Assessment	\$15.03	\$176.23	\$602.63
Services			
Average Operating Expenditure per Assessment	\$2,330.60	\$2,412.34	\$2,355.52
Community Satisfaction Rating for Overall Performance generally of the Council	65	66	62
Infrastructure			
Average Capital Expenditure per Assessment	\$476.43	\$764.60	\$355.73
Investment Gap *(1)	270%	341%	160%
Renewal Gap *(2)	229%	230%	52%
Renewal and Maintenance Gap *(3)	216%	251%	115%
Governance			
Community Satisfaction Rating for Council's Advocacy and Community Representation on Key Local Issues	63	61	60
Community Satisfaction Rating for Council's Engagement in Decision Making on Key Local Issues	64	65	53
Additional Sustainability Data			
Operating Surplus per Income Statement	\$101,000	\$521,000	\$1,809,482
Underlying Operating Surplus / (Deficit) – (Capital Income and other abnormals removed) *(4)	(\$10,000)	\$229,959	\$306,000

***Notes:**

1. The investment gap ratio measures the rate of capital spending (renewal, upgrade and new) on assets compared with the value of the assets used (depreciation) during the year.
2. The renewal gap ratio measures the rate of capital spending on the renewal of assets compared with the value of the assets used (depreciation) during the year.
3. The renewal and maintenance gap ratio measures the rate of capital and maintenance spending on the renewal of assets compared with the value of the assets used (depreciation) and the planned level of maintenance during the year.
4. The underlying operating result removes capital income on the basis that there is no matching capital expenditure included in the Income Statement. On this same matching principle, grant income is adjusted into the year in which it was expended. Other abnormals removed include non-monetary contributions (eg. from developers), asset sales and the share of the Regional Library equity. These adjustments are included to ascertain a more realistic result of operating activities. Note also that previous years figures have also been adjusted for grants income and thus will differ from previous years Annual Reports.



UNDERSTANDING FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Financial Report shows how Council performed financially during the 2009/10 financial year and the overall position at the end of the financial year (30 June 2010).

What is contained in the Annual Financial Report?

Council's financial report contains a set of financial statements and accompanying notes. These are prepared by Council staff to meet the requirements of the Local Government Act 1989, Australian Accounting Standards (AAS's) as well as the Victorian Auditor General's model accounts which are designed to standardise financial reporting for local government bodies throughout Victoria.

The Victorian Auditor General's agent audits the statements before being approved in principle by Council's Internal Audit Committee and Council itself. The Financial Statements are then forwarded to the Auditor General for final approval. Once approval has been received, the Statements are made available for public inspection, usually in the first two weeks of October each year.

The Financial Statements are made up of four key financial reports:

- Income Statement
- Balance Sheet
- Statement of Changes in Equity
- Cash Flow Statement

The notes detail Council's accounting policies and a breakdown of values contained in the statements.

In addition to the Financial Statements, Council is also required to prepare Standard Statements that are included in this Annual Report. The Standard Statements provide a comparison of actual results for the year to the annual adopted budget and provides explanations for major variances.

Income Statement

The Income Statement measures Council's performance over the year and shows if a surplus or deficit has resulted from delivering Council services. The Statement shows:

- Sources of Council's revenue under various income headings; and
- Expenses incurred in running the Council during the

year. This includes depreciation or the writing down of the value of buildings, roads, footpaths, drains and all other infrastructure assets, which are used to provide Council services. These assets are depreciated over the life of the asset as they are used. Capital costs or new assets purchased or created during the year are excluded from the Statement but as indicated above, are depreciated as they are used.

The Statement is prepared on an 'accrual' basis. This means that all income and costs for the year are recognised even though the income may not yet be received (such as interest on investments) or expenses not yet paid (invoices not yet received for goods and services already used).

The key figure to look at is the surplus or (deficit) for the year. A surplus means that Council is creating sufficient surplus to replace infrastructure assets at the time when they need to be replaced.

Note: the 'bottom line' is adjusted by abnormal items. The 'Standard Statement of Income' subtotals the operating position prior to abnormal items and capital income.

Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet sets out Council's net accumulated financial worth at a point in time. It shows the assets that Council holds as well as liabilities or claims against these assets. The bottom line of this statement is Net Assets, which shows the net worth of Council, which has been built up over many years.

The assets and liabilities are separated into current or non-current. Current means those assets or liabilities that will fall due within the next 12 months.



UNDERSTANDING FINANCIAL REPORTS

The components of the Balance Sheet are:

Current and Non-Current Assets

Council's assets are as follows:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	Cash held in the bank and in petty cash and the market value of Council's investments.
Trade and Other Receivables	Monies owed to Council by ratepayers and others.
Other Assets	Includes prepayments, which are expenses that Council has paid in advance of service delivery.
Property, Infrastructure, Plant and Equipment	The largest component of Council's worth representing the value of all the land, buildings, roads, vehicles, equipment, etc., which has been built up by Council over many years.

Current and Non-Current Liabilities

Council's Liabilities are as follows:

Trade and Other Payables	People and businesses to whom Council owes money.
Trust Funds and Deposits	Monies held in trust by Council.
Provisions	The accrued value of long service leave and annual leave.
Interest-Bearing Loans and Borrowings	The outstanding balance Council owes on bank loans. Current borrowings represent the amount to be repaid in 2009-10.

Net Assets

This term is used to describe the difference between the value of total assets and the value of total liabilities. It represents the net worth of Council as at 30 June 2010.

Total Equity

This always equals Net Assets and is made up of the following components:

Accumulated Surplus	The value of all net assets, other than those below, accumulated over time.
Reserves	The Reserves are made up of the asset revaluation reserve and other reserves. The asset revaluation reserve is the difference between the previously recorded value of assets and their current valuation and other reserves are funds that have restrictions placed on their use and are not readily available for use by Council in a discretionary manner.

Statement of Changes in Equity

The Statement of Changes in Equity summarises the change in Council's net worth. Council's net worth can only change as a result of:

- A 'profit' or 'loss' as recorded in the Income Statement;
- The use of monies from Council's reserves; or
- An increase or decrease in the value of non-current assets resulting from a revaluation of those assets.



UNDERSTANDING FINANCIAL REPORTS

Cash Flow Statement

The Cash Flow Statement summarises Council's cash receipts and payments for the financial year and the net 'cash in hand' position. The values may differ from those shown in the Income Statement because the Income Statement is prepared on an accrual accounting basis.

Cash in this statement refers to bank deposits and other forms of 'highly liquid' investments that can readily be converted into cash. Council's cash arises from, and is used in, three main areas:

- **Cash Flows from Operating Activities:**
Receipts All cash receipts arising from the general operations of Council, including rates, general trading sales and debtors, grants and interest earnings. Receipts do not include cash from the sale of assets or loan funds.
Payments All cash paid by Council from its bank account to staff, creditors and other persons. It does not include the costs associated with the creation of assets.
- **Cash Flows from Investing Activities:**
This section shows the cash invested in the creation or purchase of property, plant and equipment, infrastructure assets and the cash received from the sale of these assets.
- **Cash Flows from Financing Activities:**
This is where the receipt and repayment of borrowed funds are recorded.

The bottom line of the Cash Flow Statement is the cash at end of financial year. This shows the capacity of Council to meet its cash debts and other liabilities.

Notes to the Accounts

The Notes to the Accounts are a very important and informative section of the report. The Australian Accounting Standards are not prescriptive in many issues therefore it is necessary to provide details of Council's accounting policies to enable the reader to understand the values shown in the Statements.

Apart from describing the main accounting policies (Note 1), it also provides details on many of the summary items contained in the Annual Financial Report. The note numbers are shown beside the relevant items in each of the Statements. The notes also provide an opportunity for Council to disclose additional information that cannot be incorporated into the Financial Report.

Other notes disclose information on:

- The cost of various functions of Council (refer Note 39);
- The breakdown of expenses, revenues, reserves and other assets (refer Notes 2 to 24);
- Contingent liabilities and contingent assets (refer Note 34);
- Transactions with persons related to Council (refer Note 38); and
- Superannuation (refer Note 31).

The notes should be read at the same time as, and together with, the other parts of the Financial Statements to get a clear picture of the accounts.

Standard Statements

The Standard Statements section provides three of the four statements mentioned above (Income Statement, Balance Sheet and Cash Flow Statement) together with a further statement (Statement of Capital Works).

The Statement of Capital Works sets out the expenditure on creating or buying property, plant and equipment, infrastructure assets by each category of asset. It also shows how much has been spent on renewing, upgrading, expanding or creating new assets of this type.

These Standard Statements provide a comparison of actual results for the year to the budget that was set at the start of the year and provides explanations for major variances.

Certification

The certification of the Principal Accounting Officer is made by the person responsible for the financial management of Council that, in her/his opinion, the Financial Statements have met all the statutory and professional reporting requirements.

The certification of the CEO and Councillors is made by the CEO and two Councillors on behalf of Council that, in their opinion, the Financial Statements are not misleading or inaccurate.

Auditor General's Report

An Independent Audit Report provides the reader with an external and independent opinion on the Financial Statements. It confirms that the Financial Report has been prepared in accordance with relevant legislation and professional standards and that it represents a fair picture of the financial affairs of the Council.





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NOTES TO THE STANDARD STATEMENTS

1. Basis of Preparation of Standard Statements

Council is required to prepare and include audited Standard Statements within its Annual Report. Four Statements are required - a Standard Income Statement, Standard Balance Sheet, Standard Cash Flow Statement, and a Standard Capital Works Statement, together with explanatory notes.

Council has included a further two standard statements, reflecting additional standard statements included within the 2009/10 budget adopted by Council on 17 June 2009 - a Standard Income Statement (Alternative Format), and a Standard Statement of Investment Reserves, together with explanatory notes.

The above set of six standard statements and supporting notes form a special purpose financial report prepared to meet the requirements of the Local Government Act 1989 and Local Government (Finance and Reporting) Regulations 2004.

The Standard Statements have been prepared on accounting bases consistent with those used for General Purpose Financial Statements and the Budget. The result reported in these statements are consistent with those reported in the General Purpose Financial Statements.

The Standard Statements are not a substitute for the General Purpose Financial Statements, which are included on pages 1 to 6 of the Finance Section of the Annual Report. They have not been prepared in accordance with all Australian Accounting Standards or other authoritative professional pronouncements.

The Standard Statements compare council's financial plan, expressed through its budget, with actual performance. The Local Government Act 1989 requires explanation of any material variances. The Council has adopted a materiality threshold of ten per cent. Explanations have not been provided for variations below the materiality threshold unless the variance is considered to be material because of its nature.

The budget figures included in the Statements are those adopted by Council on 17 June 2009. The budget was based on assumptions that were relevant at the time of adoption of the budget. The Council set guidelines and parameters for revenue and expense targets in this budget in order to meet council's business plan and financial performance targets for both the short and long term. The budget did not reflect any changes to equity resulting from assets revaluations, as their impacts were not considered predictable.

Detailed information on the actual financial results are contained in the General Purpose Financial Statements on pages 1 to 6. The detailed budget can be obtained by contacting council or through the council's website. The Standard Statements must be read with reference to these documents.



Standard Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2010

STANDARD INCOME STATEMENT – COMPARISON REPORT

	Budget	Variances			Actuals
	2010				2010
	\$'000	\$	%	Note	\$'000
<i>Revenues from ordinary activities</i>					
- Rates and charges	4,822	(26)	-1%		4,796
- Statutory fees and fines	102	11	11%	1	113
- User fees	1,585	(39)	-2%		1,546
- Capital Contributions	60	32	54%	2	92
- Grants - Operating	538	191	35%	3	729
- Grants - Capital	430	(236)	-55%	4	194
- Other revenue	91	161	177%	5	252
Total revenues	7,628	93	1%		7,721
<i>Expenses from ordinary activities</i>					
- Employee benefits	2,780	191	7%		2,589
- Materials and services	3,594	108	3%		3,487
- Bad and doubtful debts	-	(2)	0%		2
- Depreciation and amortisation	699	32	5%		667
- Finance costs	136	4	3%		131
- Other expenses	45	(152)	-340%	6	196
- Impairment losses recognised in profit or loss	-	(222)	0%	7	222
Total expenses	7,253	(41)	-1%		7,293
Net gain/(loss) on disposal of property, plant and equipment, infrastructure	-	6	0%		6
Increase in equity in regional library	-	25	0%		25
Surplus (deficit) for the year	375	84	22%		460



STANDARD INCOME STATEMENT – VARIANCE EXPLANATION REPORT

Note	Item	Explanation
1	Statutory fees and fines	Actual is higher than budget, reflecting additional activity and resulting income including: town planning \$4,000, parking infringements \$2,000 and animal infringements \$2,000.
2	Contributions	Contributions received are higher than budget and reflect community contributions received during the financial year for the following projects: playground and park development \$46,000, Point Lonsdale Bowls clubhouse upgrade \$39,000 and netball courts lighting \$7,000.
3	Grants - Operating	Actual is higher than budget due to receipt of a number of grants not anticipated at budget time : removal of dangerous trees \$50,000; Victorian Grants Commission prepayment of first Quarter 2010/11 grant \$42,000; removal of pipeworks at Ocean View \$22,500; additional community aged care funding \$32,000; revegetation at 'The Narrows' \$10,000; tobacco activity program \$8,700; bushfire preparation \$7,690; drought relief \$7,000; increase in maternal and child health funding \$7,000;
4	Grants - Capital	Capital grants - actual is lower than budget as expected grants not received at balance date (now expected in 2010/11), these include: playground and park development \$250,000; Hesse Street revitalisation \$40,000; boat ramp upgrade including pontoons \$27,940; Roads to recovery funding \$40,000. The above are offset by the following grants received not anticipated at budget time : Point Lonsdale surf life saving and access ramp \$80,000; maritime museum \$69,158; TAC pedestrian and road safety strategy \$18,000; netball courts lighting \$17,196; Victorian Grants Commission prepayment of first Quarter 2010/11 local roads grant \$13,000; and Kirk Road war memorial grant \$9,890.
5	Other revenue	Actual is higher than budget, comprising: lease income \$52,700; interest received \$40,000; community brick income for playground and park development project not budgeted \$6,200; additional workcover reimbursement \$5,000 (offsets salaries expenditure); and new lease navigational aids \$4,200.
6	Other expenses	Actual is higher than budget as a result of the following: mayoral and councillor allowances \$105,000 budgeted as employee benefits but now shown within other expenses, also photocopier lease \$21,240 budgeted as materials and services and is now shown within other expenses (operating leases), both in line with the model financial report; motor vehicle leases \$21,000 (operating expense as opposed to Capital purchase); External audit fees \$26,000 budgeted at \$13,000.
7	Impairment losses recognised in profit or loss	Items include: Point Lonsdale Bowls clubhouse upgrade \$172,000 plus electronic records management system \$50,000 previously recorded as Capital works in progress but expensed in 09/10.



Standard Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2010

STANDARD INCOME STATEMENT – COMPARISON REPORT (ALTERNATIVE FORMAT)

	Budget	Variances			Actuals
	2010				2010
	\$'000	\$	%	Note	\$'000
<i>Revenues from ordinary activities</i>					
- Rates and charges	4,822	(26)	-1%		4,796
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- User fees	1,585	(39)	-2%		1,546
- Grants - Operating	538	191	35%	2	729
- Other revenue	91	161	177%	3	252
Total revenues	7,138	298	4%		7,436
<i>Expenses from ordinary activities</i>					
- Employee benefits	2,708	191	7%		2,589
- Materials and services	3,594	108	3%		3,487
- Bad and doubtful debts	-	(2)	100%		2
- Depreciation and amortisation	699	32	5%		667
- Finance costs	136	4	3%		131
- Other expenses	45	(152)	-340%	4	196
Total expenses	7,253	181	2%		7,072
Operating grants from prior years expended in the current year		46	100%		46
Operating grants received in the current year not spent by year end		(103)	100%		(103)
Underlying result	(115)	421	-365%		306
Net gain/(loss) on disposal of property, plant and equipment, infrastructure	-	6	100%		6
Increase in equity in regional library	-	25	100%		25
Impairment losses recognised in profit or loss	-	222	100%	5	(222)
Capital grants and contributions	490	(203)	-42%	6	287
Grants adjustments added back for reported result	-	57	100%		57
Surplus (deficit) for the year	375	529	141%		460



**STANDARD INCOME STATEMENT – VARIANCE EXPLANATION REPORT
(ALTERNATIVE FORMAT)**

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5	Impairment losses recognised in profit or loss	Items include: Point Lonsdale Bowls clubhouse upgrade \$172,000 plus electronic records management system \$50,000 previously recorded as Capital works in progress but expensed in 09/10.
6	Capital grants and contributions	Capital grants - actual is lower than budget as expected grants not received at balance date (now expected in 2010/11), these include: playground and park development \$250,000; Hesse Street revitalisation \$40,000; boat ramp upgrade including pontoons \$27,940; Roads to recovery funding \$40,000. The above are offset by the following grants received not anticipated at budget time : Point Lonsdale surf life saving and access ramp \$80,000; maritime museum \$69,158; TAC pedestrian and road safety strategy \$18,000; netball courts lighting \$17,196; Victorian Grants Commission prepayment of first Quarter 2010/11 local roads grant \$13,000; and Kirk Road war memorial grant \$9,890. Capital Contributions - higher than budget and reflect community contributions received during the financial year for the following projects: playground and park development \$46,000, Point Lonsdale Bowls clubhouse upgrade \$39,000 and netball courts lighting \$7,000.



Standard Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2010

STANDARD BALANCE SHEET – COMPARISON REPORT

	Budget 2010	Variances			Actuals 2010
	\$'000	\$	%	Note	\$'000
<i>Current assets</i>					
Cash and cash equivalents	838	1,077	129%	1	1,914
Trade and other receivables	315	90	29%	2	406
Other financial assets	121	109	90%	3	230
Total current assets	1,274	1,276	100%		2,550
<i>Non-current assets</i>					
Trade and other receivables	20	(3)	-13%	4	17
Investments in associates accounted for using the equity method	234	37	16%	5	271
Property, plant & equipment, infrastructure	42,149	13,178	31%	6	55,326
Total non-current assets	42,403	13,211	31%		55,614
Total assets	43,677	13,211	33%		58,164
<i>Current liabilities</i>					
Trade and other payables	642	(306)	-48%	7	948
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	242	6	2%		236
Provisions	353	(42)	-12%	8	395
Total current liabilities	1,237	(342)	-28%		1,579
<i>Non-current liabilities</i>					
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	1,437	54	4%		1,383
Provisions	24	(16)	-65%	9	40
Total non-current liabilities	1,461	37	3%		1,423
Total liabilities	2,698	(304)	-11%		3,002
Net assets	40,979	14,183	35%		55,162
<i>Equity</i>					
Accumulated surplus	16,721	11,858	71%	10	28,579
Asset revaluation reserve	24,219	1,349	6%	11	25,568
Other reserves	39	976	2,500%	12	1,015
Total Equity	40,979	14,183	35%		55,162



STANDARD BALANCE SHEET – VARIANCE EXPLANATION REPORT

Note	Item	Explanation
1	Cash and cash equivalents	Higher than budget, largely as a result of incomplete major projects and capital works which are carried forward into 2010/11 for completion.
2	Trade and other receivables - current	Debtor balance higher than previously anticipated due to invoices raised prior to the 2009/10 financial year end (which have since been received) as follows: pensioner concessions \$42,000 (Department of Human Services); community contributions and grant income \$67,300
3	Other financial assets - current	Higher than budget, comprising prepaid expenditure \$159,000 (which includes insurance renewal premiums \$69,400; information technology contracts and licences \$60,000 and accrued income \$64,000 (including valuations reimbursement \$35,500; and community contributions \$12,800).
4	Trade and other receivables - non current	Heritage debtors balance reduced, with a majority of the remaining balance in current debtors.
5	Investments in associates accounted for using the equity method	Council's increased equity in the Geelong Regional Library Corporation was not considered in the 2009/10 budget as it is unknown until the end of each financial year, after the budget setting process has been completed.
6	Property, plant & equipment, infrastructure	Higher than budget as a result of land under roads valuation of \$13,108,000 included in accounts for the first time in 2008/09, the amount of which was not known until after the 2009/10 budget was complete. Land and buildings revaluations for the 2009/10 financial year are also unbudgeted and have resulted in a further net increase of \$1,349,000, although it is noted that a reduction of assets to the value of \$222,000 has occurred to reflect the expensing of the Point Lonsdale Bowls clubhouse upgrade and the electronic records system previously recorded as Capital work in progress. This is offset in part by \$801,000 capital works which are not yet complete and are held in crown land and other reserves for completion in 2010/11.
7	Trade and other payables	Higher than budget due to a large number of invoices received from in July 2010 which relate to the 2009/10 financial year. Large accruals of note include: PAYG due to the Australian Taxation Office for May & June 2010 \$79,600; loan interest expense \$28,800; road maintenance contract April - June 2010 invoices with indexation \$26,000; external audit fees \$23,800; and foreshore asset renewal - lighthouse path \$20,000.
8	Provisions - current	Higher than budget due to: Long service leave liabilities for staff transferring from other LGA's, though partly funded by previous employers, plus new/additional staff - sustainability officer, executive assistant, additional homecare (increased resources for funded programs/assessments) have increased employee provisions.
9	Provisions - non current	As for current provisions above.
10	Accumulated surplus	Higher than budget, as a result of land under roads valuation \$13,108,000 included in accounts for the first time in 2008/09 and not budgeted for 2009/10. This is offset in part by \$816,000 reduction in assets resulting from the derecognition of buildings and seawall, as well as \$222,000 impairment recognised in profit or loss for removal of Point Lonsdale Bowls clubhouse upgrade and electronic records system from Council's asset register.
11	Asset revaluation reserve	Revaluation of land \$1,044,000 and buildings \$305,000 in 2009/10 which was not known when the 2009/10 budget was prepared.
12	Other reserves	Higher than budget as a result of works either not commenced or not completed. See Reserves Statement for details.



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STANDARD BALANCE SHEET – VARIANCE EXPLANATION REPORT

	Budget	Variances			Actuals
	2010	\$	%	Note	2010
	\$'000	\$	%	Note	\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities					
Receipts					
Rates and charges	4,817	(55)	-1%		4,762
Grants - Operating	538	191	35%	1	729
Capital grants and contributions	490	(253)	-52%	2	237
Interest	51	37	72%	3	88
User charges and Statutory fees	1,683	(44)	-3%		1,639
Other revenue	40	(10)	-26%	4	30
	7,619	(133)	-2%		7,486
Payments					
Employee costs	(2,774)	233	-8%	5	(2,541)
Materials and consumables	(3,886)	709	-18%	6	(3,178)
Other expenses	(45)	(136)	304%	7	(180)
	(6,705)	806	-12%		(5,899)
Net cash provided by operating activities	914	674	74%		1,587
Cash flows from investing activities					
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	50	14	28%	8	64
Repayment of loans and advances	-	9	0%		9
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(1,095)	19	-2%		(1,076)
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,045)	43	-4%		(1,002)
Cash flows from financing activities					
Finance costs	(136)	(0)	0%		(136)
Deposits	--	(9)	0%		(9)
Repayment of borrowings	(229)	22	-10%		(206)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(364)	13	-4%		(351)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(495)	730	-147%		234
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	1,333	347	26%		1,679
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	838	1,076	128%		1,914
Reconciliation of Operating Result and Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities for the year ending 30 June 2010					
Net surplus from operations	375	85	23%		460
Depreciation and amortisation	699	32	5%		667
Net movement in assets and liabilities	(295)	407	-138%		112
Impairment loss recognised in profit or loss	-				222
(Profit)/loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment, infrastructure	-	(6)	0%		(6)
Finance costs	136	4	3%		131
Net cash inflow from operating activities	914	673	73.6		1,587



STANDARD BALANCE SHEET – VARIANCE EXPLANATION REPORT

Note	Item	Explanation
1	Grants - Operating	Actual is higher than budget due to receipt of a number of grants not anticipated at budget time : removal of dangerous trees \$50,000; Victorian Grants Commission prepayment of first Quarter 2010/11 grant \$42,000; removal of pipeworks at Ocean View \$22,500; additional community aged care funding \$32,000; revegetation at 'The Narrows' \$10,000; tobacco activity program \$8,700; bushfire preparation \$7,690; drought relief \$7,000; increase in maternal and child health funding \$7,000;
2	Capital grants and contributions	Capital grants - actual is lower than budget as expected grants not received at balance date (now expected in 2010/11), these include: playground and park development \$250,000; Hesse Street revitalisation \$40,000; boat ramp upgrade including pontoons \$27,940; Roads to recovery funding \$40,000. The above are offset by the following grants received not anticipated at budget time : Point Lonsdale surf life saving and access ramp \$80,000; maritime museum \$69,158; TAC pedestrian and road safety strategy \$18,000; netball courts lighting \$17,196; Victorian Grants Commission prepayment of first Quarter 2010/11 local roads grant \$13,000; and Kirk Road war memorial grant \$9,890. Capital Contributions - higher than budget and reflect community contributions received during the financial year for the following projects: playground and park development \$46,000, Point Lonsdale Bowls clubhouse upgrade \$39,000 and netball courts lighting \$7,000.
3	Interest	Higher than budget as a result of additional interest earned on higher cash balances due to incomplete operating and capital works.
4	Other revenue	Lower than budget as a result of lease income raised as debtor but not yet received at balance date.
5	Employee costs	Lower than Budget due to some delay in recruitment at beginning of financial year : communications & governance officer; executive assistant; and environmental health officer. Aged care salary budgets are based on predicted level of personal care at higher cost, which did not occur. Original budget included Councillor allowances as employee costs, now included as Other expenses.
6	Materials and consumables	Lower than budget as a result of delays in operating and capital projects, which have been carried forward to 2010/11.
7	Other expenses	Actual is higher than budget as a result of the following: councillor allowances \$105,000 budgeted as employee costs but now shown as other expenses, also photocopier lease \$21,240 budgeted as materials and services and is now shown as other expenses (operating leases), both in line with the model financial report; In addition.
8	Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	Higher than budget as a result of six motor vehicles being disposed of during the financial year (replaced with four purchased and two leased vehicles).



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STANDARD CAPITAL WORKS STATEMENT – COMPARISON REPORT

Capital Works Areas	Budget 2010	Variances			Actuals 2010
	\$'000	\$	%	Note	\$'000
Roads	170	106	62%	1	64
Drains	20	(168)	-841%	2	188
Open space	510	159	31%	3	351
Buildings	99	(145)	-147%	4	244
Plant, equipment and other	296	75	25%	5	221
Total capital works	1,095	27	2%		1,068
Represented by:					
Asset renewal	364	17	5%		347
New assets	-	(433)	0%		433
Asset expansion/upgrade	731	443	61%		288
Total capital works	1,095	27	2%		1,068

Property, Infrastructure, Plant and Equipment Movement Reconciliation Worksheet

The movement between the previous year and the current year in property, infrastructure, plant and equipment as shown in the Balance Sheet links to the net of the following items:

Total capital works	1,095	(27)	-2%		1,068
Asset revaluation increment	-	1,349	0%		1,349
Recognition of assets for the first time	-	717	0%		717
Derecognition of previously recorded assets	-	(1,533)	0%		(1,533)
Depreciation and amortisation	(699)	32	-5%		(667)
Written down value of assets sold	(50)	(8)	16%		(58)
Impairment losses recognised in profit or loss	-	(222)	0%		(222)
Net movement in property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	346	309	89%		655

**STANDARD CAPITAL WORKS STATEMENT – VARIANCE EXPLANATION
REPORT**

Note	Item	Explanation
1	Roads	Lower than budget as a result of delay in the Hesse Street revitalisation project \$68,100 (\$31,900 expended in 2009/10 for consultation/development and construction works are now expected in 2010/11. Road reseal program \$13,000 below budget and carried forward into 2010/11. Point Lonsdale shopping centre traffic management \$30,000 also delayed and funds carried over to 2010/11.
2	Drainage	Higher than budget as a result of the Hesse Street drainage project \$159,000 (carried over from the 2008/09 budget) and Point Lonsdale drainage improvements \$20,600.
3	Open space	Lower than budget as a result of delay in playground and park development project. This is offset in part by project expenditure carried over from 2008/09 budget, cliff safety works etc.
4	Buildings	Higher than budget as a result of grant funding received and spent on the Maritime Museum \$68,400. Also \$70,300 expenditure on Royal Park amenities block.
5	Plant, equipment and other	Lower than budget as a result of delay in foreshore asset renewal \$141,000 offset in part by boat ramp upgrade \$26,000 (carried over from 2008/09) and increased costs for motor vehicle replacements \$36,000



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STANDARD STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT RESERVES – COMPARISON REPORT

Reserves	Budget 2010	Variances			Actuals 2010
	\$'000	\$	%	Note	\$'000
Statutory					
Crown land improvements	39	647	1668%	1	686
Total statutory reserves	39	647	1668%		686
Discretionary					
Incomplete capital works	-	145	0%	2	145
Incomplete operating projects	-	184	0%	3	184
Total discretionary reserves	-	329	0%		329
Total reserves	39	976	2516%		1,015

STANDARD STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT RESERVES – VAIANCE EXPLANATION REPORT

Note	Item	Explanation
1	Crown land improvements	Projects incomplete or not commenced at year end resulted in the closing balance for the Crown Land Reserve finishing above budget. These include: \$141,025 foreshore asset renewal; \$85,000 recreation reserve cabin; \$68,640 Point Lonsdale surf life saving and access ramp; \$63,255 boat ramp upgrade; \$60,099 playground and park development; \$20,000 beach access upgrades; \$12,380 removal of pipeworks at Ocean View; \$7,450 review of crown land leases; and \$2,830 coastal risk mitigation - aquatic signage. The remaining balance of \$225,000 in the crown land reserve is set aside for the Monahan centre.
2	Incomplete capital works	Funds carried over into the incomplete capital works reserve include: \$30,000 Point Lonsdale shopping centre traffic management; \$23,092 Hesse Street revitalisation; \$15,000 Hesse Street pedestrian island; \$15,000 other beach access; \$14,000 TAC pedestrian and road safety strategy; \$12,964 road reseal program; \$11,508 drainage asset renewal program; \$8,673 Kirk Road war memorial; \$8,000 bus shelter disabled facilities upgrade; \$6,000 facilities shed;
3	Incomplete operating projects	Funds carried over into the incomplete operating works reserve include: \$60,000 review of planning scheme; \$54,559 Victorian Grants Commission prepayment of Quarter 1 2010/11 grant (\$41,709 general purpose and \$12,850 local roads); \$20,000 removal of pipeworks at Ocean View (Council share of expenditure, in addition to \$12,380 contribution from crown land reserve as noted above); \$15,200 Point Lonsdale structure plan; \$13,000 ICLEI (alternative strategy in light of ICLEI being discontinued); \$9,852 maternal and child health - healthy kids check; \$7,360 lighthouse program; \$3,000 aged care emergency preparation; and \$1,030 strategic planning.



CERTIFICATION OF STANDARD STATEMENTS

In my opinion the accompanying standard statements have been prepared on accounting bases consistent with the financial statements and in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989 and the Local Government (Finance and Reporting) Regulations 2007.

Ev Wuchatsch FCPA
Principal Accounting Officer
Date : 16 September 2010

In our opinion the accompanying standard statements have been prepared on accounting bases consistent with the financial statements and in accordance with the Local Government act 1989 and the Local Government (Finance and Reporting) Regulations 2007.

As at the date of signing, we are not aware of any circumstances, which would render any particulars in the standard statements to be misleading or inaccurate.

We have been authorised by the Council, on 15 September 2010, to certify the standard statements in their final form.

Councillor Helene Butler
Councillor

Date : 16 September 2010
Queenscliff

Councillor John Burgess
Councillor

Date : 16 September 2010
Queenscliff

Leonard Jenner
Chief Executive Officer

Date : 16 September 2010
Queenscliff



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Victorian Auditor-General's Office INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Councillors, Borough of Queenscliffe

The Financial Report and Standard Statements

The accompanying financial report for the year ended 30 June 2010 of Borough of Queenscliffe which comprises of comprehensive income statement, balance sheet, statement of changes in equity, cash flow statement, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes to and forming part of the financial report, and the Certification of the Financial Report has been audited.

The accompanying standard statements for the year ended 30 June 2010 of the Council which comprises of standard income statement, standard balance sheet, standard cash flow statement, standard capital works statement, standard statement of investment reserves, the related notes and the Certification of Standard Statements have been audited.

The Councillors' Responsibility for the Financial Report and Standard Statements

The Councillors of Borough of Queenscliffe are responsible for the preparation and the fair presentation of:

- the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the financial reporting requirements of the *Local Government Act 1989*
- the standard statements in accordance with the basis of preparation as described in note 1 of the statements and the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

This responsibility includes:

- establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and standard statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
- selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies
- making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

As required by the *Audit Act 1994*, my responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report and standard statements based on the audit, which has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Standards require compliance with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and that the audit be planned and performed to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report and standard statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report and standard statements. The audit procedures selected depend on judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report and standard statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, consideration is given to the internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and standard statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used, and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Councillors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report and standard statements.

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Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Matters Relating to the Electronic Presentation of the Audited Financial Report and Standard Statements

This auditor's report relates to the financial report and standard statements published in both the annual report and on the website of Borough of Queenscliffe for the year ended 30 June 2010. The Councillors of Borough of Queenscliffe are responsible for the integrity of the website. I have not been engaged to report on the integrity of the website. The auditor's report refers only to the statements named above. An opinion is not provided on any other information which may have been hyperlinked to or from these statements. If users of this report are concerned with the inherent risks arising from electronic data communications, they are advised to refer to the hard copy of the audited financial report to confirm the information included in the audited financial report presented on Borough of Queenscliffe website.

Independence


The Auditor-General's independence is established by the *Constitution Act 1975*. The Auditor-General is not subject to direction by any person about the way in which his powers and responsibilities are to be exercised. In conducting the audit, the Auditor-General, his staff and delegates complied with all applicable independence requirements of the Australian accounting profession.

Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion:

- (a) the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Borough of Queenscliffe as at 30 June 2010 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations), and the financial reporting requirements of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (b) The standard statements present fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the basis of preparation as described in note 1 to the statements and comply with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

MELBOURNE
16 September 2010


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Auditor-General

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COMPREHENSIVE INCOME STATEMENT

	Note	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
Income			
Rates and charges	2	4,796	4,523
Statutory fees and fines	3	113	157
User fees	4	1,546	1,399
Grants - Recurrent	5	609	697
Grants - Non-recurrent	5	314	615
Contributions - Cash	6	92	44
Reimbursements	7	47	48
Other Income	8	205	173
Net gain/(loss) on disposal of property, plant and equipment, infrastructure		6	(9)
Share of net profits/(losses) of associates and joint ventures accounted for by the equity method	15	25	12
Total Income		<u>7,753</u>	<u>7,656</u>
Expenses			
Employee benefits	9	(2,589)	(2,103)
Materials and services	10	(3,487)	(4,139)
Bad and doubtful debts	11	(2)	(2)
Depreciation and amortisation	12	(667)	(630)
Finance costs	13	(131)	(123)
Other expenses	14	(196)	(141)
Impairment losses recognised in profit or loss		(222)	-
Total expenses		<u>(7,293)</u>	<u>(7,137)</u>
Profit/(loss)		<u>460</u>	<u>521</u>
Other comprehensive income	25(a)	1,349	-
Comprehensive result		<u>1,809</u>	<u>521</u>

The above income statement should be read with the accompanying notes.



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BALANCE SHEET

	Note	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	16	1,914	1,679
Trade and other receivables	17	406	258
Inventories	18	7	13
Other assets	19	223	231
Total current assets		<u>2,550</u>	<u>2,181</u>
Non-current assets			
Trade and other receivables	17	17	7
Investments in associates accounted for using the equity method	15	271	246
Property, plant and equipment, infrastructure	20	55,326	54,671
Total non-current assets		<u>5,6145</u>	<u>54,924</u>
Total assets		<u>58,164</u>	<u>57,105</u>
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	21	880	645
Trust funds and deposits	22	68	77
Provisions	23	395	364
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	24	236	206
Total current liabilities		<u>1,579</u>	<u>1,292</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions	23	40	24
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	24	1,383	1,620
Total non-current liabilities		<u>1,423</u>	<u>1,64</u>
Total liabilities		<u>3,002</u>	<u>2,936</u>
Net Assets		<u>55,162</u>	<u>54,169</u>
Equity			
Accumulated surplus		28,578	28,961
Reserves	25	26,583	25,208
Total Equity		<u>55,162</u>	<u>54,169</u>

The above balance sheet should be read with the accompanying notes.



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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

		Total 2010 \$'000	Accumulated Surplus 2010 \$'000	Asset Revaluation Reserve 2010 \$'000	Other Reserves 2010 \$'000
2010					
Balance at beginning of the financial year		53,353	28,145	24,219	989
Comprehensive result for the year		1,809	460	1,349	-
Transfers to other reserves	25(b)	-	(791)	-	791
Transfers from other reserves	25(b)	-	765	-	(765)
Balance at end of the financial year		55,161	28,578	25,568	1,015

	Note	Total 2009 \$'000	Accumulated Surplus 2009 \$'000	Asset Revaluation Reserve 2009 \$'000	Other Reserves 2009 \$'000
2009					
Balance at beginning of the financial year		40,540	14,636	24,219	1,685
Adjustment on change in accounting policy					
- Land under roads	26	13,108	13,108	-	-
Comprehensive result for the year		521	521	-	-
Net asset revaluation increment(decrement)	25(a)	-	-	-	-
Transfers to other reserves	25(b)	-	(999)	-	999
Transfers from other reserves	25(b)	-	1,695	-	(1,695)
Balance at end of the financial year		54,169	28,961	24,219	989

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



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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Note	2010 Inflows/ (Outflows) \$'000	2009 Inflows/ (Outflows) \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Rates		4,762	4,531
Statutory fees and fines		110	154
User charges and other fines (inclusive of GST)		1,653	1,629
Grants (inclusive of GST)		870	1,312
Contributions - cash (inclusive of GST)		97	-
Interest		88	110
Other receipts (inclusive of GST)		30	12
Net GST refund/(payment)		337	530
Payments to suppliers (inclusive of GST)		(3,639)	(4,806)
Payments to employees (including redundancies)		(2,541)	(2,087)
Other payments		(180)	(140)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	27	<u>1,587</u>	<u>1,245</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment, infrastructure	41	(1,076)	(2,262)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment, infrastructure		64	38
Repayment of loans and advances from community organisations		9	13
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		<u>(1,002)</u>	<u>(2,211)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Finance costs		(136)	(123)
Trust funds and deposits		(9)	12
Repayment of interest bearing loans and borrowings		(206)	(220)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		<u>(351)</u>	<u>(331)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		234	(1,297)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		1,679	2,976
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	16	<u>1,914</u>	<u>1,679</u>
Financing arrangements	24	-	-
Restrictions on cash assets	30	881	569

The above cash flow statement should be read with the accompanying notes.



Financial Report

For the Year Ended 30 June 2010

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT

Introduction

- (a) The Borough of Queenscliffe was established by an Order of the Governor in Council on 12 May 1863 and is a body corporate. The Council's main office is located at 50 Learmonth Street, Queenscliff.
- (b) The purpose of the Council is to:
- provide for the peace, order and good government of its municipal district;
 - to promote the social, economic and environmental viability and sustainability of the municipal district;
 - to ensure that resources are used efficiently and effectively and services are provided in accordance with the Best Value Principles to best meet the needs of the local community;
 - to improve the overall quality of life of people in the local community;
 - to promote appropriate business and employment opportunities;
 - to ensure that services and facilities provided by the Council are accessible and equitable;
 - to ensure the equitable imposition of rates and charges; and
 - to ensure transparency and accountability in Council decision making.

External Auditor - Auditor-General of Victoria

Internal Auditor - AFS & Associates

Solicitors - Hardwood Andrews

Bankers - Bendigo Bank, Hesse Street, Queenscliff

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This financial report is a general-purpose financial report that consists of an Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Cash Flow Statement, and notes accompanying these financial statements. The general purpose financial report complies with Australian Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, the *Local Government Act 1989*, and the *Local Government (Finance and Reporting) Regulations 2004*.

Note 1 Significant accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

This financial report has been prepared on the accrual and going concern bases.

This financial report has been prepared under the historical cost convention, except where specifically stated in notes 1(h), 1(k) and 1(s).

Unless otherwise stated, all accounting policies are consistent with those applied in the prior year. Where appropriate, comparative figures have been amended to accord with current presentation, and disclosure has been made of any material changes to comparatives.

All entities controlled by Council that have material assets or liabilities, such as Special Committees of Management, have been included in this financial report. All transactions between these entities and the Council have been eliminated in full.

(b) Change in accounting policies

Council has reviewed assets and asset lives, as part of an asset management review which took place during the financial year, as detailed in note 1(e).

(c) Revenue recognition

Rates, grants and contributions

Rates, grants and contributions (including developer contributions) are recognised as revenues when the Council obtains control over the assets comprising these receipts.

Control over assets acquired from rates is obtained at the commencement of the rating year as it is an enforceable debt linked to the rateable property or, where earlier, upon receipt of the rates.

A provision for doubtful debts on rates has not been established as unpaid rates represents a charge against the rateable property that will be recovered when the property is next sold.



Note 1 Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

Control over granted assets is normally obtained upon their receipt (or acquittal) or upon earlier notification that a grant has been secured, and is valued at their fair value at the date of transfer.

Income is recognised when the Council obtains control of the contribution or the right to receive the contribution, it is probable that the economic benefits comprising the contribution will flow to the Council and the amount of the contribution can be measured reliably.

Where grants or contributions recognised as revenues during the financial year were obtained on condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period and those conditions were undischarged at balance date, the unused grant or contribution is disclosed in note 5. The note also discloses the amount of unused grant or contribution from prior years that was expended on Council's operations during the current year.

A liability is recognised in respect of revenue that is reciprocal in nature to the extent that the requisite service has not been provided at balance date.

User fees and fines

User fees and fines (including parking fees and fines) are recognised as revenue when the service has been provided, the payment is received, or when the penalty has been applied, whichever first occurs.

A provision for doubtful debts is recognised when collection in full is no longer probable.

Sale of property, plant and equipment, infrastructure

The profit or loss on sale of an asset is determined when control of the asset has irrevocably passed to the buyer.

Trade and other receivables

Receivables are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. A provision for doubtful debts is recognised when there is objective evidence that an impairment loss has occurred.

Interest and rents

Interest and rents are recognised as revenue on a proportional basis when the payment is due, the value of the payment is notified, or the payment is received, whichever first occurs.

(d) Inventories

Inventories held for sale are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(e) Depreciation of property, plant and equipment, infrastructure

Buildings, plant and equipment, infrastructure and other assets having limited useful lives are systematically depreciated over their useful lives to the Council in a manner which reflects consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets. Estimates of remaining useful lives and residual values are made on a regular basis with major asset classes reassessed annually. Depreciation rates and methods are reviewed annually.

Where assets have separate identifiable components that are subject to regular replacement, these components are assigned distinct useful lives and residual values and a separate depreciation rate is determined for each component.

Road earthworks are not depreciated.

Straight line depreciation is charged based on the residual useful life as determined each year. Major depreciation periods used are listed below and are consistent with the prior year unless otherwise stated:

<u>Property</u>	Period
buildings	
historical building - town hall	
long life structure	120 years
short life structure	60 years
roof structure	60 years
mechanical services	25 years
building fit-out	25 years
caravan park cabins	15 years
<u>Plant and Equipment</u>	
plant, machinery and equipment	3-10 years
fixtures, fittings and furniture	10 years
computers and telecommunications	3 years
<u>Infrastructure</u>	
Roads	



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Note 1 Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

road pavements	70 years
road seals	12-14 years
road unsealed pavement	15 years
footpaths & cycleways	20-50 years
street furniture	30-40 years
pipes	50-80 years
drainage pits	50 years
drainage pumps	20 years
kerb and channel	60-80 years
playground equipment	12.5 years

Useful life for motor vehicles has been revised to 3 years (2008/09, 5 years) resulting in an increase in depreciation expense of approximately \$10,000 per annum across the whole of Council's fleet.

Useful lives for building assets have been revised, in line with the recent revaluation and asset management report provided by CT Management Group (Vic & Tas) P/L. Each building is now split into the various components of: building structure, roof structure, mechanical services and building fit-out as above. This revision of useful lives, along with the revaluation of building asset values, results in an increase in depreciation expense of \$18,000 to a total of \$201,000 per annum for Council buildings (2008/09: \$183,000).

Sea wall asset was previously included in the above schedule in 2008/09, with a useful life of 50 years, however this is no longer recognised as an asset of Council and is expensed and included within the comprehensive income statement for 2009/10.

(f) Repairs and maintenance

Routine maintenance, repair costs, and minor renewal costs are expensed as incurred. Where the repair relates to the replacement of a component of an asset and the cost exceeds the capitalisation threshold the cost is capitalised and depreciated. The carrying value of the replaced asset is expensed.

(g) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred, except where they are capitalised as part of a qualifying asset constructed by Council. Except where specific borrowings are obtained for the purpose of specific asset acquisition, the weighted average interest rate applicable to borrowings at balance date, excluding borrowings associated with superannuation, is used to determine the borrowing costs to be capitalised.

Borrowing costs include interest on bank overdrafts, interest on borrowings, and finance lease charges.

(h) Recognition and measurement of assets

Acquisition

The purchase method of accounting is used for all acquisitions of assets, being the fair value of assets provided as consideration at the date of acquisition plus any incidental costs attributable to the acquisition. Fair value is the amount for which the asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable willing parties in an arm's length transaction.

Where assets are constructed by Council, cost includes all materials used in construction, direct labour, borrowing costs incurred during construction, and an appropriate share of directly attributable variable and fixed overheads.

The following classes of assets have been recognised in note 20. In accordance with Council's policy, the threshold limits detailed below have applied when recognising assets within an applicable asset class and unless otherwise stated are consistent with the prior year:

	Threshold Limit (\$'000)
<u>Property</u>	
land	
land under roads	5
land improvements	5
buildings	
buildings	10
building improvements	10
caravan park cabins	10
<u>Plant and Equipment</u>	



Note 1 Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

plant, machinery and equipment	0.5
fixtures, fittings and furniture	0.5
computers and telecommunications	0.5
<u>Infrastructure</u>	
roads	
road pavements and seals	10
road substructure	10
road formation and earthworks	10
road kerb, channel and minor culverts	10
footpaths & cycleways	10
drainage	5
recreational, leisure and community facilities	10
parks, open space and streetscapes	5

Revaluation

Subsequent to the initial recognition of assets, non-current physical assets, other than plant and equipment, are measured at their fair value, being the amount for which the assets could be exchanged between knowledgeable willing parties in an arms length transaction. At balance date, the Council reviewed the carrying value of the individual classes of assets measured at fair value to ensure that each asset materially approximated its fair value. Where the carrying value materially differed from the fair value at balance date the class of asset was revalued.

In addition, Council undertakes a formal revaluation of land, buildings, and infrastructure assets on a regular basis ranging from two to three years. The valuation is performed either by experienced council officers or independent experts.

Where the assets are revalued, the revaluation increments are credited directly to the asset revaluation surplus except to the extent that an increment reverses a prior year decrement for that class of asset that had been recognised as an expense in which case the increment is recognised as revenue up to the amount of the expense. Revaluation decrements are recognised as an expense except where prior increments are included in the asset revaluation surplus for that class of asset in which case the decrement is taken to the reserve to the extent of the remaining increments. Within the same class of assets, revaluation increments and decrements within the year are offset.

Land under roads

Council recognised the value of land under roads it controlled as at 1 July 2008 at deemed cost. Land under roads acquired after 1 July 2008 is brought to account using the cost basis.

- (i) Cash and cash equivalents
For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits at call, and other highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.
- (j) Investments
Investments, other than investments in associates, are measured at cost.
- (k) Accounting for investments in associates
Council's investment in associates is accounted for by the equity method as the Council has the ability to influence rather than control the operations of the entities. The investment is initially recorded at the cost of acquisition and adjusted thereafter for post-acquisition changes in the Council's share of the net assets of the entities. The Council's share of the financial result of the entities is recognised in the income statement.
- (l) Tender deposits
Amounts received as tender deposits and retention amounts controlled by Council are recognised as Trust funds until they are returned or forfeited (refer to note 22).
- (m) Employee benefits
Wages and salaries
Liabilities for wages and salaries and rostered days off are recognised and measured as the amount unpaid at balance date and include appropriate oncosts such as workers compensation and payroll costs.



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Note 1 Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

Annual leave

Annual leave entitlements are accrued on a pro rata basis in respect of services provided by employees up to balance date.

Annual leave expected to be paid within 12 months is measured at nominal value based on the amount, including appropriate oncosts, expected to be paid when settled.

Annual leave expected to be paid later than one year has been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for these accrued entitlements. Commonwealth bond rates are used for discounting future cash flows.

Long service leave

Long service leave entitlements payable are assessed at balance date having regard to expected employee remuneration rates on settlement, employment related oncosts and other factors including accumulated years of employment, on settlement, and experience of employee departure per year of service.

Long service leave expected to be paid within 12 months is measured at nominal value based on the amount expected to be paid when settled.

Long service leave expected to be paid later than one year has been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for these accrued entitlements. Commonwealth bond rates are used for discounting future cash flows.

Classification of employee benefits

An employee benefit liability is classified as a current liability if the Council does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the end of the period. This would include all annual leave and unconditional long service leave entitlements.

Superannuation

A liability is recognised in respect of Council's present obligation to meet the unfunded obligations of defined benefit superannuation schemes to which its employees are members. The liability is defined as the Council's share of the scheme's unfunded position, being the difference between the present value of employees' accrued benefits and the net market value of the scheme's assets at balance date. The liability also includes applicable contributions tax of 17.25 %.

The superannuation expense for the reporting year is the amount of the statutory contribution the Council makes to the superannuation plan which provides benefits to its employees together with any movements (favourable/unfavourable) in the position of any defined benefits schemes. Details of these arrangements are recorded in note 31.

(n) Leases

Operating leases

Lease payments for operating leases are required by the accounting standard to be recognised on a straight line basis, rather than expensed in the years in which they are incurred.

(o) Allocation between current and non-current

In the determination of whether an asset or liability is current or non-current, consideration is given to the time when each asset or liability is expected to be settled. The asset or liability is classified as current if it is expected to be settled within the next twelve months, being the Council's operational cycle, or if the Council does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement of a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting date.

(p) Agreements equally proportionately unperformed

The Council does not recognise assets and liabilities arising from agreements that are equally proportionately unperformed in the balance sheet. Such agreements are recognised on an 'as incurred' basis.

(q) Web site costs

Costs in relation to websites are charged as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

(r) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the cash flow statement on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

(s) Impairment of assets

At each reporting date, the Council reviews the carrying value of its assets to determine whether there is any indication that these assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the assets carrying value. Any excess of the



Note 1 Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

assets carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the comprehensive income statement, unless the asset is carried at the revalued amount in which case, the impairment loss is recognised directly against the revaluation surplus in respect of the same class of asset to the extent that the impairment loss does not exceed the amount in the revaluation surplus for that same class of asset.

(t) Rounding

Unless otherwise stated, amounts in the financial report have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars. Figures in the financial statement may not equate due to rounding.

(u) Financial guarantees

Financial guarantee contracts are recognised as a liability at the time the guarantee is issued. The liability is initially measured at fair value, and if there is material increase in the likelihood that the guarantee may have to be exercised, at the higher of the amount determined in accordance with AASB 137 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets and the amount initially recognised less cumulative amortisation, where appropriate. In the determination of fair value, consideration is given to factors including the probability of default by the guaranteed party and the likely loss to Council in the event of default.

(v) Pending Accounting Standards

The following Australian Accounting Standards have been issued or amended and are applicable to the Council but are not yet effective. They have not been adopted in preparation of the financial statements at reporting date.

Standard / Interpretation	Summary	Applicable for annual reporting periods beginning or ending on	Impact on Local Government financial statements
AASB 2009-5 Further Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Annual Improvements Project. [AASB 5, 8, 101, 107, 117, 118, 136 & 139]	Some amendments will result in accounting changes for presentation, recognition or measurement purposes, while other amendments will relate to terminology and editorial changes.	Beginning 1 Jan 2010	Terminology and editorial changes. Impact minor.
AASB 2009-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Group Cash-settled Share-based Payment Transactions. [AASB 2]	The amendments clarify the scope of AASB 2.	Beginning 1 Jan 2010	No impact. AASB 2 does not apply to Local Government; consequently this Standard does not apply.
AASB 2009-9 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Additional Exemptions for First-time Adopters [AASB 1]	Applies to entities adopting Australian Accounting Standards for the first time, to ensure entities will not face undue cost or effort in the transition process in particular situations.	Beginning 1 Jan 2010	No impact. Relates only to first time adopters of Australian Accounting Standards.
AASB 2009-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Rights Issues [AASB 132]	The Standard makes amendments to AASB 132, stating that rights issues must now be classed as equity rather than derivative liabilities.	Beginning 1 Feb 2010	No impact. Local Government do not issue rights, warrants and options, consequently the amendment does not impact on the statements.
AASB 9 Financial Instruments	This standard simplifies requirements for the classification and measurement of financial assets resulting from Phase 1 of the IASB's project to replace IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement (AASB 139 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement).	Beginning 1 Jan 2013	Detail of impact is still being assessed.



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AASB 2009-11 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 [AASB 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 101, 102, 108, 112, 118, 121, 127, 128, 131, 132, 136, 139, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 10 & 12]	This gives effect to consequential changes arising from the issuance of AASB 9.	Beginning 1 Jan 2013	Detail of impact is still being assessed.
AASB 2009-12 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards [AASBs 5, 8, 108, 110, 112, 119, 133, 137, 139, 1023 & 1031 and Interpretations 2, 4, 16, 1039 & 1052]	This Standard amends AASB 8 to require an entity to exercise judgement in assessing whether a government and entities know to be under the control of that government are considered a single customer for purposes of certain operating segment disclosures. This Standard also makes numerous editorial amendments to other AASs.	Beginning 1 Jan 2011	AASB 8 does not apply to Local Government therefore no impact expected. Otherwise, only editorial changes arising from amendments to other standards, no major impact. Impacts of editorial amendments are not expected to be significant.
AASB 2009-13 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Interpretation 19. [AASB 1]	Consequential amendment to AASB 1 arising from publication of Interpretation 19	Beginning 1 Jul 2010	Local Governments do not extinguish financial liabilities with equity instruments, therefore requirements of Interpretation 17 and related amendments have no impact
AASB 2009-14 Amendments to Australian Interpretation – Prepayments of a Minimum Funding Requirement [AASB Interpretation 14]	Amendment to Interpretation 14 arising from the issuance of Prepayments of a Minimum Funding Requirement	Beginning 1 Jan 2011	Expected to have no significant impact

(w) Contingent assets and contingent liabilities and commitments

Contingent assets and contingent liabilities are not recognised in the Balance Sheet, but are disclosed by way of a note and, if quantifiable, are measured at nominal value. Contingent assets and liabilities are presented inclusive of GST receivable or payable respectively.

Commitments are not recognised in the Balance Sheet. Commitments are disclosed at their nominal value and inclusive of the GST payable.

	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
Note 2		
Rates and charges		
Council uses capital improved value (CIV) as the basis of valuation of all properties within the municipal district. The capital improved value of a property is the total market value of the property including all land and all improvements.		
The valuation base used to calculate general rates for 2009/2010 was \$1,886 million (2008-2009 \$1,839 million). The 2009/2010 rate in the CIV dollar was 0.002485 (2008-2009, 0.002401).		
Residential	4,197	4,041
Commercial	557	464
Supplementary rates and rate adjustments	26	4
Garbage charge	9	7
Special rates and charges	7	7
Total rates and charges	4,796	4,523

The date of the latest general revaluation of land for rating purposes within the municipal district was 1 January 2010, and the valuation will be first applied in the rating year commencing 1 July 2010.



Note 2 Rates and charges (cont'd)

	2010	2009
	\$'000	\$'000

The date of the previous general revaluation of land for rating purposes within the municipal district was 1 January 2008, and the valuation first applied to the rating period commencing 1 July 2008.

Note 3 Statutory fees and fines

Town planning fees	54	60
Infringements and costs	37	35
Permits	13	14
PERIN court recoveries	5	6
Land information certificates	4	6
Total statutory fees and fines	<u>113</u>	<u>121</u>

Note 4 User fees

(a) Caravan park fees	1,249	1,195
Boat ramp fees - ticket machine	85	83
Aged services fees	87	85
Registration fees	44	36
Valuation fees/supplementary charges	38	3
Tourism	18	17
Building services fees	18	9
Road occupancy charges	6	3
Other fees and charges	1	4
Total user fees	<u>1,546</u>	<u>1,435</u>

(b) Ageing analysis of contractual receivables

Please refer to table (b) in Note 35 for the ageing analysis of contractual receivables.



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	2010	2009
	\$'000	\$'000
Note 5		
Grants		
Grants were received in respect of the following :		
Summary of grants		
Federally funded grants	170	0152
State funded grants	727	1,149
Others	26	11
Total	<u>923</u>	<u>1,312</u>
Recurrent		
Home help/linkages	223	215
Victoria Grants Commission - unallocated	118	164
Victoria Grants Commission - unallocated (first quarter 2010/11 received in advance)	42	39
Victoria Grants Commission - local roads	36	35
Victoria Grants Commission - local roads (first quarter 2010/11 received in advance)	13	12
Community aged care packages	71	52
Maternal and child health	47	41
Community services officer	19	19
Heritage	14	14
School crossing supervisors	10	10
Other	16	26
Total recurrent	<u>609</u>	<u>628</u>
Total recurrent grant income above comprises:		
Operating grant income	609	- 628
	<u>609</u>	<u>628</u>
Non-recurrent		
Point Lonsdale surf life saving and access ramp	80	-
Maritime museum	69	-
Removal of dangerous trees	50	-
Maternal and child health	-	31
Removal of pipeworks at Ocean View	23	-
TAC pedestrian and road safety strategy	18	-
Netball courts lighting	17	-
Home help/linkages - additional assessments and emergency preparation	17	-
Kirk Road war memorial	10	-
Revegetation at 'The Narrows'	10	-
Coastal risk management project	-	129
Bellarine railway project	-	125
Regional playground development	-	103
Bus shelters	-	60
Point Lonsdale sports clubhouse	-	60
Weed management	-	31



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Note 5 Grants (cont'd)

	2010	2009
	\$'000	\$'000
Caravan park improvement program	-	30
Tourism opportunities study	-	29
Boat ramp pontoons	-	28
Heat wave	-	25
Strategic projects officer	-	13
Access ramp dog beach	-	10
Other	20	10
Total non-recurrent	<u>314</u>	<u>684</u>

Total non-recurrent grant income above comprises:

Operating grant income	120	270
Capital grant income	194	414
	<u>314</u>	<u>684</u>

Conditions on grants

Grants recognised as revenue during the year that were obtained on condition that they be expended in a specified manner that had not occurred at balance date were:

Point Lonsdale surf life saving and access ramp	69	-
Victoria Grants Commission - unallocated	42	39
Victoria Grants Commission - local roads	13	12
TAC pedestrian and road safety strategy	13	-
Kirk Road war memorial project	9	-
Other	8	10
Coastal risk management project	-	129
Regional playground development	-	103
Caravan park improvement program	-	30
Maternal and child health	-	30
Bus shelters	-	18
Boat ramp pontoons	-	14
Total	<u>154</u>	<u>385</u>



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Note 5	Grants (cont'd)		2010	2009
			\$'000	\$'000
	Grants which were recognised as revenue in prior years and were expended during the current year in the manner specified by the grantor were:			
	Coastal risk management project	126		-
	Regional playground development	103		-
	Victoria Grants Commission - unallocated	39		-
	Victoria Grants Commission - local roads	12		-
	Caravan park improvement program	30		-
	Climate change	35		-
	Maternal and child health	20		-
	Bus shelters	18		-
	Boat ramp pontoons	14		-
	Other	9		-
	Caravan park camp kitchen	-		43
		<u>406</u>		<u>43</u>
	Net increase (decrease) in restricted assets resulting from grant revenues for the year:		<u>(252)</u>	<u>342</u>
Note 6	Contributions			
	Cash			
	Recreational, leisure and community facilities	92		44
	Total contributions	<u>92</u>		<u>44</u>
Note 7	Reimbursements			
	Workcover	45		46
	Other	2		2
	Total reimbursements	47		48
Note 8	Other income			
	Interest	82		113
	Interest on rates	9		8
	Other rent - lease of Crown Land properties	69		43
	Other rent - lease of Council properties	29		2
	Community bricks at playground	6		-
	Other	10		7
	Total other income	<u>205</u>		<u>173</u>
Note 9	Employee benefits			
	Wages and salaries	2,177		1,739
	Workcover	74		67
	Annual leave and long service leave	113		139
	Superannuation	194		162
	Fringe benefits tax	31		31
	Total employee benefits	<u>2,589</u>		<u>2,138</u>



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Note 9	Employee benefits (cont'd)		2010	2009
			\$'000	\$'000
Note 10	Materials and services			
	Materials and services	966		1,012
	Contract payments - road maintenance and works	544		529
	Contract payments - waste disposal	426		424
	Contract payments - staff (I.T., engineering, health, building, planning, heritage)	148		610
	Contract payments - public conveniences	93		91
	Contract payments - maternal and child health	58		58
	Contract payments - other	142		79
	Building maintenance	225		240
	Works maintenance program	133		176
	Plant and equipment maintenance	59		80
	Utilities	183		136
	Insurance	120		119
	Legal expenses	55		32
	Contribution to Geelong regional library corporation	167		159
	Tree removal and replacement program	90		-
	Point Lonsdale Bowls Clubhouse Upgrade	77		-
	Council elections and electoral review	1		50
	Bellarine tourist railway	-		126
	Heritage	-		120
	Temporary office relocation	-		64
	Total materials and services	3,487		4,104
Note 11	Bad and doubtful debts			
	Parking fine debtors	2		2
	Total bad and doubtful debts	2		2



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	2010	2009
	\$'000	\$'000
Note 12		
Depreciation and amortisation		
Property		
Buildings	186	170
Caravan park cabins	22	11
Plant and Equipment		
Plant, machinery and equipment	50	37
Fixtures, fittings and furniture	24	15
Computers and telecommunications	33	35
Recreation equipment	34	34
Infrastructure		
Roads	207	204
Kerb and channel	34	34
Footpaths and cycleways	25	25
Drainage	49	46
Sea wall	-	16
Recreational, leisure and community facilities	3	3
Total depreciation and amortisation	667	630
Note 13		
Finance costs		
Interest - Borrowings	131	123
Total finance costs	131	123
Note 14		
Other expenses		
Auditors' remuneration	40	26
Councillors' allowances	105	60
Operating lease rentals	42	23
Contribution to community nursery	-	19
Other	9	13
Total other expenses	196	141



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	2010	2009
	\$'000	\$'000
Note 15		
Investment in associates		
Investments in associates accounted for by the equity method are:		
- Geelong regional library corporation	271	246
Total	<u>271</u>	<u>246</u>

Geelong regional library corporation

Background

The Borough recognises its interest in the Geelong Regional Library Corporation by recording an investment in its financial statements at a value based on the Borough's underlying interest in the net assets of the service disclosed in its unaudited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2009. The Borough's share of the net assets is calculated on the same ratio as it contributes to the operating costs of the service. Annual contributions to the library service are included in the Income Statement.

Council's share of accumulated surplus(deficit)		
Council's share of accumulated surplus(deficit) at start of year	246	234
Reported surplus(deficit) for year	25	12
Council's share of accumulated surplus(deficit) at end of year	<u>271</u>	<u>246</u>

Note 16 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash on hand	1	1
Cash at bank	440	678
Bank bills	1,473	1,000
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>1,914</u>	<u>1,679</u>

Users of the financial report should refer to Note 30 for details of restrictions on cash assets and note 32 for details of existing Council commitments



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	2010	2009
	\$'000	\$'000
Note 17		
Trade and other receivables		
Current		
Rates debtors	88	57
Parking infringement debtors	12	12
Provision for doubtful debts - parking infringements	(4)	(7)
Loans and advances to community organisations	3	13
Pensioner concession rebate	42	40
Crown Land amenities	28	33
Point Lonsdale Bowls Clubhouse facility upgrade funding	40	13
Proceeds on trade-in of motor vehicles	15	-
Maritime museum capital grant funding	14	-
Aged and disabled service user fees	11	11
Salary recharge	10	7
Other debtors	26	23
Net GST receivable	121	56
Total	<u>406</u>	<u>258</u>
Non-current		
Salary recharge	9	-
Loans and advances to community organisations	8	7
Total	<u>17</u>	<u>7</u>
	<u>423</u>	<u>265</u>
Note 18		
Inventories		
Inventories held for sale	7	13
Total inventories	<u>7</u>	<u>13</u>
Note 19		
Other assets		
Current		
Prepayments	159	159
Accrued income	64	72
Total	<u>223</u>	<u>231</u>



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	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
Note 20		
Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment		
<i>Summary</i>		
at cost	16,140	18,623
Less accumulated depreciation	934	914
	<u>15,206</u>	<u>17,709</u>
at fair value as at 1 July 2007	15,239	16,059
at fair value as at 30 June 2008	-	33,744
at fair value as at 30 June 2010	42,491	-
Less accumulated depreciation	17,610	12,841
	40,120	36,962
Total	<u>55,326</u>	<u>54,671</u>
<i>Property</i>		
<i>Land</i>		
at fair value as at 30 June 2008	-	18,952
at fair value as at 30 June 2010	20,059	-
	<u>20,059</u>	<u>18,952</u>
Land under roads		
at cost at 1 July 2008	13,108	13,108
	<u>13,108</u>	<u>13,108</u>
Total Land	<u>33,167</u>	<u>32,060</u>
<i>Buildings</i>		
<i>Buildings</i>		
at cost	-	2,632
Less accumulated depreciation	-	17
	-	<u>2,615</u>
at fair value as at 30 June 2008	-	14,792
at fair value as at 30 June 2010	22,063	-
Less accumulated depreciation	10,500	5,878
	11,563	8,914
	11,563	11,529
Caravan park cabins		
at cost	-	323
Less accumulated depreciation	-	11
	-	<u>312</u>
at fair value as at 30 June 2010	370	-
Less accumulated depreciation	37	-
	333	-
	333	312
Total Buildings	<u>11,896</u>	<u>11,841</u>
Total Property	<u>45,063</u>	<u>43,901</u>



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Note 20 Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment (cont'd)

Valuation of land (excluding land under roads) was undertaken by a qualified independent valuer from Landlink - Opteon. The valuation of land is at fair value, being market value based on highest and best use permitted by relevant land planning provisions. Almost all freehold land reserved for public open space is valued at a discount to market value, and the level of discount applied varies for each property based on the following key factors: the attribute/detriments of the land such as its topography, access and shape; the costs involved in having the land rezoned; and the impact to the community both politically and socially if the land was to be sold in the market place.

Land under roads is valued at deemed cost. Deemed cost is based on Council valuations at 30 June 2008 for land under roads in existence at that date and at the date acquired for subsequent acquisitions using site values adjusted for englobo (undeveloped and/or unserviced) characteristics, access rights and private interests of other parties and entitlements of infrastructure assets and services. The next revaluation of land under roads will occur in 2011/2012.

Valuation of buildings was undertaken by CT Management Group (Vic & Tas) P/L, based on extensive experience and the use of Rawlinson's Aust. Construction Handbook as a guide for building costs. The valuation of buildings is at fair value based on current replacement cost less accumulated depreciation at the date of valuation.

	2010	2009
	\$'000	\$'000
<i>Plant and Equipment</i>		
Plant, machinery and equipment		
at cost	297	365
Less accumulated depreciation	134	180
	<u>163</u>	<u>185</u>
Fixtures, fittings and furniture		
at cost	288	266
Less accumulated depreciation	100	76
	<u>188</u>	<u>190</u>
Computers and telecommunications		
at cost	396	383
Less accumulated depreciation	330	298
	<u>66</u>	<u>85</u>
Recreation equipment		
at cost	585	507
Less accumulated amortisation	286	259
	<u>299</u>	<u>248</u>
Total Plant and Equipment	<u>716</u>	<u>708</u>



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Note 20 Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment (cont)

	2010	2009
	\$'000	\$'000
<i>Infrastructure</i>		
Roads		
at cost	306	278
Less accumulated depreciation	12	5
	<u>294</u>	<u>273</u>
at fair value as at 1 July 2007	9,371	9,371
Less accumulated depreciation	3,790	3,589
	<u>5,581</u>	<u>5,782</u>
	<u>5,875</u>	<u>6,055</u>
Kerb and channel		
at fair value as at 1 July 2007	2,084	2,084
Less accumulated depreciation	873	839
	<u>1,211</u>	<u>1,245</u>
Footpaths and cycleways		
at fair value as at 1 July 2007	1,041	1,041
Less accumulated depreciation	456	431
	<u>585</u>	<u>610</u>
Drainage		
at cost	209	8
Less accumulated depreciation	1	-
	<u>208</u>	<u>8</u>
at fair value as at 1 July 2007	2,743	2,743
Less accumulated depreciation	1,955	1,907
	<u>788</u>	<u>836</u>
	<u>996</u>	<u>844</u>
Recreational, leisure and community facilities		
at cost	336	329
Less accumulated depreciation	71	68
	<u>265</u>	<u>261</u>
Sea Walls		
at fair value as at 1 July 2007	-	820
Less accumulated depreciation	-	197
	-	<u>623</u>
Total Infrastructure	<u>8,932</u>	<u>9,638</u>

Valuation of infrastructure assets has been determined in accordance with an independent valuation undertaken by Mr Peter Moloney, Dip C.E.C.E.MIE Aust as at 1 July 2007. The valuation is at fair value based on replacement cost less accumulated depreciation as at the date of valuation. The next revaluation of infrastructure assets will occur in 2010/2011.



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Note 20 Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment (cont'd)

	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
Works in progress		
Buildings at cost	135	220
Roads at cost	37	-
Drainage at cost	8	21
Playground and park development at cost	256	56
Aquatic signage at cost	86	-
Boat ramp upgrade at cost	40	14
Renewal, upgrade and new foreshore assets at cost	39	-
Land development at cost	-	63
Electronic records system at cost	-	50
Other at cost	13	-
Total Works in progress	<u>615</u>	<u>424</u>
Total property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	<u>55,326</u>	<u>54,671</u>



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Note 20 Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment (cont'd)

2010	Balance at beginning of financial year	Acquisition of assets	Revaluation increments (decrements) (note 25)	Depreciation and amortisation (note 14)	Written down value of disposals	Impairment losses recognised in profit or loss (a)	Transfers	Balance at end of financial year
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Property								
land	18,952	-	1,044	-	-	-	63	
land under roads	13,108	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total land	32,060	-	1,044	-	-	-	63	
buildings	11,337	99	263	186	-	-	51	
caravan park cabins	312	-	42	22	-	-	-	
Total buildings	11,649	99	305	208	-	-	51	
Total property	43,709	99	1,348	208	-	-	114	
Plant and Equipment								
plant, machinery and equipment	185	86	-	50	58	-	-	
fixtures, fittings and furniture	191	21	-	24	-	-	-	
computers and telecommunications	84	15	-	33	-	-	-	
recreation equipment	248	85	-	34	-	-	-	
Total plant and equipment	708	207	-	141	58	-	-	
Infrastructure								
roads	6,055	27	-	207	-	-	-	
kerb and channel	1,245	-	-	34	-	-	-	
footpaths and cycleways	610	-	-	25	-	-	-	
drainage	843	21	-	49	-	-	180	
recreational, leisure and community facilities	261	7	-	3	-	-	-	
sea wall	(0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total infrastructure	9,014	55	-	318	-	-	180	
Works in progress								
buildings	220	138	-	-	-	172	(51)	
roads	-	37	-	-	-	-	-	
drainage	21	168	-	-	-	-	(180)	
playground and park development	56	200	-	-	-	-	-	
aquatic signage	-	86	-	-	-	-	-	
boat ramp upgrade	14	26	-	-	-	-	-	
renewal, upgrade and new foreshore assets	-	39	-	-	-	-	-	
land development	63	-	-	-	-	-	(63)	
electronic records system	50	-	-	-	-	50	-	
other	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	
Total works in progress	424	707	-	-	-	222	(293)	
Total property, plant and equipment, infrastructure	53,855	1,068	1,349	667	58	222	-	55,327

(a) Impairment losses

Impairment losses are recognised in the income statement under other expenses.

Reversals of impairment losses are recognised in the income statement under other revenue.



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Note 20 Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment (cont'd)

2009	Balance at beginning of financial year	Acquisition of assets	Revaluation increments (decrements)	Depreciation and amortisation	Written down value of disposals	Impairment losses recognised in profit or loss	Derecognition of assets	Transfers	Balance at end of financial year
	\$'000	\$'000	(note 25) \$'000	(note 12) \$'000	\$'000	(a) \$'000		\$'000	\$'000
Property									
land	18,952	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,952
land under roads	13,108								13,108
Total land	32,060	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32,060
buildings	9,067	60	-	170	717	-	(909)	2,632	11,337
caravan park cabins	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	323	312
Total buildings	9,067	60	-	181	-	-	-	2,955	11,649
Total property	41,127	60	-	181	-	-	-	2,955	43,709
Plant and Equipment									
plant, machinery and equipment	153	116	-	37	47	-	-	-	185
fixtures, fittings and furniture	39	-	-	15	-	-	-	185	191
Computers and telecommunications	85	16	-	35	-	-	-	18	84
recreation equipment	236	46	-	34	-	-	-	-	248
Total plant and equipment	513	178	-	121	47	-	-	185	708
Infrastructure									
roads	6,089	60	-	204	-	-	-	110	6,055
kerb and channel	1,279	-	-	34	-	-	-	-	1,245
footpaths and cycleways	635	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	610
drainage	881	8	-	46	-	-	-	-	843
Recreation / community facilities	204	60	-	3	-	-	-	-	261
sea wall	640	-	-	16	-	-	(624)	-	(0)
Total infrastructure	9,728	128	-	328	-	-	-	110	9,014
Works in progress									
buildings	1,545	1,815	-	-	-	-	-	(3,140)	220
roads	88	22	-	-	-	-	-	(110)	21
Drainage	20	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Playground and park dev	5	51	-	-	-	-	-	-	56
Aquatic signage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Boat ramp upgrade	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Renewal, upgrade foreshore assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
land development	60	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	63
electronic records system	-	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Total works in progress	1,718	1,956	-	-	-	-	-	(3,250)	424
Total property, plant and equipment, infrastructure	53,086	2,262	-	630	47	-	-	0	53,855

(a) Impairment losses Impairment losses are recognised in the income statement under other expenses. Reversals of impairment losses are recognised in the income statement under other revenue.



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		2010	2009
		\$'000	\$'000
Note 21	Trade and other payables		
	Trade payables	604	423
	Accrued expenses	276	222
	Total trade and other payables	<u>880</u>	<u>645</u>
Note 22	Trust funds and deposits		
	Revolving restoration fund	41	42
	Community nursery	12	19
	Retention amounts	6	7
	Refundable key deposits	3	3
	Other refundable deposits	6	6
	Total trust funds and deposits	<u>68</u>	<u>77</u>

The revolving restoration fund refers to funding received from Heritage Victoria to enable Council to provide the community with low interest loans for heritage work on their properties.



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Note 23 Provisions

	Annual leave \$ '000	Long service Leave \$ '000	Accrued days off \$ '000	Total \$ '000
2010				
Balance at beginning of the financial year	177	211	-	388
Additional provisions	33	76	19	129
Amounts used	(51)	(30)	-	(81)
Balance at the end of the financial year	159	257	19	436
2009				
Balance at beginning of the financial year	149	223	-	372
Additional provisions	91	103	-	194
Amounts used	(63)	(115)	-	(178)
Balance at the end of the financial year	177	211	-	388
			2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
<i>Employee benefits</i>				
Current (i)				
Annual leave			159	177
Long service leave			217	187
Accrued days off			19	-
			395	364
Non-current (ii)				
Long service leave			40	24
			40	24
Aggregate carrying amount of employee benefits:				
Current			395	364
Non-current			40	24
			435	388
The following assumptions were adopted in measuring the present value of employee benefits:				
Weighted average increase in employee costs			4.475%	4.450%
Weighted average discount rates			4.70%	5.22%
Weighted average settlement period			15	15
(i) Current				
"All annual leave, accrued days off and the long service leave entitlements representing five or more years of continuous service of continuous service"				
"- Short-term employee benefits, that fall due within 12 months after the end of the period measured at nominal value"			178	177
"- Other long-term employee benefits that do not fall due within 12 months after the end of the period measured at present value"			217	187
			395	364
(ii) Non-current				
Long service leave representing less than five years of continuous service measured at present value			40	24



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	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
Note 24 Interest-bearing loans and borrowings		
<i>Current</i>		
Borrowings - secured	219	206
Superannuation - liability	17	-
	<u>236</u>	<u>206</u>
<i>Non-current</i>		
Borrowings - secured	1,286	1,506
Superannuation - liability	97	114
	<u>1,383</u>	<u>1,620</u>
Total	<u>1,619</u>	<u>1,826</u>

The maturity profile for Council's borrowings is:

Not later than one year	236	206
Later than one year and not later than five years	925	946
Later than five years	458	674
Total	<u>1,619</u>	<u>1,826</u>

Bank overdraft

Council did not make use of a bank overdraft facility during the 2009/10 financial year (2008/09 not used)

Finance leases

Council had no finance leases at year-end.



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Note 25 Reserves

	"Balance at beginning of" reporting period	Increment (decrement)	Balance at end of reporting period
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
(a) Asset revaluation surplus			
2010			
Property			
Land	17,349	1,044	18,393
Buildings	6,870	263	7,133
Caravan park cabins	-	42	42
	<u>24,219</u>	<u>1,349</u>	<u>25,568</u>
Infrastructure			
Roads	-	-	-
Kerb and channel	-	-	-
Footpaths and cycleways	-	-	-
Drainage	-	-	-
Recreational, leisure and community facilities	-	-	-
Sea wall	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Total asset revaluation surplus	24,219	1,349	25,568
2009			
Property			
Land	17,349	-	17,349
Buildings	6,870	-	6,870
Caravan park cabins	-	-	-
	<u>24,219</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,219</u>
Infrastructure			
Roads	-	-	-
Kerb and channel	-	-	-
Footpaths and cycleways	-	-	-
Drainage	-	-	-
Recreational, leisure and community facilities	-	-	-
Sea wall	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Total asset revaluation surplus	24,219	-	24,219

The asset revaluation reserve is used to record material differences between the current market value of an asset and the amount at which it has previously been carried in the Balance Sheet. Land and buildings has been revalued during the 2009/10 financial year.

The next revaluation of infrastructure assets is due in the 2010/11 financial year.



Note 25 Reserves (cont)

	Balance at beginning of" reporting period	Transfer from accumulated surplus	Transfer to accumulated surplus	Balance at end of reporting period
(b) Other reserves	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
2010				
Crown Land Reserves	403	514	(231)	686
Incomplete Capital Works	328	107	(290)	145
Incomplete Operating Works	258	170	(244)	184
Office Refurbishment	-	-	-	-
Total Other reserves	989	791	(765)	1,015
2009				
Crown Land Reserves	1,167	413	(1,177)	403
Incomplete Capital Works	-	328	-	328
Incomplete Operating Works	-	258	-	258
Office Refurbishment	518	-	(518)	-
Total Other reserves	1,685	999	(1,695)	989

Crown Land Reserve - represents the balance of funds of Council Crown Land Reserve. Funds generated by Council's boat ramp and caravan park activities fund this reserve. Expenditures from this reserve fund improvements on crown land.

Office Refurbishment Reserve - balance of funds expended during 2008/09 to complete the office refurbishment project.

Incomplete Works Reserves - (capital and operating) represent those projects which are not complete at year end and funding is reserved from current year operations to be carried forward into the following year. Some of the capital projects are recorded as Works in Progress in Note 20, whilst details of each project for which grants remain unexpended are at Note 5.



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	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
Note 26	Adjustments directly to equity	
	-	13,108
	<u>-</u>	<u>13,108</u>
Note 27	Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities to surplus (deficit)	
	1,809	521
	667	630
	(6)	9
	131	123
	172	-
	50	-
	(1,349)	-
	(158)	32
	6	(6)
	0	(58)
	8	(59)
	(25)	(12)
	181	(88)
	54	137
	47	16
	<u>1,587</u>	<u>1,245</u>
Note 28	Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents	
	1,914	1,679
	-	-
	<u>1,914</u>	<u>1,679</u>
Note 29	Financing arrangements	
	-	-
	An approved overdraft limit of \$5,000 is available to Council if required. This facility was not used at any time during the financial year.	
	(2008/09: NIL)	



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	2010	2009
	\$'000	\$'000
Note 30		
Restricted assets		
<p>Council has cash and cash equivalents (note 16) that are subject to restrictions. As at the reporting date, Council had legislative restrictions in relation to employee entitlements (Long Service Leave) and reserve funds (Crown Land Reserves).</p>		
	195	166
Long service leave		
	686	403
Reserve funds (note 25)		
Total restricted assets	881	569

Restricted asset for long service leave is based on the Local Government (Long Service Leave) Regulations 2002 and does not necessarily equate to the long service leave liability disclosed in note 23 due to a different basis of calculation prescribed by the regulation.

Note 31 Superannuation

Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Local Authorities Superannuation Fund (the Fund). Obligations for contributions are recognised as an expense in profit or loss when they are due. The Fund has two categories of membership, accumulation and defined benefit, each of which is funded differently.

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

Defined Benefit Plan

The Fund's Defined Benefit Plan is a multi-employer sponsored plan. As the Plan's assets and liabilities are pooled and are not allocated by employer, the Actuary is unable to reliably allocate benefit liabilities, assets and costs between employers. As provided under Paragraph 32 (b) of AASB 119, Council does not use defined benefit accounting for these contributions.

Council makes employer contributions to the defined benefit category of the Fund at rates determined by the Trustee on the advice of the Fund's Actuary. On the basis of the results of the most recent full actuarial investigation conducted by the Fund's Actuary as at 31 December 2008, Council makes the following contributions:-

- 9.25% of members' salaries (same as previous year);
- the difference between resignation and retrenchment benefits paid to any retrenched employees, plus contribution tax (same as previous year);

The Fund surplus or deficit (ie the difference between fund assets and liabilities) is calculated differently for funding purposes (ie calculating required contributions) and for the calculation of accrued benefits as required in AAS 25 to provide the values needed for the AASB 119 disclosure in the council's financial statements. AAS 25 requires that the present value of the defined benefit liability to be calculated based on benefits that have accrued in respect of membership of the plan up to the measurement date, with no allowance for future benefits that may accrue. The actuarial investigation concluded that although the Net Market Value of Assets was in excess of Accrued Benefits at 31 December 2008, based on the assumptions adopted, there was a shortfall of \$71 million when the funding of future benefits was also considered. However, Council was advised that no additional contributions are required for 30 June 2010. The Actuary has commenced undertaking the next actuarial investigation to ascertain if additional contributions would be required. The Actuarial review will be as at 30 June 2010.

The result of the actuarial review is expected to be finalised during October 2010. Should the review identify a funding shortfall requiring additional contributions, the Council will be notified of any amount payable by November 2010 for payment on 1 July 2011. A further actuarial review will be undertaken as at 30 June 2011. Based on the result of this further review, a detailed funding plan will be developed and implemented to achieve the target of fully funding the Fund by 31 December 2013.



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Note 31 Superannuation (cont'd)

Accounting Standard Disclosure

The Fund's liability for accrued benefits was determined by the Actuary at 31 December 2008 pursuant to the requirements of Australian Accounting Standard AAS25 follows:

	31-Dec-08
	\$'000
Net Market Value of Assets	3,630,432
Accrued Benefits (per accounting standards)	3,616,422
Difference between Assets and Accrued Benefits	14,010
Vested Benefits	3,561,588

The financial assumptions used to calculate the Accrued Benefits for the defined benefit category of the Fund were:

Net Investment Return	8.50% p.a.
Salary Inflation	4.25% p.a.
Price Inflation	2.75% p.a.

Council also makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to a variety of employee nominated accumulation funds (REI, Hostplus, HESTA, MLC and Wuchatsch). Obligations for contributions are recognised as an expense in profit or loss when they are due.

	2010	2009
	\$'000	\$'000
Fund		
Defined benefits fund		
Employer contributions to Local Authorities Superannuation Fund (Vision Super)	3	1
	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
Employer contributions payable to Local Authorities Superannuation Fund (Vision Super) at reporting date	97	114
	<u>97</u>	<u>114</u>
Accumulation funds		
Employer contributions to Local Authorities Superannuation Fund (Vision Super)	174	145
Employer contributions to REI, Hostplus, HESTA, MLC and Wuchatsch	18	16
	<u>191</u>	<u>161</u>

Contingent Liability

Due to fluctuations in the value of assets underlying the fund and movements in the liabilities of the fund Council may be required to make an additional contribution to the fund. At this point in time the amount, and the likelihood of payment is not certain. Further detail of this matter is disclosed at note 34 - Contingent liabilities.



Note 32 Commitments

The Council has entered into the following commitments

2010	Not later than 1 year \$'000	Later than 1 year and not later than 2 years \$'000	Later than 2 years and not later than 5 years \$'000	Later than 5 years \$'000	Total \$'000
<i>Operating</i>					
Roads, parks and reserves maintenance	714	714	-	-	1,428
Garbage collection	350	360	370	-	1,080
Recycling	-	-	-	-	-
Cleaning contracts for council buildings	34	35	-	-	69
Home maintenance services	62	64	-	-	126
Heritage Advisory Service	45	45	-	-	90
Engineering services	-	-	-	-	-
Information systems & technology	35	-	-	-	35
Contribution to Point Lonsdale Bowls Club	73	-	-	-	73
Upgrade to clubhouse (stage 2)					
	<u>1,313</u>	<u>1,218</u>	<u>370</u>	-	<u>2,901</u>
<i>Capital</i>					
Buildings	1,041	-	-	-	1,041
Roads	-3	-	-	-	-
Drainage	12	-	-	-	12
Boat Ramp Upgrade	91	-	-	-	91
Other	23	-	-	-	23
	<u>1,167</u>	-	-	-	<u>1,167</u>
Total	<u>2,480</u>	<u>1,218</u>	<u>370</u>	-	<u>4,068</u>
2009	Not later than 1 year \$'000	Later than 1 year and not later than 2 years \$'000	Later than 2 years and not later than 5 years \$'000	Later than 5 years \$'000	Total \$'000
<i>Operating</i>					
Roads, parks and reserves maintenance	714	714	714	-	2,142
Garbage collection	384	-	-	-	384
Recycling	9	-	-	-	9
Cleaning contracts for council buildings	15	-	-	-	15
Home maintenance services	1	-	-	-	1
Heritage advisory service	45	45	45	-	135
Engineering services	5	-	-	-	5
Information systems & technology	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,173</u>	<u>759</u>	<u>759</u>	-	<u>2,691</u>
<i>Capital</i>					
Buildings	51	-	-	-	51
Roads	33	-	-	-	33
Drainage					
Total	<u>84</u>	-	-	-	<u>84</u>
Total	<u>1,257</u>	<u>759</u>	<u>759</u>	-	<u>2,775</u>



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	2010	2009
	\$'000	\$'000
Note 33		
Operating leases		
Operating lease commitments		
<p>At the reporting date, the Council had the following obligations under non-cancellable operating leases for the lease of equipment and motor vehicles for use within Council's activities (these obligations are not recognised as liabilities):</p>		
Not later than one year	39	41
Later than one year and not later than five years	1	40
	<u>40</u>	<u>81</u>

Note 34 Contingent liabilities

The Council is presently only involved in one confidential legal matter, which is being conducted through Council's solicitors.

As this matter is yet to be finalised, and the financial outcome is unable to be reliably estimated, no allowance for this contingency has been made in the financial report.

Council has obligations under a defined benefit superannuation scheme that may result in the need to make additional contributions to the scheme to ensure that the liabilities of the fund are covered by the assets of the fund. As a result of the increased volatility in financial markets the likelihood of making such contributions in future periods has increased. At this point in time an increase in the Borough's liability has been estimated at \$60,000. This is based on the same percentage used for the Borough in the last call from the Super fund, and applied to the total estimated fund shortfall provided by Vision Super. The actual amount will be advised during 2010/11 and provision has been made in that year's budget. Note, Vision Super have advised that whilst the increase in liability will need to be accounted for in 2010/11, no cash outlays will be required during the 2010/11 financial year.

Guarantees for loans to other entities	<u>21</u>	<u>31</u>
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In March 2007 Council agreed to act as guarantor for a loan to the Queenscliff Golf Club to a maximum value of \$50,000. The loan advance was provided by the Bendigo Bank and was drawn down for the full amount of \$50,000 on 25 May 2007. The balance at 30 June 2010 is \$21,358 (2008/09 : \$31,382).



Note 35 Financial Instruments

(a) Accounting Policy, terms and conditions

Recognised financial instruments	Note	Accounting Policy	Terms and Conditions
Financial assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	16	Cash on hand and at bank and money market call account are valued at face value. Interest is recognised as it accrues. Investments and bills are valued at cost. Investments are held to maximise interest returns of surplus cash. Interest revenues are recognised as they accrue. Managed funds are measured at market value.	On call deposits returned a floating interest rate of 3.75% (3.40% in 2008/2009). The interest rate on the balance held in Council's general bank account at balance date was 2.90% (2.25% in 2008/2009). Funds returned fixed interest rate of between 3.12% (3.12% in 2008/2009), and 6.00% (7.85% in 2008/2009) net of fees. Nil managed funds for 2008/09 (2007/08 Nil)
Trade and other receivables			
Other debtors	17	Receivables are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. A provision for doubtful debts is recognised when there is objective evidence that an impairment loss has occurred. Collectability of overdue accounts is assessed on an ongoing basis.	General debtors are unsecured credit terms are based on 30 days.
Financial Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	25	Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services provided to Council as at balance date whether or not invoices have been received.	General Creditors are unsecured, not subject to interest charges and are normally settled within 30 days of invoice receipt.
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	28	Loans are carried at their principal amounts, which represent the present value of future cash flows associated with servicing the debt. Interest is accrued over the period it becomes due and recognised as part of payables. Finance leases are accounted for at their principal amount with the lease payments discounted to present value using the interest rates implicit in the leases.	Borrowings are secured by way of mortgages over the general rates of the Council. The weighted average interest rate on borrowings is 7.74% (7.72% in 2008/2009). Nil finance leases for 2009/10 (2008/09 Nil)
Bank overdraft	28	Overdrafts are recognised at the principal amount. Interest is charged as an expense as it accrues.	The overdraft is subject to annual review. It is secured by a mortgage over Council's general rates and is repayable on demand. Nil overdraft for 2009/10 (2008/09 Nil). The interest rate as at balance date was 10.14% (8.64% in 2008/2009).



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Note 35 Financial Instruments (cont)

(b) Interest Rate Risk

The exposure to interest rate risk and the effective interest rates of financial assets and financial liabilities, both recognised and unrecognised, at balance date are as follows:

2010

	Floating Interest \$'000	Fixed interest maturing in:			Non-interest bearing \$'000	Total \$'000
		1 Year or less \$'000	Over 1 to 5 Years \$'000	More than 5 Years \$'000		
<i>Financial assets</i>						
Cash and cash equivalents	440	1,473	-	-	1	1,914
Trade and other receivables	-	3	8	-	316	327
Other assets	-	-	-	-	64	64
Total financial assets	440	1,476	8	-	381	2,305
Weighted average interest rate	2.90%	5.16%				
<i>Financial liabilities</i>						
Trade and other payables	-	-	-	-	880	880
Trust funds and deposits	-	-	-	-	68	68
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	114	219	828	458	-	1,619
Total financial liabilities	114	219	828	458	948	2,567
Weighted average interest rate		7.56%	7.72%	7.865%		
Net financial assets (liabilities)	326	1,257	(820)	(458)	(948)	262

2009

	Floating Interest \$'000	Fixed interest maturing in:			Non-interest bearing \$'000	Total \$'000
		1 Year or less \$'000	Over 1 to 5 Years \$'000	More than 5 Years \$'000		
<i>Financial assets</i>						
Cash and cash equivalents	678	1,000	-	-	1	1,679
Trade and other receivables	-	13	7	-	183	203
Accrued income	-	-	-	-	72	72
Total financial assets	678	1,013	7	-	256	1,954
Weighted average interest rate	2.25%	3.40%				
<i>Financial liabilities</i>						
Trade and other payables	-	-	-	-	645	645
Trust funds and deposits	-	-	-	-	77	77
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	114	206	863	643	-	1,826
Total financial liabilities	114	206	863	643	722	2,548
Weighted average interest rate		7.74%	7.81%	8.00%		
Net financial assets (liabilities)	564	807	(856)	(643)	(466)	(594)



Note 35 Financial Instruments (cont.)

(c) Net Fair Values

The aggregate net fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities, both recognised and unrecognised, at balance date are as follows:

	Total carrying amount as per Balance Sheet		Aggregate net fair value	
	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
Financial Instruments				
<i>Financial assets</i>				
Cash and cash equivalents	1,914	1,679	1,914	1,679
Trade and other receivables	327	203	327	203
Accrued income	64	72	64	72
Total Financial Assets	2,305	1,954	2,305	1,954
<i>Financial liabilities</i>				
Trade and other payables	880	645	880	645
Trust funds and deposits	68	77	68	77
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	1,619	1,826	1,619	1,826
Total Financial Liabilities	2,567	2,548	2,567	2,548
Net financial assets (liabilities)	(262)	(594)	(262)	(594)

(d) Credit Risk

The maximum exposure to credit risk at balance date in relation to each class of recognised financial asset is represented by the carrying amount of those assets as indicated in the Balance Sheet.

(e) Risks and mitigation

The risks associated with our main financial instruments and our policies for minimising these risks are detailed below.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of our financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The Council's exposures to market risk are primarily through interest rate risk with only insignificant exposure to other price risks and no exposure to foreign currency risk. Components of market risk to which we are exposed are discussed below.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk refers to the risk that the value of a financial instrument or cash flows associated with the instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. Interest rate risk arises from interest bearing financial assets and liabilities that we use. Non derivative interest bearing assets are predominantly short term liquid assets. Our interest rate liability risk arises primarily from long term loans and borrowings at fixed rates which exposes us to fair value interest rate risk.

Our loan borrowings are sourced from major Australian banks by a tender process. Finance leases are sourced from major Australian financial institutions. Overdrafts are arranged with major Australian banks. We manage interest rate risk on our net debt portfolio by:

- ensuring access to diverse sources of funding;
- reducing risks of refinancing by managing in accordance with target maturity profiles; and
- setting prudential limits on interest repayments as a percentage of rate revenue.

We manage the interest rate exposure on our debt portfolio by appropriate budgeting strategies and obtaining approval for borrowings from the Department of Planning and Community Development each year.



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Note 35 Financial Instruments (cont.)

Investment of surplus funds is made with approved financial institutions under the Local Government Act 1989. We manage interest rate risk by adopting an investment policy that ensures:

- conformity with State and Federal regulations and standards,
- capital protection,
- appropriate liquidity,
- diversification by credit rating, financial institution and investment product,
- monitoring of return on investment,
- benchmarking of returns and comparison with budget.

Maturity will be staggered to provide for interest rate variations and to minimise interest rate risk.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a contracting entity will not complete its obligations under a financial instrument and cause us to make a financial loss. We have exposure to credit risk on some financial assets included in our balance sheet. To help manage this risk:

- we have a practice for establishing credit limits for the entities we deal with;
- we may require collateral where appropriate; and
- we only invest surplus funds with financial institutions which have a recognised credit rating specified in our investment policy.

Trade and other receivables consist of a large number of customers, spread across the consumer, business and government sectors. Credit risk associated with the Council's financial assets is minimal because the main debtor is the Victorian Government. Apart from the Victorian Government we do not have any significant credit risk exposure to a single customer or groups of customers. Ongoing credit evaluation is performed on the financial condition of our customers and, where appropriate, an allowance for doubtful debts is raised.

We may also be subject to credit risk for transactions which are not included in the balance sheet, such as when we provide a guarantee for another party. Details of our contingent liabilities are disclosed in note 34.

Movement in Provisions for Doubtful Debts	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
Balance at the beginning of the year	7	9
New Provisions recognised during the year	2	3
Amounts already provided for and written off as uncollectible	-	-
Amounts provided for but recovered during the year	(5)	(5)
Balance at end of year	4	7

Ageing of Trade and Other Receivables

At balance date other debtors representing financial assets were past due but not impaired. These amounts relate to a number of independent customers for whom there is no recent history of default. The ageing of the Council's Trade & Other Receivables was:

	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
Current (not yet due)	154	164
Past due by up to 30 days	44	20
Past due between 31 and 180 days	126	1
Past due by more than 1 year	2	18
Total Trade & Other Receivables	327	203

Ageing of individually impaired Trade and Other Receivables

The individually impaired debtors relate to general and sundry debtor and have been impaired as a result of their doubtful collection. At 30 June 2010 there were no debtors in this category.



Note 35 Financial Instruments (cont.)

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk includes the risk that, as a result of our operational liquidity requirements:

- we will not have sufficient funds to settle a transaction on the date;
- we will be forced to sell financial assets at a value which is less than what they are worth; or
- we may be unable to settle or recover a financial assets at all.

To help reduce these risks we:

- have a liquidity practice of establishing minimum working capital requirement when developing cash flow budgets;
- have readily accessible standby facilities and other funding arrangements in place;
- have a liquidity portfolio structure that requires surplus funds to be invested within various bands of liquid instruments;
- monitor budget to actual performance on a regular basis; and
- set limits on borrowings relating to the percentage of loans to rate revenue and percentage of loan principal repayments to rate revenue.

The Councils exposure to liquidity risk is deemed insignificant based on prior periods' data and current assessment of risk.

The table below lists the contractual maturities for Financial Liabilities

These amounts represent undiscounted gross payments including both principal and interest amounts

2010	6 mths or less \$'000	6-12 months \$'000	1-2 years \$'000	2-5 years \$'000	>5 years \$'000	Contracted Cash Flow \$'000	Carrying Amount \$'000
Trade and other payables	880	-	-	-	-	880	880
Trust funds and deposits	13	2	6	6	-	27	68
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	185	165	397	813	510	2,069	1,619
Total financial liabilities	1,078	167	403	819	510	2,976	2,567

2009	6 mths or less \$'000	6-12 months \$'000	1-2 years \$'000	2-5 years \$'000	>5 years \$'000	Contracted Cash Flow \$'000	Carrying Amount \$'000
Trade and other payables	645	-	-	-	-	645	645
Trust funds and deposits	17	6	6	7	-	36	77
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	167	167	349	979	742	2,404	1,826
Total financial liabilities	829	173	355	986	742	3,085	2,548



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Note 35 Financial Instruments (cont.)

(f) Sensitivity disclosure analysis

Taking into account past performance, future expectations, economic forecasts, and management's knowledge and experience of the financial markets, the Council believes the following movements are 'reasonably possible' over the next 12 months (Base rates are sourced from Reserve Bank of Australia):

- A parallel shift of + 1% and -2% in market interest rates (AUD) from year-end rates of 4.4%.

The table below discloses the impact on net operating result and equity for each category of financial instruments held by the Council at year-end, if the above movements were to occur.

Carrying amount subject to interest		-2 % -200 basis points		+1% +100 basis points	
		Profit \$'000	Equity \$'000	Profit \$'000	Equity \$'000
2010	\$'000				
Financial assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	1,914	(38)	(38)	19	19
Trade and other receivables	11	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Financial liabilities:					
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	1,619	(32)	(32)	16	16

Interest rate risk

Carrying amount subject to interest		-2 % -200 basis points		+1% +100 basis points	
		Profit \$'000	Equity \$'000	Profit \$'000	Equity \$'000
2009	\$'000				
Financial assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	1,679	(34)	(34)	17	17
Trade and other receivables	20	(0)	0	0	0
Financial liabilities:					
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	1,826	(37)	(37)	18	18

(g) Fair Value Hierarchy

There were no fair value adjustments to financial assets through the comprehensive income statement in 2009-10 (2008-09 Nil)

Note 36 Auditors' remuneration

	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
Audit fee to conduct external audit - Victorian Auditor-General	24	14
Internal audit fees - AFS & Associates	12	10
Audit committee fees	4	2
	<u>40</u>	<u>26</u>

Note 37 Events occurring after balance date

Council has no reportable events occurring after the balance date.



Note 38 Related party transactions

(i) Responsible Persons

Names of persons holding the position of a Responsible Person at the Council at any time during the year are:

Councillors

Councillor Bob Merriman	(Councillor elected 29/11/08, Mayor 04/12/08 to current)
Councillor John Burgess	(Councillor 01/07/08 to current)
Councillor David Mitchell	(Councillor elected 29/11/08 to current)
Councillor Helene Butler	(Councillor elected 29/11/08 to current)
Councillor Lloyd Davies	(Councillor elected 29/11/08 to current)
Chief Executive Officer Leonard Jenner	(Chief Executive Officer 20/10/08 to current)

(ii) Remuneration of Responsible Persons

The numbers of Responsible Officers, whose total remuneration from Council and any related entities fall within the following bands:

	2010 No.	2009 No.
\$1 - \$ 9,999	-	10
\$10,000 - \$19,999	4	1
\$30,000 - \$39,999	1	1
\$40,000 - \$49,999	-	1
\$100,000 - \$109,999	-	1
\$160,000 - \$169,999	1	1
	<u>6</u>	<u>14</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
Total Remuneration for the reporting year for Responsible Persons included above amounted to:	<u>266</u>	<u>242</u>

(iii) No retirement benefits have been made by the Council to a Responsible Person (2008/09, nil)

(iv) No loans have been made, guaranteed or secured by the Council to a Responsible Person during the reporting year (2008/09, nil)

(v) Other Transactions

No transactions other than remuneration payments or the reimbursement of approved expenses were entered into by Council with Responsible Persons, or Related Parties of such Responsible Persons, during the reporting year (2008/09, nil)

(vi) Senior Officers Remuneration

A Senior Officer, other than a Responsible Person, is an officer of Council who has management responsibilities and reports directly to the Chief Executive Officer or whose total annual remuneration exceeds \$120,000.

The number of Senior Officers, other than the Responsible Persons, are shown below in their relevant income bands:

	2010 No.	2009 No.
Income Range: <\$120,000	2	2
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
Total Remuneration for the reporting year, for Senior Officers included above, amounted to	<u>214</u>	<u>140</u>



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Note 38 Income, expenses and assets by function/activities

	Governance				Tourism &			
	& External Relations		Finance & Audit		Community Development		Community Services	
	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
INCOME								
Grants	160	206	0	0	30	195	357	364
Other	16	(0)	4,802	4,531	415	141	131	130
TOTAL	176	206	4,802	4,531	445	336	487	494
EXPENSES	(1,664)	(1,595)	(689)	(498)	(526)	(720)	(669)	(668)
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	(1,488)	(1,389)	(4,113)	(4,033)	(82)	(384)	(182)	(174)
ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES*	<u>4,117</u>	<u>4,418</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>7,586</u>	<u>7,166</u>	<u>704</u>	<u>1,200</u>

	Building		Coastal & Environment		Environmental Health		Infrastructure Services	
	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
INCOME								
Grants	14	14	146	197	9	7	191	310
Other	18	9	1,139	1,321	24	20	156	64
TOTAL	32	23	1,284	1,518	33	27	347	374
EXPENSES	(80)	(199)	(854)	(861)	(52)	(67)	(2,286)	(1,999)
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	(49)	(175)	(430)	(657)	(19)	(40)	(1,939)	(1,625)
ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES*	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,728</u>	<u>5,991</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>35,138</u>	<u>35,863</u>

	Local Law Enforcement		Planning		Sustainability & Environment		Total	
	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
INCOME								
Grants	18	14	0	5	0	0	923	1,3120
Other	76	71	54	60	0	0	6,831	6,347
TOTAL	94	85	54	65	0	0	7,754	7,659
EXPENSES	(198)	(183)	(209)	(347)	67	(0)	(7,294)	(7,137)
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	(104)	(98)	(155)	(282)	(67)	0	460	521
ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES*	<u>30</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>55,326</u>	<u>54,671</u>



Note 39 Key Operational Areas

The activities relating to the municipality's key operational areas reported on in the Comprehensive Statement are as follows:

Operation and maintenance of the administration offices and the corporate costs of managing the municipality along with administration and management of external relationships including public relations, membership of municipal association, etc. Operation and maintenance of the council meeting areas and costs associated with mayoral and councillor allowances are also included under the governance function.

Finance and Audit

Rate revenue, principal and interest payments on loans, bank and rate collection charges, audit fees and insurance premiums are included within this function. Also included are employee costs in relation to finance, rates and risk management, as well as contract payments made in relation to information technology.

Tourism and Community Development

Consists of: library; arts, recreation and culture (including festivals and events and community grants for recreation, arts and youth); visitor information centre; tourism promotion; community and other human services (including senior citizens, community development grants, special events).

Community Services

Consists of: preschool centre; maternal and child health; aged and disabled services.

Building

Consists of: building control; heritage.

Coastal and Environment

Consists of: caravan parks and boat ramp; foreshore management and environmental protection.

Environmental Health

Consists of: registrations (including food, accomodation, hairdressers); inspections (including food premises); mosquito control.

Infrastructure Services

Consists of: engineering; road maintenance and works (including roads, kerb and channel, footpaths and cycleways, drainage, parks and gardens, street cleaning); foreshore (beach cleaning); powerline and tree clearance; street lighting; building maintenance program; waste disposal; public conveniences; building and infrastructure assets (including land under roads, sports complex, playground, bus shelters).

Local Law Enforcement

Consists of: local law enforcement (including parking, camping, alcohol consumption in public places); animal control; fire prevention and emergency management; school crossing supervision.

Planning

Consists of: strategic planning; town planning (including permits, land information certificates); development approvals and appeals; Point Lonsdale structure plan; review of planning scheme.

Sustainability and Environment

Initiatives including: climate change strategy; Council sustainability strategy; reducing emissions in the Borough.



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Note 40 Financial ratios (Performance indicators)

	2010 \$'000	2010 (%)	2009 \$'000	2009 (%)	2008 \$'000	2008 (%)
(a) Debt servicing ratio (to identify the capacity of Council to service its outstanding debt)						
<u>Debt servicing costs</u>	<u>131</u>	= 1.69%	<u>123</u>	= 1.60%	<u>103</u>	= 1.48%
Total revenue	7,753		7,659		6,943	

Debt servicing costs refer to the payment of interest on loan borrowings, finance lease, and bank overdraft. The ratio expresses the amount of interest paid as a percentage of Council's total revenue.

(b) Debt commitment ratio (to identify Council's debt redemption strategy)						
<u>Debt servicing & redemption costs</u>	<u>338</u>	= 7.04%	<u>343</u>	= 7.60%	<u>318</u>	= 7.65%
Rate revenue	4,796		4,523		4,156	

The strategy involves the payment of loan principal and interest, finance lease principal and interest. The ratio expresses the percentage of rate revenue utilised to pay interest and redeem debt principal.

(c) Revenue ratio (to identify Council's dependence on non-rate income)						
<u>Rate revenue</u>	<u>4,796</u>	= 61.86%	<u>4,523</u>	= 59.06%	<u>4,156</u>	= 59.86%
Total revenue	7,753		7,659		6,943	

The level of Council's reliance on rate revenue is determined by assessing rate revenue as a proportion of the total revenue of Council.

(d) Debt exposure ratio (to identify Council's exposure to debt)						
<u>Total indebtedness</u>	<u>2,807</u>	= 5.81%	<u>2,771</u>	= 5.83%	<u>2,893</u>	= 8.83%
Total realisable assets	48,350		47,522		32,741	

For the purposes of the calculation of financial ratios, realisable assets are those assets which can be sold and which are not subject to any restriction on realisation or use.

Any liability represented by a restricted asset (note 30) is excluded from total indebtedness.

The following assets are excluded from total assets when calculating Council's realisable assets:

land and buildings on Crown land; restricted assets; heritage assets; total infrastructure assets; and Council's investment in associate.

This ratio enables assessment of Council's solvency and exposure to debt. Total indebtedness refers to the total liabilities of Council. Total liabilities are compared to total realisable assets which are all Council assets not subject to any restriction and are able to be realised. The ratio expresses the percentage of total liabilities for each dollar of realisable assets.



Note 40 Financial ratios (Performance indicators) (cont)

	2010	2010	2009	2009	2008	2008
	\$'000	(%)	\$'000	(%)	\$'000	(%)

(e) Working capital ratio
(to assess Council's ability to meet current commitments)

<u>Current assets</u>	<u>2,550</u>	= 1681.46%	<u>2,181</u>	= 168.79%	<u>3,387</u>	= 280.38%
Current liabilities	1,579		1,292		1,208	

The ratio expresses the level of current assets the Council has available to meet its current liabilities.

(f) Adjusted working capital ratio
(to assess Council's ability to meet current commitments)

<u>Current assets</u>	<u>2,550</u>	= 187.14%	<u>2,181</u>	= 197.46%	<u>3,387</u>	= 335.68%
Current liabilities	1,363		1,105		1,009	

The ratio expresses the level of current assets the Council has available to meet its current liabilities.

Current liabilities have been reduced to reflect the long service leave that is shown as a current liability because Council does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date, but is not likely to fall due within 12 months after the end of the period.

Other ratios may be included where appropriate

Note 41 Capital expenditure

Note	2010	2009
	\$'000	\$'000
Capital expenditure areas		
Buildings	237	1,308
Playground and park development	200	-
Drainage	188	9
Aquatic signage	86	-
Plant, machinery and equipment	86	116
Recreation equipment	85	71
Roads	64	81
Renewal, upgrade and new foreshore assets	39	-
Boat ramp upgrade	26	14
Fixtures, fittings and furniture	21	185
Computers and telecommunications	15	16
Other	14	29
Recreational, leisure and community facilities	7	60
Caravan park cabins	-	320
Electronic records system	-	50
Land	-	3
Total capital works	<u>1,068</u>	<u>2,262</u>
Represented by:		
Renewal	(a) 347	1,448
Upgrade	(b) 288	-
Expansion	(c) -	-
New	433	814
Total capital works	<u>1,068</u>	<u>2,262</u>



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Note 41 Capital expenditure (cont'd)

Property, plant and equipment, infrastructure movement

The movement between the previous year and the current year in property, plant and equipment, infrastructure as shown in the Balance Sheet links to the net of the following items:

	Note	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
Total capital works	20	1,068	2,262
Adjustment arising from recognising land under roads	26	-	13,108
Adjustment arising from recognising buildings	26	717	-
Adjustment arising from derecognition of buildings	26	(909)	-
Adjustment arising from derecognition of sea wall	26	(624)	-
Asset revaluation movement	25(a)	1,349	-
Impairment losses recognised in profit or loss	20	(222)	-
Depreciation/amortisation	12	(667)	(630)
Written down value of assets sold	20	(58)	(47)
Net movement in property, plant and equipment, infrastructure	20	655	14,693

(a) Renewal

Expenditure on an existing asset which returns the service potential or the life of the asset up to that which it had originally. It is periodically required expenditure, relatively large (material) in value compared with the value of the components or sub-components of the asset being renewed. As it reinstates existing service potential, it has no impact on revenue, but may reduce future operating and maintenance expenditure if completed at the optimum time.

(b) Upgrade

Expenditure which enhances an existing asset to provide a higher level of service or expenditure that will increase the life of the asset beyond that which it had originally. Upgrade expenditure is discretionary and often does not result in additional revenue unless direct user charges apply. It will increase operating and maintenance expenditure in the future because of the increase in the council's asset base.

(c) Expansion

Expenditure which extends an existing asset, at the same standard as is currently enjoyed by residents, to a new group of users. It is discretionary expenditure which increases future operating and maintenance costs, because it increases council's asset base, but may be associated with additional revenue from the new user group.

Note 42 Prior period errors

	Note	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
Adjustment arising from recognition of buildings		717	-
Adjustment arising from derecognition of buildings		(909)	-
Adjustment arising from derecognition of sea wall		(624)	-
		<u>(816)</u>	-

A fixed asset management review was conducted during the 2009/10 financial year, by CT Management Group (Vic). As a result of this review, a number of buildings were found to be under the responsibility and ownership of other government bodies. As such, these buildings have been removed from Council's asset register. Conversely, other buildings were identified that should have been on Council's asset register. These are included above as recognition of buildings.

Derecognition of the sea wall is as a result of advice from the Department of Sustainability and Environment who are the responsible authority with regards to the maintenance, repair and upkeep of all protective foreshore assets (sea walls included) located on Crown land.

The closing position for 2008/09 accumulated surplus has been adjusted to reflect the above prior period errors.

The prior period errors have not had a material impact on the opening balances in the financial report and as such a third balance sheet has not been included.



CERTIFICATION OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

In my opinion the accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*, the *Local Government (Finance and Reporting) Regulations 2004*, *Australian Accounting Standards* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

Ev Wuchatsch
Principal Accounting Officer
Dated: 16 September 2010

In our opinion the accompanying financial statements present fairly the financial transactions of the Borough of Queenscliffe for the year ended 30 June 2010 and the financial position of the Council as at that date.

As at the date of signing, we are not aware of any circumstances which would render any particulars in the financial statements to be misleading or inaccurate.

We have been authorised by the Council on 16th September 2010 to certify the financial statements in their final form.

Councillor Helene Butler
Councillor

Date : 16 September 2010
Queenscliff

Councillor John Burgess
Councillor

Date : 16 September 2010
Queenscliff

Leonard Jenner
Chief Executive Officer

Date : 16 September 2010
Queenscliff



Performance Statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2010

PERFORMANCE STATEMENT

This statement reviews Council's annual budget's key strategic activities performance targets against Council's actual performance for the year.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: Governance, Finance & External Relation

Providing accountable governance and long term sustainable financial management.

Key Strategic Activities	Performance Measure	Actual Performance	Target Achieved
Successful achievement of Business Plan priority actions.	100%	86% achieved, 12 of 14 actions complete and 2 in progress	No
Increase opportunities for community participation in Council decision making.	Conduct at least four public meetings each year	Portfolio Reference Group (PRG) meetings conducted through the year. Combined PRG meeting to present and discuss draft Council Plan and draft Budget. Community invited to present capital and new initiative submissions to inform draft budget.	Yes
Maintain working capital ratio greater than 100%.	Greater than 100%	Working capital ratio as at 30 June 2010 is 161.46% (2008-09 : 168.79%, 2007-08 : 280.38%, 2006-07 : 377.01%)	Yes
Improve the Civic Mutual Plus risk rating.	Improve by 10%	Interim audit result was 38%, this was increased to a final score of 49.3% (an improvement of 30%)	Yes
Prepare and adopt annual Budget and Strategic Resource Plan in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989.	Adopt by 31 August 2010	Annual budget and strategic resource plan adopted by Council 21 July 2010	Yes
Develop a long term Strategic Financial Plan.	February 2010	Plan developed and presented to Ordinary Council Meeting on 28 April 2010. Council is seeking further feedback from the relevant Portfolio Reference Group.	No
Prepare and lodge annual financial statements and standard statements in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989 .	Lodge by 30 September 2010	Annual financial report (financial statements, standard statements and performance statement) lodged with the Minister for Local Government on 17/09/10	Yes
Annual Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey rating for overall performance generally of the council.	Maintain rating at 65 or better	Our result for the 2010 survey is 62	No
Annual Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey rating for council's advocacy and community representation on key local issues.	Maintain rating at 63 or better	Our result for the 2010 survey is 60	No
Annual Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey rating for council's engagement in decision making on key local issues.	Maintain rating at 64 or better	Our result for the 2010 survey is 53	No
Annual Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey rating for council's interaction and responsiveness in dealing with the public.	Maintain rating at 77 or better	Our result for the 2010 survey is 73	No



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: Sustainability & Local Environment

Living sustainably and protecting and restoring our diverse environment.

Key Strategic Activities	Performance Measure	Actual Performance	Target Achieved
Successful achievement of Business Plan priority actions.	100%	91% achieved, 10 of 11 actions complete and 1 in progress	No
Maintain Borough of Queenscliffe Council as a Waste Wise accredited organisation.	Accreditation maintained	Accreditation achieved	Yes
Completion of further stages of ICLEI program.	Completion of stages 2 & 3	ICLEI milestone process discontinued, therefore it was resolved by Council that a Council Sustainability Strategy be developed which will have an equivalent outcome. Strategy presented to Council in June 2010.	No
Upgrade beach access paths.	Complete 2 access path upgrades	In progress - design and drafting work completed for three beach access paths, quotes for construction of one access path (Point Lonsdale surf life saving and access ramp) being sought in August 2010 and completion of construction is scheduled for November 2010	No
Achieve nett increase in street trees across the municipality.	Nett increase	35 trees removed and replaced with 46 trees across the Borough (Victoria Park, Citizens Park and Princess Park)	Yes
Annual Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey rating for council's overall performance in Waste Management.	Maintain rating at 75 or better	Our result for the 2010 survey is 71	No



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For the Year Ended 30 June 2010

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: **Business & Tourism**

Supporting local businesses and tourism by providing an environment in which they can both flourish.

Key Strategic Activities	Performance Measure	Actual Performance	Target Achieved
Successful achievement of Business Plan priority actions.	100%	57% achieved, 4 of 7 actions complete and 3 in progress	No
Maintain visitation numbers to the Queenscliffe Visitor Information Centre.	64,530 visitors	Change in strategy during 2009/10 to upgrade website and monitor website hits and other registrations of interest from visitors electronically as well as physically to the Borough. Visitor Information Centre total visitations in 2009/10 = 108,975 comprising of : 58,389 walk in visitors; 4,250 phone calls; 237 email enquiries; 45,321 website hits and 778 heritage walk participants.	No
Maintain level of sponsorship and in-kind support provided to major tourism events.	Value of support maintained	Sponsorship and in-kind support provided for Queenscliff Music Festival, Great Victorian Bike Ride and Seafood Feast (2008/09 : Queenscliff Music Festival and Seafood Feast)	Yes
Formalise Memorandum of Understanding with Bellarine Tourism.	MOU in place	To be finalised in 2010/11	No
Annual Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey rating for council's overall performance in Economic Development.	Maintain rating at 61 or better	Our result for the 2010 survey is 62	Yes



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: **Community Development**

Work in partnership with the community to build a strong, safe, inclusive and connected community.

Key Strategic Activities	Performance Measure	Actual Performance	Target Achieved
Successful achievement of Business Plan priority actions	100%	65% achieved, 11 of 17 actions complete and 6 in progress	No
Number of food premises visits.	At least 1 visit per premise per annum	81 food premises to be inspected, 86 food premises visits were conducted during the 2009/10 financial year .	Yes
Municipal Public Health Plan reviewed within legislative requirements.	27 November 2009	Municipal Public Health Plan incorporated into Council Plan and endorsed by Council in June 2010.	No
Level of financial support to community initiatives and not-for-profit community groups and organisations.	Maintain value of grants	Total value of financial support to community initiatives & not-for-profit community groups and organisations = \$54,570 (2008/09 : \$53,199)	Yes
Recognise and celebrate volunteer contributions in the Borough of Queenscliffe.	Conduct at least 2 events per annum	Australia Day Awards recognising outstanding volunteer contributions as well as two volunteer recognition celebrations conducted on 1 December 2009 and 11 May 2010. In addition, as part of Seniors Week, up to 8 residents (aged 60+) were invited to attend the Government House Reception held on 2 October 2009 in recognition of their voluntary work in the community.	Yes
Annual Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey rating for council's overall performance in health and human services.	Maintain rating at 79 or better	Our result for the 2010 survey is 79 - highest ranking in the 'small rural local government grouping'	Yes
Annual Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey rating for council's overall performance in recreational facilities.	Maintain rating at 68 or better	Our result for the 2010 survey is 70	Yes



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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: Planning, Heritage & Community Assets

Striving to ensure development sustains and enhances the character of the natural and built environment.

Key Strategic Activities	Performance Measure	Actual Performance	Target Achieved
Successful achievement of Business Plan priority actions	100%	75% achieved, 9 of 12 actions complete, 2 in progress and 1 yet to commence	No
Commence review of Queenscliffe Planning Scheme	Review commenced by June 2010	Project brief yet to be finalised	No
Number of planning applications processed within 60 statutory days	70%	88% of planning application decisions made within statutory timeframe	Yes
Annual Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey rating for council's overall performance in appearance of public areas.	Maintain rating at 52 or better	Our result for the 2010 survey is 70	Yes
Annual Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey rating for council's overall performance in traffic management and parking	Maintain rating at 61 or better	Our result for the 2010 survey is 61	Yes
Annual Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey rating for council's overall performance in town planning policy and approvals.	Maintain rating at 52 or better	Our result for the 2010 survey is 47	No



COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE PERFORMANCE REPORT

In our opinion, the accompanying performance statement of the Borough of Queenscliff in respect to the 2009/2010 financial year is presented fairly in accordance with the Local government Act 1989. The statement outlines the Key Strategic Activities set out in the Council's Budget and describes the extent to which these activities were achieved in the year.

At the time of signing we are not aware of any circumstances, which would render any particulars in the statement to be misleading or inaccurate.

On 16th September 2010 we were authorised by the Council to certify this performance report in its final form on behalf of Council.

Councillor Helene Butler
Councillor

Date : 16 September 2010
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Councillors, Borough of Queenscliffe

The Performance Statement

The accompanying performance statement for the year ended 30 June 2010 of Borough of Queenscliffe which comprises the statement, the related notes and the Certification of the Performance Report has been audited.

The Councillors' Responsibility for the Performance Statement

The Councillors of Borough of Queenscliffe are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the performance statement in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the performance statement that is free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

As required by the *Local Government Act 1989*, my responsibility is to express an opinion on the performance statement based on the audit, which has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Standards require compliance with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and that the audit be planned and performed to obtain reasonable assurance whether the performance statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the performance statement. The audit procedures selected depend on judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the performance statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, consideration is given to the internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the performance statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the overall presentation of the performance statement.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Matters Relating to the Electronic Presentation of the Audited Performance Statement

This auditor's report relates to the performance statement published in both the annual report and on the website of Borough of Queenscliffe for the year ended 30 June 2010. The Councillors are responsible for the integrity of the website. I have not been engaged to report on the integrity of the website. The auditor's report refers only to the statements named above. An opinion is not provided on any other information which may have been hyperlinked to or from these statements. If users of this report are concerned with the inherent risks arising from electronic data communications, they are advised to refer to the hard copy of the audited performance statement to confirm the information included in the audited performance statement presented on Borough of Queenscliffe website.

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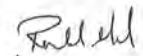
Independence

The Auditor-General's independence is established by the *Constitution Act 1975*. The Auditor-General is not subject to direction by any person about the way in which his powers and responsibilities are to be exercised. In conducting the audit the Auditor-General, his staff and delegates complied with all applicable independence requirements of the Australian accounting profession.

Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion, the performance statement of Borough of Queenscliffe in respect of the 30 June 2010 financial year presents fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*.

MELBOURNE
16 September 2010


D D R Pearson
Auditor-General

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