

CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL

# ANNUAL REPORT



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## CITY PROFILE

First settled .....	1803
Proclaimed a municipality.....	1860
Proclaimed a city.....	1988
Population .....	54,040 (est. 30 June 2014)
Population growth (last 5 years) .....	4.4% (Tasmania 2.1%)
Persons aged under 15 years.....	10,084 (est. 30 June 2014)
Persons aged 15 years and over .....	43,956 (est. 30 June 2014)
Persons aged 65 years and over.....	9,792 (est. 30 June 2014)
Median age (years).....	41 (Australian median age 37)
Area .....	386 square kms (including 191 kms of coastline)
Number of dwellings.....	2,234 (Census 2011)
Mean daily maximum temperature .....	22.6 degrees January, 12.5 degrees July
Mean daily minimum temperature .....	12.0 degrees January, 4.1 degrees July
Clarence businesses – (June 2013).....	Total 2,994 Construction (24%) Property and Real Estate Services (8%) Professional and Technical Services (8%) Financial and Insurance Services (7%) Agriculture and Fishing (7%) Healthcare and Social Assistance (6%) Transport and Warehousing (6%) Accommodation and Food Services (4%) Other Various (24%)



## VISION

Clarence ... diverse communities working together for a vibrant, prosperous and sustainable city.

## MISSION

To represent the people of Clarence by providing leadership, programs, services and facilities to advance the quality of life in Clarence.

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



It is with pleasure that I present the Annual Report for Clarence City Council for 2014/2015.

Council has had a very productive and successful year with a number of significant projects either commenced or having been completed.

A particular focus has been the on-going implementation of the Kangaroo Bay Enhancement Master Plan. The project received a massive boost with a \$5m grant being confirmed by the Australian Government. This enabled the acceleration of road and footpath infrastructure and utility services to the precinct. This included the Rosny Hill Road/Bligh Street junction upgrade and the realignment of Kangaroo Bay Drive incorporating a landscaped boulevard. Work also commenced on the Alma Street extension to Kangaroo Bay Drive.

I was very pleased that Council was able to present investment opportunities for Kangaroo Bay at the Major TasInvest Conference conducted by the Tasmanian Government in November 2014. This presentation highlighted the great potential for accommodation, tourism operations, cultural activities, residential apartments, retail hospitality service and water transport connections.

Council, jointly with the Tasmanian Government in March 2015, commenced a Request for Proposals process which invites developers to submit proposals for two development sites within the project. The outcome of this process should be known by the end of 2015.

The expression of interest process seeking proposals for development and activities at the Rosny Hill Recreation

Reserve continued. Council awarded preferred developer status to a proponent on the basis that community consultation be carried out. This process is also expected to be finalised in 2015.

Council continued to implement its \$16.4m Capital Works Program with \$9.6m to be spent on road construction and rehabilitation works, \$4.9m on recreation and \$1.1m on stormwater upgrades. The condition of our roads and footpaths has been raised as an issue of concern in our community surveys and it is important that Council maintain its efforts to improve their condition for the benefit of both local residents and visitors to the City.

The Seven Mile Beach Sport and Active Recreation Master Plan was developed which identifies sport and recreation opportunities, facilities and management options for the site. This is a very important plan as over recent years Council has experienced increased pressure to provide additional sporting facilities to meet the demand from residents. Council has been successful as part of its response in negotiating the transfer of a 14.57 hectare parcel of land at 74 Surf Road from the State Government.

The estimated cost to develop all that is identified in the Master Plan is approximately \$14m and it is proposed to implement the Plan in stages over 10 financial years, subject to Council approval as part of future Annual Plans.

Council was also proud to open the new Simmons Park Playground at Lindisfarne at an Access All Areas Family Fun Day in November 2014. Almost \$2m has been spent since 2012 on upgrades on this park so far. This is the first regional scaled play space to be developed in Clarence and Council will build on this momentum in future playground and park developments.

The issue of the volunteer amalgamation of adjacent Councils and resource sharing was formally raised by the State Government in November 2014.

Council agreed to participate in the process and adopted a series of

strict principles and guidelines which will underpin the consideration of amalgamation and/or resource sharing, with the first being that the interests of ratepayers and residents must come first. There will be a need to extensively consult the community prior to any decisions being made in relation to this issue.

Council's community events program again proved very successful, particularly the Clarence Jazz Festival, Seafarers Festival and Australia Day on the Boardwalk.

In addition to our regular events, a number of specific activities were held across the City to acknowledge the Centenary of Anzac Day. A very popular and well attended A Centenary of ANZAC – 100 years of Service at Home and Abroad Exhibition was held at the Rosny Barn. I wish to record my thanks to all those involved in organising this wonderful exhibition.

I am also pleased to note that Council was awarded the Local Government Award for 2014 for the Clarence Foreshore Trail at the Medibank Active Tasmania Awards. Clarence continues to develop a high quality trail network for a broad range of users that Council and community can be very proud of.

I would like to thank my fellow Aldermen for their continued dedication and hard work during the year. I particularly wish to acknowledge the work of former Alderman Peter Cooper, Don Cusick and Martin McManus who made important contributions to the Council over a period of many years.

I also thank the General Manager and staff for their support and for continuing to provide a high level of professional advice to the Council.

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Alderman Doug Chipman

MAYOR



# COUNCIL ALDERMEN

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Aldermen represented Council on various Committees, Boards and Authorities including:



Alderman

**DOUG CHIPMAN**

Mayor

- Clarence City Council Planning Authority
- Events Special Committee – (Chairman)
- Clarence GP Super Clinic Ltd (Director)
- Clarence Emergency Management Committee – (Chairperson)
- Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority
- Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) General Management Committee
- Delegate to LGAT Annual and Special Conferences
- Australian Mayoral Aviation Council
- State-wide Water and Sewerage Corporation – Owners' Representative



Alderman

**N (JOCK) MCL CAMPBELL**

Deputy Mayor

- Clarence City Council Planning Authority
- National Fitness Southern Recreation Association
- State-wide Water and Sewerage Corporation – Deputy Owners' Representative
- Copping Refuse Disposal Site Joint Authority (Chairperson) from 1/12/14



Alderman

**HEATHER CHONG**

- Audit Committee
- Petitions to Amend Hearings Committee
- Richmond Advisory Committee (Chairperson)
- Community Road Safety Partnership Advisory Group to 1/12/14
- Clarence City Council Planning Authority
- Code of Conduct Panel to 10/11/14
- Partnership Grants Assessment Panel to 1/12/14
- Howrah Recreation Centre Committee of Management
- Events Special Committee
- Clarence Senior Citizens Centre Management Committee (Proxy) to 1/12/14
- Cultural History Advisory Committee (Proxy) from 1/12/14
- Community Health and Well-being Plan Advisory Committee (Chairperson) from 1/12/14



Alderman

**PETER COOPER** to 31/10/14

- Clarence City Council Planning Authority to 31/10/14



Alderman

**DON CUSICK** to 31/10/14

- Clarence Access and Facilities Advisory Committee (Chairperson) to 31/10/14
- Lindisfarne Citizens Activities Centre Management Committee to 31/10/14
- Bellerive Community Arts Centre Management Committee to 31/10/14
- Code of Conduct Panel to 31/10/14
- Risdon Vale Community Centre Management Committee to 31/10/14
- Copping Refuse Disposal Site Joint Authority (Chairperson) to 31/10/14
- Petitions to Amend Hearings Committee to 31/10/14
- Clarence City Council Planning Authority to 31/10/14
- Geilston Bay Community Centre Management Committee to 31/10/14



Alderman

**DOUG DOUST**

- Petitions to Amend Hearings Committee (Proxy) to 1/12/14
- Positive Ageing Plan Advisory Committee (Proxy) to 1/12/14
- Cultural History Advisory Committee (Chairperson)
- Clarence City Council Planning Authority



Alderman

**RICHARD JAMES**

- Southern Waste Strategy Authority
- Clarence City Council Planning Authority
- Tracks and Trails Committee (Chairperson)
- Richmond Advisory Committee (Proxy) from 1/12/14
- Code of Conduct Panel from 10/11/14



Alderman

**KAY MCFARLANE**

- Audit Committee (Proxy) from 1/12/14
- Tracks and Trails Committee (Alternative Chairperson)
- Clarence Bicycle Steering Committee (Alternative Chairperson) to 1/12/14
- Cycling South
- Clarence Access and Facilities Advisory Committee (Alternative Chairperson)
- Clarence City Council Planning Authority

- Community Road Safety Partnership Advisory Group (Chairperson)
- Petitions to Amend Hearings Committee to 1/12/14
- Land and Coastcare Grants Assessment Committee (Alternative Chairperson) to 1/12/14
- Events Special Committee to 1/12/14
- Cultural History Advisory Committee (Proxy) to 1/12/14
- Committee of Management of Business East Inc (Observer) – to 1/12/14
- Natural Resource Management and Grants Committee (Chairperson) from 1/12/14



Alderman

**MARTIN MCMANUS** to 31/10/14

- Combined Planning Authority Waddamana to Risdon Vale Transmission Line to 31/10/14
- Clarence City Council Planning Authority to 31/10/14
- Rosny College Council to 31/10/14
- Audit Committee to 31/10/14
- Events Special Committee to 31/10/14



Alderman

**JOHN PEERS**

- Lindsfarne Community Activities Centre Management Committee
- Richmond Advisory Committee (Proxy) to 1/12/14
- Geilston Bay Community Centre Management Committee
- Risdon Vale Community Centre Management Committee
- Committee of Management of Business East Inc (Proxy Observer) to 1/12/14
- Clarence City Council Planning Authority
- Community Road Safety Partnership Advisory Group (Alternative Chairperson) from 1/12/14



Alderman

**SHARYN VON BERTOUCHE**

- Cycling South (Proxy)
- Copping Refuse Disposal Site Joint Authority (Deputy Representative) to 1/12/14
- South Arm Calverton Hall Management Committee Inc
- Land and Coastcare Grants Assessment Committee (Chairperson) to 1/12/14
- Clarence Bicycle Steering Committee (Chairperson)
- Rosny College Council to 1/12/14
- Code of Conduct Panel to 10/11/14
- Clarence City Council Planning Authority
- Audit Committee (Proxy) to 1/12/14
- Positive Ageing Plan Advisory Committee (Chairperson)
- Partnership Grants Assessment Panel (Proxy) to 1/12/14
- Clarence Senior Citizens Centre Management Committee
- Southern Waste Strategy Authority (Proxy)
- Howrah Recreation Centre Committee of Management to 1/12/14
- Events Special Committee from 1/12/14
- National Seachange Taskforce Committee of Management from 1/12/14



Alderman

**JAMES WALKER**

- Howrah Recreation Centre Committee of Management (Proxy) from 1/12/14
- Clarence City Council Planning Authority
- Positive Ageing Plan Advisory Committee (Proxy) from 1/12/14
- Clarence Bicycle Steering Committee (Alternative Chairperson) from 1/12/14
- Committee of Management of Business East Inc (Proxy observer) from 1/12/14



Alderman

**PETER CUSICK** from 31/10/14

- Clarence City Council Planning Authority from 1/12/14
- Lindsfarne Community Activities Centre Management Committee from 1/12/14
- Audit Committee from 1/12/14
- Petitions to Amend Hearings Committee (Proxy) from 1/12/14
- Copping Refuse Disposal Site Joint Authority (Deputy Representative) from 1/12/14
- Code of Conduct Panel from 10/11/14



Alderman

**DANIEL HULME** from 31/10/14

- Clarence City Council Planning Authority from 1/12/14
- Risdon Vale Community Centre Management Committee from 1/12/14
- Petitions to Amend Hearings Committee from 1/12/14
- Committee of Management of Business East (Observer) from 1/12/14
- Partnership Grants Assessment Panel from 1/12/14



Alderman

**DEBRA THURLEY** from 31/10/14

- Clarence City Council Planning Authority from 1/12/14
- Clarence Senior Citizens Centre Management Committee (Proxy) from 1/12/14
- Petitions to Amend Hearings Committee from 1/12/14
- Clarence Access and Facilities Advisory Committee (Chairperson) from 1/12/14
- Community Health and Well-being Plan Advisory Committee (Alternative Chairperson) from 1/12/14
- Bellerive Community Arts Centre Management Committee from 1/12/14
- Geilston Bay Community Centre Management Committee from 1/12/14
- Code of Conduct Panel from 10/11/14

## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT



Wherever you turn throughout the City of Clarence you are likely to see development occurring. Whether it is major road works, recreation facilities and playground development, agribusiness, industrial development or on-going subdivision and residential development, there appears to be something happening around every corner.

Despite the supposed "downturn" in the economy, building and development approvals this year increased by 13% and 6.8% respectively. Additionally, during the year 49 new subdivision plans and 38 strata title plans were sealed by Council. These numbers indicate that we continue to experience healthy growth in our community.

The challenge for Council is to ensure that as an organisation we manage the growth responsibly and support this growth with appropriate planning and infrastructure development. Many of the initiatives and projects undertaken throughout the year highlighted throughout this Annual Report, are to support this growing community.

I would acknowledge the efforts of Council staff in working with our community to bring these both private and public projects to fruition.

Throughout this year Council's planning staff have been working diligently on the preparation of a new Planning Scheme (effective July 2015). This scheme, the Clarence Interim Planning Scheme, is a new format scheme based on the Southern Regional Land Use Strategy and is an initial step towards the introduction of a Statewide planning framework.

In addition to this, at a State level we have seen development commence on the State Government's initiative of a uniform Statewide Planning Scheme. Council will play an active role in the planning space to ensure that the Interim Planning Scheme and the proposed Statewide scheme will provide an appropriate outcome to ensure that we continue to see sustainable and

continuing growth in our community.

Underpinning this and everything that Council does is the need for responsible financial management. Once again the Annual Report shows that Council continues to manage Council funds sustainably and with an eye to the future physical and social needs of the community. Council remains well placed to meet the challenges of the future.

I would like to thank the Council staff for their on-going dedication to their roles and their commitment to this City. In particular I would like to acknowledge the contribution of Council employee, Mr John Judge who this year celebrated 50 years employment with the Council, an outstanding contribution.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Mayor and Aldermen for their on-going leadership and commitment to this City.

I commend this report to you and trust that you will find it both interesting and informative.

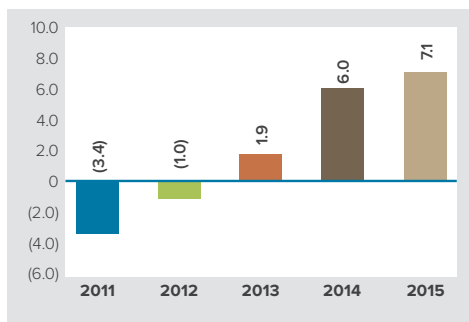
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Andrew Paul

GENERAL MANAGER

## HIGHLIGHTS 2014/15

- Increasing underlying surplus, consistent with Council's 10 Year Financial Management Plan
- Key financial ratios well above benchmark.
- Key sustainability ratios consistent with benchmark and/or Asset Management Plans.
- An Australian Government grant of \$5 million towards the Kangaroo Bay Development Project was confirmed. Works to be funded included the Rosny Hill Road junction upgrade, signalised intersection at Alma Street/Cambridge Road and the re-alignment of Kangaroo Bay Drive.
- Council approved a \$16.4m Capital Works program with \$9.6m to be spent on road construction and rehabilitation works, \$4.9m on active and passive recreation and \$1.1m on stormwater upgrades.
- The opening of the new Simmons Park Playground at Lindisfarne was held at an Access All Areas Family Fun Day in November 2014.
- Council adopted the Seven Mile Beach Sport and Active Recreation Master Plan which identifies sport and recreation opportunities, facilities and management options for the site.
- Council adopted a revised Master Plan for Bellerive Beach Park to improve the safety and accessibility for children and park users of all abilities.
- Council invited Expressions of Interest for development proposals at Kangaroo Bay including accommodation, tourism, apartments, retail, entertainment, hospitality and water transport.
- A Centenary of ANZAC – 100 years of Service at Home and Abroad Exhibition was held at the Rosny Barn.
- A series of successful events were held in the City including an expanded Jazz Festival and Australia Day celebrations on the Bellerive Boardwalk – which included the announcement of the Australia Day Award winners.
- Council was awarded the Local Government Award for 2014 for the Clarence Foreshore Trail at the Medibank Active Tasmania Awards.



### UNDERLYING SURPLUS RATIO

Underlying surplus/(deficit)/Recurrent Income  
 This ratio serves as an overall measure of financial operating effectiveness.  
 Auditor General Benchmark: >1.0



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## COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP



## STRATEGY

### COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT

## ACTIONS

### PROVISION OF TIMELY INFORMATION ABOUT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

Information was provided to the community using the following materials:

- A combined 2014-15 Community Directory and Infobook was mailed to all residents;
- Quarterly newsletters which included details of Council's major projects, initiatives, new policies and service arrangements;
- Council's website was maintained and provided detailed information about Council services, projects and policies. Major additions to the site included sport and active recreation strategy, and Racism – It Stops With Me campaign;
- Social media including Facebook and Twitter;
- New 'Popular Tracks and Trails in Clarence' booklet;
- Regular newsletters, including Arts News, Food News, Swift Chatter Land and Coastcare, Spotlight on Seniors; and
- My Local Service App available to contact Council, find nearby parks, event dates and times, report issues and receive waste collection reminders.

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – NEW POLICIES AND MAJOR PROJECTS

The Council continued to consult with the community in accordance with its adopted Community Participation Policy. Tools used to consult included online and mail-out surveys, meetings with groups and individuals and placement of advertisements in daily and local newspapers. Consultation on policies and projects included:

- Seven Mile Beach Sport and Active Recreation Precinct Master Plan;
- Various reserve activity plans including Bellerive/Howrah, Potters Hills, Natone Hill and Geilston Bay; and
- Draft South Arm Oval Master Plan.

Council decided to use a collaborative engagement method for community consultation for the Clarence Street Improvement Project. This involved the establishment of a Community Reference Group to recommend solutions to Council.

### COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY

Council conducted its biennial Community Satisfaction Survey of 400 residents in November 2014. Scores for performance across property services, community services and dealing with the Council were generally higher than those received in the 2012 survey. This is a positive result, particularly given that the scores for most services were already at a high level.

## STRATEGY

### EXTERNAL RELATIONS

## ACTIONS

Council maintained its on-going involvement with the Local Government Association of Tasmania. Representation at a number of meetings continued with issues discussed on planning reform including the Interim Planning Scheme, voluntary amalgamations, strategic sharing of services, policy and legislation updates, Tasmanian Local Government Workforce Development Survey, a state-wide Local Government Performance Index, and the Role of Local Government Project.

Council continued its partnership with the Southern Tasmanian Councils' Authority (STCA). Various issues and projects were progressed including a new Strategic Plan 2015-2019, development of a Southern Regional Economic Development Prospectus, and local government reform. For further details, refer to Appendix G.

## STRATEGY MARKETING AND PROMOTION

## STRATEGY FUTURE PLANNING

### DERWENT ESTUARY PROGRAM

Council continued its participation as a member of the Derwent Estuary Program and formalised a six year partnership agreement in September 2014. The five year State of the Derwent Water Report was released, while recreational water quality monitoring continued with two new sites added at GASP and MONA.

### THE SOUTH EAST REGION DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (SERDA)

The South East Region Development Association continued to meet with its focus being on the preparation of a South-East Economic Infrastructure Strategy. A consultancy brief was agreed to in preparation of the strategy.

### PROJECTS/POLICIES DISCUSSED WITH COMMONWEALTH AND STATE ELECTED MEMBERS

A number of issues were raised with local members including the extension of Rokeby Main Road, the Hobart Airport roundabout and rating, the on-going implementation of the Kangaroo Bay Urban Design Plan, Rosny Hill development concept and the state-wide planning scheme.

### VOLUNTARY AMALGAMATIONS OF COUNCILS AND RESOURCE SHARING

Following a request from the State Government to explore voluntary amalgamations and shared resources with adjoining councils, Council adopted strict principles to guide its consideration of the issue. Discussions are to be held initially with Sorell and Hobart councils.

## ACTIONS

Projects and policies promoted included:

- A call for development proposals at Kangaroo Bay including accommodation, tourism, apartments, retail, entertainment, hospitality and water transport and approval of new recreational facilities (clubrooms, change rooms, public toilets, kiosk and function room);
- Adoption of Bellerive Beach Park Master Plan to improve the safety and accessibility for children and park users of all abilities;
- Opening of Simmons Park in Lindisfarne;
- 40th anniversary of the collapse of the Tasman Bridge event, including unveiling of a plaque by the Mayors of Hobart and Clarence and exhibition at the Schoolhouse Gallery at Rosny Farm;
- Centenary of ANZAC – 100 Years of Service at Home and Abroad exhibition;
- Council was awarded the 2014 Local Government Award for the Clarence Foreshore Trail at the Medibank Active Tasmania Awards; and
- Sponsorship of major events included the City of Clarence Squash Championships, 2015 International Masters Golf, Australian Open Archery Championship, Tasmanian Dressage Championships, and the major musical production at Rosny College.

## ACTIONS

### CONSIDERATION OF STRATEGIC POLICY

The Council considered the following major policies and plans:

- Adopted the Seven Mile Beach Sport and Active Recreation Master Plan;
- Adopted the Roscommon Master Plan 2014-2024;
- Adopted various reserve activity plans including for Avoca and North Warrane bushland, Bellerive/Howrah, Potters Hills, Natone Hill and Geilston Bay;



- Reviewed the Aldermen's Allowances and Entitlements Policy;
- Adopted a Local Highways Standard Requirements By-Law;
- Adopted a Fraud Control Policy and Plan (revised); and
- Reviewed Council's Parking Policy and Strategy.

## PREPARATION OF SUBMISSIONS

Submissions were made to the State Government on issues including:

- Draft Clarence Interim Planning Scheme - car parking and access code;
- Review of Local Government General Regulations 2005 and Local Government (Meetings) Regulations 2005; and
- Review of Tasmanian Building Regulatory Framework.

Submissions were also made to the Southern Waste Strategy Authority Board on the future of the Southern Region Waste Group and the Productivity Commission on natural disaster funding arrangements.





GOAL: TO  
PROVIDE  
CONSISTENT,  
ACCOUNTABLE,  
TRANSPARENT  
AND EFFECTIVE  
GOVERNANCE  
OF THE CITY.



## GOVERNANCE





## STRATEGY

### DECISION MAKING AND REPORTING

## ACTIONS

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Council held its Annual General Meeting on 1 December 2014. There were no submissions received on the annual report.

### QUARTERLY REPORTING

Quarterly Reports were presented to Council which provided information on the performance of the organisation against Council's Annual Plan. The report details significant activities undertaken under six goal areas, consistent with Council's Strategic Plan 2010-2015, key performance indicators and detailed financial information for each of the program areas included in Council's Annual Plan and budget.

### PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE

There was one public interest disclosure made during the year. Details of Council's procedures were available on both Council's internet and intranet sites.

## STRATEGY

### INTERNAL OPERATING SYSTEMS

## ACTIONS

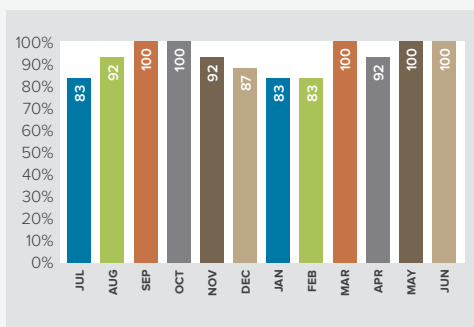
### AUDIT COMMITTEE

As part of the Audit Plan for 2014/15 the Committee received reports and endorsed the outcomes of the following projects:

- A detailed review of debt collection practices including the management of appropriate debt levels and adequacy of recovery processes.
- A review of Council's financial transaction management processes for both Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable.
- A comprehensive examination of the processes involved with registration, inspection and enforcement adopted by Council in relation to health and food premises.
- A full review of Council's information technology systems with future requirements and transition strategies identified.
- A review into the adequacy of the procedures and practices for the management of Council cash and cash reserves to assess effectiveness of cash management controls, liquidity and investment returns.

The Committee considered projects for inclusion in the forthcoming Audit Annual Plan for 2015/16 which include:

- Detailed review of Council Business Continuity Plan;
- Appropriate use of delegations;
- Staff Corporate Induction Program; and
- Staff exit controls.



### ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

## STRATEGY

### MANAGEMENT AND STAFF RESOURCING

In addition, the Committee will develop a three year forward program for the scheduling of audit projects based on current risk assessments and historic activity previously conducted by the Committee.

### RISK AUDIT

The following individual audits were conducted during the year:

- A review of parks and recreational areas risk and safety assessment,
- Development of a comprehensive Fraud Policy and Management Plan, and
- Various small internal process reviews and development of appropriate controls for the introduction of new legislative provisions and requirements.

## ACTIONS

### CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

Council offers a comprehensive range of benefits and competitive remuneration entitlements which aim to provide a framework that is appropriate for our business, transparent and meets our commitment to attract, develop, motivate and retain a diverse workforce.

### RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION

Recruitment and selection of staff was undertaken in accordance with legislative requirements and organisational processes. Council processes are transparent and unbiased and seek to ensure the appointment of the best candidate, based on merit and best-fit with organisational values and goals.

Recruitment included nine permanent, seven temporary and 20 casual employees. Resignations totalled 15 permanent, one temporary, and 12 casual employees.

### TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Council continues to support employees through investing in their on-going training. Council delivers programs which are focused on operational needs, work health and safety requirements, as well as professional development opportunities.

### WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY / REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION

The organisation is committed to preventing injury and illness by providing and maintaining a safe working environment. During the past year, Council achieved certification to AS/NZS 4801:2001 Standard. Certification is recognition for the significant time, effort and resources that the Council has dedicated to meeting our obligations under the Act. This outcome is largely due to the commitment of our employees in working to effect change in this critical area.

During the reporting period there was one incident which required reporting to Workplace Standards.

There were 11 workers' compensation claims during the period.

The organisation continued to deliver a proactive employee assistance program, including rehabilitation interventions to assist in the return of injured employees to the workplace.

### INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

The organisation complied with all industrial relations requirements.

### HR POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Human Resources policies and procedures provide guidance and instruction in regard to organisational matters. Policies continue to be reviewed as required.



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EXERCISE ACTIVE  
STEWARDSHIP  
IN THE  
STRENGTHENING  
OF THE CITY'S  
FINANCES



## FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT





## STRATEGY

### FINANCIAL PLANNING

Ensure Council has a soundly considered framework within which to make key financial decisions.

## STRATEGY

### FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AND REPORTING

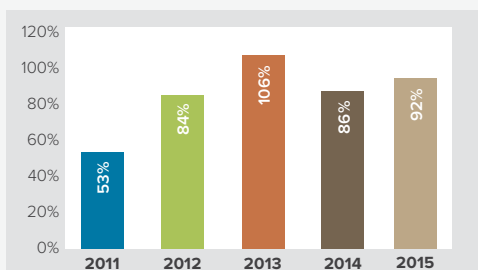
Monitor the financial outcomes of Council's appropriations and operations, supported by a sound control environment.

## ACTIONS

- Financial strategies implemented in accordance with the 10 year financial management plan.
- Rating policy reviewed with consideration given to equity issues and refinement of incentives for commercial development.

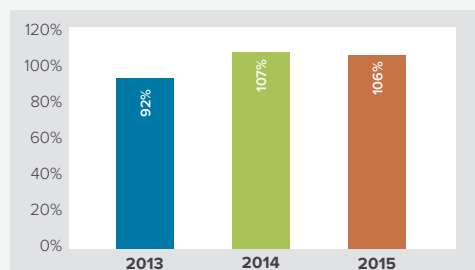
## ACTIONS

- Operating result and underlying result favourable, and in accordance with the financial management plan.
- Unqualified audit report issued by the Auditor-General.
- Annual Plan and Estimates developed to meet outcomes contemplated in the Strategic Plan. Progress against Annual Plan and budget allocations monitored by Council through formal quarterly reporting process.
- Internal monitoring systems implemented to monitor and measure financial performance, involving management, Council's Audit Panel and Council.
- Financial risk minimised through systems of internal control, internal and external reporting, operation of an Audit Panel, assessment of insurable risks and placement of appropriate insurance policies.



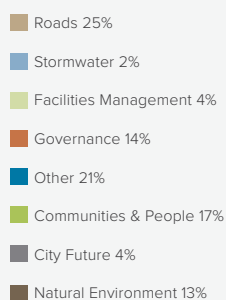
### ASSET SUSTAINABILITY RATIO

Capital outlays on replacement or renewal of existing assets/Annual depreciation expense. This ratio calculates the extent to which Council is maintaining operating capacity through renewal of its existing asset base. Auditor-General Benchmark: 100%



### ASSET RENEWAL FUNDING

Projected capital outlays/Projected capital expenditure funding. This ratio measures Council's capacity to fund future asset replacement requirements based on its 10 Year Financial Management Plan. Auditor-General Benchmark: 100% (within range of 90% to 100% is acceptable)



### EXPENSES

Source: 2014/15 Financial Statements

## STRATEGY

### FINANCIAL RESOURCING

Maintain an appropriate level of financing to meet Council's on-going operations.

## ACTIONS

- Pricing policies established which consider equity, capacity to pay, community demand, intergenerational equity and Council's strategic priorities.
- Financial resourcing for service delivery allocated through determination of the Annual Plan and Estimates.
- Long term financial management plan sets out resourcing requirements and proposed funding sources into the future.

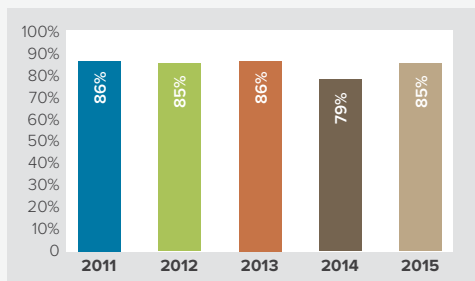
## STRATEGY

### REVENUE

Provide for the on-going sustainability of Council's revenue base.

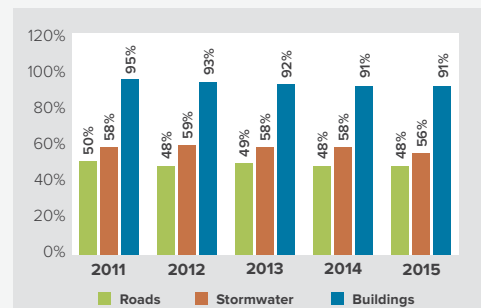
## ACTIONS

- Rating policy formally reviewed by Council.
- Rating strategies (consistent with rating policy) and fee schedule reviewed prior to determining rates, charges and fees for the financial year.
- Successfully pursued opportunities for federal funding of community projects.
- Optimal use of Council assets monitored on on-going basis through review of options at key decision points (e.g. lease renewals), during development of the Annual Plan, consideration by Council's Audit Panel, and through specific analysis of key assets.



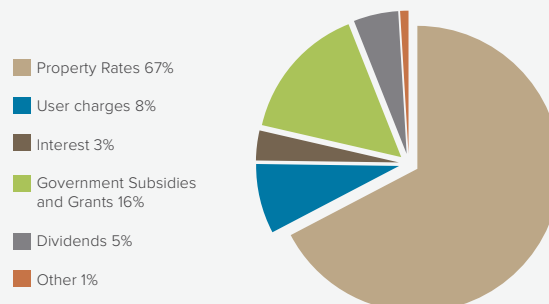
### NET FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

Net financial liabilities/Recurrent Income. This ratio indicates the net financial obligations of Council compared to its recurrent income. Auditor General Benchmark: >0% (within range of - 50% to 0% is acceptable)



### ASSET CONSUMPTION RATIO

Depreciated replacement cost/Current replacement cost This ratio indicates the level of service potential available in Council's existing asset base based on accounting estimates. Auditor-General Benchmark: >60%



### OPERATING REVENUES

Source: 2014/15 Financial Statements



GOAL: TO  
SUPPORT LOCAL  
COMMUNITIES  
TO BUILD  
ON EXISTING  
CAPACITY AND  
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THEIR HEALTH  
AND WELL-  
BEING



## SOCIAL INCLUSION



## STRATEGY

### COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING

## ACTIONS

### CLIMATE CHANGE

As part of the Council's on-going implementation of the recommendations in the Climate Change Impacts on Clarence Coastal Areas Report, Council monitored the dune and beach profiles at all vulnerable locations to capture the change to the beaches profile.

### CLARENCE FIRE MANAGEMENT PLAN

As part of its responsibilities under the various Fire Management Plans adopted for its reserves, Council, in conjunction with the Tasmania Fire Service, undertook a series of fuel reduction burns. Prescribed burns were undertaken at the following reserves: Mortimer Bay Coastal Reserve, Waverley Flora Park, Rosny Hill Reserve, Natone Hill Reserve and Glebe Hill Reserve.

Fire awareness brochures were distributed to neighbouring properties advising owners why and what Council was doing in terms of planned fire management for the adjacent reserve.

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The City of Clarence Community Recovery Plan was completed and signed off.

Staff represented Council on a number of regional and local community safety committees.

A permanent recovery kit is now located at the South Arm Community Centre. Two portable recovery kits have been developed and are stored at the Clarence City Council Chambers and Depot.

An exercise was undertaken in 2014 to test the activation of the South Arm Community Centre as an evacuation and recovery centre; this included participation by the Tasmanian Health Organisation South, SES, Salvation Army, Department of Health and Human Services and other southern Councils.

### LANDCARE AND COASTCARE GROUPS

Clarence Landcare and Coastcare grants totalling \$29,982 were made to 12 groups. These groups contributed several thousand hours of volunteer work in maintaining Council's natural areas.

New Workplace Health & Safety (WHS) legislation substantially changed Council's obligations and duty of care to volunteers. The WHS Manual has been developed and issued to all volunteer groups.

### PROVIDING ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY GROUPS

#### 'SPOTLIGHT ON SENIORS' NEWSLETTER

An initiative of the Clarence Positive Ageing Advisory Committee (CPAAC), the bi-monthly 'Spotlight on Seniors' was published and is a popular source of information across the community.

### COMMUNITY SAFETY

#### COLLECTIVE IMPACT IN CLARENCE PLAINS

The Collective Impact group continued to meet regularly and the name 'One Community Together' (OCT) was chosen for the group.

The group carried out a survey of the Clarence Plains community to find out the number one issue concerning them, and overwhelmingly the major concern was public safety. Café forums were held in Rokeby to engage with the community about ways to tackle the issue of public or community safety. A community fun day was held at Nielson Park in Rokeby on Australia Day attracting hundreds of community members. This was an opportunity to communicate the feedback from the forums back to community members.

#### CLARENCE COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (CCRSP)

CCRSP and the Youth Network Advisory Group (YNAG) worked together to develop a new campaign called 'Just One Thing'. The campaign is about the appropriate use of mobile phones and about connecting to reality rather than virtual reality when in certain situations. The campaign was launched at Rosny College in October with assistance from Sea FM. CCRSP will continue to promote the 'Just One Thing' campaign through distribution of marketing materials.

The Department of State Growth has ended the partnership arrangements with Council and is moving to a grants process for road safety. The Committee is continuing to review potential opportunities for road safety with some options emerging. RACT is facilitating meetings with southern councils to collaborate on joint projects.

### **CLARENCE STRONGER COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (CSCP)**

The CSCP continues to meet on a regular basis. The current focus for the group is to connect with the Department of Education to raise a number of issues about local High School numbers, attendance issues and social challenges associated with this.

A number of CSCP members highlighted the issue of safety in the bus mall and Eastlands with people turning away from shopping there due to inappropriate language and behaviour. A group of TAFE community services students undertook research about activity in the bus mall which provided some tentative recommendations for addressing the issues.

### **TRAIL BIKES**

The Trail Bikes Working Group continued to meet to look at strategies around education, diversion and enforcement. Cambridge Moto Park has seen increased participation since the Come 'N Try Days and has received funding from the State Government which has allowed for Cambridge Moto to build a new track.

There has been a marked improvement in Risdon Vale in relation to the trail bike issues with police enforcement and community response really making a difference. The Risdon Vale Bike Collective has been an effective diversion model with positive outcomes in Risdon Vale in relation to trail bikes.

### **FUTI 'FACING UP TO IT' – FAMILY VIOLENCE AND CHILD PROTECTION**

FUTI received a partnership grant from Council to pilot the employment of a Project Support Worker for two years to implement the action plan. The Support Worker will assist with administration of training courses, First Contact Person network groups and building networks.

## **HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**

### **HEALTH AND WELL-BEING PLAN**

A presentation about the Health and Well-being Plan was given at the Australian Health Promotions conference 'Equity at the Centre' in September. The presentation had considerable interest and was well received.

### **COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELL-BEING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CHAWAC)**

A Community Health and Well-being Advisory Committee was established in March. The Committee includes internal representatives from all Council units and external representation from the Heart Foundation, Volunteering Tasmania, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Department of Health and Human Services, and Mental Health Services.

The committee agreed to establish three working groups. Each group will determine its priorities and group membership.

- **Information/Communication Working Group** – worked on branding for the health and well-being program, content and design of the 'Live - City of Clarence' website.
- **Health Promotion Working Group** – focused on recruiting members from the community. An Expression of Interest process was undertaken and additional members will be determined in July.
- **Livability/Environment Working Group** - reviewed current and potential activities.

### **REGIONAL WELL-BEING SURVEY**

Council took part in a national Regional Well-being Survey organised by the University of Canberra. The survey was conducted in late 2014 and related to measures in the Health and Well-being Plan. The survey will be conducted on an annual basis and will provide Council with reliable measures of well-being levels in the community.



## **FITNESS IN THE PARK**

The winter and summer sessions of Fitness in the Park continued to be well attended.

## **HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS TASMANIA – SPATIAL MAPPING PROJECT**

The project group undertook an initial mapping exercise to determine the location of shops where a healthy food basket is available for purchase, and the area within 500m of these shops in Clarence. The group produced detailed maps of three areas: South Arm/Opossum Bay, Risdon Vale, and Warrane/Mornington. These maps are being tested by residents.

## **POSITIVE AGEING PLAN AND THE CLARENCE POSITIVE AGEING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAAC)**

The committee is working well on the implementation of the plan across three sub-groups.

## **AGE FRIENDLY CITY STATUS**

Council was a finalist in the Tasmanian Local Government Awards for Excellence for its work in positive ageing over the last 10 years culminating in Age Friendly status from the World Health Organisation.

Council presented at the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Local Government Conference in October as a leader in age friendly initiatives.

## **COMMUNITY RADIO**

CPAAC entered into a partnership with Community Radio 96.1FM based in Clarence and has participated in quarterly radio sessions to promote activities and events for older people in Clarence.

## **HEART MOVES FOR SENIORS PROGRAM**

The Heart Moves for Seniors Programs continued to be successful in Risdon Vale and Warrane/Mornington. Three Heart Moves instructors have been working with the group and discussions have begun on how to evolve the program.

## **COMMUNITY (MEN'S) SHEDS**

The Howrah Men's Shed was constructed and the Howrah Men's Shed Association is working towards making it operational. The Committee received a small grant of \$3,000 from the Australian Men's Shed Association towards the purchase of tools and equipment, and established a partnership with Howrah Rotary.

The Positive Ageing Committee is supporting the extension of the community shed at Clarendon Vale by assisting with on-site ground work.

## **FOOD CONNECTIONS CLARENCE (FCC) – OLDER ISOLATED PEOPLE**

The partnership has progressed well and will continue even though the FCC project finished in June 2015. Due to Rokeby High School being unable to continue participation in the Chat and Chew programs or packaged meals program, monthly cooks continued at the Clarence Seniors and Citizens Centre with Rose Bay High School students and the support of two volunteer chefs.

## **CLARENCE COMMUNITY GARDENS**

Support continued for the establishment and on-going development of the community garden in Risdon Vale.

Council was requested to provide in-kind support to the 24-Carrot Garden being established at Risdon Vale Primary School. The program is facilitated by MONA.

Through the Food Connections Clarence Project (FCC), Council officers assisted in the establishment of a Kitchen Garden at Rokeby High School, and supported the South Arm Community Centre in the establishment of a community garden.



## PUBLIC HEALTH

Resources allocated to public health activities in 2014/15 totalled \$675,336 comprising of \$583,507 in salaries and \$91,828 for other operational expenses.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

80 Special Event licences were issued this year. These included a fireworks day at Risdon Vale Primary, the Street Art Festival, Council's Dog's Day Out, Carols by Candlelight Christmas events, Triathlon South Multi Sport Challenge, Boardwalk Cricket Fiesta, Bicycle Network Tasmania, Clarence Jazz Festival, Life Be In It and other community occasions, a Mid-Winter Festival at Clarendon Vale and school fairs.

## CONDUCT FOOD SAMPLING

Council participated in the Regional Food Sampling Program, which is run in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services and southern Tasmanian councils. Samples of various food types were taken from local businesses during the year with all results satisfactory.

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND INFORMATION TO IMPROVE STANDARDS

Food Handler Training Sessions were held throughout the year with 727 people attending and 964 people completing the online training.

Seasonal editions of FoodNews were sent each quarter to all food businesses operating in Clarence. These newsletters provided information on food standards, changes to legislation and food safety.

## ENSURE ALL FOOD PREMISES COMPLY WITH LEGISLATION UNDER THE FOOD ACT 2003

Renewal of registration of food businesses and new businesses resulted in 291 food businesses being registered.

Temporary food licences were issued to 280 food businesses operating at various events.

## ON-SITE WASTEWATER DISPOSAL

There were 219 inspections of wastewater treatment systems during the year.

There were 102 special plumbing applications lodged for on-site wastewater management systems for properties that are not connected to sewer.

## PROVIDING AN ACCESSIBLE IMMUNISATION PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES

The 2015 school immunisation program continued at high schools in Clarence with vaccination of grade seven students and grade nine boys for diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough).

The fortnightly community clinics held at the Integrated Care Centre in Bayfield St, Rosny Park continued to be well attended.

A total of 3,234 vaccinations were administered in 2014/15.

## CONDUCT ENVIRONMENTAL WATER SAMPLING

Beach sampling continued on a weekly basis until the end of daylight savings in conjunction with the Derwent Estuary Program. Council continued sampling Howrah and Bellerive beaches on a monthly basis for the rest of the year with results exceeding the acceptable limit for enterococci at Howrah Beach and Little Howrah Beach in May. This was a result of heavy rain combined with strong wind from the north-west creating a current down the beach towards Little Howrah.

Investigations of stormwater outfalls at Howrah Beach were conducted after heavy rainfalls in May and June with samples showing high results for enterococci.

Sampling of Lower Kangaroo Bay, Lower Clarence Plains and Faggs Gully Creek continued when rain events occur as part of a long-term data collection assessment. Results exceeded the guidelines for enterococci but returned a result below guideline limits following resampling.



## PLACE OF ASSEMBLY LICENCES

53 Place of Assembly Licences were issued during the year.

## WATER CARRIER PERMITS

12 water carrier permits were issued during the year.

## PUBLIC HEALTH RISK REGISTRATION

Five Public Health Risk Licences (e.g. tattooing/ear piercing) businesses were issued this year.

## RESPONDING TO ALL REPORTED NUISANCES THAT MAY IMPACT ON THE HEALTH, WELL-BEING AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY

Environmental Health Officers responded to 251 complaints throughout the year. This is a decrease of seven compared with last year. The majority of complaints related to noise (84), pollution (81), other (19), food (18), litter/rubbish (17), vermin (9), building (9) and premises (5).

## RESPONDING TO ALL REPORT NUISANCES REGARDING DOGS

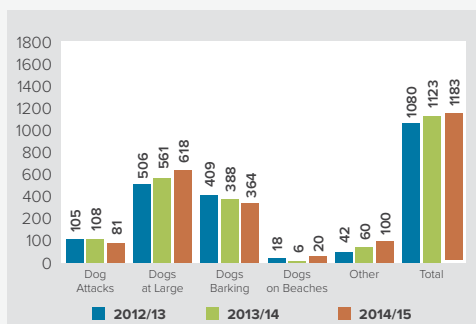
City Rangers responded to 1,183 complaints from the general public in relation to dogs. The majority of complaints received were dogs at large (618), barking dogs (364), dog attacks (81), other nuisances (120).

435 stray and dogs at large were collected by City Rangers and taken to the Dogs' Home throughout the year. This is a decrease of 49 for the same period last year.

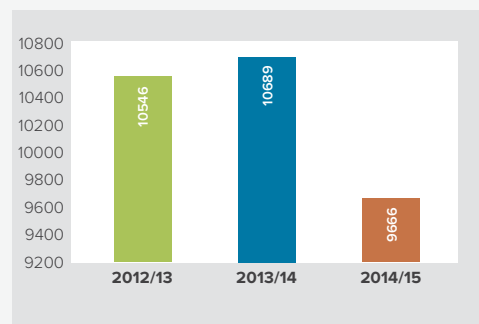
## ENFORCING RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

9,666 dogs were registered in Clarence during 2014/15. This is a decrease of 1,023 for the same period last year.

852 infringement notices were issued to dog owners throughout the year. The majority of those related to failing to register a dog (597), dog at large (220), dogs on beaches (20) and dog attacks (6). This is an increase of 162 infringement notices when compared with last year.



DOG COMPLAINTS



DOG REGISTRATIONS

## EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY ABOUT RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

Dogs Day Out was held at Rosny Farm in October 2014 with activities, competitions and useful information for dog owners. The event attracted approximately 1,000 people.

Two editions of Dog News were sent to all registered dog owners. These newsletters provide information on legislative updates and responsible dog ownership.

City Rangers monitored beaches to ensure dog owners complied with restrictions during the summer months.

## PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS THAT PROVIDE CARE FOR ANIMALS

Council provided annual funding to the Dogs' Home, the RSPCA and the Hobart Cat Centre to assist with the care of animals.

## MONITORING PARKING AREAS IN THE CBD TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY

City Rangers conducted regular patrols of public car parking areas around Rosny, Bellerive, Lindisfarne, Richmond and at major events held at Bellerive Oval. As a result 3,883 infringements were issued during the year with the majority being for exceeding the time limit. This is an increase of 734 when compared with last year.

## MANAGING FIRE HAZARDS DURING THE SUMMER PERIOD

78 letters were sent to property owners who received abatement notices in the previous year reminding them of the need to clear their properties from potential fire hazards.

A total of 130 complaints were received for potential fire hazards on properties this season, a decrease of 36 for the same period last year. Following assessment of these properties, 40 abatement notices were issued throughout the summer fire season and contractors were engaged on five occasions to clear properties where owners failed to comply with the abatement notice.

## ACTIONS

### CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE (CALD) AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

#### RACISM. IT STOPS WITH ME

Council partnered with a number of organisations to launch the 'Racism. It Stops with me' campaign at Eastlands in May. The campaign is supported by the Office of the Anti-Discrimination Commission.

#### MULTICULTURAL INITIATIVES

Council officers facilitated an information session for Bhutanese families living in Clarence at the Warrane Mornington Neighbourhood Centre. Council worked with the Neighbourhood Centre, Rosny LINC and the Migrant Resource Centre to provide relevant information about services.

#### WORLD GAMES DAY

The inaugural multicultural event was held at Bellerive Oval in May with over 1,500 people attending. The event featured games, sports, activities, music, food, performances and children's activities.

#### INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES

Council continued to support the annual national competition for students in NAIDOC Week 2015. Council was invited to attend the flag-raising ceremony at Risdon Cove.

## PROVIDING SUPPORT TO THE FRAIL AGED AND DISABLED RESIDENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Thirty-five volunteers provided assistance to an average of 87 clients throughout the year. Gardening is still the most requested service.

The Clarence Community Volunteer Service will come under the title of the Commonwealth Home Support Program in July 2015. The Australian Government has implemented a new website known as 'My Aged Care' and people will be able to access information about the Volunteer Service through this website. The Service's provider portal went live on 1 July 2015 and this portal will be the only way the volunteer service will receive referrals for people over 65 requiring home service.

## LIVE WELL/LIVE LONG PROGRAM

The 'Live Well Live Long' program held at the Clarence Integrated Care Centre is into its second year. The Clarence Volunteer Service continued to be involved and is providing assistance to the program. 39 people accessed the three programs held in the first year.

## EATING WITH FRIENDS

The 'Eating with Friends' program continued to be well patronised with an average of 60 people attending lunches throughout the year. The program is run by eight volunteers, a bus driver and administrative support. The Clarence Business Community continued to support the lunches with on-going donations for raffles, lucky door prizes and discounts when items are purchased from their shops.

## RECOGNISING THE WORK OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

A volunteer recognition afternoon tea event was held in May to acknowledge the valuable work by volunteers who give up their time to help others. More than 100 representatives from 46 volunteer groups and organisations attended.

## PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS THROUGH THE COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

22 Community Support Grant applicants received a total of \$27,888 in funding for the September 2014 and March 2015 rounds. Funding for projects included equipment purchases and community projects.

This year, 64 Quick Response Grant applicants received grant funding totalling \$9,423 for small activities, projects or to represent their state in a range of sporting and academic endeavours.

Two Partnership Grants were awarded this year. The Clarence Gymnastics Association received \$10,000 over two years for the purchase of a sprung floor, and Rose Bay High School Association received \$15,000 over three years for their 'Let's Get Together' Diversity Education Enrichment program. The program is designed to create a more respectful school environment through addressing discrimination by building diversity competence in students.

## ACTIONS

### BELLERIVE BOARDWALK PUBLIC TOILET

In recognition of the expanding role of Bellerive Boardwalk as a focus for community events, construction of the replacement of the Bellerive Boardwalk Exeloo public toilet was completed.

### CAMBRIDGE MEMORIAL OVAL

Negotiations continued in relation to the leasing of sports fields and associated facilities between Football Federation Tasmania and Council.

### CLARENCE AQUATIC CENTRE

The project to replace the Clarence Aquatic Centre pool concourse rubber flooring was completed.

Works on upgrading the male change room was completed.

The perimeter fence along the Loinah Crescent frontage of the Aquatic Centre was replaced.

## CLARENCE FORESHORE TRAIL

Construction of the missing section of Clarence Foreshore Trail at Tranmere commenced in early 2015. Completion is expected in September 2015.

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FACILITIES

The construction of the change rooms and associated public toilets was completed.

Stage 1 of the field facilities for Little Athletics was completed, with Stage 2 scheduled for 2015/16.

The upgrading of the oval at Lindisfarne North Primary School was completed.

## KANGAROO BAY PRECINCT

Design progressed for the new change rooms, club rooms and skate park in readiness for tendering.

## PARK PLANNING AND UPGRADES

The planned renewal and upgrade of recreational infrastructure in Council's reserves continued. Play equipment was upgraded in Carella Park, Eastwood Play Park, Hookey Street Park, Kerria Play Park, Laurel Play Park and Morrisby Play Park.

Outdoor exercise equipment included as part of the South Arm Oval Master Plan was ordered for installation in October 2015.

Stage 2 of the Victoria Esplanade and Kangaroo Bay Bluff Landscape Plan involving the upgrade of the car park adjacent to the old Regatta Pavilion was completed.

Simmons Park Master Plan implementation continued with the installation of new play equipment, shelters, barbecue and landscaping. Design work for the new toilet facility and performance stage/shelter was completed in readiness for tendering.

## RISDON VALE MOUNTAIN BIKE TRACKS AND BMX FACILITY

In partnership with Third Place Communities, the BMX facility at Risdon Vale Park was upgraded along with a network of mountain bike tracks connecting into the Meehan Range.

## SEVEN MILE BEACH RECREATION HUB

Council adopted the Master Plan which guides the development of 74 and 87 Surf Road in Seven Mile Beach.

Consultation took place with Hobart International Airport Pty Ltd regarding the Hobart Airport development to secure access from Gruber Road to the sporting precinct.

## WENTWORTH PARK SPORTSGROUNDS

New irrigation and re-levelling of the touch football fields was completed during 2014/15.

## GRAFFITI REDUCTION PROGRAM

### CLARENCE VOLUNTEER GRAFFITI REMOVAL

Volunteers continued to contribute considerable hours in helping to remove graffiti vandalism from Council infrastructure across the City.

### GRAFFITI REDUCTION PROGRAM

This year our Graffiti Reduction school program developed some artworks based on the theme of cave art, which were displayed at the St.Art Festival in August and entered into a Bookend Trust competition.

The school based program has a strong focus around the legal difference between graffiti and street art. The high school program has been embraced by principals and students from Rokeby, Clarence and Rose Bay High Schools. The focus has been on skill development with students producing artwork to be displayed in the school.

Street Art Workshops were held at the Warrane Sports Hall with local graffiti artists. Initially the participants worked on a theme, with the longer term aim to work more closely together in creating

## STRATEGY

### CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

community murals. Youth Services have been approached by local businesses and people seeking an artist for their property and will work with young people to complete any appropriate projects.

Youth Services worked with Community Arts on planning a number of community projects including underpasses in Howrah and Warrane and the Lauderdale Skate Park. Planning has commenced to paint the Warrane underpass on Cambridge Road with Warrane Primary School grade 5/6 class.

## ACTIONS

### SENIORS WEEK

Three activities were conducted during Seniors Week in October:

- A walk and talk was held in Lauderdale at Roscommon with lunch afterwards at Roches Beach Community Living.
- A dance was held at the Clarence Seniors and Citizens Centre which was enjoyed by all who attended.
- The Clarence Community Road Safety Partnership (CCRSP) held an Older Driver Seminar at Rosny LINC.

### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

In collaboration with TasCare Society for Children and Council Access Committees at Hobart and Glenorchy City Councils, the 'Access All Areas' event was held at Simmons Park in Lindisfarne in November with over 600 people enjoying the day. The event, designed to celebrate International Day of People with Disability, also provided the opportunity to formally launch the accessible play park.

### LIVING WELL IN CLARENCE EVENT

Another successful "Living Well in Clarence" event was held in November with a record number of stallholders and attendance at the event. The event continues to provide important information about health and well-being to the community.

### NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK 2014

Youth Services supported National Youth Week events at Rokeby, Clarence and Rose Bay High Schools and Rosny College during the school term. Students from each school organised events focused around the national theme of 'It starts with us' to reflect a value which was important to their school. Rose Bay High chose 'Racism. It stops with me' and their event included a variety of information stalls, signing a pledge banner to stop racism, and the Lions Club cooking a barbecue to around 800 students.

### ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ARTS AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES

#### EXHIBITIONS HELD AT ROSNY FARM

A special project by the Bookend Trust was held in the Schoolhouse Gallery and Barn in August coinciding with National Science Week. This event occurred in partnership with Council's ST.Art street art festival which had a 'Primitive' theme to tie in with the Bookend Trust's exhibition theme on Tasmanian Cave spiders. Approximately 450 attended the art and youth culture focused event.

Council hosted the 62nd Blake Prize touring exhibition in August. This prestigious prize invites artists to consider the spiritual and religious and included the Blake Poetry Award.

The City of Clarence Open Art Exhibition was held in the Barn and Schoolhouse Gallery through October and November. More than 200 entries were received with prizes being awarded in five categories.

Council's Textile and Fibre Exhibition was held in the Schoolhouse Gallery with the exhibition providing an opportunity for makers in all textile and fibre arts to submit work.

Wildlife artist Hazel Howie exhibited a number of works in the Rosny Barn. Ten per cent of profits from paintings sold were donated to Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary.



The Bellerive Community Arts Centre held their annual exhibition and sale.

In partnership with Ten Days and the Tasmanian International Arts Festival, the Barn hosted an exhibition and master class by internationally renowned textile artist India Flint in March and April.

Video and sound artists Raef Sawford and Mat Ward were commissioned to create an immersive, site specific work in the Rosny Cottage for the Jazz Festival.

In June Council partnered with the Dark Mofo Festival to present Melbourne based contemporary textile artist Douglas McManus with his specially created exhibition titled *Laundry of the Terminal Psyche*.

Other exhibitions held were local artist Mary Buchanan Bailey and local printmaking collective Hunter Island Press (HIP). Incorporated in HIP's exhibition was some collaborative work with the Hazara community made possible through a Clarence City Council community support grant.

## OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES HELD AT THE ROSNY FARM

The 150th anniversary of the publication of the English and Australian Cookery Book by Edward Abbott, who was the first warden of Clarence, was celebrated in August with a ticketed event which included a three course dinner based on recipes from the book.

Council partnered with Wide Angle Tasmania to offer a film making workshop for young people. The hands-on practical workshop gave young people experience in lighting, sound, art direction, set design and cinematography. The films created were screened in the Barn in October.

Council's successful Summer Series of Concerts was held in the Barn. Popular art curator Desiree Fitzgibbon coordinated an exhibition for the Schoolhouse Gallery to coincide with the Tasmanian Wooden Boat Festival. Partnerships with MOFO and the Cygnet Folk Festival allowed for a broad offering of concerts, poetry and films at Rosny Farm. The series included a new feature – Gold Grass Cinema showing popular films on the lawns over four nights.

## RECOGNISING OUR CULTURAL HISTORY

A re-run of the Tasman Bridge Disaster Exhibition was held through January in the Schoolhouse Gallery to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the disaster. A small ceremony was held in partnership with the Department of State Growth and Hobart City Council to mark the occasion.

A major exhibition was held in the Barn to mark the Centenary of Anzac. The exhibition titled *Centenary of Anzac: Service at Home and Abroad* explored two sides of the Anzac story – the experience of Clarence people serving overseas and the effects of the war on those left behind. Council published an exhibition booklet to complement the exhibition. The exhibition received \$10,000 from the Federal Government Centenary Local Grants Program.

## ARTS AND EVENTS WEBSITE

A new combined Clarence Arts and Events website was released providing information on all arts and cultural events, activities and festivals in Clarence. The website provides detailed and easy to find information and a streamlined service for ticket bookings.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

The Festival of Voices held nine concerts pairing food and music in The Barn in July, which were very successful with 97% sold out.

The annual Seafarers' Festival was held on the Bellerive Boardwalk in October. Unfortunately the wet weather reduced the crowds down to 1,800. This annual festival provided an action packed family day with a focus on water activities, music, activities and competitions for children, maritime information, a craft market and a selection of fine food and beverage stalls.

Clarence Carols by Candlelight was held in December with approximately 1,200 people attending. The setting of Bellerive Boardwalk sets this event apart from the rest with Santa arriving by water sleigh.

Australia Day on the Bellerive Boardwalk was celebrated with live music and a breakfast provided by Clarence Lions Club and private food stalls. The Mayor presided over a public citizenship ceremony where 24 local people were naturalised. Twelve people were nominated for the Citizen's Award presentations and Mitch McPherson was honoured with the major Citizen of the Year award



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for his Stay ChaTY campaign. Leigh Carmichael from MONA was our Australia Day Ambassador. The Australia Day event attracted around 2,000 people.

The Clarence Jazz Festival continues to grow and extended its impact by becoming Australia's only eight day Jazz Festival. The festival extended to Richmond and Clifton Beach. The Rosny Farm and Barn continued to be a favourite venue and the contemporary music offered in the Jazz Lounge (Barn) contributed to attracting a younger audience.

The Scholarship program grew in 2015 to include a 'Scholarship in Piano' which is sponsored by the Hobart Jazz Club in honour of the late Ian Pearce OAM. This arrangement will continue for two more years.

Council hosted a Boardwalk Cricket Fiesta event each day of the ICC Cricket World Cup. Three events took place on 7, 11 and 14 March. The Bellerive Community Farmers Market collaborated with Council to be a part of the festivities on the day.

The World Games Day was held in May with Council partnering with Cricket Tasmania to present a community event at Bellerive Oval. 36 organisations were involved in a variety of activities including sport, games, food, dance, music and information sharing. Over 1,500 spectators attended the event which provided a fun family day of multicultural activities accessible to all.

Council continued to offer assistance to community events throughout Clarence this year with equipment, marketing, administrative or financial support.

### PUBLIC ART IN CLARENCE

A decorative public art element was included in the design of the new Bellerive Boardwalk toilets adding an interesting visual element to the construction. The artwork was designed by Watermark Design.

## ACTIONS

### PROVIDING A RANGE OF CHILD CARE OPTIONS FOR FAMILIES

Council's Childrens' Services consisting of Rosny Child Care, Family Day Care, Before and After School Care and Holiday Care continued to provide licensed and accredited high quality child care under the National Quality Framework System and the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) for families in Clarence.

#### CENTRE BASED CHILD CARE

The Centre was awarded an 'Exceeding National Quality Standard' overall rating following an assessment and ratings visit in June.

Following consultation with parents, the final plan for the front garden was finalised with work scheduled to commence in 2015/16.

#### HOME BASED CHILD CARE – FAMILY DAY CARE

The Scheme went through the Assessment and Rating process in April. The final assessment gave the scheme an overall rating of 'Exceeding the National Quality Standard'. This is the first time the scheme has been assessed under the National Quality Framework and it is an exceptional result.

Changes to operation support funding for Family Day Care Services were announced in the Federal budget to those services which can meet very strict eligibility criteria. The Clarence Family Day Care Scheme meets the requirements and has been approved for funding for the next 12 months.

Clarence Family Day Care educator Celeste Barker was recognised in the Family Day Care Australia awards as the winner of the Southern Tasmanian regional educator of the year. This is the second consecutive year that one of the scheme's educators has won this award.

Coordination unit staff have taken a lead role in embedding sustainable practices in the service by engaging all educators and children in planting, growing and harvesting produce. The staff provided a resource package for each educator which contained a variety of seeds and creative ideas for planting.

The Education and Care Unit conducted targeted unannounced visits to educator's homes where they checked a range of compliance requirements within each environment. No major issues were identified.

## **BEFORE SCHOOL, AFTER SCHOOL AND SCHOOL HOLIDAY CARE**

Following an Assessment and Rating visit, the Howrah Outside School Hours Care Program achieved an overall rating of 'Meeting the National Quality Standard'.

Lindisfarne Outside School Hours Care and Holiday Care Program had their first Rating and Assessment visit in July and achieved an overall rating of 'Meeting the National Quality Standard'.

Due to Lindisfarne North Primary School relocating to the former Geilston Bay High School site at the start of the 2015 school year, the program received the regulatory approvals to relocate to the new premises.

The Department of Justice implemented new working with children checks. This process has commenced across the child care industry and educators are required to have a safety check completed so they can work with children.

Approval has been granted to commence an Outside School Hours program at Emmanuel Christian School in Rokeby.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO ACCESS SUPERVISED ACTIVITIES**

### **EVENING RECREATION PROGRAMS**

The evening recreation programs at the Youth Centre, Risdon Vale and Warrane/Mornington continue to attract steady numbers with young people getting involved in cooking, crafts, sports activities, youth health and well-being discussions including body image, drugs and alcohol.

### **SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

The School Holiday Programs continued with young people attending various organised activities and excursions including a basketball workshop with the Hobart Chargers, bootcamp at Oceana Health and Fitness, Aquatic Centre, Laser Skirmish, ice skating, Eastside Activity Centre and indoor rock climbing.

### **CLARENCE YOUTH HOMEWORK PROGRAM**

Youth Services continued to support the Rokeby Neighbourhood Centre with the Homework Program. A steady and increasing number of young people attended the homework program to gain assistance with their homework and enjoying a healthy meal provided by the Neighbourhood Centre.

### **FRIDAY OPTIONS PROGRAM**

The Friday Options Gardening Program continued with one staff member using their horticultural experience to help Clarendon Vale Primary school students develop the school garden, teaching them how to propagate and care for plants, develop landscaping and gardening skills and undertaking community based landscaping projects.

### **BIKE RESTORATION PROGRAM**

A steady number of young people aged 12 to 18 have been dropping into the Open Bike Workshop on Wednesdays. Youth Services worked closely with the Risdon Vale Bike Collective, and also participants from the Risdon Vale Recreation Program to increase their skills in the maintenance and restoration of bikes.

In collaboration with Youth Beat (Mission Australia), Youth Services started pop up bike workshops around the City at regularly used skate parks to promote the program and reach a broader range of young people.

### **YOUTH ASSIST**

Youth Assist had regular attendances throughout the year at open access sessions.

Youth Assist continued to be promoted both within the school system and the broader community providing students with support, general youth information and health referral advice.

### PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG TO PARTICIPATE THROUGH THE YOUTH NETWORK ADVISORY GROUP (YNAG)

The Youth Network Advisory Group (YNAG) continued to work on leadership development and the future direction and focus of the group. YNAG representatives worked at events including the Clarence Plains Festival, the Living Well in Clarence event, Rosny College Road Safety promotion, as well as other events focusing on youth issues such as mental health, party safe.

YNAG has achieved 15 years of service. Representatives contacted past members to interview them about where they are now, and what impact being a member of YNAG had on their youth and personal development.

### DISABILITY ACCESS PLAN AND THE DISABILITY ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DAAC)

Sport and Recreation Partnerships for people with disabilities

Community Development worked with two residents on a proposal to establish the 'Pass-Off' Program in partnership with Cricket Tasmania and the Southern Support School that enables young people with disabilities a specific avenue to participate in and enjoy an accessible Milo Cricket Program.

### CONDUCT OF RECEPTIONS AND FUNCTIONS

The Mayor conducted a total of three Citizenship ceremonies whereby 84 individuals were naturalised.

A reception was held at the Tasmania Golf Club to recognise volunteers in the community as a part of Volunteers Week.

Various civic events were attended including the 40th anniversary of the Tasman Bridge disaster, 25th anniversary of Landcare in Clarence, 100 years of the Red Cross in Australia, 50th anniversary of the Clarence Lions Club, Vietnam Veterans Day, NAIDOC Week awards, launch of *Racism. It stops with me.*, Business Excellence and Service Awards, and various ANZAC Day services.

Official openings attended included the opening of the Australian Open Archery Championships, the World Games, new bike park in Risdon Vale, Richmond Highland Gathering, Simmons Park Accessible Playground, extension to Sea Rescue Tasmania facility, and Richmond Farmers and Makers Market.

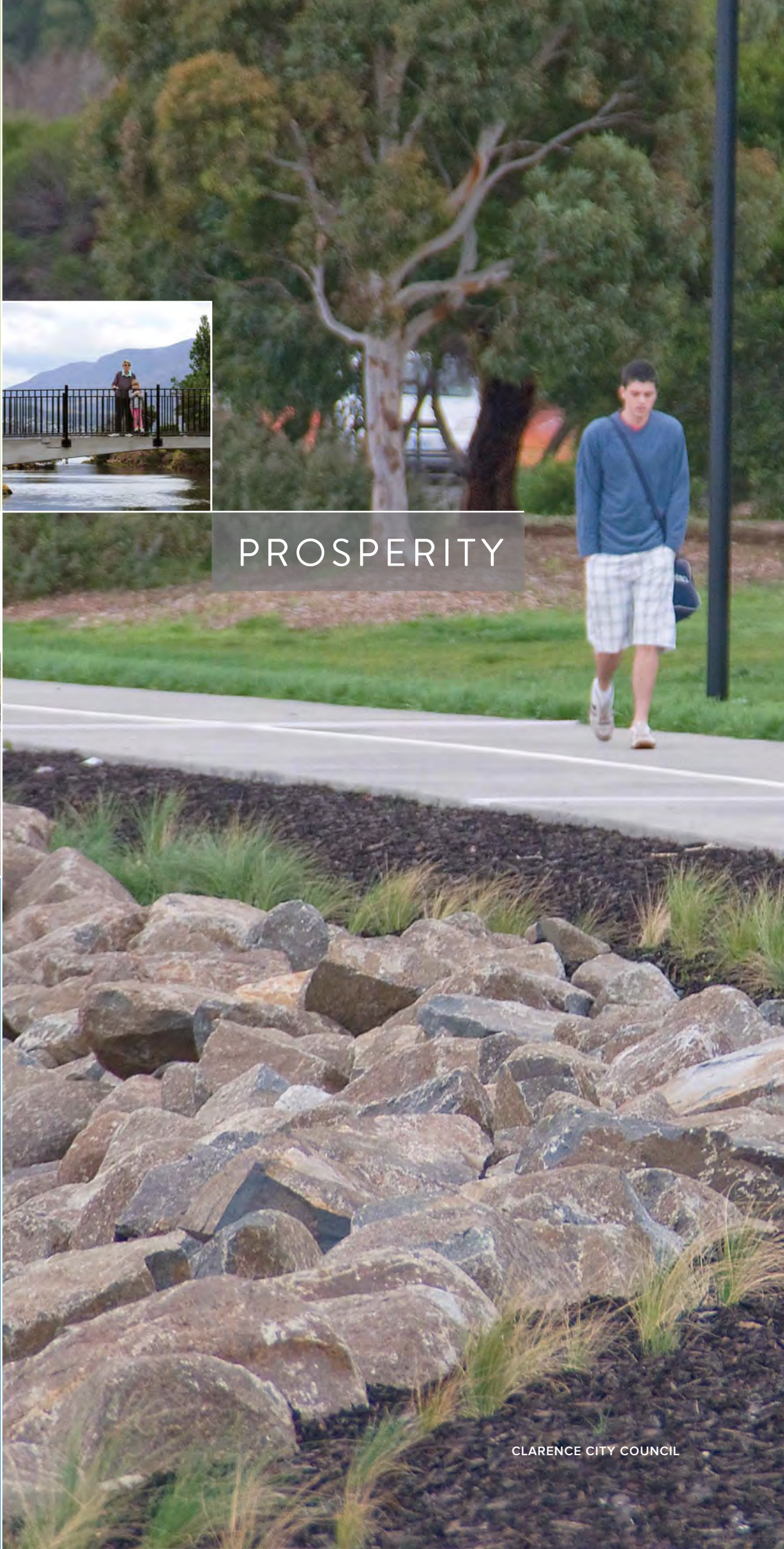
### SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP

Council continued its sister city relationship with Akkeshi in Japan. A student exchange trip for Akkeshi students is expected to take place in March 2016 with Rose Bay High School. The last visit by Akkeshi students to the city was in March 2014.





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## PROSPERITY

## ACTIONS

### FACILITATION OF DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIC LAND HOLDINGS

#### KANGAROO BAY PROJECT

Implementation of the Kangaroo Bay enhancement master plan accelerated, with confirmation of an Australian Government grant of \$5 million towards the project under the Tasmanian Jobs and Growth Program, and a joint funding agreement being established with Council.

Civil construction works providing the road and footpath infrastructure and utility services to the precinct were largely completed during the year, including the Rosny Hill Road – Bligh Street junction upgrade and the realigned Kangaroo Bay Drive incorporating a landscaped boulevard. Work also commenced on the Alma Street extension to Kangaroo Bay Drive. Implementation of the urban design, landscaping and sport and leisure elements of the project also continued.

TasWater, in conjunction with Council's infrastructure works, replaced the major rising sewer main through the precinct.

Council presented the investment opportunities associated with Kangaroo Bay at the TasInvest Conference conducted by the Tasmanian Government in November 2014, highlighting the potential for accommodation, tourist operations, cultural activities, residential apartments, retail, hospitality services, and water transport connections.

Council, jointly with the Tasmanian Government, in late March 2015 commenced a Request for Proposals process for two development sites within the precinct.

#### ROSNY HILL NATURE RECREATION AREA

Submissions received following the calling for expressions of interest for appropriate development and activities at Rosny Hill nature recreation reserve were considered by Council. Short-listed proponents were invited to participate in Stage 2 of the process.

Stage 2 submissions were considered and preferred development status was awarded to a proposal on the basis that the proponent undertake community consultation. Further assessment by Council awaited the results of the public consultation process conducted by the proponent.

### MARKETING AND PROMOTION

The Clarence Business Opportunities Prospectus was distributed in digital and hard-copy form. The prospectus includes information on the competitive advantages of Clarence, infrastructure services, investment opportunities for business sectors and the business support services available.

Tourism promotion was undertaken through various visitor promotion activities and regional publications, including Destination South marketing campaigns and joint marketing initiatives with the Richmond and Coal River Valley Promotions Group.

### BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES

On-going business support and assistance services to clients seeking to develop or expand business in Clarence was provided in regard to:

- Council strategies and projects that may impact upon proposals
- information on planning scheme processes and provisions
- local area and regional industry development strategies
- referrals to business assistance and advisory services when required.

### BUSINESS ADVISORY SERVICES AND NETWORKING

A grant funding agreement was established with the Department of State Growth in regard to funding for the delivery of enterprise services through Business East Inc. Council also provided sponsorship to the annual Clarence Business Excellence Awards conducted by Business East Inc.

### REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Participation in regional development initiatives included:

- an AGM and general meetings of the South East Region Development Association Inc.



(SERDA), attended by representatives of Sorell, Tasman, Glamorgan-Spring Bay, and Clarence Councils and government agencies. A joint project to establish a south-east region economic infrastructure development strategy was commenced.

- a Regional Development Australia economic forum at Brighton in June 2015.
- the Clarence Interim Planning Scheme 2015 incorporating state, regional and local land use provisions.

## BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT DATA

Australian Bureau of Statistics data indicates there are approximately 3,000 active business enterprises based in Clarence, with construction sector businesses comprising 24%, property and real estate services 8%, professional and technical services 8%, financial and insurance services 7%, agriculture and fishing 7%, health care and social assistance 6%, transport and warehousing 6%, accommodation and food service 4%.

## CITY POPULATION

Australian Bureau of Statistics estimated resident population for Clarence as at 30 June 2014 (latest available data) was 54,040 persons. The population increase of 491 persons (0.9%) in Clarence for the year to 30 June 2014 compares to a population increase of 1,662 persons (0.3%) for the whole of Tasmania for the same period. Over the 10 year period 2004-2014, the population of Clarence increased by an estimated 4,274 persons, (8.6%) – see graph. The Tasmanian population increased by (6.5%) over the same period.

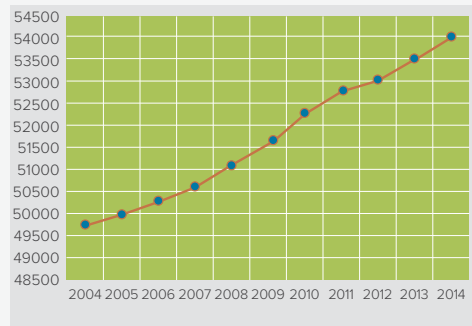
## BUILDING PERMIT APPROVALS

A total of 763 applications were lodged for building permits for new and additional works during the year. Of these, permits were issued for 658 residential buildings and for 80 commercial buildings. The remaining applications are either deferred, cancelled or still under assessment. This is an increase of 93 compared with total applications lodged last year.

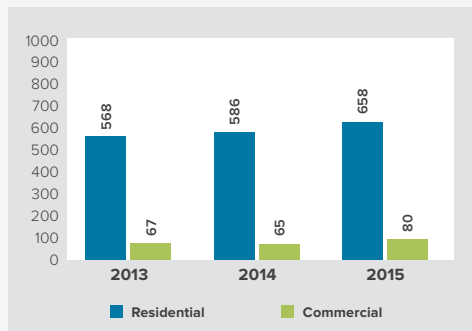
## PLUMBING PERMIT APPROVALS

A total of 951 applications were lodged for plumbing permits for new and additional works during the year. Of these, permits were issued for 809 residential buildings and for 117 commercial buildings. The remaining applications were either deferred, cancelled or still under assessment. This is an increase of 99 compared to total applications lodged in the same period last year.

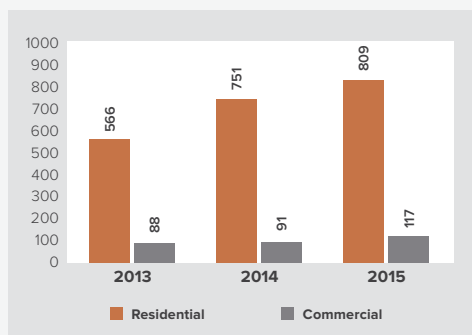




CLARENCE ESTIMATED  
RESIDENT POPULATION



BUILDING PERMIT  
APPLICATIONS



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## ENVIRONMENT





## STRATEGY

### BUILT ENVIRONMENT

## ACTIONS

### ROADS – CONSTRUCTION AND RENEWAL

#### NATION BUILDING BLACK SPOT PROJECT

The Department of State Growth (DSG) advised that the Australian Government approved funding of a Nation Building Black Spot Project in the City.

The project involved the construction of turning lanes and associated road/drainage works at Acton Road/Tara Drive junction, Acton Park and included all necessary traffic management signs and line markings.

The first stage of the Kangaroo Bay Urban Design Plan upgrading works at Kangaroo Bay Drive/Rosny Hill Road and the realignment of Kangaroo Bay Drive commenced. Works to the value of \$3.8m have been completed to date with on-going works to the value of \$1.5m yet to be completed.

#### MAJOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION AND PAVEMENT REPAIR WORKS

Road reconstruction and associated road drainage works were undertaken at Yolla Street, Derwent Avenue, Bangalee Street, Gardenia Avenue, Wellington Street -Richmond, Lewis Avenue, Mornington Road, Clinton Road, Esplanade - Lindisfarne, Acton Road and Lincoln Street.

The annual road reseal program to maintain the seal condition and prevent water ingress to the road pavement was completed within budget and on time. Major roads resealed as part of this program were Adina Street, Clunie Court, Golflinks Road, Benboyd Court, Benboyd Circle, Henley Street, Bruny Street, River Street, Cornith Street, Tollowie Street, Hookey Street, Carbeen Street, Binalong Road, Balcumbi Street, Ninda Street, Loatta Road, Wentworth Street, Cornwall Street, Essex Street, Lenna Street and Balaka Street.

The above scale and scope of reconstruction and rehabilitation works reflects Council's decision to address the condition of the road network as indicated by Council's Road Asset Management Program with a \$15.5m program over four financial years.

Construction of new urban footpaths were completed at Glenelg St Lindisfarne, Lenna St Rose Bay, Otago Bay Road, South Arm Road Rokeby and Woodhurst Road Seven Mile Beach. Stage 2 of the Otago Bay Road footpath construction program was completed.

Kerb and gutter was installed at St. Johns Circle, Richmond and a section of Spitfarm Road, Opossum Bay.

Work continued on the staged construction of rural footpaths from Seven Mile Beach to Cambridge.

The next stage of the multi-user pathway at Tranmere Road, in the vicinity of Cohuna/Arlunya Street, commenced. The second stage will continue in the early part of the 2015/16 financial year.

The Droughty Point bridge decks and abutments were replaced.

Ramps compliant with the requirements of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* were constructed in Rosny Park, Rose Bay and Lindisfarne. In addition to this, other ramps were installed where appropriate when broken kerb and gutter sections were replaced as part of road pavement reconstruction works.

A new car park was installed at the eastern end of the Bellerive Beach Park off Beach Street. The Victoria Esplanade car park adjacent to the old Bellerive Ferry Wharf was redesigned, upgraded and line marked.

George Street in Dulcot was sealed to provide a safe alternate access/exit from Dulcot.

The next stage of the Lindisfarne Streetscape project was undertaken on the southern side of Derwent Avenue.

### ROADS - MAINTENANCE

Sealed roads were maintained, including pothole repairs and patching according to the program. Urban sealed roads were swept an average of once every six weeks.

Gravel road shoulders and car parks were graded and re-sheeted according to the program. Roads were graded up to three times per year with the exception of Begonia Street, which was graded six times a year consistent with Council's adopted service standard.

Footpath repairs and maintenance works to the value of \$1.08m were undertaken across the City to address priority one defects identified in the footpath condition assessment report. In addition, minor kerb, gutter and footpath works to the value of \$620,000 were undertaken in various locations as required.

Verge mowing and roadside tree maintenance was undertaken in the Sandford, South Arm, Acton Park, Cambridge, Dulcote and Richmond areas.

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Work continued with Metro in the provision of public bus services within the City. There was consultation with staff from other bus companies in regard to their services.

## ROAD SAFETY

In addition to the reconstruction and repair of the Council Road Network, Council undertook a program of road safety measures throughout the City. This year's works included:

- construction of pedestrian refuges;
- bus bays constructed at Acton Park;
- the preparation and sealing of gravel road junctions and road shoulders to address road user safety risk;
- on-going replacement of guide posts throughout the City;
- re-line marking holding lines on major collectors throughout the City in Acton, Cambridge, Clarendon Vale, Geilston Bay, Howrah, Lindisfarne, Lauderdale, Montagu Bay, Opossum Bay, Risdon Vale, Rokeby, Seven Mile Beach, South Arm and Warrane.

Numerous road safety and traffic matters were jointly investigated with Tasmania Police and DSG. The main issues covered included speeding in residential streets and associated traffic calming measures, as well as accident investigation and road safety audits.

A road safety audit was undertaken on all roads throughout the City.

A consultant was engaged to undertake a road safety audit in Tollard Drive, Rokeby as a result of DSG's construction works on the South Arm Highway in the vicinity of Pass Road and Tollard Drive.

The outcomes of the Clarence Street Collaborative Reference Group, that was established to investigate options for improving safety issues along Clarence Street, were presented to Council. The project progressed to a technical feasibility study stage.

Lindisfarne Esplanade was rezoned as a 40kph zone to complement construction of the Clarence Foreshore Trail around the Esplanade.

Street lights were installed at Chipmans Road in Rokeby.

## ROADS – FUTURE NEEDS

The design and tender documentation was prepared for the upgrade and signalisation of the Alma Street/Cambridge Road junction. The works are scheduled for construction in the early 2015/16 financial year at an estimated cost of \$900,000.

As part of Council's overall long term financial plan and Asset Management Strategy, Council continued with the implementation of the adopted Roads and Transport Asset Management Plan.

Road pavement condition assessments were undertaken for all major traffic routes to determine pavement condition as part of the program condition assessment of Council's road assets. This information is a crucial input into Council's Road Asset Management Plan.

Parking reviews were undertaken in Rosny, Bellerive, Lindisfarne and Richmond.

## DRAINAGE

### DRAINAGE – CONSTRUCTION AND RENEWAL

Over the years infill development within the Bellerive area has placed increasing demand on ageing downstream stormwater infrastructure as the capacity of the system struggled to cope during heavy rainfall events. This resulted in localised flooding particularly at the junction of Lower River and South Streets and the bottom section of South Street. The major upgrade to the system capacity in South Street area commenced in 2014/15 and the outfall pipes were installed. The next stage of drainage upgrade works along South Street are planned to commence in August 2015.

The Kangaroo Bay Drive stormwater upgrade project associated with the Kangaroo Bay Urban Design Plan commenced.

A culvert was installed in Bathurst Street, Richmond to upgrade the drainage flow path downstream of the Richmond Maze. The next phase of the upgrade is planned for Bridge Street in 2015/16.

Minor drainage works were undertaken at Benboyd Circle, Malunna Road, Oscars Place, Commercial Road and Derwent Avenue.

The first stage of stormwater drainage works associated with development at Manatta Street as part of the Lauderdale Structure Plan commenced. These works were halted due to the rise in the water table and are scheduled to recommence in late 2015.

### GROUNDWATER

Council continued to monitor several bores installed within the Seven Mile Beach township and surrounds.

Council in 2013 installed a pump station and pipeline from the Royal Hobart Golf Course soak to Acton Creek. The automated pump station aims to maintain a constant groundwater level in the township to mitigate against high groundwater levels in times of high intensity rainfall events.

### DRAINAGE – MAINTENANCE

Cleaning of stormwater mains pit was undertaken in all suburbs throughout the City in conjunction with the street sweeping program.

Table drain maintenance was undertaken at Oakbank Road, Acton Road, Pautella Close, Wiregai Court, Commercial Road, Cilwen Road, Blessington Street, Bisdee Street, Hanslows Road, Scotts Road, Prossers Road, Acton Road, Musk Road and Grahams Road.

The final stage of roadside drainage works in Seven Mile Beach were completed in August 2014.

Refurbishment of the soakage pit installed at the junction of Bisdee Street and South Arm Road was completed.

### DRAINAGE – FUTURE NEEDS

An Urban Drainage Area map and associated policy statement was created and adopted by Council. The Urban Drainage Area designates what parts of the City are considered 'urban' with respect to the application of the *Urban Drainage Act 2013*.





## STRATEGY

### NATURAL AREA MANAGEMENT

Work continued on the preparation of stormwater system management plans. Significant survey work was undertaken in Warrane and Rokeby to collect asset data for hydraulic modelling of stormwater systems. Hydraulic modelling of stormwater systems commenced in Warrane, Rosny and Cambridge by Council and consultants.

As part of Council's overall long term financial plan and Asset Management Strategy, Council implemented the adopted Stormwater Asset Management Plan.

Council and its consultants completed the planning and design for drainage improvement works in Cremorne. Construction works are scheduled for late 2015.

## ACTIONS

### BEACH ACCESS

The construction of timber access steps at Seven Mile Beach was completed.

### WEED ERADICATION PROGRAM

Council maintained its program of eradicating Weeds of National Significance on its land throughout the year.

Council developed a Weed Management Strategy which is currently in the public consultation stage and due for adoption in late 2015.

### NATURAL AREAS

Council adopted a set of Open Space Strategy Principles to guide the establishment of Levels of Service and the management and development of Council's Public Open Space Network.

Council adopted draft Levels of Service for regional, district and local significance ratings for public open spaces as a basis to engage the community through a collaborative consultation process using focus groups to refine and develop Levels of Service for Council's public open spaces.

Council adopted the principle that management plans will be developed for all Council's Public Open Space holdings. The Management Plans are documents which set out the history, uses, objectives and development for the public open space and are generally reviewed every five years.

Trail name signage was installed for the Tangara Trail to provide users with clear direction.

Reserve Activity Plans were developed following community consultation for Bellerive Howrah Coastal Reserve, Potters Hill Bushland Reserve, Natone Hill Bushland Reserve and Geilston Bay Coastal Reserve.

### ENERGY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Council made available ten Home Energy Audit Kits for residents to borrow and undertake an audit of their household energy use and potentially reduce their energy bills.

Monitoring of Council's energy consumption continued to identify energy efficiencies with the aim of reducing consumption.

Waste and recycling was collected in accordance with the schedule and within budget.

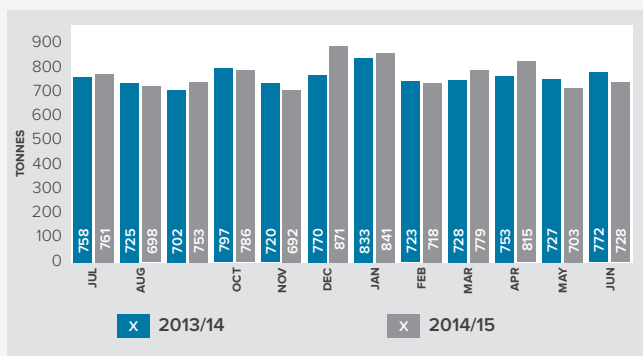
The annual collection of hard waste was undertaken. A total of 435 tonnes of waste was collected compared to 540 tonnes last year.

Council participated in Clean-up Australia Day by providing support to community groups and schools.

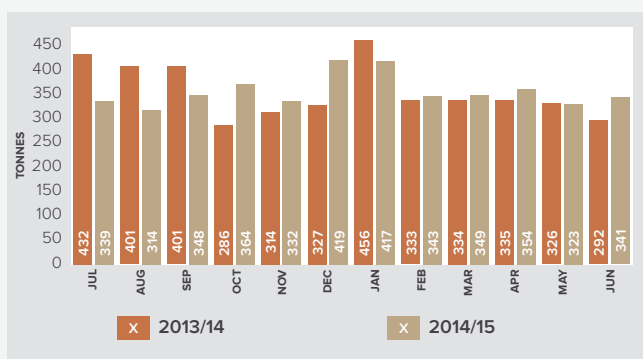
Public place recycling was expanded in various locations throughout the City, including various sports grounds.

Council decontaminated the former sewerage lagoon sites at Cambridge in 2011/12; however Council is still awaiting a sign off by the Environment Protection Authority to enable the land to be used for other purposes.

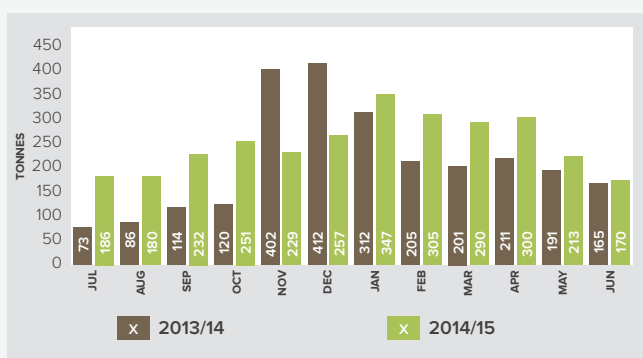
Council reviewed its Waste Management Strategy prior to the expiration of the current seven year contracts for refuse, recyclables and green waste collections. Refuse and recyclables level of



KERBSIDE GARBAGE



KERBSIDE RECYCLING



GREEN WASTE



service remained unchanged.

A total of 4,134 tonnes of green waste was collected compared to 3,624 tonnes last year, an increase of 14%.

## GARAGE SALE TRAIL

The ABC Hobart Mega Garage Sale Trail fundraising event for the Giving Tree was held in October 2014. Clarence was one of 20 Tasmanian Councils that participated in this event.

There were 45 garage sales registered within the City of Clarence area, this was up from 24 the previous year.

## ACTIONS

### PLANNING SCHEME

The Clarence Planning Scheme was subject to six approved amendments, covering rezoning for future residential growth to enhance coastal management controls.

### KEY PLANNING INITIATIVES

A number of initiatives were implemented that contributed to improved planning outcomes, particularly in the areas of development control reform, customer assistance, urban design and heritage conservation. These included:

- Completion of Council's commitment to a regional planning scheme, in conjunction with the STCA and member councils, culminating in the introduction of the Clarence Interim Scheme 2015.
- Council continued to provide a heritage advisory service, offering free architectural advice to people contemplating refurbishments of heritage buildings or undertaking new developments within heritage precincts including Richmond and Bellerive.
- Stage 2 of the Bayfield Street streetscaping project was completed. This stage involved the development of a detailed streetscape concept plan for this significant commercial street and a comprehensive consultation program.
- The Natural Assets Information Manual received its fifth annual update to ensure that it continues to provide the most accurate information for Council and property owners; a role which has become even more important with the adoption of a new Natural Assets Code in the interim planning scheme.

### DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

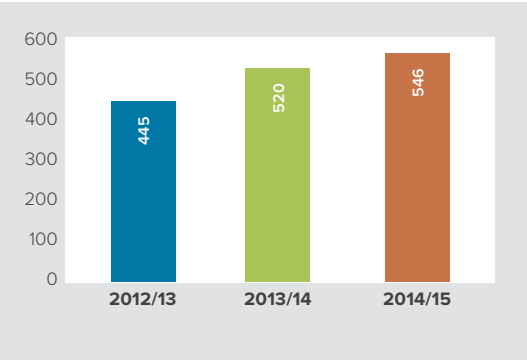
Statutory planning functions including the processing of development and subdivision applications continued during the year. The following initiatives were implemented:

- A free preliminary assessment service was provided, to ensure prospective applicants can have draft plans checked against the planning scheme and the complicated tests for residential development under the State's Planning Directive No 4 (PD4), before detailed plans are completed. There were 275 preliminary assessments undertaken (up from 170 and 130 in 2013/14 and 2012/13) – most of these concerned PD4 compliance assessment.
- Further enhancements were made to the processes for lodging and processing planning applications in electronic format and for displaying advertised applications. These have assisted applicants, enhanced Council assessment processes and assisted the general public to follow current applications.
- There were 441 planning applications determined, compared with 413 in the previous year. Average processing times of 22 days for permitted applications and 35 for discretionary applications. However, the trend since the introduction of the PD4, continued with the number of discretionary applications seeking a variation under PD4 forming a sizeable component of all applications – this year 30% (up from 22% in the previous year).
- A number of major commercial, industrial and residential developments were approved in



the City. These included a significant hardware centre at Mornington. Important public facilities were also approved, including a skate park and adjacent sports pavilion, overlooking the Kangaroo Bay sportsground.

- There were eight planning appeals made to the Resource Management and Planning Appeals Tribunal. Of these, one appeal overturned Council's decision, while others were withdrawn or resolved through consent agreement.
- There were also 49 subdivision plans for sealing processed and 38 strata applications lodged for sealing, all resulting in the creation of new property titles.
- New policies and strategies were implemented in the assessment of planning applications and in the design of new works. These included the Clarence Public Open Space Policy and the Richmond Townscape Strategy.



PLANNING & SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS







## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Pursuant to Section 84(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* I certify that the attached financial statements fairly represent the financial position of the Council as at 30 June 2015, and the results of the Council's operations and its cash flow for the year then ended.

**Andrew Paul**, General Manager 15 September 2015

# INCOME STATEMENT

	NOTES	BUDGET* 2015 \$'000	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
<b>Continuing Operations</b>				
<b>Recurrent Income</b>				
Rates	3	44,063	44,091	43,720
User charges	4	4,394	5,170	4,751
Interest		2,238	2,213	2,279
Government subsidies		2,171	2,404	2,379
Grants	5	4,159	7,677	1,828
Dividends		3,300	3,318	2,207
Contributions of capital		230	219	351
Other revenues from continuing activities		434	398	621
<i>Total recurrent income</i>	2	<b>60,989</b>	<b>65,490</b>	<b>58,136</b>
<b>Capital Income</b>				
Contribution and recognition of assets	6	—	4,941	1,080
Recognition of Land under Roads	16, 18	—	97,690	—
Share of net result of associates accounted for using the equity method	7	—	39	357
Gain/(Loss) on retirement or disposal of assets	8	—	(2,015)	(1,281)
<i>Total capital income</i>		<b>—</b>	<b>100,655</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>60,989</b>	<b>166,145</b>	<b>58,292</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Employee costs		15,695	15,691	14,834
Depreciation	9	11,150	11,668	10,926
Materials		2,445	2,344	3,365
Contracts		9,614	9,082	8,407
Finance costs		61	38	53
State Government charges and levies		4,807	4,794	4,609
Other expenses from continuing activities	10	10,232	10,337	11,588
<i>Total expenditure</i>	2	<b>54,004</b>	<b>53,954</b>	<b>53,782</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		<b>6,985</b>	<b>112,191</b>	<b>4,510</b>
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>				
<i>Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss</i>				
Fair value revaluation of fixed assets		—	11,650	683
Fair value revaluation investment in Water Corporation	11	—	1,305	(39,587)
		<b>—</b>	<b>12,955</b>	<b>(38,904)</b>
<b>Comprehensive Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		<b>6,985</b>	<b>125,146</b>	<b>(34,394)</b>

\*Budget information is not audited.

The above statement should be read in conjunction with accompanying notes.



## BALANCE SHEET

	NOTES	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	1(h),12,13	55,824	53,764
Receivables	13,14	6,236	3,223
Prepayments		446	498
Other	15	497	432
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>63,003</b>	<b>57,917</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Land	16,17	71,142	67,096
Land under roads	16,18	99,358	1,668
Buildings	16,19	30,588	28,351
Roads	16,20	181,287	180,990
Waste management	16,21	741	745
Stormwater infrastructure	16,22	93,505	82,968
Plant, equipment & furniture	16,23	1,824	1,845
Parks & recreation equipment	16,24	10,767	8,395
Capital work in progress	16	7,756	5,337
Receivables	13,25	1,317	1,756
Ownership interest in associates	7	1,815	1,776
Investment in Water Corporation	11,13	163,816	162,511
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>663,916</b>	<b>543,438</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	2	<b>726,919</b>	<b>601,355</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Payables	26	5,979	5,845
Interest bearing liabilities	13,27	171	161
Provisions	28	3,784	3,522
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>9,934</b>	<b>9,528</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
Interest bearing liabilities	13,27	371	542
Provisions	29	719	538
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<b>1,090</b>	<b>1,080</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>11,024</b>	<b>10,608</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>715,895</b>	<b>590,747</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Accumulated surpluses		499,318	403,775
Reserves	30	216,577	186,972
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>715,895</b>	<b>590,747</b>

The above statement should be read in conjunction with accompanying notes.

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Accumulated Surplus		Asset Revaluation Reserve (Note 30)		Fair Value Reserve (Note 30)		Other Reserves (Note 30)		TOTAL	
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Balance at beginning of the financial year	403,775	403,951	192,611	188,842	(38,056)	1,531	32,415	30,815	590,747	625,139
Surplus for the year	112,191	4,510	—	—	—	—	—	—	112,191	4,510
Other comprehensive income										
Fair value revaluation of fixed assets	—	—	11,650	683	—	—	—	—	11,650	683
Fair value revaluation Water Corporation	—	—	—	—	1,305	(39,587)	—	—	1,305	(39,587)
Transfers to reserves	(12,149)	(10,784)	—	—	—	—	12,149	10,784	—	—
Transfers from reserves	11,792	9,184	—	—	—	—	(11,792)	(9,184)	—	—
Retirement & Derecognition of Assets	(16,291)	(3,086)	16,291	3,086	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Balance at end of the financial year</b>	<b>499,318</b>	<b>403,775</b>	<b>220,552</b>	<b>192,611</b>	<b>(36,751)</b>	<b>(38,056)</b>	<b>32,772</b>	<b>32,415</b>	<b>715,894</b>	<b>590,747</b>

The above statement should be read in conjunction with accompanying notes.





## CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	NOTES	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) 2015 \$'000	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) 2014 \$'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>			
Rates		43,551	43,948
User Charges (inclusive of GST)		5,394	5,342
Interest received		2,114	2,245
Government Subsidies		2,404	2,379
Government Grants (inclusive of GST)		4,486	1,321
Net GST refund (payment)		3,120	2,697
Other (inclusive of GST)		4,389	2,422
		<b>65,458</b>	<b>60,354</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Wages and salaries		(15,135)	(14,978)
Interest		(38)	(53)
Other		(29,882)	(28,996)
		<b>(45,055)</b>	<b>(44,027)</b>
<i>Net cash provided (used) by operating activities</i>	31	<b>20,403</b>	<b>16,327</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Payments for property, plant & equipment		(18,973)	(14,312)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment		–	–
<i>Net cash provided (used) by investing activities</i>		<b>(18,973)</b>	<b>(14,312)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Repayment of borrowings		(161)	(153)
Government grants – capital		791	507
<i>Net cash provided (used) by financing activities</i>		<b>630</b>	<b>354</b>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>2,060</b>	<b>2,369</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of reporting period		53,764	51,395
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of reporting period</b>	1(h),12	<b>55,824</b>	<b>53,764</b>
<i>Restrictions on Cash</i>	12		
<i>Financing Arrangements</i>	27		

The above statement should be read in conjunction with accompanying notes.

# INTRODUCTION

The Clarence City Council has been established as a Local Government under the *Local Government Act 1993*. Council's main office is located at Bligh St, Rosny Park.

The purpose of the Council is prescribed by Section 20 of the *Local Government Act 1993* which includes providing for the health, safety and welfare of the community; representing and promoting the interests of the community; providing for the peace, order and good government of the municipal area; and consulting, involving and being accountable to the community.

This financial report is a general purpose financial report that consists of the Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows, and notes accompanying these financial statements. The general purpose financial report complies with Australian Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB), and the *Local Government Act 1993* (as amended). Council has determined that it does not have profit generation as a prime objective. Consequently, where appropriate, Council has elected to apply options and exemptions within accounting standards that are applicable to not-for-profit entities. As a result this financial report does not fully comply with International Financial Reporting Standards.

## 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### a) Basis of Accounting

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis in accordance with the Framework for the Preparation and Presentation of Financial Statements, Australian Accounting Standards and other authoritative pronouncements of the AASB. They are presented in Australian dollars.

Except for certain assets, including infrastructure assets, which are valued at fair value in accordance with AASB 116 Property, Plant and Equipment and AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement as disclosed in the relevant notes, the statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention. Stores and materials are valued at weighted average cost assuming items first purchased are first consumed.

In the application of accounting standards and other authoritative pronouncements of the AASB management is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Accounting policies are selected and applied in a manner which ensures that the resulting financial information satisfies the concepts of relevance and reliability, thereby ensuring that the substance of the underlying transactions or other events is reported.

### b) The Local Government Reporting Entity

These financial statements include only Clarence City Council; Council has no subsidiaries. All Funds through which Council controls resources to carry on its functions have been included in the financial statements forming part of this financial report. In the process of reporting on Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between those Funds (for example, loans and transfers between Funds) have been eliminated.



Amounts received as tender deposits and retention amounts controlled by Council are included in the amount disclosed as “payables” within current liabilities.

Associates are accounted for using the equity method in accordance with AASB 128 Investments in Associates. Council’s share of profits or losses is recognised in its Income Statement. Council’s share of movements in an Associate’s equity that has not been recognised in the Associate’s profit or loss is recognised directly in equity.

**c) Acquisitions of Assets**

The cost method of accounting is used for the recognition of assets acquired. Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given up at the date of acquisition plus costs incidental to the acquisition. Architects’ fees and engineering design fees are included in the costs of assets acquired. Assets acquired without cost are brought to account as revenue and recognised as non-current assets at their current replacement cost.

Council generally considers asset capitalisation at a threshold of \$20,000, however this is subject to the exercise of professional judgement based on the extent to which such expenditure creates or enhances an asset. Capital expenditure not meeting these criteria is charged to the Income Statement in the year it is incurred (other than where it forms part of a group of similar items which are material in total).

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

**d) Revaluations of Non-current Assets**

Revaluation of a class of assets occurs at such time as there has been a significant movement in current replacement cost of that asset class relative to the value disclosed in the financial statements. Variables influencing such movements in current replacement cost will include inflation, changes in available technology and materials, and general industry movements and trends. Each class of assets will normally be subject to a revaluation with sufficient regularity as to meet the objectives of this policy, or otherwise at intervals normally of no greater than five years. However, market indices are applied as appropriate to reflect significant market movements.

Land and buildings are recognised at the Valuer-General’s valuation and have been indexed where appropriate. The initial valuations are based on market value. The recoverable amount test has not been applied to assets whose future economic benefits are not primarily dependent on their ability to generate net cash inflows. This is in accordance with AASB136 Impairment of Assets paragraph 32.1.

Non-current assets are derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from their continued use. Any gain or loss arising from the derecognition of assets is recognised in the Income Statement.

**e) Impairment of Assets**

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised equal to the amount by which an asset’s carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset’s fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For non-cash generating assets such as roads and public buildings value in use is represented by the deprival value of the asset approximated by its written down replacement cost.

**f) Depreciation of Non-current Assets**

All non-current assets having a limited useful life are systematically depreciated over their useful lives in a manner that reflects the consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets. Depreciation is recognised on a straight-line basis.



Major depreciation periods are:

<b>Asset</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Asset</b>	<b>Years</b>
<b>Roads</b>		<b>Parks Equipment</b>	10-30
Road Seal	30	<b>Plant &amp; Equipment</b>	10
Road Pavement	70	<b>Stormwater</b>	75
Bridges	80	<b>Waste Management</b>	15
Footpaths	10-60	<b>Buildings</b>	100

#### **g) Employee Benefits**

Employee benefits are calculated in accordance with AASB 119 Employee Benefits and include entitlements to wages and salaries, annual leave, long service leave, superannuation and any other post-employment benefits as applicable. On-costs relating to employee benefits, such as workers compensation insurance, are calculated and included as liabilities but are not classified as employee entitlements. Liabilities owed to employees are recognised at the remuneration rate that Council expects to pay when the obligation is settled.

##### *i) Wages and Salaries, Annual Leave and Sick Leave*

Liabilities for wages and salaries and annual leave expected to be settled within 12 months are measured at their nominal value using remuneration rates expected to be paid when entitlements are taken. There is no liability for sick leave as sick leave is non-vesting. Annual leave not expected to be settled within 12 months is measured using the present value method.

##### *ii) Long Service Leave*

A liability for long service leave is recognised, and is measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using interest rates on national government guaranteed securities with terms to maturity that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows. Where Council does not have the unconditional right to defer settlement beyond 12 months, the liability is recognised as being current. To the extent that it is expected that settlement of leave will give rise to the payment of superannuation contributions, superannuation contributions are accrued as part of the provision for leave.

##### *iii) Retirement Benefit Obligations*

Employees of the Council may be entitled to benefits on retirement, disability or death through schemes external to the Council. Council contributes to a defined benefits superannuation fund and various defined contribution funds on behalf of its employees. All funds to which Council contributes are operated independently of Council.

Since the defined benefits superannuation fund to which Council contributes is fully funded and is recognised as a multi-employer scheme no liability is required to be recognised. No asset is recognised as the surplus attributable to each contributing council cannot be accurately calculated. Further disclosure regarding this matter is made at note 33. Council has no further obligations with respect to defined contribution funds.

#### **h) Cash Equivalent Investments**

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities generally of three months or less and/or that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and bank overdrafts.

#### **i) Trade and Other Receivables**

Receivables are carried at cost. A provision for impairment is recognised when there is objective evidence that an impairment loss has occurred.



#### j) Leases

A distinction is made between finance leases which effectively transfer from the lessor to the lessee substantially all the risks and benefits incident to ownership of leased non-current assets (finance leases), and operating leases under which the lessor effectively retains all such risks and benefits. Council has no finance leases.

##### *Operating leases as lessee*

Operating lease payments are representative of the pattern of benefits derived from the leased assets and accordingly are charged to expenses from ordinary activities in the periods in which they are incurred.

##### *Operating leases as lessor*

Council owns a range of facilities that are available for lease by not-for-profit sport, recreational and community organisations. Leases to not-for-profit organisations may not reflect optimal financial arrangements and may have low lease payments. Such arrangements are in recognition of the public benefit provided by such facilities. Land and buildings which are leased under these arrangements are recognised within property, plant and equipment in the Balance Sheet, and associated rental income is recognised in accordance with Council's revenue recognition policy.

#### k) Income Recognition

Rates, grants, donations, contributions arising from Council's adopted headworks charges policy and other contributions are recognised as income when Council obtains control over the assets comprising the contributions. Control over assets acquired from rates is obtained at the commencement of the rating period or, where earlier, upon receipt of the rates. Control over granted assets is normally obtained upon their receipt or upon prior notification that a grant has been secured.

Settlement of rates receivable is by 4 instalments throughout the year or a single instalment payable in July. Sundry receivables are payable within 30 days of issue of the account. Interest applies to overdue rates. A provision for impairment on rates has not been established as unpaid rates represent a charge against the rateable property that will be recovered when the property is next sold.

Unreceived contributions over which Council has control are recognised as receivables. Contributions of services are only recognised as income when the fair value of those services can be reliably determined and when those services would have been purchased if they had not been donated. They are measured at fair value.

Non-monetary contributions (including developer contributions) with a value in excess of the recognition thresholds are recognised as revenue and as non-current assets. Non-monetary contributions below the thresholds are recorded as revenue.

Contributions by owners are recognised as a direct adjustment to equity when the contributed assets qualify for recognition. Distributions to owners are recognised as direct adjustments to equity when the associated reduction in assets, rendering of services or increase in liabilities qualifies for recognition. In the event of a restructure of administrative arrangements any resulting contribution by or distribution to another entity is recognised in equity. The net amount is recognised when both assets and liabilities are transferred as a result of such a restructure.

##### *User charges*

User charges are recognised as income when the service has been provided or when the penalty has been applied, or when the payment is received, whichever first occurs. A provision for impairment is recognised when collection in full is no longer probable.

#### l) Payables

Trade creditors represent liabilities for goods or services provided to Council prior to the end of the financial year which are unpaid. They are generally settled within specific trading terms or 30 days.

**m) Interest Bearing Liabilities**

The borrowing capacity of Council is limited by the *Local Government Act 1993*. Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption amount is recognised in the Income Statement over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless Council has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the balance sheet date.

**n) Carrying Amount of Financial Assets and Liabilities**

Except for loan borrowings the carrying amounts of financial assets and liabilities recorded in the financial statements represent their respective fair values.

**o) Land Under Roads**

Land under roads is recognised in accordance with AASB 116 Property, Plant and Equipment. Because such land is generally acquired for no or nominal consideration, when it is recognised its cost is its fair value. Consistent with the Report to Parliament by the Auditor-General No. 5 of 2013-2014 *Infrastructure Financial Accounting in Local Government*, Council has recognised land under roads acquired prior to 1 July 2008 in its 2015 Financial Statements; Council's past policy was to not recognise these assets. Due to the materiality of this item, it is now recognised as a separate asset class; previously, land under roads was recognised within Road assets. Where appropriate, comparatives have been adjusted accordingly.

**p) Investments and Other Financial Assets**

These financial statements comply with AASB 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures, AASB 132 Financial Instruments: Presentation and AASB 139 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. Financial instruments other than held-to-maturity investments and loans and receivables are measured at fair value. Fair value includes transaction costs. Changes in fair value are either taken to the Income Statement or an equity reserve.

Council classifies its investments as:

*i) Loans and Receivables*

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They arise when Council provides money, goods or services directly to a debtor with no intention of selling the receivable. They are included in current assets, except for those with maturities greater than 12 months after the balance sheet date which are classified as non-current assets.

Loans and receivables are included in receivables in the Balance Sheet.

*ii) Held-to-maturity Investments*

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities that the Council's management has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity.

*iii) Investment in Water Corporation*

Council's investment in the Water Corporation is valued at its fair value at balance date. Fair value was determined by using Council's equity proportion for voting purposes, based on Schedule 2 of the Water Corporation's constitution, against the Water Corporation's net asset value at balance date. Council has an equity proportion for voting purposes of 10.58% in the Corporation. Any unrealised gains and losses on holdings at balance date are recognised each year through the Income Statement to a Fair Value Reserve (refer note 30).

Council has classified this asset as an available-for-sale financial asset as defined in AASB 139 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement and has followed AASB 132 Financial Instruments: Presentation and AASB 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures to value and present the asset in the financial report.





**q) Allocation Between Current and Non-Current**

In determining whether an asset or liability is current or non-current, consideration is given to the time when each asset or liability is expected to be settled. An asset or liability is classified as current if it is expected to be settled within the next 12 months. In the case of liabilities where Council does not have the unconditional right to defer settlement beyond 12 months, such as vested long service leave, the liability is classified as current even if not expected to be settled within the next 12 months. Inventories held for trading are classified as current even if not expected to be realised in the next 12 months.

**r) Disclosure of Changes in Accounting Policy and Estimates**

*Impact of applicable Australian Accounting Standards not yet operative*

The Council has not applied the following Australian Accounting Standards and Australian Accounting Interpretations that have been issued but are not yet effective. These will be applied from their operative dates:

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|------------------|---|
| i) AASB 9        | <p><i>Financial Instruments</i></p> <p>Effective date 1 January 2017</p> <p>Extends the standard's application date to January 2017, introduces new requirements for the classification and measurement of financial assets and liabilities and introduces a chapter to deal with hedge accounting.</p>   |
| ii) AASB 15      | <p><i>Revenue from Contracts with Customers</i></p> <p>Effective date 1 January 2017</p> <p>Clarifies the principles for recognising revenue, superseding AASB 111 <i>Construction Contracts</i> and AASB 118 <i>Revenue</i>.</p>   |
| iii) AASB 2010-7 | <p><i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 (December 2010) [AASB 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 101, 102, 108, 112, 118, 120, 121, 127, 128, 131, 132, 136, 137, 139, 1023 &amp; 1038 and Interpretations 2, 5, 10, 12, 19 &amp; 127]</i></p> <p>Effective date 1 January 2017</p> <p>Consequential amendments arising from AASB 9.</p>  |
| iv) AASB 2014-3  | <p><i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Accounting for Acquisitions of Interests in Joint Operations</i></p> <p>Effective date 1 January 2016</p> <p>Requires business combination accounting to be applied to acquisitions of interests in a joint operation that meets the definition of a 'business' under AASB 3 <i>Business Combinations</i>.</p>  |
| v) AASB 2014-4   | <p><i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortisation</i></p> <p>Effective date 1 January 2016</p> <p>Introduces a rebuttable presumption that the use of revenue-based amortisation methods for intangible assets is inappropriate. There is limited opportunity for the presumption to be overcome and clarification that revenue-based depreciation for property, plant and equipment cannot be used.</p>   |
| vi) AASB 2015-2  | <p><i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure Initiative: Amendments to AASB 101</i></p> <p>Effective date 1 January 2016</p> <p>The amendments do not require any significant change, but should facilitate improved reporting, including emphasis on only including material disclosures, clarity on aggregation and disaggregation of line items, presentation of subtotals, ordering of notes and the identification of significant accounting policies.</p> |
| vii) AASB 2015-6 | <p><i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Extending Related Party Disclosures to Not-for-Profit Public Sector Entities</i></p> <p>Effective date 1 January 2016</p> <p>Extends the scope of AASB 124 <i>Related Party Disclosures</i> to include not-for-profit public sector entities.</p>   |

viii) AASB 2013-9

*Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Conceptual Framework, Materiality and Financial Instruments [Operative dates: Part A Conceptual Framework – 20 Dec 2013; Part B Materiality – 1 Jan 2014; Part C Financial Instruments – 1 Jan 2015]*

Operative date refer to title

Makes amendments to Standards as a consequence of the issue of Accounting Framework AASB CF 2013-1 *Amendments to the Australian Conceptual Framework*; deletes reference to AASB 1031 *Materiality* in other Standards; makes amendments to Standards as a consequence of the issuance of *IFRS 9 Financial Instruments – Hedge Accounting and amendments to IFRS 9, IFRS 7 and IAS 39* by the IASB; and makes editorial corrections.

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

**s) Taxation**

Council is exempt from a range of taxation including Income Tax, however is liable for Fringe Benefits Tax, Payroll Tax and the Goods and Services Tax.

*Goods and Services Tax (GST)*

Income, expenses and assets have been recognised net of GST where that GST is recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Where an amount of GST is not recoverable from the ATO, it has been recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or part of an item of expense to which it relates. Receivables and payables have been stated with the amount of GST included. The net amount of GST recoverable from the ATO has been included as part of receivables.

Cash flows are included in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis. The GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is classified as operating cash flows.

**t) Significant Business Activities**

Council is required to report the operating capital and competitive neutrality costs in respect of each significant business activity undertaken by the council. Council has determined that there are no such significant business activities.

**u) Finance Costs**

Finance costs are expensed as incurred using the effective interest method. Finance costs include interest on bank overdrafts, interest on borrowings and finance lease charges.

**v) Rounding**

Unless otherwise indicated amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars. Minor differences may appear in the financial statements due to the effect of rounding.

**w) Contingent Assets and Liabilities**

*AASB 137 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*

Council owns the Bellerive Oval and has leased this asset to Cricket Tasmania for a minimum period of 45 years. Council is part owner of the Copping landfill site. The landfill and associated land has been leased to the Copping Refuse Disposal Site Joint Authority for 50 years. Both of these leases are dated 2001. It is Council's opinion that control over these assets including maintenance obligations has been effectively transferred to the lessees, making the probability that significant future economic benefits will flow to Council unlikely (other than rental income). Other than the relevant value of the land Council has not included these assets in its Balance Sheet. They are disclosed as contingent assets in note 35.

**x) Measurement of Fair Values**

A number of the Council's accounting policies and disclosures require the measurement of fair values, for both financial and non financial assets and liabilities. When measuring the fair value of an asset or liability the Council uses market observable data as far as possible.



Assets measured at fair value are being used for their highest and best use, within the context of the operations of a Local Government entity. Within this context, restrictions exist on the nature and use of many Council assets which limits the use to which those assets may otherwise be dedicated.

Fair values are categorised into different levels in a fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used in the valuation techniques as follows:

*Level 1:* quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

*Level 2:* inputs other than quoted prices included in level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices).

*Level 3:* inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

If the inputs used to measure the fair value of an asset or a liability might be categorised in different levels of the fair value hierarchy, then the fair value measurement is categorised as the lowest level input that is significant to the entire measurement.

The Council recognises transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy at the end of the reporting period during which the change has occurred. Further information about assumptions made in measuring fair values is included in the following notes:

Note 11	Investment in Water Corporation
Note 13	Financial Instruments
Note 17	Non-Current Assets – Land
Note 18	Non-Current Assets – Land Under Roads
Note 19	Non-Current Assets – Buildings
Note 20	Non-Current Assets – Roads
Note 21	Non-Current Assets – Waste Management
Note 22	Non-Current Assets – Stormwater Infrastructure
Note 23	Non-Current Assets – Plant, Equipment & Furniture
Note 24	Non-Current Assets – Parks & Recreation Equipment

**y) AASB 2015-7 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Fair Disclosure of Not-for-Profit Public Sector Entities**

AASB 2015-7 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Fair Disclosure of Not-for-Profit Public Sector Entities* relieves not-for-profit public sector entities from the following disclosures specified in AASB 13 for assets within the scope of AASB 116 Property, Plant and Equipment that are held primarily for their current service potential rather than to generate future net cash inflows.

- a) For recurring and non-recurring fair value measurements categorised within level 3 of the fair value hierarchy, quantitative information about the significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement (AASB 13 par 93(d)).
- b) For recurring fair value measurements categorised within level 3 of the fair value hierarchy, a narrative description of the sensitivity of the fair value measurement to changes in unobservable inputs if a change in those inputs to a different amount might result in a significantly higher or lower fair value measurement. Where there are interrelationships between those inputs and other unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement, the disclosure of a description of those interrelationships and of how they might magnify or mitigate the effect of changes in the unobservable inputs on the fair value measurement will not be required. (AASB 13 par 93(h)).
- c) For recurring fair value measurements categorised within level 3 of the fair value hierarchy, the amount of the total gains and losses for the period included in profit or loss attributable to the change in unrealised gains or losses relating to the assets held at the end of the reporting period, and the line item(s) in profit or loss in which those unrealised gains and losses are recognised (AASB 13 par 93(e)(i) and 93(f)).

Council decided to early adopt AASB 2015-7.



## 2 FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES OF THE MUNICIPALITY

- a) Revenues, expenses and assets have been attributed to the following functions/activities. Details of those functions/activities are set out in note 2(b).

	Communi- ties and People \$'000	City Future \$'000	Natural Environment \$'000	Roads* \$'000	Storm Water \$'000	Facilities Manage- ment \$'000	Governance \$'000	Unclassi- fied/Gen Purpose \$'000	Total \$'000
<b>Expenses</b>	9,149	2,209	7,016	13,299	1,146	2,237	7,305	11,593	53,954
2013/14 Comparative	11,649	2,252	6,869	13,398	1,278	2,230	6,781	9,326	53,782
<b>Revenues</b>	3,665	1,551	4,414	207	2,012	521	10,451	34,993	57,813
<b>Grants</b>	1,796	—	302	3,434	1,910	235	—	—	7,677
<b>Total Revenues</b>	5,461	1,551	4,716	3,642	3,922	756	10,451	34,992	65,490
2013/14 Comparative	5,116	1,277	4,386	1,352	2,416	435	9,116	34,039	58,136
<b>Change in net assets resulting from operations</b>	(3,689)	(658)	(2,300)	(9,657)	2,776	(1,481)	3,146	23,399	11,536
2013/14 Comparative	(6,533)	(974)	(2,483)	(12,047)	1,138	(1,794)	2,335	24,713	4,354
<b>Assets</b>	N/A	N/A	741	280,645	93,505	101,730	N/A	250,298	726,919
2013/14 Comparative	N/A	N/A	745	182,658	82,968	95,447	N/A	239,538	601,355

Rates have been attributed to functions where appropriate. Balances may vary due to rounding. \* Roads includes Land Under Roads.

- b) The activities of the municipality are categorised into the following broad functions:

### *Communities and People*

To create a safe and healthy community where all people can access services and participate in cultural, social and recreational activities; develop a community focal point and inform and consult with the community.

### *City Future*

To assist the City to grow in line with community values and needs with regard to land use, economic development and tourism.

### *Natural Environment*

To enhance and protect the City's natural assets and prepare for the effective management of natural events or emergencies. To promote environmentally sustainable practices and appreciation of the natural environment. To collect and dispose of solid wastes generated within the City.

### *Roads*

To provide roads, bridges, cycleways, footpaths, transport interchanges, vehicle parks, street lighting and traffic control systems to ensure the effective and safe movement of people and vehicles; the economic transport of goods and delivery of services; and the rapid deployment of emergency services, within the City.

### *Stormwater*

To protect life, property and community amenity by the effective collection and disposal of stormwater.

### *Facilities Management*

To facilitate the provision of social infrastructure and community facilities which, within the capacity of Council and the community to pay, meet the needs of residents, visitors, tourists and other stakeholders and which meet the regional responsibilities accepted by Council.

### *Governance*

To represent the community through Local Government leadership in a consistent, accountable and financially responsible manner. To provide clear and accountable leadership and strategic direction for the City and engage the community in Council activities.

### *Unclassified/General Purpose*

Transactions and assets not directly attributable to specific functions.



### 3 RATES INCOME

	NOTES	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Rate revenue raised		44,091	43,720
Less: Remissions	10	(2,100)	(3,919)
		<b>41,991</b>	<b>39,801</b>

### 4 USER CHARGES

Fees		3,092	2,867
Rentals		589	560
Special Committee Income	36	415	483
Other		1,074	841
		<b>5,170</b>	<b>4,751</b>

### 5 GRANTS

Grants includes:

Grants made by the State Grants Commission	3,986	1,321
Capital grants made by Government:		
Multi user path	–	230
Bus bays Richmond	–	3
Blackspot	185	7
Roads to Recovery	500	184
Howrah Bowls Club	80	–
Seven Mile Beach Viewing Platform	6	–
Skate Ramp Kangaroo Bay	100	–
Park Lighting	50	–
Kangaroo Bay	2,400	–
Richmond Link Transfer	370	–
Chiller plant Council Chambers	–	48
Meehan Range Trail	–	15
Clarence Bicycle Path	–	10
Richmond Weir	–	10
	<b>7,677</b>	<b>1,828</b>

The Australian Commonwealth Government provides Financial Assistance Grants to Council for general purpose use and for the provision of local roads through the State Grants Commission. In 2012/13 the Commonwealth made early payment of two quarterly instalments for the following year. In accordance with AASB1004 Contributions, Council recognises these grants as revenue when it receives the funds and obtains control. This impacted the Income Statement, resulting in the 2013/14 Surplus being lower than would have been the case had instalments relating to 2013/14 not been paid early. In 2014/15 the Commonwealth recommenced prepaying instalments, paying half of the amount relating to 2015/16 on 30 June 2015. This resulted in 2014/15 receipts being \$1,327,954 higher than the 2014/15 grant allocation, with a consequential effect on the income statement. The multiple variations in payment dates represent timing differences only; the total amount received by Council over the periods affected has not changed as a result of these timing differences.

## 6 CONTRIBUTIONS AND RECOGNITION OF ASSETS

2015  
\$'000

2014  
\$'000

Contributions and recognition of assets are made up of the following categories:

Contributions of assets arising from subdivision of land	4,002	1,080
Recognition of assets arising from revaluation	939	–
	<b>4,941</b>	<b>1,080</b>

## 7 OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES

Council has an interest in the Copping Refuse Disposal Site Joint Authority (CRDSJA). It uses the equity method to account for its interest. Council controls 37.5% (2013/14 37.5%) of the Joint Authority's votes. Council's share of the Joint Authority's net assets is fixed at 48% or \$1,814,849 (2013/14 48% or \$1,776,177). Refer to the Cash Flow Statement for dividends received.

The CRDSJA is located in Australia. Its principal activity is to operate a landfill.

The following financial information is provided in relation to the CRDSJA:

Total assets	9,878	10,029
Total liabilities	(6,097)	(6,329)
Revenue	(5,415)	(4,943)
Profit (loss)	60	218
Council's share of profit (loss)	*	29
Council's share of income tax expense	*	(9)
Council's share of prior year adjustments	*	19
Council's share of income tax equivalents	**	–
	–	284

\* Amount included in Income Statement. \*\* Figure not yet available for 2015.

## 8 GAIN/LOSS ON RETIREMENT OR DISPOSAL OF NON-CURRENT ASSETS

Net proceeds on disposal of non current assets	–	6
Carrying amount of non-current assets retired	(2,015)	(1,287)
Profit (loss) on disposal	<b>(2,015)</b>	<b>(1,281)</b>





## 9 DEPRECIATION

Depreciation was charged in respect of:	NOTES	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Buildings		350	326
Roads		7,771	7,548
Stormwater infrastructure		2,252	1,940
Waste management assets		18	23
Plant, equipment & furniture		384	273
Parks & recreation equipment		893	816
		<b>11,668</b>	<b>10,926</b>

## 10 OTHER EXPENSES

Other expenses includes:			
Rate remissions	3	2,100	3,919
Less Rate remission subsidies		<b>(1,795)</b>	<b>(1,742)</b>
Net Rate remissions		305	2,177
Electricity		1,296	1,358
Insurance		653	694
External Audit services*		54	52
Aldermen's allowances		458	434
Rental expense relating to operating leases	32(b)	1,622	1,647
Family Day Care fee relief		1,371	1,428
Community Services support		83	51
Corporate support		976	997
Policy and promotion		1,108	864
External plant hire		445	368
Special Committees expenses	36	515	505
Other		1,451	1,013
		<b>10,337</b>	<b>11,588</b>

\* External auditors were paid to audit financial statements and undertake specific purpose audits. They provided no other services. The Tasmanian Audit Office was paid \$43,660 to audit Council's financial statements. Tenuto Financial was paid \$9,800 to audit the financial statements of Council's special committees, various grants and government funded activities.

## 11 INVESTMENT IN WATER CORPORATION

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Opening Balance 1 July	162,511	202,098
Total gains/(losses) recognised as other comprehensive income	1,305	(39,587)
Closing Balance 30 June	<b>163,816</b>	<b>162,511</b>

Council's share of the Water Corporation is its only financial asset at fair value. Fair value was determined by applying Council's ownership interest to the Water Corporation's net asset value at balance date. Any unrealised gains and losses at balance date are recognised in the Income Statement as other comprehensive income and appear in the Fair Value Reserve. This asset is classified as level 3. Council has not bought or sold any share in this business during the reporting period.

During the year Council received \$3.3 million dividend payments, including tax equivalent and loan guarantee payments, from the Water Corporation (2013/14 \$2.2 million).

## 12 CURRENT ASSETS – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash at bank and on hand	6,824	3,138
Interest bearing deposits	49,000	50,626
	<b>55,824</b>	<b>53,764</b>
Unrestricted	20,285	18,868
Subject to external and/or internal restrictions	35,539	34,896
	<b>55,824</b>	<b>53,764</b>

The following restrictions have been imposed by regulations or other externally or internally imposed requirements:

Accrued long service leave*	2,663	2,455
Unexpended specific purpose contributions**	3,422	4,131
Council discretionary reserves***	29,454	28,310
	<b>35,539</b>	<b>34,896</b>

\* These monies have been set aside to fund long service leave payment obligations.

\*\*These monies are required to be spent on public open space, car parking & community services.

\*\*\* These monies are set aside at the discretion of Council and primarily represent funds for infrastructure renewal.



## 13 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

### a) Risk exposures

#### Credit risk:

The amount of any credit risk associated with financial assets is the carrying amount net of any provision for doubtful debts. Such a risk crystallises when one party to the transaction fails to discharge its obligations. Council's financial assets comprise receivables, cash and cash equivalents.

There is no significant concentration of credit risk with any single debtor or group of debtors. Amounts owing in relation to rates are secured by a charge over the land to which the debts relate.

Council has a policy of diversifying investments and restricts investments to entities with Standard and Poor's long term credit ratings of BBB+ or better, or short term credit ratings of A.1 or better.

Council's credit risk is therefore low. There has been no significant change in Council's exposure to or management of this risk since the previous period.

#### Market risk:

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risk, those being currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk. Council's exposure to or management of these risks has not changed since the previous period.

#### Currency risk:

This is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. Council has no exposure to currency risk.

#### Interest rate risk:

This is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Council's financial instruments comprise cash and cash equivalents, receivables, payables and interest bearing liabilities. Its main exposure to this risk is through its interest bearing liabilities which are disclosed at Note 27 and in this note.

At balance date Council had the following categories of financial assets and liabilities exposed to interest rate risk:

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
<b>Financial Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	55,824	53,764
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>		
Interest bearing liabilities	(542)	(703)
<b>Net exposure</b>	<b>55,282</b>	<b>53,061</b>

Exposure to this risk through cash and cash equivalents is minimal. Council limits its exposure to this risk in relation to its interest bearing liabilities by staging interest rate reset dates to ensure exposures are smoothed over time.

The following sensitivity analysis is based on interest rate risk exposures existing at balance date. It shows the effect of interest rate movements on the net result and equity.

<b>Net Result</b>		
+1%	542	518
-1%	(542)	(518)
<b>Equity</b>		
+1%	542	518
-1%	(542)	(518)

The movements in net result and equity are due to higher/lower interest rates relating to cash and cash equivalents. Changing interest rates do not affect interest paid in the short term as rates are generally fixed for periods of at least two years.

*Other price risk:*

This is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk, whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market. Council does not have any material exposure to this risk.

**Liquidity risk:**

This is the risk that Council will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. A maturity analysis is included in part b) of this note. Council's liquidity risk is immaterial. Its exposure to or management of this risk has not changed since the previous period.

**b) Interest rate risk exposure**

2015	Effective (weighted) average interest rate %	Variable & floating interest rate \$'000	Fixed Interest Rate Maturity			Non interest bearing \$'000	Total \$'000
			<1 Year \$'000	1-5 Years \$'000	>5 Years \$'000		
Financial Assets							
Cash	3.10	6,824	49,000	—	—	—	55,824
Receivables including rates*	2.99	—	2,246	—	—	5,307	7,553
Total		6,824	51,246	—	—	5,307	63,377
Financial Liabilities							
Creditors						4,245	4,245
Interest bearing liabilities	5.57	—	171	371	—	—	542
Total		—	171	371	—	4,245	4,787

2014		Effective (weighted) average interest rate %	Variable & floating interest rate \$'000	Fixed Interest Rate Maturity			Non interest bearing \$'000	Total \$'000
				<1 Year \$'000	1-5 Years \$'000	>5 Years \$'000		
Financial Assets								
Cash	3.62	3,138	50,626	—	—	—	53,764	
Receivables including rates*	3.42	—	1,706	—	—	3,273	4,979	
Total		3,138	52,332	—	—	3,273	58,743	
Financial Liabilities								
Creditors						4,740	4,740	
Interest bearing liabilities	5.57	—	161	542	—	—	703	
Total		—	161	542	—	4,740	5,443	

\*Refer to note 14 for more information regarding ageing of receivables.





c) **Net fair value**

The aggregate net fair value of Council's financial assets and financial liabilities is as follows:

	Actual 2015		Actual 2014	
	Carrying Amount \$'000	Aggregate Net Fair Value \$'000	Carrying Amount \$'000	Aggregate Net Fair Value \$'000
<b>Financial Assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	55,824	55,824	53,764	53,764
Investment Water Corporation	163,816	163,816	162,511	162,511
Receivables	7,553	7,553	4,979	4,979
<b>Total</b>	<b>227,193</b>	<b>227,193</b>	<b>221,254</b>	<b>221,254</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>				
Payables	1,858	1,858	2,386	2,386
Interest bearing liabilities	542	568	703	737
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>2,426</b>	<b>3,089</b>	<b>3,123</b>

Aggregate net fair value is calculated using a discount rate equal to the average of mid rates of Commonwealth Government securities maturing on or near 30 June each year for the next 10 years.

	Fair value hierarchy	Valuation technique	Inputs used
<b>Financial assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	Level 1	Carrying amounts are a reasonable approximation of fair value.	Carrying amounts.
Investment Water Corporation	Level 3	Application of Council's ownership interest to the corporation's net asset value at balance date.	Council's ownership interest. The corporation's net asset value at balance date.
Receivables	Level 3	Carrying amounts are a reasonable approximation of fair value.	Carrying amounts.
<b>Financial liabilities</b>			
Payables	Level 3	Carrying amounts are a reasonable approximation of fair value.	Carrying amounts.
Interest bearing liabilities	Level 3	Use of a discount rate equal to the average of mid rates of Commonwealth Government securities maturing on or near 30 June each year for the remaining life of the liabilities.	Mid rates of Commonwealth Government securities maturing on or near 30 June each year for the remaining life of the liabilities. Loan instalments payable.

**d) Accounting Policies**

Accounting policies in respect of financial assets and financial liabilities are disclosed in Note 1.

**e) Terms and conditions**

There are no terms and conditions associated with financial assets or financial liabilities which may significantly affect the amount, timing or certainty of future cash flows.

**f) Fair value measurements recognised in the balance sheet**

Council's investment in the Water Corporation is measured at fair value, and is classified as a level 3. Its classification has not changed. This investment is not subject to credit or market risks. A reconciliation of movements in the fair value of this asset is included in Note 11.

## 14 CURRENT ASSETS – RECEIVABLES

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Rates receivable	2,246	1,706
Other debtors	3,990	1,517
	<b>6,236</b>	<b>3,223</b>

The ageing analysis of receivables is as follows:

Current	672	779
0-30 days	2,416	12
31-60 days	1	8
61-90 days (past due but not impaired)	1	4
+91 days (past due but not impaired)	3,146	2,420
	<b>6,236</b>	<b>3,223</b>

All rates debtors are included in +91 days outstanding. No provision has been made for impairment as any such provision would be immaterial. Unpaid rates are recoverable on the sale of the property concerned. No material bad debts were written off during either year. Certain amounts raised by way of rates on a major property within the municipality are subject to dispute which had not been resolved at balance date. The amount raised but unpaid at 30 June 2015 was \$264,736.

## 15 CURRENT ASSETS – OTHER

Stores and materials (at average cost)	101	135
Other	396	297
	<b>497</b>	<b>432</b>



## 16 RECONCILIATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS

Movements in infrastructure assets for the year were as follows:

	Opening Balance 1 July 2014 \$'000	Depreciation Expense for Year \$'000	Additions \$'000	WIP Transferred to Expenses \$'000	Written Down Value of Retirements/ Derecognition \$'000	**Net Revaluation Increment (Decrement) \$'000	Closing Balance 30 June 2015* \$'000
Land	67,096	—	885	—	(392)	3,553	71,142
Land under roads	1,668	—	99,358	—	(1,668)	—	99,358
Buildings	28,351	(350)	1,819	—	(650)	1,418	30,588
Roads	180,990	(7,787)	8,875	—	(792)	—	181,286
Waste management	745	(18)	14	—	—	—	741
Stormwater infrastructure	82,968	(2,252)	6,232	—	(121)	6,679	93,506
Plant, equipment & furniture	1,845	(384)	363	—	—	—	1,824
Parks & recreation equipment	8,395	(877)	3,308	—	(58)	—	10,768
Capital Work in Progress (WIP)	5,338	—	2,615	(197)	—	—	7,756
<b>Total</b>	<b>377,396</b>	<b>(11,668)</b>	<b>123,469</b>	<b>(197)</b>	<b>(3,681)</b>	<b>11,650</b>	<b>496,969</b>

\* Balances may vary slightly due to rounding

\*\* Recognised as Fair Value Revaluation of Fixed Assets in Other Comprehensive Income

Comparative movements in infrastructure assets for the prior year were as follows:

	Opening Balance 1 July 2013 \$'000	Depreciation Expense for Year \$'000	Additions \$'000	WIP Transferred to Expenses \$'000	Written Down Value of Retirements/ Derecognition \$'000	**Net Revaluation Increment (Decrement) \$'000	Closing Balance 30 June 2014* \$'000
Land	66,951	—	145	—	—	—	67,096
Buildings	27,679	(326)	1,112	—	(113)	—	28,352
Roads***	181,886	(7,548)	9,318	—	(998)	—	182,658
Waste management	647	(23)	119	—	—	2	745
Stormwater infrastructure	81,735	(1,940)	3,204	—	(29)	—	82,970
Plant, equipment & furniture	1,191	(273)	930	—	(6)	3	1,845
Parks & recreation equipment	7,449	(816)	1,226	—	(141)	677	8,395
Capital Work in Progress (WIP)	5,986	—	18	(666)	—	—	5,338
<b>Total</b>	<b>373,524</b>	<b>(10,926)</b>	<b>16,072</b>	<b>(666)</b>	<b>(1,287)</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>377,399</b>

\* Balances may vary slightly due to rounding.

\*\* Recognised as Fair Value Revaluation of Fixed Assets in Other Comprehensive Income

\*\*\* Includes Land Under Roads at 30 June 2014 of \$1,668m

## 17 NON-CURRENT ASSETS – LAND

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Land at fair value closing balance	71,142	66,951
Land at cost closing balance	–	145
	<b>71,142</b>	<b>67,096</b>

### Fair Value Hierarchy

The fair value measurement for land has been categorised as a level 2 fair value based on the inputs to the valuation technique used (refer to Note 1x and details below).

There were no transfers between levels 1 and 2 or between levels 2 and 3 for recurring fair value measurements during the year.

### Valuation technique

The fair value of land other than that recorded at cost was determined by the Valuer-General, based on 1 July 2012 market value, to which an index factor has been applied consistent with the Valuer-General's 2015 adjustment factors for valuations within the municipality.

## 18 NON-CURRENT ASSETS – LAND UNDER ROADS

Land at fair value closing balance	99,358	1,668
Land at cost closing balance	–	–
	<b>99,358</b>	<b>1,668</b>

Land under roads acquired since 30 June 2008 has been recognised in past financial reports as part of road assets. Land under roads acquired prior to 30 June 2008 is being recognised for the first time in the 2015 financial statements, consistent with the Report to Parliament by the Auditor-General No. 5 of 2013-2014 *Infrastructure Financial Accounting in Local Government*. Because of its materiality, land under roads is now reported as a separate category of non-current assets. Those assets previously recognised have been removed from road assets for inclusion in land under roads.

### Fair Value Hierarchy

The fair value measurement for land under roads has been categorised as a level 2 fair value based on the inputs to the valuation technique used (refer to Note 1x and details below).

There were no transfers between levels 1 and 2 or between levels 2 and 3 for recurring fair value measurements during the year.

### Valuation technique

The fair value of land under roads has been determined based on unit valuations provided by the Valuer-General during 2014/2015 for various land classes across the City.





## 19 NON-CURRENT ASSETS – BUILDINGS

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Buildings at fair value	31,892	28,427
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(3,120)	(2,680)
	<b>28,772</b>	<b>25,747</b>
Buildings at cost	1,819	2,625
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(3)	(21)
	<b>1,816</b>	<b>2,604</b>
	<b>30,588</b>	<b>28,351</b>

### Fair Value Hierarchy

The fair value measurement for buildings has been categorised as a level 2 fair value based on the inputs to the valuation technique used (refer to Note 1x and details below).

There were no transfers between levels 1 and 2 or between levels 2 and 3 for recurring fair value measurements during the year.

### Valuation technique

The fair value of buildings other than those recorded at cost was determined by the Valuer-General, based on 1 July 2012 market value, to which an index factor has been applied consistent with the Valuer-General's 2015 adjustment factors for valuations within the municipality.

## 20 NON-CURRENT ASSETS – ROADS

Roads at fair value	356,004	358,277
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(198,763)	(193,704)
	<b>157,241</b>	<b>164,573</b>
Roads at cost	25,154	16,868
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(1,107)	(451)
	<b>24,047</b>	<b>16,417</b>
	<b>181,288</b>	<b>180,990</b>

### Fair Value Hierarchy

The fair value measurement for roads has been categorised as a level 3 fair value based on the inputs to the valuation technique used (refer to Note 1x and details below).

There were no transfers between levels 1 and 2 for recurring fair value measurements during the year. For transfers in and out of level 3 measurements refer below.

### Valuation technique, unobservable inputs, inter-relationship between unobservable inputs and fair value

Roads includes earthworks, substructures, seals, kerbs and crossings relating to roads and footpaths. Road assets excluding those recognised at cost have been valued at current replacement cost written down to reflect the portion of the economic life that has expired. Current replacement cost has been established as at 1 July 2012 based upon information provided by Council's engineering officers.

Significant unobservable inputs include estimated useful life and inputs required to construct roads and associated infrastructure such as labour, plant hire, gravel, hotmix, cement etc. The estimated fair value would increase (decrease) if the labour/hire rates and/or prices per unit were higher (lower).

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
<b>Reconciliation of fair value opening and closing balances</b>		
Roads at fair value opening balance	166,241	173,821
Additions and/or transfers from roads at cost	529	592
Written down value of retirements/transfers/disposals	(2,401)	(998)
Depreciation expense	(7,129)	(7,174)
Roads at fair value closing balance	<b>157,240</b>	<b>166,241</b>

## 21 NON-CURRENT ASSETS – WASTE MANAGEMENT

Waste management assets at fair value	918	904
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(187)	(170)
	<b>731</b>	<b>734</b>
Waste management assets at cost	11	11
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(1)	(1)
	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
	<b>741</b>	<b>744</b>

### Fair Value Hierarchy

The fair value measurement for waste management assets has been categorised as a combination of level 2 and level 3 fair values based on the inputs to the valuation technique used (refer to Note 1x and details below).

There were no transfers between levels 1 and 2 for recurring fair value measurements during the year. For transfers in and out of level 3 measurements refer below.

### Valuation technique, unobservable inputs, inter-relationship between unobservable inputs and fair value

Waste management assets primarily comprises land associated with a landfill site which is leased to a Joint Authority of which Council is a member. Valuation of the land was determined by the Valuer-General based on October 2010 market value. Estimated fair value would increase (decrease) if market value increased (decreased). Other assets recorded at fair value, primarily comprising litter bins, are valued at current replacement cost based upon market pricing information provided by Council's officers as at 1 July 2013. Estimated fair value of these assets would increase (decrease) if market prices increased (decreased).

### Reconciliation of fair value opening and closing balances

Waste management assets at fair value opening balance	735	647
Additions and/or transfers from waste management assets at cost	14	108
Change in fair value	–	2
Depreciation expense	(18)	(22)
Waste management assets at fair value closing balance	<b>731</b>	<b>735</b>



## 22 NON-CURRENT ASSETS – STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Stormwater infrastructure assets at fair value	163,744	137,321
Less : Accumulated depreciation	(72,768)	(60,071)
	<b>90,976</b>	<b>77,250</b>
Stormwater infrastructure assets at cost	2,542	5,810
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(13)	(92)
	<b>2,529</b>	<b>5,718</b>
	<b>93,505</b>	<b>82,968</b>

### Fair Value Hierarchy

The fair value measurement for stormwater infrastructure assets has been categorised as a level 3 fair value based on the inputs to the valuation technique used (refer to Note 1x and details below).

There were no transfers between levels 1 and 2 for recurring fair value measurements during the year. For transfers in and out of level 3 measurements refer below.

### Valuation technique, unobservable inputs, inter-relationship between unobservable inputs and fair value

Stormwater infrastructure assets excluding those valued at cost have been valued at current replacement cost written down to reflect the portion of the economic life that has expired. Current replacement cost has been established based on information provided by Council's engineering officers as at June 2015.

Significant unobservable inputs include estimated useful life and inputs required to construct stormwater assets and associated infrastructure such as labour, plant hire, pipe length/dimension/material etc. The estimated fair value would increase (decrease) if the estimated useful life, labour/plant hire rates and/or prices per unit were higher (lower).

### Reconciliation of fair value opening and closing balances

Stormwater infrastructure at fair value opening balance	77,250	78,643
Additions and/or transfers from stormwater infrastructure assets at cost	7,594	525
Written down value of retirements/transfers/disposals	(121)	(29)
Amount included in Other Comprehensive Income		
-Fair value revaluation of fixed assets	8,485	—
Depreciation expense	(2,230)	(1,889)
Stormwater infrastructure assets at fair value closing balance	<b>90,978</b>	<b>77,250</b>

## 23 NON-CURRENT ASSETS – PLANT, EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Plant, equipment & furniture assets at fair value	2,349	2,356
Less : Accumulated depreciation	(1,534)	(1,361)
	<b>815</b>	<b>995</b>
Plant, equipment & furniture assets at cost	1,288	924
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(279)	(75)
	<b>1,009</b>	<b>849</b>
	<b>1,824</b>	<b>1,844</b>

### Fair Value Hierarchy

The fair value measurement for plant, equipment & furniture has been categorised as a level 3 fair value based on the inputs to the valuation technique used (refer to Note 1x and details below).

There were no transfers between levels 1 and 2 for recurring fair value measurements during the year. For transfers in and out of level 3 measurements refer below.

### Valuation technique, unobservable inputs, inter-relationship between unobservable inputs and fair value

Current replacement cost of items of plant, equipment and furniture (excluding those valued at cost) has been based on the cost of assets and adjusted to reflect current replacement cost as at 1 July 2013 based upon information provided by Council's officers, and associated entities.

Significant unobservable inputs include estimated useful life and the value of indexes/judgements applied. The estimated fair value would increase (decrease) if the estimated useful life and/or indexes/judgements were higher (lower).

### Reconciliation of fair value opening and closing balances

Plant, equipment & furniture at fair value opening balance	995	491
Additions and/or transfers from plant, equipment & furniture at cost	–	677
Change in fair value	–	17
Written down value of retirements/transfers/disposals	–	(6)
Depreciation expense	(180)	(184)
Plant, equipment & furniture at fair value closing balance	<b>815</b>	<b>995</b>





## 24 NON-CURRENT ASSETS – PARKS AND RECREATION EQUIPMENT

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Parks & recreation equipment at fair value	14,291	14,096
Less : Accumulated depreciation	(7,215)	(6,634)
	<b>7,076</b>	<b>7,462</b>
Parks & recreation equipment at cost	3,862	954
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(171)	(22)
	<b>3,691</b>	<b>932</b>
	<b>10,767</b>	<b>8,394</b>

### Fair Value Hierarchy

The fair value measurement for parks & recreation equipment has been categorised as a level 3 fair value based on the inputs to the valuation technique used (refer to Note 1x and details below).

There were no transfers between levels 1 and 2 for recurring fair value measurements during the year. For transfers in and out of level 3 measurements refer below.

### Valuation technique, unobservable inputs, inter-relationship between unobservable inputs and fair value

Parks & recreation equipment assets excluding those items valued at cost have been valued at current replacement cost written down to reflect the portion of the economic life that has expired. Current replacement cost has been established as at 1 July 2013 based on pricing information provided by Council's officers and by external play equipment specialists. Estimated fair value would increase (decrease) if prices increased (decreased).

### Reconciliation of fair value opening and closing balances

Parks & recreation equipment at fair value opening balance	7,462	4,474
Additions and/or transfers from parks & recreation equipment at cost	399	3,104
Change in fair value	–	763
Written down value of retirements/transfers/disposals	(58)	(130)
Depreciation expense	(727)	(749)
Parks & recreation equipment at fair value closing balance	<b>7,076</b>	<b>7,462</b>

## 25 NON CURRENT ASSETS – RECEIVABLES

Deferred payment – property transfer	1,317	1,756
	<b>1,317</b>	<b>1,756</b>

## 26 CURRENT LIABILITIES – PAYABLES

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Trade creditors	1,858	2,386
Other creditors and accruals	4,121	3,459
	<b>5,979</b>	<b>5,845</b>

## 27 INTEREST BEARING LIABILITIES

Bank loans (current)	171	161
Bank loans (non-current)	371	542
	<b>542</b>	<b>703</b>

### Financing Arrangements

Unrestricted access was available at the reporting date to the following forms of financial accommodation:

Total Facilities		
Bank overdraft	1,000	1,000
Corporate credit cards	40	40
Loans	542	703
	<b>1,582</b>	<b>1,743</b>
Used at reporting date		
Bank overdraft	–	–
Corporate credit cards	6	8
Loans	542	703
	<b>548</b>	<b>711</b>
Unused at reporting date		
Bank overdraft	1,000	1,000
Corporate credit cards	34	32
	<b>1,034</b>	<b>1,032</b>

The bank overdraft facility may be drawn at any time and may be terminated by the bank without notice. Interest rates are variable.



## 28 CURRENT LIABILITIES – PROVISIONS

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Employee entitlements*		
Annual leave**		
Opening balance	1,371	1,461
Additional provisions	766	452
Amounts used	(588)	(458)
Closing balance	<b>1,549</b>	<b>1,455</b>
Long service leave		
Opening balance	2,067	1,921
Additional provisions	198	171
Amounts used	(155)	(144)
Closing balance	<b>2,110</b>	<b>1,948</b>
Payroll tax attributable to long service leave	125	119
Total long service leave provision	2,235	2,067
Total Provisions	<b>3,784</b>	<b>3,522</b>
**The above includes annual leave purchased during the year	37	35

## 29 NON CURRENT LIABILITIES – PROVISIONS

Employee entitlements*		
Long service leave		
Opening balance	538	657
Additional provisions	140	(150)
	<b>678</b>	<b>507</b>
Payroll tax attributable to long service leave	41	31
Closing balance	<b>719</b>	<b>538</b>

\* Assumptions include an inflation factor in line with Council's Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (greater of 2.5% or CPI), discount factors equal to average relevant Reserve Bank of Australia wholesale market indicative mid rates (3.03%) and retention rates based on Council's historic data accumulated over a 15 year period.

## 30 RESERVES

a) Composition	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Asset Revaluation Reserve (Represents net increments arising from the revaluation of non-current assets).	220,552	192,611
Infrastructure Renewal Reserve (Represents unused amounts collected to fund future renewal of existing infrastructure assets).	26,839	25,792
Commonwealth Funded Programs Reserve (Represents unused funds subject to grant programs operated by the Commonwealth Government. Such funds are subject to grant agreements and are applied as such).	1,014	955
General Reserve (Represents amounts appropriated for general future uses, typically planned projects, expected events and contingencies).	2,516	2,496
Rosny Park Child Care Reserve (Represents the cumulative operating result of the Rosny Park Child Care Centre. Meets on-going operations of the centre).	181	90
Car Parking Reserve (Represents funds contributed in lieu of providing car parking as part of commercial developments. Provides for provision of alternative car parking facilities in the areas collected).	789	688
Public Open Space Reserve (Represents funds contributed in lieu of providing public open space as part of subdivision developments. Provides for purchase of alternative public open space assets in the areas collected).	1,338	2,279
Headworks Reserve (Represents funds contributed by property developers to provide for future augmentation of Council infrastructure to meet additional capacity demands arising from property development).	99	119
Fair Value Reserve (Represents increments/decrements in the fair value of Council's equity share in the Water Corporation).	(36,751)	(38,056)
	<b>216,576</b>	<b>186,972</b>

### b) Movements

#### Asset Revaluation Reserve

Balance at the beginning of the financial year	192,611	188,842
Net increment (decrement) on revaluation of assets	11,650	682
Transfer to equity on derecognition of assets*	16,291	3,086
	<b>220,552</b>	<b>192,611</b>

\* This is a transfer between the Asset Revaluation Reserve and equity and has no effect on the operating result. This treatment is as prescribed by AASB 116.

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
	Infrastructure Renewal Reserve		Commonwealth Funded Programs Reserve		General Reserve		Rosny Park Child Care Reserve	
Balance at the beginning of the financial year	25,792	24,600	955	872	2,496	2,426	90	76
Amount transferred from accumulated surplus	11,253	10,074	176	103	373	193	91	14
Amount transferred to accumulated surplus	(10,206)	(8,882)	(117)	(20)	(353)	(123)	—	—
Balance at the end of the financial year	<b>26,839</b>	<b>25,792</b>	<b>1,014</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>2,516</b>	<b>2,496</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>90</b>

	Car Parking Reserve		Public Open Space Reserve		Headworks Reserve		Fair Value Reserve	
Balance at the beginning of the financial year	688	638	2,279	2,151	119	55	(38,056)	1,531
Amount transferred from accumulated surplus	101	50	122	272	33	77	—	—
Fair Value adjustment on revaluation	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,305	(39,587)
Amount transferred to accumulated surplus	—	—	(1,063)	(144)	(53)	(13)	—	—
Balance at the end of the financial year	<b>789</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>1,338</b>	<b>2,279</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>(36,751)</b>	<b>(38,056)</b>





## 31 RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES TO CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Net cash inflow from operating activities	20,403	16,327
Depreciation	(11,668)	(10,926)
Contribution of assets	4,941	1,080
Recognition of land under roads	97,690	–
Gain/(Loss) on retirement or disposal of assets	(2,015)	(1,280)
Share of net results of associates	39	357
Government grants – capital	791	507
Change in operating assets and liabilities		
Increase (decrease) in rates receivable	540	(228)
Increase (decrease) in other debtors and prepayments	2,081	(80)
Increase (decrease) in stock on hand	(34)	(3)
(Increase) decrease in creditors and accruals	(134)	(1,222)
(Increase) decrease in provision for employee entitlements	(443)	(21)
Surplus/(Deficit)	<b>112,191</b>	<b>4,511</b>

## 32 COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

### a) Capital Commitments

Capital expenditure contracted for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:

Buildings	267	596
Infrastructure	3,797	1,776
	<b>4,064</b>	<b>2,372</b>
These expenditures are payable:		
Not later than one year	4,064	2,372
Later than one year and not later than two years	–	–
	<b>4,064</b>	<b>2,372</b>

### b) Operating Lease Commitments

At the reporting date Council had in place a variety of lease commitments relating to various properties used for public purposes, and operating leases in respect of motor vehicles, plant and equipment, and computer systems which are not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities. These leases are non-cancellable without Council incurring significant penalties and do not carry purchase options on the expiry of the leases. Commitments under these leases at the reporting date are payable as follows:

Not later than one year	1,274	1,417
Later than one year and not later than five years	1,329	1,574
Later than five years	125	–
	<b>2,728</b>	<b>2,991</b>

**c) Operational Contracts**

Council has entered into long term contracts for operational expenditure in respect of:

- Street sweeping (expires April 2016)
- Waste collection (expires October 2020)
- Green organics collection and disposal (expires October 2019)
- Recycling collection (expires October 2020)
- Recycling processing (expires March 2020)
- Waste transfer facilities (expires June 2021)

Estimated remaining payments under these contracts total \$24.88 million.

## 33 SUPERANNUATION

Council makes superannuation contributions for a number of its employees to the Quadrant Defined Benefits Fund (the Fund), which is a sub fund of the Quadrant Superannuation Scheme (the Scheme). The Fund has been classified as a multi-employer sponsored plan. Because 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 under paragraph 34 of AASB 119 Employee Benefits, Council does not use defined benefit accounting for these contributions.

For the year ended 30 June 2015 Council contributed 11.0% of employees' gross income to the Fund. Assets accumulate in the Fund to meet member benefits as they accrue, and if assets within the Fund are insufficient to satisfy benefits payable, the Council is required to meet its share of the deficiency.

Rice Warner Pty Ltd undertook the last actuarial review of the Fund at 30 June 2014. The review disclosed that at that time the net market value of assets available for funding member benefits was \$66,310,000, the value of vested benefits was \$57,475,000, the surplus over vested benefits was \$8,835,000 and the value of total accrued benefits was \$58,093,000. These amounts relate to all members of the fund at the date of valuation and no asset or liability is recorded in the Quadrant Superannuation Scheme's financial statements for Council employees.

The financial assumptions used to calculate the Accrued Benefits for the Fund were:

Net Investment Return	7.0% pa
Salary Inflation	4.0% pa
Price Inflation	n/a

The actuarial review concluded that:

- 1 The value of assets of the Fund was adequate to meet the liabilities of the Fund in respect of vested benefits as at 30 June 2014.
- 2 The value of assets of the Fund was adequate to meet the value of the liabilities of the Fund in respect of accrued benefits as at 30 June 2014.
- 3 Based on the assumptions used, and assuming the Employer contributes at the levels described below, the value of the assets is expected to continue to be adequate to meet the value of the liabilities of the Fund in respect of vested benefits at all times during the period up to 30 June 2017.

The Actuary recommended that in future the Council contribute 11.0% of salaries in 2014/15 and 9.5% of salaries thereafter. The Actuary will continue to undertake a brief review of the financial position of the Fund at the end of each financial year to confirm that the contribution rates remain appropriate. The next full triennial actuarial review of the Fund will have an effective date of 30 June 2017 and is expected to be completed late in 2017.

Council also contributes to other accumulation schemes on behalf of a number of employees, however the Council has no on-going responsibility to make good any deficiencies that may occur in those schemes.



During the year Council made the required superannuation contributions for all eligible employees to an appropriate complying superannuation fund as required by the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992*.

As required in terms of paragraph 148 of AASB 119 Employee Benefits, Council discloses the following details:

The 2014 actuarial review used the “aggregate” funding method. This is a standard actuarial funding method. The results from this method were tested by projecting future fund assets and liabilities for a range of future assumed investment returns. The funding method used is different from the method used at the previous actuarial review in 2011.

Under the aggregate funding method of financing the benefits, the stability of the Councils’ contributions over time depends on how closely the Fund’s actual experience matches the expected experience. If the actual experience differs from that expected, the Councils’ contribution rate may need to be adjusted accordingly to ensure the Fund remains on course towards financing members’ benefits.

In terms of Clause 1.9.2 of the Scheme Trust Deed, there is a risk that employers within the Fund may incur an additional liability when an Employer ceases to participate in the Fund at a time when the assets of the Fund are less than members’ vested benefits. Each member of the Fund who is an employee of the Employer who is ceasing to participate is required to be provided with a benefit at least equal to their vested benefit in terms of Clause 1.9.2(b). However in terms of Clause 1.9.2(d), the only contributions that can be sought from the Employer and its employee Members are any arrears of contributions. This issue can be resolved by the Trustee seeking an Actuarial Certificate in terms of Clause 1.22.2(a) requiring the Employer to make good any shortfall before the cessation of participation is approved.

Clause 1.22.2(b) specifically provides that employers participating in the Fund will not be liable for the obligations of other Employers in other funds within the Scheme.

The application of Fund assets on the Fund or the Scheme being wound-up is set out in Clause 1.21.3. This Clause provides that expenses, pensions in payment and the Superannuation Guarantee benefits of other members should have first call on the available assets. Additional assets will initially be applied proportionately to providing member’s benefits in respect of completed service. If additional assets are available they are applied to increasing members’ benefits.

The Trust Deed does not contemplate the Fund withdrawing from the Scheme. However it is likely that Clause 1.9.2 would be applied in this case (as detailed above).

The Fund is a defined benefit Fund.

The Fund has been classified as 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. Thus the Fund is not able to prepare standard AASB119 defined benefit reporting.

During the reporting period the amount of contributions paid to defined benefits schemes was \$157,645 (2013/14 \$149,682), and the amount paid to accumulation schemes was \$1.75 million (2013/14 \$1.62 million).

During the next reporting period the expected amount of contributions to be paid to defined benefits schemes is \$135,000, and to accumulation schemes is \$1.82 million.

As reported on the first page of this note, assets exceeded accrued benefits as at the date of the last actuarial review, 30 June 2014. Favourable investment returns since that date make it quite probable that this is still the position. The financial position of the Fund will be fully investigated at the actuarial review as at 30 June 2017.

An analysis of the assets and vested benefits of Funds participating in the Scheme, prepared by Rice Warner Pty Ltd as at 30 June 2014, showed that the Fund had assets of \$66.3 million and members’ Vested Benefits were \$57.5 million. These amounts represented 8.4% and 7.5% respectively of the corresponding total amounts for the Scheme.

## 34 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

No events subsequent to balance date have been identified which would materially affect these financial statements.

## 35 CONTINGENT ASSETS

Council has entered into long term leases over two of its properties.

Council is the owner of the Bellerive Oval. It entered into a 45 year lease over this property on 9 October 2001.

Council is also part owner of the Copping landfill. The owners of the landfill entered into a 50 year lease over this property commencing 21 March 2001.

The length and terms of these leases means that control over the assets has effectively passed to the lessees. Consequently the assets are treated as contingent and have not been included in Council's Balance Sheet.

Carrying amounts and depreciation expense in respect of these assets were:

	\$'000
Bellerive Oval – written down value at derecognition (1 July 2012)	24,062
Copping Landfill – written down value at derecognition (1 July 2012)	2,691
	<b>26,753</b>

Depreciation was charged in 2011/12 on these assets as follows:

Bellerive Oval	850
Copping Landfill	70
	<b>920</b>

Various Council properties contain improvements over which Council does not hold effective control. These are generally minor in nature and include pavilions, change facilities, and improvements for sporting, social, and other community purposes.

## 36 SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Under Section 24 of the *Local Government Act 1993* a Council may appoint Special Committees. The Council had 6 such Committees in operation as at 30 June 2015.

The operations\* of the Special Committees are consolidated in to Council's financial statements and are summarised as follows:

	Income 2014/15 \$'000	Expenditure 2014/15 \$'000	Net Result 2014/15 \$'000	Net Assets 30/6/15 \$'000
Clarence Senior Citizens Centre	77	84	(7)	116
Lindisfarne Citizens Activities Centre	27	28	(1)	29
Risdon Vale Community Centre	5	4	1	15
Clarence City Concert Band	15	19	(4)	16
Howrah Recreation Centre	288	377	(89)	143
Geilston Bay Community Centre	3	3	–	1
	<b>415</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>320</b>

\* Due to timing of receipt of these records, some data remains unaudited.



	Income 2013/14 \$'000	Expenditure 2013/14 \$'000	Net Result 2013/14 \$'000	Net Assets 30/6/14 \$'000
<i>Clarence Senior Citizens Centre</i>	81	75	6	125
<i>Lindisfarne Citizens Activities Centre</i>	26	33	(7)	30
<i>Risdon Vale Community Centre**</i>	19	21	(2)	14
<i>Clarence City Concert Band</i>	22	19	3	20
<i>Howrah Recreation Centre</i>	333	355	(22)	233
<i>Geilston Bay Community Centre</i>	2	2	–	1
	<b>483</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>(22)</b>	<b>423</b>

\*\*2012/2013 results are incorporated in 2013/14 because of the timing of receipt of records.

## 37 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Bank guarantees in existence at balance date were as follows:

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Howrah Bowls Club	150	150
Beltana Bowls Club	0	65
OHA Football Club	37	37
Rosny Park Tennis Club	45	45
Lindisfarne Memorial Tennis Club	0	30
Sunshine Tennis Centre	60	60
Geilston Bay Tennis Club	54	54
	<b>346</b>	<b>441</b>

## 38 COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

The following interest(s) have been notified by Councillors pursuant to S84 of the Local Government Act 1993:

Councillor:	Ald Debra Thurley
Nature of Interest:	Director/Secretary R M Worbey Constructions Pty Ltd
Date Interest Existed:	1 June 2015 and on-going
Nature of Relevant Dealings:	R M Worbey Constructions Pty Ltd: Awarded Contract Tender T1018-14 Saundersons Road Risdon-Foreshore Embankment Work; Engaged by Council for range of minor civil work, primarily contract plant hire.



## 39 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INDICATORS

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
<b>Net financial assets/( liabilities)</b>	51,036	46,379	45,238	43,806	42,144

This measure shows whether Council's total liabilities can be met by its liquid assets.  
An excess of total liabilities over liquid assets means that, if all liabilities fell due at once, additional revenue would be needed to fund the shortfall.

<b>Underlying surplus/(deficit)</b>	4,283	3,542	1,140	(498)	(1,682)
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This measure shows Council's estimated operating result net of non-structural items such as specific purpose capital grants and other contributions of capital.

<b>Net financial liabilities ratio</b>	85%	79%	86%	85%	86%
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*Net financial liabilities/Recurrent Income*

This ratio indicates the net financial obligations of Council compared to its recurrent income.

*\*Benchmark: > 0%*

*(within range of -50% to 0% is acceptable)*

<b>Underlying surplus ratio</b>	71	6.0	1.9	(1.0)	(3.4)
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*Underlying surplus/(deficit)/Recurrent Income*

This ratio serves as an overall measure of financial operating effectiveness.

*\*Benchmark: > 1.0*

## 40 ASSET MANAGEMENT INDICATORS

<b>Asset consumption ratio roads</b>	48%	48%	49%	48%	50%
<b>Asset consumption ratio stormwater</b>	56%	58%	58%	59%	58%
<b>Asset consumption ratio buildings</b>	91%	91%	92%	93%	95%

*Depreciated replacement cost/Current replacement cost*

This ratio indicates the level of service potential available in Council's existing asset base based on accounting estimates.

*\*Benchmark: >60%*

<b>Asset renewal funding ratio</b>	106%	107%	92%	n/a	n/a
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*Projected capital outlays/Projected capital expenditure funding*

This ratio measures Council's capacity to fund future asset replacement requirements based on its 10 Year Financial Management Plan.

*\*Benchmark: 100%*

*(within range of 90% to 100% is acceptable)*

<b>Asset sustainability ratio</b>	92%	86%	106%	84%	53%
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*Capital outlays on replacement or renewal of existing assets/ Annual depreciation expense*

This ratio calculates the extent to which Council is maintaining operating capacity through renewal of its existing asset base.

*\*Benchmark: 100%*



## **Independent Auditor's Report**

**To the Councillors of Clarence City Council**

**Financial Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2015**

### **Report on the Financial Report**

I have audited the accompanying financial report of Clarence City Council (Council), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2015 and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the General Manager's statement.

### **Auditor's Opinion**

In my opinion Council's financial report:

- (a) presents fairly, in all material respects, its financial position as at 30 June 2015 and financial performance, cash flows and changes in equity for the year then ended
- (b) is in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and Australian Accounting Standards.

### *The Responsibility of the General Manager for the Financial Report*

The General Manager is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Section 84 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls 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*

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based upon my audit. My audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of 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 my judgement, including the assessment of risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those

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risk assessments, I considered internal control relevant to the General Manager's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate to the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Council's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the General Manager, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

My audit is not designed to provide assurance on the accuracy and appropriateness of the budget information or the asset renewal funding ratio in Council's financial report.

#### **Independence**

In conducting this audit, I have complied with the independence requirements of Australian Auditing Standards and other relevant ethical requirements. The *Audit Act 2008* further promotes independence by:

- providing that only Parliament, and not the executive government, can remove an Auditor-General
- mandating the Auditor-General as auditor of State Entities but precluding the provision of non-audit services, thus ensuring the Auditor-General and the Tasmanian Audit Office are not compromised in their role by the possibility of losing clients or income.

#### **Tasmanian Audit Office**



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**Deputy Auditor-General**  
**Delegate of the Auditor-General**

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## APPENDIX A

The following is a statement of Allowances and Expenses paid to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Aldermen provided in accordance with Section 72 of the *Local Government Act, 1993*.

	Allowances	Expenses	TOTAL AMOUNT
Alderman Campbell, Deputy Mayor	45,133.57	3,539.61	48,673.18
Alderman Chipman, Mayor <sup>1</sup>	93,194.80	4,211.59	97,406.39
Alderman Chong	26,630.59	5,900.00	32,530.59
Alderman Cooper	9,793.99	881.44	10,675.43
Alderman Don Cusick	9,793.99	849.38	10,643.37
Alderman Peter Cusick	16,836.60	928.91	17,765.51
Alderman Doust	26,630.59	5,166.05	31,796.64
Alderman Hulme	16,836.60	1,528.97	18,365.57
Alderman James	26,630.59	4,699.11	31,329.70
Alderman McFarlane	26,630.59	5,404.18	32,034.77
Alderman McManus	9,793.99	0	9,793.99
Alderman Peers	26,630.59	2,341.49	28,972.08
Alderman Thurley	16,836.60	1,067.86	17,904.46
Alderman von Bertouch	26,630.59	10,099.72	36,730.31
Alderman Walker	26,630.59	2,508.90	29,139.49
	<b>404,634.27</b>	<b>49,127.21</b>	<b>453,761.48</b>

<sup>1</sup> The Mayor also receives a fully maintained vehicle for private use.

## APPENDIX B

The following is a statement of the attendance of Aldermen at Meetings of Council during the 2014/15 financial year, in accordance with Section 72 of the *Local Government Act, 1993*.

	Meetings Held	Meetings Attended
Alderman Campbell*	18	14
Alderman Chipman	18	17
Alderman Chong	18	16
Alderman Cooper	6	6
Alderman Don Cusick	6	6
Alderman Peter Cusick*	12	9
Alderman Doust	18	17
Alderman Hulme	12	12
Alderman James	18	18
Alderman McFarlane	18	15
Alderman McManus	6	6
Alderman Peers*	18	14
Alderman Thurley	12	11
Alderman von Bertouch	18	16
Alderman Walker	18	18

\* Leave of Absence approved:

- Ald Campbell – Council Meeting of 7 July 2014
- Ald P Cusick – 23 February to 18 March 2015
- Ald P Cusick – Council Meeting of 20 April 2015
- Ald Peers – Council Meeting of 2 February 2015

## APPENDIX C

The following is a statement of total annual remuneration paid to employees of the Council who hold positions designated by Council as being senior positions in accordance with Section 72 of the *Local Government Act, 1993*.

Total Annual Remuneration*	Number of Employees
\$240,001 - \$260,000	1
\$220,001 - \$240,000	
\$200,001 - \$220,000	1
\$180,001 - \$200,000	
\$160,001 - \$180,000	2
\$140,001 - \$160,000	3
\$120,001 - \$140,000	1

\* Total Annual Remuneration is defined as the total of:

- the salary payable to the employee;
- the amount of employer contributions to the employee's superannuation;
- the value of the use of any motor vehicle provided to the employee; and
- the value of any other allowances or benefits paid or payable to or provided for the benefit of the employee.





## APPENDIX D

The following is a report in relation to contracts for supply or provision of goods or services valued at or exceeding \$100,000 (excluding GST) but less than \$250,000 that is entered into or extended between 1 July 2014 and 30 June 2015. This is in accordance with Regulation 29 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2015*.

Contract Description	Contract Start Date	Original Contract Expiry	Amended Contract Expiry	Total value of tender awarded excl GST	Business name of successful contractor	Location of contractor business
<b>T977/14</b> Design and Construct Bridge Sub Structure at Droughty Point Road	02/12/2014	27/03/2015		\$182,200.00	BridgePro Engineering Pty Ltd	PO Box 3253 Ulverstone MDC TAS, 7315
<b>T997/14</b> Kangaroo Bay Oval – Curating and Sport Field Maintenance	06/10/2014	05/01/2019		\$160,630.00	Carteman Pty Ltd Total Turf Care	37 Harvest Lane, Old Beach, TAS 7017
<b>T1004/14</b> Car Park Reconstruction – 2 Cambridge Road	21/10/2014	28/11/2015		\$125,534.28	Venarchie Contracting Pty Ltd	11 Cavalry Rd, Mowbray, TAS, 7248
<b>T1008/14</b> Clarence High School and Geilston Bay High School Oval Maintenance	1/01/2015	31/12/2020		\$176,480.00	Carteman Pty Ltd Total Turf Care	37 Harvest Lane, Old Beach, TAS 7017
<b>T1002/14</b> Geilston Bay School Oval Upgrade Irrigation	6/10/2014	19/12/2015		\$184,845.20	Carteman Pty Ltd Total Turf Care	37 Harvest Lane, Old Beach, 7017
<b>T998/14</b> Lindisfarne Streetscape Stage 3A – Civil works	6/10/2014	5/12/2015		\$121,300.00	Butterworth Kerb and Channel	PO Box 828, Rosny Park, TAS, 7018
<b>T995/14</b> St Johns Circle Traffic Improvement works	9/09/2014	31/10/2015		\$204,245.50	Statewide Earthworks Pty Ltd	52 Atkins Road, Granton, TAS, 7030
<b>T987/14</b> New Public Toilet Facility at Bellerive Boardwalk	11/08/2014	21/11/2014		\$244,837.00 Amended to \$241,180.47	Maveric Builders Pty Ltd	14 Mertonvale Circuit, Kingston, TAS, 7050
<b>Q981/14</b> Architectural Design for Kangaroo Bay Oval Recreational Sporting Facility	12/05/2014	29/08/2014	Deferred until early 2016	\$130,750	PhilpLighton Architects	49 Sandy Bay Road, Hobart, TAS, 7000
<b>T1007/14</b> Tara Dr/Acton Road turning facility	27/04/2015	26/06/2016		\$246,501.64	Spectran Contracting P/L	4-6 Birdwood Avenue, Moonah, TAS, 7009

## APPENDIX E

Statement of Grants and Benefits provided in accordance with Section 77 of the *Local Government Act, 1993*.

Adventure Island Tours	120.00	Lindisfarne Primary School	100.00
Alanna Monks	120.00	Lions Club Of Clarence Inc	400.00
Angus Murrell	120.00	Lions Club Of Hobart Town	110.00
Anna Dowling	150.00	Mackillop College	100.00
Anzac Park Steering Committee	1400.00	Maddison Brooks	120.00
Australian Futsal Association	150.00	Maddison Curtis	120.00
Australian Breastfeeding Association Tasmania Branch	1500.00	Matthew Hosie	120.00
Australian Red Cross	1500.00	Maximus Murray	120.00
Bellerive Primary School	100.00	Mia Andrewartha	120.00
Benjamin Spinks	120.00	Michael Dowling	120.00
Blade Runners Futsal	300.00	Molly Rasmussen	120.00
Cambridge Primary School	100.00	Montagu Bay Primary School	100.00
Cameron Monks	120.00	Nicholas Baker	120.00
Cantiamo Ladies Choir	150.00	Rachel Allen	120.00
Choral Productions Tasmania Inc	1500.00	Rachel Hosie	120.00
Cindy Johns	150.00	Richmond Primary School	100.00
Clarence Gymnastics Association	5000.00	Risdon Vale Neighbourhood Centre	850.00
Clarence High School	100.00	Risdon Vale Primary School	100.00
Clarence Plains Child & Family Centre	300.00	Rokeby High School	90.91
Clarendon Vale Neighbourhood Centre	1429.00	Rokeby Neighbourhood Centre Inc	7500.00
Clarendon Vale Primary School	100.00	Rokeby Primary School	100.00
Clarendon Vale Primary School Parents Assoc	300.00	Rose Bay High School	100.00
Coal River Valley Historical Society Inc.	300.00	Rose Bay High School Association	7000.00
Corey Eduljee	150.00	Rosny College	100.00
Corpus Christi School	100.00	Sameul Gore	120.00
Cremorne Play Group Inc	150.00	Samuel Aird	120.00
Dominoes Basketball Club Inc	1495.00	Samuel Cummins	150.00
Donna Creswell	120.00	Sarah Pratt	120.00
Eastside Lutheran College	100.00	Scout Australia - Clarence Venturer Unit	1500.00
Edith Maud Atkinson	120.00	Scouts Australia - Clarence Sea Scouts	1345.00
Ellie Collins	120.00	Sea Rescue Tasmania Inc	2000.00
Emily Kerslake	120.00	South Arm Peninsula Residents Australia	500.00
Emmanuel Christian School	100.00	South Arm Primary School	100.00
Gayle Moore	120.00	Special Olympics Tas Southern Region	300.00
Gene Ayton	120.00	St Cuthbert's School	100.00
Hailey Marino	120.00	St Johns Catholic School	100.00
Hannah Johnson	120.00	State Womens U19 Volleyball Team	300.00
Hannah Richardson	120.00	Sue Hancock	120.00
Hobart Outrigger Canoe Club	1500.00	Sunshine Tennis Club	1369.00
Hobart Playback Theatre Company	1500.00	Surf Life Saving Tasmania Inc.	14935.00
Howrah Mens Shed	1500.00	Tasmanian 14Yrs & Under Water Polo Team - Green	300.00
Howrah Primary School	100.00	Tasmanian 14Yrs & Under Water Polo Team - Red	300.00
Howrah School For Seniors	120.00	Taylah And Jessica Cooper	150.00
Independent Living Centre Tasmania Inc	1500.00	The Bellerive School Association	1200.00
Isaac Bygraves	150.00	The Cottage School	272.73
Izach Collins	120.00	The Cottage School Inc	100.00
Jacob Bygraves	120.00	Thomas McGann	120.00
Jake Cresswell	120.00	Tom Murrell	120.00
Jane Hickie	150.00	Tom Rasmussen	120.00
Jayden Vince	120.00	U14 Boys Hobart Junior Chargers	120.00
Jennifer Dare	300.00	Warrane Mornington Neighbourhood Centre	500.00
Jessica Bull	150.00	Warrane Primary School	100.00
Johanna Ellis	120.00	Wide Angle Tasmania	300.00
John Paul II School	100.00	Wildcare Deslacs	1500.00
Joshua Allen	120.00	Young Life Australasia (Hobart)	1500.00
Joshua Brooks	120.00	Samaritan's Purse Australia	605.00
Joshua Foulston	120.00	Baptist Union Of Tasmania	1500.00
Karen Wild-Allen	120.00	Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club	445.00
Kerri Hallam	150.00		
Klaire Carrick	120.00		
Lachlan Brock	120.00	Rural Rate Remissions	130986.00
Lauderdale Fire Brigade	100.00	Pensioner Remissions	137786.00
Lauderdale Primary School	100.00	Commercial Rate Remissions	4630.00
Lauderdale Primary School Association	1500.00	Conservation Covenants Rate Remissions	4369.00
Lillian Baker	120.00		
Lindisfarne North Primary School	100.00		



## APPENDIX F

### Operations of Clarence Aquatic Centre

Council operates the Clarence Aquatic Centre as a public swimming facility in order to promote water skills within the community and to provide year round aquatic facilities to meet the community's recreational swimming needs. Centre management is undertaken by an independent contractor.

While the operation is not considered to be a significant business activity, Council does provide a material Community Service Obligation in respect of the Centre, this being disclosed in the interests of transparency. Revenue for the year was \$84,362 (2013/14 - \$83,800) and expenditure was \$567,283 (2013/14 - \$511,760). The resulting Community Service Obligation is \$482,921 (2013/14 - \$427,960).

At Council's request, the facility was closed for maintenance from 2 April 2015 to 18 May 2015.

## APPENDIX G

### COPPING REFUSE DISPOSAL SITE JOINT AUTHORITY

The Copping Refuse Disposal Site Joint Authority was established under Section 30 of the *Local Government Act, 1993* by the Clarence City Council, Sorell Council and Tasman Council. Kingborough Council has since joined the Authority.

#### Principal Objectives – as defined by Joint Authority

Its principal objectives are:

- to manage a putrescible landfill disposal site which conforms to the Development Proposal and Environmental Management Plan (DP & EMP) and permit conditions and to manage the balance area; and
- to successfully manage the landfill disposal site business and balance area by:
  - (i) operating efficiently in accordance with sound commercial practice;
  - (ii) maximising the net worth of the Authority's assets; and
  - (iii) operating the site to maximise benefits to members.

#### Key Activities

Key activities for the Authority were as follows:

- approximately 99,000 tonnes of waste was deposited at the landfill site, which is an increase of approximately 10% more than the previous year. This increase was primarily a result of deliveries of low level contaminated soil from a number of construction projects. The landfill is licensed to accept 104,000 tonnes per annum. In view of on-going construction projects in the region, the Authority requested an increase in annual permitted tonnes in early April 2015. No response to this request has been received at the time of publication of this report.

#### Budget and Performance

The Authority's unaudited financial statements show a net profit before tax of \$59,535 (2014, \$273,152). Revenue exceeded budget due to the receipt of low level contaminated soil. Expenditure was negatively impacted by a number of matters, including writing off equipment at the Lutana Waste Transfer Station as a result of a major upgrade. Additional financial information relating to this Authority is included in Note 7 of Council's financial statements.

## **SOUTHERN WASTE STRATEGY AUTHORITY**

The Southern Waste Strategy Authority is established as a joint authority under Part 3 Division 4 of the *Local Government Act, 1993*.

The Authority is a body corporate consisting of Brighton, Central Highlands, Clarence City, Derwent Valley, Glamorgan/Spring Bay, Glenorchy City, Hobart City, Huon Valley, Kingborough, Sorell, Southern Midlands, and Tasman Councils.

The purpose of the Authority is to facilitate integrated regional strategic planning and implementation of the Southern Waste Management Strategy.

The functions of the Authority are to provide the most cost effective management and facilitation of:

- municipal waste minimisation programs;
- waste stream control and performance monitoring;
- establishment of non-municipal waste minimisation programs;
- monitoring of residual waste treatment technologies;
- infrastructure developments;
- implementation of the landfill development strategy; and
- education and marketing programs.

### **Key Activities**

Key activities for the Authority were as follows:

- organised a bi-annual national sustainability conference held in Hobart in November 2014
- continued waste education campaigns at local schools
- negotiated an arrangement for Clarence to provide an Education Officer to conduct waste education training and information services to schools and community organisations within Southern Tasmania in 2015/16
- assisted with the 2014 Garage Sale Trail Day
- considered the responses received from the 12 member Councils in regard to their request for the member Councils' views on the future of SWSA following the withdrawal of the Hobart City Council from SWSA. In brief the SWSA Board resolved to continue its operations for the balance of 2014/15 with a revised budget and to explore alternate waste management arrangements. The Board also approved a revised budget and confirmed the Council contributions for 2014/15.

### **Budget and Performance**

Financial Statements at the time of writing this report were not available.



## **SOUTHERN TASMANIAN COUNCILS AUTHORITY**

The Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority is established as a joint authority under Part 3 Division 4 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

The Authority consists of Brighton, Central Highlands, Clarence City, Derwent Valley, Glamorgan/Spring Bay, Glenorchy City, Hobart City, Huon Valley, Kingborough, Sorell, Southern Midlands and Tasman Councils.

The principal objective of the Authority is to enable members to work together to facilitate and co-ordinate agreed regional development strategies and actions to achieve sustainable economic, environmental and social outcomes for the Southern Region.

The principal functions of the Authority are:

- to monitor, identify and agree on regional development issues, strategies and priorities that are intended to progress the collective interests of the Southern Region;
- to develop and promote reports, plans, programs and other actions to address agreed regional development issues, strategies and priorities, and
- to facilitate communications, cooperative working relationships and joint action between members and with the State and Commonwealth Governments and other identified stakeholders to address agreed regional development strategies and priorities.

### **Key Activities**

Key activities for the Authority were as follows:

- continued work on the Southern Tasmanian Regional Planning Project to develop a regional strategy and consistent planning schemes which included the draft Interim Clarence Planning Scheme
- endorsed a Strategic Plan 2015-2019
- developed a Southern Regional Economic Development Prospectus
- endorsed a proposal to develop a voluntary data sharing arrangement with TasWater
- discussed local government reform.

### **Budget and Performance**

Financial Statements at the time of writing this report were not available.





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