



**roxby**council  
young vibrant community

**2009/2010**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**



## Introduction



*Roxby Downs Council Administrator  
Bill Boehm*

Council is pleased to publish the Annual Report for the 2009/10 Financial Year. The Annual Report details actual performance and highlights achievements for the period from July 2009 to June 2010.

In addition to being an important record of compliance under the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Annual Report highlights how Council balances the many and varied economic, social, environmental and cultural considerations required to guide the community and achieve a unique future for all residents.

We trust that the Annual Report proves enlightening and that you gain a “snapshot” of our vibrant community and the challenges it faces.

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## CORPORATE BRANDING

Legally Council’s Corporate identity is “The Municipal Council of Roxby Downs,” but for practical and marketing purposes Council some time ago created the separate Business Units Roxby Power, Roxby Water and Roxby Leisure. These business names have all been registered with the South Australian Government Office of Consumer and Business Affairs. In April 2009 Council added the Roxby Council Business Name to its repertoire.

In May 2010 Council launched a new set of corporate logos. The logos were designed by local graphic artist Susie Smith who was given a brief to create a fresh vibrant modern look that reflected our community.

The overall Roxby Council Logo has a colour palette of the Council logo reflects the colours of the red sands of Roxby Downs and the ever present Australian outback sun. The graphic element of the sun also depicts a friendly waving hand symbolic of the close-knit, welcoming community that is Roxby Downs. The logo also depicts the Whenan Shaft Head Frame representing major local industry and the Sturt Desert Pea often present in our landscape.

In contrast the Roxby Power logo represents the cogs of power whilst the Roxby Water Logo has the swirl blue water to represent water supply and sewerage disposal.

These distinctive logos will be gradually phased in during 2010/11 and will complement Council’s Roxby Leisure Business Unit logo established 3 years ago.



### **Acknowledgements**

*Council wishes to acknowledge The Monitor – Your Community Newspaper for permission to use various photos and newspaper articles and captions.*

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## Overview

Roxby Downs has a unique Local Government structure unlike any other township in South Australia. The operations of the Roxby Downs Council cannot be meaningfully understood without some knowledge of the community and its environment.



**Roxby Downs Town Centre**

Nestled in rich red sand dunes clad in native pine, Roxby Downs was originally built in 1987, following much political controversy, to service the giant world-class Olympic Dam Copper Uranium Mine and Processing Plant.

The Mine was originally a Joint Venture operation between Western Mining Corporation (WMC) and British Petroleum (BP). In the late 1980s the then WMC Resources acquired BP's share and operated the mine until BHP Billiton's successful acquisition in 2005.

Since its inception the mine and town have rapidly grown. A major expansion in 1996 increased the town's size from 2,700 to the current permanent stable population of around 4,800. A number of workers also work on a fly in /drive in and fly out /drive out basis. Since May 2004 large scale investigations by WMC Resources and BHP Billiton have revealed that Olympic Dam has a world class ore body which will potentially support an open cut mine for the next 100 years or so.

This has generated great optimism for a potential major expansion from the current underground operation. An Environment Impact Statement (EIS) as to the viability was released in 2009 with a supplementary EIS expected in late 2010.

With this optimism comes the realisation that Roxby Downs will need to become a world class town and community if it is to adequately serve such with a world class ore body.

### COMMUNITY

Like traditional mining towns, Roxby residents have high disposable incomes. Whilst approximately 20% of the adult

population will turnover every year, a significant number arrived at the time that the mine commenced operation. Others came in following the 1996 expansion when the town effectively doubled in size.

The town was actually built by the mining company in partnership with the State Government as part of the provisions of the *Roxby Downs (Indenture Ratification) Act 1982 (Indenture)*. It does not, however, manage the town on a day-to-day basis. Council and the wider community meet that responsibility, albeit with a significant legislative subsidy provided by BHP Billiton and the State.

This is different to many remote company owned towns and can lead to unrealistic expectations for those that are used to working for mining companies in remote locations where it is often expected that the mining company will actually provide everything.

By its size, hierarchical structure and operational needs, the mine strongly influences the behaviour and makeup of the community. Much of community life revolves around shift rosters. Those at senior management level work long hours and are constantly required to attend to operational issues associated with a 24-hour operation.

The residential community consists of 33% under the age of 19, with a number of contractors and employees living in residential camps and commuting to other home bases when not working. The 4 days on 4 days off mine shift roster influences this behaviour.

Similarly, whilst on one level, community support for BHP Billiton's operation is a "given", not all of the community actually understands the complexities of the business, nor the issues and pressures that such a large mining company faces.

In itself this is not a major issue, the community has grown rapidly to a size that the businesses and services offered also serve a large domestic base and that of the surrounding region. Demands for a fulfilling lifestyle are growing.

Indeed, the facilities and infrastructure are of high quality and the envy of most other towns. However, are they appreciated and how does such a transitory "young" community with the highest birth rate in South Australia participate in the essential process of "community building?"



**RSL Memorial**

In South Australian Local Government terms, Roxby Downs is unique. Created and operating under the *Indenture*, Council operates with all the powers, functions and duties of a South Australian Local Government Authority, with a number of notable exceptions i.e.

- The requirement of elected Councillors has been suspended with an appointed "Administrator" performing all of the functions of Council.
- Separate power and water authorities have been created, with Council operating them as separate self-contained business units.
- The State Government and BHP Billiton are required to approve the Council budget and fund an annual operating Municipal deficit.
- External contractors carry out all of our construction and maintenance work.

When the Municipality was established in 1982, it was always intended that the appointment of the Administrator would be only interim, as a prelude to a possible future elected Council. At the time, it was envisaged that the town would have grown to a population in the vicinity of 9,000. In these circumstances, it was thought that there would be enough population to financially sustain a fully independent operation that could be effectively self-sufficient.

Despite population growth significant improvements in mining technology has meant that the Olympic Dam Copper Uranium Mine can be operated with far less staff than initially envisaged.

Whilst Roxby is one of the fastest growing towns in the State, it is unlikely that this initial prediction will, in the short to medium term, be reached. Accordingly, at this stage, Council operates its Municipal Operation at an annual loss of around \$1.6 million. This is then subsidised equally between BHP Billiton and the State Government.

This financial shortfall makes it difficult for both funding parties as each has their own financial constraints in which to reconcile. Any shortfall in deficit funding also has the potential to adversely impact on Council's compliance under the Local Government Act.



**Roxby Downs Council Offices in Richardson Place**

It also provides the most significant barrier to any change in governance arrangements as under Clause 23 of the *Indenture* the term of the Administrator is a matter for both

BHP Billiton and the State Government to agree. Any move to an elected Council would be a decision taken jointly by both parties.

Meanwhile, Council is acting in a pro-active manner to build the social capacity of the community through a range of unique community development strategies as well as the traditional asset management and service delivery roles.

These are diverse and include such matters as improving the quality of life of the community, planning at the local and regional level, local area environmental management, developing community resources, representing the interests of the wider community as well as acting as a responsible decision maker.

Council has therefore taken a proactive role in developing the capacity of the community, by increasingly seeking to inform and consult as we aim to form a strong community focused, participative and Local Government that will meet the needs of one of the largest mining companies in the world.



**Horticultural work in Richardson Place**

### BUDGET OVERVIEW

Unlike most Local Government Authorities in South Australia, Council operates the utilities ROXBY POWER (Electricity) and ROXBY WATER (Water and Sewerage), as well as the normal Municipal Council functions. The Budget should, therefore, be viewed as three (3) separate entities with both utilities operating on a commercial basis.

Under the *Roxby Downs (Indenture Ratification) Act 1982*, ROXBY POWER is not permitted to make a "profit," but can direct any excess income into its asset replacement fund. Profits (if any) from ROXBY WATER however, are permitted to support the Municipality. The State Government and BHP Billiton equally meet the deficit on Municipal Operations.

Under AAS27 Australian Accounting Standards, Council is required to prepare Annual Financial Statements for the organisation as a whole. These are included later in the Annual Report and reflect accurately the financial position of the Council.

As indicated, Council's funding arrangements require each entity to be treated separately.

# Overview

## BUDGET SUMMARY

To achieve this Task various direct and indirect overhead costs are distributed from the Municipal operation to Roxby Water and Roxby Power so as to accurately reflect the true operating cost for each entity.

An overall summary and functional category split is shown as follows: *(Note all figures \$000's)*

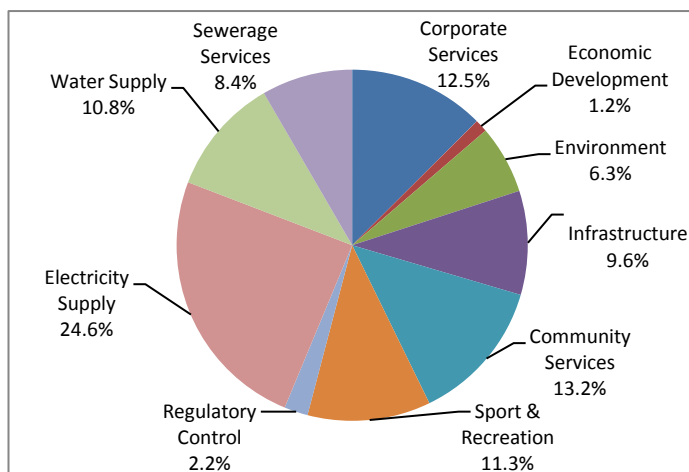
Finance Category	Municipal	Roxby Power	Roxby Water	Council Total
Operating Expenses	(7,022)	(2,930)	(2,273)	(12,225)
Capital Expenses	(1,795)	(248)	(181)	(2,224)
Operating Income	6,623	3,465	2,705	12,793
Capital Income	60	0	0	60
Reserve Transfers	1,064	(287)	(250)	526
Net	(1,070)	0	0	(1,070)
Unfunded Deprec	1,070	0	0	1,070
Adjusted Net	(0)	0	0	(0)

Note:

- Under the Roxby Downs (Indenture Ratification) Act 1982 Council's municipal deficit (\$1.2 mill) included in operating income is reimbursed in equal shares by the State Government and BHP Billiton
- Unfunded depreciation represents the amount of depreciation that is not funded. BHP Billiton and the State Government are aware of this aspect which is expected to be addressed in subsequent years.
- Reserve Transfer from reserves fund various capital replacement works.

In accordance with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999, Council is required to report its budget according to a full cost attribution basis. Direct and indirect overhead costs have been allocated to relevant functions as shown by the following functional analysis.

### Total Expenditure by Percentage



Total Expenditure & Income (Capital, Operating (including municipal deficit subsidy) & Reserve Transfers but excluding depreciation) for the year is detailed as per the following.

### Total Expenditure & Income by Amount (all figures \$000's)

PROGRAM	Expenses	Income	Net
<b>CORPORATE SERVICES</b>			
Participating in Local Government, Spencer Gulf Cities and Provincial Cities Associations, Operating Services SA and Government Housing Agency Services and Municipal Rates collection.			
Corporate Services	1,723	5,502	(3,779)
Governance	46	0	46
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>			
Assistance to Business Forum, Northern Region Development Board, tourism support signage and marketing, Visitor Information Centre operation plus festivals support.			
Business	27	6	22
Tourism	137	62	75
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>			
Operations and waste levy associated with Opal Road waste landfill, domestic garbage collection service, garbage charges, street cleaning, weed control, assistance to Environment Forum and other actions			
Other Environment	20	0	20
Garbage Collection	251	265	(14)
Landfill & Recycling	420	236	184
Public Conveniences	16	0	16
Street Cleaning	182	0	182
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>			
Operation and maintenance of footpaths, roads and streets, street lighting, streetscaping, traffic control, public conveniences, parks and gardens, playgrounds, bike paths, skate park, stormwater drainage and assistance to Roxby Road Safe.			
Stormwater	37	0	37
Street Lighting	100	0	100
Parks & Gardens	187	55	131
Footpaths	90	11	79
Roads & Streets	559	473	87
Streetscaping	375	4	371
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES</b>			
Operation of youth centre, community library, auditorium, cinema / theatre and art gallery, community development support to implement the Roxby Downs Community Plan.			
Communications	35	0	35
Community Development	224	2	222
Youth Development	326	5	321
Cultural Services	941	420	521
Library	336	35	301
<b>SPORT &amp; RECREATION</b>			
Operation and maintenance of the Leisure Centre, tennis and netball courts, swimming pool, community ovals and associated buildings, support to Sport & Recreation Forum plus broader recreation development assistance to local sporting organisations.			
Leisure	876	667	209
Swimming	418	105	313
Ovals	304	8	296
<b>REGULATORY CONTROL</b>			
Regulatory control services associated with administration of the Development Act, and Public and Environmental Health and Animal Control under the Dog and Cat Management Act and emergency service levy and management.			
Building & Planning	119	22	97
Dogs Cats & Pests	140	47	93
Other Regulatory Control	17	3	14
Health	31	9	22
<b>ELECTRICITY SUPPLY</b>	<b>3,465</b>	<b>3,465</b>	<b>(0)</b>
<b>SEWERAGE SERVICES</b>	<b>1,523</b>	<b>1,949</b>	<b>(425)</b>
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>425</b>
<b>COUNCIL TOTAL</b>	<b>14,106</b>	<b>14,105</b>	<b>0</b>

## Municipal Services

Council delivers a wide range of traditional municipal services such as roads, streets, footpaths, parks and gardens, and waste management, but also manages various sport and recreation facilities such as the Leisure Centre, swimming pool, community ovals and associated buildings as well as providing significant community cultural development activities.

A snapshot of various initiatives undertaken during the year is provided as follows:

### CULTURAL CENTRE

The Roxby Downs Cultural Centre is comprised of a 350 seat Auditorium, a modern 80 seat Cafe, Visitor Information Centre, Art Gallery, 64 seat Theatrette and ROXFM Community Radio Station, and has become the cultural and social hub for the community.

In August 2006 this facility was brought under the direct management and operation of Council through a separately created Council business unit (Roxby Leisure). Council is now directly responsible for all revenue and expenditure but with operational staff and maintenance externally sourced.

This operation has proved hugely successful and has allowed Council to more readily adapt to changing community needs with the services ever expanding. Critically, changes have been made without any increase in operational costs.



*Front of Roxby Downs Cultural Centre*

### Outback Cinema (Theatrette)

The Outback Cinema regularly screens an expanding range of new release movies. Patronage continues to be difficult to predict when screening in Roxby Downs but the staff in conjunction with our film distributors have developed a system of grading films that is specific to the town and surrounds which is proving to be working well.

This has improved the overall attendance up 6% on last year. Operationally it has allowed the retention of more popular films for longer viewing seasons and the development of theme nights, with a small increase in the attendance. Local and out of region businesses and government organisations are fully utilising the theatrette for their presentations and understand the value of this venue.

### Visitor Information Centre

Roxby Downs Visitor Information Centre is an accredited Visitor Information Centre located at the main entrance to the Roxby Downs Cultural Centre and is operated as part of Roxby Leisure's operations.

Building on previous year's events and utilising the "word of mouth" network that plays a major role in the tourism industry, the Visitor Information Centre has had, like many other Visitor Information Centres around the country experienced a decrease in the number of visitors towns and regions, due to the Global Finance Crisis, and we are no exception.

The 2009/2010 season recorded a visitation rate of 7672, down 10% on the previous year. This has naturally flowed onto the Dunes Café and other areas of the Cultural Centre.

A major focus has been updating of information brochures, redevelopment and reproduction of the tourist map along with the sale of the usual souvenirs and tourist items.

The Olympic Dam mining operation is still the major draw card to the region, with the Centre coordinating the newly revamped surface tours and showing information on the mining operation in the Theatrette on a regular basis each week.



*Visitor Information Centre*

### Auditorium

The Auditorium regularly hosts a variety of functions including live performances of local and national acts, school presentation nights, commercial sales and trade displays.



*Auditorium set up for BHP Billiton Service Award Presentation Night*

## Municipal Services

On Thursdays the Auditorium doubles as the venue for the community's popular Nippy Gym



### Dunes Café

Dunes Café is an integral part of the Cultural Centre linking all elements including Auditorium, Visitor information Centre, Art Gallery, Outback Cinema and RoxFM. This multi use adaptable space has undergone a number of small makeovers since construction, the growth in demand has identified the need to expand the catering operations, design work only has commenced for the expansion of the café's kitchen.



*Dunes Cafe*

Dunes Café operates during the day as well as being used for specific functions. Notable functions carried out during the year included the BHP Billiton executive dinners, Roxby District Rotary Club Dinners and functions as well as regular meetings on a no cost hire basis for many community groups including, Sport and Recreation Forum plus many other community groups.

As the facilities have been granted a special purpose liquor licence to cater to special functions for the community, the use of this service over the year has resulted in 19 functions being held within the various licenced areas throughout the centre.

### Art Gallery

The Art Gallery continues to be a popular venue with Roxby Leisure organising regular Country Arts SA touring exhibitions along with large community based exhibitions by local artists, school art, quilters and scrap bookers. Most exhibitions were conducted with a formal opening. Demand for the use of the gallery space is now seeing bookings having to be made 10 months in advance.



*Local quilting exhibition launch*

## LEISURE FACILITIES

The Roxby Downs Leisure Centre comprises two indoor basketball stadiums, three squash courts, gymnasium, kiosk and a swimming pool which incorporates a 25m solar heated main pool plus interactive water play features. Adjacent are two outdoor netball and tennis courts with associated ovals combining to form the recreation hub for the community.

Under the direct management and operation of Council through the separately created Roxby Leisure Business Unit Council is directly responsible for all revenue and expenditure but with operational staff and maintenance externally sourced.

By using external contract staffing, Council has been able to have more direct operational control that has enabled greater flexibility in meeting ever changing community needs. In light of a potential expansion of the town and given high demand for space major changes are foreshadowed.



*Junior Basketball in Action*

Sports offered include Tennis and night Softball, and the continued expansion of existing programs such as Junior Basketball and Netball, Senior Basketball and Netball, Volleyball and Mixed Netball, Indoor Soccer, Touch football, soccer and softball, and the development of the outdoor soccer field under the final planning stage.



## Municipal Services



*Junior Soccer & Senior Netball*

### Gymnasium

A focus on fitness and healthy lifestyle commitments by Roxby Leisure to the community has seen facility memberships decrease from 786 to 620 in 2009/10. This was primarily due to the scaling back of mining operations, site breakdowns and the Global Financial Crisis.



*Pulse Fitness - Leisure Centre Gymnasium*



### Major Capital Works

Major capital works undertaken during 2009/10 included:

- Development of a soccer pitch and extending the school oval
- Resurfacing of Stadiums and Squash Courts

### Swimming

Swimming facilities offered by the 25m solar heated swimming pool and accompanying leisure aquatic spaces have been extremely well patronised with a number of special events such as the BHP Billiton Family Day and twilight summer pool parties and Christmas parties notable expanding successes.



*Roxby Downs Aquatic Facility*

The demands on swimming facilities and the community's awareness of health and rehabilitation stimulated Council to continue its investigation on the feasibility of an indoor aquatic & hydrotherapy facility.

The results of this study indicated that there was a real community need and support for this project, including its financial stability at the midpoint of the proposed BHP Billiton expansion so Council has ensured that this element is included into one of the many facilities required for an expanded town.



*Concept Plans for Possible Indoor Aquatic Facility*



# Municipal Services

## FAMILIES & YOUTH

Council provides various support to families and youth as part of our Community Services programs.

### Youth

Council provides traditional youth service delivery as part of the operation of Roxby Leisure business unit by providing recreational, educational and support services to a range of youth, aged between 12 and 25. A Youth and Social Services Officer was employed by Roxby Leisure in early 2010 to progress youth related programs. The skate park and youth centre have created focal points and low key meeting places for young people. National Youth Week, school holiday programs and volunteering at RoxFM remain a key focus.

In February 2008, following strong engagement between Youth Officer and local youth representatives, Council established a Youth Advisory Council with the primary role to advise Council on appropriate strategies on issues that affect young people in Roxby Downs.

### Families

Following the resignation of the Family and Youth Officer in late 2009 a review of requirements identified that the position was no longer needed due to the number of alternative support programs being delivered in the community by Roxby Downs Health Services and other locally based services. Council maintains connection to these programs through the Manager Community Development who sits on the Strengthening Our Families Steering Committee and other key community committees. Council continues to monitor community needs and keep abreast of emerging trends in order to strategically plan for future requirements.

## ROXBY ROADS SAFE

The Roxby Roadsafe Committee was very active during the year with members distributing promotional literature and giveaways at the Billy Cart Bash and other key events. The committee also published regular articles on road safety in the Monitor Newspaper in an effort to raise community awareness. The committee includes representatives from Council, the Community Board, Roxby Downs Police and the Emergency Services as well as other interested members of the community. The committee takes community road safety very seriously and raises issues of concern. The Committee adopted the following slogan during the year.



***Roxby Roadsafe - promoting a safer community***

## SERVICES SA

Council has been operating as the local service centre for Transport SA transactions since 2007. This service had previously operated from the Roxby Downs Police station. The services provided include licence applications and renewals, motor vehicle and boat registrations and renewals and learner permit testing. Council has been able to accommodate an increase in hours of operation and this service is provided to the community two days a week on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.00am to 4.30pm.

## LIBRARY

Council's provision of public library services is on a joint basis between the Minister of Education, Libraries Board of South Australia and Council under a memorandum of understanding signed in 1988.

Under this Agreement the Roxby Downs Area School provides and maintains the building within the school grounds for library use by students of the school and the general public. In turn, Council contributes a share of the costs as its contribution for the 'community' portion of the Library's costs.

Three staff members are employed directly by Council, two Library Assistants and a Community Library Manager. The library has over 3,300 active members utilising the library's services.

This year has seen the continuation of the following Community Library functions including:

- Management and lending of books and resources to the community. Over 53,000 loans were issued to community and school borrowers throughout the year.
- Provision of facsimile machine, photocopying, scanning, laminating, computing facilities and free Internet access.
- Annual Book week with the theme 'Book Safari'.
- Toddler story time twice a week and regular kindergarten story time.
- Children school holiday activities and summer reading program with the theme 'Read on the wild side'
- The use of the Library by local groups for workshops and meetings.
- Displays such as Library and Information Week, Valentine's Day, Mothers Day and Anzac Day.
- Facilitating the local book group

The library collection continues to change to reflect the needs of the community. Customer recommendations and some generous donations have allowed us to update a number of resources of particularly interest to special needs families. The expanding collections of audio books and graphic novels also continue to be popular. Usage of the Public Libraries wireless internet service has continued to grow. A number of successful events were held in the library throughout the year including children's book week and variety of Red Earth Festival workshops.



***Roxby Downs Community Library Toddler Storytime***

## GOVERNMENT HOUSING

In November 2007 Council successfully tendered to take over as key agent for all Government Housing in Roxby Downs and Andamooka. These houses are tenanted by State Government employees working in areas such as police, education and health. At the time the tender was approved the portfolio comprised 52 houses.

With the completion of new housing subdivisions in 2008 and 2009 additional houses were acquired by the State Government bringing the total number currently being managed to 75, of these 6 are located in Andamooka. During 2009/2010 32 ingoing and outgoing inspections were completed reflecting the transient nature of the population.

Council acts as key agent, conducts ingoing and outgoing inspections, and organises maintenance to prepare properties for arrivals and departures. Once tenanted, responsibility for ongoing maintenance rests with the State Government Building Management Accommodation Services Branch. Vacant properties continue to be monitored by Council until they are tenanted.



**Council Officer undertaking Government Housing inspection**

## AWARDS

In September 2009 Council received a merit award in the Local Government Association Workers Compensation Scheme Best Practice Awards. This award recognised the work undertaken by Roxby Water staff in improving manual handling procedures for Chlorine Gas cylinders.



**Presentation of Award cheque for \$2,500 to council staff**

## ROXBY DOWNS COMMUNITY PLAN

The Roxby Downs Community Plan was launched in April 2005. This visionary document provides a framework for ongoing community development and reflects the community's expectations for the future.

The Community Plan highlights the community's vision and aspirations.

***"Roxby Downs is a young vibrant town with a caring, tolerant, diverse community that aims for strong interdependent business and social partnerships, to provide for a safe, healthy and financially secure lifestyle."***

The community aspires for Roxby Downs to be recognised as a:

**Healthy Town  
Welcoming Town  
Learning Community  
Model Environmentally  
Friendly Town  
Family Orientated Town  
Place of Personal Development**



In December 2006 the Community Board was incorporated as a not for profit Association. Although now operating as a separate legal entity, the Community Board receives funding and executive support from Council. Council's Manager Community Development acts as Executive Officer of the Board. Council staff are also involved in the Forums and Partnerships in an advisory capacity.

This community management structure has created an avenue for members of the community to take an active role in shaping the town's future. The structure facilitates community consultation, sharing of ideas and debating of issues. Community participation in the subcommittees (Forums and Partnerships) continues to be encouraging with over 50 people actively involved on a regular basis.

In the process of implementing the Community Plan the Community Board and its subcommittees have developed and managed a range of projects and activities. During 2009/2010 groups focused on areas such as: Career Speak 2009 (a career and employment event); Community Person of the Month award; Community Learning Places; a research study into alcohol and drug issues; community garden and various arts events.

The Community Plan is a dynamic document and continues to evolve as the needs and aspirations of the community change. The achievement of goals and timeframes is dependent upon the availability of resources and the dedication and enthusiasm of hardworking volunteers.

Whilst availability of resources is an ongoing challenge, grant and sponsorship opportunities will continue to be pursued to support community projects and activities.

The Community Plan provides the foundation for Council's Strategic Plan with support continuing to be a priority.

## Municipal Services

### THE MONITOR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

THE MONITOR—Your Community Newspaper, hit the streets in April 2003 and has achieved high acclaim and widespread community acceptance, not just in Roxby Downs but in the surrounding townships of Andamooka, Woomera, Pimba, William Creek, Marree and outlying stations.



Distributed free to some 3,200 residents and 23 outlying townships, in 2005 the paper moved from a fortnightly distribution to a weekly basis.

Initially Council technically owned the paper, but in a custodial capacity only with all management carried out externally and independently with Council exercising no editorial control.

In November 2007 its financial operations were sound enough for it to be transitioned to an Incorporated Association.

The paper distributes 3,700 copies and has 2,500 readers on line per month. The estimated readership is 6,000 per week. The paper provides seven local jobs across a diversity of skills and participates in the RITE Program to give local youth the opportunity to experience the newspaper publishing industry.

Dedicated to delivering local news and information every week the paper has a strong local community focus.

### ROXFM COMMUNITY RADIO



Council continues to support the outstanding successful community radio station RoxFM as a vital community asset by providing building space within the Roxby Downs Cultural Precinct.

The station has continued to flourish against growing competition from other broadcasters (not for profit and commercial radio stations) who relay their content into the township.

Despite the competition in 2007/08 RoxFM was rated in an independent survey by the University of Queensland as the number one listened to radio station in Roxby Downs. Its community roots are driven by its band of committed volunteers who have forged strong links with all sections of the community, sporting and community groups and local businesses.

The station is widely respected by its listeners, advertisers and the state wide net work of Community Radio Stations. It is particularly noted for its Youth Presenters program which encourages and supports people as young as 12 years of age to be presenters on the station.

### COMMUNITY WEBSITE

In 2002 Council established and has continued to operate the Roxby Downs Dot Com Community Website. This allows the community to access a range of local business, community and Council information. Work is continuing on upgrading the website and is expected to be completed during 2011.

The new version of the site has reached phase one which was to gather and enter a vast array of information about every aspect of living, working visiting and doing business in Roxby Downs.

The site is attracting high traffic from overseas and Australia wide as well as locals looking for specific information. With a full time webmaster updating information and updating local users the site will be a continuous work in progress. Log onto [www.roxydowns.com](http://www.roxydowns.com) to regularly to see the updates.

### WORKS & SERVICES

During the year a range of Municipal works and services were undertaken.

#### Richardson Place Redevelopment

- Ongoing plantings of colourful natives conducive to our harsh climate along with a few Manchurian Pear trees to add shade and colour.
- Regular safety audits carried out to identify potential trip hazards due to extreme heat events resulting in the re-laying of pavers to some areas.
- New outdoor settings produced from recyclable plastics have been erected along the grassed areas of Richardson Place for the convenience of residents and visitors.



*New picnic benches in Richardson Place*

#### Footpaths & Streetscaping

- Bollards have been installed in strategic locations.
- Removal of dead trees, pruning of shrubs and the canopying of street trees is an ongoing activity

#### Vandalism

Vandalism still remains an ongoing problem which unfortunately places a financial burden on the entire community. Council has explored avenues of anti graffiti paint applications where possible to assist in the cleanup of graffiti. Close Circuit TV cameras have been installed in strategic locations.

#### Curdimurka Reserve Playground

Following community consultation new playground equipment was installed in the Curdimurka Reserve. Equipment was chosen by a group of interested persons whose passion was for a safe child and adult friendly venue where parents could gather and have fellowship while their children played. All of Council's 6 playgrounds receive ongoing monthly safety checks as well as three monthly full safety audits.



**Improvements at Curdimurka Playground**

### Ongoing Public Education

Due to ongoing problems with illegal parking of vehicles on Council verges and across footpaths, Council has developed a Warning Notice which is placed on vehicles in an effort to educate residents and bring to their attention why such action is taken. However, illegal parking in school drop off zones, bus zones, loading zones and disabled zones attract immediate expiations.



**Cars parking on verges – a common problem**

Council also takes every opportunity to educate residents through its weekly radio sessions and also its Council page in the local community newspaper.

### Roads

- Ongoing parking control and removal of abandoned cars
- Opal Road patrol grading and rolling as required
- Olympic Way to Pimba turn off shoulder repairs
- Major re-seal on Olympic Way
- Olympic Way to Pimba turn off shoulder repairs including an extra 500mm full width reseal
- Re-seal to parts of Hermit Street, Gregory Street and Mirra Court
- Line marking of all municipal roads and streets yearly

- Drop off zone installed at St Barbara's Catholic School in Pioneer Drive for the convenience of parents and safety of the students

### School Oval

A shade structure next to the tennis courts has been erected along with extensive levelling work for the new soccer pitch. A new variety of kikuyu grass has been planted to bare patches on the main oval with regular soil testing, aerating and fertilising.

### DOGS & CATS



As part of Council's management responsibilities under the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* a range of formal activities and complaints were attended to. A summary of relevant statistics are as follows:

Item	2009/10	2008/09
Dog Registrations	851	767
Dog Expiations	168	55
Dog Complaints	12	70
Dog Impoundments	78	25
Dog Attack Reports	2	2
Dog Expiation Income	\$7,820	\$7,510
Dog Registration Fees	\$26,926	\$23,304
Cat Registrations	102	n/a
Cat Expiations	1	n/a
Cat Registration Fees	\$546	n/a
Cat Nuisance Reports	Nil	10

An Animal Management Plan has been written and accepted by the Dog and Cat Management Board. The plan was released for community consultation and was adopted in August 2007.

In October 2008 Bylaw No 2 was introduced for dogs and cats. Key points were the requirement for a permit to house more than 2 dogs/cats per property. All cats must be registered, de sexed and micro chipped and contained on the property.

# Municipal Services

## WASTE MANAGEMENT

Roxby Downs Opal Road Land Fill continues to open 7 days a week (1pm to 6pm) and is a free service to all residents for domestic waste disposal. However a commercial waste fee applies to all commercial rubbish.

Council is obligated under conditions to manage the landfill to conditions set out in our Licence. These include the covering of rubbish daily to help to minimise the spreading of litter by the wind or the crows.

Council is also active in creating a fire break around the landfill area annually.

All rubbish is segregated with steel, plastic, oil, batteries and cardboard being sent away for recycling. Green waste is mulched and sometimes used for compost and mulch throughout the town. Council is also active in trialling plastic recycled products.

Ongoing Waste management costs are here to stay as the Environment Protection Authority works toward a zero waste in the future, therefore Council will need to be diligent in its efforts of compliance and public education.

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Council has a long standing arrangement with Salisbury Council to perform all Environmental Health functions. The only exception is immunisation services which are provided by the Roxby Downs Health Service/Medical practice.

Health Officers attend Roxby Downs on a monthly basis, with supplementary support via phone, fax and email. Work carried out during the year included the following:

- Health promotion, during inspections/investigations with free literature on various subjects available from the Council Office and Medical Centre.
- Public and limited access swimming pools are monitored daily by the relevant pool operators and are inspected by Health Officers on a regular basis when the pools are open for use
- New legislation *Public and Environmental Health (Legionella) Regulations 2008* has been enacted requiring all Councils to register High Risk Manufactured Water Systems (Cooling Water and Warm Water Systems). Approximately 415 Warm Water Systems have been registered with Council and will be compliance inspected on an annual basis (via third party inspectors). Roxby Downs does not have any Cooling Water Systems.
- Roxby Downs Council has 23 food businesses which are assessed for compliance against the Food Act 2001 and the Food Safety Standards. A total of 44 food inspections were undertaken in the last financial year. Five follow up inspections were conducted and six food complaints were investigated.

Health Officers also respond to complaints under the *Public and Environmental Health Act 1987*. Last financial year Health Officers responded to three complaints; two were mosquito related and one odour complaint.

## DEVELOPMENT ACT

Council is required to assess all forms of development alongside its Development Plan, as well as the Building Rules under the *Development Act 1993* and associated Regulations.

This is carried out under long standing arrangements with both Salisbury Council (building assessment) and Stewart Payne of Whyalla Council (planning approvals) who attend Roxby on at least a monthly basis, with supplementary support via phone, fax & email.

### Development Activity

Development Assessment activity carried out during the year is highlighted as per the following approvals:

Item	2008/09	2009/10
Dwellings	30	0
Additions/alterations to dwellings	5	8
Carports, Outbuildings Verandas	53	48
Signs	1	1
Swimming Pools	13	6
Flats/Units	0	0
Business/ Commercial	6	5
Industrial	12	8
Other	0	0
Land Division	3	0
<b>Total Applications</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Estimated Expenditure (\$000's)</b>	<b>\$17,455</b>	<b>\$1,731</b>

Continuing less favourable economic conditions and the uncertainty concerning the expansion project, plus the Clarke Shaft accident have had considerable impacts upon development activity within the Roxby Downs Municipality. Development applications and numbers are significantly less than the previous year, which in turn were about one third of the 2007/2008 period, when \$56 million in approvals were processed by Council. This year the majority of applications have been related to small scale residential activity, with a few mid-sized non-residential applications, including industrial and commercial projects.



**2008 Housing Development now fully completed**

Government funded development activity, which does not appear on Council approval figures has been approved or commenced, including the new police station on Burgoyne Street, new hall at the St Barbara's School and a number of projects at the Roxby Downs Area School.

A return to more usual levels of activity can be expected in the coming year, with the resumption of full production at the mine and generally improving conditions.



***Building works at St Barbara's School – one of the few large scale development project in Roxby Downs***

### Development Assessment Issues

All building work within the town and various types of activity, such as land division and a change of use of land are formally defined as “Development” under the Development Act. In nearly all cases, application must be made to Council and approval sought before development can proceed.

During the year Council had cause to refuse consent to two applications, which subsequently proceeded to appeal through the Environment Resources and Development Court. In one instance, the applicant had already purchased material for the construction of a project which was not granted consent. This highlights the need for residents to ensure that approval is gained prior to commitment to any development project.

In respect to the two appeals, one was able to be resolved after the preliminary conference conducted by the Court. The other appeal proceeded to a full hearing of the court. Council was successful in this appeal with its original ruling, to refuse the application upheld.

In the light of this case and other instances where people have purchased materials prior to gaining consent, Council provided advice through the media of the need to gain approvals before committing funds to a project.

### Development Plan Amendments

Council undertook the preparation of an extensive and detailed submission to the Roxby Downs and Environs Development Plan Amendment. The plan was exhibited at the same time as the Environment Impact Statement (EIS) for the expansion project and was exhibited between May and August 2009.

The proposed plan is being prepared by the Minister and will provide for expected expansion of Roxby Downs from the current population of 4,500 to 10,000 people. The plan specifically includes an expansion of the Light Industry Zone, a new General Industry Zone, expanded Residential Zone, expansion of the Deferred Urban Zone and Special Use Zones and introduction of a Caravan Park and Tourist Park Zone.

An important component of the plan is the establishment of suitably zoned area for the proposed new airport and Hiltaba village approximately 16km west of Roxby Downs.

The plan has major consequences for future development within Roxby Downs and it is very important that its policy approach and general principles are suitable. Ongoing negotiations with Planning SA officers occurred during the year to ensure that Council is able to achieve the best outcome possible.

The timing of the operation of the new plan will coincide with the adoption of the EIS and a decision to proceed with the expansion project.

Council also provided comment to the Bulky Goods Development Plan Amendment which incorporates changes in definition as to what bulky good retailing entails.



***New Development Plan will maintain Roxby Downs' high urban amenity and family friendly lifestyle***

### OLYMPIC DAM EXPANSION

In May 2009 BHP Billiton released the Olympic Dam Expansion Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for public comment. This was on public display from 1 May to 7 August 2009.

The proposed expansion, as detailed in the EIS, will dramatically impact on the township by potentially doubling the size of the population and significantly altering the way the town and community operates.

Along with many other groups and individuals both locally and intra and interstate, Council provided a detailed submission to aid in constructive feedback.

The response to community feedback will be presented in the form of a draft Supplementary Environmental Impact Statement. This document is due to be presented by BHP Billiton to the South Australian, Northern Territory and Commonwealth Governments by the end of the end of 2010

# Municipal Services

## STORM WATER SYSTEM

Council's storm water system has 12.5 km of various sized storm water pipes, 8.5 km open drains, and different types and sized dams.

Roads have 240 storm water side entry pits connected to the storm water underground pipe system which is drained with the aid of two storm water pumping stations.



*Where possible the storm water is captured and store, to be use as water for reuse*



*The storm water system has been built so that some roads become the water carrier in large intense rainfall events*



*This happened on the 8th April 2010 when approximately 130 mm fell in a very short time and flooding areas in the township that drained away very quickly*



*Some damage occurred and was soon repaired*



*Some streets needed cleaning others needed shoulders repaired*



*Sand washed onto road being cleaned up*



*Road edges needed replacing in some areas of the township*



*Water that could not drain away eg area between Myall Grove Caravan Park and the back of Roxby Village was pumped away.*

2009/2010 had well over it usual 150 mm for the year. Council regularly does maintenance on all its drains and side entry pits.



## Roxby Power

Council's appointment as a power distribution authority for the Roxby Downs Township arises as a consequence of Section 18 of the schedule to the Roxby Downs (Indenture Ratification) Act 1982, which inter alia specifies the rationale and level of tariffs that can be charged for electricity.

Council holds a Retail and Distribution Licence issued by the Essential Services Commission of South Australia and is required to comply with specific licence conditions and various codes such as the Retail and Distribution Code.

Council runs the electricity operations as a separate business unit under the ROXBY POWER banner. This includes the provision of public street lighting, which is separately charged to Council's Municipal operations.



As the Indenture preceded the introduction of the National Electricity market, Council is exempt from the provisions of the National Electricity Market which introduced full contestability into South Australia for all consumers on 1 January 2003.

This situation also applies to BHP Billiton who is the sole licensee for retail and distribution of electricity to Roxby Downs and Olympic Dam. BHP Billiton owns 256kV and 132kV power lines that transmit electricity from the national grid at Port Augusta to Olympic Dam. A 33kV line then serves the Roxby Township where Roxby Power takes control.

Electricity meters are read concurrently with water meters on a quarterly basis at the end of June, September, December and March each year. Accounts are sent out early the following month. Customers can pay by cash, cheque, credit card, EFT, or direct debit from a nominated bank account.

### ELECTRICITY RETAIL

#### Meters

Roxby Power will continue with its meter replacement and upgrades. Digital metering will be used to replace mechanical style meters as this provides better analysis of power usage allowing us to provide more informative data to customers.

200 Meters were changed in 2009/10 and a further 200 planned for the 2010/11 year.

There were again some issues with a group of meters changed in 2007 failing; these will be replaced to prevent further occurrences.

#### Growth

There was very little growth in new customers the last financial year.

BHP Billiton is yet to start construction of Subdivision C, South of Tiliqua Crescent, so no new housing has been added to our system this year.

### Electricity Usage

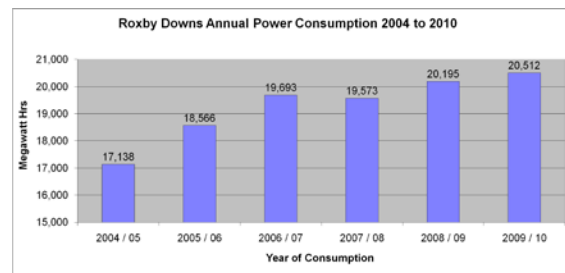
A breakdown on customer usage is shown as follows:

Tariff	2008/09		2009/10	
	No	Annual Use MW.hr	No	Annual Use MW.hr
M	1480	9,556	1468	10,328
C	2	11.8	2	10.9
J	167	391.2	167	315.4
S	64	1,561.7	68	1,475.5
D & N	14	657.8	13	1,461.9
HVD	1	2,946.6	1	2,929
MLVD	2	1,568.9	3	1,856.1
LVD	2	2,382.4	2	2,238.3
LVB	1	140.7	1	139.6
Solar	2	1.9	2	1.6
<b>Totals</b>		<b>19,219</b>		<b>20,756</b>

### Township Power Consumption

Growth in total power consumption MW (including street lighting) over the past 6 years is shown as follows:

2009/10	20,512	2006/07	19,693
2008/09	20,195	2005/06	19,566
2007/08	19,573	2004/05	17,138



Power consumption overall was up compared to the 2008-09 year, this was general normal growth.



**Midnight Repairs after a motor vehicle collided with a Section Pillar. A new pillar was needed - 2 Hours to repair.**



**New SAPOL Transformer**

# Roxby Power

## Electricity Tariffs

A summary of Roxby Power's tariffs (including GST) adopted from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010 is shown below.

Customers < 160 MW.hr pa.	Supply Charge \$ per qtr.	Supply Rate Cents per kw.hr	
<b>M</b> – Domestic Light & Power	\$40.50	20.41	
<b>C</b> - Charitable Institutions	\$40.50	20.41	
<b>J</b> – Off Peak Hot Water	Nil	10.15	
<b>SOLA</b> – Solar Buyback		17.50	
<b>S</b> –General Supply	\$40.50	21.85 (first 7500 kw.hr per qtr) 21.25 (thereafter)	
<b>D &amp; N</b> – General Supply Time of Use	\$40.50	25.35 (peak 7am to 9pm Mon – Fri) 13.50 (other times)	
Customers > 160 MW hr pa.	Supply Charge \$ per mth	Annual Max Demand Rate \$ per KVA	Supply Rate Cents per kw.hr
<b>HVD</b> – High Voltage Demand (>1.5MVA)	\$180.00	\$75.00	12.65 (peak 7am to 9pm Mon – Fri) 7.00 (other times)
<b>LVD</b> – Low Voltage Demand (<350KVA)	\$183.00	\$95.00	13.50 (peak 7am to 9pm Mon – Fri) 8.10 (other times)
<b>MLVD</b> – Low Voltage Demand (>120 KVA<350 KVA)	\$94.00	\$115.00	15.70 (peak 7am to 9pm Mon – Fri) 9.00 (other times)
<b>LVB</b> – Low Voltage Business (<120 KVA 2 Rate)	\$11.00		21.90 (peak 7am to 9pm Mon – Fri) 8.70 (other times)
<b>Monthly Service Charge</b> Customers > 160MW.hr pa incl meter reading, access and communications fee.			\$100.00
<b>New Customer Bond</b> (Retained for 2yrs)			\$450.00



**Old model RMU at Roxby Caravan Park Transformer before replacement**



**Replacement RMU installed at Roxby Downs Caravan Park**

ETSA Utilities also undertook their biannual HV maintenance work in June 2010, this went smoothly and oil was replaced in 4 of our transformers. We also replaced a feeder cable from a pole on Olympic Way to Fuse Switch F53, that had the outer casing failing.

Annual Safety and Operational Audit reports were completed for the Office of the Technical Regulator (OTR) and Essential Services Commission of SA (ESCOSA). Both the reports were accepted and approved.

### Outages and Disruptions

During the ETSA Utilities HV equipment inspections Council undertook approximately 25 Power Outages so they could undertake their work.

There were also several minor outages required for the connection of generators so Ring Main Units (RMU) replacements could be undertaken. There was a major cable fault in the Pioneer Drive area around 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010, and this took some time to locate and repair. We wish to thank the customers involved for their patience during that time. Generators were connected directly to houses affected for 2 days while the fault was located. Outages were also required to repair damaged pillars in Hermit Street and Axehead Road.

The BHP Billiton township feeder suffered several outages during the year, some simple faults on the main feeder, mainly the result of lightning strikes and storm damage.

135 Street Lights were maintained and 37 fittings were replaced. 21 of these were the metro series of fittings installed from 1987 to 1992, now aging and the plastic casings are failing. We are making budget allowances for approx 60+ more replacements in the next 3 years.

## ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION

The Roxby Downs electrical distribution system is highly reliable in its operation. It includes 6.5km of 11kV overhead mains, 19km of 11kV underground mains, 30.6km underground Low Voltage Mains, 1 11kV Pole Mounted Transformer and 34 x 11kV Pad mount Transformers and a range of township street lights.

### General snapshot of works undertaken

Incidents of vehicular damage saw 3 Service pillars repaired or replaced in Hermit Street, Stuart Rd, and Axehead Rd.

The new transformer was installed and commissioned for the new Police Station.

Significant work has again been undertaken in changing HV terminations in switch gear in preparation for replacement of HV Equipment in transformers. 9 Ring Main Units were replaced at transformers S1 Olympic way, S2 Pioneer Drv, S4 Axehead Rd, S5 Pioneer Drv, S7 Stuart Rd, SCP Roxby Downs Caravan Park, SSPQ1 and 2 at Roxby Village, and SS1 Roxby Downs Area School. These were extensive works. Generator sets were employed to reduce customer power outages while the work proceeded. This work leaves only 4 Original style RMU units left for replacement.

## Roxby Water

Council's appointment as a Water Distribution and Sewerage Authority for the Roxby Downs Township arises as a result of Section 13 of the Roxby Downs (Indenture Ratification) Act.

This Section inter alia requires Council to comply with standards normally applicable by SA Water, and specifies that Council should take practical efforts in sewerage effluent wastewater re-use, specifies how much we can pay for water and also that profits can be transferred back to the Municipality.

Council operates water and sewerage services under the ROXBY WATER banner as a separate business unit.



Water meters are read concurrently with electricity meters on a quarterly basis at the end of June, September, December and March each year. Some 1,423 accounts for water and sewerage are sent out early the following month. Customers can pay by cash, cheque, credit card, EFT or direct debit from a nominated bank account.

### WATER SUPPLY

Water for Roxby Downs, Olympic Dam and the mine site is sourced from the Great Artesian Basin near the southern and eastern areas of Lake Eyre. Pumped some 200 km south to a desalination plant on the BHP Billiton mining lease, water is then cooled, desalinated and stored for later distribution. Water for the township is then pumped some 10km to a covered water supply dam on the outskirts of town.

Roxby Water then purchases water from BHP Billiton at a predetermined price set out in the *Indenture*. Council then distributes, checks the quality against water quality standards and if needed, chlorinates the water at our pump station before pumping to residents within the township via approximately 35 km of pipe work.

Water is very soft, of high quality, has a small amount of natural fluoride and is low in dissolved solids. Water has been tested and compared against a range of other urban water supplies and bottled water with favourable results.

### WATER RATES & CONSUMPTION

Council operates a 3 tiered incentive based pricing structure for water. Charges are based on allocated access units according to the size of the water meter serving the property.

#### Water Rates

Water charges are set per calendar year. Those rates effective from January 2010 are as follows

All Properties	Charges per access unit per quarter
Supply Charge	\$40.00
First 34 kl	\$1.50 per kl
34 – 120 kl	\$2.90 per kl
Over 120 kl	\$4.50 per kl

On a regular basis these rates will be analysed to see if some refinement is required.

#### Water Consumption

Notwithstanding the very low rainfall, high pool ownership and young age of our community water consumption continues to be moderate and compares favourably with other regional communities.

Statistic	2009/10	2008/09	2007/08
Vol of water sold to customers (kl)	657,551	728,991	648,223
Average Price per kl	\$3.19	\$3.00	\$2.83
Estimated township population	4,762	5,087	5,160
Total water consumption. (litres/head per day)	378	412	393

#### Notes:

- (i) The above table should be used as an overall guide only but a given that populations are estimates.
- (ii) Under the *Indenture* a minimum allowance of 650 litres of water /head/per day plus a reasonably sufficient quantity for parks & gardens and community parks needs to be provided to the Town.
- (iii) Current and historical consumption is below this amount and favourable considering our low rainfall, young community and large and ever increasing number of domestic swimming pools.
- (iv) 2007/08 and 2008/09 includes water used in BHP Billiton's Copper Sands residential developments.



**Hydro Tanks at the Township water supply pump station were sand blasted & a special coating sprayed on this year**

### WATER WORKS

Various capital replacement water works were carried out during the year including the following:

- 6 Water main valves had leaks
- 400 street fire hydrants were cleaned out and checked with only 11 requiring repairs.
- New pump fitted to stand by Diesel
- Two (2) yearly maintenance and calibration checks for Town Water Supply pumping station.
- 4 broken water mains repaired.
- 412 x 20mm, 23 x 50mm and 2 x 80mm Water meters were removed and replaced as part of a regular replacement program.
- Preliminary checking into possibility of radio reading of water meters. 20 Water meters fitted with radio aerials still ongoing.
- Internal Inspection of hydro tanks, blasted and new coating sprayed on. Data Logger Modem replaced to water Pump station. 23 New top halves to meter taps fitted. 56 New taps to meter

# Roxby Water

## SEWERAGE SERVICES

Roxby Water also provides a full sewerage system to all 1,302 properties within the township. Sewage and sullage are transported through some 27km of sewerage mains, manholes and 7 pump stations and pumped to a series of lagoons to the west of the township.

In addition, rainfall run-off in the township's catchment area of some 5 sq km is separately collected and pumped via the latter stage of the sewerage system to the town's sewerage effluent lagoons. When the facultative treatment process is completed, treated effluent water is then pumped to the town's two ovals and golf club for re-use as irrigation.



***During the year 144 ML of treated recycled water was used on the golf course and township ovals***

Whilst this system represents good environmental practice and saves the community many thousands of dollars in watering grassed areas, our high evaporation rate (approximately 3m per year) causes some concern.

For instance in winter we have too little storage capacity and need to encourage use, whilst in summer we sometimes have to restrict use to conserve the resource. Management issues can also arise when large influxes of stormwater enter the primary dams.

Water intended for re-use (i.e. irrigation purposes of the golf course and oval) is pre-treated to meet guidelines for re-use of water. Regular testing is carried out in accordance with the E.P.A licence requirements.

## SEWERAGE CHARGING

Since June 2000 Council has used the South Australian Local Government Association property unit system for the charging for sewerage. This followed a major review.

Sewerage charges effective from 1 January 2008 for all freehold properties abutting a sewerage main are \$140 per property unit per quarter. (\$560 per annum). For residential premises, this is currently less than charges that are applied by SA Water in country South Australia for residential properties.

## SEWERAGE WORKS

Sewerage works carried out during the year included the following:

- 43 Sewer inspections were carried out during the year on the new Police Station, Roxby Community Club and house and extensions

- Pump Station major repairs included overhaul of pumps in pump station C and D. New wet end for Chlorine booster pump at sewer lagoons, cleaning of some sewer mains, storm water mains and 8 pump station wells. 10 blocked mains attended to during the year caused by tree root intrusion, cool drink cans, fat and other objects. On 27 occasions sewer pumps were unblocked due to foreign objects such as tampons, underpants, tennis balls, parts of mop heads, tee shirts and fat intrusion.



***Pump Blockage by can in inlet. These blockages become very costly***



***New pump trailer enables us to move water around the sewer lagoons much quicker, a saving of 65% on man hours***

- 2 new connections to sewer main. Biyearly maintenance checks of pump stations, sewer lagoon recycling area and irrigation shed. New gas detector fitted to reused water treatment shed.
- New 150 mm diesel trailer mounted pump purchased to move water around at sewer lagoons
- Samples and data taken and recorded for Sewer Lagoon Licence and independent verification checked. Review and upgrade study of waste water and stormwater with a new irrigation management plan was put together for recycled water re use on playing fields.
- Cleanup sewer pond area



***New chlorine gas detector at sewer lagoons treatment shed***

## Governance & Compliance

Council operates with a management organisation of 20 permanent staff plus various service providers. With increased community development and residential development demands, pre-planning for possible expansion of the town and the need to meet ever increasing compliance requirements, staff resources are invariably stretched and will need to be addressed to ensure that the Council is managed effectively. All staff act in an interactive way across a wide variety of functions. As at 30 June 2010 the following positions were employed:

### Corporate and Community

Administrator, Manager Community Development, Governance & Strategic Support

### Administration

Office/Rates Manager, Customer Service Officers (2), Customer Service/Records Management Officer, Building and Planning Administration Officer, Electricity Services Officer, Water Services/Payroll Officer

### Finance

Financial Accountant

### Works

Municipal Works Manager, Municipal Works Officer, Works Administration Officer, Electrical Manager, Electrical Officer (contract services), Water & Sewerage Manager, Water & Sewerage Officer/OHS Coordinator

### Library

Community Library Manager, Library Assistants (2)

### Development (contract services)

Planning Officer, Building Surveyor, Environmental Health Officer

### Leisure (contract services)

Roxby Leisure Manager, Culture & Leisure Precinct Staff



**Council staff at Office Front Counter**

## DECISION MAKING

This section outlines Council's decision making structure and functions of the Council and also describes the Information Statement published by Council in accordance with the requirements of section 9(2) of the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*.

### Decision Making Structure & Functions of Council

Decision making structures of Roxby Downs Council are unique in South Australia. Under the *Roxby Downs (Indenture Ratification) Act 1982* the position of 'Administrator' is an Officer of The Crown subject to the direction of the Minister of Primary Industries (now Mineral Resources).

BHP Billiton is also formally recognised and along with the State Government contributes equally to fund Council's Municipal deficit. Whilst both partners must approve Council's budget, they have no formal control of the day to operations of Council which is an independent legal entity. Nevertheless in practice, Council regularly consults with both in a proactive manner

As a result, the Administrator is effectively a combined "CEO/Mayor." Decisions of "The Administrator" become the decisions of "The Council," like any other Council in South Australia. Compliance with the *Local Government Act 1999* and other relevant legislation is still required, albeit with minor modifications as set out in the Indenture. For practical purposes, where a formal statutory Council decision is required, then formal resolution is recorded. There are currently no delegations of Council's powers made to staff.

Notwithstanding these peculiarities, Council has a very open approach relating to exercising its powers. Indeed, as there are no formal meetings there are no deadlines that have to be met in order to address any issues that arise. Council also consults with its community on particular issues that may affect the Council area and has adopted a Public Consultation Policy to assist with this process.

Public consultation can take a variety of forms, including, but not limited to public meetings and forums, project committees, forums and working groups, workshops/seminars, letters to individual residents, surveys, notices published via the Monitor Community Newspaper, advertisements, media coverage and displays and exhibitions.

During the year through implementation of the Roxby Downs Community Plan, Council has been able to expand the community's input and guidance in decisions (Refer to Community Plan) through the Roxby Downs Community Board and associated Forums.

### Access to Council Information

Various Council documents and other information are available on Council's website without the need for a formal application under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*. This includes policies on Review of Council Decisions and Procedures, Public Consultation, Council Employee Code of Conduct, Order Making, Contracts & Tendering and Strategic Management Plan.

Some information may be available for viewing at no charge, whilst some may be copied at a small charge, provided that copying does not infringe copyright. In some cases, where an extraordinary amount of staff time is required to comply with a request for information, charges may be imposed to recover costs.

Requests for other information will be considered in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*. Under this legislation, unless the applicant is granted an exemption, an application fee must be forwarded with the request to Council's Freedom of Information Officer at the Council Office. Should the applicant require copies of any documents requested pursuant to a Freedom of Information request, charges may apply. Applications will be responded to as soon as possible within the statutory time period of thirty days.

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## Amendment of Council Records

A member of the public may gain access to Council documents to make amendments concerning their personal affairs by making a request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*. A member of the public may then request a correction to any information about themselves which is incomplete, incorrect, misleading or out-of-date.

To gain access to these Council records, a member of the public must complete a Freedom of Information application as detailed above, outlining the records that he/she wishes to inspect, and this application must be forwarded to Council.

## Freedom of Information Applications

During the 2009/10 year no formal Freedom of Information applications were received.

## Roxby Downs Advisory Reference Group

In 2009 the Minister for Mineral Resources established the Roxby Downs Advisory Reference Group. This group provides government policy advice to the Administrator.

The Advisory Group comprises Chair Bill Cossey and members Paul Heithersay (Minerals and Energy), Paul Case (Olympic Dam Taskforce) and Michael Kelledy (Partner, Wallmans Lawyers). Meetings are held monthly in Adelaide and Roxby Downs. The Advisory Group is established under the Minister's powers as contained in the *Roxby Downs Indenture Act 1982* and is, as the name suggests, advisory in nature.

## Formal Committees

Pursuant to Section 41 of the *Local Government Act 1999* Council has established an Audit Committee to inter alia review financial reporting, internal controls and risk management systems and the external audit. Council also operates Roxby Road Safe and Roxby Downs Youth Advisory Council as Section 41 Committees.

There were no allowances paid to committee members and there have been no confidentiality orders made pursuant to sections 90 and 91 of the *Local Government Act 1999* relating to the operation of any Council Section 41 Committee during 2009/10. Agendas and minutes for section 41 Committees are made available to the public by way of a public notice displayed at Council's public notice board at the Council Office.

## Review of Council Decisions

Council's Review of Council Decisions Procedure under section 270 of the *Local Government Act 1999* provides a further opportunity for any person who is aggrieved by any Council decision to review that decision. During 2009/10 no applications were received with Council having no outcomes to report pursuant to Section 270(8) of the Act.

On a day to day basis the Administrator requires all staff to address customer concerns directly in accordance with established protocols and procedures. Decisions can then be reviewed by the Administrator in an impartial manner. This process separates the role of decision maker and reviewer. Obviously some actions do need to be handled directly by the Administrator, in which case a detailed explanation results.

## DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL

In relation to some decisions under the *Development Act 1993*, this Council, like a number of smaller Councils, has obtained an exemption from the Minister for Planning and Local Government to formally have a Development Assessment Panel. All of Council's decisions under the *Development Act 1993* as a Relevant Authority are made by The Administrator following independent advice from Council's Planning Officer.

## COMMUNITY LAND

Council has completed a classification process and prepared community land management plans for each identified parcel of community land. A register and copies of relevant management plans are available from Council.

## NON APPLICABLE ITEMS

The following prescribed items under Schedule 4 of the *Local Government Act 1999* relating to the content of the Annual Report are not applicable to our Council and hence not reported:

- Information on allowance paid to members of the council or a council committee.
- Report on the use of sections 90 and 91 of the Act relating to the conduct of Council meetings.
- Various electoral provisions.
- Council has no subsidiaries.

## HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Human resource management actions and programs that benefited staff undertaken during the year include the following:

### Equal Opportunity

Council is committed to the principles of equal opportunity. Council policies recognise that discrimination in employment practices or incidents of sexual harassment are illegal, unwelcome and inappropriate. The principle of individual merit is the only basis used in the human resource management of staff, recruitment practices and the selection of individuals for promotion.

### Workplace Agreement

Council Staff operate under a Workplace Agreement 2006 under the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*. This agreement includes various employment and welfare initiatives such as a Time off in Lieu system that provides staff with flexibility to combine work, personal and family commitments.

### Training & Development

Council continues to support training and development programs for staff and has been able to increase opportunities notwithstanding that our remote location makes access to programs difficult and costly.

## SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Council has decided that for the purposes of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Senior Executive Officer of the Council is the Administrator. Details of the salaries and benefits payable are detailed in the Register of Remuneration Salaries and Benefits.

### OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Council has not formed any Council subsidiary pursuant to Section 42 of the Local Government Act 1999.

Council is, however, a member of the South Australian Local Government Association and receives a one (1) vote entitlement at any meeting of the Association. Together with the Councils of Port Augusta, Port Lincoln and Whyalla, Council makes up the Spencer Gulf Cities Association which is a designated regional grouping of the Local Government Association. Council has also been accepted as a Port Augusta delegate on the Provincial Cities Association.

The Administrator is also a Board Member on the Regional Communities Consultative Council, Flinders Region Area Consultative Committee, Northern Region Development Board, and Port Augusta and Regional Health Services.

### NATIONAL COMPETITION POLICY

National Competition Policy, inter alia, refers to an agreement between the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) that endorsed a wide ranging package of legislative and administrative reforms with the intent that Government business and entities should not enjoy a competitive advantage simply by nature of being in public ownership.

Clause 7 of that agreement required each party to prepare and report on a statement of the application of competition principles to particular Local Government activities and functions.

For the 2009/10 year Council:

- has determined that it does not undertake significant business activities, nor has it created any significant business activities in the year.
- established a clear recognition of the need to act and perform to ensure fair and open competition in all activities that Council undertakes in line with the broad intent of competitive neutrality, unless the public benefit requires otherwise.
- has reviewed its bylaws with specific regard to removing any restrictions that prevent open competition or provide any net competitive advantage to Council.
- did not receive any complaints about our application of competitive neutrality.
- is involved in public monopolies associated with the provision of electricity, water and sewerage services. These operate in accordance with the provisions of the *Roxby Downs (Indenture Ratification) Act 1982*.

### LOCAL LAWS

Council has adopted an Order Making Policy under the *Local Government Act 1999* which sets out the steps that Council will take in relation to making orders for the unsightly condition of land, hazards on lands adjoining a public place, animals that may cause a nuisance or hazard and inappropriate use of a vehicle.

In 2008/2009 Council, adopted Bylaw 1 - Penalties and Permits and Bylaw 2 - Dogs and Cats. These have since come into operation following consent from the Dog and Cat Management Board and Environment Resources Development Committee

### COMPETITIVE TENDERING

During the history of Roxby Downs, Council has never employed traditional day labour staff for the provision of external works. This work has always been carried out by contract, a situation that is not likely to change.

Accordingly, all Council works and purchases have been sourced externally by a competitive tendering process in accordance with Council's Contracts and Tenders Policy; of which one assessment criteria includes consideration of the impact of service delivery approaches on local businesses.

### CIVIC FUNCTIONS

#### Citizenships

Council's Administrator conducted 12 Citizenship Ceremonies during the financial year.



**Family of New Australian Citizens from Romania**

#### Australia Day Awards

Council conducted the Annual Australia Day Celebrations at the Roxby Downs Swimming Pool which incorporated the Australia Day Awards. 2010 Council Award winners were:

<b>Citizen of the Year</b>	Helen Edwards
<b>Young Citizen of the Year</b>	No award
<b>Community Event of the Year</b>	Think Pink Golf



**Council Administrator Bill Boehm presenting awards to Julie Darling (Think Pink Golf) and Helen Bennie (for Helen Edwards)**

# Governance & Compliance

## MUNICIPAL RATING

Each year Council provides a Summary of the Annual Business Plan and Budget to all ratepayers. A complete budget documents which includes the rationale for the adoption of Council rates is also available request. Relevant summary includes following salient features.

### Rate Revenue

When adopting the budget on 28 August 2009, Council decided to raise **\$2,837,580** municipal rate revenue by way of a combination of a fixed charge and differential rating for all ratable properties, plus a fixed service charge for the collection, treatment and disposal of refuse collected from residential properties.

### Valuations

All land within the Council area, except for land specifically exempted (e.g. BHP Billiton Crown Land and Council occupied land), is ratable. Council has decided to continue to use capital value as the basis for valuing land within the Council area. It is considered that this method of valuing land provides the fairest method of distributing the rate burden across all ratepayers.

Valuations used as part of the rate determination and any objections from property owners are a matter for the SA Valuer-General.

### Fixed Charge and Differential Rating

Council has adopted a Fixed Charge of **\$400** for all properties plus a rate in the dollar based on a property's capital value based on the designated use of land as defined in Section 10 of the Local Government (General) Regulations.

Land Use Category	Rate in \$ Per Capital Value
Residential	0.2460 cents
Commercial (Shop, Office & Other)	0.6950 cents
Industrial (Light & Other) Primary Production & Other	0.5840 cents
Vacant	0.5000 cents

The amount of differential has been modified to better meet the benefit and equity principles associated with this form of taxation.

### Service Charge

Council has adopted a fixed service charge of **\$170** for each separate piece of ratable land to which the Council makes available a collection, treatment and disposal of a domestic waste service. This rating system is considered better suited to situations where the service offered by a domestic refuse collection is identical to all relevant properties.

### Levels of Rating

In addressing the levels of rating, Council took into consideration inter alia the strategic development of the town, impact of rates on all businesses in the Council area as well as the costs to service our remote township.

Council in conjunction with the State Government and BHP Billiton has recognised that local residents should make a contribution that is consistent with resident incomes and

equally shares the overall costs of running the municipality to meet the high standards required by the community.

As a result, Council decided to increase the overall rate revenue by 7.5%. This brought the average residential rate to **\$1,483 per annum, or \$28.52 per week.**

Given the extent of our subsidy and the fact that Roxby Downs has the highest taxable income in the State but one of the lowest average residential rates to match then this increase is considered reasonable and compares favourably with most other Local Government Authorities.

Changes to actual individual property rates will, however, depend on individual property valuations which increased on average around 30% and the differential rates adopted.

## OTHER MATTERS

Various other matters are also applicable. These include discretionary rates rebates and remissions, flexible payment arrangements, seniors postponement scheme and State funded concessions.

### Where Your Rates Go

Ever thought where your "Municipal Rates" go? Below is an "approximate" expenditure breakdown for every \$100 paid in rates as sent out to all ratepayers in the Annual Business Plan and Budget Summary 2009/10.



<b>Governance \$0.80</b>	<b>Cultural Services \$12.80</b>
<b>Business \$0.60</b>	<b>Garbage Collection \$10.00</b>
<b>Tourism \$1.50</b>	<b>Landfill &amp; Recycling \$5.40</b>
<b>Library \$7.10</b>	<b>Public Conveniences \$0.70</b>
<b>Stormwater \$1.20</b>	<b>Street Cleaning \$4.20</b>
<b>Street Lighting \$2.70</b>	<b>Community Development \$5.50</b>
<b>Parks &amp; Gardens \$3.80</b>	<b>Sport &amp; Recreation \$5.60</b>
<b>Footpaths \$1.90</b>	<b>Swimming \$6.00</b>
<b>Roads &amp; Streets \$1.70</b>	<b>Ovals \$5.50</b>
<b>Streetscaping \$9.10</b>	<b>Building Planning &amp; Health \$2.40</b>
<b>Family &amp; Youth \$8.60</b>	<b>Dogs Cats &amp; Reg Control \$2.20</b>
	<b>Other \$0.70</b>

### Note

1. Figures include overheads and are a *guide* only to the areas of "Net" municipal expenditure which rates are applied.
2. Actual expenditure can vary as items separately funded by loans, grants or from reserves are not included.
3. Operations for Roxby Power and Roxby Water are excluded.
4. For every \$100 of rate revenue, BHP Billiton and the State Government combine to provide approximately a 40% contribution through municipal deficit support.



## Strategic Management

The Roxby Downs Township is the most unique in South Australia. Since the initial construction of the Olympic Dam Mine, the local community has undergone substantial structural change. The community's "interdependence" with the mine, its aspirations, future and by implication Council's approach can be summarised as per the following statement which represents the cornerstone of Council's strategic direction:

### Strategic Statement

**To turn a World Class Mining Deposit into a World Class Mining Operation requires people with the high specialist skills that choose BHP Billiton and Roxby Downs as their preferred destination over many other world-wide alternatives.**

### STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

Council adopted its Strategic Management Plan on 12 June 2007. Significantly it includes many elements of the 2005 Roxby Downs Community Plan which was driven by Council as a catalyst to form a strong community focused and participative Local Government. Council has adopted the following Community Vision, Mission and Goals.

### Community Vision

**"Roxby Downs is a young vibrant town with a caring, tolerant, diverse community that aims for strong interdependent business and social partnerships, to provide for a safe, healthy and financially secure lifestyle."**

### Mission

**"Council should aim to create a strong community-focused, participative and financially independent Local Government that assists all sectors to work co-operatively and to develop and set its own direction."**

### Goals

Council's Strategic Plan incorporates the following Goals as our primary focus. Each goal also has a number of long term objectives

- 1 Corporate    2 Leadership    3 Community    4 Municipal  
5 Commercial    6 Economic    7 Environment**

### COMMUNITY PLAN

Council has also taken on the responsibility for establishing the structure of the Roxby Downs Community Board as an Incorporated Association and for the Board to have interdependent Forums and Partnerships.

All decisions of the Association are completely independent of Council's operation. Whilst the Community Board, is responsible for reporting to the community on the Community Plan ultimately Council retains the statutory obligation for many elements. The Board is also accountable to Council for its performance.

### Community Forums & Partnerships Visions

Council has adopted each of the plan's elements and the relevant vision and actions as part of our operation. These are shown on the following table with appropriate cross reference to the relevant goal in Council's Strategic Plan.



"Roxby Downs attracts families, couples and individuals to work and live in the town for extended periods by providing opportunities to enhance their personal development, lifestyle and wealth" (Goal 6)



"Roxby Downs enjoys a high volunteer participation rate by residents of all ages and genders, due to the effective and efficient management of the Roxby Down's volunteer resource centre and generous acknowledgment of and support for the town's volunteers." (Goal 3)



"Roxby Downs' innovative environmental initiatives in arid recovery and highly efficient management of waste, water and power earns it acclaim as a model environ." (Goal 7)



"Roxby Downs has a culture of responsible drinking and nil tolerance towards substance abuse of any kind, making Roxby Downs a safe enjoyable place to live and visit." (Goal 3)



"Roxby Downs has an adequate supply, variety and standard of affordable housing for all residents" (Goal 6)



"Roxby Downs is seen as a hub for arts and culture for the far north, a place where innovation and creativity is encouraged and projects developed that appeal to wider community". (Goal 3)



"Roxby Downs supports families and young people to live and thrive in the community, upholding their ideas and influence in all aspects of community life" (Goal 3)



"Roxby Downs businesses enjoy profitable economic stability and are renowned for their innovation, high levels of service and the cooperative manner in which they work together and support their community" (Goal 6)



"Roxby Downs offers extensive opportunities for residents and visitors of all ages and skill levels to participate in a wide range of sport and recreation activities" (Goal 4)



"Roxby Downs is a township of active and healthy residents, who are aware of and value healthy lifestyles" (Goal 3)



"Roxby Downs is a place of excellence in education and workplace training" (Goal 3)

## Annual Business Plan

Under Council's Strategic Plan seven (7) broad goals with a number of long term objectives have been identified. To achieve these objectives various priorities and actions have been identified to make up Council's Annual Business Plan. Details of actions proposed for 2009/10 along with achievements plus those proposed for 2010/11 are detailed as follows:

2009/10 BUSINESS PLAN ACTIONS	2009/10 ACHIEVEMENTS	2010/11 BUSINESS PLAN ACTIONS
Goal 1 - Corporate	Council to function in a civic and responsible manner	
<b>CORPORATE OBJECTIVE 1.01</b>	<b>Undertake Council's Corporate Services functions in accordance with the Local Government and Roxby Downs (Indenture Ratification) Acts.</b>	
(a) Ongoing review and implement improvements to Council's governance, policy, corporate services, and staff related functions.	Continuous improvement processes employed involving regular consultation with staff and regular liaison with the Roxby Downs Advisory Reference Group and Audit committee	(a) Continue to review and implement improvements to Council's governance, policy, corporate services, and staff related functions.
(b) Ongoing review of overall operational performance and staff resources and implement changes.	Staffing resources reviewed with changes made in line with philosophy of continuous improvement	(b) Continue to review of overall operational performance and staff resources and implement changes.
(c) Ongoing review and finalise improvements for Council's ageing assets including Office, Depot and Houses.	Improvements completed	(c) Continue to review and monitor improvements for Council's assets including Office, Depot and Houses.
(d) Investigate options and provide a detailed submission to BHP Billiton concerning the Olympic Dam Expansion Draft Environmental Impact Statement 2009.	Comprehensive submission for the Olympic Dam Expansion Draft Environmental Impact Statement submitted	(d) Investigate options and provide a detailed analysis of funding implications associated with BHP Billiton's proposed Olympic Dam.
(e) Undertake a strategic policy review of Council's services (standards of delivery and user pays rationale) and a detailed in depth financial analysis of Council's operations. Update Long Term Financial Plan based on current operating scenario (no mine expansion) in light of this review	Ongoing	(e) Undertake a strategic policy review of Council's services (standards of delivery and user pays rationale) and a detailed in depth financial analysis of council's operations. (Continue from 2009/10).
		(f) Update Long Term Financial Plan based on current operating scenario (no mine expansion) in light of this review.
		(g) Update strategic Management Plan in light of this review.
		(h) Asset replacement items include Capital upgrade of phone system and replacement of Councils Photocopiers.
<b>CORPORATE OBJECTIVE 1.02</b>	<b>Minimise operational risks and ensure that Council is operated in a safe manner</b>	
(a) Ongoing review and implement improvements to Risk Management & OH&S policies	Improvements implemented through a process of continuous improvement including the appointment of a OH & S Coordinator	(a) Continue to review and implement improvements to Risk Management & OH&S policies and actions.
(b) Undertake building and site improvements to Council Office and Works Depot.	Preliminary work completed with work on Council reception area due for completion in September 2010.	(b) Undertake building and site improvements to Council Office and Works Depot.

2009/10 BUSINESS PLAN ACTIONS	2009/10 ACHIEVEMENTS	2010/11 BUSINESS PLAN ACTIONS
Goal 2 – Leadership Facilitate the development of local leadership that unites the community and portrays Roxby Downs in a positive light.		
<b>LEADERSHIP OBJECTIVE 2.01 Operate and review Community Strategic Plan.</b>		
(a) Within budget constraints, provide appropriate resources to assist Community Board, Community Forums and Partnerships on the basis of delivering projects and strategies identified in the Community Plan.	Manager Community Development, Governance & Strategic Support provides executive support to the Community Board. The Board funded all of its projects from external grants and sponsorship. Council contributed some funding towards operational expenses and also partially contributed to some projects on a case by case basis.	(a) Within budget constraints, provide appropriate resources to assist Community Board, Community Forums and Partnerships on the basis of delivering projects and strategies identified in the Community Plan.
<b>LEADERSHIP OBJECTIVE 2.02 Provide a strong community voice at State and Regional Level.</b>		
(a) Continue participation and advocacy through the Administrator being delegate with the Local Government, Spencer Gulf Cities and Provincial Cities Associations, Regional Communities Consultative Council, Northern Region Development Board, Flinders Area Consultative Committee, and the Port Augusta Regional and Hospital Board.	As required Administrator attended and participated in and advocated at various meetings during the year.	(a) Continue participation and advocacy through the Administrator being delegate with the Local Government, Spencer Gulf Cities and Provincial Cities Associations, Regional Communities Consultative Council, Northern Region Development Board, Flinders Area Consultative Committee, and the Port Augusta Regional and Hospital Board.
(b) Continue to advocate to the State Government and BHP Billiton regarding aspects that affect the structural operation of the township and services delivered by the State Government.	Administrator regularly met with State Government and BHP Billiton representatives throughout the year to champion issues and advocate on behalf of the community	(b) Continue to advocate to the State Government and BHP Billiton regarding aspects that affect the structural operation of the township and services delivered by the State Government.
<b>LEADERSHIP OBJECTIVE 2.03 Enhance community’s relationship and partnership with BHP Billiton.</b>		
(a) Continue to implement strategies as part of the community plan to improve community understanding, appreciation and support for BHP Billiton’s operations.	Raised community awareness through the Community Board and use of local media	(a) Continue to implement strategies as part of the community plan to improve community understanding, appreciation and support for BHP Billiton’s operations.
(b) Continue to assist BHP Billiton in relation to Olympic Dam Expansion Study.	Provided regular feedback throughout the year	(b) Continue to assist BHP Billiton in relation to Olympic Dam Expansion Study.
(c) Continue to promote a partnership approach with BHP Billiton.	Community Board and its forums acted as a catalyst for these relationships and partnerships with BHP Billiton staff, Council staff and community members attending meetings and sharing ideas and information	(c) Continue to promote a partnership approach with BHP Billiton.
<b>LEADERSHIP OBJECTIVE 2.04 Provide opportunities for leadership development in Roxby Downs.</b>		
(a) Opportunities are afforded to community members who are involved in implementing the community plan.	Ongoing. Community members gain leadership experience through their roles as Chairpersons of the various Forums/ Partnerships and the Community Board as well as many others with strong supporting roles.	(a) Opportunities are afforded to community members who are involved in implementing the community plan.

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<b>(b)</b> Maintain and if possible enhance sponsorship of SA Regional Community Leadership Program so as to assist the Program to continue to target local residents as part of future participants.	Two local residents completed program in 2009. Administrator continued as a member of the SARCLP Board	<b>(b)</b> Maintain sponsorship of SA Regional Community Leadership Program and target local residents as future participants.
<b>LEADERSHIP OBJECTIVE 2.05 Increase community understanding, involvement and partnership in Council's decision-making.</b>		
<b>(a)</b> Continue to provide information to the community to highlight the role and function of Council's operations.	Full page created in the Monitor and published weekly to highlight and promote Council activities. Council staff continued to maintain their regular weekly sessions on ROXFM	<b>(a)</b> Continue to provide information to the community to highlight the role and function of Council's operations.
<b>(b)</b> Continue to support Community Board, Forums and Partnerships to assist Council where Community Plan requires Council to implement outcomes as part of Council's statutory role, functions and responsibilities.	Regular Council representation on Community Board and at Forum and Partnership meetings. Feedback continuously gathered and considered.	<b>(b)</b> Continue to support Community Board, Forums and Partnerships to assist Council where Community Plan actions require Council to implement outcomes as part of Council's statutory role, functions and responsibilities.
Goal 3 - Community Stimulate and facilitate community cultural development.		
<b>COMMUNITY OBJECTIVE 3.01 Assist, facilitate and improve the operation and co-operation of community groups.</b>		
<b>(a)</b> Continue to mentor Community Board and Community Forums and provide appropriate resources to assist individual sectors to work cooperatively on cross sector projects.	Continued support by the Manager Community Development, Governance & Strategic Support and other staff and resources as needed	<b>(a)</b> Continue to mentor Community Board and Community Forums and provide appropriate resources to assist individual sectors to work cooperatively on cross sector projects.
<b>COMMUNITY OBJECTIVE 3.02 Expand and enhance the opportunities for young people in town.</b>		
<b>(a)</b> Subject to budget constraints continue to maintain and where appropriate enhance resource operation of Youth Services within Roxby Leisure's operations.	Through Roxby Leisure Youth and Social Services Officer employed. Continued support for YAC Committee	<b>(a)</b> Subject to budget constraints continue to maintain resource operation of Youth Services within Roxby Leisure's operations.
<b>(b)</b> Continue to support and assist youth via participation with Family and Youth Forum.	Family and Youth Forum has gone into recess due to the emergence of health service based community programs supporting families	<b>(b)</b> Continue to monitor and review community programs to identify needs and gaps
<b>(c)</b> Review services and programs and support on ground strategies as periodically recommended.	Ongoing as part of Youth Services operation	<b>(c)</b> Review services and programs and support on ground strategies as periodically recommended.
<b>(d)</b> Explore external funding opportunities for youth initiatives and projects.	Ongoing as part of Youth Services operation	<b>(d)</b> Explore external funding opportunities for youth initiatives and projects.
<b>(e)</b> Review, and if appropriate, expand the function of the Youth Centre.	Youth Centre upgraded to support requirements of Fliipsyde Youth Health Service	<b>(e)</b> Support initiatives of Council's Roxby Downs Youth Advisory Committee.
<b>(f)</b> Support initiatives of Council's Roxby Downs Youth Advisory Committee.	Mentoring provided by Roxby Leisure's Youth and Social Services Officer	Support initiatives of Council's Roxby Downs Youth Advisory Committee.
<b>COMMUNITY OBJECTIVE 3.03 Facilitate Volunteer Program and Volunteer Resource Centre.</b>		
<b>(a)</b> Finalise volunteer recruitment and management policies and procedures for incorporation into the development of a Council Volunteer program.	Council currently does not have a Volunteer Program however volunteer recruitment and management policies have been developed in preparation for the future	<b>(a)</b> Finalise volunteer recruitment and management policies and procedures for incorporation into the development of a Council Volunteer program.

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<b>(b)</b> Explore potential funding opportunities and partnerships to develop a Volunteer Resource Centre.	There is currently not a need for a Volunteer Resource Centre however staff continues to keep abreast through links with Volunteering SA and the Local Government Community Managers Network	<b>(b)</b> Explore potential funding opportunities and partnerships to develop a Volunteer Resource Centre.
<b>COMMUNITY OBJECTIVE 3.04 Facilitate community co-operatives.</b>		
<b>(a)</b> Unlikely that any action will result in the short term but monitor situation and assist in development of community cooperatives where possible.	No further action	<b>(a)</b> Unlikely that any action will result in the short term but monitor situation and assist in development of community cooperatives where possible.
<b>COMMUNITY OBJECTIVE 3.05 Support Family Life.</b>		
<b>(a)</b> Subject to budget constraints continue to provide family support through employment of a Families Officer.	Following the resignation of the Family & Youth Officer in November 2009 the need for an ongoing position was re-evaluated in the context of the number of community based programs being delivered by the Roxby Downs Health Service. This continues to be monitored	<b>(a)</b> Continue to support and assist community based programs supporting families and Alcohol & Substance Abuse Partnership (incorporating the Far North Drug and Alcohol Group).
<b>(b)</b> Continue to participate in and support and assist the Family & Youth Forum and Alcohol & Substance Abuse Partnerships (incorporating the Far North Drug and Alcohol Group.)	Contributed \$7,000 to the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Partnership to go towards a research study that was released in March 2010.	<b>(b)</b> Explore opportunities with the State Government for greater support resources for families being delivered in Roxby Downs.
<b>(c)</b> Explore opportunities with the State Government for greater support resources for families being delivered in Roxby Downs.	Ongoing monitoring	<b>(c)</b> Encourage appropriate bodies to investigate the extent and causes of mental illness and stress in Roxby Downs and support prevention strategies.
<b>(d)</b> Encourage appropriate bodies to investigate the extent and causes of mental illness and stress in Roxby Downs and support prevention strategies.	Ongoing collaboration of agencies occurs through the Roxby Down Health Forum along with community awareness and education programs	<b>(d)</b> Encourage and act as a catalyst for a holistic approach with the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Partnership and collaboration of appropriate agencies in dealing with social issues associated with alcohol and substance abuse.
<b>(e)</b> Encourage a holistic approach with the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Partnership and collaboration of appropriate agencies in dealing with social issues associated with alcohol and substance abuse.	Recommendations of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Research Study reviewed	<b>(j)</b> Due to successful funding from BHP Billiton appoint a part-time coordinator to facilitate outcomes to maximise the collaboration of appropriate agencies in dealing with social issues associated with alcohol and substance abuse.
<b>(f)</b> Support any confidential enquiry to ascertain the community's financial health and identify and support individuals and families in improving their financial position.	No action but continued monitoring	<b>(e)</b> Support any confidential enquiry to ascertain the community's financial health and identify and support individuals and families in improving their financial position.
<b>(f)</b> Review services and programs and support on ground strategies as periodically recommended.	Family and Youth Officer resigned during the year and the matter of replacing service deferred as Council had separately appointed outsourced a Youth Officer, assisted in establishing a Youth Health Service.	<b>(f)</b> Review services and programs, support on ground strategies as periodically recommended and explore grant funding opportunities for projects and activities that benefit families and young people.

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(g) Explore grant funding opportunities for projects and activities that benefit families and young people.	Assisted in establishing a Youth Health Service as part of an external grant application. Obtained grants to fund a variety of Youth Programs.	(l) In conjunction with stakeholders review the extent and form of financial support to families formerly provided through employment of Council's Family and Youth Officer.
(m) Continue to explore options for a community safe house		(g) Continue to explore options for a community safe house.
(n) Continue to participate and support Building Healthy Communities and Strengthening our Families programs	Building Healthy Communities Project finished successfully in 2009. Staff continue to sit on the Steering Committee of the Strengthening Our Families Program and the Health Forum	(h) Encourage a more holistic approach with the health providers generally.
		(k) Explore opportunities for grant funding provide resources for the establishment and operation of a Project Coordinator to deliver in partnership with the State Government the Obesity Prevention and Lifestyle (OPAL) Program for young people in light of Council's 2010 application being unsuccessful.
<b>COMMUNITY OBJECTIVE 3.06 Establish and develop Roxby's cultural identity.</b>		
(a) Continue to include streetscape improvements into public spaces with assistance and support of Community Gardens	Participated in Community Gardens Sub Committee (Joint Council & Roxby Downs Community Board). Applied for Commonwealth funds to improve shade in Richardson Place.	(a) Continue to include streetscape improvements into public spaces with assistance and support of Community Gardens
(b) Assist community and cultural events including annual Christmas Pageant.	Assisted the Rotary organising Committee for the Annual Christmas Pageant	(b) Assist community and cultural events including annual Christmas Pageant.
(c) On a cost effective basis explore opportunities more new major cultural events to be delivered in town	Ongoing through Roxby Leisure Business Units operation	(c) On a cost effective basis explore opportunities more new major cultural events to be delivered in town.
(d) Review and integrate the form of Arts support through Roxby Leisure's operation.	Ongoing	(d) Review and integrate the form of Arts support through Roxby Leisure's operation.
(e) Encourage increase usage of the library as a venue for community activity.	Library activities promoted in the Monitor newspaper, on community noticeboards and on RoxFM. Library used as a venue for weekly community programs like Toddler Story Time	(f) Encourage increase usage of the library as a venue for community activity.
(f) Support on an as needs basis, various public art projects that arise.	Ongoing but little action undertaken during the year	(f) Support on an as needs basis, various public art projects that arise.
<b>COMMUNITY OBJECTIVE 3.07 Provide relevant community information about the role, operation and services provided by Council.</b>		
(a) Continue to purchase advertising and advertorial space for Council and Community through The Monitor Community Newspaper.	Weekly page in the Monitor Community Newspaper. Council Staff write articles and contribute content for stories that promote council services, activities and projects	(a) Continue to purchase advertising and advertorial space for Council through The Monitor Community Newspaper.
	RoxFM used as a vehicle to provide information on the services of Council through weekly Friday afternoon session updates.	(b) Continue to provide sponsorship to RoxFM Community Radio station.
(b) Complete upgrade of Roxby Downs Dot Com community web-site incorporating Council and Roxby Leisure sites.	Major upgrade completed	(c) Continue to review and improve operation of Council and Roxby Leisure portions of Roxby Downs Dot Com community web-site.
		(d) Continue to review and improve generally Council's communication strategy.

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<b>COMMUNITY OBJECTIVE 3.08      Develop community media outlets.</b>		
<b>(a)</b> Continue to encourage The Monitor community newspaper and ROXFM community radio to develop closer partnerships and common goals.	Preliminary review undertaken and some discussions undertaken about a closer interdependent relationship	<b>(a)</b> Continue to encourage The Monitor community newspaper and RoxFM community radio to develop closer partnerships and common goals.
<b>(b)</b> Continue to support The Monitor and ROXFM Community Radio on an "as needs" basis	Assistance with IT requirements provided to ROXFM.	<b>(b)</b> Continue to support The Monitor and RoxFM Community Radio on an "as needs" basis.
		<b>(c)</b> Examine ways to integrate community media with other community communication avenues.
<b>COMMUNITY OBJECTIVE 3.09      Enhance the vibrancy and cohesion of the local community.</b>		
<b>(a)</b> Continue to encourage members of the community to participate in community forums and take an active role in implementing the Roxby Downs Community Plan.	Ongoing	<b>(a)</b> Continue to encourage members of the community to participate in community forums and take an active role in implementing the Roxby Downs Community Plan.
<b>(b)</b> In partnership with BHP Billiton and local businesses continue to work collaboratively to assist community groups including investigating the establishment of a community foundation reserve.	Community Foundation established by Big Sky Credit Union. Administrator invited to join Foundation Board	<b>(b)</b> In partnership with BHP Billiton and local businesses continue to work collaboratively to assist community groups to participate with the newly established Roxby Downs Community Foundation.
Goal 4 - Municipal      Provide a range of municipal services which efficiently and effectively meet the needs of the community.		
<b>MUNICIPAL OBJECTIVE 4.01      Ensure that Council's planning and development policies and actions promote orderly, economic and sustainable development.</b>		
<b>(a)</b> Continue to promote and educate the community on Council's Development Plan, its implementation and ongoing development, assessment and compliance.	Articles written for the Monitor Newspaper on topic on various topics including swimming pool compliance inspections, and seeking development consent prior to building improvements	<b>(a)</b> Continue to promote and educate the community on Council's Development Plan, its implementation and ongoing development, assessment and compliance.
<b>(b)</b> Respond to current State Government development plan review.	Council submission to the Olympic Dame EIS and Roxby Downs and Environs Development Plan Amendment by the Minister submitted in August 2009. Administrator later made verbal representations at the PAR public hearing.	<b>(b)</b> Review development plan following finalisation of current State Government development plan review.
<b>(c)</b> In partnership with BHP Billiton continue to support Adelaide University's Building and Landscape architecture students to undertake specific policy and design work within the planning and environmental spheres in Roxby.	2009/10 Program curtailed by Adelaide University	<b>(c)</b> In partnership with BHP Billiton continue to support Adelaide University's Building and Landscape architecture students to undertake specific policy and design work within the planning and environmental spheres in Roxby.
<b>MUNICIPAL OBJECTIVE 4.02      Increase Council's financial independence.</b>		
<b>(a)</b> Continue to develop and implement a program of revenue raising that is consistent with Council's constraints and meets relevant criteria for commercial utilities dividends.	Ongoing. Action reflected in overall budget documents and as a policy direction.	<b>(a)</b> Continue to develop and implement a program of revenue raising that is consistent with Council's constraints and meets relevant criteria for commercial utilities dividends.

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(b) Continue to discuss with BHP Billiton and the State Government over possible amendments to the Roxby Downs (Indenture Ratification Act) 1982 that have a positive financial impact on Council's operations.	Ongoing	(b) Continue to discuss with BHP Billiton and the State Government over possible amendments to the Roxby Downs (Indenture Ratification Act) 1982 that have a positive financial impact on Council's operations.
(c) Maintain prudent and realistic increases in rates and charges in light of local cost influences and the capacity of community.	Previous consistent 9.8% increases in municipal rates over several years were reduced to 7.5% for 2009/10 following benchmarking against Adelaide. Water and Sewerage prices increased to reflect local cost of operating in Roxby Downs. Electricity tariffs benchmarked under the Indenture against Adelaide rates.	(c) Maintain prudent and realistic increases in rates and charges in light of local cost influences and the capacity of community.
(d) Continue to Refine Asset Maintenance Strategy by undertaking condition audits to refine Infrastructure Maintenance Program, and long term asset renewal program.	Consolidation of Asset Base completed and converted to a dedicated externally located asset Management System. Condition audits and updates for road infrastructure incorporated in 2009/10 financials.	(d) Continue to refine Asset Maintenance Strategy by undertaking condition audits to refine Infrastructure Maintenance Program, and long term asset renewal program.
(e) Continue to lobby BHP Billiton and the State Government for an appropriate allocation of financial support under the Roxby Downs (Indenture Ratification) Act 1982.	Ongoing	(e) Continue to lobby BHP Billiton and the State Government for an appropriate allocation of financial support under the Roxby Downs (Indenture Ratification) Act 1982.
(f) Continue to pursue grant opportunities for community projects	Grant applications either submitted via the Community Board or Council to support community projects.	(f) Continue to pursue grant opportunities for community projects.
(g) Develop long term financial strategy as part of a potentially expanded town.	Ongoing	(g) Develop long term financial strategy as part of a potentially expanded town.
<b>MUNICIPAL OBJECTIVE 4.03 Safeguard the community's environmental health.</b>		
(a) Continue to provide ongoing environmental health services to the community.	Ongoing with outsourcing through Salisbury Council. Refer to Environmental Health Section of Annual Report.	(a) Continue to provide ongoing environmental health services to the community.
<b>MUNICIPAL OBJECTIVE 4.04 Ensure that roads, streets, footpaths and bicycle paths service the needs of the community and are maintained in a safe and attractive condition.</b>		
(a) Continue to maintain roads, streets, footpaths and bike paths.	Ongoing. Refer to Works and Services section of Annual Report	(a) Continue to maintain roads, streets, footpaths and bike paths within constraints of available funding allocations.
(b) Continue to support the work of Roxby Road Safe.	Ongoing with Council an active participant on the Sub Committee.	(b) Continue to support the work of Roxby Road Safe.
(c) Continue to refine Asset Maintenance Strategy by undertaking condition audits to more accurately reflect long term asset renewal program.	Consolidation of Asset Base completed and converted to a dedicated externally located asset Management System. Condition audits and updates for road infrastructure incorporated in 2009/10 financials.	(c) Continue to refine Asset Maintenance Strategy by undertaking condition audits to more accurately reflect long term asset renewal program.
(d) Provide appropriate financial allocation to replace those sections of footpath that have been identified for replacement.	A number of broken and unsafe sections of footpath removed or replaced. Regular risk assessments are carried out to identify defects resulting in repairs being prioritised	(d) Provide appropriate financial allocation to replace those sections of footpath that have been identified for replacement.



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<b>(e)</b> Complete streetscape replacements for Burgoyne Street	Trees planted and watering system installed	<b>(e)</b> Continue to review parking practices within township, provide effective education and enforcement and initiate improvements.
<b>(f)</b> Undertake year 1 of a 3 year cyclic reseal program held over from 2008/09	Program completed. (Hermit St, Kennebery Crs, Alford Ct, Wirrda St, Gregory St, Mirra St, Anna Ct, and Olympic Way)	<b>(f)</b> Continue to assist BHP Billiton in the design of municipal infrastructure associated with the potential expansion of the town.
<b>(g)</b> Continue to review parking practices within township, provide effective education and enforcement and initiate improvements.	Rigid and regular patrols of the loading, bus, disabled, and drop off zones result in expiations to offenders. Other parking related offences generally result in an initial warning followed by enforcement for non compliance.	<b>(g)</b> Complete streetscape replacements for Burgoyne Street (continued on from 2009/10).
<b>(h)</b> Continue to assist BHP Billiton in the design of municipal infrastructure associated with the potential expansion of the town.	Ongoing on an as needs basis	<b>(h)</b> New Shade Sails to Richardson Place median adjacent bus stop.
		<b>(i)</b> Subject to Roads to Recovery Funding initiate traffic improvements by way of roundabouts and traffic control devices at Arcoona Street and Pioneer Drive intersection and Gregory Street over the next 3 years.
<b>MUNICIPAL OBJECTIVE 4.05 Ensure the ongoing viable operation and enhancement of the Roxby Downs Cultural &amp; Leisure Precinct.</b>		
<b>(a)</b> Maintain operations of Roxby Leisure as a discrete marketing and management unit of Council and ensure that all services delivered from the Roxby Downs Culture and Leisure Precinct adapt to meet the ever changing expectations and needs of the community.	Ongoing	<b>(a)</b> Maintain operations of Roxby Leisure as a discrete marketing and management unit of Council and ensure that all services delivered from the Roxby Downs Culture and Leisure Precinct adapt to meet the ever changing expectations and needs of the community.
<b>(b)</b> Continue to finalise and implement Council's Facilities Maintenance Program, and prepare a long term asset renewal program with supporting financial strategy, with emphasis in 2009/10 on replacement of air conditioners to the Cultural Centre.	Ongoing	<b>(b)</b> Continue to finalise and implement Council's Facilities Maintenance Program, and prepare long term asset renewal program with supporting financial strategy.
<b>(c)</b> Continue to develop strategies to integrate the Precinct's operation with the adjacent Library and Education facilities, Richardson Place and Roxby Central Retail Shopping Centre.	Participated in DECS Library Services Working Party.	<b>(c)</b> Continue to develop strategies to integrate the Precinct's operations with the adjacent Library and Education facilities, Richardson Place and Roxby Central Retail Shopping Centre.
		<b>(d)</b> Asset replacement works include replacement of air conditioners and kitchen equipment to the Cultural Centre and replacement of pipework and paving to Swimming Pool (continued on from 2009/10).
<b>MUNICIPAL OBJECTIVE 4.06 Maintain and enhance sporting recreation facilities.</b>		
<b>(a)</b> Continue to maintain sporting & recreation facilities.	Ongoing. A continuous program of turf improvement has been implemented for all turf areas.	<b>(a)</b> Continue to maintain sporting & recreation facilities.

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(b) Explore opportunities for expansion of sporting services.	Council commissioned Realty Solutions Australia to undertake a strategic review of recreation facilities. Initial review and consultation completed.	(b) Explore opportunities for expansion of sporting services.
(c) Continue to finalise and implement Council's Facilities Maintenance Program, and prepare long term asset renewal program with supporting financial strategy.	Asset Management Consultants substantially completed initial review	(c) Continue to finalise and implement Council's Facilities Maintenance Program, and prepare long term asset renewal program with supporting financial strategy.
(d) Finalise feasibility study for a potential new indoor aquatic facility incorporating multi-purpose rooms. Future potential construction also dependent on other future capital works priorities but is unlikely in the short term without substantial grant funding.	Study finalised with result that facility justified due to high demand but that project would not be self sustaining until the population of the town reached around 7,500.	(d) Continue to support and work as an integral member of the Sport & Recreation Forum.
(e) Explore possibilities of inclusion of a half court basketball court adjacent to skateboard track	Included in 2010/11 Budget	(e) Assist BHP Billiton in integrating improved recreational facilities into Township Master Plan.
(f) Continue to support and work as an integral member of the Sport & Recreation Forum.	Ongoing with Council an active participant on the Forum.	(f) Finalise long term strategy for the development and management of all recreation facilities in Roxby Downs with continued strong partnership with users and sporting clubs.
(g) Assist BHP Billiton in integrating improved recreational facilities into Township Master Plan	Ongoing	(g) Continue to develop long term recreational facility maintenance and improvement programs.
(h) Finalise long term strategy for the development and management of all recreation facilities in Roxby Downs with continued strong partnership with users and sporting clubs.	Ongoing	(h) Continue to explore possibilities of inclusion of a half court basketball court adjacent to skateboard track.
(i) Continue to develop long term recreational facility maintenance and improvement programs	Ongoing	(i) Replace swimming pool shade canopy (continued on from 2009/10).
(j) Replace swimming pool shade canopy	Application for Commonwealth funding successful. Design completed and tender process commenced	(j) Finalise modest 2009/10 improvements to small oval to formalise a secondary playing pitch to cater for soccer, hockey and rugby.
(k) Finalise modest 2008/09 improvements to small oval to formalise a secondary playing pitch to cater for soccer, hockey and rugby.	Completed	(k) Subject to funding fencing and hardstand to soccer pitch area at rear of Leisure Centre.
		(l) Erect goal posts to small oval.
<b>MUNICIPAL OBJECTIVE 4.07 Maintain and enhance playgrounds public open spaces</b>		
(a) Continue to maintain open space areas.	Regular cyclic risk assessments have been implemented to identify maintenance and safety issues as they arise and are acted upon with due diligence.	(a) Continue to maintain open space areas.
(b) Continue to support and work as an integral member with Family & Youth Forum and associated playgrounds and Community Garden committees.	Significant work with community group formed in a planned strategic approach to playground development. Emphasis on upgrade of Curdimurka Street Playground	(b) Continue to support and work as an integral member with Family & Youth Forum and associated playgrounds and Community Garden committees.

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(c) Continue to develop long term open space and parks and gardens maintenance and improvement programs.	Ongoing	(c) Continue to develop long term open space and parks and gardens maintenance and improvement programs.
(d) Undertake strategic major upgrade of playground in Curdimurka St	Significant work with community group formed in a planned strategic approach to playground development. Emphasis on upgrade of Curdimurka Street Playground	(d) Subject to community input and fundraising construct further upgrade works for Curdimuka St Playground.
<b>MUNICIPAL OBJECTIVE 4.08 Maintain and enhance the operations of the Roxby Downs Community Library</b>		
(a) Maintain / increase the number of children's holiday programs and toddler story time.	Ongoing	(a) Maintain/increase the number of children's holiday programs and toddler story time.
(b) Continued promotion of library services in-house and through local media.	School holiday programs promoted via community notice-board and RoxFM.	(b) Continued promotion of library services in-house and through local media.
(c) Upgrade computers furniture and equipment	Review completed	(c) Upgrade computers furniture and equipment.
Goal 5 – Commercial Operate council's commercial businesses in a way that provides excellent service and returns commercial dividends.		
<b>COMMERCIAL OBJECTIVE 5.01 Operate Roxby Water as an independent business unit, which provides high quality water and sewerage services and yields commercial dividends.</b>		
(a) Finalise Roxby Water's Infrastructure Maintenance Program, and prepare long term asset renewal program with supporting financial strategy.	Consolidation of Asset Base completed and converted to a dedicated externally located asset Management System.	(a) Maintain Roxby Water's Infrastructure Maintenance Program, and prepare long term asset renewal program with supporting financial strategy.
(b) Implement major asset replacements.	Refer Roxby Water Section of Annual Report	(b) Implement major asset replacements.
(c) Continue to assist BHP Billiton in the design of water and sewerage infrastructure associated with potential expansion of the town.	Ongoing	(c) Continue to assist BHP Billiton in design of water and sewerage infrastructure associated with potential expansion of the town.
(d) Continue with marketing campaign to encourage direct debit and credit card payment options for consumers.	Ongoing	(d) Continue with marketing campaign to encourage direct debit and credit card payment options for consumers.
(e) Explore other methods for retail payments for consumers.	Initial evaluation of method and costs associated with establishing Internet payments undertaken but found to be not cost effective. Further review in progress.	(e) Explore other methods for retail payments for consumers.
		(f) Construct sewer disposal point for caravans and campers.
<b>COMMERCIAL OBJECTIVE 5.02 Operate Roxby Power as an independent business unit, which provides high quality electricity services and yields commercial dividends.</b>		
(a) Finalise Roxby Power's Infrastructure Maintenance Program, and prepare long term asset renewal program with supporting financial strategy.	In Progress	(a) Maintain Roxby Power's Infrastructure Maintenance Program, and prepare long term asset renewal program with supporting financial strategy.
(b) Complete major asset replacements.	Refer to Roxby Power Section of Annual Report	(b) Complete major asset replacements.

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(c) Continue to assist BHP Billiton in design of electricity infrastructure associated with potential expansion of the town.	Ongoing on as required basis	(c) Continue to assist BHP Billiton in design of electricity infrastructure associated with potential expansion of the town.
(d) Continue with marketing campaign to encourage direct debit and credit card payment options for consumers.	Ongoing	(d) Continue with marketing campaign to encourage direct debit and credit card payment options for consumers.
(e) Explore other methods for retail payments for consumers.	Initial evaluation of method and costs associated with establishing Internet payments undertaken but found to be not cost effective. Further review in progress.	(e) Explore other methods for retail payments for consumers.
<b>COMMERCIAL OBJECTIVE 5.03</b>		
(a) Continue to monitor and investigate suitable business opportunities including those from non-traditional areas.	Overall a watching brief	(a) Continue to monitor and investigate suitable business opportunities including those from non-traditional areas.
(b) Continue to assist BHP Billiton in relation to Olympic Dam Expansion Study.	Ongoing on an as request basis.	(b) Continue to assist BHP Billiton in relation to Olympic Dam Expansion Study.
Goal 6 –Economic	Stimulate and facilitate economic development.	
<b>ECONOMIC OBJECTIVE 6.01 Support and development of Tourism opportunities in Roxby Downs.</b>		
(a) Continue to operate Visitor Information Centre.	Ongoing	(a) Continue to operate Visitor Information centre.
<b>ECONOMIC OBJECTIVE 6.02 Enhance economic and business operations in Roxby Downs.</b>		
(a) Provide support to retailers, commercial operators and contractors to reinvigorate and unite as a cohesive and vibrant business sector as envisaged in the 2005 Community Plan.	Ongoing but little result achieved	(a) Provide support to retailers, commercial operators and contractors to reinvigorate and unite as a cohesive and vibrant business sector as envisaged in the 2005 Community Plan.
(b) Support as they arise from an established peak business body.	No action	(b) Support actions as they arise from an established peak business body.
(c) Support to investigate and advocate on behalf of business to address factors such as housing and accommodation that adversely affect local business.	Some community lobbying and media articles raised profile of issue. Shortages partly addressed through BHP Billiton's Copper Sands Developments and increased vacancy rates and reducing rents through economic downturn.	(c) Support actions to investigate and advocate on behalf of business to address factors such as housing and accommodation that adversely affect local business.
(d) Develop and implement strategies to aid in the cohesive future development of the business sector.	Investment Brief on the Roxby Corridor produced and distributed by the NRDB through its website and networks	(d) Develop and implement strategies to aid in the cohesive future development of the business sector.
(e) Maintain Council as a resource partner with the NRDB and explore potential opportunities for business services to be continued to be delivered from within Roxby Downs.	Ongoing	(e) Maintain Council as a resource partner with the Far North RDA and explore potential opportunities for business services to be continued to be delivered from within Roxby Downs.

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Goal 7 - Environment	Manage the urban and natural environment in a sustainable manner.	
<b>ENVIRONMENT OBJECTIVE 7.01 Provide environmentally sound, convenient and timely waste management services.</b>		
(a) Operate domestic garbage collection and street bin collection service.	Ongoing Weekly domestic collection with minimum of fuss meeting resident expectations.	(a) Operate domestic garbage collection and street bin collection service.
(b) Manage and provide, in conjunction with BHP Billiton, a significant upgrade to the Opal Road landfill site in accordance with EPA requirements that incorporates expanded recycling facilities.	Ongoing. An EPA approved landfill closure plan has been implemented requiring the current fill area to be capped as the voids are filled. New specifically designed cells will be created and used when required.	(b) Undertake regular street cleaning and litter collection.
(c) In conjunction with BHP Billiton, review short and long term structural costs for integrated waste management including possibilities of introducing kerbside recycling. In the meantime continue to encourage local recycling efforts.	Ongoing. Introduction of segregation of a number of recyclable materials has had a significant downward total tonnage of waste entering the fill area.	(c) Develop a range of litter control strategies to minimise discarded litter.
(d) Review operation of and scope of the Commercial Waste Levy.	Level reviewed and increased in November 2008 mainly due to increased EPA charges	(d) Support where appropriate environmental actions of the Environment Forum.
(e) Undertake regular street cleaning and litter collection.	Ongoing Richardson Place receives daily litter pick along with Lions Park or any other reserve requiring attention. Programmed litter picks for all public spaces has resulted in less litter overall.	(e) In conjunction with BHPB and the State Government explore funding opportunities for a significant upgrade to the Opal Road landfill site in accordance with EPA requirements that incorporates expanded recycling facilities.
(f) Develop a range of litter control strategies to minimise discarded litter.	Ongoing Council has a policy to supply bin lids and pins for the contractor to replace at no cost any missing or non functional lids as to minimize the spread of litter by opportunistic Crows.	(f) In conjunction with BHP Billiton, review short and long term structural costs for integrated waste management including possibilities of introducing kerbside recycling. In the meantime continue to encourage local recycling efforts.
(g) Support where appropriate environmental of the Environment Forum.	Ongoing where appropriate	(g) Review operation of and scope of the Commercial Waste Levy.
<b>ENVIRONMENT OBJECTIVE 7.02 Provide effective dog and cat management to suit our remote locality.</b>		
(a) Continue to implement new By-Law No 2 - Dogs and Cats	As a result of the plan Cat registration was introduced and appears to have the support of a great deal of the community	(a) Continue to implement new By-law No 2 – Dogs and Cats.
(b) Subject to allocation of appropriate resources, work on as identified in Council's Animal Management Plan	As identified in the plan council responds to dogs walking at large and does random patrols and endeavours to enforce registrations of dogs and cats.	(b) Subject to allocation of appropriate resources, work on actions as identified in Council's Animal management Plan.
(c) Upgrade dog pound. (from 2008/09)	Project partly completed	(c) Upgrade dog pound (continued from 2008/2009).
<b>ENVIRONMENT OBJECTIVE 7.03 Preserve and enhance native vegetation and significant trees.</b>		
(a) Continue to lobby BHP Billiton to upgrade Crown Land Township Reserve areas to an acceptable standard.	Ongoing	(a) Continue to lobby BHP Billiton to upgrade Crown Land Township Reserve areas to an acceptable standard.

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<b>ENVIRONMENT OBJECTIVE 7.04 Reduce energy consumption and encourage the use of renewable energy.</b>		
(a) Continue to encourage the installation of household photovoltaic arrays through current power buyback tariffs rate and provide information on concerning Government rebates on solar hot water systems.	Ongoing with Council's buyback rate a feature of adopted electricity tariffs	(a) Continue to encourage the installation of household photovoltaic arrays through current power buyback tariffs rate and provide information on concerning Government rebates on solar hot water systems.
(b) Continue to assist customers in energy conservation including conducting energy audits.	Ongoing	(b) Continue to assist customers in energy conservation including conducting energy audits.
<b>ENVIRONMENT OBJECTIVE 7.05 To reduce water consumption and promote storm water and effluent reuse.</b>		
(a) Develop and implement appropriate water conservation policies including improvements to development plans and guidelines and land management agreements.	No definitive action other than regular publicity of appropriate water conservation measures. BHP Billiton supplies tables showing daily water consumption which appear in local papers on a weekly basis	(a) Develop and implement appropriate water conservation policies including improvements to development plans and guidelines and land management agreements.
(b) Participate in suitable programs to highlight to the community existing and future water conservation initiatives to educate the community to conserve water.	Ongoing through regular communication undertaken throughout the year	(b) Participate in suitable programs to highlight to the community existing and future water conservation initiatives to educate the community to conserve water.
(c) Improve integration of stormwater into effluent lagoons for reuse.	Review of stormwater infiltration referred to BHP Billiton as part of a township expansion requirement.	(c) Improve integration of stormwater into effluent lagoons for reuse.
<b>ENVIRONMENT OBJECTIVE 7.06 Undertake suitable control of pest plants.</b>		
(a) Provide support and participate in representative bodies concerned with land resource management.	-	(a) Provide support and participate in representative bodies concerned with land resource management.
(b) Support regional weed strategy		(b) Support regional weed strategy.
<b>ENVIRONMENT OBJECTIVE 7.07 Monitor and address noise related issues.</b>		
(a) Undertake appropriate education and where appropriate, enforcement of provisions in relation to noise.	-	(a) Undertake appropriate education and where appropriate, enforcement of provisions in relation to noise.
(b) Explore opportunities for implementation of appropriate noise control by-laws.	-	(b) Explore opportunities for implementation of appropriate noise control by-laws.
<b>ENVIRONMENT OBJECTIVE 7.08 Raise community awareness of Environmental issues</b>		
(a) Assist and work with Environmental Forum in relation to Environmental issues.	Ongoing with Council an active participant in the Forum	(a) Assist and work with Environmental Forum in relation to Environmental issues.
		(b) Explore the potential of employing a Project Officer to develop community education programs that promote energy efficiency and water saving strategies for householders and businesses

# Financial Reports

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for the year ended 30 June 2010

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Statement of Comprehensive Income  
for the year ended 30 June 2010

	Notes	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
<b>INCOME</b>			
Rates	2	2,991	2,660
Statutory charges	2	72	98
User charges	2	8,099	7,674
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	1,412	1,858
Investment income	2	92	118
Reimbursements	2	78	70
Other income	2	50	46
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>12,794</b>	<b>12,524</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Employee costs	3	1,497	1,600
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	8,761	9,131
Finance costs	3	16	19
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	1,979	1,888
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>12,253</b>	<b>12,638</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>		<b>541</b>	<b>(114)</b>
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	19	3
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2	34	102
<b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>		<b>594</b>	<b>(9)</b>
Transferred to Equity Statement			
Other Comprehensive Income			
Changes in revaluation surplus – infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	9	18,494	20,150
<b>Total Other Comprehensive Income</b>		<b>18,494</b>	<b>20,150</b>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>		<b>19,088</b>	<b>20,141</b>
This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes.			

Balance Sheet  
for the year ended 30 June 2010

	Notes	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	4,223	3,682
Trade & other receivables	5	3,632	4,104
Inventories	5	12	16
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>7,867</b>	<b>7,802</b>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>			
Financial Assets	6	20	-
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	7	97,664	78,978
<b>Total Non-current Assets</b>		<b>97,684</b>	<b>78,978</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>105,551</b>	<b>86,780</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade & Other Payables	8	1,729	2,046
Provisions	8	93	104
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>1,822</b>	<b>2,150</b>
<b>Non-current Liabilities</b>			
Provisions	8	28	17
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>1,850</b>	<b>2,167</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>103,701</b>	<b>84,613</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Accumulated Surplus		25,902	25,692
Asset Revaluation Reserves	9	72,088	53,594
Other Reserves	9	5,711	5,327
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>103,701</b>	<b>84,613</b>
This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes.			



## Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2010

	Notes	Accumulated Surplus \$'000	Asset Revaluation Reserve \$'000	Other Reserves \$'000	TOTAL EQUITY \$'000
<b>2010</b>	Notes	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance at end of previous reporting period		25,692	53,594	5,327	84,613
Restated opening balance		25,692	53,594	5,327	84,613
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit) for Year</b>		594			594
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>					
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment			18,494		18,494
Transfers between reserves		(384)		384	-
<b>Balance at end of period</b>		25,902	72,088	5,711	103,701
<b>2009</b>					
Balance at end of previous reporting period		26,245	33,444	4,783	64,472
Restated opening balance		26,245	33,444	4,783	64,472
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit) for Year</b>		(9)			(9)
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>					
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment			20,150		20,150
Transfers between reserves		(544)		544	-
<b>Balance at end of period</b>		25,692	53,594	5,327	84,613

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

## Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 30 June 2010

	Notes	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Operating receipts		13,206	12,930
Investment receipts		89	110
<u>Payments</u>			
Operating payments to suppliers & employees		(10,549)	(11,427)
Finance payments		(57)	(16)
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities</b>	10	2,689	1,597
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		34	102
Sale of replaced assets		50	-
Sale of surplus assets		-	3
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(152)	-
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		(2,050)	(1,280)
Loans made to community groups		(30)	-
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities</b>		(2,148)	(1,175)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayment of Finance Lease Liabilities		-	(5)
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities</b>		-	(5)
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held</b>		541	417
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	10	3,682	3,265
<b>Cash &amp; cash equivalents at end of period</b>	10	4,223	3,682

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

# Financial Reports

## Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2010

### Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

#### 1. Basis of Preparation

##### 1.1. Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards

This general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards as they apply to not-for-profit entities, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Interpretations and relevant South Australian legislation.

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

##### 1.2. Historical Cost Convention

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

##### 1.3. Critical Accounting Estimates

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

##### 1.4. Rounding

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

#### 2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

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

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

#### 3 Income Recognition

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

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

#### 4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

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

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

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

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

#### 5 Inventories

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

#### 6 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

##### 6.1 Initial Recognition

All assets are initially recognised at cost.

All non-current assets purchased or constructed are capitalised as the expenditure is incurred and depreciated as soon as the asset is held "ready for use". Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition, including architects' fees and engineering design fees and all other costs incurred. The cost of non-current assets constructed by the Council includes the cost of all materials used in construction, direct labour on the project and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overhead.

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

For assets acquired at no cost or for nominal consideration, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition.

##### 6.2 Materiality

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

Office Furniture & Equipment	\$100
Other Plant & Equipment	\$100
Buildings - new construction/extensions	\$1,000
Park & Playground Furniture & Equipment	\$1,000
Road construction & reconstruction	\$1,000
Paving & footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	\$1,000
Drains & Culverts	\$1,000
Reticulation extensions	\$1,000
Sidelines & household connections	\$1,000
Artworks	\$1,000

## Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2010

### 6.3 Subsequent Recognition

All material asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. For infrastructure and other asset classes where no active market exists, fair value is determined to be the current replacement cost of an asset less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation calculated on the basis of such cost to reflect the already consumed or expired future economic benefits of the asset. Further detail of existing valuations, methods and valuers are provided at Note 7.

### 6.4 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

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

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

Plant, Furniture & Equipment	
Office Equipment	5 to 10 years
Office Furniture	5 to 10 years
Vehicles and Road-making Equip	3 to 20 years
Other Plant & Equipment	3 to 20 years
Building & Other Structures	
Buildings – masonry	20 to 60 years
Buildings – other construction	20 to 60 years
Playground equipment	5 to 15 years
Benches, seats, etc	5 to 15 years
Infrastructure	
Sealed Roads – Surface	18 to 38 years
Sealed Roads – Structure	20 to 99 years
Unsealed Roads	10 to 34 years
Paving & Footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	25 to 72 years
Drains	40 to 70 years
Flood Control Structures	6 to 60 years

### 6.5 Impairment

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

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

Where an asset that has been revalued is subsequently impaired, the impairment is first offset against such amount as stands to the credit of that class of assets in Asset Revaluation Reserve, any excess being recognised as an expense.

### 6.6 Borrowing Costs

Borrowing costs in relation to qualifying assets (net of offsetting investment revenue) have been capitalised in accordance with AASB 123 "Borrowing Costs". The amounts of borrowing costs recognised as an expense or as part of the carrying amount of qualifying assets are disclosed in Note 3, and the amount (if any) of interest revenue offset against borrowing costs in Note 2.

## 7 Payables

### 7.1 Goods & Services

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

### 7.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

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

## 8 Employee Benefits

### 8.1 Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences

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

Liabilities for employee benefits not expected to be paid or settled within 12 months are measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows (including payroll based oncosts) to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Present values are calculated using government guaranteed securities rates with similar maturity terms.

Weighted average discount rate	4.7% (2009, 4.69%)
Weighted average settlement period	1 year (2009, 1 year)

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

### 8.2 Superannuation

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme. The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. No changes in accounting policy have occurred during either the current or previous reporting periods. Details of the accounting policies applied and Council's involvement with the schemes are reported in Note 18.

## 9 Construction Contracts

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

## 10 Comparative Information

Comparative information have been consistently applied from the previous reporting period except where a change in the Australian Accounting Standards, Model Financial Statements or application of different accounting standards dictate a change is required.

Comparative information associated with Note 2; DECS User Charges, Landfill Fees, Electricity Charges, Water Charges, Sewer Charges and Sundry have been adjusted.

Comparative information associated with Note 3; Contractors, Materials & Consumables, External Houses and Sundry have been adjusted.

# Financial Reports

## Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2010

### 11 GST Implications

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

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

### 12 New Accounting Standards

Certain new accounting standards and UIG interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2010 reporting period.

AASB 1	First-time Adoption of Australian Accounting Standards
AASB 5	Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations
AASB 7	Financial Instruments: Disclosures
AASB 9	Financial Instruments
AASB 101	Presentation of Financial Statements
AASB 107	Statement of Cash Flows
AASB 108	Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
AASB 110	Events after the Reporting Period
AASB 117	Leases
AASB 118	Revenue
AASB 119	Employee Benefits
AASB 132	Financial Instruments: Presentation
AASB 136	Impairment of Assets
AASB 137	Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets
AASB 139	Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement
AASB 1031	Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement
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]
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]
AASB 2009-13	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Interpretation 19 [AASB 1]
AASB 2010-1	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Limited Exemption from Comparative AASB 7 Disclosures for First-time Adopters [AASB 1 & AASB 7]
Interpretation 4	Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease
Interpretation 14	AASB 119 – The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction

(Standards not affecting local government have been excluded from the above list).

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

The Australian Accounting Standards Board is currently reviewing AASB 1004 *Contributions*. It is anticipated that the changes resulting from this review may have a material effect on the timing of the recognition of grants and contributions, but the financial consequences cannot be estimated until a revised accounting standard is issued.

### Note 2 - INCOME

Notes	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
<b>RATES REVENUES</b>		
<u>General Rates</u>	2,875	2,499
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs	(168)	(98)
	<b>2,707</b>	2,401
<u>Other Rates (including service charges)</u>		
Waste collection	265	238
	<b>265</b>	238
<u>Other Charges</u>		
Penalties for late payment	16	16
Legal and other costs recovered	3	5
	<b>19</b>	21
	<b>2,991</b>	2,660
<b>STATUTORY CHARGES</b>		
Development Act fees	22	65
Animal registration fees & fines	47	30
Parking fines / expiation fees	3	3
	<b>72</b>	98
<b>USER CHARGES</b>		
Commercial Activity Revenue	907	930
DECS User Charges	251	240
Landfill Fees	221	196
Electricity Charges	3,465	3,137
Water Charges	2,141	2,191
Sewer Charges	1,114	980
	<b>8,099</b>	7,674
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>		
Interest on investments		
Local Government Finance Authority	18	14
Banks & other	74	104
	<b>92</b>	118
<b>REIMBURSEMENTS</b>		
- employees reimb for accommodation	41	40
- for insurance/workcover	37	30
	<b>78</b>	70
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>		
Sundry	50	46
	<b>50</b>	46
<b>GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	34	102
Other grants, subsidies and contributions	1,372	1,820
Individually significant item - additional Grants Commission Payment	40	38
<i>see below</i>		
	<b>1,446</b>	1,960
The function to which these grants relate are shown in Note 11.		
<b>Sources of grants</b>		
Commonwealth government	34	100
State government	812	1,058
Other	600	802
	<b>1,446</b>	1,960
<b>Individually Significant Item</b>		
On 30 June 2010, Council received payment of the first quarter instalment of the 2010/11 Grant Commission (FAG) grant. This represents a significant increase in income from this source for 2008/09 & 2009/10, with an equivalent reduction in 2010/11.	40	38

## Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2010

### Note 3 EXPENSES

	Notes	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
<b>EMPLOYEE COSTS</b>			
Salaries and Wages		1,021	1,083
Employee leave expense		228	241
Superannuation – defined contribution plan contributions	18	117	107
Workers' Compensation Insurance		64	73
Other		67	96
<b>Total Operating Employee Costs</b>		<b>1,497</b>	<b>1,600</b>
<b>Total Number of Employees</b> <i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i>		<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>MATERIALS, CONTRACTS &amp; OTHER EXPENSES</b>			
<u>Prescribed Expenses</u>			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the financial reports		29	28
Bad and Doubtful Debts		11	12
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>
<u>Other Materials, Contracts &amp; Expenses</u>			
Contractors		5,035	4,783
Purchases of Power		1,495	1,601
Purchases of Water		731	850
Legal Expenses		92	71
Materials & Consumables		398	472
External Houses		163	185
- Insurance		201	161
- Sundry		606	968
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		<b>8,721</b>	<b>9,091</b>
		<b>8,761</b>	<b>9,131</b>
<b>FINANCE COSTS</b>			
Bank fees, Charges & Bond Interest Charges		16	19
		<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION &amp; IMPAIRMENT</b>			
<u>Depreciation</u>			
Buildings & Other Structures		312	302
Roads		304	307
Footpaths		58	59
Kerb & Guttering		50	50
Car Parks		14	13
Parks & Gardens		201	163
Power Infrastructure		304	281
Water Infrastructure		206	232
Sewerage Network		170	290
Stormwater Drainage		75	-
Plant & Equipment		248	161
Furniture & Fittings		37	30
		<b>1,979</b>	<b>1,888</b>

### Note 4 ASSET DISPOSAL & FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>		
<b>Assets renewed or directly replaced</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Proceeds from disposal	50	-
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold	31	-
Less: amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income	-	-
<b>Gain (Loss) on disposal</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Assets surplus to requirements</b>		
Proceeds from disposal	-	3
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold	-	-
Less: amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income	-	-
<b>Gain (Loss) on disposal</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION OF ASSETS</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>

### Note 5 CURRENT ASSETS

	Notes	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
<b>CASH &amp; EQUIVALENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash on Hand and at Bank		691	246
Deposits at Call		2,503	1,925
Short Term Deposits & Bills, etc		1,029	1,511
		<b>4,223</b>	<b>3,682</b>
<b>TRADE &amp; OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>			
Rates – General & Other		1,318	1,787
Electricity Charges Outstanding		79	20
Water & Sewer Charges Outstanding		51	46
Debtors – General		416	536
Accrued Revenues		1,667	1,635
Prepayments		92	70
Loans to community organisations		10	-
Refundable Expenses (Insurance Claim & Bonds)		11	19
Total		<b>3,644</b>	<b>4,113</b>
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts		12	9
		<b>3,632</b>	<b>4,104</b>
<b>INVENTORIES</b>			
Trading Stock – Roxby Leisure		12	16
		<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>

### Note 6 NON-CURRENT ASSETS

	Notes	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
<b>FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>			
<b>Receivables</b>			
Loans to Community Groups		20	-
		<b>20</b>	<b>-</b>
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts		-	-
		<b>20</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Other Financial Assets</b>			
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>EQUITY ACCOUNTED INVESTMENTS IN COUNCIL BUSINESSES</b>			
		-	-
<b>OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
<b>Inventories</b>			
Stores & Materials			
Trading Stock			
Real Estate Developments		-	-
Other		-	-
Capital Works-in-Progress			
Other		-	-
<b>Real Estate Developments</b> (Valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value)			
Residential			
Industrial & Commercial			
Other Properties surplus to requirements			
<b>Total Real Estate for Resale</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Represented by:			
Acquisition Costs			
Development Costs			
Borrowing Costs			
Other Holding Costs			
		-	-
Less: Allowance for Under-Recovery		-	-
<b>Total Real Estate for Resale</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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Note 7 INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	2009 \$'000				2010 \$'000			
	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT	AT FAIR VALUE	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT
Land	12,622	-	-	12,622	12,456	636	-	13,092
Buildings & Other Structures	-	14,995	(6,200)	8,795	-	15,012	(6,426)	8,586
Infrastructure								
Roads	23,922	-	(2,005)	21,917	24,167	-	(2,121)	22,046
Footpaths	2,831	-	(176)	2,655	2,842	-	(234)	2,608
Kerb & Guttering	3,518	-	(107)	3,411	3,518	-	(157)	3,361
Car Parks	901	-	(54)	847	900	-	(67)	833
Parks & Gardens	3,287	471	(1,490)	2,268	4,587	-	(1,254)	3,333
Power Infrastructure	9,378	4,060	(3,912)	9,526	9,378	4,667	(4,252)	9,793
Water Infrastructure	8,236	2,253	(3,390)	7,099	18,555	116	(3,146)	15,525
Sewerage Network	9,599	2,987	(4,080)	8,506	14,837	-	(2,311)	12,526
Stormwater Drainage	-	-	-	-	5,882	-	(919)	4,963
Plant & Equipment	-	1,904	(736)	1,168	-	1,472	(607)	865
Furniture & Fittings	-	373	(209)	164	-	378	(245)	133
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>74,294</b>	<b>27,043</b>	<b>(22,359)</b>	<b>78,978</b>	<b>97,122</b>	<b>22,281</b>	<b>(21,739)</b>	<b>97,664</b>
<b>2009 Totals</b>	<b>53,686</b>	<b>31,147</b>	<b>(25,397)</b>	<b>59,436</b>	<b>74,294</b>	<b>27,043</b>	<b>(22,359)</b>	<b>78,978</b>

	2009 \$'000 CARRYING AMOUNT	CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR \$'000					2010 \$'000 CARRYING AMOUNT	
		Additions		Disposals	Depreciation	Transfers		Net Revaluation
		New/Upgrade	Renewals					
Land	12,622	636	-	-	-	-	(166)	13,092
Buildings & Other Structures	8,795	81	-	-	(312)	22	-	8,586
Infrastructure								
Roads	21,917	398	-	(7)	(304)	-	42	22,046
Footpaths	2,655	11	-	-	(58)	-	-	2,608
Kerb & Guttering	3,411	-	-	-	(50)	-	-	3,361
Car Parks	847	-	-	-	(14)	-	-	833
Parks & Gardens	2,268	180	-	-	(201)	1,086	-	3,333
Power Infrastructure	9,526	248	-	-	(304)	323	-	9,793
Water Infrastructure	7,099	116	-	-	(206)	(939)	9,455	15,525
Sewerage Network	8,506	65	-	-	(170)	-	4,125	12,526
Stormwater Drainage	-	-	-	-	(75)	-	5,038	4,963
Plant & Equipment	1,168	309	152	(24)	(248)	(492)	-	865
Furniture & Fittings	164	6	-	-	(37)	-	-	133
<b>TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>78,978</b>	<b>2,050</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>(31)</b>	<b>(1,979)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,494</b>	<b>97,664</b>
<b>2009 Totals</b>	<b>59,436</b>	<b>1,280</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,888)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,150</b>	<b>78,978</b>

Valuation of Assets

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

Land & Land Improvements

Council undertook a valuation of all Council owned land assets as at 30 June 2010 using the South Australian Valuer General's data provided to Council. All individual land assets were reviewed and updated to reflect the Valuer General's reported valuations.

Buildings & Other Structures

All buildings have been measured at historical cost using the cost basis for initial recognition. Council is undertaking a valuation of all Council owned buildings in 2010/11 with the assistance of external consultants.

Infrastructure

Roads, Footpaths, Kerb & Guttering and Car Park assets were valued by Tonkin Consulting as at 30 June 2010 at the written down replacement cost. A condition assessment was last carried out on 30 June 2009 by Tonkin Consulting.

Water assets were valued by Tonkin Consulting as at 1 July 2009 at the written down replacement cost. A condition assessment was also carried out as part of the valuation undertaken by Tonkin Consulting.

Sewer Infrastructure assets were valued by Tonkin Consulting as at 30 June 2010 at the written down replacement cost. A condition assessment was also carried out as part of the valuation undertaken by Tonkin Consulting.

Stormwater assets have been reflected for the first time resulting from a valuation carried out by Tonkin Consulting as at 30 June 2010 at the written down replacement cost. A condition assessment was also carried out as part of the valuation undertaken by Tonkin Consulting.

Power Infrastructure will be valued by Tonkin Consulting in 2010/11, which will incorporate a condition assessment.

Plant, Furniture & Equipment

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

All other assets

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

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2010

Note 8 - LIABILITIES

	Notes	2010 \$'000		2009 \$'000	
		Current	Noncurrent	Current	Noncurrent
<b>TRADE &amp; OTHER PAYABLES</b>					
Goods & Services		1,438		1,658	
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements		147	-	185	-
Accrued expenses - salaries & wages		-	-	41	-
Deposits, Retentions & Bonds		65	-	74	-
Accrued expenses - other		79	-	88	-
		<b>1,729</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,046</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>PROVISIONS</b>					
Employee entitlements (including oncosts)		93	28	104	17
		<b>93</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>17</b>

NOTE 9 - RESERVES

ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	Notes	1/07/2009	Net Increments (Decrements)	Transfers, Impairments	30/06/2010
		\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Land		11,110	(166)	-	10,944
Infrastructure					
Roads		17,736	42	-	17,778
Footpaths		1,940	-	-	1,940
Kerb & Guttering		2,505	-	-	2,505
Car Parks		807	-	-	807
Parks & Gardens		1,553	-	-	1,553
Power Infrastructure		6,778	-	-	6,778
Water Infrastructure		5,075	9,455	-	14,530
Sewerage Network		6,090	4,125	-	10,215
Stormwater Drainage		-	5,038	-	5,038
<b>TOTAL</b>		53,594	18,494	-	72,088
<i>2009 Totals</i>		33,444	20,150	-	53,594

OTHER RESERVES	1/07/2009	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/06/2010
Asset Replacement	5,327	1,637	(1,253)	5,711
<b>TOTAL OTHER RESERVES</b>	<b>5,327</b>	<b>1,637</b>	<b>(1,253)</b>	<b>5,711</b>
<i>2009 Totals</i>	<b>4,783</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>(274)</b>	<b>5,327</b>

PURPOSES OF RESERVES

Asset Revaluation Reserve

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

Note 10 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

a) Reconciliation of Cash

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

	Notes	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
Total cash & equivalent assets	5	4,223	3,682
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		<b>4,223</b>	3,682

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)		594	(9)
Non-cash items in Income Statement			
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment		1,979	1,888
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits		(38)	18
Change in allowances for under-recovery		3	-
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity		(34)	(102)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals		(19)	(3)
		<b>2,485</b>	1,792
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (increase) decrease in receivables		479	(533)
Net (increase) decrease in Inventories		4	4
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables		(279)	334
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations</b>		<b>2,689</b>	1,597

c) Financing Arrangements

Unrestricted access was available at balance date to the following lines of credit:

Bank Overdrafts	500,000	500,000
Corporate Credit Cards	10,000	10,000

The bank overdraft facilities may be drawn at any time and may be terminated by the bank without notice.

The bank overdraft facility is held with National Australia Bank (NAB).

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2010

Note 11 – COMPONENTS OF FUNCTIONS

FUNCTION	INCOMES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES									
	INCOME		EXPENSES		OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME		TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT & NON-CURRENT)	
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	2010	2009	2010	2009
	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Corporate Services	4,305	4,316	(83)	2,313	4,388	2,003	1,299	1,722	67,257	60,812
Buildings & Equipment	67	71	164	1,655	(97)	(1,584)	-	-	-	-
Environment	501	435	888	882	(387)	(447)	-	-	-	-
Infrastructure	469	88	1,348	777	(879)	(689)	74	88	-	-
Community Services	423	60	1,862	362	(1,439)	(302)	39	48	-	-
Sport & Recreation	780	1,148	1,599	2,492	(819)	(1,344)	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Control	80	98	306	132	(226)	(34)	-	-	-	-
Electricity Supply	3,465	3,137	3,465	2,206	-	931	-	-	9,872	9,862
Water Supply	1,948	2,191	1,523	1,053	425	1,138	-	-	28,322	16,106
Sewerage Services	756	980	1,181	766	(425)	214	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12,794</b>	<b>12,524</b>	<b>12,253</b>	<b>12,638</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>(114)</b>	<b>1,412</b>	<b>1,858</b>	<b>105,451</b>	<b>86,780</b>

Excludes net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets, net gain (loss) from joint ventures & associated entities, amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets and physical resources received free of charge.

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

<b>Corporate Services</b>	General Operations, Council Offices, Rates, Governance, Participating in Local Government Associations, General Grants
<b>Building &amp; Equipment</b>	House running expenses, Council depreciation, Office Plant and Equipment, Works Depot Maintenance and running expenses
<b>Environment</b>	Landfill & Recycling maintenance and disposal fees, garbage collection and charges, environmental protection, litter control, vandalism
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Roads and transport, Parks and Gardens, off road tracks, stormwater, footpaths, streetscaping, skate park & public street lighting
<b>Community Services</b>	Youth Centre operation & services, community library, auditorium, cinema/theatrette & art gallery maintenance and operation, community development support, volunteer support, family support\
<b>Sport &amp; Recreation</b>	Operations and maintenance of Leisure Centre, Swimming Pool, Tennis & Netball Courts, community ovals plus other support to sport and recreation groups
<b>Regulatory Services</b>	Dog & Cat Control, Development Act Planning & Building fees & charges, Environmental Health expenses
<b>Electricity Supply</b>	Retail & distribution of electricity, power purchases & electricity infrastructure maintenance
<b>Water Supply</b>	Retail and distribution of water, water purchases and water infrastructure maintenance
<b>Sewerage Services</b>	Sewerage infrastructure and lagoons maintenance, recycled effluent and sewerage service charges

Note 12 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

<b>Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits</b>	<p><b>Accounting Policy:</b> Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; interest is recognised when earned.</p> <p><b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 4% and 4.5% (2009: 3.7% and 4%). Short term deposits have an average maturity of 30 days and an average interest rates of 4% (2009: 30 days, 4%).</p> <p><b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.</p>
<b>Receivables</b> Rates & Associated Charges (Including legals & penalties for late payment)	<p><b>Accounting Policy:</b> Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p><b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 0.58% (2009: 0.93%) Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the State.</p> <p><b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
<b>Receivables</b> Fees & other charges	<p><b>Accounting Policy:</b> Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p><b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries.</p> <p><b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
<b>Receivables</b> Other levels of government	<p><b>Accounting Policy:</b> Carried at nominal value.</p> <p><b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. All amounts are due by Departments and Agencies of the Governments of the Commonwealth &amp; State.</p> <p><b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value.</p>
<b>Liabilities</b> Creditors and Accruals	<p><b>Accounting Policy:</b> Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Council.</p> <p><b>Terms &amp; conditions:</b> Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.</p> <p><b>Carrying amount:</b> approximates fair value.</p>



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Note 12 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS Cont'd

Liquidity Analysis

2010	Due < 1 year \$'000	Due > 1 year; < 5 years \$'000	Due > 5 years \$'000	Total Contractual Cash Flows \$'000	Carrying Values \$'000
<b>Financial Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	4,223	-	-	4,223	4,223
Receivables	3,644	20	-	3,664	3,664
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,867</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,887</b>	<b>7,887</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>					
Payables	1,556	-	-	1,556	1,582
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,556</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,556</b>	<b>1,582</b>
<b>2009</b>					
<b>Financial Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	3,682	-	-	3,682	3,682
Receivables	4,113	-	-	4,113	4,113
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,795</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,795</b>	<b>7,795</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>					
Payables	1,853	-	-	1,853	1,820
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,853</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,853</b>	<b>1,820</b>

Net Fair Value

All carrying values approximate fair value for all recognised financial instruments. There is no recognised market for the financial assets of the Council.

Risk Exposures

Credit Risk represents the loss that would be recognised if counterparties fail to perform as contracted. The maximum credit risk on financial assets of the Council is the carrying amount, net of any allowance for doubtful debts. All Council investments are made with the SA Local Government Finance Authority and are guaranteed by the SA Government. Except as detailed in Notes 5 & 6 in relation to individual classes of receivables, exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries, and there is no material exposure to any individual debtor.

Market Risk is the risk that fair values of financial assets will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices. All of Council's financial assets are denominated in Australian dollars and are not traded on any market, and hence neither market risk nor currency risk apply.

Liquidity Risk is the risk that Council will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations with financial liabilities. In accordance with the model Treasury Policy (LGA Information Paper 15), liabilities have a range of maturity dates based on cash inflows. Council also has available a range of bank overdraft and short-term draw down facilities that it can access.

Interest Rate Risk is the risk that future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Council has a balance of both fixed and variable interest rate borrowings and investments. Cash flow fluctuations are managed holistically in seeking to minimise interest costs over the longer term in a risk averse manner.

Note 13 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

Notes	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
<b>Capital Commitments</b>		
Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:		
Buildings	367	-
Infrastructure	-	248
	<b>367</b>	<b>248</b>
These expenditures are payable:		
Not later than one year	<b>367</b>	<b>248</b>
	<b>367</b>	<b>248</b>
<b>Other Expenditure Commitments</b>		
Other expenditure committed for (excluding inventories) at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:		
Audit Services	52	76
Waste Management Services	552	1,104
Employee Remuneration Contracts	145	284
Management Services	152	182
Other	3,314	6,548
	<b>4,215</b>	<b>8,194</b>
These expenditures are payable:		
Not later than one year	<b>3,221</b>	<b>3,106</b>
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	<b>994</b>	<b>5,088</b>
	<b>4,215</b>	<b>8,194</b>

## Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2010

### Note 14 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

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

	2010	2009	2008
<b>Operating Surplus</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>(114)</b>	<b>(517)</b>
<i>Being the operating surplus (deficit) before capital amounts</i>			
<b>Adjusted Operating Surplus</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>(152)</b>	<b>(517)</b>
<i>In June 2010 the Commonwealth Government made an advance payment approximately equal to one quarter of the 2010/11 Financial Assistance Grant (see Note 2). This income has materially distorted the amount of the Operating Result for both the 2008/2009 and 2009/10 reporting periods. The Adjusted Operating Surplus and Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio adjust for this distortion.</i>			
<b>Operating Surplus Ratio</b>			
<u>Operating Surplus</u>	<b>18%</b>	<b>(4%)</b>	<b>(25%)</b>
<i>Rates – general &amp; other less NRM levy</i>			
<b>Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>(6%)</b>	<b>(25%)</b>
<i>This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of general and other rates, net of NRM levy.</i>			
<b>Net Financial Liabilities</b>	<b>(6,025)</b>	<b>(5,619)</b>	<b>(5,016)</b>
<i>Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets (excluding equity accounted investments in Council businesses).</i>			
<b>Net Financial Liabilities Ratio</b>			
<u>Net Financial Liabilities</u>	<b>-47%</b>	<b>-45%</b>	<b>-46%</b>
<i>Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy</i>			
<b>Interest Cover Ratio</b>			
<u>Net Interest Expense</u>	<b>(0.6%)</b>	<b>(0.8%)</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
<i>Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy less Investment Income</i>			
<b>Asset Sustainability Ratio</b>			
<u>Net Asset Renewals</u>	<b>5%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-2%</b>
<i>Depreciation Expense</i>			
<i>Net asset renewals expenditure is defined as net capital expenditure on the renewal and replacement of existing assets, and excludes new capital expenditure on the acquisition of additional assets.</i>			
<b>Asset Consumption Ratio</b>			
<u>Carrying value of depreciable assets</u>	<b>80%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>78%</b>
<i>Gross value of depreciable assets</i>			
<i>Total carrying value of depreciable assets divided by total reported value of depreciable assets before accumulated depreciation.</i>			

### Note 15 - UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

The following is a high level summary of both operating and capital investment activities of the Council prepared on a simplified Uniform Presentation Framework basis.

All Councils in South Australia have agreed to summarise annual budgets and long-term financial plans on the same basis.

The arrangements ensure that all Councils provide a common 'core' of financial information, which enables meaningful comparisons of each Council's finances.

	2010 \$'000	2009 \$'000
Income	<b>12,794</b>	12,524
less Expenses	<b>12,253</b>	12,638
	<b>541</b>	<b>(114)</b>
<b>less Net Outlays on Existing Assets</b>		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	<b>152</b>	-
less Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	<b>1,979</b>	1,888
less Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	<b>50</b>	-
	<b>(1,877)</b>	<b>(1,888)</b>
<b>less Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets</b>		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets <i>(including investment property &amp; real estate developments)</i>	<b>2,050</b>	1,280
less Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	<b>34</b>	102
less Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets <i>(including investment property and real estate developments)</i>	-	3
	<b>2,016</b>	1,175
<b>Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year</b>	<b>402</b>	599

## Note 16 OPERATING LEASES

### Lease Payment Commitments of Council

Council has not entered into non-cancellable operating leases.

## Note 17 EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER REPORTING DATE

There were no events subsequent to 30 June 2010 that need to be disclosed in the financial statements.

## Note 18 - SUPERANNUATION

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme. The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. Permanent and contract employees of the South Australian Local Government sector have the option to contribute to Marketlink and/or Salarylink. All other employees (including casuals) have all contributions allocated to Marketlink.

### Marketlink (Accumulation Fund) Members

Marketlink receives both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are based on a fixed percentage of employee earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation (9% in 2009/10 for Marketlink members and 3% for Salarylink members; 9% and 3% respectively in 2008/09). 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.

### Salarylink (Defined Benefit) Members

Salarylink is a defined benefit scheme where the benefit payable is based on a formula determined by the member's contribution rate, number of years of contribution and final average salary. Council makes employer contributions to Salarylink as determined by the Scheme's Trustee based on advice from the Scheme's Actuary. The rate is currently 6% (6% in 2008/2009) of the "superannuation" salary. Given that Employer contributions are based on a fixed percentage of employee earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation, the remaining 3% for Salarylink members is allocated to their Marketlink account. Employees also make member contributions to the Fund. As such, assets accumulate in the Fund to meet the member's benefits, as defined in the Trust Deed, as they accrue.

The Salarylink Plan is a multi-employer sponsored plan. As the Fund's assets and liabilities are pooled and are not allocated by employer, the Actuary is unable to allocate benefit liabilities, assets and costs between employers. As provided by AASB 119.32(b), Council does not use defined benefit accounting for these contributions.

The most recent full actuarial investigation conducted by the Scheme's actuary, L C Brett, BSc., FIA, FIAA, of Brett and Watson Pty Ltd as at 30 June 2009, the Trustee has determined that the current funding arrangements are adequate for the expected Defined Benefit Plan liabilities. However, future financial and economic circumstances may require changes to Council's contribution rates at some future time.

## Note 19 CONTINGENCIES & ASSETS & LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED IN THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

The following assets and liabilities do not qualify for recognition in the Statement of Financial Position but knowledge of those items is considered relevant to user of the financial report in making and evaluating decisions about the allocation of scarce resources.

### LAND UNDER ROADS

As reported elsewhere in these Statements, Council is of the opinion that it is not possible to attribute a value sufficiently reliably for these assets to qualify for recognition, and accordingly land under roads has not been recognised in these reports. Land acquired for road purposes during the year is initially recognised at cost, but transferred to fair value at reporting date, effectively writing off the expenditure.

### BANK GUARANTEES

Council has not guaranteed any loans and other banking facilities advanced to community organisations and sporting bodies.

### COUNCIL LANDFILL

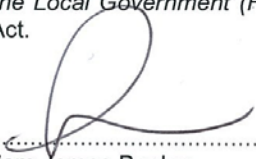
Council owns and operates one landfill facility. This site is required to be capped and rehabilitation work undertaken in accordance with licence agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency. As at 30 June 2010, the liability associated with capping and closure rehabilitation work to be carried out on this site had not been quantified. A liability therefore has not been recorded in the accounts as these estimates could not be calculated. Further work is being undertaken to quantify these estimates and expected to be undertaken during 2010/11.

**ROXBY DOWNS COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2010**

**STATEMENT BY ADMINISTRATOR**

I, William James Boehm, the person for the time being occupying the position of Administrator of the Municipal Council of Roxby Downs, do hereby state that the Financial Statements of the Council for the year ended 30 June 2010 are to the best of my knowledge presented fairly, and in accordance with accounting procedures which have been maintained in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* made under that Act.

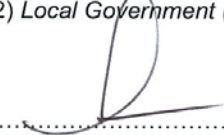
  
.....  
William James Boehm  
**ADMINISTRATOR**

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2010


**CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE**

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of the Municipal Council of Roxby Downs for the year ended 30 June 2010, the Council's Auditor, Don Venn, has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* made under that Act.

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

  
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William James Boehm  
**ADMINISTRATOR**

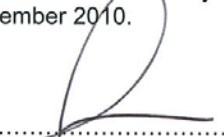
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Peter Brass  
**PRESIDING MEMBER AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Date 13/12/10

**ADOPTION STATEMENT**

Laid before the Roxby Downs Council and adopted on the 13 day of December 2010.

  
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William James Boehm  
**ADMINISTRATOR**

**DEAN NEWBERY & PARTNERS  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

ABN 30 164 612 890

**Auditor's Independence Declaration Under Section 16A of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 to the Roxby Downs Council.**

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of the Roxby Downs Council for the year ended 30 June 2010, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Section 290, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999* made under that Act.

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



**DON VENN**

Partner

**DEAN NEWBERY & PARTNERS  
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214 MELBOURNE STREET  
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**NORTH ADELAIDE, this 12th day of July 2010**

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF ROXBY DOWNS

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the Municipal Council of Roxby Downs, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2010 and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the Chief Executive Officer's Statement.

#### *The Responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer for the Financial Report*

The Chief Executive Officer of the Municipal Council of Roxby Downs is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations), the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

#### *Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud and error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report 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 accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Chief Executive Officer, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for an audit opinion.

#### **Independence**

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 and the Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

#### **Auditor's Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Municipal Council of Roxby Downs as of 30 June 2010, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999 and the Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations).

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DON VENN

Signed on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2010,  
at 214 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide, South Australia 5006.

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