



Enhancing and celebrating our diverse community

Annual Report

2005-2006

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Mission Statement

A mission statement gives an organisation a sense of purpose and direction.

Our mission is to provide quality services and effective representation to meet the needs and expectations of our community.

Vision

Our Vision is that Vincent will strive to be a vibrant and dynamic community.

We will continue to be a safe and healthy inner city area, rich in heritage and cultural diversity.

Our residents will have a strong sense of belonging and will value Vincent as an integrated community which has its own distinctive identity and community spirit.

Trees, gardens and parks will provide attractive and natural places for recreation and enjoyment. Principles of sustainability will guide all Town decisions.

Our buildings will successfully blend old and new and embrace universal design principles to provide access for all.

We will foster a prosperous and dynamic business environment that serves local needs and attracts support from surrounding communities.

Vincent will be a place of equal opportunity for all people.

Working together, community, business and Council will turn our vision into reality.

Values

Our values describe the things which are important to us in the way we do business. We strive to display our values in all our interactions – in Council, through Councillors and staff, and within our community.

The Council upholds these guiding principles:

- Community spirit and cohesion are to be protected
- Cultural diversity is built on respect, understanding and interaction
- Community input is valued
- Sustainability guides our decision-making
- Access to all facilities
- Co-operation and teamwork

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Cover Photography: Mayor Nick Catania with Planning Minister the Hon. Alannah MacTiernan and Manager of Planning, Building and Heritage Services Des Abel with the three awards that the Town won in the Planning Institute of Australia (WA Division) Awards for Planning Excellence. Photo courtesy: *The West Australian*



Mayor's Report



Mayor Nick Catania, JP

Elected May 2001

Re-elected 2003-2007

It is with pleasure that I report on Council activities over the 2005-2006 financial year. This year has been a busy one, with a number of projects being finalised and new initiatives introduced in addition to regular programmes designed to cater to the needs of our diverse community and deliver the services and facilities that we can all enjoy.

Vincent Vision 2024

The culmination of the hard work of our community and staff saw the launch of The Visions – the Vision Statements for Vincent Vision 2024. These Visions represent the aspirations and desires of our community as to how our Town should be in 2024 and form the basis for our strategic planning for the future. We were also very pleased to install the Vision Tiles created by our local school students and unveil a commemorative plaque. The painted ceramic tiles are located along the limestone wall in front of Leederville Oval on Vincent Street.

Planning Awards

We were honoured this year to be the recipients of three Planning Institute Australia (WA Division) Awards for Planning Excellence for our Vincent Vision 2024 community-based planning project. Winning the Award for Excellence in Community Based Planning, WA President's Award and the WA Planning Minister's Award (which is the overall winner of the State Awards) was a great testament to our dedicated professional staff and also an acknowledgement of the passion and involvement of our community in helping us to plan for the future. Receiving a Merit Award at the Planning Institute Australia and New Zealand Planning Institute Awards for Planning Excellence gave national recognition to the project.

Loftus Centre Redevelopment

The plans for the \$12 million redevelopment of the Loftus Centre were devised this year and we look forward to implementing these plans in the coming years. With \$3.6 million in funding from the State Government the Loftus Centre will be transformed into a state-of-the-art sporting facility and will house "the State Gymnastics

Centre" – the new home of Gymnastics WA. The Loftus Centre will be modified to become a centre of sporting excellence, which will also cater specifically for basketball and other indoor sports. The Centre redevelopment will also include the construction of a new Town Library (incorporating a Local History Centre), an expansion of the Community Centre, improved parking facilities and complete the landscaping of one hectare of Leederville Oval public open space. The new Centre will be a major attraction for the Town and is designed to cater to the needs of our diverse community.

Boundary Realignments

This year the Town submitted a number of proposals to the Local Government Advisory Board to realign our boundaries. The Board concluded its inquiry into the proposals affecting the Town in July 2006 and we look forward to the outcome in due course.

Initiatives for Seniors

This year saw the introduction of a number of initiatives to assist the senior members of our community. As part of our Seniors' Strategy forums were held last year to ascertain the needs and wants of this valued section of our community and the information from these forums has been used to help the Town create targeted and beneficial services catering specifically to the needs of our seniors. We were delighted to launch the personal safety alarms, free motion sensor lights, free taxi vouchers and verge mowing initiatives this year. A new pool hoist was also installed at Beatty Park Leisure Centre this year to assist seniors and people with disabilities to get into and out of the pool with ease.

Hyde Park Update

I am pleased to advise that the Hyde Park Working Group has been meeting regularly to progress the restoration of the Hyde Park lakes. A hydrogeology study was recently undertaken to obtain a better understanding of the relationship between the water levels in the lakes and the existing water table. A number of restoration options have been identified and the working group is currently discussing these options and will be reporting back to the Council and consulting the community with recommendations in due course.

The Town would like to thank the many professional individuals and organisations that have assisted with the information that they have provided in trying to resolve what has been identified as a very complex system.

A new stage for Hyde Park has been approved by Council following community input and lengthy debate on the design. The project is a joint initiative with North Perth Rotary Club which uses the stage extensively for the Hyde Park Community Fair and believes that a new stage will increase the popularity of the Park for other potential users.

Planning, Building and Heritage

The Town is lucky to have buildings and places that highlight the architectural styles through time and which contribute to our unique local history. These heritage places play a key role in creating the character, atmosphere and lifestyle enjoyed in the Town that makes it one of the most highly sought-after and desirable places to live and work. In late June the Town released its new Draft Municipal Heritage Inventory featuring places of cultural heritage significance to our Town. Private, public and commercial properties were nominated for inclusion. Community Consultation is being undertaken and the new list should be adopted in 2006.

Also this year we were very pleased to be entrusted with the Title Deeds to Anzac Cottage. This cottage, Western Australia's first World War I memorial, was built by the local community on 12 February 1916 for a returned soldier and opened in April the same year. The cottage is a testament to the Anzac spirit and the Town's custodianship of the cottage will ensure its preservation.

The Town Planning Scheme review is the other major project currently being undertaken in this area. The review follows on from the directions established by the outcomes of the Vincent Vision 2024 project.

Queen's Baton Relay and Community Events

In February the Town played host to the Queen's Baton Relay. Providing an integral link in the world's longest, most inclusive relay, the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton was welcomed into our Town with an open day at Beatty Park Leisure Centre.

I was pleased to once again be involved in a number of community events and was delighted to meet so many of the residents and ratepayers who play an active role in our Town. Amongst numerous events, including hosting a Christmas Community Barbeque, it was a pleasure to attend National Tree Day, the Anzac Day Service, our ever-popular outdoor concerts, Pioneers' Celebration, Carers' Recognition Lunch and Harmony Week activities. Then there were our many awards and competitions – the Art Award, Film Project, Local History Awards, Visions of Vincent Photographic Competition and Garden Competition – all of which reinforced just how strong our community spirit is.

Underground Power

This year saw planning for the Town's first underground power project. Support from the ratepayers in the Highgate East Project area was overwhelmingly in favour of underground power and we look forward to the project continuing in the new year. It is hoped that this will be the first of a number of underground power projects in the Town.

Mayor Nick Catania, the Hon Minister Michelle Roberts and > Mary Spiteri at the launch of personal alarms for seniors

The Next Twelve Months

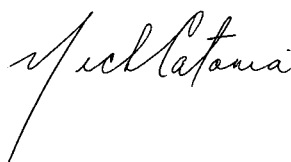
The new financial year is set to be another exciting time for the Town with a number of projects being undertaken and new initiatives constantly being developed in consultation with our community. The release of the Interim Report into Perth Major Sporting Stadia was welcomed by the Town. One of the sixteen recommendations of the Taskforce was that Members Equity Stadium be the preferred rectangular stadium for use by soccer and both codes of rugby. The report recommended that the stadium be increased to a 25,000-seat capacity.

In addition to our ongoing programmes upgrading our footpaths, roads, parks, playgrounds and community amenities we will also continue with our plans to upgrade our precinct town centres including our Leederville Masterplan, Beaufort Street Upgrade and revitalisation of Mount Hawthorn.

Appreciation to Chief Executive Officer, Officers and Staff

I would like to express my appreciation for Chief Executive Officer John Giorgi and the Town's officers for their hard work during the last twelve months on behalf of the residents and ratepayers of the Town. We have had a number of major projects on the go over the past few years, and the fact that they have been successfully completed is a credit to the work of the officers, led by the CEO.

I look forward to another exciting and productive year working on behalf of local residents, ratepayers, businesses and visitors to the Town of Vincent.



NICK CATANIA, B.Ec., JP
MAYOR



Your Councillors

South Ward



CR IAN KER
Elected 1995
Re-elected 1997
Re-elected 2001
Re-elected 2005-2009



CR SALLY LAKE
Elected 2003-2007



CR IZZI MESSINA
Elected 2005-2009



CR MADDALENA TORRE
Elected 2003-2007

North Ward



CR SIMON CHESTER
Elected 1999
Re-elected 2003-2007



CR HELEN DORAN-WU
Elected 2001
Re-elected 2005-2009



CR STEED FARRELL
Deputy Mayor
Elected 2003-2007



CR DUDLEY MAIER
Elected 2005-2009

Council Information

Council Meetings

Council Meetings were held at 6.00pm on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month (except November and December 2005 when they were on the first and third Tuesday) at the Administration and Civic Centre, 244 Vincent Street (corner Loftus Street), Leederville. Special meetings of Council were called to consider specific matters.

The meetings are open to the public and there is a public question time at the beginning of the meeting.

Council Meeting Attendance

MEMBERS	ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS ENTITLED TO ATTEND	ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS ATTENDED	APOLOGIES	LEAVE OF ABSENCE	SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS ENTITLED TO ATTEND	SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS ATTENDED	APOLOGIES	LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Mayor Nick Catania	23	22	1	0	9	9	0	0
Cr Ian Ker	23	18	1	4	9	8	1	0
Cr Simon Chester	23	23	0	0	9	8	0	1
Cr Helen Doran-Wu	23	21	1	1	9	5	3	1
Cr Steed Farrell (Deputy Mayor)	23	16	4	3	9	3	6	0
Cr Sally Lake	23	23	0	0	9	9	0	0
Cr Maddalena Torre	23	18	4	1	9	2	7	0
Cr Dudley Maier	23	23	0	0	9	9	0	0
Cr Izzi Messina	23	21	0	2	9	8	0	1

Forum Attendance 2005-2006

MEMBERS	NO OF FORUMS ENTITLED TO ATTEND	NO OF FORUMS ATTENDED	APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE	APOLOGIES RECEIVED
Mayor Nick Catania	11	10	-	1
Cr Simon Chester	11	10	-	1
Cr Helen Doran-Wu	11	4	1	6
Cr Steed Farrell (Deputy Mayor)	11	2	1	8
Cr Ian Ker	11	8	-	3
Cr Sally Lake	11	11	-	-
Cr Dudley Maier	11	11	-	-
Cr Izzi Messina	11	11	-	-
Cr Maddalena Torre	11	2	-	9

Committees to which the Town has Delegates or Representatives

- Audit Committee (Delegates: Mayor; Cr Doran-Wu and; Cr Farrell. Deputies: Cr Chester; Cr Ker and; Cr Messina.)
- Claise Brook Catchment Group (Council Representatives: Manager Park Services and Executive Manager Technical Services.)
- East Perth Redevelopment Authority Government Officers Liaison Group (Council Representatives: CEO and Executive Managers.)
- Leederville Gardens (Inc) Retirement Estate Board of Management (Delegates: Mayor – chair; Cr Chester; Cr Farrell; Executive Manager Corporate Services – non voting; and Manager Community Development – non voting. Deputies: Deputy Mayor; Cr Doran-Wu and; Cr Maier.)
- Local Emergency Management Advisory Committee (Council Representative: Manager Ranger Services and Community Safety.)
- Local Government Association Central Metropolitan Zone (Delegates: Cr Ker; Cr Lake and; CEO – non voting. Deputy: CEO – voting.)
- Members Equity Stadium Management Committee (Delegates: Mayor – chair and CEO – voting. Deputy: Deputy Mayor.)
- Metropolitan Regional Recreation Advisory Committee (Delegates: Cr Doran-Wu and Manager Community Development – non voting. Deputy: Cr Farrell.)
- Mindarie Regional Council (Delegates: Mayor and CEO – non voting. Deputy: Deputy Mayor.)
- North West District Planning Committee (Delegates: Cr Chester and Executive Manager Environmental & Development Services – non voting. Deputies: Cr Ker and Manager Planning, Building & Heritage Services.)
- Swan River Trust (Delegate: Cr Maier. Deputy: Cr Messina.)
- Vincent Community Recreation Association (Delegates: Cr Lake; CEO – voting and; Executive Manager Corporate Services – voting. Deputy: Cr Maier.)
- Western Suburbs Accord Steering Committee (Delegate: Manager Health Services.)
- Western Suburbs Community Safety Co-ordinators (Delegate: Safer Vincent Co-ordinator. Deputy: Manager Ranger Services and Community Safety.)
- Tamala Park Regional Council (Delegates: Mayor and CEO – non-voting. Deputy: Deputy Mayor.)
- Youth Council (Delegate: Cr Messina. Deputy: Cr Torre.)

The Town also has the following Advisory Groups to advise Council on specific matters:

- Aboriginal
- Art
- Garden Awards
- Heritage
- Local Area Traffic Management
- Safer Vincent
- Seniors
- Sustainability
- Universal Access.

Good Governance

Public Interest Disclosure Act 2003

In accordance with the requirements of the Public Interest Disclosure Act 2003 (the Act), the Town of Vincent has established procedures to facilitate the making of disclosures under the Act.

These procedures set out the processes in place in respect to protected disclosures generally, to protect people from reprisals for making protected disclosures, and to provide guidance on investigations.

In the financial year 2005-2006, no disclosures relating to improper conduct were made to the Town and no disclosures were referred to the Ombudsman.

Privacy rights and legislation

The Town of Vincent views privacy compliance as an integral part of its commitment to accountability and integrity in all its activities and programmes. The Town is committed to compliance with the laws that deal with personal and health information about individuals that is stored or received by it.

Consequently, we will:

- Only use personal information provided by an individual for the purposes for which it was collected and for any other authorised use;
- Only disclose personal information to any third party (including other authorities) where authorised; and
- Take all necessary measures to prevent unauthorised access or disclosure.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is formally appointed by the Council and assists Council and the Town's administration to assure itself that within the organisation there are appropriate and effective accounting, auditing, internal control, business risk management, compliance and reporting systems, processes and practices.

Freedom of Information Act

The Town of Vincent has been subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act since its creation in 1994. The Freedom of Information Act gives individuals and organisations a general right of access to information held by the Town. It also provides the right of appeal in relation to decisions made by the Town to refuse access to information applied for under the Freedom of Information Act.

Equal Opportunity

The Town of Vincent supports, and is committed to, the achievement of our diversity management and equal opportunity goals. That means we are continually aiming to ensure that we provide a workplace free from all forms of discrimination, harassment and bullying and that there is equality and fairness in all aspects of employment and customer service delivery in our organisation.

Policies, practices and services are adapted to meet the needs of a diverse and evolving community and we review and update all relevant policies annually to ensure they align with legislative requirements and the needs of the workforce.

These policies are:

- Equal Employment Opportunity Policy
- Workplace Bullying Policy
- Sexual Harassment Policy
- Internet Use and Email Policy.

Register of Financial Interests for Elected Members and Senior Staff

The requirements of the Local Government Act 1995 in reporting the financial interests of Elected Members and Senior Staff were complied with.

This register was implemented on 1 July 1997 in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995. It is held in the Chief Executive's office and is available for viewing by the public.

Code of Conduct

The Council's Code of Conduct prescribes the standard of conduct and behaviour expected of the Elected Members and all Employees. The Code is required to be reviewed within twelve months after each Ordinary Election.

The Council Code which was originally adopted at the Ordinary Meeting of Council of 26 August 1996 was reviewed and re-endorsed by Council at its meetings of 14 July 1997, 23 August 1999, 28 August 2001 and 24 February 2004. The latest Code was substantially amended and re-adopted on 13 September 2005.



'Pelican Love' by Tony Hopkins >

Chief Executive Officer's Report



It is with pleasure that I report on a busy and most successful year.

The Town has continued to consolidate its position as a leading local government with significance. This success is a direct result of a concerted effort to develop the Town's practices and procedures in order to meet the diverse needs of its ratepayers,

residents and visitors, and the many expectations placed upon it. It is pleasing that the Town has received a number of significant awards which acknowledge the Town's expertise and achievements in these areas. These awards are referred to throughout the report. The following is a summary of significant achievements.

Customer Service

During the year there has been a continuing major focus on customer service, both internal and external, and I am pleased to note that the Town has continued to implement changes to improve customer service for its ratepayers and residents, with positive feedback being received.

A new Customer Service Charter was adopted by the Council in September 2005 and implemented throughout the organisation. Appropriate Customer Service training was carried out with all employees. The ultimate aim is to improve the delivery of services to our ratepayers, residents and visitors to the Town.

A new Complaints Management Policy and Procedures was adopted by the Council in September 2005 and implemented organisation-wide. This Policy and Procedures enhanced the Town's previous procedures and also included the formation of a Panel Review to consider formal complaints against Elected Members and the CEO. The Panel Review only met once during the year to consider a minor complaint against a Councillor, which was satisfactorily resolved for all parties.

Organisational Management

Plan for the Future/Strategic Plan

In late 2005 the review of the Town's Strategic Plan commenced, with the use of external consultants. The Strategic Plan forms the basis of the Town's strategic direction and includes many of the Capital Works programmes and provides guidance for the Town's Administration.

An amendment to the Local Government Act deleted the necessity for a Principal Activities Plan to be adopted and this was replaced by a 'Plan for the Future'. At the time of writing this report, the Council had considered a draft 'Plan for the Future' which incorporates its Strategic Plan 2006-2011, Strategic Financial Plan, Strategic Asset Management Plan (Draft) and numerous other key documents. Community consultation is currently being carried out on this Plan.

Independent Organisational Review

The implementation of the Independent Organisational Review recommendations continued throughout the year and, at the time of writing this report, were completed, with 100% (53) of the recommendations successfully implemented.

Council Policies

A number of new Council Policies were adopted during the year as a result of matters which arose. These included dealing with 'Public Question Time', 'Dealing with Disruption by the Public at Council Meetings', 'Acknowledgement of Service upon Retirement for Elected Members' and 'Disaster Appeals'. Several policies were also reviewed and adopted, including Precinct Groups and Investment Policy.

Local Laws

In late 2005 the Council authorised a review of the majority of its Local Laws to be carried out. It should be noted that the Local Government Act requires a review of Local Laws to be carried out every eight years.

Economic Development Strategy

Implementation of the Economic Development Strategy commenced, following the allocation of funds from the Council. A timeline for implementation of the recommendations has been prepared.

Infrastructure Development

Leederville Masterplan

Implementation of the Leederville Masterplan progressed substantially during the year with the appointment of a Principal Architect and a number of Consultants. The Working Group, comprising Elected Members and Senior Officers, met on numerous occasions and, at the time of writing this report, the matter was being finalised for consideration by the Council, including draft concept plans and indicative costings. Subject to Council approval, it is envisaged that this project will be advertised for public comment in late 2006 and implementation carried out over the next ten years.

Feasibility Study for Vincent Police Station

The Town has carried out a Feasibility Study to locate the Vincent Police Station on the land currently occupied by the Leederville Child Care Centre. If proceeded with, this would necessitate a new Leederville Child Care being constructed on land on the northern side of Leederville Oval, adjacent to the Margaret Kindergarten – which may also need to be refurbished or rebuilt. At the time of writing this report, the Town was awaiting a decision from WA Police.

Leederville Oval – 'Football Centre of Excellence'

The Town successfully negotiated a 3-year Naming Rights Agreement with Medibank, together with East Perth and Subiaco Football Clubs and an external party. Income from the Naming Rights is shared equally between the parties.

Work continued on the concept plans for the Public Open Space surrounding the Oval and, at the time of writing this report, the concept plans were being considered by the Council. It is expected that works will be carried out during 2007.

State Indoor Sports Centre – Loftus Centre Redevelopment

The Town tendered the management of the Loftus Recreation Centre with a private leisure centre organisation to commence from 1 January 2007. As part of the lease negotiations, this organisation will contribute \$3 million towards the redevelopment of the Centre.

The Town successfully negotiated a \$3.67 million contribution from the Department of Sport and Recreation to assist in the construction of the new State Indoor Sports Centre, which will house Gymnastics WA. At the time of writing this report, the concept plans for the proposed State Indoor Sports Centre were being considered by the Council and, if approved, construction is expected to commence in early 2007.

Multi-Purpose Rectangular Sports Stadium – Stage 2

The State Government formed the 'Major Stadia Taskforce' to investigate options for major stadia in Perth. The preliminary recommendations were released in April 2006, which recommended Members Equity Stadium as the preferred venue for rectangular sports. The Town presented concept plans to this Taskforce, which indicated that a 4-stage redevelopment could be achieved with the capacity for 32,500 people.

At the time of writing this report, the Taskforce was carrying out a Business Case for Members Equity Stadium.

Regional Councils

Tamala Park Regional Council

The joint owners, being the Cities of Joondalup, Perth, Stirling and Wanneroo and the Towns of Cambridge, Victoria Park and Vincent, formed a Regional Council to control the land (other than that leased to the Mindarie Regional Council). This Regional Council had its first meeting on 17 February 2000.

Work continued on the future land holdings at Tamala Park, which is a 432 hectare land holding about 30kms from the Perth CBD. The value of this land is estimated at \$11.5 million net; however its final value will depend on any subdivision layout determined by the landowners. A total of 252 hectares is currently leased to the Mindarie Regional Council for use as a Regional Waste Facility.

A Business Plan was jointly advertised for the redevelopment of the land in May 2005 and subsequently approved by the member councils.

Various subdivision proposals have been progressed and, at the time of writing this report, were at a stage for handover to the proposed Tamala Park Regional Council.

Mindarie Regional Council

The Mindarie Regional Council (MRC), of which the Town is a member along with the Towns of Cambridge and Victoria Park and Cities of Stirling, Perth, Joondalup and Wanneroo, purchased 100 hectares of land in north Wanneroo as a site to contain the proposed secondary waste treatment plant. The MRC approved of a tender to Worley Parsons for the construction and operation of its refuse resource facility at Neerabup. At the time of writing this report, the legal documentation was being prepared.

I am pleased that both staff and Elected Members have worked together for the benefit of the Town. I express my appreciation to Mayor Nick Catania, JP and Councillors and to the Executive Managers, Rob Boardman, Mike Rootsey and Rick Lotznicher, for their support during the year, and to the Town's employees for their outstanding commitment and dedication in ensuring the future success of the Town and making it a special place in which to live.



JOHN GIORGI

B.App.Sc. (Env Health), FAIEH, MLGMA, JP
Grad.Cert.Public Sector Mgmt,
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Chief Executive Officer's Division

Human Resources

Manager: Maureen M Gallagher

About our Employees

The Town of Vincent is committed to being an 'Employer of Choice' and recognises the important contribution to be made by an experienced and skilled workforce in achieving the Town's goals.

The Town's premise is that to sustain a high level of performance, the Town must provide an appropriate organisational environment, a means of ensuring the organisation is capable of meeting its goals, and the motivation to do so.

The Town is also aware of the need for a strategy to support Council's commitment to sustainability and the responsible governance of economic, environmental and social issues. This requires a holistic approach to organisational health, safety, diversity and well-being and the implementation of programmes that support a work/life balance for the Town's employees.

The Town has corporate goals to raise the profile of equal opportunity and affirmative action within the organisation. These goals ensure that all employees enjoy a workplace that is free from harassment and discrimination and that they have access to a fair and efficient grievance review process.

Recruitment

The Town's employee turnover for 2005-2006 increased slightly to 16.0%. The slight increase is indicative of the highly volatile building economy caused by the resources boom.

About our Employees

Item	98/99	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06
Number of Workers' Compensation Claims	29	20	13	18	22	12	13	9
Lost Time Injury Days	50	11	10	50	1	0	5	0
Employee Assistance Programme – Utilisation (number of referrals)	13	12	5	11	9	10	18	4
Absenteeism – total number of days taken	860	843	706	708	888	845	972	1113
Absenteeism – average number of days per employee	4.19	3.0	2.65	3.89	4.91	4.4	5.08	5.77
Employee Turnover %	26.06	20.59	13.07	12.64	13.26	12.5	12.95	16.00
Full Time Equivalent Employees	165	170	176	182	184	192	192	192

Staff Development and Training

Performance Appraisals continue to be conducted on an annual basis for all staff and training needs are then highlighted.

The operational employees have participated in safety training including Chainsaw Operation, Power Line Safety and Emergency Evacuation. Library employees had training sessions in Manual Handling. Ergonomic assessments were conducted by Health on the Move. Other employees have attended several seminars, conferences and workshops.

Occupational Safety and Health

The Town's Safety and Health Committee continued to meet on a regular basis throughout the year. Training sessions, including Safety Orientation, are conducted on an ongoing basis for inside and outside staff.

The Town's Employment Assistance Programme continues to be well utilised. This programme provides free counselling to employees and Elected Members and their families. Utilisation during this financial year was 2.5%, with four referrals overall.

Industrial Relations

It is pleasing to report that the Town has continued to maintain an industrial dispute-free record, with no industrial disputes reported since the creation of the Town on 1 July 1994.

Workers' Compensation

As the Town's Workplace Injury Management Co-ordinator, the Manager Human Resources delivers Injury Management information sessions to new staff. The Manager carried out the annual Injury Management Spot Audit for Local Government Insurance Services to ensure compliance under the status of self-insured employers. The findings of this audit determined that all staff have an understanding of Injury Management policies and procedures.

Local Government (Administration) Regulations – Reporting of Salaries over \$100,000

The Local Government (Administration) Regulations require local governments to report in their annual reports the number of employees within a salary of \$100,000 or more and for the number to be shown in each band of \$10,000 over \$100,000.

Salary Range	Number of Employees Receiving Salary
\$100,000-\$109,999	0
\$110,000-\$119,999	3
\$120,000-\$129,999	0
\$130,000-\$139,999	0
\$140,000-\$149,999	0
\$150,000-\$159,999	1

Public Relations/Marketing

The Public Relations Officer continues to be involved in a number of functions and activities to maintain and enhance the profile of the Town through strategic public relations planning and programmes and marketing campaigns and initiatives.

Each fortnight a Welcome Pack is sent out to new residents. Resident response to these packs continues to be very positive and based on feedback from recipients, additional new material is now included periodically in the packs. These packs continue to attract favourable comment and copies of the packs have been requested by community groups and real estate agents on a number of occasions.

The quarterly community newsletter 'Town of Vincent News' is prepared by the Public Relations Officer and the newsletters feature a diverse range of articles of interest to the residents and businesses in the Town. In addition, twice-yearly a 'Have Your Say' reply-paid insert is included in the newsletter to encourage feedback on Council matters.

'Bubblemaina' by Andrew McRoberts >

The PR Officer is also responsible for creating the fortnightly internal newsletter for employees. These newsletters ensure that both internal and external stakeholders are kept informed about their Town.

The Town devised and worked towards the implementation of a new and improved public website. The site went 'live' in July 2006. The website was reviewed and designed to be more user-friendly. The new site is more colourful and features new sections with separate pages for Beatty Park Leisure Centre and the Vincent Library and Local History Centre.

The Town continues to enjoy a high media profile and works collaboratively with journalists and reporters working in the electronic and print media. The Town has remained at the forefront of local issues and has been involved in a number of important State matters and is sought out by media professionals. This year saw a great deal of interest garnered from the Local Government Electoral and Structural Reform review and the Town's subsequent proposals to realign its boundaries; State and National Awards for Planning Excellence for Vincent Vision 2024; Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay; the launch of the revised draft Municipal Heritage Inventory; Hawthorn House; the Interim Report from the Major Stadia Taskforce and numerous Town initiatives for the community including personal alarms for seniors and a pool hoist at Beatty Park for people with disabilities.

Elections

No elections were held this financial year.

Citizenships

The Town conducts citizenship ceremonies on behalf of the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs. This involved preparing administrative paperwork, contacting recipients and hosting the ceremony.

During the year, three citizenship ceremonies were held with a total of 107 recipients. In addition, thirty-three people became Australian citizens in private ceremonies conducted by the Mayor or the Chief Executive Officer. A total of 140 residents became Australian Citizens.



Executive Officers

The major responsibilities of the Executive Management Team are:

- Developing and reviewing specific strategies to support the adopted strategic plan;
- Overseeing the preparation of the annual budget in conjunction with the Town's operational areas;
- Monitoring the progress of each of the Town's operational areas towards attaining identified corporate goals, financial targets and non-financial performance indicators;
- Implementation of Council decisions; and
- Overseeing and co-ordinating major projects.

The Executive Management Team meets formally each week.

The Executive Management Team (from left) John Giorgi JP, Rick Lotznicher, Mike Rootsey and Robert Boardman



Executive Management Team

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- Citizenship
- Civic Functions
- Council Meetings
- Customer Service
- Economic Development
- Elected Member Liaison
- Elections
- Human Resources
- Policy, Legal Services and Local Laws
- Public Relations and Marketing
- Strategic Planning
- Town Management

- Engineering Services
- Fleet Management
- Parks Services
- Plant/Equipment
- Waste Management
- Works Depot

- Corporate Support
- Beatty Park Leisure Centre
- Community Development
- Financial Services
- Information Systems

- Health Services
- Ranger Services and Community Safety
- Library Services
- Planning, Building and Heritage Services

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Financial Services

Manager: Bee Choo Tan

Financial Services aims to continue to provide and improve financial management for the Town of Vincent. The preparation of the Annual Budget and the Annual Financial Statements are the major outcomes for the service area. The service area strives to provide timely and accurate financial information whilst meeting statutory obligations and customer expectations. Financial controls are regularly reviewed to ensure data integrity.

The performance measures of the key results areas of financial management highlighted in the Strategic Plan 2005-2010 are noted in the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2006.

Statutory Reporting

The 2005-2006 Annual Budget was adopted at the Special Council Meeting on 12 July 2005. Budget performance is closely monitored and this year two budget reviews were undertaken.

The Annual Financial Statements for the year ending 30 June 2006 received an unqualified report from the auditors. The Principal Activities Plan for the period 2004-2008 was also well received and is displayed for reference in the Department of Local Government's Library.

The Town was a finalist in 2004-2005 in the Department of Local Government and Regional Development Financial Management Awards. The Awards give recognition to those local governments that have provided the most effective financial management processes and reports throughout the year.

Rates

Rates are the principal source of revenue for the Town. The revenue generated from rates was \$14,576,948 which represents 53% of total operating income. Pioneer Credit Management Services was contracted throughout the year and, due to the combined actions of staff and Pioneer Credit, the collection rate has been high. The rates outstanding as at the 30 June 2006 was 2.16% compared to 2.63% for the previous year.

For 2005-2006 the Town of Vincent adopted a single general rate of 7.80 cents in the dollar of Gross Rental Value of the property and a minimum fee of \$480 applied. The Town's rates are competitive in the metropolitan region.

Corporate System

Since the implementation of the financial core Corporate System in July 2002, we have commenced the implementation of the Assets Infrastructure Management module (AIM). There are plans to implement further modules in the up-coming year. The Town has purchased new budgeting software called Prophix, which will assist in the budgeting and reporting process.

Organisational Review

In 2005 Financial Services reviewed the Fringe Benefit Tax calculation and introduced the record keeping of the log books for Council vehicles. There was a substantial cost saving as a result of the implementation.

One of the terms of reference for the Review was the financial accountability of the Town. Stage 2 of a 4-Stage Programme to review the appropriateness and effectiveness of the financial management systems and procedures of the Town was carried out this year. The findings of the Review were that the auditors consider the overall effectiveness of the financial management systems and procedures surrounding the areas covered by the review (Sundry Debtors, Fringe Benefit Tax, Cash Advances and Petty Cash, Goods and Services Tax) are sound and appropriate for the Town of Vincent's current level of operations and structure.

Community Development

Manager: Jacinta Anthony

Community Development works effectively in collaboration with community members, community groups, service providers and other spheres of government to identify and reach shared goals for the benefit of the Town. In 2005-2006 a number of new and exciting projects were established in the Town which has increased opportunities for the enhancement of the community in many and varying areas.

The process of attempting to measure the social value of services provided by the Community Development team has continued. The information gathered serves to provide a good foundation for the team's future direction in conducting appropriate social research and developing a strategic social planning process for the Town. The demographic data has been useful in providing a profile of the Town's community which facilitates programme planning and delivery.

Information Dissemination

Community Development Officers provided a beneficial and widely-used service disseminating information on a range of services and events available to the community. To enhance methods of dissemination there are service directories specifically for seniors, families and children, and people with disabilities. These are continually updated and are available by contacting the Town or from the Administration Centre. The Community Services Database has been updated and serves as a useful referral source for community enquiries.

Community Events

On 16 November 2005, as part of Seniors' Week, the Town held its sixth Vincent Pioneers function at the North Perth Town Hall. A successful morning tea was held with enjoyable performances by a local theatre company and a local history display. The morning assists in recognising the contributions made by the Town's senior citizens towards the development of the Vincent community. Approximately 130 people attended the morning, including the Mayor, Councillors and representatives from the Town.

The third Carers' Recognition Lunch was held on 17 May 2006 at the Acacia Hotel in Northbridge. This year seven disability support agencies participated in setting up displays in order to provide relevant and new information to carers. Guest speakers were Lois Gately, Chair of the Carery Advisory Council and Meagan Shand. The lunch was attended by seventy people and feedback received was very positive.

Harmony Week 2006 was celebrated with a series of events. These events included Harmony in Hyde Park, 'Three Women True Life Tales WWII' play, t'ai chi, Capoeira, multicultural storytelling, food fairs, a Library Forum and other community-facilitated events.

Community Programmes

In partnership with the Loftus Community Centre, the Town introduced Spring into Life – a programme that ran for eight weeks



ANZAC Day 2006

in September and October providing over 300 of our 'over 55' residents with an opportunity to try a range of healthy activities such as yoga, Pilates, t'ai chi, dance, singing, laughter and exercise classes. Where possible, activities already on offer in the Town were showcased so that newcomers could remain involved if they wished to. The programme, which was also supported by the *Perth Voice*, Adult Learners Week, Bank West Seniors' Week, ICCWA, Office of Seniors Interests and Beatty Park, culminated in a Seniors' Week concert attended by over eighty people.

The Vincent Seniors' Group has continued its strong support, meeting with the Community Development Officer to plan regular outings, activities and information sessions for seniors.

The seniors' outings are very popular, with over 500 seniors on the mailing list. The outings are very successful at meeting their aim of building on friendships made during the outings and carrying this over into their daily lives by providing support to one another outside the organised activities. Due to the increase in demand for attending the outings, the same outing was offered three times a month.

In partnership with the Fire and Emergency Services (FESA), the programme to provide and install smoke alarms for Vincent seniors and persons with a disability has continued. The partnership formed between the Town and the Volunteer Task Force to change the batteries in smoke alarms for seniors referred by the Town is also well utilised.

Social Research

The Town continued to work on the development of a Seniors' Strategy. The objective and purpose of the Seniors' Strategy is to assist the Town in effectively planning for the service needs of seniors by developing a broad strategy for seniors living within the Town. In April 2005 the second stage of the Safety Forum was held with the participation of fifty seniors. Following this Forum a group of the participants, together with Officers from the Town, established a group that has met on a regular basis to work through the actions developed at the Forum. The group has made good progress in gathering information related to many of the issues and questions participants raised at the Forum and deciding on appropriate ways to

< Catherine Robins from Beatty Park Leisure Centre helps Genevieve Mifsud try out exercising with a fitball, with friends Gesera Difabio and Maria Gorlinski (all from East Perth) watching on during Spring Into Life

make this information available to senior residents. It is also working to develop more effective ways for residents to let the Town know of concerns relating to safety and security and to encourage neighbours to get to know one another.

Support for the Community

Through the Community and Welfare Donations Scheme, \$49,000 was granted to twenty-two groups and organisations providing community and welfare services to the Town's residents. Throughout the year requests for ad hoc donations from groups, organisations and individuals were provided as appropriate.

The Town introduced a new Transport Assistance Scheme to assist senior residents and people with disabilities. The Scheme is designed to assist vulnerable residents who have limited transport options available to them. Residents who meet the criteria are issued with pre-paid taxi vouchers which may be used for transport in the local area. This year eighty-six residents have requested taxi vouchers, many of them on more than one occasion.

This year, for the first time, the Town made hand held personal alarms available to seniors and people with disabilities to enhance their security. The alarms are designed to be used outside the home and when activated emit a loud beeping sound to deter a would-be aggressor. The scheme has been very well received, with 160 personal alarms distributed.

Cultural Development Seeding Grants, which are for not-for-profit groups who organise cultural events within the Town to the benefit of residents, were provided to six groups who shared funds totalling \$5000.

Sporting donations were made to individuals within the Town who are competing at state, national or international level, with a total of thirteen donations made this year. The total contribution of \$2900 was shared among the successful applicants.

Assistance was given to young people through the Youth Development Grants. The grants (up to \$500) aim to assist young people (aged 12 to 17 years inclusive) residing in the Town to achieve their goals and provide them with an opportunity to actively participate in the community and their chosen field of interest. Nine young people received \$1900 to aid in achieving their goals. The grants are designed to foster a positive image of young people in the Town and to assist in providing opportunities they may not otherwise have.

Youth

The Mayhem Youth Festival was a collaborative event between the Town of Vincent Youth Advisory Council, Town of Vincent and YMCA Headquarters Youth Facility. The event was designed to bring about an appreciation and awareness of youth performers and artists within the Perth metro area, to highlight the talent and achievements



Ampfest 2006 Winners The Bullet Holes with sponsors

of young performers and artists, and to promote the facilities and programmes available to young people at YMCA Headquarters. The event also provided opportunities for young people to develop their event management skills.

Mayhem Youth Festival incorporated the performances of a variety of young bands and artists, along with workshops, temporary tattoos, spray art, sumo suits and mechanical bull. The event was drug, alcohol and smoke free, providing young people and the wider community with positive community-based activities to participate in.

Mayhem coincided with National Youth Week. The Town, in collaboration with Aranmore Catholic College, opened an art exhibit in the Headquarters exhibition space. The exhibition was open during National Youth Week.

A new innovative programme to aid young people in staying at school started with Finding My Place – a collaborative initiative between the Town of Vincent Library and Department of Education and Training. The programme was targeted towards students who are considered unlikely to complete their education to Year 12 level. The aim of this programme is to encourage the retention of these students in the education system, using the library environment as a non-threatening alternative educational site. Students from Aranmore College participated and completed a range of sessions offering guidance and motivation. Speakers included Mark Greenwood and his drum kit, Beatty Park staff and physical recreation and Hockeyroos Olympian Sally Carbon and Brad Smith of the Eagles Football Club.

Ampfest Clash of the Bands 2006 was a successful collaborative project involving the City of Subiaco and the Towns of Vincent, Claremont and Mosman Park. It was sponsored by Healthway, Zenith Music, Satellite Recording Studio, *Groove* magazine, *XPress* and RTRFM. The project provided the opportunity for young original Perth bands to further their skills in the music industry and to share in over \$8000 in prizes, play in front of an audience, and participate in band development workshops presented by professionals in the Western Australian music industry. The heats and final were held at various locations throughout the participating councils (including Leederville Headquarters). Each heat was well attended and the final attracted over 400 people.



2005 Vincent Art Award Winner Lesley Munro with Nick Catania in front of 'Navigation'

The School Holiday Programme provides families with primary school-aged children, and younger, with an opportunity to participate in a variety of affordable and accessible activities. The range of activities was chosen to be interactive, entertaining and educational. Activities held throughout the year included Myths and Legends Storytelling, Nyoongar Art, Water Awareness, Constable Care, Papermaking, Frog Finding – CALM, Sensational String Stories, Worm Farms, Old MacDonald's Farm, Spacedome – Scitech, City Farm, Rapped in Raptors – CALM, Vincent Icons – Heritage, Hip Hop Dancing and craft.

Recreation

Active Vincent Day was incorporated with Pets in the Park and held on Sunday 24 October 2005 at Leederville Oval. The event offered an opportunity for residents to be active and for local sporting groups to showcase their sport. Pet owners competed in the fun competitions including 'Pet/Owner Look-A-Like', 'Dog and Owner Egg and Spoon Race' and the 'Most Greedy Pet'.

The Anzac Day Service was held on a wet and windy day. Over 200 residents braved the conditions to show their respect. The ceremony commenced at 11.00am at Axford Park in Mount Hawthorn and guests enjoyed a warming morning tea at the conclusion of the event.

The 6-programme Summer Concerts Series were performed in early 2006. A highlight was the incorporation of the Film Project. A film night showcasing three locally made short films followed by *Strictly Ballroom*, a popular feature film, was screened before a crowd at Banks Reserve after one of the concert performances.

The Manager of Community Development, Jacinta Anthony, undertook the role of chairperson for the North Metropolitan Regional Recreation Advisory Council, with the Recreation Officer attending as secretary. Regular meetings with representatives of other northern suburb's councils were attended to develop regional recreation strategies for the northern corridor.

Seniors' Sportsfun was continued in 2006 with a successful partnership between the Department of Sport and Recreation and the School Volunteer Programme. Seniors' Sportsfun is an intergenerational coaching/mentoring programme for active seniors and primary school-aged children. A team of seniors were recruited and participated in the physical education classes of Year 3 and Year 4 students at Mount Hawthorn, Kyilla and Sacred Heart primary schools. Positive feedback was received from all involved.

Arts

The Wetlands Interpretive Project is well underway with the writer and designer commissioned for the signage in the final stages of design. The third major interpretive artwork was completed by artist Judith Forrest. The artist has completed a bronze sculpture which has been installed in the north-west corner of Hyde Park.

The Art Award took place in October 2005. The Award attracted 295 entries of which 224 were preselected by the curator for exhibition. The prize pool of the Award was increased to \$3000, allowing the judges to award a substantial prize for a work that is a runner-up to the main Vincent prize of \$6000. The Vincent Prize was awarded to Lesley Munro and Vincent Awards to Christophe Canato, Christina Newberry and Teresa Smith. Positive feedback was received from the artists, with the overwhelming majority considering the event well organised.

Community Arts

The Town, in collaboration with the Film and Television Institute, has continued with the Town of Vincent Film Project. The project involves the commission of a series of short films to be shot in and around the Town. The films were completed in December 2005 and screened in early January 2006.

The recipients of the Town of Vincent Visual Arts Scholarship (\$500) were Lucy Mustard of Perth Modern School and Ferron Dearnley of Aranmore Catholic College.

Artist Garry Pumfrey was commissioned to work with Perth Modern School art students to design and paint a banner for Local Government Week. The banner was displayed in St George's Terrace between 27 July and 9 August 2005.

A still from Susanna Iuliano and Bridget Curran's film 'North Perth Piazza' featuring Gino Serra, Giuseppe Bertinazzo and Carmine Tullio. The film was made as part of the Vincent Film Project



The 2005-2006 Visions of Vincent Photographic Award was celebrated at the exhibition opening, which was held in conjunction with the Town's Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony. There were a record number of photographs on display, this year 258 photographs were submitted by sixty-seven adult entrants and twenty-eight children. Thirteen prizes were awarded to winners by the Mayor, representatives of the *Perth Voice* and other local dignitaries and politicians.

Percent for Art Scheme – Projects

- The artwork by Lorenna Grant and Alan Clark for the DSR building was completed in October 2005.
- Artwork by Tony Pankiw for 595 Beaufort Street was completed in October 2005.
- Artwork by Ariane Palassis for 294 Newcastle Street was completed in April 2006.
- Artwork by Mathew Johnson for 315 Bulwer Street was completed 2006.
- Artwork by Kevin Draper and Phillippa O'Brien for the second stage of Beaufort Central was completed in March 2006.
- Designs for artwork for the Mezz Mount Hawthorn by Mark Datodi and Steve Tepper were approved in October 2005.

Hall/Reserve Bookings

There were 2031 bookings received and processed for the seven available Council halls in the 2005-2006 financial year, resulting in more than 5338 hours of actual use. Council halls were utilised by 10,609 casual users and 66,830 regular users. The total revenue for the year generated by hall bookings was \$82,673, which was an increase from the previous year, resulting from a change in the type of bookings received.

During the year under review, 159,671 people used the seventeen reserves that are available for hire. The total revenue generated by the hire of reserves during the financial year was \$23,112, a significant increase from last year's figure.

Leederville Gardens Retirement Village

The Town's full-time management of Leederville Gardens Retirement Estate has successfully continued.

Universal Access

The Town is committed to ensuring that the outcomes of the Town's Disabilities Services Plan (as required under the Disability Services Act 1993) are met and additionally provide services that extend beyond these requirements. The Town's new Disability Action and Inclusion Plan was completed after extensive consultation with residents, carers, families, agencies and staff and adopted by Council in May 2006.

International Day of disAbility Fair

On 3 December 2005 the Town's inaugural International Day of disAbility Fair was staged. People with a disability, families and carers were invited to Hyde Park to celebrate the International Day of disAbility. A mix of activities were offered for people to participate in including light entertainment, blind cricket, sailability, TADWA, blind tandem cycling, Beatty Park, kite flying and making, bubblemania and a free sausage sizzle. There was also a great opportunity to highlight the Liberty Swing which is located in Hyde Park.

Disability Services Plan Report 2005-2006

Outcome 1: Existing services are adapted to meet the needs of people with disabilities and their families

- The Town considers all aspects of inclusion and universal access when planning, promoting and undertaking Town-facilitated events and programmes.
- All externally organised events that are held within the Town are encouraged and supported to make the event universally accessible.
- The Disability Services Officer (DSO) liaises with all service areas to increase awareness of access issues and ensure that access is improved.
- The Town's Library offers a range of services to meet the needs of and include people with disabilities and ensure access to Library facilities.
- Waste Management Services offers assistance to people with disabilities in rubbish collection.

Outcome 2: Access to buildings and facilities is improved

- New policies have been developed regarding signage and obstructions on footpaths to increase access.
- Brass plates have been fitted in alfresco dining areas to decrease patronage spilling on to paths and therefore obstructing access.
- Many playgrounds have been made accessible in the Town.
- Various buildings, facilities and pathways have been upgraded in accordance with the access audit.
- Specific access difficulties, which the community make the Town aware of, in regards to pathways, kerbing and pram ramps are improved on a continual basis.
- Access issues are raised at the planning stage for all Council buildings, facilities and services.

- Private developers are required to meet basic access standards and are also given information about enhanced standards.
- Town Officers provide support to local businesses in looking at how to offer improved access to their facilities/services.
- Additional parking bays for people with disabilities which meet the Town's 2.5 ACROD parking policy have been included in the Town's car parks. The Town's policy is above the requirement of the Australian standard.

Outcome 3: Information about functions, facilities and services is provided in formats which will meet the communication requirements of people with disabilities

- The Town's Access and Equity Policy was reviewed to include a standard phrase that must be placed on all flyers and brochures, stating that material is available to the community in alternative formats. The policy also states that accredited interpreters must be used. The policy is in place and is promoted to all service areas.
- A range of community information is available on the website including information about services relevant to people with a disability.
- When designing flyers and posters for events, consideration is given to the layout, ensuring they are clear and easy to read. Flyers indicate events are accessible.



Outcome 4: Staff awareness of the needs of people with disabilities and skills in delivering advice and services are improved

- Each department within the Town continually updates and is responsible for information regarding access issues pertaining to their specific areas.
- The DSO passes on information regarding access issues and training opportunities to relevant staff as appropriate.
- The DSO is available to all service areas regarding universal access and disability awareness.

Outcome 5: Opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in public consultations, grievance mechanisms and decision-making processes are provided

- Residents have access to Universal Access Comment forms and 'Have Your Say' forms which provide residents, carers and users with the opportunity of feedback relating to disability issues within the Town.
- Participation in public consultations is available in alternative formats. For example, people are able to respond via email or contact the relevant officer if assistance is required.
- As a part of the updating of the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, specific forums have been held for people with disabilities and their carers so they can voice their concerns and discuss the issues they face.
- The Town's Universal Access Advisory Group is called upon when required to comment on specific access and inclusion issues.

Outcome 6: Provision of services which meet the specific needs of people with disabilities

- The Town hosted its third successful Carers' Recognition Lunch in May 2006, which was attended by seventy-one people.
- The Town hosted in the Inaugural International Day of disAbility Fair in Hyde Park.
- DSO has created a user-friendly directory of services for people with disabilities and carers living within the Town. The directory includes specific and general agency contact details, as well as websites where services are available online.
- The Universal Access Advisory Group met as required to assist with the consultation and support given to people with disabilities within the Town.
- Council endorsed the use of the Companion Card for Town services and facilities.

< Beatty Park Leisure Centre Supervisor Jeff Fondacaro with patron Russell Skerry demonstrate the new accessible hoist

Outcome 7: Provision of welfare advice and support to people with disabilities and their family/carers

- The Town offers transport assistance to eligible people with disabilities to assist with transport needs to health and well-being appointments.
- The Town's DSO offers individual support to residents looking for services and also advocates within Council on service developments as required.
- Disability services are promoted in the Town's quarterly newsletter and in the local media when appropriate.
- The DSO continues to develop partnerships with local agencies, ensuring a beneficial outcome to the community.
- Welfare support and referral, based on eligibility, is provided to individuals.
- People with disabilities benefit from the Town's Community and Welfare Donations Scheme, which gives financial assistance to groups and organisations providing community and welfare services to the Town's residents.
- Ad hoc donations to disability groups, organisations and individuals with a disability were provided as appropriate.

Information Systems

Manager: Michael Yoo

Records Management

The 2005-2006 financial year has seen further increases in the volume of records being managed by this service area. Many major projects undertaken by the Town and increases in development activities has contributed to the increase in the volume of records throughout this year.

A review of the Town's Records Management System was carried out and ongoing enhancements were made to the application to meet customer needs and state legislation. To meet the Town's Customer Service Charter, Key Performance Indicators were developed and implemented for Records Management Services.

The Town has worked with the State Records Commission to update the Town's Record Keeping Plan.

Ongoing training was provided to staff regarding records and document management. As part of this training an induction programme was developed.

Freedom of Information

Any person can make an application for the release of documented information held by the Town, subject to the provision of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 1992.

Complementary to the FOI Act, the Town has a policy of complete co-operation with someone who is seeking information. This policy includes attempting to provide an applicant with all the documents they need without having to lodge an FOI application, thus saving them time and money. However, this policy does not extend to information about staff, information that would jeopardise the privacy of other members of the community, or information that is commercially sensitive or of a legal nature.

This financial year there have been fifteen FOI requests and two requests from the Ombudsman.

Information Technology

The Information Technology Services area completed a number of major projects, which included implementation of new server for the corporate financial system and a new-look website for the Town.

The major projects and tasks completed in the year are as follows:

- Implementation of new corporate financial server
- Implementation of hardware firewall
- Implementation of access gateway for internal staff
- Implementation of content management system and new website
- Implementation of bookings management system
- Enhancements were made to the Geographic Information System
- Ongoing maintenance and development of online application for Intranet
- Upgrades were made to:
 - enterprise fax system
 - helpdesk management system
 - corporate document management system
 - corporate server hardware
 - two-way system
- The section co-ordinated a number of training sessions throughout the year as part of the ongoing commitment of the Town to maintain and improve the IT skills of their employees.

Work commenced where the Town of Vincent is part of a consortium under the Australian Government's Regulation Reduction Incentive Fund for the 'National Electronic Development Assessment' project.

Corporate System

Work commenced to implement new modules of Asset Management and Work Orders. Throughout the year a major software upgrade was implemented and the application was implemented on a new server to meet the business needs of the Town's staff.

Compliance with Record-Keeping Plan

1. **The efficiency and effectiveness of the organisation's record-keeping systems is evaluated not less than once every five years.**
 - Throughout the 2005-2006 financial year the Town had been reviewing and updating its record-keeping plan and liaising with the State Records Commission.
2. **The organisation conducts a record-keeping training programme.**
 - The internal and external training was provided throughout the year in line with the Town's record-keeping plan. Records Management Services induction was implemented.
3. **The efficiency and effectiveness of the record-keeping training programme is reviewed from time to time.**
 - Feedback was received from training participants and a new training programme will be implemented for the next financial year.
4. **The organisation's induction programme addresses employee roles and responsibilities in regard to their compliance with the organisation's record-keeping plan.**
 - New Elected Member and employee's role in the organisation's record-keeping plan is addressed as part of the Town's induction process.

Beatty Park Leisure Centre

Acting Manager: Dale Morrissy

Beatty Park Leisure Centre has again maintained its status as a highly respected venue in the leisure industry. Over the years the Centre has prided itself in achieving industry best practice in all aspects of operation including strategic and business planning; programme and event innovation; customer service delivery; human resource management; asset and risk management; financial management; and the application of new technologies.

A strong commitment to energy saving initiatives, productive marketing and membership retention programmes and ongoing reviews of procedures and practices allowed Beatty Park Leisure Centre to finish the financial year well ahead of budget.

As part of the Centre's preventative maintenance and ongoing building upgrades, the following works were undertaken during the year:

- Upgrade of one of the family/disabled change rooms
- Conversion of a disabled toilet to a family change room
- New mobile accessible hoist for use in all pools
- Replacement of the bridge over the indoor pool
- Replacement of heat exchange pump for the dive pool
- New lane ropes for the 50m pool
- New inflatable pool feature
- New equipment for the gym – cross trainer, stair master, treadmill and exercise bike
- Roof for outdoor Café balcony.

Feasibility Study

The purpose of the study was to prepare a plan indicating potential development scenarios for Beatty Park Leisure Centre. It took into account the results of the Needs Assessment conducted in 2004 and the 'Hydraulic and Mechanical Services Report' and 'Due Diligence Building Assessments' that were completed in July 2005.

The Feasibility Study has led to the development of broad conceptual plans and capital cost estimates which are now being refined by a Working Group into key objectives for the future upgrade of Beatty Park Leisure Centre. These objectives will then be passed on to an architect for the preparation of more detailed plans and costings.

Public Education

The Watch Around Water programme, which was launched at Beatty Park Leisure Centre by the Royal Life Saving Society of WA (RLSS) in January 2005, continues to be the Centre's key public safety education campaign.

Watch Around Water promotes safe swimming in aquatic facilities across the State by providing consistent policies and guidelines from the RLSS that Beatty Park Leisure Centre helped to develop. The programme is proving so popular amongst WA facilities that several eastern states facilities have also introduced it.

Queen's Baton Relay – Open Day at Beatty Park

Lots of excitement surrounded the journey of the Baton as it travelled through the Town of Vincent and arrived at Beatty Park on Day 18 of the 50-day Australian sector.

Percy Oliver carried the Baton into Beatty Park at 10.30am where he was greeted by cheering crowds and welcomed onto the stage by Mayor Nick Catania.

Percy Oliver was an Australian champion backstroke and freestyle swimmer from 1934 to 1940. He competed in the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin and then the 1938 Commonwealth Games in Sydney. Percy has been inducted into the WA Hall of Champions, and is believed to be the oldest living Commonwealth Games (Empire Games) Gold Medallist.

The Open Day was well attended with the City of Perth Swim Club doing a great job on the BBQs. Pip O'Connell was our MC for the day and she interviewed Percy Oliver, Bernie Mulroy, Ron Venables and Jen Reilly. We also had some fabulous entertainment supplied by the Joys of Women Choir and Hi NRG!

Aquatic Programmes and Activities

The Centre continues to offer indoor and outdoor heated water space catering to elite swimmers, general lap swimmers, people recovering from injury and also those just simply wanting to have some fun or get moving. The indoor water playground is an ideal area for families with young children.

A number of squad swimmers from Beatty Park Leisure Centre competed in state, national and international swimming events throughout the year.

Beatty Park Leisure Centre continues to play a major role in swimming education in WA. The Centre's Swim School had a successful year with further expansion of its school holiday and in-term programmes.

In the 2006 summer season, the Centre hosted nineteen school carnivals and a range of club-based competitions as well as the National Canoe Polo Championships and several A-grade water polo fixtures.

Thousands of Perth children participated in the successful In-term and Vacation Swimming Classes throughout the year.

The youth disco, known as Splashdance, continued as a regular summer event on the Centre's calendar. It was held monthly on Friday nights between November and March in the indoor pool hall and was hosted by either a DJ or live band. Between 150 and 300 children attended each event.



Community runner Archie Andony with the Queen's Baton

Health and Fitness Programmes and Services

The membership base has continued at last year's high levels due to a number of successful membership specials that were launched which enticed new members to join and helped retain existing members.

Beatty Park's health and fitness participants continued to show support for the Les Mills programmes. Pilates and yoga have suffered due to competition from other providers in the Centre's immediate catchment areas.

Personal training and massage numbers have increased this year due to a strong commitment by instructors to meet patrons' needs.

The Walking Talking Women programme was introduced this year after a successful grant application was made to the Department of Sport and Recreation. The programme was designed by staff at Beatty Park Leisure Centre for women of all ages and backgrounds who have been inactive for an extended period of time.



Waterfall at Beatty Park Leisure Centre >

Energy Saving Initiatives

The thermal pool blankets on the indoor and outdoor pools continue to show a significant reduction in gas consumption at the Centre by minimising the amount of time the Centre's two gas-fired boilers are required to operate. In addition, the pool blankets have helped reduce water consumption (nearly one-third down on the previous year) by minimising evaporation.

Maintenance Programmes

Beatty Park Leisure Centre has an established series of preventative maintenance schedules for all of the major plant and equipment on-site which was further refined over the past year.

With ageing plant and equipment and most items out of warranty, Beatty Park co-ordinates and budgets a thorough preventative maintenance programme. Unscheduled plant and equipment failure results in loss of income for the Centre and poor customer relations. The Centre works closely with various specialist technicians who service and maintain the plant and equipment at the Centre.

Safety and Security

Security Guards – the Centre has continued to employ security guards to patrol the Centre during peak periods (weekends, public holidays and during the January school holidays). The key duty of the external security guard is to patrol the Centre and car park on foot and provide a security presence in the hope that it will deter petty theft and vandalism.

This initiative is also helping to ensure that staff (primarily Centre Supervisor/Duty Manager) are able to focus on their primary duty of monitoring the safety of the patrons in and around the pool deck.

Security Systems – the Centre also has an internal alarm system

which is monitored by Signature Security. In addition, the Centre is also equipped with a digital closed circuit TV system, which includes eleven cameras providing improved coverage of all 'point of sale' locations and high risk areas throughout the Centre.

Retail Shop, Café and Crèche Service

Beatty Park's retail shop had a successful year. Its diverse range of products from recognised suppliers ensured year-round sales and customer confidence in quality and service. A well-marketed sales programme was adopted to ensure that a number of joint promotions and cross promotions took place throughout the year.

The Café delivered an affordable range of food and beverage items to Beatty Park Leisure Centre's patrons in an efficient and hygienic manner.

The Crèche service continues to be highly regarded as a safe, friendly and secure venue for children. On-site child minding gives parents a valuable opportunity to have some time to themselves and either join in the programmes or exercise on their own.



< Beatty Park Leisure Centre Crèche

Environmental and Development Services

Executive Manager: Robert Boardman

Ranger Services and Community Safety

Manager: Jim MacLean

Parking Enforcement

The number of parking infringement notices issued during the 2005-2006 financial year was 24,103 with a total value of \$1,439,530. This shows a large increase (29%) in the number of infringement notices issued and a substantial increase (59%) in the total value from the 2004-2005 figures of 18,667 infringement notices with a value of \$902,760.

The above also shows a substantial increase of 89% in the number of infringement notices issued in the 2-year period from 2003-2004 to 2005-2006, resulting in a 126% increase in revenue from 2003-2004 to 2005-2006.

Paid Parking – Car Parks and Kerbside Locations

There are seventeen car parks under the control of the Council; of which eight currently attract a day-time parking fee, and five of these also attract a night-time fee.

The Town has progressively introduced a number of paid kerbside parking facilities in areas that were congested by vehicles that parked all day. These areas include Brewer, Pier and Brisbane streets in Perth, Stuart Street, Northbridge and Newcastle Street, Leederville.

Parking for Persons with a Disability

The Town reviews the parking facilities within its boundaries, on an ongoing basis, to ensure that adequate facilities are available for use by people with a disability. In 1999, the Town recognised that not all holders of an ACROD Permit required an Easy Access (3.2 metres wide) parking bay, so it developed standard width bays, which were restricted for use to persons who displayed an ACROD Parking Permit. While the Town of Vincent is currently the only local government using these ACROD 2.5 Bays, the process has operated extremely well. Recently the Town was asked to participate in a State Government Working Party, which is looking into ways to improve the

current service to persons with a disability and this group is currently assessing how the Town's initiative could be incorporated into the current State Government Legislation. There has been a suggestion that the Town's process for the introduction and enforcement of ACROD 2.5 Parking Bays could be used as a template for all local government and private car parks in Western Australia.

Animal Control

There are approximately 2327 dogs registered in the Town of Vincent. There have been twenty-one dog attacks recorded in the past year; eleven on people and ten on animals.

During the year fifty-four infringement notices and 211 warning notices were issued. By far the most common issue with regard to dogs is 'not held on a leash'. Also, fifteen of the total penalties applied were infringement notices issued for dog attacks. This was similar compared to the previous year in relation to the number of infringements and warnings issued for offences by dog owners.

Information pamphlets explaining the responsibilities of animal owners and listing the free exercise areas are available for members of the public.

Litter Control

Most shopping centres in the Town of Vincent area now participate in a trolley removal and recovery service. Trolleys are normally collected by the contractor three days a week. The number of trolleys that needed to be collected from around the Town was greatly reduced by the introduction of the service and the number of complaints from residents regarding abandoned trolleys is now minimal.

For a number of years, Rangers have adopted a more pro-active role in the area of discarded cigarette butts from vehicles and a total of eighty-one contacts have been made in this regard, with sixty-three infringement notices being issued. Twenty infringements and twenty-four warnings have also been issued for the offence of 'Illegal Bill Posting'.

Display of Items on a Footpath

The Town of Vincent Local Law Relating to the Display of Items on a Footpath has been in operation for the past four years. Because the Section's focus has been predominantly placed on parking enforcement, the monitoring and enforcement action for signs and goods displays has been reduced over the past year or so. Over the past twelve months there have been five new applications for the Display of Items on a Footpath. However, a programme has been commenced that will significantly increase the registrations in the 2006-2007 period.

Community Safety

Crime reduction and improvement in community safety are key priorities of the Town of Vincent and remain ever-present in the forefront of the community's perception. Encouragingly, the latest statistics released from Office of Prime Prevention support the fact that the Town of Vincent is, indeed, a safer place to live, work and recreate, with recorded decreases in most offences since 2003. Whilst crime reduction in the 2005-2006 year within the Town cannot be solely attributed to the Safer Vincent Partnership, the effective and integrated working partnership the Town enjoys with key local agencies has paid a social dividend in contributing to a safer and healthier environment.

Town of Vincent Safety Crime Statistics

The Office of Crime Prevention prepares Community Safety and Crime Prevention Profiles for all local government areas in Western Australia. The analysis of the most recent Profile for the Town of Vincent reveals that, since 2001, Vincent has experienced decreasing trends in the rates for most offence categories. The rates of recorded crime in 2004 were lower than, or similar to, those in the rest of the region and the State for all offence categories, except vehicle theft and drug offences which were slightly higher. However, they still showed a reduction of 37% and 10% respectively on the 2003 rates.

Safer Vincent Crime Prevention Partnership

This Partnership with key stakeholders in the Town has been strengthened over the past year. The Safer Vincent Co-ordinator has been working with community representatives from Precinct Groups, seniors' groups, businesses and Police to progress a variety of community initiatives and grant-funded programmes, including:

- **Child Restraint Checking** – a free service to ensure that child restraints have been fitted safely.
- **Vincent Light and Safe** – the installation of fifty motion sensor lights in residences to assist in improving safety and security around homes.
- **Constable Care Programmes** – the running of Life Skill Programmes in seven primary schools.
- **Nyoongar Patrol Outreach Service** – funding outreach and referral services primarily to indigenous people who sleep rough in parks within the Town. The Town has been working closely with the Nyoongar Patrol to deliver the best possible service to the community. During the year the Town and the Patrol undertook joint training in the use of 'two-way' radios and Verbal Judo Training for some twenty staff. This training has 'value added' considerably to the Town's partnership with the Nyoongar Patrol. To promote better communication and integration, the Town and the Patrol have arranged joint BBQs, which will continue to be run quarterly, to improve the rapport and the working relationships.
- **Pilot Project with Multicultural Communities** – promoting safety and security in marginalised groups.
- **Project for Communication Strategies** – to address community perceptions.
- **Safer Vincent Crime Prevention Plan** – to progress the Town's partnership with State Government agencies and to develop a 3-year Safety and Crime Prevention Plan.
- **Vincent Accord** – to discuss licensed premises issues and how they impact on the community.
- **Parks Working Group** – this group, which is run by the Department for Community Development, continues to be the overarching group to monitor anti-social and homelessness issues with the Town. Since its inception, there have been significant decreases in the levels of intoxication of 'Park people', which has resulted in a decrease in number of complaints from adjacent residents.
- **Business Beats** – the Town has continued with the two business beats, one in North Perth and the other in Highgate, to provide practical tips on security and safety.

< Crime Prevention Police Officers Senior Constable Alex Brown and Senior Constable Frank Bell with Safer Vincent Co-ordinator Michael Wood who is holding a 'Business Beat' package which is provided free to businesses



- **Safer Northbridge** – providing input on how the Town's strategies can complement those of the City of Perth.
- **Magenta Working Group** – to identify issues concerning street prostitution within the Town and assist in reducing problems associated with street-based sex work.
- **Western Suburbs Community Safety Co-ordinators** – assisting in the development of strategies for the whole region, not just Vincent.
- **Central Metropolitan Police Integration Committee** – to discuss and action crime prevention and policing issues within the metropolitan area, to foster a close and effective relationship with the Town and Police, and to deal with community concerns.

Emergency Management

- **Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC)** – the Town is an active participant in the Western Central Local Emergency Management Committee, which develops strategies to deal with emergencies, both natural and man-made, and has recently included strategies for terrorist actions, critical infrastructures and recovery.
- **District Emergency Management Committee (DEMC)** – the Town is also a participant in this Committee, which is primarily focused on ensuring that LEMC strategies align with those of adjacent LEMCs.

Prosecutions

A total of seventeen charges were heard in the Magistrates Court, Perth, during the past year; twelve of which were parking related and the remaining four were animal and litter related. All were finalised, with fines imposed by the Magistrates totalling \$1450 and costs awarded of \$697.40. Seven further charges are currently listed for hearing in August 2006.

Burning/Smoke Nuisances

The Town's Local Law relating to health prohibits the burning of rubbish, refuse or other material on the ground at all times of the year. This is dealt with during business hours by the Health Services Section, but all after-hours calls are dealt with by Rangers. However, the Ranger Services and Community Safety Section received only one after-hours complaint of this nature, which shows a reduction of 93% from those reported in 2004-2005.

Abandoned Vehicles

During 2005-2006, 269 abandoned vehicles were investigated, resulting in thirty-five being towed away and 234 being removed by the owners.



Members of the Nyoongar Patrol and Town of Vincent staff undertook 'Verbal Judo' training and were presented with their certificates

Bush Fire Hazard

Ninety-eight fire hazard complaints were received during the year and compliance was obtained in all cases. In three cases the Council had to employ a contractor to cut and remove the ground fuel from the blocks. Recoverable works orders were issued to recoup the costs.

Syringes/Needles

The incidence of discarded syringes and needles in public places continues to be a serious issue and staff are called upon to collect such items fairly regularly. In the past twelve months, 343 syringes/needles were collected and disposed of by Rangers, Environmental Health Officers, Engineering and Parks staff. The number of discarded syringes/needles being collected each month has reduced over the year, partly due to the Town providing a number of disposal containers in car parks, toilets and other public places, and partly due to the vigilance of the staff, Police and other agencies.

State Emergency Services

The Town of Vincent is one of the sponsors of the Northshore Unit of the State Emergency Service, with the Emergency Operations Centre for this unit situated within the Town of Vincent boundaries. This is a voluntary organisation whose personnel are trained as lead combat authority for storm, cyclone, flood and earthquake and they also provide a support role in searches for missing persons and other emergencies as they occur.

The Unit has been operational on eighty-three occasions over the 12-month period, including a major storm which caused extensive damage to trees, roofs and properties throughout the metropolitan area. The Unit has also provided personnel for bushland searches outside the metropolitan area and has been deployed to assist with problems in other metropolitan local government areas. The Town's Manager Ranger Services and Community Safety, Jim MacLean, is the Deputy Local Manager of the Northshore SES Unit Inc.

Library Services

Manager: Elizabeth Scott

The Town of Vincent Library and Information Service is part of a nation-wide network offering members of the community free access to information and recreation resources. The Library actively supports intellectual freedom and lifelong learning, by selecting items that discuss and inform in both mainstream and controversial issues, encourage a sense of curiosity in the young, or provide recreational outcomes.

This Annual Report documents the principal activities, developments and achievements that have occurred within the financial year ending 30 June 2006.

Information Services

Services to the public have expanded and improved again this year to now include:

- Free online access for members to the Health and Wellness Resource Centre, providing access to current, reliable, traditional and alternative medical information. Access to the Encyclopaedia Britannica Online has continued.
- Electronic newsletter to members of the public containing a list of what's new.
- More DVDs. The loan period was shortened to create better access for all.
- Library stock supplied by the State Government is now 57,388 items, bringing us closer to achieving the State Library's minimum standard of 1.25 items per head of population. Currently we have 10,702 items that have been provided by the Town, and 103 magazine subscriptions.
- A total of 7640 new items were acquired during the year, of which 6187 were supplied by the State Library of Western Australia (SLWA), equating to a turnover of 12.74% of the State Library stock.
- 94,156 online enquiries (NetOpacs) were registered.



Mrs Doris Sparrow with her winning photograph in the 2005 Local History Photographic Awards

- Vincent Library Forum – attendances have been increasing and the Library has been receiving positive feedback from both guests and speakers.

Local Studies and History

The Local Studies and History Collection is for reference only, with items archived or stored in locked cabinets to ensure their preservation and supervised use. Most of the items in the collection are entered onto the Library Catalogue, making searches possible in the Library or at home on the Internet.

The collection contains around 500 books, reports and unpublished documents. Local newspapers are both archived and clipped, with 7500 clippings held in subject files. The Collection also has scans of almost 1900 photographs, and a small collection of early maps of the area and of suburb subdivision maps. Oral History is given high priority in the Collection and there are 148 interviews, with transcripts, relating to the local area.

The Local History Photographic Awards were held in September. These were the first awards to be totally photographic, and resulted in the addition of some very interesting photographs to the Collection. Winners of the Pre-1925 category were Roma Lee, Barbara Hendry and Ron Andrews, the 1926 to 1950 category winners were Doris Sparrow, Peter Hayes and Heather Bennett and the 1951 to 1975 winners were Henk Giele, Theopisti Pirovetsis and Ric Francis.

Over forty interviews for the Businesses of Oxford Street oral history project have been completed, and information from these interviews is being compiled for an exhibition.

Local Studies is also involved in the East Perth Power Station Historical Project, which, amongst other things, will result in a book. One chapter will highlight the effects of the Power Station and power generally on people's lives in the home and at work. The focus will be on the early residents of the suburbs in the Town of Vincent and oral history interviews are being conducted for the researchers.



Local History Librarian Julie Davidson with Heather Bennett who won one of the awards in the 2005 Local History Photographic Awards

Similarly we are involved in the Northbridge History Project run by the Department of Premier and Cabinet. The focus is on the area up to Brisbane Street, and early residents of that area and surrounds have been attending workshops. Oral histories will also be recorded.

This year saw the 90th anniversary of Anzac Cottage, one of the Town's historic buildings. The Local Studies Librarian was involved in organising the celebrations, including community events, and displays in the Library and at Anzac Cottage.

Other displays in the Library have been Beatty Park and the 1962 Commonwealth Games history with memorabilia, and the history of GEMCO – a Leederville business, which included two large models of their machinery.

A series of seven brochures giving a brief history of each suburb in the Town of Vincent with a map and information on places of interest was launched in February, and this has had very positive outcomes. This information has been placed on the Vincent Heritage website and the brochures are available in the Library. The brochures include a bibliography of items in the Local Studies and History Collection for those interested in further research. As a result of the quality of these brochures, the Manager of Library and Information Services, Elizabeth Scott, was interviewed on 'The Way We Were' programme on radio station 6PR.

Vincent Library Forum

The Vincent Library Forum, held on the last Wednesday of each month, presented some very interesting speakers this year. David Hawkes, a retired ABC radio veteran, entertained everyone with 'The Golden Age of Radio'. Bob Primrose told of his memories of life as a policeman and then his latest foray into the world of writing a children's book. The 2005-2006 forums finished with accomplished speaker Professor Geoffrey Bolton recounting tales from his latest book *May It Please Your Honour*.

Eco-friendly library bags. Clockwise: Oliver Lyons Hartman, Lisa Baxter, Anya Lyons > Hartman, Anna Baxter, Bani Ahluwalia, Cale Charmers and Chloe Charmers

As part of the PIAF One Book event the Library hosted Carolyn Polizzotto, who had everyone involved wanting to go away and write their memoirs! During Harmony Week we listened to poems read by Sudanese poet Afeif Ismail Abdelrazig as well the experiences of Michele Drouart of living in Jordan. David Miller spoke on healthy eating relating to his book *Grow Youthful* and local author Natalie Andrews spoke about her book *Clara's Witch* and the experiences of getting published. The June Forum was with the Town of Vincent Seniors' Tales of Times Past Group. A panel of four speakers with varied ethnic backgrounds recalled some early memories and the large group of attendees were invited to participate with some memories of their own. This was a thoroughly stimulating and enjoyable experience for all.

Housebound Readers and Seniors' Services

The Library provides the Housebound Readers' Service to those in need of either permanent or temporary delivery of books, CDs, etc. In this period, 11,629 items were delivered to eighty-two individuals, including regular bulk deliveries to three nursing homes, as follows:

Individual borrowers	Individual delivery to Nursing Homes	Bulk delivery to Nursing Homes
82	4 nursing homes	3 nursing homes
	• Leighton Nursing Home	• Leederville Gardens
	• Rosewood Care	• Lake View Lodge
	• St Michael's Nursing Home	• Southern Cross Care
	• Silver Chain Nursing Home	

Using the Inter-Library Loans (ILLs) service enables housebound readers to request items from other libraries, which increases their individual choice of reading material.

Seniors' Week 2005

West Australian author Bob Primrose addressed the Vincent Library Forum on 26 October 2005 and captivated an audience of about twenty-five with stories of his experience as a front-line policeman.



Several housebound readers attended this event with transport being provided and a special morning tea served. The whole event proved very successful with many positive comments received.

Meetings

SLWA co-ordinates bi-monthly Lifelong Reader Development Group meetings for services to seniors. This group's objective is to identify and address the needs of the senior members of the community, with special focus on those who are housebound.

The Seniors' Services Librarian is invited annually to be a guest speaker for the Trinity School for Seniors. At this forum the role of the public library and in particular local government services to seniors are discussed.

Students

The Library continues to offer practical work experience to students, and has gained a reputation for giving students a thorough and comprehensive practicum, which is co-ordinated by the Seniors' Services Librarian. The Library endeavours to accept at least three students per year, recognising this as a valuable experience in the student's progress. This year the students were Marie Hobson – Curtin University of Technology, Rebecca Willock – Pep Choice programme/Central TAFE and Ashleigh Hardcastle – Corrigin Senior High School.

Practicum students are rostered to visit the housebound readers on delivery days. This is an area of librarianship that students need to be exposed to in order to appreciate the vital role libraries and local councils play in providing services to seniors.

The Seniors' Services Librarian has been liaising with the Disability Services Officer in establishing services for seniors and in particular the Vincent Library Forums.

The budget provided by the Town of Vincent allows for new stock to be purchased for use by housebound clientele. A total of \$1435.19 was spent on books, cassettes and books on CD for the visually impaired. Large print books are in high demand, particularly by the nursing homes. Requests for videos and DVD materials have also increased.

With the projected increase in our ageing population there will be a steady increase in the demand for providing services to seniors, which also impacts on the housebound reader service. The Seniors' Services Librarian's ongoing goal is to ensure that this service is of a high standard, and that it meets the needs our housebound clientele.

Languages other than English

Materials in languages other than English (LOTE) are available. Catering for adult literacy students and tutors is the 'Read, Write Now!' collection. Special needs can be catered for upon request. The Library is committed to supporting the International Decade of Literacy (2003 to 2012). Tutors also use the Library facilities, both for teaching materials and to carry out tutorials.

Young People's Services

The Young People's Services (YPS) Librarian has once more co-operated in a joint project with the Town of Vincent Youth Officer and Aranmore Catholic College, for the Finding My Place programme. This is jointly funded with a grant from the Department of Education and Training, and aims to encourage students recognised as being 'at risk' to complete schooling through to Year 12, or to move on to alternative education opportunities.

The YPS Librarian co-ordinated activities for children during school holiday periods. Activities included visits by Patch Theatre, a mask-making class, and a Story-time Christmas Party.

A total of eighty-seven twice-weekly preschool 'Story-time' sessions were attended by 1335 children and parents. The YPS Librarian also conducted a monthly Story-time session at the Mulberry Tree childcare centre and Margaret Kindergarten, with stories for an average of thirty-five children per visit. Story-time is a valid tool in teaching children to enjoy the reading experience; that the Library is a good place to be and that they are safe and welcome. It is also a non-threatening environment in which young children learn to socialise, and to 'sit down and listen'.



< Students involved in the Finding My Place programme

Children's Book Week is one of the most important events celebrated in this Library, in which the very high standard of Australian writing for young people and the importance of literature and reading are celebrated throughout Australia. It also serves as an opportunity to promote the role of the Library in inspiring young readers. In 2005 Reg Bolton (deceased – author, circus performer and teacher), Sally Carbon (author and former Olympian) and Sean Tan (high profile author and illustrator) provided two information sessions each, to which students from local schools were invited. Glenn Swift (storyteller extraordinaire) provided an evening storytelling session which was well attended by children, parents and teddy-bears.

Harmony Week was celebrated in the Junior Library with multicultural stories and music from the Ethnic Child Care Resource Unit (ECCRU).

This year, the Library commenced the Better Beginnings programme, which is an early literacy intervention family literacy programme targeting children aged 0-3 years. This is jointly funded by the State Government, Rio Tinto Future Fund and Local Government. New parents are encouraged to read to their babies, which will build up vocabularies, support parent-child bonding and make reading a pleasurable experience for all. The Librarian has provided parent talks at the Leederville, Mount Hawthorn, North Perth and Highgate Child Health Centres.

The YPS Librarian, Reid Champion, was seconded to the State Library for four months commencing April 2006, and special thanks must go to local librarian Liz Connell who, on very short notice, took over the YPS work very capably and with encouraging results.

Information Technology

There have been no significant changes or upgrades to the library software this year. However, Library and IT staff have made good use of online opportunities, to allow registered members to renew items and to place reservations directly into the database, via the NetOpac facility.

The coin-operated Pie Link Internet kiosk was removed as it was no longer justified.

Statistics

There has been a generally slight downward trend in statistics collected on issues, and online and in-person queries, with a slight increase in new memberships.

- Issues down 1% (178,126 to 175,449)
- New memberships up 3.5% (2015 to 2016)
- Inquiries made to staff down by 29% (14,151 to 10,018)
- Use of Library online catalogue down 11% (105,808 to 94,156)
- Use of the Internet in the Library down by 2% (4253 to 4164).

Library staff have been involved in the planning discussions for the proposed new Library. Librarians have visited other new libraries and attended meetings with the architect and the Town's Co-ordinator of Major Projects.

The Library was also approached by top-rating radio station 94.5 to get involved with their 'Ask Us Anything' programme. Having the Senior Librarian on standby to research answers to the public's queries and then delivering the answers on-air was a fantastic endorsement of not only the value of library services in general but also promoted the Town of Vincent Library across the station's audience.

Our new tradition of using Valentine's Day to say "thank you" to our members was continued this year, with free biscuits for all attending the Library on this day. This year we were also generously supported by the Claise Brook Catchment Group and Swan River Trust who provided calendars and gardening diaries as gifts.

Other events in which Library has been involved include the Queen's Baton Relay, strategic planning sessions, Internal Customer Service Working Group, hosting the Heritage Information sessions, and display of the draft Municipal Heritage Inventory.

The Library welcomes volunteer Wendy Dhue, who provides welcome support to Library staff, and Kieran McDonald, who is a long-term practicum student.



'Follow the Leader' by John Vogel >

Health Services

Manager: Deon Brits

The Australian National Environmental Health Strategy includes the basic entitlements and responsibilities for individuals and communities, business and industry to live in safe and healthy environments. Environmental Health strives to promote community health, quality of life and vitality by preventing or controlling those diseases, ill-health, injury or deaths that result from interactions between people and their environment. Communities are encouraged to become involved in the promotion and protection of their own health. 'Poor environmental quality contributes to 25-33% of global ill health.' (World Health Organization: 2006)

The Health Services Section focuses on local community needs and expectations in relation to environmental health. Services are based on a range of generic ongoing environmental health programmes, and specified Council targeted projects as detailed in the budget and policies in order to promote the health, safety and well-being of the local community and visitors to our Town. Numerous health and environmental pieces of legislation and policies are being administered; however, of particular focus remain the Town of Vincent Health Local Law 2004 (general public health matters), Town of Vincent Health (Eating House) Local Law 2004, and Town of Vincent Local Law relating to Alfresco Dining 1998.

Programmes

Food Safety

Food Establishment Assessments are conducted routinely (and when concerns are raised) to monitor practices to ensure that they are in accordance with the relevant food hygiene and safety standards. A total of 221 eating houses including restaurants, dining rooms, tearooms and take-away premises were licensed during the year, together with sixty-five alfresco dining establishments. In addition, there are a further seventy-six food premises that do not currently require an Eating House Licence, however, these still require inspection. These include butchers, numerous liquor licensed premises, supermarkets and warehouses.



Microbiological and Chemical Sampling

A total of 113 samples were submitted for microbiological or chemical analysis to the Local Government Analytical Analyst or to the State Health Laboratory Food Hygiene Section (PathCentre) and the Chemistry Centre of WA. The majority were non-legal samples, with just thirteen directly related to food complaints received by the Town's Environmental Health Officers. The rest were targeted samples in accordance with strategies of the Northern Food Monitoring Group (which consists of twelve councils), and WA Food Monitoring Group Programme. Recent sampling included: fresh fish speciation; imported fruit and vegetables – chemical and microbiological analysis; sprouts survey and so on. Sampling was targeted with several local authorities participating in unison, and the majority of results being highly satisfactory.

Food Recall Notifications

The Health Department of Western Australia issued fifty food recalls, thirty-nine of which required Environmental Health Officer action to ensure the removal of the non-compliant, adulterated or incorrectly labelled food products from retail outlets.

Food Safety Training

Environmental Health Officers have continued their promotion of food safety through personal education or by using the nationally-recognised FoodSafe programme.

This basic food handler training package targets all food establishments within the municipality and assists proprietors to provide food to customers that is generally safe, hygienic, and of an appropriate quality. The FoodSafe accredited premises within the Town, which are audited periodically, include a school canteen, nursing homes, Meals on Wheels, child care centres, restaurants and various other food service establishments.

Accommodation Control – Lodging Houses and Substandard Buildings

Accommodation facilities including general dwellings, twenty-one lodging houses, hotels and motels are required to provide and maintain adequate standards of hygiene and safety. Health Services' focus is directed towards ensuring that buildings are initially designed or upgraded to a standard that encourages the facility to be appropriately maintained and operated, in a manner that protects the health and safety of its patrons and surrounding properties. Substandard buildings were investigated upon receiving service requests throughout the year. In addition, there are currently thirty-six properties listed on the Substandard Property Register which are regularly monitored.

Water Quality Control

Regular routine microbiological, physical and chemical testing of public swimming pools in accordance with the Health (Swimming Pool) Regulations 1964 were undertaken. A total of 154 samples were submitted, with the vast majority of samples meeting the required microbiological and chemical standards. Non-compliances were addressed as a priority with the required remedial action taken as requested.

Infectious and Notifiable Disease Control

In 2005-2006 the Health Department of Western Australia requested the Town's Health Services to investigate the following notifiable cases of infectious disease:

Cryptosporidiosis	1
Salmonellosis	2
Shigellosis	2
Ross River Virus	2
Campylobacteriosis	3
Giardiasis	6

Immunisation was provided to 324 children who attended the Town's four child health clinics. A total of ninety-two staff members were also immunised against influenza, eighteen more than last year.

Alfresco Dining

The Town's existing sixty-five premises were inspected for compliance with the Alfresco Dining Policy during the past financial year. Existing premises were retrofitted with brass plates on the Council footpath to delineate the approved area. This has assisted in reducing the number of complaints relating to footpath obstruction.

Environmental Health Service Requests

Health Services provide information to ratepayers and potential purchasers of a premises, and follow up general complaints or enquiries on their behalf. The following service requests are indicative of activities undertaken during 2005-2006:

- 955 property enquiries
- Around 1537 requests relating to poor accommodation, overgrown vegetation, vermin, alleged food poisoning, food quality complaints, smoky chimneys, discarded needles and odour complaints.

Public Buildings

Health Services undertook assessments of public buildings, including late night inspections, in accordance with the Health (Public Buildings) Regulations 1992.

These included a number of joint assessments with the Fire and Emergency Services Authority. Participation continued with the

Vincent and Western Accord meetings with Police, publicans, community safety representatives and other stakeholders to address concerns that arise from time-to-time regarding anti-social behaviour, litter and complaints.

Environmental Noise Control

Health Services actioned 127 formally lodged noise complaints, which resulted in approximately 381 follow-up dealings due to the complexity of some periodic matters, lack of substantiated evidence, seasonality and change of management. In addition, around 200 further noise queries were received during the year. The majority of noise complaints were related to air-conditioner noise, building construction noise and amplified music. Health Services issued five Noise Abatement Directions which were all complied with.

Health Promotion

During the past year health promotion has been provided to employees, residents and proprietors directly (and indirectly on the website), and involved the following issues:

- Indoor Air Quality Workshops (4) with local residents
- Women and Men's Preventative Health Information
- Physical Activity Guidelines for Adults and Children
- Food Safety Week
- Healthy Lifestyle Tips and Monthly well@work Newsletter
- Mental Health and Stress
- General environmental and public health issues.

Needle and syringe programmes, including the Discarded Needle Collection Service, are successful public health strategies aimed at reducing the transmission of infections such as Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV/AIDS. The vast majority of needles and syringes distributed are disposed of properly, however sometimes improperly discarded needles and syringes are found in the community. The collection service at sixteen localities (public toilets or car parks) and thirty-one rigid sharps containers strategically located throughout the Town were continued as a harm minimisation strategy at reducing inappropriately discarded syringes. Manager Health Services, Deon Brits, was appointed by the Western Australian Local Government Association as representative on the WA Needle and Syringe Safe Disposal Working Party.

Pest Control

Rodent bait was issued to 245 premises in the Town. Numerous enquiries were also received and subsequently Fact Sheets on the control of vermin were issued to residents.

Special Events and Temporary Food Stalls

Environmental Health Officers inspected and issued thirty-eight permits to all food vendors servicing public events, fairs and festivals.

Planning, Building and Heritage Services

Manager: Des Abel

The objective of Planning, Building and Heritage Services is to plan and create a multi-dimensional sustainable environment that respects and grows from its past and effectively embraces the community vision and needs of today and tomorrow.

Planning and Heritage Services

Development Activity

A total of 558 Planning Specific Applications were determined during the year.

The Planning Specific Applications comprised the following:

- 255 development applications not involving demolition
- 38 change of land use applications
- 7 new home occupations
- Nil renewal home occupations
- 50 applications for demolition only of existing buildings
- 208 applications for demolition of existing buildings including redevelopment.

Development Reviews

Where Council exercised discretionary power under the Town Planning Scheme, its decisions were subject to a right of review by applicants to the State Administrative Tribunal.

Thirty-five review applications were lodged against decisions of Council – three were dismissed, ten withdrawn, six allowed and sixteen pending determination.

Planning and Development Act Written Directions

Written Directions were served for unauthorised uses and works on thirteen separate properties under the provisions of the Planning and Development Act and the Town's Town Planning Scheme. Four written directions were complied with, five resolved by either the Tribunal or retrospective Planning Approval and the remaining four are pending.



Derek Nash Architects' Design Category Winner in the Building & Conservation Awards in Church Street, Perth

Building Services

Building Activity

A total of 492 Building Applications were determined during the year.

The Building Applications comprised the following components:

- 378 Building Licences
- 49 Demolition Licences
- 13 Sign Licences
- 21 Swimming Pool Licences
- 31 Strata Certificates.

Total value of approved constructions was \$70,609,575.

Building Reviews

This year no review applications were lodged against a Building Licence condition.

Local Government Act Notices

Notices were served for unauthorised works and dangerous structures under the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960.

Three notices were served on unauthorised construction of structures – one was complied with, one was the subject of a review application to the State Administrative Tribunal and one is pending resolution. The notice which is the subject of a review application is awaiting determination by the Tribunal.

No notices were served on variation from the approved plans of the Building Licence.

Strategic Plan Achievements

Planning, Building and Heritage Services are responsible for a rich depth and diversity of strategies and initiative as detailed in the Town's Strategic Plan.

< Winners of the Building Design and Conservation Awards: Mayor Catania with (from left) architect Philip McAllister, architect Derek Nash, owner/architect Ralph Stanton and architect Kevin Palassis



Key Result Area One: Environment and Infrastructure

Strategies and Action Plans	Timeframe	Achievements
1.1 Protect and enhance the environment and biodiversity.		
Develop and implement best practice programmes to achieve:		
a) Prepare and implement a clean air programme.	2005-2010	The Sustainability Management System (SMS) has been completed and endorsed by the Council, and its implementation is progressing well.
c) Enhance and protect our natural environment, improve natural habitats, increase biodiversity in parks, reserves, wetlands and river foreshore areas, link greenways of vegetation, enhance the Significant Trees Inventory to encourage their protection and increase and promote use of local vegetation by Council and residents.	Ongoing	The Review of the Significant Trees Inventory has been completed, and its implementation policy is being further developed and reviewed to be effective in 2006-2007.
d) Incorporate water sensitive urban design principles into the Town Planning Scheme and implement water conservation initiatives.	2005-June 2006	Water sensitive urban design principles are being addressed in conjunction with the current review of the Town Planning Scheme No. 1.
f) Continue participation in Cities for Climate Protection and Local Agenda 21 initiatives, introduce measures to reduce greenhouse gases and raise public awareness through education programmes on environmental issues.	2005-2010	The Sustainability Management System (SMS) has been completed and endorsed by the Council, and its implementation is progressing well. The SMS embraces measures to reduce greenhouse gases and raise public awareness through education programmes on environmental issues.
1.2 Recognise the value of heritage in providing a sense of place and identity.		
Action Plans to implement this strategy include:		
a) Protection of heritage through the ongoing review of the Municipal Heritage Inventory and investigation and implementation of initiatives to conserve the heritage of the Town of Vincent.	2005-ongoing	The Municipal Heritage Inventory Review is progressing well, and the new Inventory is expected to be adopted by the Council by the end of 2006.
b) Foster activities which add to the community's understanding of heritage values and undertake a community survey to determine community values and community aspirations in regard to the heritage character of the Town.	Ongoing	The Town is continuing to foster the community's understanding of heritage values through numerous projects and initiatives, such as the Municipal Heritage Inventory Review and Heritage Incentive Package.
1.3 Develop, implement and promote sustainable urban design.		
Action Plans to implement this strategy include:		
a) Develop and implement sustainable building design guidelines and incorporate sustainability into the Building and Design Awards to raise community awareness.	2005-June 2006	Sustainable building design principles and guidelines are being addressed in conjunction with the current review of the Town Planning Scheme No. 1. Sustainability is also a prize category in the Town's bi-annual Building Design and Conservation Awards.
b) Review urban design policies and guidelines to enhance amenity, universal access, neighbourhood interaction, crime prevention and aesthetics and participate in initiatives and incentives to foster sustainable building and urban design.	2005-June 2006	These key principles, policies and guidelines are being addressed in conjunction with the current review of the Town Planning Scheme No. 1.
c) Review and release within an agreed time frame, the Town Planning Scheme, in accordance with the community vision.	2005-June 2006	The Town delivered its premier strategic planning project, Community Visioning – Vincent Vision 2024, in June 2005. This highly successful and awarded project is guiding the current review of the Town Planning Scheme No. 1. The new Scheme is expected to be promulgated by the end of 2007.
d) Develop and implement a policy to encourage a proportion of affordable housing, in partnership with the State Government.	2005-June 2006	Affordable housing is being addressed in conjunction with the current review of the Town Planning Scheme No. 1.
1.4 Maintain and enhance the Town's infrastructure to provide a safe, healthy, sustainable and functional environment.		
Action Plans to implement this strategy include:		
i) Develop a strategy for parking management in business, residential and mixed-use precincts.	2004-2005 Ongoing	As part of the Car Park Strategy Implementation (year one of five), a brochure showing car park locations, capacity, etc has been completed and widely distributed.

Key Result Area Two: Community Development

Strategies and Action Plans	Timeframe	Achievements
2.2 Provide and develop a range of community programmes and community safety initiatives.		
Action Plans to implement this strategy include:		
a) Undertake regular community visioning programmes.	Community Visioning associated with Town Planning Scheme Review July 2003-June 2005	The Town delivered its premier strategic planning project, Community Visioning – Vincent Vision 2024, in June 2005. Vincent Vision engaged the community through place checks, walks of interests, workshops and other programmes at various depths. The outcomes are continuing to be implemented while guiding the current review of the Town Planning Scheme No. 1.

Key Result Area Three: Economic Development

Strategies and Action Plans	Timeframe	Achievements
3.1 Identify the needs and expectations of the business community, promote business development and facilitate outcomes in the Town.		
Action Plans to implement this strategy include:		
c) Investigate incentives for the upgrade of shop fronts, shop signs, canopies and undeveloped and underdeveloped sites in the commercial centre.	July 2005-June 2006	These incentives are being addressed in conjunction with the current review of the Town Planning Scheme No. 1.
d) Promote and implement the Commercial Centre Strategy.	2005-2010	A local commercial centre strategy is being addressed in conjunction with the current review of the Town Planning Scheme No. 1.

Vincent Vision 2024

The Town has continued to undertake innovative and cutting-edge strategic planning projects and initiatives, which has established the Town as a leader in the Western Australia local government planning industry. The year’s highlight was the community visioning project aligned with the review of the Town’s town planning scheme – Vincent Vision 2024.

The Vincent Vision 2024 project aims to understand the Town of Vincent, create the shared community vision, and achieve the vision. The community engaged included the Town’s Elected Members, employees, residents, business proprietors, visitors, Department for Planning and Infrastructure, and other government agencies and

stakeholders. The vision outcomes will set the direction for, and be achieved through, the Town’s new town planning scheme, and guide the Town’s decision-making into the future, not only in town planning, but also in all of its corporate services.

The success of Vincent Vision 2024 was widely recognised by achieving the following Planning Institute Australia (PIA) State Awards for Planning Excellence in 2005:

- (i) Award for Excellence in Community Based Planning
- (ii) WA PIA President’s Award
- (iii) WA Planning Minister’s Award – this award was the overall winner of the State awards.

Vincent Vision 2024 was further acknowledged when it received a merit award for community-based planning in the PIA National Awards for Planning Excellence in 2006.



< Manager of Planning, Building & Heritage Services Des Abel, Mayor Nick Catania and Cr Helen Doran-Wu with the national award the Town won in the Planning Institute of Australia Awards for Planning Excellence

Technical Services

Executive Manager: Rick Lotznicher

Engineering Services (Construction and Maintenance/Waste Management)

Co-ordinator Engineering Services: Con Economo

This section is responsible for the construction and maintenance of the Town's infrastructure including roads, footpaths, drainage, rights of way (ROWs) car parks and streetscapes. The section is also responsible for the collection of refuse from residential and commercial properties throughout the Town, and street and precinct cleaning.

OPERATIONS DURING 2005-2006

In excess of \$1.3m was expended in maintaining the Town's infrastructure to a safe and acceptable level of service over this period. The maintenance, cleaning, and replacement of items within the road reserve and car parks is ongoing due to a number of factors including vandalism, wear and tear, motor vehicle crashes, service authority works etc.

In addition, the installation of crossovers and installation of new and replacement street/parking signage and road line marking was undertaken.

CAPITAL WORKS IMPLEMENTED DURING 2005-2006

Footpath Slab Replacement

During the 2005-2006 financial year a total of \$450,000 was expended on the replacement of existing slab footpaths. Year nine of the slab replacement programme resulted in approximately 7km of paths being replaced with either cast in-situ concrete or brick paving throughout the Town.

Road Resurfacing and Rehabilitation

An additional \$450,000 was allocated for road resurfacing and rehabilitation of the Town's roads as part of the ongoing road upgrading programme. Several higher order roads were upgraded as part of the Metropolitan Regional Road Programme (administered by Main Roads WA) where the Town contributed one-third with the State Government contributing the remaining two-thirds of the cost.

Australian Government's Auslink Roads to Recovery Programme

In 2005-2006 approximately \$153,000 of Roads to Recovery funding was used to upgrade the following roads:

- Barnet Place
- Pakenham Street
- Redfern Street
- Commonwealth Ave

The Australian Government has extended the programme until 2009.

Rights of Way (ROWs)

In accordance with Council's adopted programme, a further ten Town-owned ROWs were upgraded to a paved and drained standard at a total cost of approximately \$300,000. In addition, the Town upgraded a number of ROWs for private developers and carried out maintenance works as required on a number of other unsealed ROWs.

Capital Works

A large number of significant projects were constructed by the Town's day labour force during the 2005-2006 financial year including over \$140,000 of recoverable works for private developers and public utility authorities.

Waste Management

Refuse Collection

In excess of \$1.3m was expended on residential and commercial refuse, recycling and bulk verge collections during 2005-2006.

A weekly residential refuse collection service is provided to the Town's residents and, where appropriate, refuse from units and flats is collected two or even three times a week to minimise the number of mobile garbage bins (MGBs) required.

The Town's Waste Management Service collected and disposed of over 13,000 tonnes of refuse in 2005-2006 comprising domestic waste, park rubbish and tidy bins and miscellaneous waste. The collection tonnages ranged from approximately 990 tonnes to 1180 tonnes per month.

Recycling Collection

A fortnightly kerbside recycling collection service, incorporating 50L crates for residential properties and 240L MGBs for units and commercial properties, was provided during this period. The Town supplies the recycling crates and MGBs and they are collected by a private contractor. Recyclable items include:

- glass jars and bottles (lids removed)
- aluminium cans and clean foil and trays
- steel cans
- milk and juice cartons (clean)
- paper products (newspaper and cardboard)
- plastics (lids removed).

The Town's recycling service collected over 2000 tonnes during this period.

Bulk Verge Collections

The Town carried out two Green bulk verge collections and one General Junk bulk verge collection during the year.

During this period over 600 tonnes of recyclable materials were collected, with about 420 tonnes of general junk disposed to landfill. The green waste collected was mulched for landscaping use.

Worm Farms and Compost Bins

The development of a Waste Management Strategy is currently being prepared in line with the Mindarie Regional Council's Resource Recovery Facility plans for the region. The future method of collection and disposal of waste and recycling in the Town will be further investigated in 2006-2007.



Current initiatives which form part of the Waste Strategy include the promotion of home composting such as worm farms and backyard composting bins where the Town subsidises the cost of worm farms and compost bins provided to the Town's residents.

Home composting bins are available to the Town's residents for \$48.00 per bin and worm farms are available to the Town's residents for \$105.00 with 1/2 kilo worms or \$130.00 with 1 kilo of worms. In addition, several Worm Farm Workshops for residents were held and more are planned for 2006-2007.

Mindarie Regional Council

The Town of Vincent together with six other metropolitan local governments comprise the Mindarie Regional Council (MRC). The MRC is committed to reducing the amount of waste to landfill and is currently in the process of implementing a Resource Recovery Facility (RRF) facility to reduce the size of any future landfill at the existing landfill site located at Tamala Park.

The MRC plans to introduce the above RRF in stages, commencing in 2008. In the 2005-2006 year alone, the Town's residents sent over 13,000 tonnes of refuse to landfill, and recycled just over 2000 tonnes of material which would otherwise have also gone to landfill.

Engineering Design Services

Manager: Craig Wilson

The Engineering Design Services team is responsible for the development and implementation of the Town's infrastructure upgrade programmes including roads, footpaths, drainage, rights of way, underground power, street lighting, signage and street furniture. The section also provides design and survey services for the Town's Engineering Operations and Parks Services sections.

CAPITAL WORKS DESIGNED AND IMPLEMENTED DURING 2005-2006

Cycling and Universal Access Improvements

In the 2005-2006 financial year the Town spent \$21,000 on cycling and universal access improvement projects. The majority of the works consisted of the installation of new pedestrian ramps and tactile ground indicators in keeping with the Town's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, as well as new bicycle parking facilities at various locations throughout the Town.

< Worm Farms

Road Rehabilitation (State/Local Government-funded road works)

Two major road upgrading projects were completed by the Town as part of the 2005-2006 Metropolitan Regional Roads Programme (MRRP). A third MRRP project was undertaken by the City of Stirling in Walcott Street, under the boundary roads agreement, with contributory funding from the Town and Main Roads WA. The value of these projects was in the order of \$1.05 million, of which the Town's contribution was some \$395,000.

- London Street, Mount Hawthorn/North Perth (Green Street to Gill Street)
- Bulwer Street, Perth (Fitzgerald Street to William Street)
- Walcott Street, Coolbinia/Menora (Charles Street to Redfern Street).

The works in the main comprised new kerbing, drainage improvements, profiling of the existing road surface, applying a new asphalt overlay and line-marking.

In respect to the Bulwer Street project, the Town also took the opportunity to undertake significant streetscape improvements including embayed parking lanes, improved pedestrian crossing facilities and street trees down the centre of the road.

Streetscape Improvements

The value of these projects was approximately \$200,000, with the works, where appropriate, linked to the road resurfacing and footpath upgrade programmes to maximise the benefits to the community. Other design elements included new street trees and furniture, pedestrian crossing facilities, traffic calming measures and upgraded street lighting. Amongst the projects were:

- Fitzgerald Street, North Perth (Angove Street to Raglan Road), completed September 2005 – partial undergrounding of the power, new street lighting, banner poles, extensive planting of trees and shrubs in the central median and along verges and pedestrian safety fencing.
- Vincent Street, Leederville, streetscape enhancement – linking the new Department of Sport and Recreation office building to the Town's Administration and Civic Centre and undertaken in conjunction with Leederville Oval Public Open Space Stage 1. Limestone retaining walls, incorporating a Vincent Vision 2024 children's interpretative art project, new kerbing and footpath paving with a red asphalt shared path leading to the oval outer, new perimeter fencing, lighting, reticulation and extensive native landscaping were introduced.

Public open space on Vincent Street in front of Leederville Oval (Medibank Stadium) >



Mayor Catania and Dr Judy Edwards MLA at Banks Reserve

Drainage

As well as the aforementioned drainage improvement works undertaken as part of the Road Rehabilitation Programme, the Town also completed a number of drainage projects, ranging from minor improvements addressing localised problems, to large-scale projects designed to reduce the likelihood of significant flooding.

The combined value of the minor improvement projects was approximately \$60,000.

The medium to large projects included the replacement of the Pier Street drain adjacent to Members Equity Stadium, Perth, and the Dunedin Street stormwater retention system in Mount Hawthorn.

In Pier Street, Perth, the invasive root systems of the large fig trees had effectively shifted and blocked the line, significantly reducing its capacity. A new, larger diameter drain, costing some \$26,500, was laid down the centre off the road and well away from the trees.

The intersection of Green and Dunedin streets in Mount Hawthorn regularly flooded during intense downpours as the existing drainage system could not cope. This \$250,000 project, done under contract



and partly funded by the City of Stirling, was completed in September 2005. The concealed retention basin (located under the Dunedin Street car park) reduces the volume of stormwater in the system by syphoning off excess water and allowing it to soak away in accordance with the principles of the Department of Environment's Stormwater Water Management Manual for Western Australia.

Car Parking

Approximately \$185,000 was spent on the construction of new, and improvements to existing, parking facilities within the Town, including those projects identified as a priority in the Town's 2002 Parking Strategy:

- Leederville Oval Car Park Stage 2 – upgrading of the substandard parking area in the north-western corner of the site to increase the oval's on-site parking capacity, involving resurfacing, line-marking, signage and lighting.
- Mary Street, Highgate and Clarence Street, Mount Lawley – installation of additional on-road angled parking spaces within entertainment precinct including traffic management devices, improved street lighting and landscaping.
- Resurfacing of the 234-bay Brisbane Street Car Park – new signage and line-marking.

Further, as recommended in the Parking Strategy, the Town commenced a bulk parking signs replacement programme to ensure that all parking restriction signs are easily understood and meet the relevant standards.

Traffic Management and Safety

Various traffic management projects were completed during the course of the year ranging from small localised enhancement works to more significant projects. The value of these works was in the order of \$235,000, including the following:

- Monger Street and Robinson Avenue, Perth – conversions to a 'one-way pair' as the streets were too narrow to support both two-way traffic and on-road parking.
- Bourke Street, North Perth – traffic calming measures incorporating a raised pedestrian crossing point and street trees in the central median to link the adjacent public open spaces of Charles Veryard Reserve and Smith's Lake.
- Woodstock Street, Mount Hawthorn – a central median with street trees to reduce the road width as a means of enhancing the streetscape and encouraging drivers to slow down.
- Various intersection modifications to improve pedestrian safety, reinforce the stop and give-way control and better manage traffic movement through the intersection.

- View Street, North Perth (Charles Street to Leake Street) – embayed parking, enhanced line-marking with soft and hard landscaping to enhance the streetscape, improve pedestrian safety and encourage drivers to slow down.

Other Programmes

Annual Streetlight Audit – as in past years, the Town undertook a streetlight audit in May 2006 to determine the percentage of streetlights in working order, to assess the adequacy of the lighting and to make recommendations on installing additional lighting where considered appropriate. In all, 2920 street lights were identified, of which 110 (or 3.8%) were not working and subsequently reported to Western Power for repair. By way of comparison, the 2004 audit found that 3.4% of streetlights were not working, indicating that the level of services has marginally decreased in the ensuing period.

'Power Watch' Security Lights – Power Watch security lights were installed in various locations throughout the Town in response to residents' concerns about personal security in areas that could not be adequately illuminated, despite improvements in the level of the adjacent street lighting. The cost of this programme in 2005-2006 was approximately \$6000.

Bus Shelter Grants Scheme – the Town again participated in the Public Transport Authority's grants scheme to co-fund the installation of new bus shelters. A further four shelters were installed in 2005-2006, bringing the total number installed under the scheme to sixteen, with a further four to follow in each subsequent year for the life of the programme. Shelters were installed in Scarborough Beach Road, Mount Hawthorn, Loftus and Charles Streets, North Perth and Lord Street, Perth, and all are fully compliant with disability access requirements.

Major Projects

In the past year, Engineering Design Services has played an integral part in the design and documentation of several major projects to be undertaken by the Town in the near future.

State Underground Power Programme

In July 2003 the Deputy Premier and then Energy Minister, the Hon. Eric Ripper MLA, announced that the Town had been successful in securing a Major Residential Project in round three of the State Underground Power Programme. The nominated area was designated the 'Highgate East Project' and involves undergrounding power to some 800+ properties in the Highgate, Mount Lawley and East Perth areas.

It is anticipated that construction will commence in late 2006 and should take about twelve months. When the project is completed towards the end of 2007 the total value of the works will be in excess of \$7 million.

William Street Upgrade Project

The long-anticipated William Street Upgrade Project is now scheduled to commence in 2006-2007. To date, Engineering Design Services has undertaken extensive survey work and prepared detailed concept designs for the project. However, the final design is yet to be completed pending ongoing discussions with the East Perth Redevelopment Authority and the City of Perth who are seeking to develop a unified theme for William Street, stretching from Brisbane Street to the Swan River.

Because of the importance of William Street to the Town, as both a social and economic hub and in its capacity as a primary entry point and public transport route into the city, it is anticipated that once a concept has been agreed it will enable the design to be finalised for consideration by Council and the public. The proposed upgrade will include underground power, new decorative street lighting, paving, landscaping, street furniture and art.

Parks Services

Manager: Jeremy van den Bok

The Parks Services Section is responsible for the grounds maintenance and development of 104 hectares of public open space. In addition, Parks Services assists in maintaining road reserves, car parks, unsealed right of ways and in excess of 10,000 street trees.

Other responsibilities include co-ordinating the Town's Graffiti Removal Service and assisting Engineering Services with the maintenance and replacement of the Town's light vehicle fleet and the preparation of major plant replacement programmes.

CAPITAL WORKS IMPLEMENTED DURING 2005-2006

Park Redevelopment

During the past year works on the first stage of the redevelopment of Leederville Oval Public Open Space (POS) was completed along Vincent Street. The transformation of this area, together with the construction of the Department of Sport and Recreation building, has provided a significant aesthetic improvement to the existing streetscape and Leederville area in general.

The second stage of the redevelopment of the POS is still in the design phase and on-ground works are likely to be undertaken within the next twelve to eighteen months.

A new reserve, currently referred to as Tolcon Place Reserve, was created in Tolcon Place, North Perth. This small reserve includes a playground surrounded by native plantings.

A total of seven playgrounds were redeveloped over the past year with the assistance of interested community representatives. A more modern interactive playground with rubber soffit is now provided at Blackford Street Reserve, Keith Frame Reserve, Beatty Park, Forrest Park, Leake/Alma Reserve and Menzies Park.

Conservation/Restoration Projects

A project for the Restoration of the Foreshore at Banks Reserve has recently been approved by the Swan River Trust and the Town's Officers are currently consulting with the various indigenous groups that are aligned to this area. It is anticipated that Stage 1 of on-ground works will commence in early 2007 and be completed by April 2007.

The Restoration of Hyde Park Lakes project is continuing with the completion of a hydrogeology report that will assist the Hyde Park Lakes Working Group (formed to investigate/recommend improvement/rehabilitation options for the Hyde Park Lakes) to further determine the best option(s) to restore the lake.

At Smith's Lake Reserve in North Perth, the southern portion of the lake has recently been redeveloped. This work included regrading of the lake embankment and construction of an open drain with a small bridge. The majority of the lake and drain surrounds will be planted with local native plants and sedges and smaller sections left open where the waters' edge can be accessed.

Other capital works completed during the year were as follows:

Park/Reserve	Item
Britannia Road Reserve	Replacement of perimeter fencing
Ellesmere Street Reserve	Replacement of perimeter fencing
Blackford Street Reserve	Replacement of perimeter fencing
Woodville Reserve	Replacement of existing reticulation system
Multicultural Garden	Installation of shade sail
Hyde Park	Compound security lighting
Various	Upgrade of park furniture
Various	Synthetic cricket wicket replacement
Various	Installation of playground signage



The Menzies Park playground has been upgraded

OPERATIONS – MAINTENANCE

Street Trees

A total of ninety-one street trees were removed during the past year. The removals were required as the trees were either dead, in poor health and condition, or causing damage to private property. A total of 268 trees were planted in streets throughout the Town during 2005-2006.

As part of the Town's Street Tree Enhancement programme, replanting of Ruby Street was completed. Other streets have been identified where replanting is necessary and owner/occupiers will be consulted prior to any upgrade works commencing.

Weed Pest Control/Fertiliser Applications

Weed control of footpaths/kerbs/medians was completed in October 2005 and June 2006. Properties can be exempted from spraying of the above areas by filling in an exemption form which is advertised in the local papers one month prior to the works being undertaken. Spraying of parks and reserves is limited and only undertaken where absolutely necessary. Generally, only one application of 'Spearhead', a selective herbicide, is applied in July/August to control jo-jo or onehunga.



'Hyde Park' by Dianne Robins

Playgrounds

The Town's playgrounds are inspected and maintained regularly in accordance with the relevant Australian Standards.

Signage has recently been installed at every respective playground site outlining safety precautions and providing a contact phone number to report any damaged or defective playground equipment.

A revised playground upgrade programme has recently been endorsed by the Council and information pertaining to the programme can be obtained from the Parks Services Section.

Graffiti Control

The Council has a policy of, where practicable, removing all reported graffiti tags on public and private property within twenty-four hours. The Town's Graffiti Officer is continually battling to keep up with the graffiti vandals, however removing the tags within the 24-hour period has been a proven deterrent in reducing the amount of graffiti reoccurring.

A new graffiti recording system is being introduced with funding assistance being provided by the State Government Office of Crime Prevention's Designing Safer Communities Fund. When completed this will enable staff to identify 'hotspots' and provide more accurate financial, statistical and Police reports.

Vandalism

The Town experiences acts of vandalism from time to time and costs associated with repairs and reinstatement of recreational areas/buildings and car parks for the 2005-2006 financial year are as follows:

Location	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006
Sportsgrounds	\$19,569	\$27,337	\$8,604
Parks	\$29,377	\$43,351	\$23,860
Road Reserves	\$4,089	\$2,370	\$2,048
Car parks	\$1,714	\$1,606	\$1,369
Council Buildings	\$30,039	\$36,426	\$40,480

As indicated above, acts of vandalism cost the Town a considerable amount of time and money and residents are encouraged to report anyone seen defacing or damaging Council property.

Garden Competition

The Town's Annual Garden Competition was conducted again in October 2005.

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
No. of entries	45	34	70	94	84	115	71	84	87	84	117

Principal Activities

The Local Government Act 1995 required that every Local Government prepare a Principal Activities Plan for each year and to review that plan on an annual basis. However, the Act was amended to delete the requirement for a Principal Activities Plan and for this to be replaced by a 'Plan for the Future', effective from 1 July 2007. At the time of writing this report the Council had adopted in principle its Draft Plan for the Future and this was being advertised for community comment.

The 2005-2006 Annual Report contains information on performance measures linked to the Principal Activities Plan. The performance measures, commonly referred to Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), have been compared to the previous year's results where applicable.

The current Principal Activity Plan for the period 2004-2008 identifies the following major activities:

- Governance
- Administrative Services Costs
- Asset Acquisition and Replacement
- Beatty Park Leisure Centre
- Vincent Library Services
- Law and Order Services
- Car Parks and Parking Control
- Town Planning and Development
- Building Management and Contr
- Health Services
- Parks and Sports Grounds
- Road Reserve Infrastructure
- Waste Management
- Community Development
- Land Disposal
- Capital Works Land and Buildings.

All of the activities included in the adopted Principal Activities Plan were undertaken during the year under review.

The Town performed to a high standard in all activity areas, generally meeting performance measures established. Details on the performance of specific activities are included in the various section reports contained within this Annual Report.

Operating expenditures were subject to some variations, operating incomes were on budget.



'Art Attack' by Danny Church >

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY – GOVERNANCE

Activity

To provide efficient and effective administrative and operational services to the Elected Members to enable them to perform their duties and meet the requirements of the community and the Council.

Objective

To provide timely, professional advice and services to Elected Members to facilitate strategic planning and responsible decision-making.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	03/04	04/05	05/06
Workload Indicators			
• Average number of residents per Elected Member	2,866	2,866	2,866
• Size of Local Government	10.4 sq km	10.4 sq km	10.4 sq km
• Average population per square kilometre	2,480	2,480	2,480
Efficiency Indicators			
• Governance expenses as a percentage of operating expenditure	5.3%	5.19%	5.22%
• Average governance expenses per Elected Member	\$139,512	\$148,170	\$153,321
• Average amount of Council expenses per Elected Member	\$60,234	\$86,250	\$83,508
Effectiveness Indicators			
• Elector rating of overall Elected Member performance	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Voter participation at Elections	N/A	33.72%	N/A
• Number of Elector initiated Elector Meetings	Nil	Nil	Nil
• Number of complaints received	Nil	Nil	Nil

Governance

STATISTICAL INFORMATION	03/04	04/05	05/06
• Governance as a percentage of operating expenditure	5.3%	5.19%	5.22%
• Average governance expenditure per Elected Member – total governance	\$139,512	\$148,170	\$153,321
• Members of Council only	\$60,234	\$86,250	\$83,508

Decisions of Council – Statistical Information

Item	03/04	%	04/05	%	05/06	%
Items Considered	769	-	840	-	900	-
Recommendations Adopted	489	63.5	614	73.09	542	60.22
Recommendations Amended	199	25.9	365	43.45	223	24.77
Recommendations Not Adopted	33	4.3	52	5.71	38	4.2
Items carried En Bloc	282	36.7	348	41.42	296	32.88
Items Deferred	47	6.2	48	5.71	91	10.11
Items 'Laid on Table'	1	0.1	1	1.7	6	0.6
Notices of Motion	30	-	10	-	17	-
Average Public Attendance	28	-	23	-	26	-
Average Public Questions/Speakers	13	-	11	-	12	-
Average Meeting Time	2 hours & 52 minutes		3 hours & 15 minutes		3 hours & 3 minutes	

Elector Initiated Meetings	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06
Number of Meetings	0	0	0	0

Complaints to the Ombudsman	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06
Number of Complaints	1	1	3	2

Freedom of Information Requests	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06
Number of Requests	12	6	7	15

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY – ASSET ACQUISITION AND REPLACEMENT

Activity

To provide for the acquisition and replacement of Council vehicles, plant and equipment assets. The major plant and waste plant are acquired and replaced in line with the 5-year Plant Replacement Programme. The light vehicles are replaced in accordance with the Fleet Management Contract. The acquisition and replacement of computer hardware is in line with the Information Technology Strategic Plan currently under development.

Objective

To provide a programme for the planned acquisition and replacement of Council-owned assets and to ensure the necessary reserves are in place to enable this to be funded in the future.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	03/04	04/05	05/06
Effectiveness Indicators			
• Percentage of Capital Expenditure financed by external funding	33%	34%	12%
• Percentage of Assets programmed for replacement actually replaced	85%	78%	77%
• Ratio of Capital Expenditure to total depreciation	24%	68%	114%



'Perth Oval' by John Ferrington >

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY – BEATTY PARK LEISURE CENTRE OPERATIONS

Activity

To maintain a high quality leisure facility for the benefit of all ratepayers, residents and other members of the public.

Objective

To provide the community with a self-funding facility that has access to both aquatic and other leisure activities in a clean, well-supervised, state-of-the-art facility.

Strategic Plan Link

Key Result Area 2 – Community and Information Services

'2.5 Consolidate Beatty Park Leisure Centre as a premier leisure centre.'

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	03/04	04/05	05/06
Workload Indicators			
• Number of full time equivalent employees in the Leisure Centre	47	49	49
• Number of recreation and leisure centre users per week	16,405	15,480	15,162
• Number of swimming pool users per week	10,669	8,732	8,976
• Number of aquatic playground users per week	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Number of activity users per week (swim school, circuit, aerobics, aquarobics, yoga, personal training, massage)	1,576	1,491	1,437
Efficiency Indicators			
• Net cost of operating Leisure Centre per user	\$1.17	\$0.56	\$0.06
• Net cost per full time equivalent employee	\$11,434	\$9226	\$998
• Operating cost per hour open to the public	\$119.84	\$84.61	\$9.57
Effectiveness Indicators			
• Leisure Centre total operating hours per week	102.75	102.36	98.25
• Leisure Centre's written complaints per 1000 capita	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%



< Entrance to Beatty Park Leisure Centre

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE FIGURES	03/04	04/05	05/06
Category			
Adult Swim	158,150	154,030	146,040
Child Swim	55,257	52,990	56,142
Student Swim	16,713	23,895	16,603
Pensioner/Senior Swim	34,607	31,580	30,618
Sauna/Spa/Steam Room/Swim	14,667	14,305	11,503
Pensioner Sauna/Spa/Steam Room/Swim	17,637	17,310	11,499
Trainer Swim	19,980	21,550	17,925
Family Swim (2 adults and 2 children)	16,840	14,780	17,708
Baby Toddler – free	65,450	54,360	53,500
Spectator	81,250	75,340	82,146
In-term Swim and VacSwim	45,721	45,738	76,045
Carnival	24,256	23,560	27,123
Special Events	1,459	1,230	3,371
Birthday Party participants	2,810	1,968	2,071
Swim School – parent baby	8,450	8,360	7,383
Swim School – pre-school	18,360	17,470	16,888
Swim School – school age	28,800	29,020	28,643
Swim School – adult	1,620	1,630	1,359
Swim School – one-to-one	690	685	688
Swim School – school holiday	2,500	2,585	2,441
Swim School – RLSS In-term	-	1,980	2,570
Member Entry	200,186	176,000	146,562
Casual Gym	2,144	2,420	2,483
Fitness Appraisal	1,040	1,825	70
50+FIT	820	590	507
Aerobics (not including members)	3,263	4,226	4,077
Circuit Gym (not including members)	1,031	1,002	624
Aquarobics (not including members)	5,678	5,635	5,266
Massage	684	797	1,029
Personal Training	653	785	1,318
Yoga	2,081	2,355	1,900
Crèche	12,153	11,522	9,671
Pilates	1,357	402	80*
Meetings/Functions/Courses	1,760	1,895	2,581
TOTAL	848,067	803,820	788,434

* Programme cancelled after one term

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY – LIBRARY SERVICES

Activity

Providing a comprehensive library and information service for the residents, in well-equipped and modern surroundings at the Town of Vincent Library.

Objective

To provide the community of the Town with access to a first-class service which provides the widest range of Library services and maximises the use of current technology.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	03/04	04/05	05/06
Workload Indicators			
• Number of Library loans per annum	185,661	178,126	175,449
• Total registered members	15,502	11,942	14,944
• Total number of requests per annum per member	0.92	1.11	2.2
Efficiency Indicators			
• Total number of requests satisfied	8,517	8,261	6,459
• Total members served per full time equivalent employee	15.05	11.59	14.52
• Total book loans per full time equivalent employee	18,025	17,293	17,051
• Library operating expenditure per member	\$53.64	\$70.62	\$58.82
Effectiveness Indicators			
• Number of Library loans per member	11.79	14.92	11.75
• Total hours per week of access	52	52	52
• Hours of access outside normal office hours	12	12	12
• Current membership as percentage of local government population	58.8	45.48	58.33
• Average number of users of Internet terminals per week	70	82	81

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Item	03/04	04/05	05/06
Adult Membership	12,476	11,188	11,703
Child Membership	2,674	1,959	2,781
Total Membership	15,502	11,942	14,944
Percentage of Resident Membership	58.81	71.14	60.73
Number of Housebound Readers	73	133	118
Average Monthly Transactions	29,942	27,827	28,215
Number of Library Board stock per capita	1.22	1.22	1.23
Library Board Standard	1.25	1.25	1.25
Number of Items Issued	185,661	178,126	175,449
Library Gross Expenditure	\$831,520	\$843,383	\$879,039
Cost per Issue	\$4.47	\$4.74	\$5.01

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY – LAW AND ORDER SERVICES

Activity

To provide a Ranger Service to the community which will fulfil the statutory requirements of the Council within the law and order and public safety services.

Objective

To provide the residents, ratepayers and business proprietors of the Town of Vincent with an effective liaison, educational and legislative service in the areas of Animal Control, Litter Control, Graffiti Control, Fire Hazards, Abandoned Vehicles and other associated activities.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	03/04	04/05	05/06
Workload Indicators			
• Expenditure per property serviced by Ranger Services	\$49.11	\$36.93	\$40.52
• Total annual complaints received per capita	0.49	0.29	0.50
• Number of reports received to which Ranger Services response is warranted	7,571	7,662	14,887
Efficiency Indicators			
• Cost per Ranger Services full time equivalent employee	\$69,741	-\$11,774 #	-\$53,026 #
• Response time to reports received	2 hours*	2 hours*	2 hours*
• Responses handled per full time equivalent employee	946	958	1861
Effectiveness Indicators			
• Percentage of rateable properties covered by Ranger Services	100	100	100
• Percentage of total reports warranting Ranger response to which response was provided	100	100	100
• Total reported complaints	12,243	10,454	14,890

* Dog attacks actioned immediately

* Serious parking complaints – initial response as soon as possible

* Dependent on severity of complaint

In previous years there was a net loss from parking, but in 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 there was a net surplus

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Number of Complaints	03/04	04/05	05/06
Litter	324	421	365
Dogs General	251	253	291
Dogs Noise	45	32	33
Dogs Attacks	11	20	21
Bush Fire/Burn-off	85	53	99
Number of Infringement Notices Issued			
Dog Act	57	54	54
Litter Act	44	84	63
Dogs			
Number of dogs impounded	177	145	92
Number of dogs claimed	120	120	74
Number of dogs sold	10	10	6
Number of dogs euthanised	47	15	10

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY – CAR PARKS AND PARKING CONTROL

Activity

To provide an enforcement service to residents, ratepayers and business proprietors of the Town of Vincent and to provide car parking facilities for use by the customers of the Town.

Objective

- To provide the residents, ratepayers and business proprietors of the Town with effective and cost-efficient car parking facilities.
- To provide suitably maintained car parks to ensure safety and security of patrons.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	03/04	04/05	05/06
Workload Indicators			
• Parking revenue as a percentage of overall revenue	4.62	8.23	9.46
• Total number of infringements issued per annum	12,770	17,896	24,103
• Total number of infringements issued per capita	0.49	0.68	1.94
Efficiency Indicators			
• Number of infringements issued per full time equivalent employee	1,782	2,237	3,013
Effectiveness Indicators			
• Percentage of revenue over total expenditure for car parks and parking control	99.82	152	179
• Number of complaints received for Ranger Services regarding parking in the Town of Vincent	6,481	6,883	12,912
• Number of complaints received for parking control service	2	2	3



< 'Popeye Smile' by Myles Dennis

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

	03/04	04/05	05/06
Number of Complaints			
Parking	1,738	1,463*	1,880
Number of Infringement Notices Issued			
Parking	12,770	17,896	24,103
Types of Infringement/Notice			
Failure to display ticket	4,321	8,867	11,734
Stop longer than allowed	3,833	3,862	4,261
Stopping in a No Stopping Area	809	657	3,406
Stopping on footpath	186	152	1,205
Stopping on Clearway	772	1,083	742
Not headed in traffic direction	350	309	466
No Parking – Restricted period	80	20	206
Unlawful private property	275	209	150
Other	671	40	145
No parking any time	33	75	129
Not wholly in M/Stall	165	252	113
Stopping on the verge	59	153	97
Stopping in a Taxi/Bus Stand	179	249	97
Causing obstruction	50	35	93
Parking in a Disabled Bay	24	27	87
Stop in a Loading Zone	125	108	60
Stop particular Class	804	1,756	44
Park in excess of 24 hours	34	34	1,068
Number of Full Time Employees	8	8	8
Number of Infringements Issued per FTE	1,596	2,237	3,013

* Because the section now uses the CARS System for reporting the "Complaints about the way the service is provided", figures which were previously used to report this are no longer recorded in the way they were in past years. These complaints are not about the service itself, but about the method used to provide it. As a result, there appears to have been a reduction in this area.

PARKING REVENUE COMPARISON 2003-2006

INSPECTORIAL CONTROL	03/04	04/05	05/06
Modified Penalties	\$639,470	\$947,765	\$1,434,037
Court Imposed Penalties	\$16,715	N/A	N/A
Sale of Parking Signs	\$793	\$555	\$298
Other Revenue	\$1,450	\$2,653	\$1,722
TOTAL	\$658,428	\$950,973	\$1,436,057

CAR PARKS	2004	2005	2006
Frame Court	\$294,931	\$383,568	\$456,219
Brisbane Street	\$49,905	\$100,582	\$167,101
Raglan Road	\$6,541	\$13,365	\$18,622
The Avenue	\$179,913	\$294,416	\$276,989
Oxford Street	N/A	\$2,438	\$6,903
Chelmsford Road	\$3,634	\$22,642	\$14,498
The Stadium	N/A	\$14,130	\$20,627
Barlee Street	\$12,740	\$18,772	\$23,025
TOTAL	\$547,663	\$849,913	\$983,984
KERBSIDE PARKING	03/04	04/05	05/06
William, Stuart, Pier, Newcastle Streets	\$82,515	\$146,447	\$156,826
PARKING REVENUE TOTAL	\$1,288,606	\$1,947,333	\$2,576,867

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY – TOWN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

Activity

To provide for the orderly and proper land use and development in the Town by providing equitable and timely planning advice and efficient and effective decision-making for the long-term benefit of the residents of the Town.

Objective

To provide the future strategic planning of the Town and to maintain an efficient and effective service in the deliverance of statutory planning issues.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	03/04	04/05	05/06
Comparative Indicators			
• Net planning and regulatory costs per capita	\$38	\$26	\$22
• Number of planning related applications determined through the year	672	605	633
• Development applications	532	471	513
• Survey strata title applications	52	32	24
• Subdivision referrals	40	28	51
• Change of land use applications	24	46	38
• Home occupation applications	24	28	7
• Requests for Town Planning Scheme amendments	0	0	0

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	03/04	04/05	05/06
Efficiency Indicators			
• Percentage of planning related applications determined under delegated authority	64	57	37
• Percentage of development applications determined under delegated authority	60	56	40
• Percentage of survey strata title applications determined under delegated authority	85	84	92
• Percentage of subdivision referrals determined under delegated authority	90	82	96
• Percentage of change of land use applications determined under delegated authority	29	24	5
• Percentage of home occupation applications determined under delegated authority	88	96	43
• Average net cost of processing planning applications	\$1,400	\$1,109	\$900
• Average planning related application processing time	45 days	60 days	67 days
• Development applications	70 days	66 days	66 days
• Survey strata title applications	36 days	46 days	46 days
• Subdivision referrals	28 days	35 days	38 days
• Change of land use applications	63 days	76 days	69 days
• Home occupation applications	39 days	37 days	62 days
• Percentage of applications processed within statutory time frame	68	60	45
Effectiveness Indicators			
• Percentage of reviews (appeals) per application decision*	4	2	6
• Percentage of successful reviews per review lodged	14	23	9

*The total number of applications determined comprises development, change of use and home occupation applications. The Western Australian Planning Commission is the responsible authority for strata and survey strata title applications and subdivision referrals. There are no formal appeal rights on requests for town planning scheme amendments.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Description	03/04	04/05	05/06
Planning Specific Applications			
• Development not involving demolition	479	410	255
• Change of land use	24	46	38
• Home occupation	20	24	7
• Home occupations – renewals	4	4	0
• Demolition excluding redevelopment	41	22	50
• Demolition including redevelopment	54	39	208*
Total	622	545	558

*This figure includes applications involving partial demolition.

Description	03/04	04/05	05/06
Planning Reviews (Appeals) – Tribunal			
Total Number	21	13	35
Reviews Dismissed	3	3	3
Reviews Upheld	4	2	6
Reviews Dismissed (part)	0	0	0
Reviews Withdrawn	3	1	10
Reviews Pending	11	7	16
Approved Developments			
Single Houses	127	62	42
Grouped Dwellings	136	136	75
Multiple Dwellings	106	86	123
Aged/Dependent Persons Dwellings	0	0	0
Total Number of Dwellings	369	284	240
Dwellings subject to alterations/additions			
Dwellings subject to alterations/additions	131	195	374
Home Occupations	24	28	7
Mixed-Use Developments	18	14	3
Comprising:			
shop	12	16	0
office	39	19	6
eating house	2	2	1
show room	2	1	0
education establishment	0	2	1
grouped dwellings	9	43	16
multiple dwellings	72	83	20
light industry		1	0
unlisted use		1	1
Commercial	98	83	68



< 'Doorways' by Christopher O'Connor

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY – BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

Activity

To manage and maintain the Town's building assets to meet the required standards in accordance with the Town's 5-year maintenance programme.

Objectives

- To ensure building developments comply with the statutory standards of enabling legislation and provide for reasonable structure of integrity, durability, health, safety and amenity for the benefit of the occupants in the community.
- To manage the Town's building assets and to ensure the Town's buildings are maintained to a satisfactory level that ensures both the health and the safety of the users of the buildings.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	03/04	04/05	05/06
Workload Indicators			
• Number of building applications per year	543	484	514
• Average value of building applications per year	\$158,776	\$126,887	\$141,231
• Building control revenue to expenditure ratio	0.45	0.38	0.42
Efficiency Indicators			
• Average number of working days to decide building application	34 days	19 days	35 days
• Percentage of building licence applications processed within 35 days	71	76	71
• Percentage of private swimming pools inspected during the year	38	27	10
• Net private swimming pool inspection costs per inspection	\$17	\$17	\$17
Effectiveness Indicators			
• Percentage of appeals per building licence application decision	1	Nil	Nil
• Percentage of successful appeals lodged	43	17 (building notices)	No building appeals

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Description	03/04	04/05	05/06
Building Licences	352	346	378
• Demolition Licences	43	58	49
• Sign Licences	24	28	13
• Swimming Pool Licences	25	26	21
• Strata Certificates	37	26	31
Total	481	484	492
• Value	\$86,512,551	\$61,413,483	\$70,609,575
Private Pool Inspections			
Number of pools inspected	148	90	36
Number of pools requiring re-inspection	45	22	2
Percentage of pools requiring re-inspection	30	24	6

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY – HEALTH SERVICES

Activity

To ensure overall compliance with all statutory health and noise legislation and codes.

Objective

To provide regulation, control and education to promote, protect and maintain the health of the community and provide equitable access to community health services.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	03/04	04/05	05/06
Workload Indicators			
• Health Service expenditure as a percentage of total operating expenditure	2.1	2.3	2.56
• Health expenditure per head of population	\$20	\$20	\$26
• Number of premises inspections required per annum:			
• Class 1	748	752	760
• Class 2	22	30	28
• Class 3	108	108	168
• Class 4	36	36	50
• Class 5	0	1	12
• Public buildings	70	70	164
• Public swimming pools	42	42	276
• Lodging houses	21	20	42
• Hairdressers and skin penetration premises (registered)	26	27	29
• Offensive trades	10	10	28
• Pest control	214	220	254
• Noise	332	293	381
• Other nuisances	904	961	986
• Number of Child Health Centres per thousand capita (under 5 years)	3.00	3.00	3.00
• Number of complaints/service requests received per annum	1,420	1,410	1,537
Efficiency Indicators			
• Percentage of premises inspections completed during the year – for each type:			
• Class 1	62.5	90	60.2
• Class 2	80	95	42.8
• Class 3	100	93	66
• Class 4	95	88	118
• Class 5	0	0	175
• Public buildings	50	75	50
• Public swimming pools	100	100	55.8
• Lodging houses	100	100	54.8
• Hairdressers and skin penetration premises	12	20	31
• Offensive trades	80	80	21
• Pest control	100	100	100
• Noise	99	99	99
• Number of food samples submitted for analysis per thousand capita	6.96	8.31	4.41
• Net cost of immunisation service for vaccination	\$45,928	\$55,715	\$62,748
• Immunisation cost per head of population	\$1.75	\$2.12	\$2.45

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	03/04	04/05	05/06
Effectiveness Indicators			
• Vaccinations per thousand capita by Local Government's immunisation service	9.9	10.69	11.08
• Percentage of unsatisfactory food samples relative to total samples submitted for analysis	2.76	2.16	6.19
• Percentage of regular inspected premises failing to meet a satisfactory level of health compliance – for each type:			
• Class 1	8.00	9.2	10.9
• Class 2	9.10	12	8.3
• Class 3	11	7.5	6.3
• Class 4	22	11.2	1.69
• Class 5	0	0	0
• Public buildings	10	11.43	18
• Public swimming pools	9.5	10	15
• Lodging houses	14	10	13
• Hairdressers and skin penetration premises	0	0	0
• Offensive trades	20	10	12
• Pest control	0	10	0
• Noise	10.5	12	12

Class 1 (cooking), Class 2 (seafood, poultry, bakeries), Class 3 (bakery only bread, tearoom), Class 4 (deli, supermarkets, groceries), Class 5 (fruit and vegetable, liquor store)

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

INFECTIOUS DISEASES	03/04	04/05	05/06
Campylobacter	1	0	3
Giardiasis	1	0	6
Salmonellosis	1	0	2
Hepatitis	1	0	0
Shigellosis	0	2	2
Vibro Parahaemolyticis	0	0	0
Typhoid	0	0	0
Legionella	0	0	0
Ross River Virus	4	0	2
Amoebiasis	0	0	0
Cryptosporidiosis	0	1	1
Total	8	3	16
Number of Health Notices Issued	6	9	8
Number of Upgrading Orders Issued for Food Premises	12	15	9

INFECTIOUS DISEASES	03/04	04/05	05/06
Food Samples			
Chemical Food Samples	131	146	70
Complying Samples	126	140	63
Units Used	1,005	1,099	772
Microbiological Samples	50	70	43
Microbiological Swabs	0	0	0
Immunisation			
Number of People Immunised	253	330	284
Cost of Service (minus staff costs)	\$9,302	\$8,757	\$9,816
Child Health Centres			
Number of Child Health Centres	4	4	4
Visits			
Harold Street – Highgate	58	81	64
Loftus Centre – Leederville	38	54	51
Mount Hawthorn	104	74	109
View Street – North Perth	53	69	60
Noise Complaints			
Number of Noise Complaints	332	293	381
Number of Directives Issued	3	2	6
Number of Noise Abatement Directions Issued	0	0	5
Pollution			
Number of Pollution Abatement Notices Issued	0	0	0
Substandard Housing Inspections/Visual Checks			
Number of Inspections	384	423	516



< 'Weekend Reader at Hyde Park' by Andrew Davoll

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY – PARKS AND SPORTS GROUNDS

Activity

The development and maintenance of all parks and sports grounds utilised for passive and active recreation to the highest standard of duty and care.

Objective

To provide equitable access to a range of parks, gardens and recreation grounds to enable the passive and active recreation needs of the community to be enjoyed in a safe and aesthetically satisfying environment.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	03/04	04/05	05/06
Workload Indicators			
• Hectares of parks, gardens and recreation grounds per thousand capita passive and active	4.06	4.06	4.05
• Annual cost of parks and recreation grounds maintenance per rateable property	\$86.96	\$99.72	\$97.63
Efficiency Indicators			
• Annual maintenance cost per hectare for parks and recreation grounds	\$11,947	\$13,891	\$14,567
• Annual maintenance cost per hectare for street tree verge maintenance	\$7,928	\$8,006	\$7,543
Effectiveness Indicators			
• Survey result percentage of residents who consider the conditions of parks and recreation grounds to be good or better	*	91	*
• Percentage of residents who consider the general safety of parks and recreation grounds to be good or better.	*	*	*
• Percentage of residents who regularly use parks, gardens and recreation grounds	*	*	*

**No specific survey conducted but regular feedback positive through 'Have Your Say'.*

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Workload Indicators

- Number of passive/active reserves

03/04	04/05	05/06
Passive	Passive	Passive
32	33	34

Active	Active	Active
22	22	21

- Number of trees planted per year

03/04	04/05	05/06
84	459	297



'Hyde's Slides' by Dee Wilson >

Efficiency Indicators

Reserve Booking Statistics	03/04	04/05	05/06
Braithwaite Park			
Number of Bookings	25	26	6
Number of Users	1,195	260	2,266
Revenue	\$508	\$450	\$659
Hyde Park			
Number of Bookings	123	190	92
Number of Users	2,904	4,053	6,608
Revenue	\$1,403	\$584	\$7,440
Banks Reserve			
Number of Bookings	20	22	10
Number of Users	1,795	710	1,350
Revenue	\$605	\$310	\$1,037
Beatty Park Reserve			
Number of Bookings	359	359	233
Number of Users	11,494	7110	11,612
Revenue	\$6,553	\$986	\$1,896
Woodville Reserve			
Number of Bookings	4	46	28
Number of Users	1,469	1,876	1,478
Revenue	\$2,062	\$2,029	\$1,413
Britannia Road Reserve			
Number of Bookings	95,010	809	423
Number of Users	4,408	32,681	57,817
Revenue	\$4,408	\$4,130	\$6,410
Charles Veryard Reserve			
Number of Bookings	257	208	146
Number of Users	10,835	6,072	11,590
Revenue	\$926	\$70	\$528
Les Lilleyman Reserve			
Number of Bookings	265	162	193
Number of Users	1,568	5,520	9,568
Revenue	\$1,637	\$500	\$1,437
Menzies Park Reserve			
Number of Bookings	174	188	171
Number of Users	12,831	5,714	11,468
Revenue	\$723	\$146	\$672
Birdwood Square			
Number of Bookings	1	4	6
Number of Users	600	450	146
Revenue	0	-	\$120
Forrest Park			
Number of Bookings	391	16	361
Number of Users	53,456	2,779	45,768
Revenue	\$233	\$169	\$1,500

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY – INFRASTRUCTURE, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

Activity

The management and maintenance of an effective and efficient infrastructure system for roads, drainage and street lighting, including the provision and maintenance of a network of safe footpaths and dual-use paths. The monitoring of traffic patterns in terms of access, safety and road capacity to ensure efficient traffic flows, ensuring that adequate levels of vehicular parking exists within designated strategic locations and developing and maintaining streetscape improvements to achieve an attractive visual environment. Progressively carry out improvements to rights of way (ROWs).

Objective

To develop and manage a road system that provides for safe, efficient and comfortable vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	03/04	04/05	05/06
Workload Indicators			
• Road preservation expenditure ratio	0.15	0.18	0.18
• Own resources roadwork expenditure per rateable property	\$176	\$163	\$153
• Proportion of total expenditure applied to sealed roads	13.62%	13.44%	11.23%
Efficiency Indicators			
• Percentage of utilisation and road-making plant	83.15	83.15	83.15
• Percentage of road asset network assessed for a set condition	7.35	7.35	7.35
• Percentage of road construction completed within the year	73.44	81.82	81.82
• Average cost of verge or streetscape maintenance per hectare	\$88	\$87	\$9
Effectiveness Indicators			
• Road condition ratio	0.40	0.39	0.35
• Percentage of road capital expenditure to road depreciation	2.78	2.32	2.31
• Road preservation performance ratio	0.79	0.82	0.79



'Sisters' by Rosalyn Cocker

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY – WASTE MANAGEMENT

Activity

The removal and disposal of putrescible, recyclable and green waste in a cost-effective and efficient manner by means of:

1. Weekly domestic service
2. Fortnightly recycling service
3. Bi-annual verge collection
4. Provision of compost bins at cost price.

The aim of these services is to reduce the quantity of waste disposal which goes to landfill sites.

Objective

To provide a cost-efficient, effective and environmentally-friendly waste collection/recycling service to the residents of the Town of Vincent by employing state-of-the-art disposal technology.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	03/04	04/05	05/06
Workload Indicators			
• Waste management revenue to expenditure ratio	0.07	0.03	0.03
• Number of residential waste collections per week	12,591	12,697	12,927
• Total tonnes of waste to landfill per annum	13,020	13,040	13,152
Efficiency Indicators			
• Waste collection cost per tonne	\$126	\$143	\$149
• Waste collection cost per service	\$130	\$147	\$152
• Net recycling cost per tonne	\$80	\$106	\$128
• Total annual waste management expenditure per capita	\$63	\$70	\$72
Effectiveness Indicators			
• Number of complaints per thousand capita	7.69	7.51	7.60
• Percentage of missed services per week	0.02	0.02	0.02



< First Prize in the Best Commercial Grouped Housing category in the 2005 Town of Vincent Garden Competition

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Rubbish Collection	03/04	04/05	05/06
Rateable Properties	14,300	14,399	14,841
Residential Properties serviced	12,591	12,697	12,319
Commercial Properties serviced by Town of Vincent (includes churches, schools, halls and some vacant blocks that are under development)	1,289	1,310	1,216
Commercial Properties not serviced by Town of Vincent	350	392	395
Total domestic and commercial rubbish tipping costs	\$272,646	\$382,653	\$504,055
Total tonnes domestic and commercial rubbish collected	12,294	12,424	12,585
Recycling – Domestic			
Paper	689	790	644
Co-mingled	740	628	613
Total Tonnage	1,429	1,418	1,257
Recycling – Commercial			
Paper	650	658	677
Co-mingled	494	309	233
Total Tonnage	1,144	967	910
Public Tidy Bins/Parks			
Tipping cost per tonne	\$22.50	\$30.80	\$37.41
Tipping costs	\$14,400	\$17,470	\$20,571
Tonnes	640	567	549
Collection cost	\$108,416	\$108,388	\$110,000
Collection cost per tonne	\$169	\$191	\$200
Bulk Verge Collection			
Contractor's cost per annum	\$129,326	\$129,326	\$129,326
Tipping costs per annum	\$78,099	\$59,463	\$66,968
Hard waste collected	517	472	530
Green waste collected	864	571	575

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Activity

To progress the Town's vision and values by facilitating the achievement of the community's goals through co-operation and partnership with the local community.

Objectives

- To provide services and programmes which are relevant to the needs of our community.
- To promote community development and cultural diversity.
- To provide opportunities for people in our community to enhance their quality of life.
- To facilitate an effective communication flow between the community and the Town.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	03/04	04/05	05/06
Workload Indicators			
• Participant numbers in events	7,452	8,645	7,050
• Number of events serviced	33	25	79
Efficiency Indicators			
• Client feedback on services provided	See below	See below	See below
Effectiveness Indicators			
• Evaluation surveys on events	96% rated the organisation of the events as 4 or 5 (Likert scale with 1 being for badly organised and 5 for well organised) 90% of those surveyed would like to attend the event again.	98% rated the organisation of the events as 4 or 5 (Likert scale with 1 being for badly organised and 5 for well organised) 97% of those surveyed would like to attend the event again.	98% rated the organisation of the events as 4 or 5 (Likert scale with 1 being for badly organised and 5 for well organised).
• Percentage of external funding compared with total Community Development expenditure	12.9	13.5	15.4



< Janet and Doug with students from St Hilda's during Tales of Times Past

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Hall Booking Statistics	03/04	04/05	05/06
North Perth Town Hall			
Number of Bookings			
Main Hall	306	353	267
Lesser Hall	309	327	360
Number of Users			
Main Hall	10,639	10,335	9,905
Lesser Hall	6,797	5,721	7,574
Total Revenue	\$21,653	\$23,158	\$26,335
Total Expenditure	\$25,271	\$57,448	\$24,872
Net Return	-\$3,618	-\$34,290	-\$1,463
Mount Hawthorn Community Centre			
Number of Bookings			
Main Hall	527	465	349
Lesser Hall	673	616	515
Number of Users			
Main Hall	13,221	15,208	10,211
Lesser Hall	22,559	23,002	18,039
Total Revenue	\$34,095	\$34,494	\$35,728
Total Expenditure	\$72,149	\$64,407	\$62,523
Net Return	-\$38,054	-\$32,740	-\$26,795
Banks Reserve Pavilion			
Number of Bookings	214	231	203
Number of Users	4,757	3,333	4,740
Total Revenue	\$5,337	\$6,142	\$6,435
Total Expenditure	\$16,992	\$19,837	\$18,436
Net Return	-\$11,655	-\$13,695	-\$12,001
Menzies Park & Pavilion			
Number of Bookings	117	115	97
Number of Users	2,459	2,040	1,827
Total Revenue	\$2,904	\$3,849	\$3,018
Total Expenditure	\$59,565	\$66,620	\$66,918
Net Return	-\$56,661	-\$62,771	-\$63,900
Royal Park Hall			
Number of Bookings	391	430	240
Number of Users	11,215	22,194	6,273
Total Revenue	\$37,057	\$41,666	\$10,381
Total Expenditure	\$32,306	\$44,911	\$50,181
Net Return	\$4,751	-\$3,245	-\$39,800

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY – LAND DISPOSAL

Activity

To provide for the disposal of any land surplus to the requirements of the Town and maximise the financial return to the Town on the disposal.

Objective

To provide a programme for the orderly disposal of surplus land in a manner that maximises the financial return to the Town and for the lodgement of resultant monies in the appropriate reserves or for capital infrastructure work.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	03/04	04/05	05/06
Workload Indicators			
• Number of surplus land identified for sale	1	1	3
Efficiency Indicators			
• Net gain on disposal of land	\$0.27M	N/A	N/A
Effectiveness Indicators			
• Investment return average	Nil	Nil	Nil
• Land disposal average return	100%	Nil	Nil

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY – MAJOR CAPITAL WORKS LAND AND BUILDINGS

Activity

To provide quality facilities and reserves for the benefit of the residents of the Town.

Objective

To construct and develop buildings and reserves that are in accordance with the vision of the Town.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- The projects to be completed within the stipulated timeframe.
- Projects to be completed within the allocated funds budgeted.

Loftus Centre Redevelopment

Status

Peter Hunt Architects have been appointed for the project. Concept design work was carried out in 2004-2005. A request for additional funding from the State Government was successful with the Government now contributing \$3.6 million. The Major Land Transaction Business Plan was advertised in May and closed on 10 July. One submission was received. The Council has now proceeded to design documentation.

Beatty Park Leisure Centre

Status

A needs analysis and feasibility study has been completed for the future development of the Beatty Park Leisure Centre. The Council has appointed architects to provide the concept design work. The Town has established an in-house Working Group to provide a strategic direction document for the development of the Centre before the architects commence work. The document will be presented to Council in late October/early November.

Competition Principles Agreement

The Competition Principles Agreement (CPA) is a contractual agreement between the Federal Government and all State and Territory Governments. Local Government is committed to the CPA through the State Governments' involvement. The focus of the CPA is to ensure that all public enterprises operate in a transparent manner in the best public interest. This requires that public enterprises review their operations to ensure that they do not have a competitive advantage or disadvantage resulting from their status as public enterprises.

To ensure compliance with the CPA, local governments are required to include in their annual reports certain particulars in relation to CPA. The Town of Vincent supports the concept of the CPA and in this regard the following particulars are reported.

Competitive Neutrality

This principle deals with ensuring that government business operations do not have any advantage or disadvantage in comparison with the private sector. At present no activities undertaken by the Town have been classified as either a Public Trading Enterprise or a Public Financial Enterprise by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

During the reporting period the Town has not received any allegations of non-compliance with the principles of Competitive Neutrality.

Structural Reform of Public Monopolies

The Town does not operate any Public Monopolies within the CPA definition and accordingly there is no reporting requirement. The Town did not privatise any activities during 2005-2006.

Legislation Review

Within the principles of the CPA is a requirement for local governments to review all existing legislation to ensure that the legislation does not restrict competition, or if restrictive legislation is in place, it is in the best interests of the community.

Local Laws

During the year the Town continued the process of reviewing all Local Laws. The Local Government Act 1995 requires all existing Local Laws to be reviewed every eight years. As part of this process the intention to review Local Laws is advertised in the press as required by the Local Government Act, thus giving residents and ratepayers the opportunity to comment on any proposed changes, additions or deletions to the Town's Local Laws.

The following Local Laws were reviewed and amended during 2005-2006:

Amendment	Adopted	Gazetted
Parking Facilities	9 August 2005	19 August 2005

Policies

In conjunction with the Local Laws Review process, Council regularly reviews its policies. All new policies were advertised for twenty-one days for public comment, thereafter being adopted by the Council. In some cases policies were amended to reflect current terminology and community expectations. Policy amendments are an ongoing commitment and feature regularly at Council Meetings. During the year the following policies were reviewed and/or adopted:

- Adoption of Policy No. 4.1.3 – Customer Service Complaints Management
- Council Policy Relating to Community Consultation Policy – Amendments
- Community Consultation Policy No. 4.1.5 – Receiving of Public Submissions
- Proposed Amendment to Policy No. 4.1.6 – Community/ Precinct Groups
- Review of Council Policy No. 4.2.7 – Elected Member Allowances, Fees and Re-imbursment of Expenses
- Recision of Policy No. 4.2.8 – Gifts to Elected Members, Staff and Community Representatives on the Town's Advisory Groups
- Policy No 4.2.9 – Council Meetings – Dealing with Disruptive Behaviour
- Proposed New Policy – Acknowledgement of Service and Purchase of a Gift Upon Retirement – Elected Members
- Provision of Transport Assistance for People Aged over 55 Years and People with Disabilities Policy No. 1.1.11 – Policy and Guidelines – Receiving of Public Submissions
- Adoption of Policy – Use of Corporate Credit Cards
- Investment Policy No. 1.2.4 – Adoption
- Amendments and Proposed New Policy 1.2.13 – Financial Assistance – Community Based Environmental Projects
- Review of Policy Relating to Verge Maintenance and Cleaning
- Review and Adoption of Policy – Perth Oval (Members Equity Stadium) Concerts
- Various planning and building policies were reviewed during the year.

Town Profile

History

For tens of thousands of years before the settlement of the Swan River Colony, the indigenous Nyoongar people were hunters and gatherers who occupied the south-west corner of Western Australia. The lakes on the coastal plain were particularly important to the Aboriginal people, providing them with both spiritual and physical sustenance.

At the time of the first European contact in 1827, the area in which Perth now stands was called Boorloo. Boorloo formed part of Mooro, the tribal lands of Yellagonga, whose group was one of several based around the Swan River known collectively as the Whadjug. The Whadjug was a part of the greater group of thirteen or so tribes which formed the south west socio-linguistic block still known today as Nyoongar ('The People'), or sometimes by the name Bibbulman.

After settlement in 1829, the Europeans gave the name of 'Third Swamp' to one of a chain of lakes stretching from Claisebrook to Herdsman Lake. Nearly seventy years later, in 1897, fifteen hectares of Third Swamp would be gazetted as a public park and two years later renamed Hyde Park. Hyde Park is now one of the Town of Vincent's most attractive and popular parks.

From 1831, hostile encounters between European settlers and Nyoongars – both large-scale land users with conflicting land value systems – increased considerably. This phase of violence culminated in events such as the execution of Whadjug tribal chief Midgegooroo, the murder of his son Yagan and the massacre of the Murray tribe.

By 1843, when Yellagonga died, his tribe had begun to disintegrate and had been dispossessed of their land around the main settlement area of the Swan River Colony. They retreated to the swamps and lakes north of the settlement area including Third Swamp, formerly known by them as Boodjamooling.

Third Swamp continued to be a main camp site for the remaining Nyoongar people in the Perth region and was also used by travellers, itinerants and homeless people. By the gold rush days in the 1890s they were joined by many miners en route to the goldfields.

Meanwhile, the principal lakes had been drained and between 1855 and 1883 there were phases of settlement to the north of Perth. The 1871 Municipalities Act established Perth and seven other towns as municipalities with the authority to levy rates, while Local Road Districts were financed almost exclusively from government grants.

Leederville, Highgate and North Perth were originally included in the vast area controlled by the Perth Roads Board, whose limited revenue over the next twenty years was reflected most obviously in the lack of road construction. Much early infrastructure was financed by private citizens.

Residential development progressed from the 1880s, particularly following the completion of the Fremantle to Guildford rail line in 1881. Highgate began to develop, the Woodville Estate (now North Perth) was opened in 1890, and the Monger and Leeder Estates were sold to developers and subdivided in 1890-1891. The first subdivision of the Mount Hawthorn locations into residential estates occurred between 1887 and 1903, with the Hawthorn Estate being one of the later subdivisions.

Development was rapid in Leederville and North Perth. In May 1895, the section of the Perth Roads Board area covering Leederville and West Leederville was gazetted Leederville Roads Board. Less than twelve months later, Leederville became a municipality, having sufficient property within its boundaries to provide a minimum of £300 in annual rates at a rating of not more than one shilling to the pound. In April 1897 the population of the Leederville municipality had reached more than one thousand and its municipal area was divided into three wards – north, south and central.

By 1895 North Perth had also emerged as a suburb in its own right. Four years later it was declared a Roads Board and, in October 1901, gazetted as a municipality. The North Perth Council was in existence from 25 October 1901 to 22 December 1914.

By 1897 Third Swamp was no longer a camp site and was vested for the citizens as a public reserve.

Much of Vincent's rich heritage stems from the 1890s and 1900s when many community buildings were established, including the North Perth District School (now North Perth Primary), Highgate Primary School, Leederville and Brisbane Street post offices, North Perth Police Station, Brisbane and Queens hotels, the North Perth Town Hall, the Redemptorist Monastery and the Perth Mosque.

In 1914 the Councils of Perth, North Perth and Leederville agreed to the union of the three municipalities (Greater Perth), as prescribed in the Municipal Corporation's Act 1906. The union took effect on 22 December 1914. Later, the ratepayers of Victoria Park Council decided, by referendum on 22 November 1916, to amalgamate with the City of Perth, and this union was consummated on 1 November 1917.

On 1 July 1994, the restructure of the City of Perth created three new local governments: the Towns of Vincent, Cambridge and Shepperton (now Victoria Park), plus a smaller City of Perth. Commissioners were appointed to control these until elections were held in May 1995.

The Town of Vincent's inaugural elections were conducted by the State Electoral Commission under the postal voting system, which produced a voter response in excess of forty-four per cent.

The Town of Vincent is named after Vincent Street, which is a major road through the centre of the Town. It is also the location of the Town's Council Chambers and administrative offices.

Vincent Street is believed to be named after George Vincent, the Chief Draftsman in the Lands Department and original grantee of land on the north side, east from Charles Street. He named it after himself on issue of the first Crown Grant of Perth c.1876. The municipality includes the suburbs of North Perth, Leederville, Highgate and Mount Hawthorn, and parts of East Perth, West Perth, Perth, Mount Lawley and Coolbinia.

Although only new, within its boundaries Vincent holds a rich and varied history. It is a place of cultural diversity with residents whose origins lie in places like Europe and Asia, and forty-five per cent of whom were born overseas. Reflections of this variety are found in the number of religions or spiritual groups that have representation within the Town, among them Christianity (eighteen denominations), Buddhism, Islam, Judaism and Hinduism.

There are busy and popular commercial areas such as Beaufort, Fitzgerald and Oxford streets and Scarborough Beach Road, and peaceful suburbs where old and new lie side by side. There is more than a hundred years of built history and heritage within the boundaries of the municipality – and all of it, whether a century, a decade, or just a few years old, is important to the Town of Vincent. All of it contributes to the colour and personality of Vincent, enriching the lives of the people who live here and of those just passing through.



Doris Sparrow's winning photograph in the 2005 Local > History Photographic Awards – 'Cartwrights's Iceworks'

Statistics

Area	10.4 square km of which 104 hectares comprises parks and gardens
Population	26,749
Aged - under 15	13.1%
- 15 to 55	63.6%
- over 55	23.3%
Median age	35.3 years
Homes owners/purchasers	56.3%
Rateable Properties	14,900
Number of Electors	17,728
Number of Council Employees	192 (FTE)
Number of Wards	Two
Total Budget	\$25,415,625

Number of Elected Members

Mayor and eight Councillors.

Distance from Perth City

The Administration and Civic Centre is 3 km from Perth GPO.

Area of Parks and Gardens

104 hectares.

Length of Roads and Footpaths

Roads 139 km

Footpaths 260 km

Suburbs and Localities

Suburbs: Highgate, Leederville, Mount Hawthorn, North Perth and parts of East Perth, West Perth, Perth City, Mount Lawley and Coolbinia.

Boundaries

Town of Cambridge, Cities of Bayswater, Perth and Stirling.

Facilities

Library: Town of Vincent Library, 99 Loftus Street, Leederville.

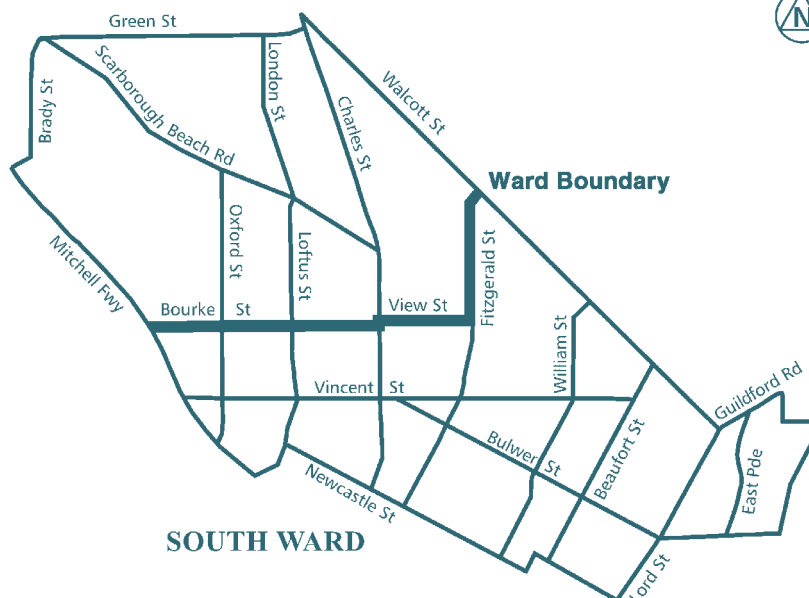
Child Health Centres: Harold Street, Highgate; Loftus Community Centre, Loftus Street; Mount Hawthorn Community Centre, Scarborough Beach Road; View Street, North Perth.

Senior Citizen Centres: Rosewood Care Group (Inc.); Lakeview Aged Person Centre.

Services for Seniors: Rosewood Care Group (Inc.) (Meals on Wheels); Volunteer Task Force; Multicultural Services Centre of WA; Vincent Community Care.

Recreation Facilities: Beatty Park Leisure Centre; Hyde Park; E & D Litis Stadium; Dorrien Gardens; Loftus Recreation Centre; Bowling Clubs; Tennis Clubs; Croquet Club; Robertson Park Tennis Complex; Royal Park; Members Equity Stadium (Perth Oval); Medibank Stadium (Leederville Oval).

NORTH WARD



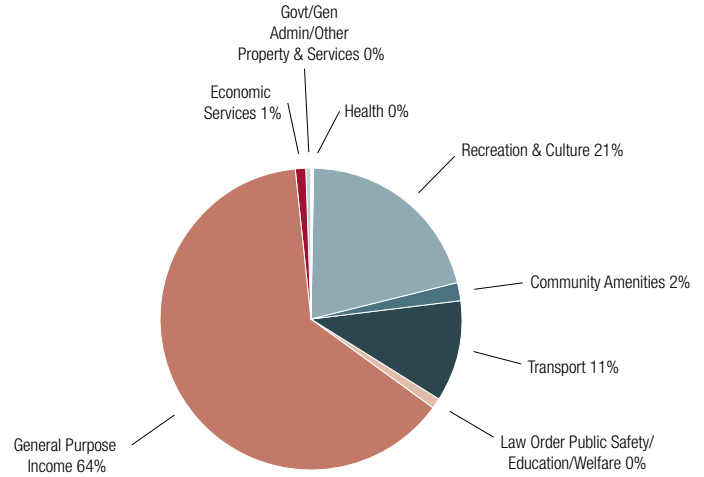
SOUTH WARD

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE PIE CHARTS

OPERATING INCOME

Income Type	Amount \$
General Purpose Income	16,258,062
General Administration/Other Property & Services	84,619
Health	118,257
Law Order Public Safety/Education/Welfare	172,083
Community Amenities	444,999
Recreation & Culture	5,494,276
Transport	2,914,471
Economic Services	246,218
	25,732,985

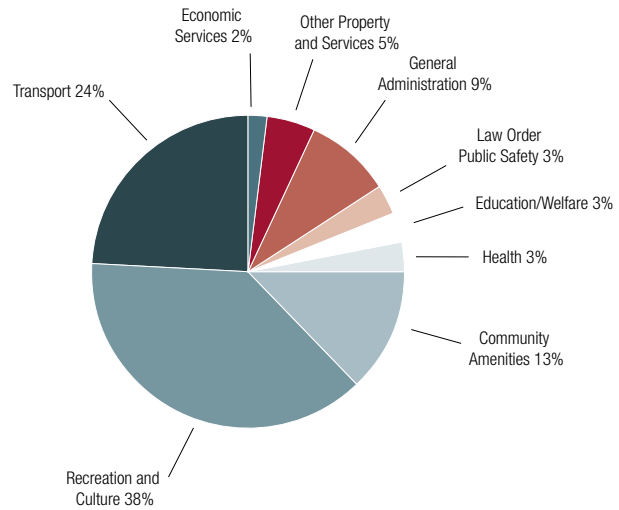
2005-06 INCOME



OPERATING EXPENDITURE

Expense Type	Amount \$
General Administration	2,312,614
Law Order Public Safety	683,613
Health	693,787
Education/Welfare	750,835
Community Amenities	3,610,279
Recreation & Culture	10,654,472
Transport	6,371,673
Economic Services	636,717
Other Property & Services	1,310,790
	27,024,780

2005-06 EXPENDITURE



Financial Report

for the year ended 30 June 2006

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Independent Audit Report

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Certified Practising Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

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TO: RATEPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF VINCENT

Scope

We have audited the financial report of the Town of Vincent, comprising the Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Cash Flow Statement, Rate Setting Statement and the notes to and forming part of the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2006. The Council is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the ratepayers of the Town of Vincent.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995 (as amended) and Regulations under that Act, Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements so as to present a view of the Town of Vincent which is consistent with our understanding of its financial position, the results of its operations and its cash flows.

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

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of the Town of Vincent:

- (a) present fairly the financial position of the Town of Vincent as at 30 June 2006 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards; and
- (b) are prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995 (as amended) and Regulations under that act and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

We did not during the course of our audit become aware of any instances where the Council did not comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act and Regulations under that Act.


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Statement by Chief Executive Officer

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

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



John Giorgi, JP
Chief Executive Officer

Signed on the 23rd day of October 2006

Income Statement by Programme

for the year ended 30 June 2006

OPERATING STATEMENT	Note	Actual 30-Jun-05 \$	Budget 2004/05 \$	Actual 30-Jun-06 \$
OPERATING EXPENDITURE				
General Purpose Funding		719,785	760,028	748,814
Governance		1,321,772	1,422,157	1,425,945
Law and Order, Public Safety		665,418	642,304	683,613
Health		610,388	569,493	693,787
Education and Welfare		680,303	743,012	750,835
Community Amenities		3,398,877	3,604,361	3,610,279
Recreation and Culture		10,291,703	10,150,679	10,654,472
Transport		5,707,568	6,014,761	6,371,673
Economic Services		582,548	650,385	636,717
Other Property and Services		1,669,055	777,609	1,310,790
General Administration		121,725	80,836	137,855
		25,769,142	25,415,625	27,024,781
OPERATING REVENUE				
General Purpose Funding		15,052,642	15,773,341	16,258,062
Governance		17,229	6,860	15,587
Law and Order, Public Safety		184,096	86,255	47,583
Health		90,674	98,890	118,257
Education and Welfare		266,178	173,395	124,500
Community Amenities		489,651	365,420	444,999
Recreation and Culture		5,130,324	5,412,679	5,494,276
Transport		2,122,621	1,786,995	2,914,471
Economic Services		215,337	191,870	246,218
Other Property and Services		95,171	58,350	67,523
General Administration		6,305	4,060	1,509
		23,670,228	23,958,115	25,732,985
CONTRIBUTIONS AND GRANTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ASSETS				
Community Amenities		20,000	20,000	0
Recreation and Culture		2,193,544	31,044,210	0
Transport		468,465	591,966	543,109
		2,682,009	31,656,176	543,109
DISPOSAL OF ASSETS				
Proceeds of Sale		206,920	168,404	2,197,177
Book Value		(101,731)	(157,236)	(341,874)
<i>Gain/(Loss) on Disposal</i>	4(c)	105,189	11,168	1,855,303
NET RESULTS		688,284	30,209,834	1,106,616

Balance Sheet

for the year ended 30 June 2006

	Note	Actual 2005/06 \$	Actual 2004/05 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalent	11	12,229,034	9,564,717
Deposits and Prepayments		154,818	103,740
Investments	7	11,000	11,000
Trade and Other Receivables	6	1,081,517	1,271,423
Inventories	26	262,014	202,218
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		13,738,383	11,153,098
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Trade and Other Receivables	6	130,769	205,138
Investments	20	100,541	100,541
Property, Plant and Equipment	9	114,260,113	115,286,785
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		114,491,423	115,592,464
TOTAL ASSETS		128,229,807	126,745,562
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables	8	2,187,199	2,189,932
Provisions	8	1,093,269	1,120,281
Borrowings – Current Portion	17	684,642	196,862
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		3,965,111	3,507,075
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Borrowings – Non-Current Portion	17	10,436,828	10,534,585
Provisions	8	458,237	440,888
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		10,895,065	10,975,473
TOTAL LIABILITIES		14,860,176	14,482,548
NET ASSETS		113,369,630	112,263,014
EQUITY			
Retained Surplus		97,096,304	98,146,508
Reserves – Cash Reserves	10	9,349,835	7,193,015
Reserve – Asset Revaluation		6,923,491	6,923,491
TOTAL EQUITY		113,369,630	112,263,014

Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2006

	Note	2005/06 \$	2004/05 \$
RETAINED SURPLUS			
Balance as at 1 July 2005		98,146,508	98,344,662
Net Result		1,106,616	688,284
Transfer to Reserves		(3,293,266)	(1,881,327)
Transfer from Reserves		1,136,446	994,889
Balance as at 30 June 2006		<u>97,096,304</u>	<u>98,146,508</u>
RESERVES – CASH BACKED			
Balance as at 1 July 2005		7,193,015	6,306,577
Transfer to Retained Surplus		3,293,266	1,881,327
Transfer from Retained Surplus		(1,136,446)	(994,889)
Balance as at 30 June 2006		<u>9,349,835</u>	<u>7,193,015</u>
RESERVES – ASSET REVALUATION			
Balance as at 1 July 2005		6,923,491	6,923,491
Revaluation Increment		0	0
Revaluation Decrement		0	0
Balance as at 30 June 2006		<u>6,923,491</u>	<u>6,923,491</u>
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>113,369,630</u>	<u>112,263,014</u>

Cash Flow Statement

for the year ended 30 June 2006

	Note	Actual 30-Jun-06 \$	Budget 30-Jun-06 \$	Actual 30-Jun-05 \$
Cash flows from operating activities				
Payments				
Employee Costs		(12,366,669)	(9,750,906)	(11,903,001)
Materials and Contracts		(10,215,488)	(9,593,103)	(9,441,748)
Utilities		(1,543,336)	(1,002,005)	(1,597,525)
Insurance Expense		(222,810)	(164,620)	(250,392)
Other Expenditure		(617,740)	-	(708,255)
Total Payments		(24,966,043)	(20,510,634)	(23,900,921)
Receipts				
Rates		14,404,341	14,242,531	13,530,749
Grants, Contributions, Reimbursements and Donations		537,812	1,307,085	1,392,823
Fees and Charges		10,033,251	6,949,688	8,897,944
Interest Earnings	7(b)	939,441	755,730	844,011
Goods and Services Tax		675,546	1,116,000	1,055,990
Other Revenue/Income		1,492,377	69,081	1,492,893
Total Receipts		28,082,769	24,440,115	27,214,410
Net cash flows from operating activities	12 (a)	3,116,726	3,929,481	3,313,489
Payments				
Purchase Land and Building Assets	9 (b)	(105,992)	(32,014,460)	(3,572,012)
Purchase Infrastructure Assets		(2,792,700)	(3,485,733)	(2,607,001)
Purchase Plant and Equipment		(1,094,405)	(681,740)	(613,259)
Purchase Furniture and Equipment		(138,690)	(137,300)	(119,145)
Work in Progress (Uncompleted Works)		(572,478)	(3,884,913)	(781,002)
		(4,704,265)	(40,204,146)	(7,692,419)
Receipts				
Disposal of Plant and Equipment	4 (c)	305,528	22,500	206,920
Disposal of Furniture and Equipment	4 (c)	818	-	-
Disposal of Land and Building	4 (c)	1,890,831	1,500,000	-
Contributions from Other Parties		-	30,984,210	-
		2,197,177	32,506,710	206,920
Net cash flows from investing activities		(2,507,087)	(7,697,436)	(7,485,499)
Borrowings				
Borrowings		(33,514)	-	2,841,898
Repayment of Borrowings		(116,564)	-	(1,712,906)
Net increase in Bonds and Deposits		361,480	-	37,533
		211,402	-	1,166,525
Receipts from Appropriations/Grants				
Recurrent		18,464	697,500	2,245,367
Capital		1,318,341	671,966	544,306
		1,336,805	1,369,466	2,789,673
Net (decrease)/increase in cash held		2,157,845	(2,398,489)	(215,811)
Cash at 1 July 2005		9,564,717	9,875,097	9,780,528
Cash at 30 June 2006	12(b)	11,722,562	7,476,608	9,564,717

Rate Setting Statement

for the year ended 30 June 2006

	Note	Actual 2005/06 \$	Budget 2005/06 \$
OPERATING REVENUE (Excluding Rates)			
General Purpose Funding		1,888,054	1,587,310
Governance		15,587	6,860
Law and Order, Public Safety		47,583	86,255
Health		118,257	98,890
Education and Welfare		124,500	173,395
Community Amenities		444,998	365,420
Recreation and Culture		5,494,276	5,412,679
Transport		2,914,471	1,786,995
Economic Services		246,218	191,870
Other Property and Services		67,523	58,350
General Administration (Allocated)		1,509	4,060
		11,362,976	9,772,084
LESS EXPENDITURE			
General Purpose Funding		(748,814)	(760,028)
Governance		(1,425,945)	(1,422,157)
Law and Order, Public Safety		(683,613)	(642,304)
Health		(693,787)	(569,490)
Education and Welfare		(750,835)	(743,011)
Community Amenities		(3,610,279)	(3,604,361)
Recreation and Culture		(10,654,472)	(10,164,679)
Transport		(6,371,673)	(6,014,761)
Economic Services		(636,717)	(650,385)
Other Property and Services		(1,310,790)	(777,609)
General Administration (Allocated)		(137,855)	(66,836)
		(27,024,781)	(25,415,621)
NET		(15,661,804)	(15,643,537)
Write Back Non-Cash Items Depreciation		5,389,062	5,201,813
Contributions/Grants for the Development of Assets		543,109	31,728,676
FUNDS DEMAND FROM OPERATIONS		(9,729,633)	21,286,952
ACQUISITION OF NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Purchase Building Assets		(105,992)	(32,651,460)
Purchase Infrastructure Assets		(2,792,700)	(6,318,996)
Purchase Plant and Equipment		(1,094,405)	(1,252,040)
Purchase Furniture and Equipment		(138,690)	(166,300)
Work in Progress (Uncompleted Works)		(572,478)	-
Proceeds from Disposal of Assets		2,197,177	22,500
Proceeds of New Loan Borrowing		506,471	-
Repayments Loan Capital		(116,564)	(141,520)
Transfers to Reserves		(3,293,266)	(1,325,200)
Transfers from Reserves		1,136,446	4,339,920
		(4,274,001)	(37,493,096)
DEMAND FROM RESOURCES		(14,003,634)	(16,206,144)
ADD SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) 1 JULY 05 B/FWD		369,606	2,020,113
LESS SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) 30 JUNE 06 C/FWD		735,980	-
AMOUNT TO BE MADE UP FROM RATES		(14,370,008)	(14,186,031)

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2006

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant policies which have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are:

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standard, other mandatory professional reporting requirements and the Local Government Act 1995 and accompanying regulations. The report has also been prepared on the accrual basis under the convention of historical cost accounting.

First AIFRSs Financial Report

This is the Town's first Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards ("AIFRSs") annual financial report covered by AIFRSs and AASB 1 "First time adoption of Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards".

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

The accounting policies set out below have been consistently applied to the period presented in this financial report. They have been applied in the preparation of an opening AIFRSs balance sheet as at 1 July 2004 for the purpose of the transition to Australian Accounting Standards – AIFRSs as required by AASB 1. The impact of the transition from the previous GAAP to AIFRSs is explained in Note 30.

Compliance with IFRSs

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

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

The principal areas of non-compliance with IFRSs include:

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

Critical Accounting Estimates

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

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

(b) The Local Government Reporting Entity

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

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

Trust Funds

As the Town performs only a custodial role in respect of these monies, and because the monies cannot be used for Council purposes, they are excluded from the financial statements.

A separate statement of these monies appears at Note 19 to these financial statements.

Amounts received as bonds, deposits and retention amounts controlled by Council are included in the amount disclosed as "creditors" within current liabilities.

(c) Property, Plant and Equipment

(i) Cost and Valuation

Property, plant and equipment and infrastructure are carried at cost.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2006

Any gain or loss on disposal of assets is determined as the difference between the carrying amount of the asset at the time of disposal and the proceeds from disposal and is included in the operating results in the year of disposal.

Fixed assets with acquisition costs of less than \$500 have not been capitalised.

Land under roads is not recognised in the Statement of Financial Position.

Signs and Litter Bins are considered immaterial and have not been capitalised.

(ii) Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

Items of property, plant and equipment, including infrastructure and buildings but excluding freehold land, are depreciated over their estimated useful lives on a straight line basis, using rates which are reviewed each reporting period.

Major depreciation periods are:

Asset Description	Life Expectancy
Buildings	10-50 years
Furniture and Equipment	2-10 years
Plant and Equipment	3-15 years
Bores/Pumps	10-20 years
Playground Equipment	10 years
Motor Vehicles	5-10 years
Roads – Sealed/Kerbed/Drained	33 years
Footpaths – Insitu Concrete	40 years
Footpaths – Slab	20 years
Parking – Sealed/Kerbed/Drained	40 years
Parking – Lighting	30 years
Rights of Way – Sealed/Kerbed/Drained	40 years
Drainage	80 years
Fencing	20 years
Park Furniture/Street Furniture	10-30 years

Assets are depreciated from the date of acquisition or, in respect of internally constructed assets, from the time an asset is completed and held ready for use.

(iii) Revaluation of Non-Current Assets

Furniture and internal equipment are rarely sold but used until obsolete. Plant such as vehicles, trucks and external equipment are traded frequently to ensure their reliability.

(d) Employee Entitlements

Provision for annual leave represents the full annual leave accrued (including pro-rata leave) for all staff as at the end of the reporting period.

Council's liability for the long service leave provision represents the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made by the Council resulting from the employee's services to date.

Council's liability for long service leave is recorded as current and/or non-current liabilities. The current liability represents the Council's legal and contractual entitlements at termination of employment. The non-current liability is calculated on a pro-rata basis by various percentages related to years of service.

In respect of employees who have transferred to the Town from other Local Government Authorities, Council's liability for long service leave is recorded in the Statement of Financial Position net of contributions due from other Local Government Authorities.

Provisions made for employees' annual and long service leave include related payroll costs such as superannuation and workers' compensation. The superannuation and workers' compensation for the reporting period is the amount of the statutory contribution the Council makes to provide benefits to its employee. Details of superannuation arrangements are set out in Note 13.

Provisions for sick leave are not made in the accounts as they are non-vesting and are paid as incurred.

(e) Provision for Doubtful Debts

The Financial Statements do not make any provision for uncollectable rate debtors as these are secured over a ratepayer's property.

Provision for other bad and doubtful debts is made where considered necessary. It is expected that some small amounts will be uncollectable during the year and these will be written-off by Council.

(f) Investments

All investments are made in accordance with the Trustees Act and are valued at cost with interest revenue recognised as accrued.

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(g) Leases

The Council has no obligations under finance leases at balance date.

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

(h) Rates, Grants, Donations and other Contributions

The rating and reporting periods coincide. Control over assets acquired from rates is obtained at the commencement of the rating period or, where earlier, upon receipt of rates.

Grants, donations and other contributions are recognised as revenues when the Council obtains control over the assets comprising the contributions. Control over granted assets is normally obtained upon their receipt or upon prior notification that a grant has been secured, and the timing of commencement of control depends upon the arrangements that exist between the grantor and the Council. Contributions not received over which the Council has control are recognised as receivables.

Where contributions recognised as revenues during the reporting period were obtained on the condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period, and those conditions were undischarged at the reporting date, the nature of and amounts pertaining to those undischarged conditions are disclosed in Note 5. The note also discloses the amount of contributions recognised as revenues in a previous reporting period which were obtained in respect of the Council's operations for the current reporting period.

(i) Stock on Hand and Work in Progress

Stock on hand and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(j) Interest in Regional Council

The Council is participant with six other Councils, namely the Cities of Joondalup, Wanneroo, Stirling, Perth and the Towns of Cambridge and Victoria Park.

Information about the Mindarie Regional Council is set out in Note 20.

(k) Payables

Trade payables and other accounts payable are recognised when the Council becomes obliged to make future payments resulting from the purchase of goods and services.

(l) Rounding

All figures shown in the financial report have been rounded off to the nearest dollar and some minor variations between schedules may result.

(m) Comparatives

Comparative figures are, where appropriate, reclassified as to be comparable with the figures presented for the current financial year.

(n) Goods and Services Tax

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

(o) Impairment of Assets

Assets are tested for impairment where an impairment trigger (per AIFRSs) has occurred. To the extent any impairment is determined, this will be recognised immediately in the operating statement.

Based on the assessment performed to date, it is not anticipated any such adjustment will be significant.

(p) Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

Council's financial assets and financial liabilities fall into the loan and receivables category and are measured at their initial recognition amount.

2. COMPONENT FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES

In order to discharge its responsibilities to the community, the Council has developed a set of operational and financial objectives. These objectives have been established both on an overall basis reflected by the Council's Mission and Vision Statement and for each of its broad activities/programmes.

These objectives provide a framework for the future direction of the Town of Vincent.

Council Mission Statement

"Enhancing and celebrating our diverse Community."

Council Vision Statement

Our Vision is for Vincent to continue to be a vibrant, multicultural community.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2006

Our community will have a strong sense of belonging and will relate to Vincent as a special place, which has its own distinctive identity.

We will be a safe urban village, rich in history and heritage.

Trees, gardens and parks will create an environment which is leafy and green.

Our buildings will achieve a successful blending of old and new. Our dwellings, businesses, restaurants, cafés, entertainment areas, and sporting and recreational facilities will give Vincent its own style and character.

We will create a prosperous and dynamic business environment.

Festivals and events will bring the community together and celebrate our history, heritage and culture.

Vincent will be a place of opportunity for all people, no matter what their needs or abilities.

The Council and staff will reflect the diversity, informality and passion of Vincent's people.

Working together, Council and community will create the future we want.

The Operating Statements are presented in a programme format using the following classifications:

GOVERNANCE

This schedule details costs and revenues associated with Governance of the Town. These include Members of Council and other costs involved in supporting members and governing the Town.

GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING

This schedule records details of the rate revenue and general purpose grants allocated by the WA Local Government Grants Commission as well as expenditures associated with this (rates collection, investment of funds).

LAW, ORDER AND PUBLIC SAFETY

This programme covers costs associated with Animal Control, Fire Prevention and other Law and Order services generally associated with Local Law control.

HEALTH

This programme covers Health Administration and Inspection, Child Health Clinics, Immunisation Clinics, Food Control and Pest Control Services.

EDUCATION AND WELFARE

The major costs here relate to staff involved in co-ordinating Welfare, Disability and Youth Services and Donations to various community welfare groups serving the Town.

COMMUNITY AMENITIES

This programme covers activities of Household Refuse and Recycling, other Sanitation including Public Litter Bins and Bulk Rubbish Collections, as well as Town Planning and Regional Development Administration, Protection of the Environment and Bus Shelters and Street Furniture.

RECREATION AND CULTURE

This programme covers activities associated with Public Halls, Recreation Administration, Sports Grounds, Parks and Reserves, Beatty Park Leisure Centre, Vincent Library and Cultural Activities.

TRANSPORT

The principal operating areas here relate to Maintenance of Footpaths, Drains, Street Cleaning, Verges and Medians, Roads and Kerbs, Rights of Way, Crossovers, Street Trees and Road Reserves. Parking Control and Operation of Car Parks is also covered.

ECONOMIC SERVICES

This programme covers costs associated with Building Control and Area Promotion.

OTHER PROPERTY AND SERVICES

This programme is principally a clearing area where costs associated with Public Works overheads are accumulated and then subsequently dispersed to other expense areas. Other activities include Plant Operation Costs, Insurance Claims and Properties Held for Civic Purposes.

ADMINISTRATION GENERAL

This schedule accumulates costs associated with Executive Management, Financial Services, Administrative Services and Computing which cannot be directly charged to other programmes. Costs are then allocated to other programmes using Activity Based Costing techniques.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2006

3. INCOME STATEMENT CLASSIFIED BY NATURE AND TYPE

	Note	Actual 2004/05 \$	Budget 2005/06 \$	Actual 2005/06 \$
OPERATING REVENUE				
Rates	23	13,368,303	14,238,031	14,370,008
Grants and Subsidies		922,742	80,000	738,698
Contributions, Reimbursement and Donations		605,638	1,885,585	502,219
Fees and Charges	21	7,908,352	6,949,688	9,104,458
Interest Earnings	7(b)	844,011	755,730	939,441
Other Revenue/Income		1,394,169	69,081	1,393,610
		25,043,213	23,978,115	27,048,434
OPERATING EXPENDITURE				
Employee Costs		12,142,362	9,454,081	12,357,007
Materials and Contracts		7,320,390	9,593,103	8,396,245
Utilities		1,344,138	1,002,008	1,352,903
Insurance Expenses		210,676	164,620	195,317
Interest Expenses		651,923	0	637,813
Depreciation on Non-current Assets	4(b)	5,277,042	5,201,813	5,389,061
Other Expenditure		75,596	0	11,885
		27,022,127	25,415,625	28,340,230
Grant and Subsidies – non-operating		1,866,931	591,966	543,109
Contributions, Reimbursement and Donations – non-operating		695,078	31,044,210	0
Profit/(Loss) on Assets Disposal	4 (c)	105,189	11,168	1,855,303
NET RESULTS		688,284	30,209,834	1,106,616

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2006

4. (a) ASSETS CLASSIFIED BY FUNCTION AND ACTIVITY YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

2004/05		2005/06
\$		\$
2,810,646	General Purpose Funding	3,404,239
3,278,101	Governance	3,530,844
580,184	Law, Order, Public Safety	556,645
2,237,570	Health	2,005,235
2,200,232	Education and Welfare	2,563,137
2,883,852	Community Amenities	3,356,358
53,847,376	Recreation and Culture	55,070,223
50,848,650	Transport	51,421,635
136,610	Economic Services	104,701
7,922,341	Other Property and Services	5,710,319
\$126,745,562		\$127,723,336

(b) DEPRECIATION

Depreciation expenses for the financial year were charged in respect of:

2004/05		2005/06
\$		\$
1,624,857	Buildings	1,754,550
2,674,075	Infrastructure Assets	2,728,098
668,585	Plant and Mobile Equipment	731,687
309,525	Office Furniture and Equipment	174,726
\$5,277,042		\$5,389,061

(c) DISPOSAL OF ASSETS BY CLASS YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

	Budget Net Book Value	Actual Net Book Value	Budget Sale Price	Actual Sale Price	Budget Gain (Loss)	Actual Gain (Loss)
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Plant and Mobile Equipment	157,236	230,936	168,404	305,528	11,168	74,591
Office Furniture and Equipment		898		818		(80)
Land and Building Assets		110,040		1,890,831		1,780,792
Other Infrastructure Assets						
Total	157,236	341,874	168,404	2,197,177	11,168	1,855,303

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2006

5. CONDITIONS OVER CONTRIBUTIONS

Grants which were recognised as revenues during the year and which were obtained on the condition that they be expended on the acquisition of non-current assets but have yet to be applied in that manner at reporting date were:

2004/05		2005/06
\$		\$
42,508	Roads to Recovery Grant	20,859
<u>\$42,508</u>		<u>\$20,859</u>

Grants which were recognised as revenues in a previous reporting period and were expended during the current reporting period in the manner specified by the grantor were:

2004/05		2005/06
\$		\$
105,190	Roads to Recovery Grant	42,508
<u>\$105,190</u>		<u>\$42,508</u>

6. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

2004/05	Current	2005/06
\$		\$
188,409	Rates	137,322
280,873	Works and Services	23,435
262,520	Property Rental/Leases	56,921
4,884	Rubbish Charges	1,067
81,795	Other	258,145
97,299	Accrued Income	104,814
368,848	Infringements	506,548
(13,205)	Less Provision for Doubtful Debts	(6,735)
<u>\$1,271,423</u>		<u>\$1,081,517</u>
2004/05	Non-Current	2005/06
\$		\$
83,934	Rebate Receivable from Mindarie Regional Council	0
121,204	Pensioners' Rates Deferred	130,769
<u>\$205,138</u>		<u>\$130,769</u>

Pensioners' Rates Deferred

The amount of \$130,769 in 2005-06 relates to Council Rates deferred by pensioners in accordance with the Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments) Act 1992. During the 2004-05 year the deferred rates amounted to \$121,204.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2006

7. (a) INVESTMENTS

Investments are made in accordance with the Western Australia Trustee Act 1962 (as amended). All investments are recorded at cost.

2004/05 \$	Current	2005/06 \$
11,000	Shares in North Perth Community Financial Services Limited	11,000
<u>\$11,000</u>		<u>\$11,000</u>

(b) INTEREST EARNINGS

2004/05 Actual	Interest Earnings	2005/06 Budget	2005/06 Actual
484,671	Municipal	431,530	497,175
359,340	Reserve	324,200	442,266
<u>\$844,011</u>		<u>\$755,730</u>	<u>\$939,441</u>

8. PROVISIONS, TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

2004/05 \$	Payables – Current	2005/06 \$
419,411	Creditors	32,247
1,355,034	Bonds and Deposits	1,716,514
166,814	Income Received in Advance	220,405
248,673	Accrued Expenses	218,033
<u>\$2,189,932</u>		<u>\$2,187,199</u>

2004/05 \$	Provisions – Current	2005/06 \$
	Leave Entitlements	
942,159	Annual Leave	881,953
178,122	Long Service Leave	211,316
<u>\$1,120,281</u>		<u>\$1,093,269</u>

2004/05 \$	Provisions – Non-Current	2005/06 \$
	Leave Entitlements	
440,888	Long Service Leave	458,237
<u>\$440,888</u>		<u>\$458,237</u>

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2006

9. (a) PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS

2004/05 \$		2005/06 \$
5,135,938	Land: at cost	5,025,899
71,815,283	Buildings: at cost	71,921,274
<u>(27,806,710)</u>	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(29,561,259)</u>
44,008,573		42,360,015
56,487,542	Roads: at cost	58,042,285
<u>(34,668,626)</u>	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(36,363,252)</u>
21,818,916		21,679,033
22,318,905	Drainage: at cost	22,648,916
<u>(8,523,858)</u>	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(8,663,352)</u>
13,795,047		13,985,564
14,823,704	Footpaths: at cost	15,250,238
<u>(9,692,010)</u>	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(10,278,122)</u>
5,131,694		4,972,117
10,619,235	Park Development: at cost	10,929,474
<u>0</u>	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>0</u>
10,619,235		10,929,474
5,824,367	Car Park Development: at cost	6,093,471
<u>(1,727,180)</u>	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,832,239)</u>
4,097,187		4,261,232
8,861,227	Other Infrastructure Assets: at cost	9,544,299
<u>(2,241,573)</u>	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(2,444,381)</u>
6,619,654		7,099,918
5,424,792	Plant and Mobile Equipment: at cost	5,798,327
<u>(2,719,424)</u>	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(2,961,178)</u>
2,705,368		2,837,149
4,326,250	Office Furniture and Equipment: at cost	4,300,819
<u>(3,752,079)</u>	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(3,763,582)</u>
574,171		537,237
257,897	Work in Progress – Parks Development	241,580
59,764	Work in Progress – Car Parks	0
0	Work in Progress – Rights of Way	3,347
391,634	Work in Progress – Roads	172,057
15,369	Work in Progress – Buildings	65,892
46,695	Work in Progress – Drainage	0
0	Work in Progress – Street Furniture	41,446
0	Work in Progress – Parks Furniture	41,609
<u>9,641</u>	Work in Progress – Footpaths	<u>6,544</u>
781,000	Total Work in Progress	<u>572,475</u>
<u>\$115,286,785</u>	Total Fixed Assets	<u>\$114,260,113</u>

As per the requirements of AAS36, a management valuation of the freehold Land and Buildings was undertaken on the 30 June 2004. The valuation of \$85,642,829 was based on an assessment of the properties' market value.

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9. (b) PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS MOVEMENT IN CARRYING AMOUNTS

Movements in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant, equipment and infrastructure assets between the beginning and end of the current financial year:

	LAND	BUILDINGS	PLANT & EQUIPMENT	OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	ROADS	FOOTPATHS	DRAINAGE	PARK DEVELOPMENT	CAR PARK DEVELOPMENT	OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS	WORK IN PROGRESS	TOTAL
Balance at beginning of year	5,135,938	44,008,573	2,705,368	574,171	21,818,916	5,131,694	13,795,047	10,619,235	4,097,187	6,619,654	781,002	115,286,785
Additions		105,992	1,094,405	138,690	1,172,018	416,892	282,815	77,010	209,340	683,072	524,029	4,704,264
Transfers					382,725	9,641	47,195	233,229	59,764		-732,554	0
Disposals	-110,040		-230,936	-898								-341,874
Depreciation Expense		-1,754,550	-731,687	-174,726	-1,694,626	-586,112	-139,493		-105,060	-202,808		-5,389,062
Carrying Amount at end of the year	5,025,899	42,360,015	2,837,149	537,237	21,679,033	4,972,117	13,985,564	10,929,474	4,261,231	7,099,918	572,478	114,260,113

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10. CASH RESERVES

On restructuring of the City of Perth, the Town of Vincent was provided with several specific cash reserves which were transferred to the Town by Order of the Governor under Section 13 of the Local Government Act 1960. The Town has also established other specific reserves to provide for future capital works. The specific reserves have been established for the following purposes:

(a) BEATTY PARK LEISURE CENTRE RESERVE

This reserve was established for the major upgrade and redevelopment of the Beatty Park Leisure Centre including major plant and equipment purchases. Transfers represent the before depreciation operating surplus of the Centre. The exact amount transferred will depend upon the surplus achieved.

(b) STRATEGIC WASTE MANAGEMENT RESERVE

This reserve was established in 2001-02 for the investigation and implementation of integrated waste management strategies/ programmes and initiatives (including secondary waste treatment and costs associated with the redevelopment of Lot 118 Tamala Park).

(c) LOFTUS RECREATION CENTRE RESERVE

Contributions are made to the Council by the lessee of the Loftus Recreation Centre. These funds are held in a cash-backed reserve for the purpose of replacing major items of plant and equipment or modifications to the Centre.

(d) LOFTUS COMMUNITY CENTRE RESERVE

Contributions are made to the Council by the lessee of the Loftus Community Centre. These funds are held in a cash-backed reserve for the purpose of replacing major items of plant and equipment or modifications to the Centre.

(e) PLANT AND EQUIPMENT RESERVE

This reserve was established for the purchase of replacement plant and equipment associated with Council's works. An annual transfer is made to this reserve to minimise the impact of major purchases in any one year.

(f) WASTE MANAGEMENT RESERVE

This reserve was established for the purpose of replacing plant and equipment associated with Council's waste management operations. An annual transfer is made to this reserve to minimise the impact of major purchases in any one year.

(g) LAND AND BUILDING ASSET ACQUISITION RESERVE

This reserve was established from proceeds of sale of land. The purpose of the reserve is to ensure that proceeds of real assets disposed of are restricted to purchase other land and buildings for civic purposes.

(h) CAPITAL RESERVE

This was established in 1995-96 with the allocation of \$1,000,000 from the Infrastructure Account established under the City of Perth Restructuring Act. The reserve exists for future major capital works.

(i) ADMINISTRATION CENTRE RESERVE

This reserve was established for the purpose of providing for major renovation and maintenance/repairs associated with the Administration and Civic Centre.

(j) CAR PARKING DEVELOPMENT RESERVE

This reserve was established from payment of cash-in-lieu of car parking from developers and is to be used to upgrade existing car parks or the establishment of new car parks.

(k) ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT RESERVE

This reserve was established for the purpose of replacement and major upgrade of computing equipment owned by the Town.

(l) AGED PERSONS SENIOR CITIZENS RESERVE

This reserve was established in 1997-98 from a contribution from the Board of Leederville Gardens Retirement Village for the purpose of the acquisition, provision, maintenance, management or extension of the existing Leederville Gardens Village, or the purchase or construction of a similar type of village for senior citizens or provision of aged or senior citizen facilities, within the Town's boundaries.

(m) LEEDERVILLE OVAL RESERVE

This reserve was established in 1998-99 with the allocation of \$1,000,000 from the Infrastructure Account established under the City of Perth Restructuring Act. The purpose of this reserve is for the redevelopment of Leederville Oval.

(n) LEN FLETCHER PAVILION RESERVE

This reserve was established in 1998-99 with the allocation of \$250,000 from the Infrastructure Account established under the City of Perth Restructuring Act. The purpose of this reserve is for

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works associated with the renovation/maintenance/repairs/demolition of Len Fletcher Pavilion and associated land.

(o) HERITAGE LOW INTEREST LOAN SCHEME RESERVE

This reserve was established in 1998-99 with the allocation of \$20,000 to the newly-created Heritage Loan Reserve. The purpose of the Heritage Loan reserve is to be changed to the Heritage Low Interest Loan Scheme and the funds held to be applied to that new Reserve to enable the funds to be transferred to the proposed Western Australian Municipal Association scheme.

(p) LIGHT FLEET REPLACEMENT RESERVE

This reserve was established in the budget for 2001-02 to fund the replacement of the light vehicle fleet which is now contracted to occur every three years. An annual transfer will be made to this reserve, which minimises the impact of the capital outlay for the light vehicle fleet in the year of the replacement of the fleet.

(q) UNDERGROUND POWER RESERVE

This reserve was established in 1998-99 with the allocation of \$20,000 for the purpose of funding Council's possible contribution to underground power projects considered by State Government.

(r) OFFICE BUILDING RESERVE

This reserve was established at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 13 May 2003. It was agreed to establish this reserve for major building upgrade, maintenance, repairs, renovation and replacement of fixtures and fittings associated with the new Department of Sport and Recreation land and building.

(s) PERTH OVAL RESERVE

This reserve was established at the Special Council Meeting of 30 October 2001 for the purpose of work associated with the maintenance, repairs, upgrade and replacement of Perth Oval buildings, fixtures, fittings and associated land.

(t) PERTH OVAL RESERVE STAGE 2

This reserve was established at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 26 April 2005 for the purpose of work associated with the redevelopment, maintenance, repairs, upgrade and replacement of Perth Oval Stage 2 project of buildings, fixtures, fittings and associated land.

(u) STATE INDOOR MULTI-USE SPORTS CENTRE RESERVE

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of 23 July 2002, it was agreed to

establish a reserve for the purpose of works associated with the maintenance, repairs, alterations, upgrade and replacement of the proposed State Indoor Multi-Use Sports Centre buildings, major plant and equipment, fixtures, fittings and associated land.

(v) HYDE PARK LAKE RESERVE

At the Special Council Meeting held on 12 July 2005, it was agreed to establish a reserve for works associated with the investigation, maintenance, remedial works and rehabilitation of the Hyde Park Lakes and surrounds.

The following reserve funds will be used as and when the need arises:

- Administration Centre Reserve
- Land and Building Asset Acquisition Reserve
- Capital Reserve
- Aged Persons Senior Citizens Reserve
- Leederville Oval Reserve
- Len Fletcher Pavilion Reserve
- Heritage Low Loan Interest Scheme Reserve
- Strategic Waste Management Reserve
- Perth Oval Reserve
- Perth Oval Reserve Stage 2
- State Indoor Multi-Use Sports Centre Reserve
- Office Building Reserve
- Hyde Park Lake Reserve

The following reserve funds are established to minimise the impact of major expenditure on any one budget and varying levels of expenditure will occur from year to year as required:

- Beatty Park Leisure Centre Reserve
- Car Parking Development Reserve
- Electronic Equipment Reserve
- Loftus Community Centre Reserve
- Loftus Recreation Centre Reserve
- Plant and Equipment Reserve
- Waste Management Reserve
- Underground Power Reserve
- Light Fleet Replacement Reserve

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2004/05 Actual \$		2005/06 Budget \$	2005/06 Actual \$
	Beatty Park Leisure Centre		
131,967	Opening Balance 1 July	118,380	67,779
109,414	Transfer from Accumulated Surplus	105,630	104,168
<u>(173,602)</u>	Transfer to Accumulated Surplus	<u>(120,120)</u>	<u>(107,580)</u>
67,779	Closing Balance 30 June	103,890	64,367
	Strategic Waste Management		
15,085	Opening Balance 1 July	26,888	26,887
11,802	Transfer from Accumulated Surplus	12,605	12,653
<u>0</u>	Transfer to Accumulated Surplus	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
26,887	Closing Balance 30 June	39,493	39,540
	Loftus Recreation Centre		
159,738	Opening Balance 1 July	197,688	198,399
48,815	Transfer from Accumulated Surplus	48,240	52,199
<u>(10,154)</u>	Transfer to Accumulated Surplus	<u>(61,000)</u>	<u>(23,469)</u>
198,399	Closing Balance 30 June	184,928	227,129
	Loftus Community Centre		
47,861	Opening Balance 1 July	49,828	50,117
2,256	Transfer from Accumulated Surplus	2,580	3,081
<u>0</u>	Transfer to Accumulated Surplus	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
50,117	Closing Balance 30 June	52,408	53,199
	Plant and Equipment Reserve		
482,054	Opening Balance 1 July	694,377	579,203
224,082	Transfer from Accumulated Surplus	213,010	235,612
<u>(126,933)</u>	Transfer to Accumulated Surplus	<u>(488,500)</u>	<u>(253,952)</u>
579,203	Closing Balance 30 June	418,887	560,863
	Waste Management Reserve		
832,742	Opening Balance 1 July	935,460	1,049,758
217,016	Transfer from Accumulated Surplus	222,995	244,545
<u>0</u>	Transfer to Accumulated Surplus	<u>(210,300)</u>	<u>(210,300)</u>
1,049,758	Closing Balance 30 June	948,155	1,084,003
	Land and Building Asset Acquisition		
272,043	Opening Balance 1 July	285,425	287,071
15,028	Transfer from Accumulated Surplus	14,820	17,650
<u>0</u>	Transfer to Accumulated Surplus	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
287,071	Closing Balance 30 June	300,245	304,721

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2004/05 Actual \$		2005/06 Budget \$	2005/06 Actual \$
Capital Reserve			
1,732,659	Opening Balance 1 July	1,565,378	1,363,248
129,796	Transfer from Accumulated Surplus	48,000	83,820
(499,207)	Transfer to Accumulated Surplus	(1,257,000)	(97,506)
1,363,248	Closing Balance 30 June	356,378	1,349,562
Administration Centre Reserve			
246,554	Opening Balance 1 July	261,076	264,082
37,727	Transfer from Accumulated Surplus	38,500	41,237
(20,199)	Transfer to Accumulated Surplus	(15,000)	(14,041)
264,082	Closing Balance 30 June	284,576	291,278
Car Parking Development Reserve			
77,169	Opening Balance 1 July	105,399	83,747
28,498	Transfer from Accumulated Surplus	2,280	5,149
(21,920)	Transfer to Accumulated Surplus	(75,000)	(52,103)
83,747	Closing Balance 30 June	32,679	36,793
Electronic Equipment Reserve			
87,789	Opening Balance 1 July	91,628	87,064
24,925	Transfer from Accumulated Surplus	21,850	25,353
(25,650)	Transfer to Accumulated Surplus	(79,000)	(68,963)
87,064	Closing Balance 30 June	34,478	43,454
Aged Persons Senior Citizens			
1,759,080	Opening Balance 1 July	1,886,750	1,896,870
137,790	Transfer from Accumulated Surplus	97,960	116,630
0	Transfer to Accumulated Surplus	(130,000)	0
1,896,870	Closing Balance 30 June	1,854,710	2,013,500
Leederville Oval Reserve			
47,816	Opening Balance 1 July	94,756	105,671
57,855	Transfer from Accumulated Surplus	49,800	51,496
0	Transfer to Accumulated Surplus	(28,000)	(19,450)
105,671	Closing Balance 30 June	116,556	137,717
Len Fletcher Pavilion Reserve			
315,067	Opening Balance 1 July	321,207	332,808
17,741	Transfer from Accumulated Surplus	17,185	20,463
0	Transfer to Accumulated Surplus	0	0
332,808	Closing Balance 30 June	338,392	353,271

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2004/05 Actual \$		2005/06 Budget \$	2005/06 Actual \$
	Heritage Loan Reserve		
0	Opening Balance 1 July	0	0
0	Transfer from Accumulated Surplus	0	0
0	Transfer to Accumulated Surplus	0	0
<u>0</u>	Closing Balance 30 June	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Light Fleet Replacement Reserve		
0	Opening Balance 1 July	73,980	100,305
150,000	Transfer from Accumulated Surplus	200,795	206,168
(49,695)	Transfer to Accumulated Surplus	(225,500)	(247,570)
<u>100,305</u>	Closing Balance 30 June	<u>49,275</u>	<u>58,903</u>
	Underground Power Reserve		
26,275	Opening Balance 1 July	27,512	27,671
1,396	Transfer from Accumulated Surplus	1,430	1,701
0	Transfer to Accumulated Surplus	0	0
<u>27,671</u>	Closing Balance 30 June	<u>28,942</u>	<u>29,372</u>
	State Indoor Multi-Use Sport Centre Reserve		
0	Opening Balance 1 July	0	0
0	Transfer from Accumulated Surplus	1,533,875	1,900,000
0	Transfer to Accumulated Surplus	(1,500,000)	(10,263)
<u>0</u>	Closing Balance 30 June	<u>33,785</u>	<u>1,889,737</u>
	Perth Oval Reserve		
72,678	Opening Balance 1 July	169,185	107,334
102,186	Transfer from Accumulated Surplus	109,750	106,600
(67,529)	Transfer to Accumulated Surplus	(15,500)	0
<u>107,335</u>	Closing Balance 30 June	<u>263,435</u>	<u>213,934</u>
	Perth Oval Reserve Stage 2		
0	Opening Balance 1 July	500,000	500,000
500,000	Transfer from Accumulated Surplus	0	30,742
0	Transfer to Accumulated Surplus	0	0
<u>500,000</u>	Closing Balance 30 June	<u>500,000</u>	<u>530,742</u>
	Office Building Reserve		
0	Opening Balance 1 July	65,542	65,000
65,000	Transfer from Accumulated Surplus	33,985	33,996
0	Transfer to Accumulated Surplus	0	0
<u>65,000</u>	Closing Balance 30 June	<u>99,527</u>	<u>98,996</u>

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2004/05 Actual \$		2005/06 Budget \$	2005/06 Actual \$
	Hyde Park Lake Reserve		
0	Opening Balance 1 July	135,000	0
0	Transfer from Accumulated Surplus	0	0
0	Transfer to Accumulated Surplus	(135,000)	(31,247)
<u>0</u>	Closing Balance 30 June	<u>0</u>	<u>(31,247)</u>
<u>\$7,193,015</u>	Total Cash Reserves at 30 June	<u>\$6,040,739</u>	<u>\$9,349,836</u>

11. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT

2004/05 \$		2005/06 \$
8,568	Cash on Hand	8,004
1,284,014	Cash at Bank	0
8,272,135	Short Term Investments	12,221,030
<u>\$9,564,717</u>		<u>\$12,229,034</u>

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

2004/05 \$		2005/06 \$
7,193,015	Reserves as shown in Note 10	9,349,836
42,508	Unspent Grants/Contributions	20,859
1,355,034	Bonds and Deposits Received in Advance	1,716,514
<u>8,590,557</u>	Total Restricted	<u>11,087,209</u>
974,160	Total Unrestricted	1,141,825
<u>\$9,564,717</u>		<u>\$12,229,034</u>

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12. NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES TO NET RESULT

2004/05 \$		2005/06 \$
688,284	Change in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	1,106,616
	Adjustment for items not involving the movement of Cash:	
5,277,042	Depreciation	5,389,062
(105,189)	(Gain)/Loss on Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment	(1,855,303)
<u>5,860,137</u>		<u>4,640,375</u>
	Revenues Provided by:	
(2,245,367)	Government Grants – Operating	738,698
(544,306)	Government Grants – Non-Operating	543,109
<u>(2,789,673)</u>		<u>(1,281,807)</u>
	Change in Operating Assets and Liabilities	
239,361	Increase/(Decrease) in Provisions	(9662)
128,885	Increase/(Decrease) Income Received in Advance	53,591
(47,800)	Increase/(Decrease) in Accrued Expenses	125,927
0	Increase/(Decrease) in Bonds	0
(717,381)	Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors	(414,215)
510,941	Decrease/(Increase) in Debtors	138,359
0	Decrease/(Increase) in Deferred Assets	0
0	(Decrease)/Increase in Prepaid Receivables	0
(45,911)	Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments	(51,078)
21,918	(Increase)/Decrease in Stock on Hand	(59,796)
119,497	GST Movement	(58,598)
0	Mindarie Regional Council Rebate	0
33,514	(Increase)/Decrease in Accrued Interest	33,631
<u>243,024</u>		<u>(241,841)</u>
<u>\$3,313,489</u>	Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>\$3,116,727</u>

(b) RECONCILIATION OF CASH

For the purposes of the Cash Flow Statement the Town of Vincent considers cash to include cash on hand and in banks and investments net of outstanding bank overdrafts and non-cash investments. Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the Cash Flow Statement is reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:

2004/05 \$		2005/06 \$
8,568	Cash on Hand	8,004
1,284,014	Cash at Bank	(506,471)
8,272,135	Short Term Investments	12,221,030
<u>\$9,564,717</u>		<u>\$11,722,563</u>

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13. SUPERANNUATION

The Town of Vincent complies with the minimum obligations under federal law and contributes in respect of its employees to one of the following superannuation plans:

WA LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPERANNUATION PLAN

The Council contributes in respect of certain of its employees to an accumulated benefit superannuation fund established in respect of all Councils in the State. In accordance with statutory requirements, the Council contributes to the WA Local Government Superannuation Plan ("the plan") amounts nominated by the Council. As such, assets are accumulated in the plan to meet members' benefits as they accrue. The audited financial report of the plan as at 30 June 2005, which was not subject to audit qualification, indicates that the assets of the plan are sufficient to meet accrued benefits. No liability of the Council has been recognised as at the reporting date in respect of superannuation benefits for its employees.

CITY OF PERTH SUPERANNUATION FUND

The Council contributes in respect of certain former City of Perth employees to a defined benefit superannuation plan. In accordance with statutory requirements, the Council contributes to the City of Perth Superannuation Fund ("the plan") amounts determined by the plan actuary in respect of contributory members. In respect of non-contributory members, the Council contributes at the minimum Award/SGC contribution rate. As such, assets are accumulated in the plan to meet members' benefits as they accrue. The latest available audited financial report of the plan as at 30 June 2005, which was not subject to audit qualification, indicated that the assets of the plan are sufficient to meet accrued benefits. The last full actuarial assessment of the plan was undertaken as at 30 June 2002 by Mercer Human Resource Consulting Pty Ltd.

The employer contribution rate for contributory members is 14% of salary.

The amount of statutory superannuation contributions paid by the Council during the reporting period was \$820,255. During the 2004-05 year the contributions were \$747,102.

14. EMPLOYEES' REMUNERATION

Number of employees of the Council, in bands of \$10,000, entitled to an annual salary of \$100,000 or more:

Salary Range \$	2005	2006
100,000 - 109,999	3	-
110,000 - 119,999	-	3
120,000 - 129,999	-	-
130,000 - 139,999	-	-
140,000 - 149,999	-	-
150,000 - 159,999	1	1

15. EMPLOYEE NUMBERS

	2005	2006
The number of full-time equivalent employees at balance date	192	192

16. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Town will be required to consider and accept the Deed of Guarantee to satisfy the financial security requirements relating to the tender currently under review by the Mindarie Regional Council for the construction of a Resource Recovery Facility at Neerabup. The Town's maximum exposure under the Deed of Guarantee is \$7.33 million. The Deed of Guarantee will only crystallise if:

- Mindarie Regional Council is unable to meet the payments and there is a Mindarie Regional Council default under the Resource Recovery Facility Agreement (RRFA);
- there is a Force Majeure Event.

Force Majeure Events will be limited due to insurance and can be narrowed down to the following:

- War risks, confiscations, nationalisation;
- nuclear attacks, radiation, contamination by radio activity from nuclear waste etc;
- sea damage, tidal wave or high water or storm surge;
- spontaneous combustion, fermentation or any process involving application of heat.

Note: As at 30 June 2006 the Deed of Guarantee had not been finalised and therefore will be considered during 2006-07.

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17. BORROWINGS

Loan Purpose	Loan No.	Lender	Date Advanced or Renegotiated	Duration (Years)	Maturity Date	Principal	Interest Rate %	Instalments \$	Frequency (Periods/Year)	Balance as at 1 July 2005	Budget Loan Repayment	Principal Repayment During Year Ending 30 June 2006	Interest Repayment During Year Ending 30 June 2006	Total Repayment During Year Ending 30 June 2006	Balance as at 30 June 2006
Perth Oval Stadium	1	W.A. Treasury Corp	4/07/2005	18	31/08/2023	4,322,369	5.60%	30,842	12	4,188,462	236,093	139,229	225,429	364,658	4,049,234
Office Building	2	W.A. Treasury Corp	1/12/2003	15	1/12/2019	6,509,470	6.48%	32,833	12	6,509,470	210,648	-22,664	422,574	399,910	6,532,135
						<u>10,831,839</u>					116,564	648,004	764,568	10,581,368	
						Loan Liability						-	33,631	-	33,631
						Accrued Interest Loan No. 2									
						Current						<u>116,564</u>	<u>681,634</u>	<u>764,568</u>	<u>10,614,999</u>
						Bank Overdraft								506,471	
						Loan Liability								<u>178,171</u>	
						Total Current									<u>684,642</u>
						Non-Current									
						Loan Liability								<u>10,436,828</u>	
						Total Non-Current									<u>10,436,828</u>

Note: The bank loans are secured by mortgages over the property and the revenue of the Council.

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18. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At the reporting date, the Town of Vincent had the following obligations under non-cancellable operating leases (these obligations are not recognised as liabilities):

2004/05 \$		2005/06 \$
30,638	Not longer than one year	29,662
19,872	Longer than one year and not longer than two years	25,743
13,687	Longer than two years and not longer than five years	26,546
-	Longer than five years	-
<u>\$64,197</u>		<u>\$81,951</u>

At the reporting date the Town of Vincent had no obligations for other finance lease commitments.

19. TRUST FUNDS

Funds over which the Town has no control and which are not included in the Financial Statements are as follows:

2004/05 \$		2005/06 \$
23,435	Opening Balance	26,605
	Receipts	
3,170	Unclaimed Monies	-
<u>3,170</u>	Total Receipts	<u>-</u>
	Payments	
-	Unclaimed Monies	7,303
<u>-</u>	Total Payments	<u>7,303</u>
<u>\$26,605</u>	Closing Balance	<u>\$19,302</u>

As the Town performs only a custodial role in respect of these monies and because the monies cannot be used for Council purposes, they are excluded from the Financial Statements.

20. INTEREST IN REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Mindarie Regional Council was formally constituted in December 1987. The Town of Vincent, along with the Cities of Perth, Wanneroo, Joondalup, Stirling and Towns of Victoria Park and Cambridge, is a member of the Mindarie Regional Council. The primary function of the Regional Council under the constitution agreement is for the orderly and efficient treatment and/or disposal of waste.

The Town of Vincent has a one-twelfth (1/12) equity in the land and assets of the refuse disposal facility as per the constitution amendment (dated 25 November 1996) that recognises the Town as a member of the Mindarie Regional Council. The net assets of Mindarie Regional Council as at 30 June 2005 unaudited accounts were \$5,053,706.

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21. FEES AND CHARGES BY PROGRAMME

Programme	2004/05 \$	2005/06 \$
Governance	6,738	168,096
General Purpose Funding	137,615	-
Law and Order, Public Safety	96,621	49,754
Health	86,780	8,752
Education and Welfare	45,647	156,937
Community Amenities	403,961	82,644
Recreation and Culture	4,846,950	5,478,709
Transport	2,048,210	2,404,257
Economic Services	210,230	40,277
Other Property and Services	25,069	680,990
General Administration	531	34,042
	\$7,908,352	\$9,104,458

22. MEMBER'S FEES AND ALLOWANCES

	Fee \$	Budget 2005/06 \$	Actual 2005/06 \$
Annual Meeting Fee (Section 5.99)			
Mayor	14,000		
Councillors (8)	7,000	70,000	69,927
Total Annual Meeting Fee		\$70,000	\$69,927
Annual Allowance (Section 5.98 (5)(b))			
Mayor	41,500	41,500	45,904
Deputy Mayor	10,900	10,900	11,820
Total Annual Allowance		\$52,400	\$57,724
Prescribed Expense Reimbursement (Section 5.98 (2))			
Telephone Rental/Call Costs/Connection/Reconnection		18,000	11,032
Travelling Expenses		2,600	3,329
Child Care		2,000	-
Stationery		3,500	34
Other expenses		3,500	236
Total Expense Reimbursement		\$29,600	\$14,631

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23. STATEMENT OF RATING INFORMATION

Actual 2004/05 \$		Rateable Value \$	Rate in Dollar Cents	Budget 2005/06 \$	Actual 2005/06 \$
RATE REVENUE					
Gross Rental Values					
	General Rate				
12,614,213	13,165 Assessments	170,591,653	7.80	13,154,391	13,306,149
	Minimum Rate				
720,592	1618 Assessments @ \$480	8,949,458	@480	776,640	776,640
27,585	Interim Rates	3,189,243	7.80	190,000	248,761
(22,764)	Back Rates	168,423	Various	32,000	13,137
13,339,626	Total General Rates Levied	182,898,777		14,153,031	14,344,687
	Ex Gratia Rates				
53,942	58 Assessments	693,276	7.80	54,000	54,266
13,393,568		183,592,053		14,207,031	14,398,953
(25,265)	Less Rates Written-Off			(21,000)	(28,945)
13,368,303	Total Amount Made Up From Rates			14,186,031	14,370,008
	Plus Non-Payment Penalties				
50,268	Instalment Interest @ 5.5%			52,530	59,283
60,898	Penalty Interest @ 11%			62,000	54,987
43,308	Administration Charge – \$4 per instalment			45,000	48,480
27,682	Legal Costs Recovered			7,000	44,951
\$13,550,459				\$14,352,561	\$14,577,709

Council issued rates on 2 August 2005, with payment to be made either in full by 6 September 2005 (35 days from date of issue of notices) or by four instalments as provided for in the Local Government Act 1995.

The due dates for each instalment were:

- First Instalment 6 September 2005
- Second Instalment 7 November 2005
- Third Instalment 5 January 2006
- Fourth Instalment 7 March 2006

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24. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Significant Accounting Policies

Details of the significant policies and methods adopted, including the criteria for recognition, the basis of measurement and the basis on which revenues and expenses are recognised, in respect of each class of financial asset, financial liability and equity instrument are disclosed in Note 1 to the accounts.

Interest Rate Risk

The following table details the Council's exposure to interest rate risk as at the reporting date:

	Average Interest Rate %	Variable Interest Rate \$	Fixed Interest Rate Less Than 1 Year \$	Fixed Interest Rate 1 Year to 5 Years \$	Fixed Interest Rate More than 5 Years \$	Non- Interest Bearing \$	Total \$
2006							
Financial Assets							
Cash	5.45		8004				8004
Rate Receivables	8.42	137,322					137,322
Other Receivables						1,074,964	1,074,964
Investments	5.80		12,221,030				12,221,030
		137,322	12,229,034	-	-	1,074,964	13,441,320
Financial Liabilities							
Trade Payables						2,187,199	2,187,199
Borrowings			684,642	998,917	9,437,911		11,121,470
			684,642	998,917	9,437,911	2,187,199	13,308,669
2005							
Financial Assets							
Cash	5.4		1,292,582				1,292,582
Rate Receivables	8.42	188,409					188,409
Other Receivables						1,280,963	1,280,963
Investments	5.62		8,272,134				8,272,134
		188,409	9,564,716	-	-	1,280,963	11,034,088
Financial Liabilities							
Trade Payables						2,182,742	2,182,742
Borrowings			196,862	873,100	9,661,485		10,731,447
		-	196,862	873,100	9,661,485	2,182,742	12,914,189

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Credit Risk

Credit Risk refers to the risk that counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the Council. The Council has adopted the policy of only dealing with creditworthy counterparties, and obtaining sufficient collateral or other security where appropriate, as a means of mitigating the risk of financial loss from defaults. The Council measures credit risk on a fair value basis.

The Council does not have any significant credit risk exposure to any single counterparty or any group of counterparties having similar characteristics.

Net Fair Value

The carrying amount of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded in the financial statements represents their respective net fair values, determined in accordance with the accounting policies disclosed in Note 1 to the accounts.

25. REMUNERATION OF AUDITORS

2004/05 \$		2005/06 \$
6,300	Auditing the Financial Report	9,000
<u>\$6,300</u>		<u>\$9,000</u>

26. STOCK

2004/05 \$		2005/06 \$
79,973	Stock held at the Depot	93,607
122,245	Retail Stock – Beatty Park	168,407
<u>\$202,218</u>		<u>\$262,014</u>

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27. FINANCIAL RATIOS OF THE ACCOUNTS

	2004	2005	2006
a) Current Ratio			
<u>(current assets minus restricted assets)</u> (current liabilities minus liabilities associated with restricted assets)	1.06:1	1.19:1	1.17:1
b) Debt Ratio			
<u>total liabilities</u> total assets	10.9%	11.4%	11.4%
c) Outstanding Rates Ratio			
<u>rates outstanding</u> rates collectable	3.4%	2.2%	1.8%
d) Rate Coverage Ratio			
<u>net rate revenue</u> operating revenue	45.9%	48.9%	49.5%
e) Debt Service Ratio			
<u>debt service cost</u> available operating revenue	1.6%	8.7%	2.9%
f) Untied Cash to Trade Creditors Ratio			
<u>untied cash</u> unpaid trade creditors	74.4%	44.5%	52.2%
g) Gross Debt to Revenue Ratio			
<u>gross debt</u> total revenue	43.8%	45.1%	38.5%
h) Gross Debt to Economically Realisable Assets Ratio			
<u>gross debt</u> economically realisable assets	16.0%	16.8%	16.4%

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28. BUDGET COMPARISONS

	2006 Budget \$	2006 Actual \$
a) Non-Operating Income and Expenditure		
The following non-operating income and expenditure and movements to and from reserve accounts are not included in the operating statement:		
Non-Operating Income		
Proceeds on Sale of Assets	168,404	2,197,177
Transfers from Reserves	4,339,920	1,136,446
Non-Operating Expenditure		
Transfer to Reserves	2,775,200	3,293,266
Capital Acquisitions		
Land and Buildings	32,041,460	105,992
Plant and Equipment	681,740	1,094,404
Furniture and Equipment	137,300	138,695
Infrastructure Assets	3,485,733	2,841,144
Work in Progress	0	524,029

b) Net Current Asset Position

The net current asset position balance carried forward from the previous financial year after adjustment for Restricted Assets for the purpose of the 2004-05 budget was \$2,020,113.

The actual net current asset position balance shown in the audited financial report as at 30 June 2005 and after adjustment for Restricted Assets was \$369,606.

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29. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

A significant portion of revenue is received by way of grant from the State and Federal Government. The total of grant revenue from government sources is disclosed in Note 12a.

30. FIRST TIME ADOPTION AUSTRALIAN EQUIVALENTS TO INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (AIFRSS)

Note (a) Reconciliation of Equity at 30 June 2004

There were no material differences between Equity in the opening Australian equivalents to IFRSs Balance Sheet and the Equity presented in the 30 June 2004 Statement of Financial Position under previous GAAP.

Note (b) Reconciliation of Equity at 30 June 2005

There were no material differences between Equity in the 30 June 2005 Balance Sheet presented under Australian equivalents to IFRSs and the Equity presented in the 30 June 2005 Statement of Financial Position under previous GAAP.

Note (c) Reconciliation of Net Result for the year ended 30 June 2005

There were no material differences between Net Result in the 30 June 2005 Balance Sheet presented under Australian equivalents to IFRSs and the Net Result for the year ended 30 June 2005 presented under previous GAAP.

Note (d) Reconciliation of Material Adjustments to the Cash Flow Statement

There were no material differences between Cash Flow Statement presented under Australian equivalents to IFRSs and the Cash Flow Statement presented under previous GAAP.



TOWN OF VINCENT

In late 1995 a public competition was conducted to design and create the Town's corporate logo. The joint winners of the competition were Renato Perino and Paul Glasson. The logo was adopted by the Council on 12 February 1996.

The logo concept has been developed combining some of the elements that characterise the diversity of the area. These include:

THE SUN – symbolising warmth and energy, reflecting the pleasant lifestyle in this area.

THE TREE BRANCH – symbolising the lush, well-kept parks and gardens and a strong commitment to a clean, healthy and safe environment, which are aspects of the Town's outdoors.

THE BIRD – symbolising peace, harmony and friendliness which prevails within the Town.

THE CORNICE – symbolising the architectural and historic aspect of the area, the cornice features on many character houses and buildings – many of which were built in the late 1890s and early 1900s.

THE DIAMOND SHAPE – symbolising strength and prosperity.

The colour values of maroon/deep red are closely associated with the heritage and represent action, youth and vitality which symbolises the Town. The direct opposite colour is green/blue and represents strength and reliability.



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