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COUNCIL PROFILE, ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES & CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Blacktown City Council is the largest local government area in NSW with a current population of 318,000 people. This population resides in 48 suburbs and its various demands are catered for through over 100 educational facilities, 16 industrial estates, 30 retail and commercial centres, five aquatic and leisure centres, five libraries, 32 community centres, 840 parks and reserves, 30,000 businesses as well as high profile clubs, tourism, sporting, entertainment, accommodation, conference and recreational facilities.

Blacktown City's size and diversity of its population, coupled with its location at the heart of the Greater Western Sydney Region, led the State Government to identify it as a prime development area, and Council has maintained its leadership role in the promotion and economic development of Western Sydney and indeed NSW.

COUNCIL'S GEOGRAPHIC AREA IS DIVIDED INTO FIVE WARDS, EACH REPRESENTED BY THREE COUNCILLORS

COUNCILLORS

July 2012 - September 2012

► Ward 1

Cr Allan Green
Cr Alan Pendleton
Cr Nick Tyrrell

► Ward 2

Cr Julie Griffiths
Cr Leo Kelly, OAM
Cr Len Robinson

► Ward 3

Cr Kathie Collins, OAM
Cr Jess Diaz
Cr Dr Russell Dickens, OAM

► Ward 4

Cr Edmond Atalla
Cr Stephen Bali
Cr George Bilic

► Ward 5

Cr Tony Bleasdale, OAM
Cr Jaqueline Donaldson
Cr Charlie Lowles, OAM

September 2012 - June 2013

► Ward 1

Cr Walter Smith, JP
Cr Alan Pendleton
Cr Jess Diaz

► Ward 2

Cr Mark Holmes
Cr Leo Kelly, OAM
Cr Len Robinson

► Ward 3

Cr Karlo Siljeg
Cr Susai Benjamin, JP
Cr Dr Russell Dickens, OAM

► Ward 4

Cr Edmond Atalla
Cr Stephen Bali
Cr Isabelle White

► Ward 5

Cr Tony Bleasdale, OAM
Cr Jaqueline Donaldson
Cr Charlie Lowles, OAM

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

All councillors are members of various Council Committees to manage the volume and diversity of activities/operations within our City.

Bolded name indicates Chairperson of Committee

2011/2012	
Standing Committees	Membership
Policy	All members of Council
Works & Finance & Staff	Mayor , Crs Bali, Green, Lowles and Diaz
Planning & Development & Historical	Mayor, Cr Atalla , Crs Bleasdale, Robinson, Collins and Donaldson
Community Services, Showground, & Greening of Blacktown	Mayor, Cr Kelly , Crs Griffiths, Bilic, Dickens and Tyrrell
Tourism Liaison	Mayor , Crs Collins, Bleasdale, Lowles, Dickens and Bilic
Special Estimates	All members of Council
City Festival	Mayor , Crs Collins, Bali, Lowles, Griffiths and Atalla
Enterprise Agreement	Mayor , Deputy Mayor and Cr Atalla
Sister Cities	Mayor , Crs Robinson, Dickens, Green, Bleasdale, Lowles and Kelly
Sub - Committees	Membership
Arts Reference	Mayor , Crs Kelly and Bali
CBD Advisory	Mayor , Ward 3 Councillors, Chairperson of Planning and Development Committee
Mt Druitt Town Centre Advisory	Mayor , Wards 4 and 5 Councillors
Nurragingy Reserve	Mayor , Crs Bali, Bleasdale, Atalla, Collins, Lowles and Bilic
Senior Citizens Advisory	Crs Lowles and Bleasdale as Co-Chairpersons
Warrick Lane Development	All members of Council
Youth Advisory	Cr Griffiths (ex-officio)
Access Advisory	Cr Collins
Community Safety Advisory	Mayor, Cr Collins
Western Sydney Airport	All members of Council
Blacktown Showground & Francis Park Re-development	Mayor , Chairperson of Community Services, Crs Collins, Atalla, Bali, Lowles, Griffiths and Dickens
Combined Historical Societies	Cr Collins
Blacktown City Aboriginal Advisory	Mayor , Cr Collins
Skate Park Advisory	Mayor , Ward 4 Councillors
Arts Centre Program Advisory	Mayor , Crs Bleasdale, Kelly and Bali
Blacktown City Sport and Recreation	Cr Bali and Cr Collins
Blacktown City Council Urban Animals Advisory	Mayor , Crs Dickens and Griffiths

In addition to this Council commitment, most Councillors are heavily involved in other community work. Within the Blacktown City area there are over 2000 community, business, service, educational, health, religious, sporting and government organisations and agencies.

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Bolded name indicates Chairperson of Committee

Councillor Committee Membership and 4 Year Appointments from 26 September 2012

Standing Committees	Membership
Policy and Strategy	Mayor and all members of Council
Planning and Development	Mayor and all members of Council
Historical	Mayor and all members of Council
Special Estimates	Mayor and all members of Council
Enterprise Agreement	Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cr Siljeg, General Manager or his nominee
Sister Cities	Mayor, Crs Smith, Kelly, Dickens, Bali, White and Donaldson
Internal Audit	
Sub - Committees	Membership
Arts Reference Advisory	Mayor, Crs Kelly and Holmes
Blacktown CBD Advisory	Mayor, Cr Dickens and Ward 3 Councillors
Mount Druitt Town Centre Advisory	Mayor, Wards 4 and 5 Councillors
Senior Citizens Advisory	Mayor, Crs Smith and Lowles
Warrick Lane Development	All members of Council
Youth Advisory	Crs Holmes and Bleasdale (ex-officio)
Access Advisory	Mayor, Crs White and Benjamin
Community Safety Advisory	Mayor, Crs Holmes, Smith and Atalla
Blacktown City Aboriginal Advisory	Mayor, Crs Donaldson and Bleasdale
Blacktown City Council Urban Animals Advisory	Mayor, Crs Dickens, White and Pendleton
Four-year Appointments for Councillors	

Blacktown City Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee: Cr Siljeg

Westpool: Cr Smith

WSROC Board: Crs Holmes and Donaldson

Parramatta River Catchment Group: Cr Dickens

Hawkesbury River County Council: Crs Diaz and Smith

Executive of the Floodplain Management Authorities of NSW: Crs Diaz and Smith

Community Relations Commission - Regional Advisory Council: Cr Diaz

Western Sydney Academy of Sports Advisory Forum: Cr Siljeg

Blacktown Venue Management Ltd: Mayor, Crs Siljeg and Dickens

CORPORATE STATEMENTS

VISION STATEMENT:

To be a vibrant, healthy and safe city - A City of Excellence.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

The guiding principles of Blacktown City Council, as per our Blacktown City 2025 Community Strategic Plan are:

Sustainable

The foundation of the Vision is built on the concept of sustainability or the Triple Bottom Line. Our Vision's focus is to ensure sustainable community, environmental and economic benefits through practical and balanced measures. The sustainability principle occurs in all eight Strategies and nine Trigger Projects.

Practical

Blacktown is a practical 'can do' City and our Vision reflects this attitude. Our primary commitment is to achieve our diverse goals through the delivery of tangible projects and programs that will leave a lasting community legacy.

Innovative

Council encourages innovation and resourcefulness and supports those who show initiative and responsibility.

Equitable

Council strongly believes in equity and recognises its role in providing opportunities for all residents.

Timely

While this document focuses on a 15-year and beyond timeframe, many of the strategies will continue to evolve beyond this period. Some strategies are currently being implemented and will come to fruition in the short-term, while other strategies will be implemented as resources permit.

Robust

In the years ahead new issues will emerge, government legislation and policies will change and community demands will increase and diversify. In short, change is inevitable. Blacktown City 2025 is robust enough to respond to change but not lose its focus on the ultimate Vision.

Building partnerships

Council will build partnerships with our community, government, private entities, community groups, stakeholders and non-government organisations to ensure that all sectors are working towards the one outcome for the City.

Communication

Council has many stakeholders who affect or can be affected by its decisions. Council must continue to strive to maintain and improve communication across the City and use available technology to assist in these endeavours. This document is a tool that will help Council communicate its values and ambitions for Blacktown City.

CORPORATE TEAM

<i>RON MOORE</i>	<i>GENERAL MANAGER</i>
<i>DIRECTORS</i>	
GLENNYS JAMES	City Strategy and Development and Assistant General Manager
WAYNE ROGERS	Finance and Corporate Strategy
GREG MORGAN	City Assets
PETER SMITH	Sustainable Living

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY PROGRAM

The Local Government Act and the Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines require Council to report annually on its achievements in implementing its Delivery Program and on the effectiveness of the principal activities which are undertaken in achieving the objectives at which those activities are directed.

The Delivery Program is a plan for the Council's term of office to implement the long-term vision and strategies of its **Community Strategic Plan**. Each year of the Delivery Program is represented in more detail by the actions (projects and services) and budget included in the Council's **Operational Plan**.

Due to the Council election cycle, the final year of a Delivery Program refers to the previous Council's adopted strategy.

Blacktown City's Community Strategic Plan for the year ending 30 June 2013 was **Blacktown City 2025**. In 2010, Council adopted its **Delivery Program 2010-2013** to implement the vision and long-term objectives of Blacktown City 2025.

The following section of the annual report provides detail on the implementation of the final year of Council's Delivery Program 2010-2013, through its Operational Plan 2012/13.

The table below identifies the performance of all Operational Plan actions for 2012/13. Following this table is a list of the key achievements for the year under the strategy areas of **Blacktown City 2025**.

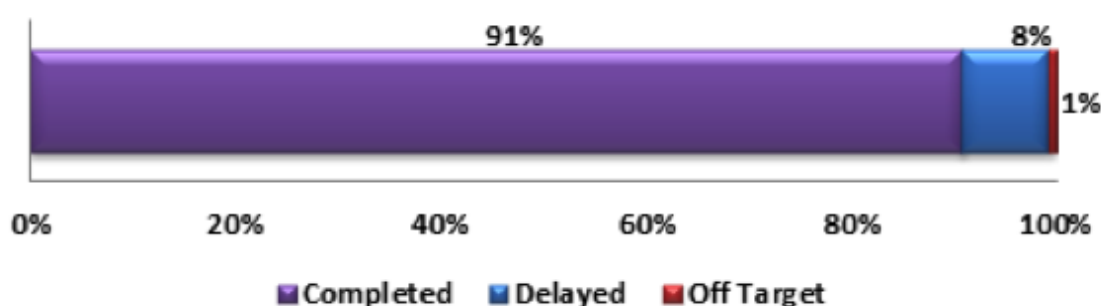
Performance of Operational Plan Actions 2012/2013

The following table summarises the progress in each Quarterly Performance Report of the 249 actions included in Council's Operational Plan 2012/13. This was the final annual instalment of the Delivery Program 2010-2013.

Key Achievements 2012/13

The following key achievements of Council's Delivery Program in 2012/13 are listed under the nine strategy areas of the Community Strategic Plan, **Blacktown City 2025**.

Action Status	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun
Completed	7	19	25	227
On Target	226	211	195	-
Not Commenced	8	8	6	-
Delayed	6	9	21	21
Off Target	2	2	2	1
Total	249	249	249	249



The following key achievements of Council's Delivery Program in 2012/2013 are listed under the nine strategy areas of the Community Strategic Plan, Blacktown City 2025.

A CREATIVE, FRIENDLY AND INCLUSIVE CITY

Blacktown – a centre of inspiration and creativity

- Blacktown City Art Prize attracted the highest number of entries ever, with 570 entries.
- The first of a new series of Family Open Days was held at the Blacktown Arts Centre. The day featured free activities for people of all ages. Activities included spice grinding, weaving, box book making and paper pulp sculpting, drumming workshops, chalk drawing and Moroccan inspired reading corner.

Blacktown – welcoming and inclusive

- The 2013 Blacktown City Festival was held for one week in May. Events included the Streets Alive and Parade Day, Mount Druitt Reconciliation Walk and free children concerts.
- The Medieval Fayre, held at Nurragingy Reserve, was attended by over 50,000 people, attracting not only local residents but patrons from a wide cross section of Sydney.
- A variety of community festivals were held at Doonside, Tregear, Bidwill and Woodcroft. The Whalan Festival and Willmot Festival were held in December, both with Christmas Carol events.
- The 'Hot Summer Grooves' outdoor concert and picnic afternoon was held in December at Nurragingy Reserve, with the community invited to attend.
- Refugee Week events were held in June and included the Mount Druitt Racism Forum and the Blacktown Film and Cultural Event. Refugee Week is an opportunity to hold events and functions which highlight the culture and contribution of refugees in Australia.
- The International Day of People with Disabilities event was held at Mount Druitt Hub on 3 December 2012, this included an Expo of 23 services and presentation of Disability Awards.
- The Volunteer Week Thank You Event was held in June 2013 at Fox Hills Golf Club and was attended by 125 people. This event acknowledges the contribution of volunteers in the LGA.
- The Community Development Support Expenditure Scheme presentation ceremony was held with a total of \$534,160 allocated to 59 Blacktown community groups.

Blacktown- Strengthening the links with Aboriginal and the Torres Strait Islander Communities

- Blacktown City joined the nation in celebrating NAIDOC week. Events included NAIDOC at Nurragingy Reserve, which is an arts and culture day, Touch Footy Competition and Family Fun Day.
- Implementation of the Blacktown Reconciliation Plan continued with Aboriginal Learn to Swim Teachers program run at Emerton Leisure Centre. The school visitation program 'Aboriginal history of City' was introduced at the Blacktown Visitor Information Centre.
- Council's Sorry Day event was held in May 2013 in the Village Green, Blacktown and the community came together to acknowledge the Stolen Generation. Local Elder Jacinta Tobin welcomed community members and the Mount Druitt Indigenous Children's Choir performed.
- Harmony Day events were held in the Village Green in Blacktown and a multicultural film screening in Mount Druitt.
- Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect and its message is that everyone belongs.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Blacktown - turning environmental awareness into commitment

- 'Get Your Green On' week (18 - 25 May) was the theme for the Environment Expo held as part of the Blacktown City Festival. It showcased and promoted the many projects and workshops that Council provides in order to educate, encourage and support residents to live more sustainably. Events held included:
 - Yoga on the Grass
 - Bread and Cheese Appreciation Workshop
 - Sourdough Appreciation Workshop
 - Natural Beauty Workshop
 - Farmgate Trail
 - Blacktown Showground Community Garden Open Day
 - Outdoor Meal and Movie Night
 - Stormwater Education Material Distributed
 - Indigenous Painting, Recycled Bike Give Away, Pedal Powered Break Dancing
- Engagement activities that have been undertaken in an effort to increase understanding and work towards positive behavioural change in the community include workshops held on Cheesemaking, Chooks in Backyards, Bread and Pasta Making, a Clean Green Home, Pickling and Preserving, Farmgate trial, Kids Green Day Out, Farmers Market, Native Bees and Eco Active Schools program, Natural Beauty, No Dig Gardening, Wetland Fun tour for kids and Save on your Power Bill.
- Air quality improvement initiatives undertaken include Bike Maintenance Workshop, Lawnmower Maintenance Workshop and 68 recycled bikes were given away between September and December at the Bicycle Recycle Giveaways

Blacktown - sustainability and the reduction of our ecological footprint

- The Annual E-Waste recycling weekend was held at Blacktown International Sportspark, with 71 tonnes collected from 1,334 vehicles in what was a very successful event.
- Over 1,300 Blacktown LGA food premises have achieved a maximum five-star rating in the NSW Food Authority's 'Scores on Doors' trial program, indicating an 'excellent' level of food safety compliance. The rating is assigned after an unannounced routine inspection by Council officers.
- To promote visitation at the Grantham Sustainability Education Centre a wide range of programs were offered including:
 - Two TAFE courses - Introductory Outreach Course through partnership with Nirimba TAFE, and Certificate II Horticulture through partnership with Blue Mountains TAFE
 - Twice weekly community gardening activities
 - Monthly garden committee meeting
 - Grantham Community Open Day
 - Nine Sustainable Living Workshops were held
 - Annual Chemical Clean Out held in October, where 752 vehicles safely disposed of 30,749 kg of chemicals.

VIBRANT COMMERCIAL CENTRES

Blacktown - planning strategically to deliver CBDs, that are accessible and safe

- Major improvements works were completed at Blacktown and Mount Druitt CBDs.
 - Council continued to support small business through implementation of the Business Pride Program, which included:
 - Additional lighting installed at Lalor Park Shopping precinct.
 - 'Shop Local' brochures distributed to the Seven Hills Shops local community.
 - Business surveys completed at Hill End Road, Doonside.
- Continued liaison with NSW Police and community groups to improve inclusiveness and safety in the Blacktown LGA. As part of the 'Comm4unity' program, the following youth programs were held:
 - Three employment workshops held for young people.
 - SWITCH program, a youth leadership program which assists youth to organise programs for other young people.
 - SWITCH dance classes - over 300 young people participated in seven week programs culminating in a showcase performance.
 - The 'Comm4unity' Showcase event held on 28 March 2013 attracted approximately 250 people.
 - Alpha Park Drop In Centre continues to be successful with youth utilising the centre every week, providing access to sporting equipment and youth services.
 - Lyric music performance classes commenced in June 2013.
 - 'Comm4unity' program featured on A Current Affair in March 2013.
 - Lyric music program, a song writing course, is a popular youth program.

Blacktown - supporting town and neighbourhood centres

- Community Resource Hubs continue to be provided, to meet the community's needs for multipurpose facilities.
 - Stonecutters Ridge Neighbourhood Centre was officially opened in August 2012, with a free entertainment and activities day.
 - Bungaribee Community Resource Hub - construction commenced in March 2013.
 - The Ponds Community Resource Hub - construction commenced in June 2013.
 - Glenwood Community Resource Hub - concept design adopted by Council with development application to be lodged in late 2013.
 - Lalor Park Community Resource Hub - concept design adopted by Council with development application to be lodged in late 2013.
- Embellishment works were completed at commercial centres at:
 - Lyton Street, Blacktown
 - Reservoir Road, Blacktown
 - Sydney Joseph Drive, Seven Hills
 - Discovery Avenue, Willmot

A SMART ECONOMY

Blacktown - identifying strategic economic opportunities

Economic Development Initiatives undertaken:

- Council supported TAFE NSW with the launch of the Riverstone E-Business Expo at the Nirimba Education Precinct. This expo was organised for small business owners and not for profit organisations. The event attracted over 100 businesses. The Mayor attended and gave a welcome to attendees. The event was generally well received and a follow up program of training on the use of e-technology will be launched in early 2013.
- Council's *Economic Development Strategic Plan 2013-2017* was endorsed by Council and will guide economic development initiatives for the City.
- A tour of Blacktown City, promoting the City and highlighting its challenges and opportunities, was held for a delegation of members from the National Growth Area Alliance.
- A promotional advertisement on developing in the Blacktown City Centre was included in a NSW Trade and Investment publication - *A Global Destination for the World of Business*.
- An advertorial for the NSW Urban Development Institute of Australia National Awards publication was prepared to promote the draft Blacktown Local Environmental Plan 2013 and development opportunities in the City Centre.
- An article about investment opportunities was published in the *Western Sydney Business Access* newspaper in March 2013. This article stated Council's commitment to encourage State Government departments to relocate to Blacktown, a proposal for a new tennis centre at Stanhope Gardens and further promotion of the Blacktown Local Environmental Plan.

Blacktown - striving to collaboratively deliver education and training for the economy

- Over 1,357,400 community members visited Blacktown City Libraries.
- Over 218,000 computer sessions, 54,000 wireless sessions, and over 278,600 web visits were booked across all of Council's Libraries.
- 2012 was the National Year of Reading, with this initiative delivering a range of programs including Baby Rhyme Time, Story/Multicultural Story Time, Champions Chat Club, English Conversation Classes, Summer Reading Program and other holiday programs, book clubs, knitting groups, film club and poetry club.
- Council awarded 12 local students scholarships and through UWS partnership awarded another two scholarships.
- Blacktown Careers Expo was held at Blacktown TAFE with over 2,200 people and 45 job and service providers attending.
- Riverstone Library and Digital Hub was officially launched by the Federal Minister for Communications in May. This Hub commenced offering free computer training and free access to a 'sandpit' environment for smart phones, tablets, and a smart TV. Over 880 community members have attended group and/or one on one training sessions since the program started in January 2013.

URBAN LIVING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Blacktown - providing housing that meets the diverse needs of our community

- Total value of building works approved in the Blacktown Local Government Area (LGA) was over \$830 million.
- Major road construction was completed at Beames Avenue, Rooty Hill.
- Road upgrade of North Parade, Rooty Hill was completed.
- Construction of new bridge and associated approaches work for Knox Road, Doonside were completed.
- The draft Blacktown Local Environmental Plan 2013 divides the City of Blacktown into land use zones such as Rural, Residential, Industrial, Business, Recreation, Infrastructure and Environmental zones. Council received certification from the New South Wales Department of Planning and Infrastructure for the draft Local Environmental Plan 2013, applying to most of the City of Blacktown, to be placed on public exhibition. The exhibition period for the draft Blacktown Local Environmental Plan 2013 was held from the 23 January 2013 to 19 April 2013, with every landholder in the City directly notified. Council received over 600 submissions on the draft. Preparations are being undertaken to submit a report to Council in late 2013.
- Adoption by Council of new *Section 94 Contributions Plan No. 21 - Marsden Park Industrial Precinct.*
- Adoption by Council of new *Section 94 Contributions Plan No. 22 - Area 20 Precinct.*
- Adoption by Council of revised *Section 94 Contributions Plan No. 5 - Parklea Release Area.*
- Adoption by Council of revised *Section 94 Contributions Plan No. 3 – Open Space in Established Residential Areas.*

Blacktown - supported by infrastructure that serves the current and future demands of the community

- Road pavements were reconstructed at Blacktown, Blackett, Doonside, Glenwood, Hassall Grove, Hebersham, Huntingwood, Kellyville Ridge, Kings Langley, Lalor Park, Lethbridge Park, Marayong, Minchinbury, Mount Druitt, Riverstone, Rooty Hill, Seven Hills, Shalvey, Toongabbie and Willmot.
- Road pavement resurfacing was completed at Acacia Gardens, Bidwill, Blackett, Blacktown, Doonside, Hebersham, Kings Langley, Kings Park, Lalor Park, Marayong, Minchinbury, Mount Druitt, Oakhurst, Plumpton, Prospect, Quakers Hill, Riverstone, Rooty Hill, Rouse Hill, Schofields, Seven Hills, Shalvey, Whalan and Willmot.
- Major improvements were completed at International Peace Park, Seven Hills, with alterations and upgrading of the existing rugby league amenities building.
- Building Centre improvements such as installation of energy saving units, provision of toilet facilities and extensions, installation of air conditioning, and provision of shade structures were completed at several locations which included Lethbridge Park Community Centre, Civic Centre in Blacktown, Emerton Leisure Centre, Riverstone Swimming Centre, Max Webber Library, Riverstone Men's Shed Building and Community Legal Aid Centre in Rooty Hill.

CLEAN GREEN SPACES AND PLACES

Blacktown - creating spaces and places that are safe, well maintained, clean and inspiring

- Council adopted a City-wide Playground Strategy that provides a strategic direction for the provision, maintenance, upgrade and consolidation of Council's expansive playground network.
- Masterplan for Nurragingy Reserve reported and adopted by Council.
- Masterplan for the Blacktown Tennis Facility reported and adopted by Council.
- Council adopted the *Graffiti Management Plan 2012-2017* to continue to combat graffiti in the City with leading practice strategies and whole-of-government collaboration.

Blacktown – providing opportunities to be active, healthy and value and experience the natural environment

- 2012 Blacktown City Garden Competition was held in November with over 82 gardens entered.
- Playground replacement completed at Cavanagh Reserve, Lalor Park and Best Road Reserve, Seven Hills.
- Provision of new playground equipment at Scarborough Park, Kings Langley.
- Major reserve upgrades were completed at Best Road Reserve in Seven Hills and Faulkland Crescent Reserve in Kings Park.
- Major construction on a new amenities facility was completed at Kareela Reserve, Doonside.
- Facilities such as a skate park, mini cycle track, awning, storage, BBQ installation, outdoor gym, new garden, extension of screen fencing, installation of security fencing, provision of concrete area, picnic table and seats were constructed at various locations in Doonside, Eastern Creek, Glenwood, Hassall Grove, Kings Langley, Lalor Park, Prospect, Quakers Hill, Rooty Hill and Seven Hills.
- Sportsground improvements such as construction of storage facility, installation of bleachers, installation of reinforced turf area, replacement of irrigation system and upgrade of floodlights and irrigation systems, refurbishment of toilet block, tree planting, synthetic softfall and landscaping works were completed at several locations including Blacktown, Doonside, Glendenning, Glenwood, Kellyville Ridge, Kings Langley, Kings Park, Marayong, Mount Druitt, Prospect, Seven Hills, Toongabbie and Whalan.
- In an effort to encourage residents to plant native trees to green the City, Council held Nursery Open Days, two Local Government Week Plant give aways and five Travelling Plants give aways (one per Ward) and other plant giveaway events. Approximately 27,000 plants were given away at these events.
- Over 19,000 local native plants were planted on Council owned and controlled land.

GETTING AROUND

Blacktown – accessible, reliable, sustainable and integrated transport system

- Blacktown City Council was announced a finalist in the Australian Road Safety Awards for the 'Under the Radar' program, targeting younger people in years 10-12 at school. The program addresses the benefits of getting a drivers licence and keeping down the costs of police fines and crash damage.
- Traffic Facilities such as median crossings, pedestrian facilities and bollard installations, were completed at Lalor Park, Marayong, Riverstone, Seven Hills, Shanes Park, and Woodcroft.
- Directional signage for Blacktown CBD, Blacktown and Mount Druitt Town Centre, Mount Druitt.
- Path paving projects were completed in Blackett, Blacktown, Hebersham, Lalor Park, Mount Druitt, Oakhurst and Riverstone.
- Continuing to provide the community with a reliable and integrated transport network, the following works were undertaken to improve access:
 - Cycleway construction was completed between Marayong and Quakers Hill.
 - Extension of car parking at railway station at Pearce Road, Quakers Hill.
 - Resurfacing of the pathway between Lang Crescent and Popondetta Road, Blackett, and Hill Top Avenue, Blacktown, was completed.
 - Sealed car parking areas were constructed at Melrose Park, Quakers Hill; Pat Zikan Reserve, Blacktown; Kareela Reserve, Doonside; and Corbin Reserve, Quakers Hill.
 - Installation of illuminated signs to provide advance warnings to motorists when the causeways are flooded at various locations.
 - Provision of controlled right turning movements at Bungarribee Road, Walters Road Intersection.
 - Construction of new footpath at Harvey Road, Kings Park.
 - Reconstruction of damaged footpath for Pickersgill Street, Kings Langley.
 - Resurface car park were completed at Jirrang Close, Mount Druitt and Kurung Child Care Centre, Quakers Hill.
 - Bus shelters and pram ramps throughout the LGA have been upgraded to be compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act.

A SPORTING CITY

Blacktown - recognised as the sporting capital of Western Sydney

- The annual Sportsperson of the Year Awards presentation was held at the Rooty Hill RSL in February. Guest speaker was 2012 Gold medal winning Olympic Cyclist Anna Meares.
- Council awarded 320 grants to local sports people through the Financial Assistance Program, across a large range of sports.

Blacktown – promoting community participation in local sports as part of a ‘healthy lifestyle’

- Blacktown Aquatic Centre held the Heartmoves 8th Birthday Party and held a Seniors Week program which included a luncheon and exhibition classes.
- Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope was upgraded with new cardio equipment in the gym and new pool covers and storage system installed on the 25m pool.
- Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope achieved the milestone of nine million visitors on 18 September 2012. Sally Quirk was attending swimming lessons with her children when she was congratulated on becoming the nine millionth visitor.
- Emerton Leisure Centre was upgraded with the provision of a warm water therapy pool.

Blacktown International Sportspark hosted:

- White Ribbon Day Breakfast with over 100 guests to support Australia’s campaign to Stop Violence against Women.
- Blacktown Relay for Life which raised \$300,000 towards Cancer research.
- Women’s cricket with the NSW Breakers team.
- Sports Luncheon with popular sportspeople attending, including former Australian cricketer, Doug Walters, former basketball player and Chief Advisor to Australian Baseball League, Bob Turner, and John Tstatsimas from the West Sydney Wanderers.
- Western Sydney Wanderers Open Training Session before A-League Grand Final.
- Western Sydney Wanderers Civic Reception and Key to the City presentation.
- The men’s Baseball team, the Sydney Blue Sox
- NSW Super League Match - Hills Brumbies v Parramatta Football Club.
- Softball events includ Great Britain v NSW Men’s Softball and the NSW U19 and O35 Championships games.
- First class Sheffield Shield game between the Speed Blitz Blues V the Western Australian Warriors.
- AFL: NAB Cup Round 1 and Round 3 games, Trial Game and North East AFL games.

Awards

- Blacktown Aquatic Centre received Most Outstanding Fitness Services – Local Business Awards 2013.
- Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope was a finalist in the Blacktown Local Business Awards.
- Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope was the Winner of Parks and Leisure Award of Excellence recognising the aquatic hall refurbishment project completed in 2010.

GOVERNANCE AND CIVIC LEADERSHIP

Blacktown – a commitment to improve how Council does business

- The End of Year Audit of Council's finances and 2011/12 Financial Statements were finalised and a positive report presented by the Auditor to Council.
- Council's first End of Term Report for the period 2008-2012 under the Integrated Planning and Reporting legislation was finalised and approved by Council in August 2012. This was also included as an attachment in the 2011/12 Annual Report.
- Following public exhibition and consideration of all submissions, Council adopted its long-term vision and Community Strategic Plan, **Blacktown City 2030** and related documents in its Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework on 26 June 2013. These strategic plans provide the basis to effectively plan the future of Blacktown City for Council, the community, government and other stakeholders.
- Council awarded 12 scholarships for the 2012 academic year, including the Anne Aquilina Scholarship. The presentation was held at Council's Ordinary Meeting on 20 March 2013.
- Council launched several of its new websites including the Blacktown International Sportspark, Blacktown Libraries and the Blacktown City Festival websites. In April 2013, the main Blacktown City Council website was relaunched, allowing Council to streamline its websites and ensuring they are user friendly for the community.
- Council provided work experience opportunities for over 190 students.
- Council held celebrations for Australia Day 2013 which included 'Wake up with the Wildlife' breakfast at Featherdale Wildlife Park, a Citizenship Ceremony in the Bowman Hall for 150 candidates, and presentations of the 2013 Blacktown Citizen of the Year, Nathan Marshall, and Young Citizen of the Year, Thien-Ly Nguyen.
- Celebrations were concluded at The Rooty Hill with a family concert and fireworks, which was attended by approximately 25,000 people.
- Council hosted the 2013 Youth Ambassador dinner, in which Stephanie Mulholland and Abhishek Arora were appointed as the Youth Ambassadors for 2013.

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- Council's Annual Free Pet Festival was held at the Animal Holding Facility in October. This is the fifth year in a row this event has been held, with free vet checks and micro chipping offered.
- The Mayors Community Christmas event was held in December, with over 400 members of the community joining Councillors in the Bowman Hall, Blacktown.
- The Mayoress Community Christmas Gift Appeal was held in December for the first time, supporting the Foster Care Angels.
- Council held public events to 'turn on the lights' for the Christmas trees at Civic Plaza, Blacktown and Dawson Mall, Mount Druitt. These events included on stage performances by local dance groups and others and a visit by Santa.
- Completed Stage 2 Restoration of William Lawson's Vault at St Bartholemew's Anglican Cemetery, Ponds Road, and Prospect with the assistance of Federal Funding under "Your Community Heritage Program".
- Heritage Festival Event was held at St Bartholemew's Church, Prospect which included a dedication of works completed for the William Lawson Family Vault as a part of the 200th anniversary of the crossing of the Blue Mountains.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Pages 21-127 of the Annual Report present Council's Audited Financial Reports and Auditor's Report for the year ending 30 June 2013.

The General Purpose Financial Reports present Council's consolidated financial results for the year and have been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting*, the *Local Government Asset Accounting Manual* and relevant Australian Accounting Standards.

The Income Statement is a report which summarises revenues and expenses, and shows the net profit or loss achieved in the accounting period being reported. The Income Statement identifies a surplus attributable to operations for the 2012/13 financial year of \$136.3 million, which is an increase on the surplus of \$98.9 million for the previous 2011/12 financial year.

A significant proportion of this surplus is attributable to the recognition of Land Under Roads (LUR) dedicated to Council during the 2012/13 financial year, which was valued at \$31.5 million and \$25.3 million of infrastructure assets were dedicated to Council in 2012/13. These were Roads, Bridges, Footpaths and Drainage assets. If these amounts were excluded, Council's surplus for 2012/13 would have been \$79.5 million. The operating surplus for 2012/13 also included an advance payment of \$35 million received from the NSW State Government's Housing Acceleration Fund (HAF), which was established to assist NSW councils in funding the gap between the capped amount developers pay in Section 94 Contributions and the overall amount a council requires to fund essential infrastructure identified in their Section 94 Contributions Plans. The HAF funding received by Council during 2012/13 relates to the funding gap for development applications lodged with Council during the 2012/13 financial year for Council's Section 94 Contributions Plan No. 20 (CP20) - Riverstone and Alex Avenue Precincts.

When Capital Grants and Contributions are excluded from the Income Statement there was an operating deficit of \$7.783 million for the 2012/13 financial year. This represents an unfavourable movement of \$4.319 million when compared to the 2011/12 financial year.

It is important to note that the surplus on operations for the year results from preparing the Annual Financial Reports in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards (the Standards) and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting (the Code) does not represent Council's budget result for the year. This is due to the different

treatment of certain items of income and expenditure under the Standards and the Code, particularly Grants, Section 94 Contributions and Depreciation, when comparing the result to Council's budget result for the year.

Council's budget result for the year ended 30 June 2012 was a surplus of \$3,888,380. Given that Council's budget was prepared on the basis of a balanced budget, the \$3,888,380 surplus represents a variance of only 1.08 per cent on Council's total budget for 2012/13 of \$358.3 million and is reflective of Council's sound financial management practices over many years.

A comparison of Council's year-end budget result to total budget over the past five years is provided in the following table:

Year	Total Budget	Budget Surplus	Variance
2007/08	\$273 million	\$1.596 million	0.58%
2008/09	\$284 million	\$1.287 million	0.45%
2009/10	\$294 million	\$1.78 million	0.4%
2010/11	\$309 million	\$3.399 million	1.11%
2011/12	\$341 million	\$3.497 million	1.03%
2012/13	\$358 million	\$3.888 million	1.08%

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31	20,37	19,80		39,28	3,33 %	87,78	2,11	2,46	8
00	112,69	0,00	▲	20,10	2,16 %	39,31	0,49	1,26	3
35	87,90	86,35	▼	112,15	11,30 %	20,13	0,30	1,51	1
00	39,39	38,86	▼	87,73	8,80 %	112,23	0,77	0,69	11
00	91,75	91,19	▲	39,28	3,33 %	87,78	2,11	2,46	8
50	55,54	53,60	▼	91,45	1,65 %	39,31	0,49	1,26	3
				55,41	5,53 %	91,55	0,20	0,22	9
						55,47	2,62	4,96	5
00	132,60	0,00	▼	132,10	1,20 %	132,05	3,32	2,58	12
00	83,70	82,80	▼	83,62	8,75 %	83,68	1,17	1,42	8
00	36,30	35,63	▲	36,15	3,20 %	36,18	0,75	2,12	3
35	87,90	86,35	▲	87,73	8,80 %	87,78	2,11	2,46	8
00	39,39	38,86	▲	39,28	9,33 %	39,31	0,49	1,26	3
00	91,75	91,19	▼	91,45	1,65 %	91,55	0,20	0,22	9
35	87,90	86,35	▲	87,73	7,80 %	87,78	2,11	2,46	8
00	39,39	38,86	▲	39,28	9,33 %	39,31	0,49	1,26	3
00	83,70	82,80	▼	83,62	3,75 %	83,68	1,17	1,42	8
00						36,18	0,75	2,12	3
00	36,30	35,63	▼	36,15	6,20 %	87,78	2,11	2,46	8
5	87,90	86,35	▼	87,73	7,80 %	39,31	0,49	1,26	3
				39,28	9,33 %	20,13	0,30	1,51	1

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To be a vibrant, healthy and safe City
"A CITY OF EXCELLENCE"



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Overview

- (i) These financial statements are General Purpose Financial Statements and cover the consolidated operations for Blacktown City Council.
- (ii) Blacktown City Council is a body politic of NSW, Australia - being constituted as a Local Government area by proclamation and is duly empowered by the Local Government Act (LGA) 1993 of NSW.

Council's Statutory Charter is detailed in Paragraph 8 of the LGA and includes giving Council;

- the ability to provide goods, services & facilities, and to carry out activities appropriate to the current & future needs of the local community and of the wider public,
- the responsibility for administering regulatory requirements under the LGA and
- a role in the management, improvement and development of the resources in the area.

A description of the nature of Council's operations and its principal activities are provided in Note 2(b).

- (iii) All figures presented in these financial statements are presented in Australian Currency.
- (iv) These financial statements were authorised for issue by the Council on 10 October 2013. Council has the power to amend and reissue these financial statements.
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Introduction

Each year, individual Local Governments across NSW are required to present a set of audited financial statements to their Council & Community.

What you will find in the Statements

The financial statements set out the financial performance, financial position & cash flows of Council for the financial year ended 30 June 2013.

The format of the financial statements is standard across all NSW Councils and complies with both the accounting & reporting requirements of Australian Accounting Standards and requirements as set down by the NSW Division of Local Government.

About the Councillor/Management Statement

The financial statements must be certified by Senior staff as "presenting fairly" the Council's financial results for the year, and are required to be adopted by Council - ensuring both responsibility for & ownership of the financial statements.

About the Primary Financial Statements

The financial statements incorporate 5 "primary" financial statements:

1. The Income Statement

Summarises Council's financial performance for the year, listing all income & expenses.

This statement also displays Council's original adopted budget to provide a comparison between what was projected and what actually occurred.

2. The Statement of Comprehensive Income

Primarily records changes in the fair values of Council's Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment.

3. The Statement of Financial Position

A 30 June snapshot of Council's financial position indicating its Assets, Liabilities & "Net Wealth".

4. The Statement of Changes in Equity

The overall change for the year (in dollars) of Council's "Net Wealth".

5. The Statement of Cash Flows

Indicates where Council's cash came from and where it was spent.

This statement also displays Council's original adopted budget to provide a comparison between what was projected and what actually occurred.

About the Notes to the Financial Statements

The Notes to the financial statements provide greater detail and additional information on the 5 primary financial statements.

About the Auditor's Reports

Council's financial statements are required to be audited by external accountants (that generally specialize in Local Government).

In NSW, the Auditor provides 2 audit reports:

1. An opinion on whether the financial statements present fairly the Council's financial performance & position, &
2. Their observations on the conduct of the Audit including commentary on the Council's financial performance & financial position.

Who uses the Financial Statements ?

The financial statements are publicly available documents & must be presented at a Council meeting between 7 days & 5 weeks after the date of the Audit Report.

Submissions from the public can be made to Council up to 7 days subsequent to the public presentation of the financial statements.

Council is required to forward an audited set of financial statements to the Division of Local Government.

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General Purpose Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

Statement by Councillors and Management made pursuant to Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended)

The attached General Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with:

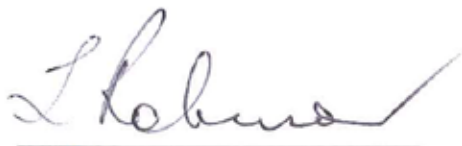
- The Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the Regulations made thereunder,
- The Australian Accounting Standards and professional pronouncements, and
- The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, these Financial Statements:

- present fairly the Council's operating result and financial position for the year, and
- accords with Council's accounting and other records.

We are not aware of any matter that would render the Reports false or misleading in any way.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 09 October 2013.



Len Robinson
MAYOR



Councillor
COUNCILLOR



Kerry Robinson
GENERAL MANAGER



Wayne Rogers
RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

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Income Statement

for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

Budget ⁽¹⁾ 2013	\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
Income from Continuing Operations				
Revenue:				
151,405	Rates & Annual Charges	3a	152,195	144,244
19,528	User Charges & Fees	3b	21,940	21,135
11,600	Interest & Investment Revenue	3c	14,550	17,937
11,426	Other Revenues	3d	13,871	12,148
34,286	Grants & Contributions provided for Operating Purposes	3e,f	36,650	42,521
53,541	Grants & Contributions provided for Capital Purposes	3e,f	144,095	102,322
Other Income:				
2,000	Net gains from the disposal of assets	5	2,313	1,690
-	Net Share of interests in Joint Ventures & Associated Entities using the equity method	19	868	543
283,786	Total Income from Continuing Operations		386,482	342,540
Expenses from Continuing Operations				
108,405	Employee Benefits & On-Costs	4a	104,857	103,730
-	Borrowing Costs	4b	-	-
35,463	Materials & Contracts	4c	37,070	34,721
54,000	Depreciation & Amortisation	4d	54,684	54,040
-	Impairment	4d	-	-
47,900	Other Expenses	4e	53,559	51,191
245,768	Total Expenses from Continuing Operations		250,170	243,682
38,018	Operating Result from Continuing Operations		136,312	98,858
Discontinued Operations				
-	Net Profit/(Loss) from Discontinued Operations	24	-	-
38,018	Net Operating Result for the Year		136,312	98,858
38,018	Net Operating Result attributable to Council		136,312	98,858
-	Net Operating Result attributable to Non-controlling Interests		-	-
(15,523)	Net Operating Result for the year before Grants and Contributions provided for Capital Purposes		(7,783)	(3,464)

(1) Original Budget as approved by Council - refer Note 16

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Statement of Comprehensive Income for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
Net Operating Result for the year (as per Income statement)		136,312	98,858
Other Comprehensive Income:			
<i>Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to the Operating Result</i>			
Gain (loss) on revaluation of I,PP&E	20b (ii)	102,636	-
Adjustment to correct prior period errors	20 c	54,585	(3,930)
Total Items which will not be reclassified subsequently to the Operating Result		157,221	(3,930)
Total Other Comprehensive Income for the year		157,221	(3,930)
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year		293,533	94,928
Total Comprehensive Income attributable to Council		293,533	94,928
Total Comprehensive Income attributable to Non-controlling Interests		-	-

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Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2013

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	6a	88,790	113,670
Investments	6b	95,000	125,726
Receivables	7	14,752	17,553
Inventories	8	21,717	27,327
Other	8	371	146
Non-current assets classified as "held for sale"	22	-	-
Total Current Assets		220,630	284,422
Non-Current Assets			
Investments	6b	137,000	45,000
Receivables	7	15,993	5,202
Inventories	8	-	-
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	9	2,667,538	2,419,987
Investments accounted for using the equity method	19	5,406	4,538
Investment Property	14	32,385	31,610
Intangible Assets	25	1,011	467
Total Non-Current Assets		2,859,333	2,506,804
TOTAL ASSETS		3,079,963	2,791,226
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Payables	10	34,534	33,153
Borrowings	10	-	-
Provisions	10	44,100	50,137
Total Current Liabilities		78,634	83,290
Non-Current Liabilities			
Payables	10	-	-
Borrowings	10	-	-
Provisions	10	4,895	5,035
Total Non-Current Liabilities		4,895	5,035
TOTAL LIABILITIES		83,529	88,325
Net Assets		2,996,434	2,702,901
EQUITY			
Retained Earnings	20	2,511,228	2,320,331
Revaluation Reserves	20	485,206	382,570
Council Equity Interest		2,996,434	2,702,901
Non-controlling Interests		-	-
Total Equity		2,996,434	2,702,901

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Statement of Changes in Equity for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

\$ '000	Notes	Retained Earnings	Reserves (Refer 20b)	Council Interest	Non-controlling Interest	Total Equity
2013						
Opening Balance (as per Last Year's Audited Accounts)		2,320,331	382,570	2,702,901	-	2,702,901
Revised Opening Balance (as at 1/7/12)		2,320,331	382,570	2,702,901	-	2,702,901
a. Net Operating Result for the Year		136,312	-	136,312	-	136,312
b. Other Comprehensive Income						
- Revaluations : IPP&E Asset Revaluation Rsve	20b (ii)	-	102,636	102,636	-	102,636
- Revaluations: Other Reserves	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
- Transfers to Income Statement	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
- Impairment (loss) reversal relating to I,PP&E	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
- Correction of Prior Period Errors	20c	54,585	-	54,585	-	54,585
Other Comprehensive Income		54,585	102,636	157,221	-	157,221
Total Comprehensive Income (c&d)		190,897	102,636	293,533	-	293,533
c. Distributions to/(Contributions from) Non-controlling Interests		-	-	-	-	-
d. Transfers between Equity		-	-	-	-	-
Equity - Balance at end of the reporting period		2,511,228	485,206	2,996,434	-	2,996,434

\$ '000	Notes	Retained Earnings	Reserves (Refer 20b)	Council Interest	Non-controlling Interest	Total Equity
2012						
Opening Balance (as per Last Year's Audited Accounts)		2,225,403	382,570	2,607,973	-	2,607,973
Revised Opening Balance (as at 1/7/11)		2,225,403	382,570	2,607,973	-	2,607,973
a. Net Operating Result for the Year		98,858	-	98,858	-	98,858
b. Other Comprehensive Income						
- Revaluations : IPP&E Asset Revaluation Rsve	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
- Revaluations: Other Reserves	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
- Transfers to Income Statement	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
- Impairment (loss) reversal relating to I,PP&E	20b (ii)	-	-	-	-	-
- Correction of Prior Period Errors	20c	(3,930)	-	(3,930)	-	(3,930)
Other Comprehensive Income		(3,930)	-	(3,930)	-	(3,930)
Total Comprehensive Income (c&d)		94,928	-	94,928	-	94,928
c. Distributions to/(Contributions from) Non-controlling Interests		-	-	-	-	-
d. Transfers between Equity		-	-	-	-	-
Equity - Balance at end of the reporting period		2,320,331	382,570	2,702,901	-	2,702,901

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Statement of Cash Flows

for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

Budget 2013	\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
Cash Flows from Operating Activities				
Receipts:				
151,405	Rates & Annual Charges		151,745	144,453
21,481	User Charges & Fees		13,882	22,571
11,600	Investment & Interest Revenue Received		14,809	18,703
80,772	Grants & Contributions		105,207	67,125
-	Bonds, Deposits & Retention amounts received		169	1,153
30,260	Other		24,220	18,760
Payments:				
(108,405)	Employee Benefits & On-Costs		(103,337)	(99,940)
(39,009)	Materials & Contracts		(41,512)	(34,783)
(58,815)	Other		(72,230)	(59,248)
89,289	Net Cash provided (or used in) Operating Activities	11b	92,953	78,794
Cash Flows from Investing Activities				
Receipts:				
-	Sale of Investment Securities		104,726	47,500
3,000	Sale of Real Estate Assets		12,282	3,005
2,000	Sale of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment		2,258	2,396
-	Transfer between Cash & Cash Equivalents		-	97,500
Payments:				
-	Purchase of Investment Securities		(103,000)	(57,876)
(180)	Purchase of Investment Property		(255)	(192)
(58,252)	Purchase of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment		(65,975)	(67,983)
-	Purchase of Intangible Assets		(637)	(467)
(2,820)	Purchase of Real Estate Assets		(4,232)	(2,333)
-	Transfer between Cash & Cash Equivalents		(63,000)	-
(56,252)	Net Cash provided (or used in) Investing Activities		(117,833)	21,550
Cash Flows from Financing Activities				
Nil				
33,037	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents		(24,880)	100,344
16,170	plus: Cash & Cash Equivalents - beginning of year	11a	113,670	13,326
49,207	Cash & Cash Equivalents - end of the year	11a	88,790	113,670
Additional Information:				
	plus: Investments on hand - end of year	6b	232,000	170,726
	Total Cash, Cash Equivalents & Investments		320,790	284,396

Please refer to Note 11 for additional cash flow information

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Notes to the Financial Statements

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n/a - not applicable

The principal accounting policies adopted by Council in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are set out below in order to assist in its general understanding.

Under Australian Accounting Standards (AASBs), accounting policies are defined as those specific principles, bases, conventions, rules and practices applied by a reporting entity (in this case Council) in preparing and presenting its financial statements.

(a) Basis of preparation

(i) Background

These financial statements are general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with;

- Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board,
- the Local Government Act (1993) & Regulation, and
- the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

For the purpose of preparing these financial statements, Council has been deemed to be a not-for-profit entity.

(ii) Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs)

Because AASBs are sector neutral, some standards either:

- (a) have local Australian content and prescription that is specific to the Not-For-Profit sector (including Local Government) which are not in compliance with IFRS's, or
- (b) specifically exclude application by Not for Profit entities.

Accordingly in preparing these financial statements and accompanying notes, Council has been unable to comply fully with International Accounting

Standards, but has complied fully with Australian Accounting Standards.

Under the Local Government Act (LGA), Regulations and Local Government Code of Accounting Practice & Financial Reporting, it should be noted that Councils in NSW only have a requirement to comply with AASBs.

(iii) New and amended standards adopted by Council

None of the new standards and amendments to standards that are mandatory for the first time for the financial year beginning 1 July 2013 affected any of the amounts recognised in the current period or any prior period and are not likely to affect future periods.

(iv) Early adoption of Accounting Standards

Council has not elected to apply any pronouncements before their operative date in the annual reporting period beginning 1 July 2013.

(v) Basis of Accounting

These financial statements have been prepared under the **historical cost convention** except for:

- (i) financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, available-for-sale financial assets and investment properties which are all valued at fair value,
- (ii) the write down of any Asset on the basis of Impairment (if warranted) and
- (iii) certain classes of Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment that are accounted for at fair valuation.

The accrual basis of accounting has also been applied in their preparation.

(vi) Changes in Accounting Policies

Council's accounting policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

There have also been no changes in accounting policies when compared with previous financial statements unless otherwise stated [refer Note 20(d)].

(vii) Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates (in conformity with AASBs).

Accordingly this requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Council's accounting policies.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that may have a financial impact on the entity and that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

Council makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future.

The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are set out below.

- (i) Estimated fair values of investment properties
- (ii) Estimated fair values of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment.
- (iii) Estimated tip remediation provisions.

Critical judgements in applying the entity's accounting policies

- (i) Impairment of Receivables - Council has made a significant judgement about the impairment of a number of its receivables in Note 7.
- (ii) Projected Section 94 Commitments - Council has used significant judgement in determining future Section 94 income and expenditure in Note 17.

(b) Revenue recognition

Council recognises revenue when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured, it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity and specific criteria have been met for each of the Council's activities as described below.

Council bases any estimates on historical results, taking into consideration the type of customer, the type of transaction and the specifics of each arrangement.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

Revenue is measured on major income categories as follows:

Rates, Annual Charges, Grants and Contributions

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

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

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

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

Revenue from Contributions is recognised when the Council either obtains control of the contribution or the right to receive it, **(i)** it is probable that the economic benefits comprising the contribution will flow to the Council and **(ii)** the amount of the contribution can be measured reliably.

Where grants or contributions recognised as revenues during the financial year were obtained on condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period and those conditions were undischarged at balance date, the unused grant or contribution is disclosed in Note 3(g).

Note 3(g) also discloses the amount of unused grant or contribution from prior years that was expended on Council's operations during the current year.

Contributions under Section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act

The Council has obligations to provide facilities from contribution revenues levied on developers under the provisions of S94 of the EPA Act 1979.

Whilst Council generally incorporates these amounts as part of a Development Consents Order, such developer contributions are only recognised as income upon their physical receipt by Council, due to the possibility that individual Development Consents may not be acted upon by the applicant and accordingly would not be payable to Council.

Developer contributions may only be expended for the purposes for which the contributions were required but the Council may apply contributions according to the priorities established in work schedules.

A detailed Note relating to developer contributions can be found at Note 17.

The Council has obligations to provide facilities from contributions required from developers under the provisions of S94 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act. Contributions received each year are required to be held as restricted assets until used for the purposes designated in formal contribution plans.

Amounts may be expended only for the purposes for which the contributions were required, but the Council may, within each area of benefit, apply contributions according to the priorities established in the relevant contributions plan and accompanying works schedules.

The following contributions plans have been adopted by Council and are available for public inspection free of cost.

CP No. 1 – 1980's Release Area

Date Plan came into force – 15/12/2010

Trunk Drainage
Flood Mitigation
Major Roads
Overbridges
Open Space
Community Facilities

CP No. 2 – Local Roadworks

Date Plan came into force – 04/06/2008

Roadworks

CP No. 3 – Open Space in the Established Residential Areas

Date Plan came into force – 06/03/2013

Land Acquisitions
Playgrounds
Playing Fields
Landscaping
Amenities Buildings
Fencing
Car parking
Lighting
Picnic Facilities

CP No. 4 – Mount Druitt Development Area

Date Plan came into force – 23/02/2005

Trunk Drainage
Local Roads

CP No. 5 – Parklea Release Area

Date Plan came into force – 19/06/2013

Trunk Drainage
Tributary Trunk Drainage
Major Roads
Local Roads
Open Space
Community Facilities

CP No. 6 – Woodcroft Estate

Date Plan came into force – 31/10/1993

Trunk Drainage
Open Space
Community Facilities

CP No. 7 – Car Parking in the Blacktown City Centre

Date Plan came into force – 17/02/1999

Car Parking

CP No. 13 – New Tribes Mission Site – Open Space <i>Date Plan came into force – 07/11/2001</i> Land Acquisition Embellishment
CP No. 15 – Metella Road Floodplain <i>Date Plan came into force – 27/10/2004</i> Compensatory Works to the Floodplain
CP No. 16 – blacktown CBD (Northern Precinct) <i>Date Plan came into force – 31/03/2004</i> Local Road Construction Streetscape Facilities Traffic Management Facilities Open Space Community Facilities
CP No. 17 – Quakers Hill Commercial Precinct <i>Date Plan came into force – 17/12/2008</i> Traffic Management Facilities
CP No. 20 – Riverstone & Alex Avenue Precincts <i>Date Plan came into force – 01/12/2010</i> Roads Drainage Open Space Community Facilities
CP No. 21 – Marsden Park Industrial Precinct <i>Date Plan came into force – 05/06/2013</i> Roads Drainage Open Space Community Facilities
CP No. 22 – Area 20 Precinct <i>Date Plan came into force – 05/06/2013</i> Roads Drainage Open Space Community Facilities
CP No. 23 – Riverstone West Precinct <i>Date Plan came into force – 03/08/2010</i> Roads Drainage

It should be noted that as at 30 June 2013 no Section 94 Contributions under Contribution Plans No.17, 21, 22 & 23 have been received.

Council also holds contributions, which were obtained prior to the requirement to have

contribution plans in place. These moneys must be applied only for purposes for which they were obtained.

Council has identified the need for supplementary funding to ensure all contribution plan commitments are met and to achieve this has established an Infrastructure Sinking Fund which makes annual contributions.

User Charges, Fees and Other Income

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

A provision for the impairment of these receivables is recognised when collection in full is no longer probable.

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

Sale of Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment

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

Interest and Rents

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

Interest Income from Cash & Investments is accounted for using the Effective Interest method in accordance with AASB 139.

(c) Principles of Consolidation

These financial statements incorporate (i) the assets and liabilities of Council and any Entities (or operations) that it **controls** (as at 30 June 2013) and (ii) all the related operating results (for the financial year ended the 30th June 2013).

The financial statements also include Council's share of the assets, liabilities, income and expenses of any **Jointly Controlled Operations** under the appropriate headings.

In the process of reporting on Council's activities as a single unit, all inter-entity year end balances and reporting period transactions have been eliminated in full between Council and its controlled entities.

(i) The Consolidated Fund

In accordance with the provisions of Section 409(1) of the LGA 1993, all money and property received by Council is held in the Council's Consolidated Fund unless it is required to be held in the Council's Trust Fund.

The Consolidated Fund and other entities through which the Council controls resources to carry on its functions have been included in the financial statements forming part of this report.

The following entities have been included as part of the Consolidated Fund:

- General Purpose Operations
- Westpool (Joint Venture)
- United Independent Pool (Joint Venture)
- Blacktown International Sportspark

Due to their immaterial value and nature, the following Committees, Entities & Operations have been excluded from consolidation:

- Hall Management Committee
- Park Management Committee

Council controls approximately 100 Park and Hall Management Committees under Section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993. Sixty (60) of these committees maintain their own funds and were instructed to provide Council with audited financial statements for the accounting year ended 31 March 2013. Of the sixty (60) Committees, twenty two (22) complied and provided their financial statements.

The (i) total income and expenditure from continuing operations and (ii) the net assets held by these 22 Committees & Operations is as follows:

Total income from continuing operations	\$411,764
Total expenditure from continuing operations	\$305,546
Total net assets held (ie Equity)	\$1,295,273

Note:

Where actual figures are not known, best estimates have been applied.

(ii) The Trust Fund

In accordance with the provisions of Section 411 of the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended), a separate and distinct Trust Fund is maintained to account for all money and property received by the Council in trust which must be applied only for the purposes of or in accordance with the trusts relating to those monies.

Trust monies and property subject to Council's control have been included in these statements.

Trust monies and property held by Council but not subject to the control of Council, have been excluded from these statements.

A separate statement of monies held in the Trust Fund is available for inspection at the Council office by any person free of charge.

(iii) Joint Ventures

Westpool and UIP

Blacktown City Council's interests in the Local Government Insurance Pools "Westpool" and "UIP" have been recognised as a Joint Venture in the financial statements using the Equity Accounting method.

Jointly controlled assets

The proportionate interests in the assets, liabilities and expenses of Westpool and UIP have been incorporated in the financial statements under the appropriate headings. Details of the joint venture are set out in Note 19.

Jointly controlled entities

The interest in a joint venture partnership is accounted for using the equity method and is carried at cost. Under the equity method, the share of the profits or losses of the partnership is recognised in the income statement, and the share of movements in reserves is recognised in reserves in the balance sheet. Details relating to the partnership are set out in Note 19.

Jointly controlled operations

Council has no jointly controlled operations at present. However, when such operations are entered into the assets which are controlled and the liabilities incurred by Council are recognised in the balance sheet.

Expenses incurred and Council's share of income is recognised in the Income statement.

Blacktown International Sportspark

In 2001/02, Council established Blacktown International Sportspark, previously known as Blacktown Venue Management (ACN 098 490 978), as a separate legal entity responsible for the operational management of Blacktown Olympic Park – Sydney.

Blacktown International Sportspark is a public company limited by guarantee and is fully owned by Blacktown City Council.

The company was issued a certificate of registration from the Australian Securities and Investments Commission on 19 October, 2001, and commenced operations from January 2002, following the appointment of a Chief Executive Officer.

Funding for Blacktown International Sportspark is by way of revenue generated from operations, an annual grant allocation from the State Government and a subsidy from Council.

For the purpose of financial reporting in accordance with the Corporations legislation, Council considers Blacktown International Sportspark to be a non-reporting entity. A separate set of financial statements for Blacktown International Sportspark is prepared and audited annually on this basis.

For the purposes of Council's General Purpose Financial Statements, all transactions associated with Blacktown International Sportspark have been consolidated into Council's accounts.

(d) Leases

Leases of property, plant and equipment where Council, as lessee, has substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as finance leases. Finance leases are capitalised at the lease's inception at the fair value of the leased property or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding rental obligations, net of finance charges, are included in other short-term and long-term payables.

Each lease payment is allocated between the liability and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to the income statement over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period. The property, plant and equipment acquired under finance leases is depreciated over the asset's useful life or over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term if there is no reasonable certainty that Council will obtain ownership at the end of the lease term. No finance leases were held by Council as at 30 June 2013.

Leases in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are not transferred to Council as lessee are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Lease income from operating leases where Council is a lessor is recognised in income on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

(e) Acquisition of assets

The purchase method of accounting is used to account for all acquisitions of assets. Cost is measured as the fair value of the assets given, plus costs directly attributable to the acquisition.

Where settlement of any part of cash consideration is deferred, the amounts payable in the future are discounted to their present value as at the date of

exchange. The discount rate used is the Council's incremental borrowing rate, being the rate at which a similar borrowing could be obtained from an independent financier under comparable terms and conditions.

(f) Cash and Cash Equivalents

For cash flow statement presentation purposes, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

(g) Investments and Other Financial Assets

Council (in accordance with AASB 139) classifies each of its investments into one of the following categories for measurement purposes:

- **financial assets at fair value through profit or loss,**
- **loans and receivables,**
- **held-to-maturity investments,** and
- **available-for-sale financial assets.**

Each classification depends on the purpose/intention for which the investment was acquired & at the time it was acquired.

Management determines each Investment classification at the time of initial recognition and re-evaluates this designation at each reporting date.

(i) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss include financial assets that are "held for trading".

A financial asset is classified in the "held for trading" category if it is acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term.

Assets in this category are primarily classified as current assets as they are primarily held for trading &/or are expected to be realised within 12 months of the balance sheet date.

(ii) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market.

They arise when the Council provides money, goods or services directly to a debtor with no intention (or in some cases ability) of selling the resulting receivable.

They are included in current assets, except for those with maturities greater than 12 months after the balance sheet date which are classified as non-current assets.

(iii) Held-to-maturity investments

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

In contrast to the "Loans & Receivables" classification, these investments are generally quoted in an active market.

Held-to-maturity financial assets are included in non-current assets, except for those with maturities less than 12 months from the reporting date, which are classified as current assets.

(iv) Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets are non-derivatives that are either designated in this category or not classified in any of the other categories.

Investments must be designated as available-for-sale if they do not have fixed maturities and fixed or determinable payments and management intends to hold them for the medium to long term.

Accordingly, this classification principally comprises marketable equity securities, but can include all types of financial assets that could otherwise be classified in one of the other investment categories.

They are generally included in non-current assets unless management intends to dispose of the investment within 12 months of the balance sheet date or the term to maturity from the reporting date is less than 12 months.

Financial Assets – Reclassification

Council may choose to reclassify a non-derivative trading financial asset out of the held-for-trading category if the financial asset is no longer held for the purpose of selling it in the near term.

Financial assets other than loans and receivables are permitted to be reclassified out of the held-for-trading category only in rare circumstances arising from a single event that is unusual and highly unlikely to recur in the near term.

Council may also choose to reclassify financial assets that would meet the definition of loans and receivables out of the held-for-trading or available-for-sale categories if it has the intention and ability to hold these financial assets for the foreseeable future or until maturity at the date of reclassification.

Reclassifications are made at fair value as of the reclassification date. Fair value becomes the new cost or amortised cost as applicable, and no reversals of fair value gains or losses recorded before reclassification date are subsequently made.

Effective interest rates for financial assets reclassified to loans and receivables and held-to-maturity categories are determined at the reclassification date. Further increases in estimates of cash flows adjust effective interest rates prospectively.

General Accounting & Measurement of Financial Instruments:

(i) Initial Recognition

Investments are initially recognised (and measured) at fair value, plus in the case of investments not at "fair value through profit or loss", directly attributable transactions costs

Purchases and sales of investments are recognised on trade-date - the date on which the Council commits to purchase or sell the asset.

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or have been transferred and the Council has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

(ii) Subsequent Measurement

Available-for-sale financial assets and **financial assets at fair value through profit and loss** are subsequently carried at fair value.

Loans and receivables and **held-to-maturity** investments are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Realised and unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the financial assets classified as "**fair value through profit or loss**" category are included in the income statement in the period in which they arise.

Unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of non monetary securities classified as "**available-for-sale**" are recognised in equity in the available-for-sale investments revaluation reserve.

When securities classified as "**available-for-sale**" are sold or impaired, the accumulated fair value adjustments are included in the income statement as gains and losses from investment securities.

(iii) Types of Investments

Council has an approved Investment Policy in order to undertake its investment of money in accordance with (and to comply with) Section 625 of the Local Government Act and S212 of the LG (General) Regulation 2005.

Investments are placed and managed in accordance with the Policy and having particular regard to authorised investments prescribed under the Ministerial Local Government Investment Order.

Council maintains its investment Policy in compliance with the Act and ensures that it or its representatives exercise care, diligence and skill that a prudent person would exercise in investing Council funds.

(h) Fair value estimation

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities must be estimated for recognition and measurement or for disclosure purposes.

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the balance sheet date.

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques. Council uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each balance date.

Quoted market prices or dealer quotes for similar instruments are used for long-term debt instruments held.

If the market for a financial asset is not active (and for unlisted securities), the Council establishes fair value by using valuation techniques.

These include reference to the fair values of recent arm's length transactions, involving the same instruments or other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, and option pricing models refined to reflect the issuer's specific circumstances.

The nominal value less estimated credit adjustments of trade receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values.

The fair value of financial liabilities for disclosure purposes is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rate that is available to the Council for similar financial instruments.

(i) Receivables

Receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, less any provision for impairment.

Receivables (excluding Rates & Annual Charges) are generally due for settlement no more than 30 days from the date of recognition.

The collectibility of receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectible are written off in accordance with Council's policy.

A provision for impairment (ie. an allowance account) relating to receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the Council will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of each receivable.

The amount of the provision is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the effective interest rate.

Impairment losses are recognised in the Income Statement within other expenses.

When a receivable for which an impairment allowance had been recognised becomes uncollectible in a subsequent period, it is written off against the allowance account.

Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other expenses in the income statement.

(j) Inventories

Raw Materials and Stores, Work in Progress and Finished Goods

Raw materials and stores, work in progress and finished goods in respect of business undertakings are all stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Cost comprises direct materials, direct labour and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overhead expenditure, the latter being allocated on the basis of normal operating capacity.

Costs are assigned to individual items of inventory on the basis of weighted average costs.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

Inventories held in respect of non-business undertakings have been valued at cost subject to adjustment for loss of service potential.

Land Held for Resale/Capitalisation of Borrowing Costs

Land held for resale is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Cost is assigned by specific identification and includes the cost of acquisition, and development and borrowing costs during development. When development is completed borrowing costs and other holding charges are expensed as incurred.

Borrowing costs included in the cost of land held for resale are those costs that would have been avoided if the expenditure on the acquisition and development of the land had not been made.

Borrowing costs incurred while active development is interrupted for extended periods are recognised as expenses.

(k) Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment (I,PP&E)

Acquisition of assets

Council's non current assets are continually revalued (over a 5 year period) in accordance with the fair valuation policy as mandated by the Division of Local Government.

At balance date, the following classes of I,PP&E were stated at their Fair Value;

- **Investment Properties** – refer Note 1(p),
- **Operational Land** (Internal Valuation) provided by John Smith, Council's Property Services Co-Ordinator
- **Buildings – Specialised/Non Specialised** (External Valuation) - Specialised / Non-Specialised 30 June 2013 by Scott Fullarton, Valuation No. MKT4903 (Not including assessment of useful lives of assets)
- **Plant and Equipment** (as approximated by depreciated historical cost)
- **Roads Assets incl. roads, bridges & footpaths** (Internal Valuation)
- **Drainage Assets** (Internal Valuation)
- **Bulk Earthworks** (Internal Valuation)

- **Community Land** (External Valuation)
- **Land Improvements** (as approximated by depreciated historical cost)
- **Other Structures** (as approximated by depreciated historical cost)
- **Other Assets** (as approximated by depreciated historical cost)

Initial Recognition

On initial recognition, an assets cost is measured at its fair value, plus all expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition.

Where settlement of any part of an asset's cash consideration is deferred, the amounts payable in the future are discounted to their present value as at the date of recognition (ie. date of exchange) of the asset to arrive at fair value.

The discount rate used is the Council's incremental borrowing rate, being the rate at which a similar borrowing could be obtained from an independent financier under comparable terms and conditions.

Where infrastructure, property, plant and equipment assets are acquired for no cost or for an amount other than cost, the assets are recognised in the financial statements at their fair value at acquisition date - being the amount that the asset could have been exchanged between knowledgeable willing parties in an arm's length transaction.

Subsequent costs

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to Council and the cost of the item can be measured reliably.

All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Asset Revaluations (including Indexation)

In accounting for Asset Revaluations relating to Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment:

- Increases in the combined carrying amounts of asset classes arising on revaluation are credited to the asset revaluation reserve.
- To the extent that a net asset class increase reverses a decrease previously recognised via the profit or loss, then increase is first recognised in profit or loss.
- Net decreases that reverse previous increases of the same asset class are first charged against revaluation reserves directly in equity to the extent of the remaining reserve attributable to the asset, with all other decreases charged to the Income statement.

For all other assets, Council assesses at each reporting date whether there is any indication that a revalued asset's carrying amount may differ materially from that which would be determined if the asset were revalued at the reporting date.

If any such indication exists, Council determines the asset's fair value and revalues the asset to that amount.

Full revaluations are undertaken for all assets on a 5 year cycle.

Depreciation

Depreciation on Council's infrastructure, property, plant and equipment assets is calculated using the straight line method in order to allocate an assets cost (net of residual values) over its estimated useful life.

Land is not depreciated.

Estimated useful lives for Council's I,PP&E include:

Plant & Equipment	
- Office Equipment	5 to 10 years
- Office furniture	10 years
- Computer Equipment	4 years
- Vehicles	5 to 8 years
- Heavy Plant/Road Making equip.	5 to 10 years
- Other plant and equipment	5 to 10 years

Other Equipment	
- Playground equipment	5 to 20 years
- Benches, seats etc	10 to 20 years

Buildings

- Buildings :	25 to 384 years
- Buildings Substructure – Concrete	Infinite

Transportation Assets

- Bridges	15- 100 years
- Bus shelters	10 – 30 years
- Car Parking	30 – 60 years
- Drainage	50- 100 years
- Drainage–Pollution Control Devices	10- 50 years
- Footpaths	50- 60 years
- Road – Structure	15-115 years
- Road – Surface	10- 50 years
- Traffic Control Devices	10-50 years

Other Infrastructure Assets

- Bulk earthworks	Infinite
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All asset residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted (where appropriate), at each balance sheet date.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount – refer Note 1(s) on Asset Impairment.

Disposal and De-recognition

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no further future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal.

Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in Council's Income Statement in the year the asset is derecognised.

(I) Land

Land (other than Land under Roads) is in accordance with Part 2 of Chapter 6 of the Local Government Act (1993) classified as either Operational or Community.

This classification of Land is disclosed in Note 9(a).

(m) Land under roads

Land under roads is land under roadways and road reserves including land under footpaths, nature strips and median strips.

Council has elected not to recognise land under roads acquired before 1 July 2008 in accordance with AASB 1051.

Land under roads acquired after 1 July 2008 is recognised in accordance with AASB 116 – Property, Plant and Equipment.

(n) Intangible Assets

IT Development and Software

Costs incurred in developing products or systems and costs incurred in acquiring software and licenses that will contribute to future period financial benefits through revenue generation and/or cost reduction are capitalised to software and systems.

Costs capitalised include external direct costs of materials and service, direct payroll and payroll related costs of employees' time spent on the project.

Amortisation is calculated on a straight line bases over periods generally ranging from 3 to 5 years.

IT development costs include only those costs directly attributable to the development phase and are only recognised following completion of technical feasibility and where Council has an intention and ability to use the asset.

(o) Investment property

Investment property comprises land &/or buildings that are principally held for long-term rental yields, capital gains or both that is not occupied by Council.

Investment property is carried at fair value, representing an / open-market value determined annually by external valuers.

Annual changes in the fair value of Investment Properties are recorded in the Income Statement as part of "Other Income". These valuations are

reviewed annually by a member of of the Australian Property Institute.

(p) Provisions for close down, restoration and for environmental clean up costs – including Tips and Quarries

Close down, Restoration and Remediation costs include the dismantling and demolition of infrastructure, the removal of residual materials and the remediation of disturbed areas.

Estimated close down and restoration costs are provided for in the accounting period when the obligation arising from the related disturbance occurs, whether this occurs during the development or during the operation phase, based on the net present value of estimated future costs.

Provisions for close down and restoration costs do not include any additional obligations which are expected to arise from future disturbance.

Costs are estimated on the basis of a closure plan.

The cost estimates are calculated annually during the life of the operation to reflect known developments, eg updated cost estimates and revisions to the estimated lives of operations, and are subject to formal review at regular intervals.

Close down, Restoration and Remediation costs are a normal consequence of tip and quarry operations, and the majority of close down and restoration expenditure is incurred at the end of the life of the operations.

Although the ultimate cost to be incurred is uncertain, Council estimates the respective costs based on feasibility and engineering studies using current restoration standards and techniques.

The amortisation or 'unwinding' of the discount applied in establishing the net present value of provisions is charged to the income statement in each accounting period.

This amortisation of the discount is disclosed as a borrowing cost in Note 4(b).

Other movements in the provisions for Close down, Restoration and Remediation costs including those

resulting from new disturbance, updated cost estimates, changes to the estimated lives of operations and revisions to discount rates are capitalised within property, plant and equipment. These costs are then depreciated over the lives of the assets to which they relate.

Where rehabilitation is conducted systematically over the life of the operation, rather than at the time of closure, provision is made for the estimated outstanding continuous rehabilitation work at each balance sheet date and the cost is charged to the income statement.

Provision is made for the estimated present value of the costs of environmental clean up obligations outstanding at the balance sheet date. These costs are charged to the income statement.

Movements in the environmental clean up provisions are presented as an operating cost, except for the unwind of the discount which is shown as a borrowing cost.

Remediation procedures generally commence soon after the time the damage, remediation process and estimated remediation costs become known, but may continue for many years depending on the nature of the disturbance and the remediation techniques.

As noted above, the ultimate cost of environmental remediation is uncertain and cost estimates can vary in response to many factors including changes to the relevant legal requirements, the emergence of new restoration techniques or experience at other locations.

The expected timing of expenditure can also change, for example in response to changes in quarry reserves or production rates.

As a result there could be significant adjustments to the provision for close down and restoration and environmental clean up, which would affect future financial results.

Specific Information relating to Council's provisions relating to Close down, Restoration and Remediation costs can be found at Note 26.

(q) Non-Current Assets (or Disposal Groups) "Held for Sale" & Discontinued Operations

Non-current assets (or disposal groups) are classified as held for sale and stated at the lower of either (i) their carrying amount and (ii) fair value less costs to sell, if their carrying amount will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use.

The exception to this is plant and motor vehicles which are turned over on a regular basis. Plant and motor vehicles are retained in Non Current Assets under the classification of Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment - unless the assets are to be traded in after 30 June and the replacement assets were already purchased and accounted for as at 30 June.

For any assets or disposal groups classified as Non-Current Assets "held for sale", an impairment loss is recognised at any time when the assets carrying value is greater than its fair value less costs to sell.

Non-current assets "held for sale" are not depreciated or amortised while they are classified as "held for sale".

Non-current assets classified as "held for sale" are presented separately from the other assets in the balance sheet.

A Discontinued Operation is a component of the entity that has been disposed of or is classified as "held for sale" and that represents a separate major line of business or geographical area of operations, is part of a single co-ordinated plan to dispose of such a line of business or area of operations, or is a subsidiary acquired exclusively with a view to resale.

The results of discontinued operations are presented separately on the face of the income statement.

(r) Impairment of assets

All Council's I,PP&E is subject to an annual assessment of impairment.

Assets that are subject to amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable.

An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount.

The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

Where an asset is not held principally for cash generating purposes (for example Infrastructure Assets) and would be replaced if the Council was deprived of it then depreciated replacement cost is used as value in use, otherwise value in use is estimated by using a discounted cash flow model. Non-financial assets (other than goodwill) that suffered a prior period impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

Goodwill & other Intangible Assets that have an indefinite useful life and are not subject to amortisation are tested annually for impairment.

(s) Payables

These amounts represent liabilities and include goods and services provided to the Council prior to the end of financial year which are unpaid.

The amounts for goods and services are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

(t) Borrowings

Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred.

Borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Amortisation results in any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption amount being recognised in the Income Statement over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

Borrowings are removed from the balance sheet when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expired. Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Council has an unconditional right to defer

settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the balance sheet date.

(u) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs are expensed.

(v) Provisions

Provisions for legal claims, service warranties and other like liabilities are recognised when:

- Council has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events;
- it is more likely than not that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and
- the amount has been reliably estimated.

Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole.

A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

Provisions are measured at the present value of management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date.

The discount rate used to determine the present value reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability.

The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as interest expense.

(w) Employee benefits

(i) Short Term Obligations

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and accumulating sick leave expected to be settled within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service are recognised in respect of employees' services up to the end of the reporting period and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. The liability for annual leave and accumulating sick leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits. All other short-term employee benefit obligations are presented as payables.

(ii) Other Long Term Obligations

The liability for long service leave and annual leave which is not expected to be settled within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service is recognised in the provision for employee benefits and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the end of the reporting period using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the end of the reporting period on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

The obligations are presented as current liabilities in the balance sheet if the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur.

(iii) Retirement benefit obligations

All employees of the Council are entitled to benefits on retirement, disability or death. Council contributes to various defined benefit plans and defined contribution plans on behalf of its employees.

A liability or asset in respect of defined benefit superannuation plans would ordinarily be recognised in the balance sheet, and measured as the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the

reporting date plus unrecognised actuarial gains (less unrecognised actuarial losses) less the fair value of the superannuation fund's assets at that date and any unrecognised past service cost. The present value of the defined benefit obligation is based on expected future payments which arise from membership of the fund to the reporting date, calculated annually by independent actuaries using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. However, when this information is not reliably available, Council accounts for its obligations to defined benefit plans on the same basis as its obligations to defined contribution plans (see below).

The Local Government Superannuation Scheme has advised member councils that, as a result of the global financial crisis, it has a significant deficiency of assets over liabilities. As a result, they have asked for significant increases in contributions to recover that deficiency. Council's share of that deficiency cannot be accurately calculated as the Scheme is a mutual arrangement where assets and liabilities are pooled together for all member councils.

For this reason, no liability for the deficiency has been recognised in Council's accounts. Council has, however, disclosed a contingent liability in note 18 to reflect the possible obligation that may arise should the Scheme require immediate payment to correct the deficiency.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense as they become payable. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in the future payments is available.

(x) Self insurance

Council has determined to self-insure for various risks including public liability and professional indemnity.

A provision for self-insurance has been made to recognise outstanding claims the amount of which is detailed in Note 10.

Council also maintains cash and investments to meet expected future claims and these are detailed in Note 6(c).

(y) Allocation between current and non-current assets & liabilities

In the determination of whether an asset or liability is classified as current or non-current, consideration is given to the time when each asset or liability is expected to be settled.

The asset or liability is classified as current if it is expected to be settled within the next 12 months, being the Council's operational cycle.

Exceptions

In the case of liabilities where Council does not have the unconditional right to defer settlement beyond 12 months (such as vested long service leave), the liability is classified as current even if not expected to be settled within the next 12 months.

In the case of inventories that are "held for trading", these are also classified as current even if not expected to be realised in the next 12 months.

(z) Crown Reserves

Crown Reserves under Council's care and control are recognised as assets of the Council. While ownership of the reserves remains with the Crown, Council retains operational control of the reserves and is responsible for their maintenance and use in accordance with the specific purposes to which the reserves are dedicated.

Improvements on Crown Reserves are also recorded as assets, while maintenance costs incurred by Council and revenues relating to the reserves are recognised within Council's Income Statement.

Representations from both State and Local Government are being sought to develop a consistent accounting treatment for Crown Reserves across both tiers of government.

(aa) Rural Fire Service assets

Under section 119 of the Rural Fire Services Act 1997, "all fire fighting equipment purchased or constructed wholly or from money to the credit of the Fund is to be vested in the council of the area for or on behalf of which the fire fighting equipment has

been purchased or constructed". Until such time as discussions on this matter have concluded and the legislation changed, Council will (will not) recognise rural fire service assets including land, buildings, plant and vehicles.

(ab) Taxes

The Council is exempt from both Commonwealth Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax. Council does however have to comply with both Fringe Benefits Tax and Goods and Services Tax (GST).

(ac) Goods & Services Tax (GST)

Income, expenses and assets are all recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office (ATO).

In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the revenue / expense.

Receivables and payables within the Balance Sheet are stated inclusive of any applicable GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from or payable to the ATO is included as a current asset or current liability in the Balance Sheet.

Operating cash flows within the Cash Flow Statement are on a gross basis, ie. they are inclusive of GST where applicable.

Investing and Financing cash flows are treated on a net basis (where recoverable from the ATO), ie. they are exclusive of GST. Instead, the GST component of investing and financing activity cash flows which are recoverable from or payable to the ATO are classified as operating cash flows.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from (or payable to) the ATO.

(ad) New accounting standards and UIG interpretations

Certain new (or amended) accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not

mandatory for reporting periods ending 30 June 2013.

Council has not adopted any of these standards early.

Council's assessment of the impact of these new standards and interpretations is set out below.

Applicable to Local Government with implications:

AASB 9 Financial Instruments, associated standards, AASB 2010-7 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 and AASB 2012-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Mandatory Effective Date of AASB 9 and transitional disclosures (effective from 1 January 2015)

AASB 9 Financial Instruments addresses the classification, measurement and de-recognition of financial assets and financial liabilities.

The standard is not applicable until 1 January 2015 but is available for early adoption.

When adopted, the standard will affect in particular Council's accounting for its available-for-sale financial assets, since AASB 9 only permits the recognition of fair value gains and losses in other comprehensive income if they relate to equity investments that are not held for trading.

Fair value gains and losses on available-for-sale debt investments, for example, will therefore have to be recognised directly in profit or loss although there is currently a proposal by the IASB to introduce a Fair value through Other Comprehensive Income category for debt instruments.

There will be no impact on Council's accounting for financial liabilities, as the new requirements only affect the accounting for financial liabilities that are designated at fair value through profit or loss and Council does not have any such liabilities.

The de-recognition rules have been transferred from AASB 139 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement and have not been changed.

AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement and AASB 2011-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting

Standards arising from AASB 13 (effective 1 January 2013)

AASB 13 explains how to measure fair value and aims to enhance fair value disclosures.

Council has yet to determine which, if any, of its current measurement techniques will have to change as a result of the new guidance.

It is therefore not possible to state the impact, if any, of the new rules on any of the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

However, application of the new standard will impact the type of information disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

Council does not intend to adopt the new standard before its operative date, which means that it would be first applied in the annual reporting period ending 30 June 2014.

Applicable to Local Government but no implications for Council;

AASB 2012-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosures – Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities [AASB 132 & AASB 7] (effective 1 January 2013)

This Standard amends the required disclosures in AASB 7 to include information that will enable users of an entity's financial statements to evaluate the effect or potential effect of netting arrangements, including rights of set-off associated with the entity's recognised financial assets and recognised financial liabilities, on the entity's financial position.

This Standard also amends AASB 132 to refer to the additional disclosures added to AASB 7 by this Standard.

The adoption of this standard will not change the reported financial position and performance of the entity, there are no impact on disclosures as there are no offsetting arrangements currently in place.

AASB 2012-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities [AASB 132] (effective 1 January 2014).

This Standard adds application guidance to AASB 132 to address inconsistencies identified in applying some of the offsetting criteria of AASB 132, including clarifying the meaning of “currently has a legally enforceable right of set-off” and that some gross settlement systems may be considered equivalent to net settlement.

The adoption of this standard will not change the reported financial position and performance of the entity, there are no impact on disclosures as there are no offsetting arrangements currently in place.

Applicable to Local Government but not relevant to Council at this stage;

AASB 10 Consolidated Financial Statements, AASB 11 Joint Arrangements, AASB 12 Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities, revised AASB 127 Separate Financial Statements and AASB 128 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures and AASB 2011-7 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Consolidation and Joint Arrangements Standards (effective 1 January 2013)

This suite of five new and amended standards address the accounting for joint arrangements, consolidated financial statements and associated disclosures.

AASB 10 replaces all of the guidance on control and consolidation in AASB 127 Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements, and Interpretation 12 Consolidation – Special Purpose Entities.

The core principle that a consolidated entity presents a parent and its subsidiaries as if they are a single economic entity remains unchanged, as do the mechanics of consolidation. However, the standard introduces a single definition of control that applies to all entities.

It focuses on the need to have both power and rights or exposure to variable returns. Power is the current ability to direct the activities that significantly influence returns. Returns must vary and can be positive, negative or both.

Control exists when the investor can use its power to affect the amount of its returns.

There is also new guidance on participating and protective rights and on agent/principal relationships. Council does not expect the new standard to have a significant impact on its composition.

AASB 11 introduces a principles based approach to accounting for joint arrangements.

The focus is no longer on the legal structure of joint arrangements, but rather on how rights and obligations are shared by the parties to the joint arrangement.

Based on the assessment of rights and obligations, a joint arrangement will be classified as either a joint operation or a joint venture.

Joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method, and the choice to proportionately consolidate will no longer be permitted.

Parties to a joint operation will account their share of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities in much the same way as under the previous standard.

AASB 11 also provides guidance for parties that participate in joint arrangements but do not share joint control.

Council's investment in the joint venture partnership will be classified as a joint venture under the new rules.

As Council already applies the equity method in accounting for this investment, AASB 11 will not have any impact on the amounts recognised in its financial statements.

AASB 12 sets out the required disclosures for entities reporting under the two new standards, AASB 10 and AASB 11, and replaces the disclosure requirements currently found in AASB 127 and AASB 128.

Application of this standard by Council will not affect any of the amounts recognised in the financial statements, but will impact the type of information disclosed in relation to Council's investments.

Amendments to AASB 128 provide clarification that an entity continues to apply the equity method and does not remeasure its retained interest as part of ownership changes where a joint venture becomes an associate, and vice versa.

The amendments also introduce a “partial disposal” concept.

Council is still assessing the impact of these amendments.

Council does not expect to adopt the new standards before their operative date.

They would therefore be first applied in the financial statements for the annual reporting period ending 30 June 2014.

Revised AASB 119 Employee Benefits, AASB 2011-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 119 (September 2011) and AASB 2011-11 Amendments to AASB 119 (September 2011) arising from Reduced Disclosure Requirements (effective 1 January 2013)

This revised standard on accounting for employee benefits requires the recognition of all re-measurements of defined benefit liabilities/assets immediately in other comprehensive income (removal of the so-called 'corridor' method) and the calculation of a net interest expense or income by applying the discount rate to the net defined benefit liability or asset.

This replaces the expected return on plan assets that is currently included in profit or loss.

The standard also introduces a number of additional disclosures for defined benefit liabilities/assets and could affect the timing of the recognition of termination benefits.

The amendments will have to be implemented retrospectively.

Council does not recognise defined benefit assets and liabilities for the reasons set out in paragraph (x) (iii) and so these changes will not have an impact on its reported results.

Not applicable to Local Government per se;

AASB 2012-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Annual Improvements 2009–2011 Cycle (effective 1 January 2013)

AASB 1 - this standard clarifies that an entity can apply AASB 1 more than once. An entity can elect to apply AASB 123 from the transition date or an earlier date.

AASB 101 - clarifies that a third statement of financial position is required when the opening statement of financial position is materially affected by any adjustments.

AASB 116 - clarifies the classification of servicing equipment.

AASB 132 and Interpretation 2 - clarifies that income tax relating to distributions to holders of an equity instrument and to transaction costs of an equity transaction shall be accounted for in accordance with AASB 112 Income Taxes

AASB 134 - provides clarification about segment reporting.

The amendments arising from this standard are not expected to change the reported financial position or performance of the Council.

There are no other standards that are not yet effective and that are expected to have a material impact on the entity in the current or future reporting periods and on foreseeable future transactions.

(ae) Rounding of amounts

Unless otherwise indicated, amounts in the financial statements have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars.

(af) Comparative Figures

To ensure comparability with the current reporting period's figures, some comparative period line items and amounts may have been reclassified or individually reported for the first time within these financial statements and/or the notes.

(ag) Disclaimer

Nothing contained within these statements may be taken to be an admission of any liability to any person under any circumstance.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

Note 2(a). Council Functions / Activities – Financial Information

Functions/Activities	Income, Expenses and Assets have been directly attributed to the following Functions / Activities. Details of these Functions/Activities are provided in Note 2(b).												
	Income from Continuing Operations			Expenses from Continuing Operations			Operating Result from Continuing Operations			Grants included in Income from Continuing Operations		Total Assets held (Current & Non-current)	
	Original Budget 2013	Actual 2013	Actual 2012	Original Budget 2013	Actual 2013	Actual 2012	Original Budget 2013	Actual 2013	Actual 2012	Actual 2013	Actual 2012	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
A Creative and Inclusive City	16,400	20,810	20,342	28,551	29,500	27,991	(12,151)	(8,690)	(7,649)	10,021	9,942	115,690	111,525
Environmental Sustainability	33,933	34,806	32,060	40,410	39,922	36,504	(6,477)	(5,116)	(4,444)	2,119	1,875	1,248	1,163
Vibrant Commercial Centres	2,163	4,188	3,916	6,428	6,594	6,028	(4,265)	(2,406)	(2,112)	-	-	-	-
A Smart Economy	59	143	108	1,187	1,162	1,133	(1,128)	(1,019)	(1,025)	-	-	4,649	3,006
Urban Living and Infrastructure	5,808	8,110	7,010	15,679	16,223	14,960	(9,871)	(8,113)	(7,950)	4,020	3,594	1,176,260	1,143,263
Clean Green Spaces and Places	4,880	17,952	17,813	24,068	26,259	23,528	(19,188)	(8,307)	(5,715)	39	142	363,501	227,562
Getting Around	38,113	16,025	16,831	17,469	20,874	19,376	20,644	(4,849)	(2,545)	612	578	55,068	27,894
A Sporting City	6,885	8,333	6,106	11,258	12,325	9,480	(4,373)	(3,992)	(3,374)	874	735	82,786	71,638
Governance & Civic Leadership	175,545	276,115	238,354	100,718	97,311	104,682	74,827	178,804	133,672	22,099	27,476	1,280,761	1,205,175
Total Functions & Activities	283,786	386,482	342,540	245,768	250,170	243,682	38,018	136,312	98,858	39,784	44,342	3,079,963	2,791,226

1. Includes: Rates & Annual Charges (incl. Ex-Gratia), United General Purpose Grants & Unrestricted Interest & Investment Income.

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Note 2(b). Council Functions / Activities - Component Descriptions

Details relating to the Council's functions / activities as reported in Note 2(a) are as follows:

A CREATIVE, FRIENDLY AND INCLUSIVE CITY

Childrens Services	Governance and Corporate Administration
City Marketing and Promotions	Libraries
Community Buildings	Maintenance of Civil Infrastructure
Community Regulations	Social Planning and Development
Economic Development	Strategic Development
Emergency Services	

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Building Development and Support Services	Parks and Reserves Improvements
Community Regulations	Social Planning and Development
Design of Civil Infrastructure	Street Cleaning
Emergency Services	Urban Animal Management
Health and Environmental Services	Waste Removal Services
Parks and Reserves Maintenance	

VIBRANT COMMERCIAL CENTRES

Building Development and Support Services	Economic Development
City Marketing and Promotions	Health and Environmental Services
Community Regulations	Social Planning and Development
Construction of Civil Infrastructure	Strategic Development
Corporate Support Services	Street Cleaning
Design of Civil Infrastructure	Transport Planning

A SMART ECONOMY

City Marketing and Promotions	Property Development
Economic Development	Social Planning and Development
Libraries	Strategic Development

URBAN LIVING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Building Development and Support Services	Financial Management
Building Services	Maintenance of Civil Infrastructure
Catchment and Stormwater Maintenance	Parks and Reserves Maintenance
Civil Infrastructure Planning	Property Maintenance
Community Buildings	Recreation Planning and Development
Community Regulation	Social Planning and Development
Design of Civil Infrastructure	Strategic Development
Development Services	Transport Planning
Engineering Support Services	

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Note 2(b). Council Functions / Activities - Component Descriptions (continued)

Details relating to the Council's functions / activities as reported in Note 2(a) are as follows:

CLEAN GREEN SPACES AND PLACES

Aquatic and Leisure Centres
Building and Development Services
Community Regulation
Construction of Civil Infrastructure
Health and Environmental Services
Maintenance of Civil Infrastructure
Parks & Reserves Improvements

Parks & Reserves Maintenance
Recreation Centres
Recreation Planning and Development
Strategic Development
Street Cleaning
Waste Removal Services

GETTING AROUND

Catchment and Stormwater Management
Community Regulation
Construction of Civil Infrastructure
Design of Civil Infrastructure

Engineering Support Services
Maintenance of Civil Infrastructure
Strategic Development
Transport Planning

A SPORTING CITY

Aquatic and Leisure Centres
City Marketing and Promotions
Economic Development
Parks and Reserves Maintenance

Property Maintenance
Recreation Centres
Recreation Planning and Development
Social Planning and Development

GOVERNANCE AND CIVIC LEADERSHIP

Blacktown City Information Centre
Building Mechanical Services / Depot Utilities
Business Technology
City Marketing and Promotions
Community Buildings
Corporate Finance
Corporate Strategy

Economic Development
Financial Management
Fleet Management
Governance and Corporate Administration
Human Resources
Property Development
Property Management

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Note 3. Income from Continuing Operations

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
(a) Rates & Annual Charges			
Ordinary Rates			
Residential		82,168	80,198
Farmland		884	854
Business		33,819	30,540
Total Ordinary Rates		116,871	111,592
Special Rates			
Nil			
Annual Charges (pursuant to s.496, s.496A, s.496B, s.501 & s.611)			
Domestic Waste Management Services		31,459	28,913
Stormwater Management Services		2,971	2,923
Waste Management Services (non-domestic)		754	688
Section 611 Charges		140	128
Total Annual Charges		35,324	32,652
TOTAL RATES & ANNUAL CHARGES		152,195	144,244

Council has used 2011 year valuations provided by the NSW Valuer General in calculating its rates.

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Note 3. Income from Continuing Operations (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
(b) User Charges & Fees			
Specific User Charges (per s.502 - Specific "actual use" charges)			
Sullage and Septic Tank Charges		111	95
Total User Charges		111	95
Other User Charges & Fees			
(i) Fees & Charges - Statutory & Regulatory Functions (per s.608)			
Building Construction / Compliance Certificate Fees		939	915
Building Services - Other		54	39
Engineering Construction / Compliance Certificate Fees		1,193	961
Planning & Building Regulation		2,219	2,220
Registration Fees		400	355
Section 603 Certificates		401	400
Section 735A Certificate Fees		100	98
Subdivision Certificate Fees		248	259
Zoning Certificates		627	655
Total Fees & Charges - Statutory/Regulatory		6,181	5,902
(ii) Fees & Charges - Other (incl. General User Charges) (per s.608)			
Animal Control		159	191
Child Care / Pre School		6,587	6,530
Hall Hire		610	587
Health & Fitness		2,178	2,293
Health Licences and Fees		193	174
Inspections - Vehicle Crossings		280	235
Laneway Closure Application Fees		10	9
Library - Photocopier / Fax Charges		68	71
Parking Fees		71	75
Swimming Pools		4,862	4,400
Other		630	573
Total Fees & Charges - Other		15,648	15,138
TOTAL USER CHARGES & FEES		21,940	21,135

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Note 3. Income from Continuing Operations (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
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(c) Interest & Investment Revenue (incl. losses)

Interest & Dividends

- Interest on Overdue Rates & Annual Charges (incl. Special Purpose Rates)		397	436
- Interest earned on Investments (interest & coupon payment income)		14,153	17,501
<u>TOTAL INTEREST & INVESTMENT REVENUE</u>		<u>14,550</u>	<u>17,937</u>

Interest Revenue is attributable to:

Unrestricted Investments/Financial Assets:

Overdue Rates & Annual Charges (General Fund)		397	436
General Council Cash & Investments		14,153	17,501
<u>Total Interest & Investment Revenue Recognised</u>		<u>14,550</u>	<u>17,937</u>

(d) Other Revenues

Fair Value Adjustments - Investment Properties	14	520	-
Rental Income - Investment Properties	14	1,098	1,098
Rental Income - Other Council Properties		1,300	1,183
Fines		2,296	2,172
Legal Fees Recovery - Rates & Charges (Extra Charges)		345	377
Legal Fees Recovery - Other		69	93
Animal Control		202	126
Community Services / Child Care		640	623
Contributions to Long Service Leave - Other Councils		63	137
Disposal of Garbage		80	46
Employee Contributions		949	882
Recreation and Leisure		2,896	2,848
Reinstatement of Roads and Footpaths		2,316	1,851
Other		1,097	712
<u>TOTAL OTHER REVENUE</u>		<u>13,871</u>	<u>12,148</u>

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Note 3. Income from Continuing Operations (continued)

\$ '000	2013 Operating	2012 Operating	2013 Capital	2012 Capital
(e) Grants				
General Purpose (Untied)				
Financial Assistance	19,152	24,184	-	-
Pensioners' Rates Subsidies - General Component	1,406	1,374	-	-
Total General Purpose	20,558	25,558	-	-
Specific Purpose				
Pensioners' Rates Subsidies:				
- Domestic Waste Management	482	476	-	-
Bushfire & Emergency Services	265	325	69	140
Community Care Services	9,349	8,811	-	306
Community Centres	-	-	4	-
Employment & Training Programs	36	260	-	-
Environmental Protection	462	478	-	-
Heritage & Cultural	323	379	-	50
Library	-	-	158	145
Library - per capita	620	620	-	-
Parks & Reserves	736	736	831	551
Street Lighting	547	512	-	-
Transport (Roads to Recovery)	-	-	853	2,120
Transport (Other Roads & Bridges Funding)	65	116	2,227	644
Western Sydney Parklands - Interface Lands	-	37	-	-
Waste Sustainability	930	1,666	1,014	-
Other	255	407	-	5
Total Specific Purpose	14,070	14,823	5,156	3,961
Total Grants	34,628	40,381	5,156	3,961
Grant Revenue is attributable to:				
- Commonwealth Funding	26,187	32,078	4,255	843
- State Funding	8,441	8,302	901	3,118
- Other Funding	-	1	-	-
	34,628	40,381	5,156	3,961

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Note 3. Income from Continuing Operations (continued)

\$ '000	2013 Operating	2012 Operating	2013 Capital	2012 Capital
(f) Contributions				
Developer Contributions:				
(s93 & s94 - EP&A Act, s64 of the LGA):				
S 94 - Contributions towards amenities/services	-	-	27,912	16,595
Voluntary Planning Agreements	-	-	3,972	253
NSW Government Housing Accelerated Fund	-	-	35,000	-
Total Developer Contributions	17	-	66,884	16,848
Other Contributions:				
Animal Control	225	245	-	-
Cleaning	54	56	-	-
Community Services / Child Care	540	493	1,175	33
Contributions to Outgoings - Investment Properties	157	165	-	-
Land Under Roads Dedications	-	-	31,509	45,267
Parks and Reserves	13	175	9,872	4,935
Paving	-	-	1,020	86
RMS Contributions (Regional Roads, Block Grant)	-	-	3,090	2,477
Subdividers Works	-	-	25,307	28,545
Sullage	-	9	-	-
Town Planning	252	279	-	-
Waste Services NSW	728	698	-	-
Transport	7	-	-	-
Other	46	20	82	170
Total Other Contributions	2,022	2,140	72,055	81,513
Total Contributions	2,022	2,140	138,939	98,361
TOTAL GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS	36,650	42,521	144,095	102,322

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Note 3. Income from Continuing Operations (continued)

	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
\$ '000		
(g) Restrictions relating to Grants and Contributions		
Certain grants & contributions are obtained by Council on condition that they be spent in a specified manner:		
Unexpended at the Close of the Previous Reporting Period	80,987	84,521
add: Grants & contributions recognised in the current period but not yet spent:	44,714	35,400
less: Grants & contributions recognised in a previous reporting period now spent:	(5,661)	(38,934)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Restricted Assets during the Period	39,053	(3,534)
Unexpended and held as Restricted Assets	120,040	80,987
Comprising:		
- Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants	16,585	17,669
- Developer Contributions	92,682	52,201
- Other Contributions	10,773	11,117
	120,040	80,987

Note 4. Expenses from Continuing Operations

(a) Employee Benefits & On-Costs

Salaries and Wages	77,744	74,290
Travelling	148	133
Employee Leave Entitlements (ELE)	16,238	17,106
Superannuation	9,502	9,279
Workers' Compensation Insurance	1,156	2,905
Fringe Benefit Tax (FBT)	395	393
Training Costs (other than Salaries & Wages)	663	742
Other	629	465
Total Employee Costs	106,475	105,313
less: Capitalised Costs	(1,618)	(1,583)
TOTAL EMPLOYEE COSTS EXPENSED	104,857	103,730
Number of "Equivalent Full Time" Employees at year end	1,352	1,336

(b) Borrowing Costs

Nil

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Note 4. Expenses from Continuing Operations (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
(c) Materials & Contracts			
Raw Materials & Consumables		12,748	12,387
Contractor & Consultancy Costs		22,982	20,856
Auditors Remuneration ⁽¹⁾		118	117
Legal Expenses:			
- Legal Expenses: Planning & Development		562	619
- Legal Expenses: Other		570	679
Operating Leases:			
- Operating Lease Rentals: Minimum Lease Payments ⁽²⁾		90	63
<u>TOTAL MATERIALS & CONTRACTS</u>		<u>37,070</u>	<u>34,721</u>

1. Auditor Remuneration

During the year, the following fees were incurred for services provided by the Council's Auditor (& the Auditors of other Consolidated Entities):

(i) Audit and Other Assurance Services

- Audit & review of financial statements: Council's Auditor	118	117
Remuneration for audit and other assurance services	118	117
Total Auditor Remuneration	118	117

2. Operating Lease Payments are attributable to:

Other	90	63
	90	63

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Note 4. Expenses from Continuing Operations (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	Impairment Costs		Depreciation/Amortisation	
		Actual 2013	Actual 2012	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
(d) Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment					
Plant and Equipment		-	-	5,499	5,649
Office Equipment		-	-	1,114	1,077
Furniture & Fittings		-	-	490	471
Land Improvements (depreciable)		-	-	2,090	1,944
Buildings - Non Specialised		-	-	2,047	1,795
Buildings - Specialised		-	-	4,229	5,382
Other Structures		-	-	402	361
Infrastructure:					
- Roads, Bridges & Footpaths		-	-	31,024	30,060
- Stormwater Drainage		-	-	6,719	6,337
Other Assets					
- Library Books		-	-	977	964
Intangible Assets	25	-	-	93	-
TOTAL DEPRECIATION & IMPAIRMENT COSTS EXPENSED		-	-	54,684	54,040

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Note 4. Expenses from Continuing Operations (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
(e) Other Expenses			
Other Expenses for the year include the following:			
Advertising		735	980
Bad & Doubtful Debts		188	474
Bank Charges / Credit Card Charges		327	302
Computer Equipment Maintenance		374	361
Contributions/Levies to Other Levels of Government		36	31
- Department of Planning Levy		211	204
- Emergency Services Levy		2,394	2,311
- Tipping Fees		23,064	20,163
Councillor Expenses - Mayoral Fee		74	72
Councillor Expenses - Councillors' Fees		386	380
Councillors' Expenses (incl. Mayor) - Other (excluding fees above)		433	349
Cultural Services / Civic Events		1,601	1,584
Data Processing Costs		734	751
Donations, Contributions & Assistance to other organisations (Section 356)		254	262
- Donations, Contributions & Assistance (Hawkesbury River County Council)		153	128
Election Expenses		1,045	-
Electricity & Heating		3,215	2,877
External Plant Hire		94	335
Fee Relief Advance to Carers		1,888	1,696
Insurance		2,801	2,439
Marketing / Promotions		280	345
Parking Patrol		258	283
Post Office Agency Charges		288	287
Postage		406	352
Refund Developer Contributions		18	12
Revaluation Decrements (Fair Valuation of Investment Properties)	14	-	482
Security		559	566
Security Mailing Services		202	242
Site Remediation		-	1,000
Street Lighting		6,010	5,238
Telephone & Communications		683	666
Valuation Fees (Rates)		546	500
Water Rates & Charges		1,402	1,216
Other		2,900	4,303
<u>TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES</u>		<u>53,559</u>	<u>51,191</u>

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Note 5. Gains or Losses from the Disposal of Assets

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
Property (excl. Investment Property)			
Proceeds from Disposal - Property		-	38
less: Carrying Amount of Property Assets Sold / Written Off		-	(33)
Net Gain/(Loss) on Disposal		-	5
Plant & Equipment			
Proceeds from Disposal - Plant & Equipment		2,258	2,297
less: Carrying Amount of P&E Assets Sold / Written Off		(2,417)	(2,316)
Net Gain/(Loss) on Disposal		(159)	(19)
Real Estate Assets Held For Sale			
Proceeds from Disposal - Real Estate Assets		12,733	2,401
less: Carrying Amount of Real Estate Assets Sold / Written Off		(10,261)	(697)
Net Gain/(Loss) on Disposal		2,472	1,704
Financial Assets*			
Proceeds from Disposal / Redemptions / Maturities - Financial Assets		104,726	47,500
less: Carrying Amount of Financial Assets Sold / Redeemed / Matured		(104,726)	(47,500)
Net Gain/(Loss) on Disposal		-	-
NET GAIN/(LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OF ASSETS		2,313	1,690

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Note 6a. - Cash Assets and Note 6b. - Investments

\$ '000	Notes	2013 Actual Current	2013 Actual Non Current	2012 Actual Current	2012 Actual Non Current
Cash & Cash Equivalents (Note 6a)					
Cash on Hand and at Bank		14,815	-	3,631	-
Cash-Equivalent Assets ¹					
- Deposits at Call		73,975	-	110,039	-
Total Cash & Cash Equivalents		88,790	-	113,670	-
Investments (Note 6b)					
- Long Term Deposits		95,000	137,000	125,726	45,000
Total Investments		95,000	137,000	125,726	45,000
TOTAL CASH ASSETS, CASH EQUIVALENTS & INVESTMENTS		183,790	137,000	239,396	45,000

¹ Those Investments where time to maturity is < 3 mths.

**Cash, Cash Equivalents & Investments were
classified at year end in accordance with
AASB 139 as follows:**

Cash & Cash Equivalents

a. "At Fair Value through the Profit & Loss"

88,790	-	113,670	-
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Investments

b. "Held to Maturity"

Investments

6(b-ii)	95,000	137,000	125,726	45,000
	95,000	137,000	125,726	45,000

Note 6(b-i)

Reconciliation of Investments classified as "Held to Maturity"

Balance at the Beginning of the Year	125,726	45,000	197,500	60,350
Additions	74,000	92,000	57,876	-
Disposals (sales & redemptions)	(104,726)	-	(32,150)	(15,350)
Balance at End of Year	95,000	137,000	223,226	45,000

Comprising:

- Long Term Deposits	95,000	137,000	223,226	45,000
Total	95,000	137,000	223,226	45,000

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Note 6c. Restricted Cash, Cash Equivalents & Investments - Details

	2013 Actual Current	2013 Actual Non Current	2012 Actual Current	2012 Actual Non Current
\$ '000				
Total Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments	183,790	137,000	239,396	45,000
attributable to:				
External Restrictions (refer below)	37,607	137,000	97,335	45,000
Internal Restrictions (refer below)	119,847	-	121,439	-
Unrestricted	26,336	-	20,622	-
	183,790	137,000	239,396	45,000

2013 \$ '000	Opening Balance	Transfers to Restrictions	Transfers from Restrictions	Closing Balance
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Details of Restrictions

External Restrictions - Included in Liabilities

Nil

External Restrictions - Other

Developer Contributions - General (D)	52,201	56,879	(16,398)	92,682
Second Ponds Creek Voluntary Planning Agreement	39,500	-	-	39,500
Voluntary Planning Agreements	257	28	-	285
RMS (formerly RTA) Contributions (E)	349	3,925	(3,619)	655
Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants (F)	17,669	20,707	(21,791)	16,585
Domestic Waste Management (G)	16,315	993	(6,408)	10,900
Stormwater Management (G)	5,806	3,419	(5,343)	3,882
Subdivisor Contributions	7,675	1,023	(1,226)	7,472
Contributions to Works	1,701	245	(166)	1,780
Other	862	62	(58)	866
External Restrictions - Other	142,335	87,281	(55,009)	174,607
Total External Restrictions	142,335	87,281	(55,009)	174,607

D Development contributions which are not yet expended for the provision of services and amenities in accordance with contributions plans (refer Note 17).

E RMS Contributions which are not yet expended for the provision of services and amenities in accordance with those contributions.

F Grants which are not yet expended for the purposes for which the grants were obtained. (refer Note 1)

G Water, Sewerage, Domestic Waste Management (DWM) & other Special Rates/Levies/Charges are externally restricted assets and must be applied for the purposes for which they were raised.

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Note 6c. Restricted Cash, Cash Equivalents & Investments - Details (continued)

2013 \$ '000	Opening Balance	Transfers to Restrictions	Transfers from Restrictions	Closing Balance
Internal Restrictions				
Asset Renewal Reserve	-	3,092	-	3,092
Employees Leave Entitlement	10,557	1,378	-	11,935
Deposits, Retentions & Bonds	13,076	2,757	(2,553)	13,280
Workers Compensation Self Insurance Claims (A)	5,745	878	(723)	5,900
Contributions Received in Advance	19	-	-	19
Internal S94 Contributions	359	165	-	524
Other	2,058	3,138	(2,980)	2,216
Blacktown Leisure Centre	5,559	590	(18)	6,131
Blacktown Showground Redevelopment Reserve	8,671	1,261	(9,932)	-
Blacktown Venue Management Reserve	1,847	64	(304)	1,607
Business Technology Reserve	-	7,140	-	7,140
Childcare Centres Improvement	370	420	-	790
Companion Animal Reserve	192	70	(6)	256
Contributions to Future S94 Works	1,887	93	(1,980)	-
Deregulated Approvals Reserve	1,455	480	-	1,935
e-Business Strategy Reserve	3,096	867	(1,024)	2,939
Early Settlers Memorial Reserve	745	59	-	804
Emerton Leisure Centre Reserve	594	224	(400)	418
Equipment Replacement Reserve	420	82	(27)	475
Family Day Care	298	125	-	423
Future Election Expenses	1,145	346	(1,045)	446
Historical Buildings Restoration	1,330	118	(69)	1,379
Infrastructure Sinking Fund	34,764	17,138	(25,955)	25,947
Land Projects Reserves	17,694	8,224	(515)	25,403
Other Plant Replacement	1,778	2,302	(1,494)	2,586
PC Replacement Reserve	3,428	914	(2,556)	1,786
Printing Equipment Replacement	467	24	-	491
Riverstone Cemetery Reserve	584	203	-	787
Sargents Centre Reserve	190	9	(5)	194
St Bartholomew's Church Restoration	19	1	-	20
Stormwater Maintenance Reserve	187	36	-	223
Street Lighting Reserve	-	250	-	250
Sundry Gratuitous Payments	53	3	-	56
Waste Management Plant	2,531	129	(2,660)	-
Westpool Contributions Reserve	273	171	(99)	345
Youth Accommodation Project	48	2	-	50
Total Internal Restrictions	121,439	52,753	(54,345)	119,847
TOTAL RESTRICTIONS	263,774	140,034	(109,354)	294,454

A Self Insurance liability resulting from reported claims or incurred claims not yet reported.

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Note 7. Receivables

\$ '000	Notes	2013		2012	
		Current	Non Current	Current	Non Current
Purpose					
Rates & Annual Charges		3,609	1,780	3,279	1,562
Interest & Extra Charges		524	236	505	205
User Charges & Fees		785	-	986	-
Capital Debtors (being sale of assets)					
- Sale of Land		472	-	21	-
Accrued Revenues					
- Interest on Investments		5,727	-	5,988	-
- Other Income Accruals		96	-	99	-
Government Grants & Subsidies		1,694	-	3,250	-
Legal Costs on Outstanding Rates		350	-	343	-
Net GST Receivable		-	-	1,923	-
Restorations		846	-	817	-
Section 611 Charges		140	-	140	-
Section 94 Landcom Second Ponds Creek		-	14,472	-	3,807
Other Debtors		921	-	912	-
Total		15,164	16,488	18,263	5,574
less: Provision for Impairment					
Rates & Annual Charges		(101)	(418)	(96)	(326)
Interest & Extra Charges		(114)	(77)	(96)	(46)
Other Debtors		(197)	-	(518)	-
Total Provision for Impairment - Receivables		(412)	(495)	(710)	(372)
<u>TOTAL NET RECEIVABLES</u>		<u>14,752</u>	<u>15,993</u>	<u>17,553</u>	<u>5,202</u>
Externally Restricted Receivables					
Domestic Waste Management		2,299	-	2,304	-
Developer Contributions		-	14,472	-	3,807
Total External Restrictions		2,299	14,472	2,304	3,807
Internally Restricted Receivables					
Nil					
Unrestricted Receivables		12,453	1,521	15,249	1,395
TOTAL NET RECEIVABLES		14,752	15,993	17,553	5,202

Notes on Debtors above:

- (i) Rates & Annual Charges Outstanding are secured against the property.
- (ii) Doubtful Rates Debtors are provided for where the value of the property is less than the debt outstanding.
An allowance for other doubtful debts is made when there is objective evidence that a receivable is impaired.
- (iii) Interest was charged on overdue rates & charges at 10.00% (2012 11.00%).
Generally all other receivables are non interest bearing.
- (iv) Please refer to Note 15 for issues concerning Credit Risk and Fair Value disclosures.

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Note 8. Inventories & Other Assets

\$ '000	Notes	2013		2012	
		Current	Non Current	Current	Non Current
Inventories					
Real Estate for resale (refer below)		19,278	-	25,107	-
Stores & Materials		2,439	-	2,220	-
Total Inventories		21,717	-	27,327	-
Other Assets					
Prepayments		186	-	136	-
Land Acquisition in Progress		185	-	10	-
Total Other Assets		371	-	146	-
TOTAL INVENTORIES / OTHER ASSETS		22,088	-	27,473	-

Externally Restricted Assets

There are no restrictions applicable to the above assets.

(i) Other Disclosures

(a) Details for Real Estate Development

Residential	12,757	-	18,680	-
Industrial/Commercial	6,079	-	6,016	-
Other Properties (surplus to requirements)	442	-	411	-
Total Real Estate for Resale	19,278	-	25,107	-

(Valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value)

Represented by:

Acquisition Costs	3,558	-	9,929	-
Development Costs	15,720	-	15,178	-
Total Costs	19,278	-	25,107	-
Total Real Estate for Resale	19,278	-	25,107	-

Movements:

Real Estate assets at beginning of the year	25,107	-	23,344	-
- Purchases and other costs	4,232	-	2,333	-
- Transfers in from (out to) Note 9	200	-	127	-
- WDV of Sales (exp)	(10,261)	-	(697)	-
Total Real Estate for Resale	19,278	-	25,107	-

(b) Current Assets not anticipated to be settled within the next 12 months

The following Inventories & Other Assets, even though classified as current are not expected to be recovered in the next 12 months;

	2013	2012
Real Estate for Resale	18,180	22,069
	18,180	22,069

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Note 9a. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

	as at 30/6/2012						Asset Movements during the Reporting Period							as at 30/6/2013				
	At		Fair Value	At	Accumulated	Carrying Value	Asset Additions	WDV of Asset Disposals	Depreciation Expense	WIP Transfers	Adjustments & Transfers	Tf's from/to Real Estate Assets (Note 8)	Revaluation Increments/ (Decrements)	At	Fair Value	Accumulated	Carrying Value	
	Cost	Impairment																
\$ '000	28,967	-	-	73,785	44,794	-	28,967	24,896	-	-	(36,072)	-	-	-	17,791	-	17,791	
Capital Work in Progress	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,467	(2,417)	(5,499)	64	-	-	-	-	72,468	43,862	28,606	
Plant & Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	711	-	(1,114)	-	-	-	-	-	19,050	14,564	4,486	
Office Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	392	-	(490)	-	-	-	-	-	8,288	5,944	2,344	
Furniture & Fittings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Land:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(200)	37,935	-	284,111	-	284,111	
- Operational Land	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,043	-	-	-	2,195 (3,638)	-	-	-	236,068	-	236,068	
- Community Land	-	-	-	-	-	-	31,509	-	-	-	43	-	-	-	180,265	-	180,265	
- Land under Roads (post 30/6/08)	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,624	-	(2,090)	25,015	(574)	-	-	-	117,314	16,328	100,986	
Land Improvements - depreciable	-	-	-	-	-	-	284	-	(2,047)	-	28,459	-	2,699	-	125,265	40,439	84,826	
Buildings - Non Specialised	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,081	-	(4,229)	3,199	26,851	-	62,002	-	319,543	68,558	250,985	
Buildings - Specialised	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,707	-	(402)	2,548	1,214	-	-	-	19,492	5,948	13,544	
Other Structures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Infrastructure:	-	-	-	-	-	-	39,387	-	(31,024)	2,985	-	-	-	-	1,580,777	578,124	1,002,653	
- Roads, Bridges, Footpaths	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,989	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,986	-	23,986	
- Bulk Earthworks (non-depreciable)	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,114	-	(6,719)	289	-	-	-	-	583,719	170,398	413,321	
- Stormwater Drainage	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,446	-	-	1,972	-	-	-	-	20,820	-	20,820	
- Stormwater Drainage (non-depreciable)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other Assets:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
- Heritage Collections	-	-	-	-	-	-	888	-	(977)	-	-	-	-	-	7	7	-	
- Library Books	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,665	10,954	2,711	
- Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	-	-	-	101	66	35	
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIP.	28,967	3,343,928	952,908	-	-	-	147,538	(2,417)	(54,591)	-	54,585	(200)	102,636	-	3,622,730	955,192	2,667,538	

Additions to Buildings & Infrastructure Assets are made up of Asset Renewals (\$16,776,000) and New Assets (\$41,525,000). Renewals are defined as the replacement of existing assets (as opposed to the acquisition of new assets).

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Note 9b. Externally Restricted Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

\$ '000 Class of Asset	Actual 2013				Actual 2012			
	At Cost	At Fair Value	A/Dep & Impairm't	Carrying Value	At Cost	At Fair Value	A/Dep & Impairm't	Carrying Value
Domestic Waste Management								
Plant & Equipment	-	16,606	9,738	6,868	-	15,640	8,658	6,982
Land								
- Operational Land'	-	5,500	-	5,500	-	4,505	-	4,505
Buildings	-	345	-	345	-	113	82	31
Total DWM	-	22,451	9,738	12,713	-	20,258	8,740	11,518
TOTAL RESTRICTED I,PP&E	-	22,451	9,738	12,713	-	20,258	8,740	11,518

Note 9c. Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment - Current Year Impairments

Council has recognised no impairment losses during the reporting period nor reversed any prior period losses.

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Note 10a. Payables, Borrowings & Provisions

\$ '000	Notes	2013		2012	
		Current	Non Current	Current	Non Current
Payables					
Goods & Services		13,843	-	14,359	-
Payments Received In Advance		2,329	-	2,323	-
- Salaries & Wages		992	-	1,144	-
Security Bonds, Deposits & Retentions		13,245	-	13,076	-
ATO - Net GST Payable		1,845	-	-	-
Other		2,280	-	2,251	-
Total Payables		34,534	-	33,153	-
Borrowings					
Nil					
Provisions					
Employee Benefits;					
Annual Leave		13,406	-	12,461	-
Sick Leave		6,238	-	6,022	-
Long Service Leave		22,512	445	21,734	516
Gratuities		5	-	5	-
Sub Total - Aggregate Employee Benefits		42,161	445	40,222	516
Self Insurance - Workers Compensation		1,570	4,450	2,300	4,519
Asset Remediation/Restoration (Future Works)	26	-	-	3,000	-
S94 Landcom Credit Bank		-	-	4,340	-
Other		369	-	275	-
Total Provisions		44,100	4,895	50,137	5,035
Total Payables, Borrowings & Provisions		78,634	4,895	83,290	5,035
(i) Liabilities relating to Restricted Assets					
		2013		2012	
		Current	Non Current	Current	Non Current
Externally Restricted Assets					
Domestic Waste Management		1,255	-	1,357	-
Developer Contributions		-	-	4,340	-
Liabilities relating to externally restricted assets		1,255	-	5,697	-
Internally Restricted Assets					
Nil					
Total Liabilities relating to restricted assets		1,255	-	5,697	-
Total Liabilities relating to Unrestricted Assets		77,379	4,895	77,593	5,035
TOTAL PAYABLES, BORROWINGS & PROVISIONS		78,634	4,895	83,290	5,035

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Note 10a. Payables, Borrowings & Provisions (continued)

\$ '000	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
(ii) Current Liabilities not anticipated to be settled within the next 12 months		
The following Liabilities, even though classified as current, are not expected to be settled in the next 12 months.		
Provisions - Employees Benefits	31,996	31,334
Payables - Security Bonds, Deposits & Retentions	8,474	8,035
	40,470	39,369

Note 10b. Description of and movements in Provisions

Class of Provision	2012	2013				
	Opening Balance as at 1/7/12	Additional Provisions	Decrease due to Payments	Remeasurement effects due to Discounting	Unused amounts reversed	Closing Balance as at 30/6/13
Annual Leave	12,461	9,823	(8,878)	-	-	13,406
Sick Leave	6,022	3,536	(3,320)	-	-	6,238
Long Service Leave	22,250	2,594	(1,887)	-	-	22,957
Gratuities	5	30	(30)	-	-	5
Self Insurance	6,819	1,155	(1,954)	-	-	6,020
Asset Remediation	3,000	-	(3,000)	-	-	-
Other	4,615	257	(4,503)	-	-	369
TOTAL	55,172	17,395	(23,572)	-	-	48,995

- Employees Leave Entitlements & On-Costs represents those benefits accrued and payable and an estimate of those that will become payable in the future as a result of past service.
- Self Insurance Provisions represent both (i) Claims Incurred but Not reported and (ii) Claims Reported & Estimated as a result of Council's being a self insurer up to certain levels of Excess.
- Asset Remediation, Reinstatement & Restoration Provisions represent the Present Value estimate of future costs Council will incur in order to remove, restore & remediate assets &/or activities as a result of past operations.

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Note 11. Statement of Cash Flows - Additional Information

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
(a) Reconciliation of Cash Assets			
Total Cash & Cash Equivalent Assets	6a	88,790	113,670
Less Bank Overdraft	10	-	-
BALANCE as per the STATEMENT of CASH FLOWS		88,790	113,670
(b) Reconciliation of Net Operating Result to Cash provided from Operating Activities			
Net Operating Result from Income Statement		136,312	98,858
Adjust for non cash items:			
Depreciation & Amortisation		54,684	54,040
Net Losses/(Gains) on Disposal of Assets		(2,313)	(1,690)
Non Cash Capital Grants and Contributions		(81,563)	(80,410)
Losses/(Gains) recognised on Fair Value Re-measurements through the P&L:			
- Investment Properties		(520)	482
Share of Net (Profits) or Losses of Associates/Joint Ventures		(868)	(543)
+/- Movement in Operating Assets and Liabilities & Other Cash Items:			
Decrease/(Increase) in Receivables		(7,364)	(2,928)
Increase/(Decrease) in Provision for Doubtful Debts		(175)	518
Decrease/(Increase) in Inventories		(219)	(268)
Decrease/(Increase) in Other Assets		(225)	(3)
Increase/(Decrease) in Payables		(516)	3,766
Increase/(Decrease) in other accrued Expenses Payable		(152)	573
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities		2,049	1,631
Increase/(Decrease) in Employee Leave Entitlements		1,868	3,454
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Provisions		(8,045)	1,314
NET CASH PROVIDED FROM/(USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES from the STATEMENT of CASH FLOWS		92,953	78,794

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Note 11. Statement of Cash Flows - Additional Information (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
(c) Non-Cash Investing & Financing Activities			
S94 Contributions "in kind"		10,953	3,760
Other Dedications		45,306	49,246
Other Infrastructure Assets		25,304	27,404
Total Non-Cash Investing & Financing Activities		81,563	80,410

(d) Financing Arrangements

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

Bank Overdraft Facilities ⁽¹⁾	1,000	1,000
Total Financing Arrangements	1,000	1,000

1. The Bank overdraft facility may be drawn at any time and may be terminated by the bank without notice.
Interest rates on overdrafts are Interest Rates on Loans & Other Payables are disclosed in Note 15.

(ii) Secured Loan Liabilities

Loans are secured by a mortgage over future years Rate Revenue only.

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Note 12. Commitments for Expenditure

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
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(a) Capital Commitments (exclusive of GST)

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

Property, Plant & Equipment

Buildings	341	1,462
Plant & Equipment	583	1,536
Roads, Bridges & Drainage	480	772
Office Equipment	18	81
Land Development	9,666	3,272
Library Books	129	45
Furniture & Fittings	25	60
Other	215	138
Total Commitments	11,457	7,366

These expenditures are payable as follows:

Within the next year	11,457	7,366
Total Payable	11,457	7,366

Sources for Funding of Capital Commitments:

Unrestricted General Funds	11,457	7,366
Total Sources of Funding	11,457	7,366

(b) Finance Lease Commitments

Nil

(c) Operating Lease Commitments (Non Cancellable)

a. Commitments under Non Cancellable Operating Leases at the Reporting date, but not recognised as Liabilities are payable:

Within the next year	104	44
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	279	23
Later than 5 years	-	-
Total Non Cancellable Operating Lease Commitments	383	67

Conditions relating to Operating Leases:

- All Operating Lease Agreements are secured only against the Leased Asset.
- No Lease Agreements impose any financial restrictions on Council regarding future debt etc.

(d) Investment Property Commitments

Nil

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Note 13a(i). Statement of Performance Measurement - Indicators (Consolidated)

\$ '000	Amounts 2013	Indicator 2013	Prior Periods	
			2012	2011

Local Government Industry Indicators - Consolidated

1. Unrestricted Current Ratio

Current Assets less all External Restrictions ⁽¹⁾	162,544	4.40 : 1	4.26	5.23
Current Liabilities less Specific Purpose Liabilities ^(2,3)	36,909			

2. Debt Service Ratio

Debt Service Cost	-	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Income from Continuing Operations (excl. Capital Items & Specific Purpose Grants/Contributions)	226,295			

3. Rates & Annual Charges Coverage Ratio

Rates & Annual Charges	152,195	39.38%	42.11%	42.25%
Income from Continuing Operations	386,482			

4. Rates, Annual Charges, Interest & Extra Charges Outstanding Percentage

Rates, Annual & Extra Charges Outstanding	5,439	3.44%	3.32%	3.64%
Rates, Annual & Extra Charges Collectible	157,924			

4a. Rates Outstanding Percentage (recoverable)

Rates, Annual & Extra Charges Outstanding <i>minus</i> amounts not recoverable	2,830	1.82%	1.70%	2.12%
Gross Rates, Annual & Extra Charges Collectible	155,355			

5. Building & Infrastructure Renewals Ratio

Asset Renewals ⁽⁴⁾	16,776	38.11%	34.04%	33.00%
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	44,019			

Notes

⁽¹⁾ Refer Notes 6-8 inclusive.

Also excludes any Real Estate & Land for resale not expected to be sold in the next 12 months

⁽²⁾ Refer to Note 10(a).

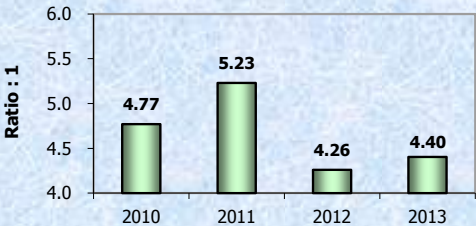
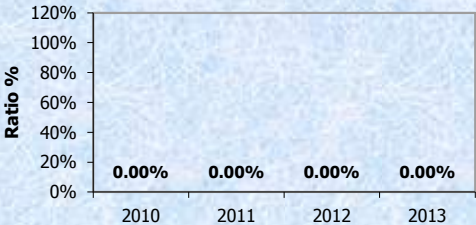
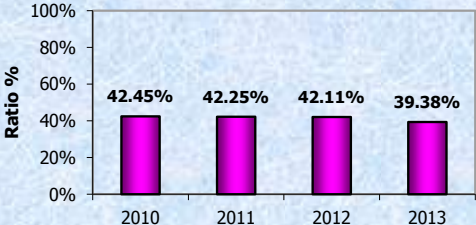
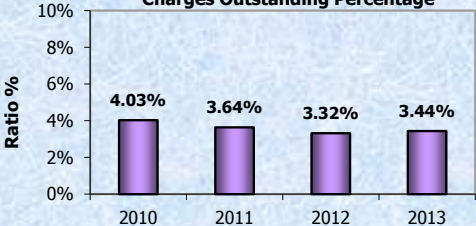
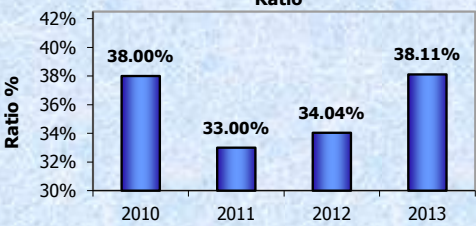
⁽³⁾ Refer to Note 10(a)(ii) - excludes all payables & provisions not expected to be paid in the next 12 months (incl. ELE).

⁽⁴⁾ Asset Renewals represent the replacement &/or refurbishment of existing assets to an equivalent capacity/performance as opposed to the acquisition of new assets (or the refurbishment of old assets) that increases capacity/performance. Asset Renewals include building and infrastructure assets only.

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Note 13a(ii). Local Government Industry Indicators - Graphs (Consolidated)

<p>1. Unrestricted Current Ratio</p>  <table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Ratio : 1</th></tr><tr><td>2010</td><td>4.77</td></tr><tr><td>2011</td><td>5.23</td></tr><tr><td>2012</td><td>4.26</td></tr><tr><td>2013</td><td>4.40</td></tr></table>	Year	Ratio : 1	2010	4.77	2011	5.23	2012	4.26	2013	4.40	<p>Purpose of Unrestricted Current Ratio</p> <p>To assess the adequacy of working capital and its ability to satisfy obligations in the short term for the unrestricted activities of Council.</p>	<p>Commentary on 2012/13 Result</p> <p>2012/13 Ratio 4.40 : 1</p> <p>A ratio of 4.40 indicates that Council has a very sound liquidity position meaning there are sufficient liquid assets on hand to meet current liabilities as they fall due. A ratio of less than 1.5:1 is deemed unsatisfactory as a council may be unable to meet its short term financial commitments.</p>
Year	Ratio : 1											
2010	4.77											
2011	5.23											
2012	4.26											
2013	4.40											
<p>2. Debt Service Ratio</p>  <table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Ratio %</th></tr><tr><td>2010</td><td>0.00%</td></tr><tr><td>2011</td><td>0.00%</td></tr><tr><td>2012</td><td>0.00%</td></tr><tr><td>2013</td><td>0.00%</td></tr></table>	Year	Ratio %	2010	0.00%	2011	0.00%	2012	0.00%	2013	0.00%	<p>Purpose of Debt Service Ratio</p> <p>To assess the impact of loan principal & interest repayments on the discretionary revenue of council.</p>	<p>Commentary on 2012/13 Result</p> <p>2012/13 Ratio 0.00%</p> <p>Council has a Debt Service Ratio of Zero and has been Debt free since 1999.</p>
Year	Ratio %											
2010	0.00%											
2011	0.00%											
2012	0.00%											
2013	0.00%											
<p>3. Rates & Annual Charges Coverage Ratio</p>  <table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Ratio %</th></tr><tr><td>2010</td><td>42.45%</td></tr><tr><td>2011</td><td>42.25%</td></tr><tr><td>2012</td><td>42.11%</td></tr><tr><td>2013</td><td>39.38%</td></tr></table>	Year	Ratio %	2010	42.45%	2011	42.25%	2012	42.11%	2013	39.38%	<p>Purpose of Rates & Annual Charges Coverage Ratio</p> <p>To assess the degree of Council's dependence upon revenue from rates and annual charges and to assess the security of Council's income.</p>	<p>Commentary on 2012/13 Result</p> <p>2012/13 Ratio 39.38%</p> <p>This ratio shows that Council's main source of income remain dependant on rates and annual charges. This ratio decreased slightly from 42.11% to 39.38%. This decrease is due to the rates and annual charges increasing from by 5.55% from \$144.2m to \$152.2m, which was less than the overall increase in revenue of 12.26% from \$342.5m to \$386.5m.</p>
Year	Ratio %											
2010	42.45%											
2011	42.25%											
2012	42.11%											
2013	39.38%											
<p>4. Rates, Annual Charges, Interest & Extra Charges Outstanding Percentage</p>  <table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Ratio %</th></tr><tr><td>2010</td><td>4.03%</td></tr><tr><td>2011</td><td>3.64%</td></tr><tr><td>2012</td><td>3.32%</td></tr><tr><td>2013</td><td>3.44%</td></tr></table>	Year	Ratio %	2010	4.03%	2011	3.64%	2012	3.32%	2013	3.44%	<p>Purpose of Rates & Annual Charges Outstanding Ratio</p> <p>To assess the impact of uncollected rates and annual charges on Council's liquidity and the adequacy of recovery efforts.</p>	<p>Commentary on 2012/13 Result</p> <p>2012/13 Ratio 3.44%</p> <p>This measure at 3.44% reflects that Council has been able to continue to maintain this ratio well below 5% as an industry benchmark.</p>
Year	Ratio %											
2010	4.03%											
2011	3.64%											
2012	3.32%											
2013	3.44%											
<p>5. Building & Infrastructure Renewals Ratio</p>  <table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Ratio %</th></tr><tr><td>2010</td><td>38.00%</td></tr><tr><td>2011</td><td>33.00%</td></tr><tr><td>2012</td><td>34.04%</td></tr><tr><td>2013</td><td>38.11%</td></tr></table>	Year	Ratio %	2010	38.00%	2011	33.00%	2012	34.04%	2013	38.11%	<p>Purpose of Asset Renewals Ratio</p> <p>To assess the rate at which these assets are being renewed relative to the rate at which they are depreciating.</p>	<p>Commentary on 2012/13 Result</p> <p>2012/13 Ratio 38.11%</p> <p>Council's Building & Infrastructure renewals ratio was 38.11%, which is an increase of 4.07% on the previous year. This ratio represents the expenditure outlays in the year the renewal of existing buildings & infrastructure assets as a percentage of the annual building & infrastructure depreciation expense.</p>
Year	Ratio %											
2010	38.00%											
2011	33.00%											
2012	34.04%											
2013	38.11%											

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Note 14. Investment Properties

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
(a) Investment Properties at Fair value			
Investment Properties on Hand		32,385	31,610
Reconciliation of Annual Movement:			
Opening Balance		31,610	31,900
- Capitalised Expenditure - this year		255	192
- Net Gain/(Loss) from Fair Value Adjustments		520	(482)
CLOSING BALANCE - INVESTMENT PROPERTIES		32,385	31,610

(b) Valuation Basis

The basis of valuation of Investment Properties is Fair Value, being the amounts for which the properties could be exchanged between willing parties in arms length transaction, based on current prices in an active market for similar properties in the same location and condition and subject to similar leases.

The 2013 revaluations were based on Independent Assessments made by:
Mr Dennis Rylaarsdam AAPI of Lunney Watt & Associates PTY Ltd

(c) Contractual Obligations at Reporting Date

Refer to Note 12 for disclosures relating to any Capital and Service obligations that have been contracted.

(d) Leasing Arrangements

Details of leased Investment Properties are as follows;

Future Minimum Lease Payments receivable under non-cancellable Investment Property Operating Leases not recognised in the Financial Statements are due:

Within 1 year	1,507	1,044
Later than 1 year but less than 5 years	1,947	2,070
Later than 5 years	100	-
Total Minimum Lease Payments Receivable	3,554	3,114

(e) Investment Property Income & Expenditure - summary

Rental Income from Investment Properties:		
- Minimum Lease Payments	1,098	1,098
- Other Income	157	165
Direct Operating Expenses on Investment Properties:		
- that generated rental income	(442)	(434)
Net Revenue Contribution from Investment Properties	813	829
plus:		
Fair Value Movement for year	520	(482)
Total Income attributable to Investment Properties	1,333	347

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Note 15. Financial Risk Management

\$ '000

Risk Management

Council's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks including **(1)** price risk, **(2)** credit risk, **(3)** liquidity risk and **(4)** interest rate risk.

The Council's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the Council.

Council does not engage in transactions expressed in foreign currencies and is therefore not subject to foreign currency risk.

Financial risk management is carried out by Council's Finance Section under policies approved by the Council.

A comparison by category of the carrying amounts and fair values of Council's Financial Assets & Financial Liabilities recognised in the financial statements is presented below.

	Carrying Value		Fair Value	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Financial Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	88,790	113,670	88,790	113,670
Investments				
- "Held to Maturity"	232,000	170,726	232,000	170,726
Receivables	30,745	22,755	30,745	22,755
Total Financial Assets	351,535	307,151	351,535	307,151
Financial Liabilities				
Payables	32,205	30,830	32,205	30,830
Total Financial Liabilities	32,205	30,830	32,205	30,830

Fair Value is determined as follows:

- **Cash & Cash Equivalents, Receivables, Payables** - are estimated to be the carrying value which approximates mkt value.
- **Borrowings & Held to Maturity Investments** - are based upon estimated future cash flows discounted by the current market interest rates applicable to assets & liabilities with similar risk profiles, unless quoted market prices are available.
- Financial Assets classified (i) **"at fair value through profit & loss"** or (ii) **Available for Sale** - are based upon quoted market prices (in active markets for identical investments) at the reporting date or independent valuation.

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Note 15. Financial Risk Management (continued)

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(a) Cash & Cash Equivalents, Financial assets 'at fair value through the profit & Loss' "Available-for-sale" financial assets & "Held-to-maturity" Investments

Council's objective is to maximise its return on cash & investments whilst maintaining an adequate level of liquidity and preserving capital.

Council's Finance area manages the Cash & Investments portfolio with the assistance of independent advisors.

Council has an Investment Policy which complies with the Local Government Act & Minister's Investment Order. This Policy is regularly reviewed by Council and it's staff and an Investment Report is tabled before Council on a monthly basis setting out the portfolio breakup and its performance.

The major risk associated with Investments is price risk - the risk that the capital value of Investments may fluctuate due to changes in market prices, whether these changes are caused by factors specific to individual financial instruments or their issuers or are caused by factors affecting similar instruments traded in a market.

Cash & Investments are also subject to interest rate risk - the risk that movements in interest rates could affect returns and income.

A further risk associated with Cash & Investments is credit risk - the risk that the investment counterparty will not complete their obligations particular to a financial instrument, resulting in a financial loss to Council - be it of a capital or income nature.

Council manages these risks (amongst other measures) by diversifying its portfolio and only purchasing investments with high credit ratings or capital guarantees.

Council also seeks advice from independent advisers before placing any funds in Cash Equivalents & Investments.

The following represents a summary of the sensitivity of Council's Income Statement and Accumulated Surplus (for the reporting period) due to a change in either the price of a financial asset or the interest rates applicable.

It is assumed that the change in interest rates would have been constant throughout the reporting period.

	Increase of Values/Rates		Decrease of Values/Rates	
	Profit	Equity	Profit	Equity
2013				
Possible impact of a 1% movement in Interest Rates	3,208	3,208	3,208	3,208
2012				
Possible impact of a 1% movement in Interest Rates	2,844	2,844	2,844	2,844

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Note 15. Financial Risk Management (continued)

\$ '000

(b) Receivables

Council's major receivables comprise (i) Rates & Annual charges and (ii) User Charges & Fees.

The major risk associated with these receivables is credit risk - the risk that debts due and payable to Council may not be repaid in full.

Council manages this risk by monitoring outstanding debt and employing stringent debt recovery procedures. It also encourages ratepayers to pay their rates by the due date through incentives.

Credit risk on rates and annual charges is minimised by the ability of Council to secure a charge over the land relating to the debts - that is, the land can be sold to recover the debt. Council is also able to charge interest on overdue rates & annual charges at higher than market rates which further encourages the payment of debt.

There are no significant concentrations of credit risk, whether through exposure to individual customers, specific industry sectors and/or regions.

The level of outstanding receivables is reported to Council monthly and benchmarks are set and monitored for acceptable collection performance.

Council makes suitable provision for doubtful receivables as required and carries out credit checks on most non-rate debtors.

There are no material receivables that have been subjected to a re-negotiation of repayment terms.

A profile of Council's receivables credit risk at balance date follows:

	2013	2013	2012	2012
	Rates & Annual Charges	Other Receivables	Rates & Annual Charges	Other Receivables
(i) Ageing of Receivables				
Current (not yet overdue)	-	23,533	-	15,955
Overdue	5,389	2,730	4,841	3,041
	5,389	26,263	4,841	18,996
(ii) Movement in Provision for Impairment of Receivables			2013	2012
Balance at the beginning of the year			1,082	564
+ new provisions recognised during the year			253	553
- amounts already provided for & written off this year			(428)	(35)
Balance at the end of the year			907	1,082

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Note 15. Financial Risk Management (continued)

\$ '000

(c) Payables & Borrowings

Payables & Borrowings are both subject to liquidity risk - the risk that insufficient funds may be on hand to meet payment obligations as and when they fall due.

Council manages this risk by monitoring its cash flow requirements and liquidity levels and maintaining an adequate cash buffer.

Payment terms can (in extenuating circumstances) also be extended & overdraft facilities utilised as required.

The contractual undiscounted cash outflows (ie. principal and interest) of Council's Payables & Borrowings are set out in the Liquidity Table below:

\$ '000	Subject to no maturity	payable in:						Total Cash Outflows	Actual Carrying Values
		≤ 1 Year	1-2 Yrs	2-3 Yrs	3-4 Yrs	4-5 Yrs	> 5 Yrs		
2013									
Trade/Other Payables	13,245	18,960	-	-	-	-	-	32,205	32,205
Total Financial Liabilities	13,245	18,960	-	-	-	-	-	32,205	32,205
2012									
Trade/Other Payables	13,076	17,754	-	-	-	-	-	30,830	30,830
Total Financial Liabilities	13,076	17,754	-	-	-	-	-	30,830	30,830

Borrowings are also subject to interest rate risk - the risk that movements in interest rates could adversely affect funding costs & debt servicing requirements. Council manages this risk through the diversification of borrowing types, maturities & interest rate structures.

The following interest rates were applicable to Council's Borrowings at balance date:

	2013		2012	
	Carrying Value	Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value	Average Interest Rate
Trade/Other Payables	32,205	0.0%	30,830	0.0%
	<u>32,205</u>		<u>30,830</u>	

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Note 16. Material Budget Variations

\$ '000

Council's Original Financial Budget for 12/13 was adopted by the Council on 27 June 2013.

While the Income Statement included in this General Purpose Financial Report must disclose the Original Budget adopted by Council, the Local Government Act requires Council to review its Financial Budget on a Quarterly Basis, so that it is able to manage the various variations between actuals versus budget that invariably occur throughout the year.

This Note sets out the details of MATERIAL VARIATIONS between Council's Original Budget and its Actual results for the year as per the Income Statement - even though such variations may have been adjusted for during each Quarterly Budget Review.

Note that for Variations* of Budget to Actual :

Material Variations represent those variances that amount to **10%** or more of the original budgeted figure.

F = Favourable Budget Variation, **U** = Unfavourable Budget Variation

\$ '000	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2013 Variance*	
REVENUES				
Rates & Annual Charges	151,405	152,195	790	1% F
User Charges & Fees	19,528	21,940	2,412	12% F
This favourable variance is due to Council's income for swimming pools exceeding budget as a result of increased popularity of Aquatic centres in particular programs such as Learn to Swim have been well attended during the financial year. Additional income associated with Development Application fees, Engineering compliance and construction certificates has been received when compared to the 2012/13 original budget.				
Interest & Investment Revenue	11,600	14,550	2,950	25% F
The increase interest and investment revenue was largely due to Council's investment portfolio remaining larger than anticipated along with higher interest rates being earned on Council's investments than anticipated when 2012/13 budget was originally adopted.				
Other Revenues	11,426	13,871	2,445	21% F
This favourable result is due to increased income being received for Reinstatement of Roads & Footpaths when compared to the budget. This increase was due to higher than expected Reinstatement works conducted on Council's Roads & Footpaths during 2012/13.				
Additionally, Council recognised an increase in the fair value of Council's investment properties through the income statement. In complying with relevant Accounting Standards, Council is required to recognise all investment properties, which are those properties which are held for either the purpose of capital appreciation or generating rental income at their fair values. The fair values, which are essentially their current market value, for all Council owned properties are provided by an independent, registered valuer. For 2012/13 financial year the total fair value of all investment properties was \$32.4 Million. Council was required to record as income through the income statement this increase in fair value of \$520,000.				

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Note 16. Material Budget Variations (continued)

\$ '000	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2013 Variance*	
REVENUES (continued)				
Operating Grants & Contributions	34,286	36,650	2,364	7% F
Capital Grants & Contributions	53,541	144,095	90,554	169% F
<p>This favourable variance was predominately due to Council receiving \$35 Million from the NSW State Government's Housing Accelerated Fund (HAF) reported as S94 contributions. The HAF was established to assist NSW Councils in funding the gap between what developers pay in Section 94 contributions and what Council requires to fund essential infrastructure listed in Section 94 Contribution Plans. The HAF is administered by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure and the NSW Treasury. At the time of preparing the original budget it was not known that this funding was available.</p> <p>In addition a number of non cash land and infrastructure assets were dedicated to Council during the year in lieu of payments of subdividor contributions, which was higher than anticipated when compared to the original budget.</p>				
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	2,000	2,313	313	16% F
<p>This favourable variance is related to the sale of Lot 1 in DP 882329, Lot 1 in DP 651335 and Part Lot 11 in DP 1164558, Corner of Schofields and Windsor Roads, Rouse Hill to Transport NSW who compulsory acquired the land for the North West Rail Link. At the time of preparing the original budget this land was not included.</p>				
Share of Net Profits - Joint Ventures & Associates	-	868	868	0% F
<p>This was a result of Council's profit share in Westpool. Westpool is an entity set up as a joint venture with a number of other Council's for self insurance purposes. It is difficult to estimate the number of claims that would be incurred in any given year, and therefore the size of the surplus/ deficit for this joint venture. As such, Council, has not included a profit or loss from interests in Joint Ventures in the original budget.</p>				
EXPENSES				
Employee Benefits & On-Costs	108,405	104,857	3,548	3% F
Materials & Contracts	35,463	37,070	(1,607)	(5%) U
Depreciation & Amortisation	54,000	54,684	(684)	(1%) U
Other Expenses	47,900	53,559	(5,659)	(12%) U
<p>This unfavourable variance was predominately due to an increase in tipping charges for Domestic Waste resulting from increased processing costs at the Eastern creek waste disposal facility. Council has an existing agreement for the disposal of its domestic waste at the Alternative Waste Treatment facility at Eastern Creek. This facility is one of two Alternative Waste Technology Facilities currently in Sydney, which allows waste to be diverted from landfill which provides superior financial and environmental outcomes. At the time of preparing the 2012/13 original 2012/13 budget the increased costs per tonne were not known and therefore not included.</p>				

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Note 16. Material Budget Variations (continued)

\$ '000	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2013 ----- Variance* -----	
Budget Variations relating to Council's Cash Flow Statement include:				
Cash Flows from Operating Activities	89,289	92,953	3,664	4.1% F
This favourable variance was predominately due to Council receiving \$35 Million from the NSW State Government's Housing Accelerated Fund (HAF) reported as S94 contributions. The HAF was established to assist NSW Councils in funding the gap between what developers pay in Section 94 contributions and what Council requires to fund essential infrastructure listed in Section 94 Contribution Plans. The HAF is administered by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure and the NSW Treasury. At the time of preparing the 12/13 original budget this funding amount was not known therefore not included.				
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	(56,252)	(117,833)	(61,581)	109.5% U
This is mainly a result of major capital projects that were revoted from the prior year. Some of the major projects include: Construction of Redevelopment of Blacktown Showground on Richmond Road at Blacktown and the completion of Knoxs Road Railway over bridge at Doonside.				
Cash Flows from Financing Activities	-	-	-	0.0% F

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Note 17. Statement of Developer Contributions

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Council recovers contributions, raises levies & enters into planning agreements on development works that are subject to a development consent issued by Council. All contributions must be spent/utilised for the specific purpose they were levied and any interest applicable to unspent funds must be attributed to remaining funds. The following tables detail the receipt, interest and use of the above contributions & levies and the value of all remaining funds which are "restricted" in their future use.

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS & LEVIES

PURPOSE	Opening Balance	Contributions received during the Year		Interest earned in Year	Expenditure during Year	Internal Borrowing (to)/from	Held as Restricted Asset	Projections			Cumulative Internal Borrowings due/(payable)
		Cash	Non Cash					Future income	Exp still outstanding	Over or (under) Funding	
Drainage	5,288	12,567	289	537	(4,303)	4	14,382	564,589	(584,211)	(5,240)	(804)
Roads	10,947	12,856	-	685	(74)	-	24,414	220,330	(229,999)	14,745	2,700
Traffic Facilities	494	-	-	17	(1)	-	510	8,780	(10,038)	(748)	-
Tree Planting	1,028	27	-	89	(133)	-	1,011	-	(1,130)	(119)	-
Parking	279	-	-	9	(1)	-	287	-	(317)	(30)	-
Open Space	15,513	24,064	10,664	2,982	(6,078)	-	47,145	401,720	(467,740)	(18,875)	(1,900)
Community Facilities	16,612	1,078	-	524	(1,352)	-	16,862	11,490	(19,614)	8,738	-
Overbridges	771	34	-	22	(1)	-	826	390	-	1,216	-
Streetscapes	278	-	-	10	(1)	-	287	4,045	(4,690)	(358)	-
E2 Conservation	72	1,333	-	5	(374)	(4)	1,032	12,503	(13,535)	-	4
S94 Contributions - under a Plan	51,282	51,959	10,953	4,880	(12,318)	-	106,756	1,223,847	(1,331,274)	(671)	-
Total S94 Revenue Under Plans	51,282	51,959	10,953	4,880	(12,318)	-	106,756				-
S94 not under Plans	386	-	-	12	-	-	398	-	(398)	-	-
Total Section 94	51,668	51,959	10,953	4,892	(12,318)	-	107,154				
Voluntary Planning Agreements - Second Ponds Creek	39,500	-	-	-	-	-	39,500				
Voluntary Planning Agreements	257	-	3,972	28	(3,972)	-	285				
Total Contributions	91,425	51,959	14,925	4,920	(16,290)	-	146,939	1,223,847	(1,331,672)	(671)	-

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Note 17. Statement of Developer Contributions (continued)

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It should be noted that of the \$94 Million in unspent S94 funds held as restricted assets as at 30th June 2013, land acquisitions and works totalling \$13.5 million had been approved and voted by Council under the following Contribution plan:

		\$'000
Contribution Plan No. 1 -	1980's Release Areas	6,423
Contribution Plan No. 2 -	Local Roadworks	-
Contribution Plan No. 3 -	Open Space in Established Residential Areas	1,415
Contribution Plan No. 4 -	Mount Druitt Redevelopment Areas	-
Contribution Plan No. 5 -	Parklea Release Area	5,577
Contribution Plan No. 6 -	Woodcroft	-
Contribution Plan No. 7 -	Car Parking in the Blacktown City Centre	-
Contribution Plan No. 10 -	Tree Planning on Nature Strips	25
Contribution Plan No. 11 -	Sec. 94 under Plans	-
Contribution Plan No. 12 -	Local Drainage Charlotte Road, Rooty Hill	-
Contribution Plan No. 13 -	New Tribes Mission Site - Open Space	-
Contribution Plan No. 15 -	Metella Road Floodplain	-
Contribution Plan No. 20 -	Riverstone & Alex Avenue Precinct	42
Contribution Plan No. 21 -	Marsden Park Industrial Precinct	-
Contribution Plan No. 22 -	Area 20 Precinct	-
Contribution Plan No. 23 -	Riverstone West Precinct	-
All Contribution Plans -	Administration Charges	-
		13,482

Reconciliation of Note 6 (C) Developer contributions cash reserve to Note 17 Section 94 closing balance.

Note 17 Developer Contributions recognised as a restricted asset	\$'000
Less: Note 7 Restricted Receivables	\$107,154
	(14,472)

Total - S94 Developer Contributions restricted cash assets Note 6 (C)

\$92,682

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Note 17. Statement of Developer Contributions (continued)

\$ '000

S94 CONTRIBUTIONS - UNDER A PLAN

CONTRIBUTION PLAN NUMBER 1 - 1980's Release Area

PURPOSE	Opening Balance	Contributions received during the Year		Interest earned in Year	Expenditure during Year	Internal Borrowing (to)/from	Held as Restricted Asset	Projections			Cumulative Internal Borrowings due/(payable)
		Cash	Non Cash					Future income	Exp still outstanding	Over or (under) Funding	
Drainage	(2,473)	663	289	193	(877)	-	(2,205)	12,937	(23,765)	(13,033)	-
Roads	(69)	219	-	24	(2)	-	172	4,805	(4,363)	614	-
Open Space	3,544	914	-	270	(572)	-	4,156	7,127	(15,381)	(4,098)	-
Community Facilities	9,634	330	-	272	(117)	-	10,119	2,333	(3,297)	9,155	-
Overbridges	771	34	-	22	(1)	-	826	390	-	1,216	-
Total	11,407	2,160	289	781	(1,569)	-	13,068	27,592	(46,806)	(6,146)	-

CONTRIBUTION PLAN NUMBER 2 - Local Roadworks

PURPOSE	Opening Balance	Contributions received during the Year		Interest earned in Year	Expenditure during Year	Internal Borrowing (to)/from	Held as Restricted Asset	Projections			Cumulative Internal Borrowings due/(payable)
		Cash	Non Cash					Future income	Exp still outstanding	Over or (under) Funding	
Roads	408	309	-	124	(9)	-	832	3,021	(1,801)	2,052	-
Total	408	309	-	124	(9)	-	832	3,021	(1,801)	2,052	-

CONTRIBUTION PLAN NUMBER 3 - Open Space in Established Areas

PURPOSE	Opening Balance	Contributions received during the Year		Interest earned in Year	Expenditure during Year	Internal Borrowing (to)/from	Held as Restricted Asset	Projections			Cumulative Internal Borrowings due/(payable)
		Cash	Non Cash					Future income	Exp still outstanding	Over or (under) Funding	
Open Space	779	2,494	-	159	(2,885)	-	547	3,129	(15,549)	(11,873)	-
Total	779	2,494	-	159	(2,885)	-	547	3,129	(15,549)	(11,873)	-

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Note 17. Statement of Developer Contributions (continued)

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S94 CONTRIBUTIONS - UNDER A PLAN

CONTRIBUTION PLAN NUMBER 4 - Mount Druitt Development Area

PURPOSE	Opening Balance	Contributions received during the Year		Interest earned in Year	Expenditure during Year	Internal Borrowing (to)/from	Held as Restricted Asset	Projections			Cumulative Internal Borrowings due/(payable)
		Cash	Non Cash					Future income	Exp still outstanding	Over or (under) Funding	
Drainage Roads	5,516 (2,270)	124	-	108	(7)	-	5,741 (2,270)	424 550	- (41)	6,165 (1,761)	- -
Total	3,246	124	-	108	(7)	-	3,471	974	(41)	4,404	-

CONTRIBUTION PLAN NUMBER 5 - Parklea Release Area

PURPOSE	Opening Balance	Contributions received during the Year		Interest earned in Year	Expenditure during Year	Internal Borrowing (to)/from	Held as Restricted Asset	Projections			Cumulative Internal Borrowings due/(payable)
		Cash	Non Cash					Future income	Exp still outstanding	Over or (under) Funding	
Drainage Roads	1,675 12,296	407 741	-	128 479	(9) (32)	-	2,201 13,484	853 1,716	(1,508) (1,078)	1,546 14,122	- 2,700
Open Space Community Facilities	10,728 6,647	2,478 748	10,664	2,469 241	(2,574) (1,234)	-	23,765 6,402	10,721 1,515	(37,312) (7,995)	(2,826) (78)	- -
Total	31,346	4,374	10,664	3,317	(3,849)	-	45,852	14,805	(47,893)	12,764	2,700

CONTRIBUTION PLAN NUMBER 6 - Woodcroft

PURPOSE	Opening Balance	Contributions received during the Year		Interest earned in Year	Expenditure during Year	Internal Borrowing (to)/from	Held as Restricted Asset	Projections			Cumulative Internal Borrowings due/(payable)
		Cash	Non Cash					Future income	Exp still outstanding	Over or (under) Funding	
Drainage	196	-	-	6	-	-	202	-	-	202	-
Open Space	217	-	-	6	-	-	223	-	-	223	-
Community Facilities	78	-	-	2	-	-	80	-	-	80	-
Total	491	-	-	14	-	-	505	-	-	505	-

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Note 17. Statement of Developer Contributions (continued)

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S94 CONTRIBUTIONS - UNDER A PLAN

CONTRIBUTION PLAN NUMBER 7 - Car Parking in the Blacktown City Centre

PURPOSE	Opening Balance	Contributions received during the Year		Interest earned in Year	Expenditure during Year	Internal Borrowing (to)/from	Held as Restricted Asset	Projections			Cumulative Internal Borrowings due/(payable)
		Cash	Non Cash					Future income	Exp still outstanding	Over or (under) Funding	
Parking	279	-	-	9	(1)	-	287	-	(317)	(30)	-
Total	279	-	-	9	(1)	-	287	-	(317)	(30)	-

CONTRIBUTION PLAN NUMBER 10 - Tree Planting on Nature Strips

PURPOSE	Opening Balance	Contributions received during the Year		Interest earned in Year	Expenditure during Year	Internal Borrowing (to)/from	Held as Restricted Asset	Projections			Cumulative Internal Borrowings due/(payable)
		Cash	Non Cash					Future income	Exp still outstanding	Over or (under) Funding	
Tree Planting	1,028	27	-	89	(133)	-	1,011	-	(1,130)	(119)	-
Total	1,028	27	-	89	(133)	-	1,011	-	(1,130)	(119)	-

CONTRIBUTION PLAN NUMBER 13 - New Tribes Mission Site (Open Space)

PURPOSE	Opening Balance	Contributions received during the Year		Interest earned in Year	Expenditure during Year	Internal Borrowing (to)/from	Held as Restricted Asset	Projections			Cumulative Internal Borrowings due/(payable)
		Cash	Non Cash					Future income	Exp still outstanding	Over or (under) Funding	
Open Space	41	-	-	1	-	-	42	-	-	42	-
Total	41	-	-	1	-	-	42	-	-	42	-

CONTRIBUTION PLAN NUMBER 15 - Metella Road Floodplain

PURPOSE	Opening Balance	Contributions received during the Year		Interest earned in Year	Expenditure during Year	Internal Borrowing (to)/from	Held as Restricted Asset	Projections			Cumulative Internal Borrowings due/(payable)
		Cash	Non Cash					Future income	Exp still outstanding	Over or (under) Funding	
Drainage	366	110	-	22	(439)	-	59	1,419	(1,598)	(120)	-
Total	366	110	-	22	(439)	-	59	1,419	(1,598)	(120)	-

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Note 17. Statement of Developer Contributions (continued)

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S94 CONTRIBUTIONS - UNDER A PLAN

CONTRIBUTION PLAN NUMBER 16 - Blacktown CBD (Northern Precinct)

PURPOSE	Opening Balance	Contributions received during the Year		Interest earned in Year	Expenditure during Year	Internal Borrowing (to)/from	Held as Restricted Asset	Projections			Cumulative Internal Borrowings due/(payable)
		Cash	Non Cash					Future income	Exp still outstanding	Over or (under) Funding	
Roads	399	-	-	14	(1)	-	412	2,941	(3,635)	(282)	-
Traffic Facilities	494	-	-	17	(1)	-	510	8,524	(9,762)	(728)	-
Streetscapes	278	-	-	10	(1)	-	287	4,045	(4,690)	(358)	-
Open Space	194	-	-	7	-	-	201	3,920	(4,464)	(343)	-
Community Facilities	253	-	-	9	(1)	-	261	4,889	(5,569)	(419)	-
Total	1,618	-	-	57	(4)	-	1,671	24,319	(28,120)	(2,130)	-

CONTRIBUTION PLAN NUMBER 17 - Quakers Hill Commercial Precinct

PURPOSE	Opening Balance	Contributions received during the Year		Interest earned in Year	Expenditure during Year	Internal Borrowing (to)/from	Held as Restricted Asset	Projections			Cumulative Internal Borrowings due/(payable)
		Cash	Non Cash					Future income	Exp still outstanding	Over or (under) Funding	
Traffic Facilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	256	(276)	(20)	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	256	(276)	(20)	-

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Note 17. Statement of Developer Contributions (continued)

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S94 CONTRIBUTIONS - UNDER A PLAN

CONTRIBUTION PLAN NUMBER 20 - Riverstone & Alex Avenue Precincts

PURPOSE	Opening Balance	Contributions received during the Year		Interest earned in Year	Expenditure during Year	Internal Borrowing (to)/from	Held as Restricted Asset	Projections			Cumulative Internal Borrowings due/(payable)
		Cash	Non Cash					Future income	Exp still outstanding	Over or (under) Funding	
Drainage	8	11,263	-	80	(2,967)	-	8,384	383,228	(391,612)	-	(800)
Roads	183	11,587	-	44	(30)	-	11,784	104,444	(116,228)	-	-
Open Space	10	18,178	-	70	(47)	-	18,211	167,002	(185,213)	-	(1,900)
E2 Conservation	72	1,333	-	5	(374)	(4)	1,032	9,848	(10,880)	-	4
Total	273	42,361	-	199	(3,418)	(4)	39,411	664,522	(703,933)	-	(2,696)

* Please note the following in relation to the Over or (Under) Funding Projections for CP20

- Projected future contributions are subject to further arrangements with the State Government in regard to funding above the \$30,000 per lot S94E Cap.
- Total estimated developer contribution income is \$465 Million based on 15,500 lots capped at \$30,000 per lot, meaning the funding shortfall is \$239 Million
- However the projected cost of works shown above, does not include "non-essential infrastructure", as defined by the Department of Planning & Infrastructure which totals \$38 Million.

CONTRIBUTION PLAN NUMBER 21 - Marsden Park Industrial Precinct

PURPOSE	Opening Balance	Contributions received during the Year		Interest earned in Year	Expenditure during Year	Internal Borrowing (to)/from	Held as Restricted Asset	Projections			Cumulative Internal Borrowings due/(payable)
		Cash	Non Cash					Future income	Exp still outstanding	Over or (under) Funding	
Drainage	-	-	-	-	(4)	4	-	124,906	(124,906)	-	(4)
Roads	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38,116	(38,116)	-	-
Open Space	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	164,659	(164,659)	-	-
Community Facilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,404	(2,404)	-	-
E2 Conservation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	939	(939)	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	(4)	4	-	331,024	(331,024)	-	(4)

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Note 17. Statement of Developer Contributions (continued)

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S94 CONTRIBUTIONS - UNDER A PLAN

CONTRIBUTION PLAN NUMBER 22 - Area 20 Precinct

PURPOSE	Opening Balance	Contributions received during the Year		Interest earned in Year	Expenditure during Year	Internal Borrowing (to)/from	Held as Restricted Asset	Projections			Cumulative Internal Borrowings due/(payable)
		Cash	Non Cash					Future income	Exp still outstanding	Over or (under) Funding	
Drainage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,028	(25,028)	-	-
Roads	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,973	(19,973)	-	-
Open Space	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45,162	(45,162)	-	-
Community Facilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	349	(349)	-	-
E2 Conservation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,716	(1,716)	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	92,228	(92,228)	-	-

CONTRIBUTION PLAN NUMBER 23 - Riverstone West Precinct

PURPOSE	Opening Balance	Contributions received during the Year		Interest earned in Year	Expenditure during Year	Internal Borrowing (to)/from	Held as Restricted Asset	Projections			Cumulative Internal Borrowings due/(payable)
		Cash	Non Cash					Future income	Exp still outstanding	Over or (under) Funding	
Drainage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,794	(15,794)	-	-
Roads	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44,764	(44,764)	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60,558	(60,558)	-	-

S94 CONTRIBUTIONS - NOT UNDER A PLAN

PURPOSE	Opening Balance	Contributions received during the Year		Interest earned in Year	Expenditure during Year	Internal Borrowing (to)/from	Held as Restricted Asset	Projections			Cumulative Internal Borrowings due/(payable)
		Cash	Non Cash					Future income	Exp still outstanding	Over or (under) Funding	
Roads	386	-	-	12	-	-	398	-	(398)	-	-
Total	386	-	-	12	-	-	398	-	(398)	-	-

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Note 18. Contingencies & Other Assets/Liabilities Not Recognised

\$ '000

The following assets and liabilities do not qualify for recognition in the Statement of Financial Position, but their knowledge & disclosure is considered relevant to the users of Council's Financial Report.

LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED:

1. Guarantees

(i) Defined Benefit Superannuation Contribution Plans

Council participates in an employer sponsored Defined Benefit Superannuation Scheme, and makes contributions as determined by the Superannuation Scheme's Trustees.

Member Councils bear responsibility of ensuring there are sufficient funds available to pay out the required benefits as they fall due.

The scheme administrators have advised Council's estimated share of the deficit is \$6.3 Million as at 30 June 2013. However, they may call Council to make an immediate payment sufficient to offset this deficit at any time. As the scheme is a mutual arrangement where assets and liabilities are pooled together for all member councils, the amount of such a payment is not able to be reliably quantified.

Future contributions made to the defined benefit scheme to rectify the net deficit position will be recognised as an expense when they become payable - similar to the accounting for Defined Contributions Plans.

(iv) Other Guarantees

Council has provided no other Guarantees other than those listed above.

2. Other Liabilities

(i) Third Party Claims

The Council is involved from time to time in various claims incidental to the ordinary course of business including claims for damages relating to its services.

Council believes that it is appropriately covered for all claims through its Insurance Coverage and does not expect any material liabilities to eventuate.

(ii) S94 Plans

Council levies Section 94/94A Contributions upon various development across the Council area through the required Contributions Plans.

As part of these Plans, Council has received funds for which it will be required to expend the monies in accordance with those Plans.

As well, these Plans indicate proposed future expenditure to be undertaken by Council, which will be funded by making levies and receipting funds in future years or where a shortfall exists by the use of Council's General Funds.

These future expenses do not yet qualify as liabilities as of the Reporting Date, but represent Councils intention to spend funds in the manner and timing set out in those Plans.

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Note 18. Contingencies & Other Assets/Liabilities Not Recognised (continued)

\$ '000

LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED (continued):

2. Other Liabilities (continued)

(iii) Potential Land Acquisitions due to Planning Restrictions imposed by Council

Council has classified a number of privately owned land parcels as Local Open Space or Bushland.

As a result, where notified in writing by the various owners, Council will be required to purchase these land parcels.

At reporting date, reliable estimates as to the value of any potential liability (& subsequent land asset) from such potential acquisitions has not been possible.

(iv) Workers Compensation Insurance - Bank Guarantee

Since 1 September 1991, Council has been self insured for workers compensation. A condition of being approved to hold a self insurance licence is that Council must either lodge a security deposit with the Workcover Authority or provide a bank guarantee to secure total outstanding claims liabilities.

Workercover has determined Council's bank guarantee to be \$5.587 Million for the 2013/14 financial year upon reviewing the report from Council's actuary. The security amount is in line with the media release announced by the Minister for Finance and Services, the Hon Greg Pearce on 24 August 2012 that Government-owned entities, local government and public university self -insurers will be eligible for a release in security, with potentially further increases over the next two years.

The bank guarantee for the 2012/13 financial year is currently \$6.261 million.

Council has supported this bank guarantee with an internally restricted investment with a value of \$5.9 Million as at 30 June 2013.

(v) Waste Management Activities

Council may in the future need to undertake rehabilitation of Council's landfill and disposal sites. Accordingly the rehabilitation is considered as a potential contingent liability in relation to possible future remediation costs which at this stage cannot be determined.

(vi) Open Space Recreation Facilities

Depending upon the outcome of future investigations into Council's various parks and reserves, it is possible that future remediation may be required at some locations. Neither the scope or actual cost of such remediation works is certain at this stage.

In relation to an area of land which Council has leased for a number of years from Sydney Water at Prospect, it has been identified that remediation work will be required in the future.

Again neither the scope or actual cost of the works required is certain at this stage.

ASSETS NOT RECOGNISED:

(i) Land Under Roads

As permitted under AASB 1051, Council has elected not to bring to account Land Under Roads that it owned or controlled up to & including 30/6/08.

(ii) Infringement Notices/Fines

Fines & Penalty Income, the result of Council issuing Infringement Notices is followed up and collected by the Infringement Processing Bureau.

Councils Revenue Recognition policy for such income is to account for it as revenue on receipt.

Accordingly, at Year End, there is a potential asset due to Council representing issued but unpaid Infringement Notices.

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Note 18. Contingencies & Other Assets/Liabilities Not Recognised (continued)

\$ '000

ASSETS NOT RECOGNISED (continued):

(ii) Infringement Notices/Fines (continued):

Due to the limited information available on the status, value and duration of outstanding Notices, Council is unable to determine the value of outstanding income.

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Note 19. Controlled Entities, Associated Entities & Interests in Joint Ventures

\$ '000

Council's objectives can and in some cases are best met through the use of separate entities & operations.

These operations and entities range from 100% ownership and control through to lower levels of ownership and control via co-operative arrangements with other Councils, Bodies and other Outside Organisations.

The accounting and reporting for these various entities, operations and arrangements varies in accordance with accounting standards, depending on the level of Councils (i) interest and (ii) control and the type (form) of entity/operation, as follows;

Subsidiaries

Note 19(a)

Operational Arrangements where Councils Control (but not necessarily Interest) exceeds 50%

Associated Entities & Joint Venture Entities

Note 19(b) (i) & (ii)

Arrangements in the form of a Separate Entity that deploys the resources of the operation itself. Under Associated Entities, Council significantly influences the operations (but does not control them, whilst for JV Entities, Council Jointly Controls the Operations with other parties.

Joint Venture Operations

Note 19(c)

Arrangements that do not comprise an actual individual entity which can deploy the resources of the individual participants. Under JV Operations, Council Jointly Controls the operations with the Other Parties involved.

Subsidiaries, Associated Entities and Joint Ventures Not Recognised

Note 19(d)

Accounting Recognition:

(i) Subsidiaries disclosed under Note 19(a), and Joint Venture Operations disclosed at Note 19(c), are accounted for on a Line by Line Consolidation basis within the Income Statement and Statement of Financial Position.

(ii) Associated Entities and Joint Venture Entities as per Notes 19(b)(i) & (ii) are accounted for using the Equity Accounting Method - and are disclosed as a 1 line entry in both the Income Statement and Statement of Financial Position.

	Council's Share of Net Income		Council's Share of Net Assets	
	Actual 2013	Actual 2012	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
Associated Entities	-	-	-	-
Joint Venture Entities	868	543	5,406	4,538
Total	868	543	5,406	4,538

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

Note 19. Controlled Entities, Associated Entities & Interests in Joint Ventures (continued)

\$ '000

(a) Subsidiaries (ie. Entities & Operations controlled by Council)

Council has no interest in any Subsidiaries.

(b) Associated Entities & Joint Venture Entities

(i) ASSOCIATED ENTITIES

Council has no interest in any Associated Entities.

(ii) JOINT VENTURE ENTITIES

(a) Carrying Amounts

Name of Entity	Principal Activity	2013	2012
Westpool & United Independent Pools	Self Insurance	5,406	4,538
Total Carrying Amounts - Joint Venture Entities		5,406	4,538

(b) Relevant Interests

Name of Entity	Interest in Outputs		Interest in Ownership		Proportion of Voting Power	
	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012
Westpool & United Independent Pools	19%	19%	19%	19%	11%	11%

(c) Movement in Carrying Amounts

	Westpool & United Independent Pools	
	2013	2012
Opening Balance	4,538	3,995
Share in Operating Result	868	543
Council's Equity Share in the Joint Venture Entity	5,406	4,538

(d) Share of Joint Ventures Assets & Liabilities

	Assets		Liabilities		Net Assets
	Current	Non Current	Current	Non Current	
2013					
Westpool & United Independent Pools	10,174	5	734	4,039	5,406
Totals	10,174	5	734	4,039	5,406
2012					
Westpool & United Independent Pools	8,534	6	655	3,347	4,538
Totals	8,534	6	655	3,347	4,538

(e) Share of Joint Ventures Revenues, Expenses & Results

	2013			2012		
	Revenues	Expenses	Result	Revenues	Expenses	Result
Westpool & United Independent Pools	2,238	1,370	868	2,535	1,992	543
Totals	2,238	1,370	868	2,535	1,992	543

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

Note 20. Equity - Retained Earnings and Revaluation Reserves

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
(a) Retained Earnings			
Movements in Retained Earnings were as follows:			
Balance at beginning of Year (from previous years audited accounts)		2,320,331	2,225,403
a. Correction of Prior Period Errors	20 (c)	54,585	(3,930)
b. Net Operating Result for the Year		136,312	98,858
Balance at End of the Reporting Period		<u>2,511,228</u>	<u>2,320,331</u>
(b) Reserves			
(i) Reserves are represented by:			
- Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment Revaluation Reserve		485,206	382,570
Total		<u>485,206</u>	<u>382,570</u>
(ii) Reconciliation of movements in Reserves:			
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment Revaluation Reserve			
- Opening Balance		382,570	382,570
- Revaluations for the year	9(a)	102,636	-
- Balance at End of Year		<u>485,206</u>	<u>382,570</u>
TOTAL VALUE OF RESERVES		<u>485,206</u>	<u>382,570</u>
(iii) Nature & Purpose of Reserves			
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment Revaluation Reserve			
- The Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment Revaluation Reserve is used to record increments/decrements of Non Current Asset values due to their revaluation.			

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

Note 20. Equity - Retained Earnings and Revaluation Reserves (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
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(c) Correction of Error/s relating to a Previous Reporting Period

Correction of errors disclosed in this year's financial statements:

As part of the revaluation of buildings and operational land it was identified that certain properties Council owns had not previously been recognised. In addition as part of this revaluation process it was discovered that certain Buildings and operational land that are now not owned by Council. The revaluation in the 2012/2013 financial year identified these errors and an adjustment has been made against the current year balances of IPPE and retained earnings to correct the errors as it was considered impractical to restate the prior year comparatives.

- Buildings not recognised previously	165
- Buildings previously recognised incorrectly	(405)
- Operational Land not recognised previously	1,168
- Operational Land previously recognised incorrectly	(2,357)
- Depreciation overstated	56,014

It is noted that prior to the revaluation, \$3.675 Million of community land was reclassified as Operational land, \$248k worth of operational land was reclassified as Community land and \$43k worth of operational land was reclassified as Land Under Roads.

Correction of errors as disclosed in last year's financial statements:

Landcom Credit Bank

In October, 1997, Council entered into an agreement with Landcom to establish a mechanism known as the "Credit Bank" to recognise the value of dedicated land and works provided by Landcom to Council as part of the Parklea Release Area encompassing Glenwood, Stanhope & Stanhope Gardens. The intent of the Credit Bank is to maintain a credit/debit system to formally account for and offset the cost estimates in the Section 94 contribution plan to be levied on the development in this Release Area against the value of dedicated land and works from Landcom to Council.

As part of the agreement, when the developable land in this Release Area is completed by Landcom, a final reconciliation of the Credit Bank is to be performed. As per the terms of the agreement, when the final reconciliation is completed, any credit balance in the Credit Bank must be paid by Council to Landcom, whilst any debit balance in the Credit Bank must be paid by Landcom to Council.

As at 1 July 2011, there was a credit balance of \$3.930 million in the Credit Bank, which represents an amount potentially payable by Council to Landcom. As part of preparing the 2011/12 financial statements an adjustment to Council's opening retained earnings balance as at 1 July 2011 by \$3.930 million is required to recognise the amount potentially payable to Landcom as at 1 July 2011. This credit bank was finalised during the 2012/2013 financial year.

(3,930)

Total Prior Period Adjustments - Prior Period Errors

54,585

(3,930)

(d) Voluntary Changes in Accounting Policies

Council made no voluntary changes in any accounting policies during the year.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

Note 21. Financial Result & Financial Position by Fund

\$ '000

Council utilises only a General Fund for its operations.

Note 22. "Held for Sale" Non Current Assets & Disposal Groups

Council did not classify any Non Current Assets or Disposal Groups as "Held for Sale".

Note 23. Events occurring after the Reporting Period

Events that occur between the end of the reporting period (ending 30 June 2013) and the date when the financial statements are "authorised for issue" have been taken into account in preparing these statements.

Council has adopted the date of receipt of the Auditors' Report as the applicable "authorised for issue" date relating to these General Purpose Financial Statements.

Accordingly, the "authorised for issue" date is 10/10/13.

Events that occur after the Reporting Period represent one of two types:

(i) Events that provide evidence of conditions that existed at the Reporting Period

These financial statements (and the figures therein) incorporate all "adjusting events" that provided evidence of conditions that existed at 30 June 2013.

(ii) Events that provide evidence of conditions that arose after the Reporting Period

These financial statements (& figures therein) do not incorporate any "non-adjusting events" that have occurred after 30 June 2013 and which are only indicative of conditions that arose after 30 June 2013.

Council is unaware of any material or significant "non-adjusting events" that should be disclosed.

Note 24. Discontinued Operations

Council has not classified any of its Operations as "Discontinued".

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

Note 25. Intangible Assets

\$ '000

Intangible Assets represent identifiable non-monetary asset without physical substance.

Intangible Assets are as follows;

Opening Values:

Gross Book Value (1/7/12)

Net Book Value - Opening Balance

Movements for the year

- Purchases

- Amortisation charges

Closing Values:

Gross Book Value (30/6/13)

Accumulated Amortisation (30/6/13)

TOTAL INTANGIBLE ASSETS - NET BOOK VALUE ¹

Actual 2013 Carrying Amount	Actual 2012 Carrying Amount
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467	-
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467	-
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637	467
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(93)	-
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1,104	467
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(93)	-
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1,011	467
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¹ The Net Book Value of Intangible Assets represent:

- Software

1,011	467
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1,011	467
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Notes to the Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

Note 26. Reinstatement, Rehabilitation & Restoration Liabilities

\$ '000

Council leased for a period of 55 years the former Marsden Park Sanitary Depot site (Lot 11 and Lot 12, DP262886) located at 920 Richmond Road, Marsden Park from 1 January 1955 to 31 December 2004. Due to contamination of the site, it has been identified that Council has certain obligations with remediation work required at the site.

In May 2012, it was agreed with the owner of the site that Council's contribution towards the remediation costs would total \$3.5 million (excluding GST). Under the terms of the deed, \$500,000 was payable on execution of the deed which occurred during the 2011/12 financial year, a further \$500,000 was payable on completion of site works and the balance payable of \$2.5 Million on the production of the Site Auditor's Certificate which occurred during the 2012/13 financial year. These payments were settled in accordance with the deed during the 2012/2013 financial year.

Asset/Operation	Estimated year of restoration	NPV of Provision	
		2013	2012
Former Marsden Park Sanitary depot.	2012	-	3,000
Balance at End of the Reporting Period	10(a)	<u>-</u>	<u>3,000</u>

Under AASB 116 - Property, Plant & Equipment, where the use of an asset results in the obligation to dismantle or remove the asset and restore the site on which the asset stands, an estimate of such costs is required to be included in the cost of the asset.

An equivalent liability must be recognised under AASB 137 - Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets.

The provision has been calculated by determining the present value of the future expenditures expected to be incurred. The discount rate used is the risk free borrowing rate applicable to Council.

Reconciliation of movement in Provision for year:

Balance at beginning of year	3,000	2,500
Amounts capitalised to new or existing assets:		
Increase in the provision during the financial year	-	1,000
Payment incurred attributable to Provision	(3,000)	(500)
Total - Reinstatement, rehabilitation and restoration provision	<u>-</u>	<u>3,000</u>

Amount of Expected Reimbursements

Of the above Provisions for Reinstatement, Rehabilitation and Restoration works, those applicable to Garbage Services & Waste Management are able to be funded through future charges incorporated within Council's Annual Domestic Waste Management Charge.



Blacktown Council

Independent auditor's report to the Council – s417(2) Report on the general purpose financial statements

Report on the financial statements

We have audited the accompany financial statements of Blacktown City Council, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2013 and the income statement, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, accompanying notes to the financial statements and the Statement by Councillors and Management in the approved form as required by Section 413(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

Councillors' responsibility for the financial statements

The Councillors of the Council are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Local Government Act 1993 and for such internal control as the Councillors determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

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

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

When this audit report is included in an Annual Report, our procedures include reading the other information in the Annual Report to determine whether it contains any material inconsistencies with the financial statements.

Our audit responsibility does not extend to the Original Budget Figures included in the Income Statement, Statement of Cash Flows and the Original Budget disclosures in notes 2(a) and 16 and the

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Projections disclosed in note 17 to the financial statements, nor the attached Special Schedules, and accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

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

Auditor's opinion:

In our opinion:

- (a) the Council's accounting records have been kept in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993, Chapter 13 part 3 Division 2 (the Division); and
- (b) the financial statements:
 - (i) have been presented, in all material respects, in accordance with the requirements of this Division
 - (ii) are consistent with the Council's accounting records
 - (iii) present fairly, in all material respects, the Council's financial position as of 30 June 2013 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards
- (c) all information relevant to the conduct of the audit has been obtained; and
- (d) there are no material deficiencies in the accounting records or financial statements that have come to light during the course of the audit.

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PricewaterhouseCoopers

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Buchholz'.

Peter Buchholz
Partner

Sydney
21 October 2013



The Mayor
Councillor L Robinson
Blacktown City Council
DX 8117
BLACKTOWN

Dear Councillor Robinson

Report on the conduct of the audit for year ended 30 June 2013 – Section 417(3)

We have completed our audit of the financial reports of Blacktown City Council for the year ended 30 June 2013, in accordance with Section 415 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial reports are free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial reports, 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 reports are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards as well as the statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Council's financial position, the results of its operations and its cash flows.

This report should be read in conjunction with our audit opinion on the general purpose financial statements provided under Section 417(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

Flowing from our audit, there are a number of comments we wish to raise concerning the trends in Council's finances. These are set out below.

Operating Result

Council's operating surplus increased from \$99 million to \$136 million during the period under review. The operating result before capital items was, however, a deficit of \$8 million compared to \$3 million in the previous year. A significant increase in capital grants and contributions (up \$42 million) contributed to this result.

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Cash Position

Council's overall cash position increased from \$284 million to \$321 million during the period under review. The following table highlights the composition of cash.

	June 2013	June 2012
	\$m	\$m
Externally restricted	175	142
Internally restricted	120	121
Unrestricted	26	21
Total	321	284

Working Capital

Council's net current assets declined from \$205 million to \$156 million during the period under review.

The value of net current assets needs to be adjusted in order to establish Council's available working capital.

	June 2013	June 2012
	\$m	\$m
Net current assets	156	205
Less: External restrictions		
– Cash	38	97
– Debtors	217	6
Less: Internal restrictions		
– Cash	120	122
– Debtors	-	-
Less: Real estate assets		
– Current	19	25
	(38)	(45)
Add: Current liabilities to be funded from other sources	59	65
Available Working Capital	21	20

The effective unrestricted or available working capital upon which Council could build its 2013/14 budget was \$21 million.



Performance Indicators

The financial reports disclose a number of indicators in Note 13 and these are detailed below:

	June 2013	June 2012
	%	%
Unrestricted Current Ratio	440	426
Debt Service Ratio	0	0
Rate Coverage Ratio	39	42
Rates Outstanding Ratio	3.4	3.3
Asset Renewals Ratio	38	34

The Unrestricted Current Ratio improved and remained in excess of the accepted industry benchmark of 100%.

Council's Debt Service Ratio is nil reflecting a debt free position it has held for many years.

The Rate Coverage Ratio declined to 39% of operating revenue, reflecting a significant increase in capital grants and contributions during the period.

The Rates Outstanding Ratio was steady and is below the accepted industry benchmark of 5%. In terms of those debtors that Council actively pursues the ratio is 1.8%.

The Assets Renewals Ratio indicates that infrastructure is only being renewed at 38% of the rate at which it is depreciating.

Council is considered to be in a sound and stable financial position reflecting prudent financial management over many years. Most indicators stand better than accepted industry benchmarks.

General

The books of accounts and records inspected by us have been kept in an accurate and conscientious manner. We thank the General Manager and his staff for the co-operation and courtesy extended to us during the course of our audit.

Yours faithfully



PricewaterhouseCoopers



PL Buchholz

Partner

21 October 2013

Blacktown City Council

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 June 2013

To be a vibrant, healthy and safe City
"A CITY OF EXCELLENCE"



Blacktown City Council

Special Purpose Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

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Background

- (i) These Special Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared for the use by both Council and the Division of Local Government in fulfilling their requirements under National Competition Policy.
- (ii) The principle of competitive neutrality is based on the concept of a "level playing field" between persons/entities competing in a market place, particularly between private and public sector competitors.

Essentially, the principle is that government businesses, whether Commonwealth, State or Local, should operate without net competitive advantages over other businesses as a result of their public ownership.

- (iii) For Council, the principle of competitive neutrality & public reporting applies only to declared business activities.

These include **(a)** those activities classified by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as business activities being water supply, sewerage services, abattoirs, gas production and reticulation and **(b)** those activities with a turnover of over \$2 million that Council has formally declared as a Business Activity (defined as Category 1 activities).

- (iv) In preparing these financial statements for Council's self classified Category 1 businesses and ABS defined activities, councils must **(a)** adopt a corporatisation model and **(b)** apply full cost attribution including tax equivalent regime payments & debt guarantee fees (where the business benefits from councils borrowing position by comparison with commercial rates).
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Blacktown City Council

Special Purpose Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

Statement by Councillors and Management made pursuant to the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

The attached Special Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with:

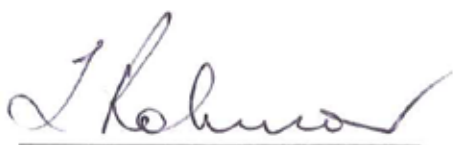
- The NSW Government Policy Statement "Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government".
- The Division of Local Government Guidelines "Pricing & Costing for Council Businesses - A Guide to Competitive Neutrality".
- The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.
- The NSW Office of Water (Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water) Guidelines - "Best Practice Management of Water and Sewerage".

To the best of our knowledge and belief, these Financial Statements:

- Present fairly the Operating Result and Financial Position for each of Council's declared Business Activities for the year, and
- Accord with Council's accounting and other records.

We are not aware of any matter that would render these Statements false or misleading in any way.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 09 October 2013.



Len Robinson
MAYOR



Councillor
COUNCILLOR



Kerry Robinson
GENERAL MANAGER



Wayne Rogers
RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

Blacktown City Council

Income Statement of Council's Other Business Activities for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

\$ '000	Land Developments		Deregulated Approvals	
	Category 1		Category 1	
	Actual 2013	Actual 2012	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
Income from continuing operations				
Access charges	-	-	-	-
User charges	-	-	2,014	1,731
Fees	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-	-
Grants and contributions provided for non capital purposes	-	-	-	-
Profit from the sale of assets	2,472	1,704	-	-
Other income	81	61	-	-
Total income from continuing operations	2,553	1,765	2,014	1,731
Expenses from continuing operations				
Employee benefits and on-costs	25	15	1,371	1,221
Borrowing costs	-	-	-	-
Materials and contracts	-	-	5	3
Depreciation and impairment	-	-	13	11
Loss on sale of assets	-	-	-	-
Calculated taxation equivalents	399	494	71	73
Debt guarantee fee (if applicable)	-	-	-	-
Other expenses	137	130	105	97
Total expenses from continuing operations	561	639	1,565	1,405
Surplus (deficit) from Continuing Operations before capital amounts	1,992	1,126	449	326
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	-	-	-	-
Surplus (deficit) from Continuing Operations after capital amounts	1,992	1,126	449	326
Surplus (deficit) from discontinued operations	-	-	-	-
Surplus (deficit) from ALL Operations before tax	1,992	1,126	449	326
less: Corporate Taxation Equivalent (30%) [based on result before capital]	(598)	(338)	(135)	(98)
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) AFTER TAX	1,394	788	314	228
plus Opening Retained Profits	61,899	60,279	3,968	3,569
plus/less: Prior Period Adjustments	-	-	-	-
plus Adjustments for amounts unpaid:				
- Taxation equivalent payments	399	494	71	73
- Corporate taxation equivalent	598	338	135	98
add:				
- Subsidy Paid/Contribution To Operations	-	-	-	-
less:				
- TER dividend paid	-	-	-	-
- Dividend paid	-	-	-	-
Closing Retained Profits	64,290	61,899	4,488	3,968
Return on Capital %	10.33%	4.84%	28.69%	23.20%
Required Return on Capital %	3.77%	3.03%	3.77%	3.03%
Subsidy from Council	-	-	-	-

Blacktown City Council

Income Statement of Council's Other Business Activities

for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

\$ '000	Commercial Waste		Property Management	
	Category 2		Category 2	
	Actual 2013	Actual 2012	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
Income from continuing operations				
Access charges	769	688	-	-
User charges	-	-	1,783	1,719
Fees	-	-	-	-
Interest	20	27	-	-
Grants and contributions provided for non capital purposes	-	-	-	-
Fair Value Revaluation Profit - Investment Properties	-	-	70	210
Profit from the sale of assets	-	-	-	-
Other income	-	-	-	-
Total income from continuing operations	789	715	1,853	1,929
Expenses from continuing operations				
Employee benefits and on-costs	107	99	148	158
Borrowing costs	-	-	-	-
Materials and contracts	94	95	64	34
Depreciation and impairment	27	23	220	220
Loss on sale of assets	-	-	-	-
Calculated taxation equivalents	6	5	405	387
Debt guarantee fee (if applicable)	-	-	-	-
Other expenses	655	462	892	890
Total expenses from continuing operations	889	684	1,729	1,689
Surplus (deficit) from Continuing Operations before capital amounts	(100)	31	124	240
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	-	-	-	-
Surplus (deficit) from Continuing Operations after capital amounts	(100)	31	124	240
Surplus (deficit) from discontinued operations	-	-	-	-
Surplus (deficit) from ALL Operations before tax	(100)	31	124	240
less: Corporate Taxation Equivalent (30%) [based on result before capital]	-	(9)	(37)	(72)
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) AFTER TAX	(100)	22	87	168
plus Opening Retained Profits	1,215	1,179	44,977	44,350
plus/less: Prior Period Adjustments	-	-	-	-
plus Adjustments for amounts unpaid:				
- Taxation equivalent payments	6	5	405	387
- Corporate taxation equivalent	-	9	37	72
add:				
- Subsidy Paid/Contribution To Operations	-	-	-	-
less:				
- TER dividend paid	-	-	-	-
- Dividend paid	-	-	-	-
Closing Retained Profits	1,121	1,215	45,506	44,977
Return on Capital %	-33.11%	8.59%	0.44%	1.05%
Required Return on Capital %	3.77%	3.03%	3.77%	3.03%
Subsidy from Council	111	-	929	451

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Statement of Financial Position - Council's Other Business Activities

as at 30 June 2013

	Land Developments		Deregulated Approvals	
	Category 1		Category 1	
\$ '000	Actual 2013	Actual 2012	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	19,137	19,077	2,948	2,883
Investments	25,403	17,694	1,936	1,455
Receivables	472	21	-	-
Inventories	19,278	25,107	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Non-current assets classified as held for sale	-	-	-	-
Total Current Assets	64,290	61,899	4,884	4,338
Non-Current Assets				
Investments	-	-	-	-
Receivables	-	-	-	-
Inventories	-	-	-	-
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	-	-	99	88
Investments accounted for using equity method	-	-	-	-
Investment property	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Total Non-Current Assets	-	-	99	88
TOTAL ASSETS	64,290	61,899	4,983	4,426
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities				
Bank Overdraft	-	-	-	-
Payables	-	-	3	3
Interest bearing liabilities	-	-	-	-
Provisions	-	-	438	404
Total Current Liabilities	-	-	441	407
Non-Current Liabilities				
Payables	-	-	-	-
Interest bearing liabilities	-	-	-	-
Provisions	-	-	54	51
Other Liabilities	-	-	-	-
Total Non-Current Liabilities	-	-	54	51
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	-	495	458
NET ASSETS	64,290	61,899	4,488	3,968
EQUITY				
Retained earnings	64,290	61,899	4,488	3,968
Revaluation reserves	-	-	-	-
Council equity interest	64,290	61,899	4,488	3,968
Non-controlling equity interest	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EQUITY	64,290	61,899	4,488	3,968

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Statement of Financial Position - Council's Other Business Activities

as at 30 June 2013

	Commercial Waste		Property Management	
	Category 2		Category 2	
\$ '000	Actual 2013	Actual 2012	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	518	828	13,256	12,378
Investments	377	377	-	-
Receivables	56	47	350	507
Inventories	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Non-current assets classified as held for sale	-	-	-	-
Total Current Assets	951	1,252	13,606	12,885
Non-Current Assets				
Investments	-	-	-	-
Receivables	-	-	-	-
Inventories	-	-	-	-
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	302	361	27,932	22,809
Investments accounted for using equity method	-	-	-	-
Investment property	-	-	12,550	12,480
Other	-	-	-	-
Total Non-Current Assets	302	361	40,482	35,289
TOTAL ASSETS	1,253	1,613	54,088	48,174
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities				
Bank Overdraft	-	-	-	-
Payables	12	63	33	75
Interest bearing liabilities	-	-	-	-
Provisions	3	3	4	3
Total Current Liabilities	15	66	37	78
Non-Current Liabilities				
Payables	-	227	-	-
Interest bearing liabilities	-	-	-	-
Provisions	-	24	44	31
Other Liabilities	-	-	-	-
Total Non-Current Liabilities	-	251	44	31
TOTAL LIABILITIES	15	317	81	109
NET ASSETS	1,238	1,296	54,007	48,065
EQUITY				
Retained earnings	1,121	1,215	45,506	44,977
Revaluation reserves	117	81	8,501	3,088
Council equity interest	1,238	1,296	54,007	48,065
Non-controlling equity interest	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EQUITY	1,238	1,296	54,007	48,065

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Special Purpose Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

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These financial statements are a Special Purpose Financial Statements (SPFS) prepared for use by Council and the Division of Local Government.

For the purposes of these statements, the Council is not a reporting not-for-profit entity.

The figures presented in these special purpose financial statements, unless otherwise stated, have been prepared in accordance with:

- the recognition and measurement criteria of relevant Australian Accounting Standards,
- other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) &
- Australian Accounting Interpretations.

The disclosures in these special purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- the Local Government Act and Regulation, and
- the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

The statements are also prepared on an accruals basis, based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values nor current values of non-current assets (except where specifically stated).

Certain taxes and other costs (appropriately described) have been imputed for the purposes of the National Competition Policy.

National Competition Policy

Council has adopted the principle of 'competitive neutrality' to its business activities as part of the national competition policy which is being applied throughout Australia at all levels of government.

The framework for its application is set out in the June 1996 Government Policy statement on the "Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government".

The "Pricing & Costing for Council Businesses A Guide to Competitive Neutrality" issued by the Division of Local Government in July 1997 has also been adopted.

The pricing & costing guidelines outline the process for identifying and allocating costs to activities and provide a standard of disclosure requirements. These disclosures are reflected in Council's pricing and/or financial reporting systems and include taxation equivalents; council subsidies; return on investments (rate of return); and dividends paid.

Declared Business Activities

In accordance with *Pricing & Costing for Council Businesses - A Guide to Competitive Neutrality*, Council has declared that the following are to be considered as business activities:

Category 1

Name	Brief Description of Activity
Land Development	The development and marketing of residential and commercial land throughout the City.
Deregulated Approvals	The provision of Contestable Development Services relating to the approval and inspection of building and engineering works.

Category 2

Name	Brief Description of Activity
Commercial Waste	The provision of waste removal services to the commercial sections of the City.
Property Management	The protection of Council's commercial and residential assets and maximisation of returns from Council's lease portfolio.

Monetary Amounts

Amounts shown in the financial statements are in Australian currency and rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars.

(i) Taxation Equivalent Charges

Council is liable to pay various taxes and financial duties in undertaking its business activities. Where this is the case, they are disclosed in these statements as a cost of operations just like all other costs.

However, where Council is exempt from paying taxes which are generally paid by private sector businesses (such as income tax), equivalent tax payments have been applied to all Council nominated business activities and are reflected in these financial statements.

For the purposes of disclosing comparative information relevant to the private sector equivalent, the following taxation equivalents have been applied to all council nominated business activities (this does not include council's non-business activities):

Notional Rate Applied %

Corporate Income Tax Rate – 30%

Land Tax – The first **\$406,000** of combined land values attracts **0%**. From \$406,001 to \$2,482,000 the rate is **1.6% + \$100**. For the remaining combined land value that exceeds \$2,482,000, a premium marginal rate of **2.0%** applies.

Payroll Tax – **5.45%** on the value of taxable salaries and wages in excess of \$689,000.

Income Tax

An income tax equivalent has been applied on the profits of each reported Business Activity.

Whilst income tax is not a specific cost for the purpose of pricing a good or service, it needs to be taken into account of in terms of assessing the rate of return required on capital invested.

Accordingly, the return on capital invested is set at a pre-tax level (gain/(loss) from ordinary activities before capital amounts) as would be applied by a private sector competitor – that is, it should include a provision equivalent to the corporate income tax rate, currently 30%.

Income Tax is only applied where a positive gain/(loss) from ordinary activities before capital amounts has been achieved.

Since this taxation equivalent is notional - that is, it is payable to the "Council" as the owner of business operations, it represents an internal payment and has no effect on the operations of the council. Accordingly, there is no need for disclosure of internal charges in Council's General Purpose Financial Statements.

The rate applied of 30% is the equivalent company tax rate prevalent as at balance date.

Local Government Rates & Charges

A calculation of the equivalent rates and charges payable on all Category 1 businesses has been applied to all land assets owned or exclusively used by the Business Activity.

Loan & Debt Guarantee Fees

The debt guarantee fee is designed to ensure that council business activities face "true" commercial borrowing costs in line with private sector competitors.

In order to calculate a debt guarantee fee, council has determined what the differential borrowing rate would have been between the commercial rate and the council's borrowing rate for its business activities.

(ii) Subsidies

Government policy requires that subsidies provided to customers and the funding of those subsidies must be explicitly disclosed.

Subsidies occur where council provides services on a less than cost recovery basis. This option is exercised on a range of services in order for council to meet its community service obligations.

Accordingly, Subsidies disclosed (in relation to National Competition Policy) represents the difference between revenue generated from 'rate of return' pricing and revenue generated from prices set by the council in any given financial year.

The overall effect of subsidies is contained within the Income Statement of each reported Business Activity.

(iii) Return on Investments (Rate of Return)

The Policy statement requires that councils with Category 1 businesses “would be expected to generate a return on capital funds employed that is comparable to rates of return for private businesses operating in a similar field”.

Such funds are subsequently available for meeting commitments or financing future investment strategies.

The Rate of Return on Capital is calculated as follows:

Operating Result before Capital Income + Interest Expense

Written Down Value of I,PP&E as at 30 June 2013

As a minimum, business activities should generate a return equal to the Commonwealth 10 year bond rate which is 3.77% at 30/6/13.

The actual rate of return achieved by each Business Activity is disclosed at the foot of each respective Income Statement.

(iv) Dividends

Council is not required to pay dividends to either itself (as owner of a range of businesses) or to any external entities.



Blacktown City Council

Independent auditor's report Report on the special purpose financial report

Report on the financial report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of **Blacktown City Council** (the Council), which comprises the Statement of Financial Position by Business Activity for the year ended 30 June 2013, the Income Statements by Business Activity for the year then ended, Notes to the financial report for the business activities identified by Council and the Statement by Councillors and Management for Council for the year ended 30 June 2013.

Councillors' responsibility for the financial report

The Councillors of the Council are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report, are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting. The Councillors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the Councillors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

Auditor's responsibility

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

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

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

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Auditor's opinion:

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position by Business Activities of **Blacktown City Council** as of 30 June 2013 and its financial performance by Business Activities for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of those applicable Accounting Standards detailed in Note 1 to the financial report, and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution and Use

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Council's financial reporting responsibilities under the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the Council.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Buchholz', written over a light blue rectangular background.

Peter Buchholz
Partner

Sydney
21 October 2013

Blacktown City Council

SPECIAL SCHEDULES
for the year ended 30 June 2013

To be a vibrant, healthy and safe City
"A CITY OF EXCELLENCE"



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for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

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¹ Special Purpose Schedules are not audited.

Background

(i) These Special Schedules have been designed to meet the requirements of special purpose users such as;

- the NSW Grants Commission
- the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS),
- the NSW Office of Water,
- the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water, and
- the Division of Local Government (DLG).

(ii) The financial data is collected for various uses including;

- the allocation of Financial Assistance Grants,
- the incorporation of Local Government financial figures in national statistics,
- the monitoring of loan approvals,
- the allocation of borrowing rights, and
- the monitoring of the financial activities of specific services.

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Special Schedule No. 1 - Net Cost of Services for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

\$'000

Function or Activity	Expenses from. Continuing. Operations.	Income from continuing operations		Net Cost. of Services.
		Non Capital.	Capital.	
Governance	2,358	99	-	(2,259)
Administration	51,718	14,679	-	(37,039)
Public Order and Safety				
Fire Service Levy, Fire Protection, Emergency Services	3,042	265	14	(2,763)
Beach Control	-	-	-	-
Enforcement of Local Govt. Regulations	1,812	-	-	(1,812)
Animal Control	1,918	854	-	(1,064)
Other	-	-	-	-
Total Public Order & Safety	6,772	1,119	14	(5,639)
Health	2,300	222	-	(2,078)
Environment				
Noxious Plants and Insect/Vermin Control	154	-	-	(154)
Other Environmental Protection	799	1,558	-	759
Solid Waste Management	34,371	33,615	-	(756)
Street Cleaning	5,218	75	-	(5,143)
Drainage	8,134	2,833	21,564	16,263
Stormwater Management	2,212	-	-	(2,212)
Total Environment	50,888	38,081	21,564	8,757
Community Services and Education				
Administration & Education	3,552	1,671	-	(1,881)
Social Protection (Welfare)	-	-	-	-
Aged Persons and Disabled	314	13	-	(301)
Children's Services	16,323	15,281	5	(1,037)
Total Community Services & Education	20,189	16,965	5	(3,219)
Housing and Community Amenities				
Public Cemeteries	14	189	-	175
Public Conveniences	42	-	-	(42)
Street Lighting	6,015	547	-	(5,468)
Town Planning	5,178	3,817	-	(1,361)
Other Community Amenities	612	397	3,504	3,289
Total Housing and Community Amenities	11,861	4,950	3,504	(3,407)
Water Supplies	-	-	-	-
Sewerage Services	-	-	-	-

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Special Schedule No. 1 - Net Cost of Services (continued) for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

\$'000

Function or Activity	Expenses from. Continuing. Operations.	Income from continuing operations		Net Cost. of Services.
		Non Capital.	Capital.	
Recreation and Culture				
Public Libraries	8,348	776	158	(7,414)
Museums	45	-	-	(45)
Art Galleries	1,179	33	-	(1,146)
Community Centres and Halls	3,771	788	1,207	(1,776)
Performing Arts Venues	-	-	-	-
Other Performing Arts	-	-	-	-
Other Cultural Services	1,970	541	-	(1,429)
Sporting Grounds and Venues	7,361	2,095	151	(5,115)
Swimming Pools	8,998	4,974	-	(4,024)
Parks & Gardens (Lakes)	17,660	44	35,534	17,918
Other Sport and Recreation	3,949	3,583	-	(366)
Total Recreation and Culture	53,281	12,834	37,050	(3,397)
Fuel & Energy	-	-	-	-
Agriculture	-	-	-	-
Mining, Manufacturing and Construction				
Building Control	2,369	1,287	-	(1,082)
Other Mining, Manufacturing & Construction	-	-	-	-
Total Mining, Manufacturing and Const.	2,369	1,287	-	(1,082)
Transport and Communication				
Urban Roads (UR) - Local	34,960	918	62,749	28,707
Urban Roads - Regional	2,477	65	4,465	2,053
Sealed Rural Roads (SRR) - Local	2,986	78	5,382	2,474
Sealed Rural Roads (SRR) - Regional	335	9	605	279
Unsealed Rural Roads (URR) - Local	500	13	902	415
Unsealed Rural Roads (URR) - Regional	-	-	-	-
Bridges on UR - Local	677	-	-	(677)
Bridges on SRR - Local	-	-	-	-
Bridges on URR - Local	-	-	-	-
Bridges on Regional Roads	-	-	-	-
Parking Areas	150	2,236	57	2,143
Footpaths	1,212	1,298	1,020	1,106
Aerodromes	-	-	-	-
Other Transport & Communication	3,590	345	6,778	3,533
Total Transport and Communication	46,887	4,962	81,958	40,033
Economic Affairs				
Camping Areas & Caravan Parks	-	-	-	-
Other Economic Affairs	1,547	5,162	-	3,615
Total Economic Affairs	1,547	5,162	-	3,615
Totals – Functions	250,170	100,360	144,095	(5,715)
General Purpose Revenues⁽²⁾		141,159		141,159
Share of interests - joint ventures & associates using the equity method	-	868		868
NET OPERATING RESULT⁽¹⁾	250,170	242,387	144,095	136,312

(1) As reported in the Income Statement

(2) Includes: Rates & Annual Charges (incl. Ex Gratia, excl. Water & Sewer), Non Capital General Purpose Grants, Interest on Investments (excl. Ext. Restricted Assets) & Interest on overdue Rates & Annual Charges

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Special Schedule No. 8 - Financial Projections as at 30 June 2013

	Budget	Forecast ⁽³⁾	Forecast ⁽³⁾	Forecast ⁽³⁾	Forecast ⁽³⁾	Forecast ⁽³⁾	Forecast ⁽³⁾	Forecast ⁽³⁾	Forecast ⁽³⁾	Forecast ⁽³⁾	Forecast ⁽³⁾
\$'000	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
(i) OPERATING BUDGET											
Income from continuing operations	286,786	299,044	312,645	321,685	327,237	334,267	345,322	363,301	370,518	382,532	394,914
Expenses from continuing operations	245,768	259,190	270,424	281,830	293,678	307,471	322,011	337,350	352,999	369,509	386,940
Operating Result from Continuing Operations	41,018	39,854	42,221	39,855	33,559	26,796	23,311	25,951	17,519	13,023	7,974
(ii) CAPITAL BUDGET											
New Capital Works ⁽²⁾	68,642	60,663	96,706	68,150	73,865	61,195	61,781	68,992	65,152	65,799	66,511
Replacement/Refurbishment of Existing Assets	33,642	24,741	25,478	26,243	27,030	27,841	28,676	29,536	30,422	31,335	32,275
Total Capital Budget	102,284	85,404	122,184	94,393	100,895	89,036	90,457	98,528	95,574	97,134	98,786
Funded by:											
– Loans	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
– Asset sales	5,000	5,000	5,150	5,305	5,463	5,628	5,797	5,970	6,150	6,334	6,524
– Reserves	29,596	14,032	49,490	21,109	32,288	23,646	25,119	26,719	28,428	30,285	32,302
– Grants/Contributions	53,541	52,513	52,984	53,761	49,301	46,453	46,852	53,873	49,835	50,279	50,780
– Recurrent revenue	14,147	13,859	14,560	14,218	13,843	13,309	12,689	11,966	11,161	10,236	9,180
– Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	102,284	85,404	122,184	94,393	100,895	89,036	90,457	98,528	95,574	97,134	98,786

Notes:

- (1) From 12/13 Income Statement.
 (2) New Capital Works are major non-recurrent projects, eg new Leisure Centre, new Library, new Swimming pool etc.
 (3) Financial projections should be in accordance with Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting framework.

RATES AND CHARGES WRITTEN OFF

<i>Pensioner rates abandoned under S.575 LGA 1993</i>	\$2,594,328.19
<i>Pensioner rates abandoned under S.582 LGA 1993</i>	\$2,101,212.51
<i>Pensioner garbage abandoned under S.575 LGA 1993</i>	\$871,010.00
<i>Supplementary rates abandoned</i>	\$3,203,786.96
<i>Non rateable properties rates abandoned</i>	\$127,458.65
<i>Ordinary rates abandoned</i>	\$51,001.60
<i>Extra charges abandoned</i>	\$15,859.29
<i>Legal costs abandoned</i>	\$24,040.95
<i>Waste management and sanitary charges written off</i>	\$273,470.56
TOTAL rates and charges written off	\$9,262,168.71

Notes:-

It is compulsory that Council reduce (write off) rates as prescribed by Section 575 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Rates written off under Section 582 of the *Local Government Act 1993* are not a compulsory write off, but are in accordance with Council's policy for rates applicable to pensioners.

Rates are initially levied but not served on properties awaiting split valuation. Upon receipt of separate values from the Valuer-General, the original rate levies are abandoned and rates are levied and served on the new properties.

Waste management and sanitary charges have been written off for the following reasons:-

- Request to reduce the number of services to property.
- Property unoccupied.
- Pensioners exchanging a large bin for a small bin.
- Charges written off and re-levied at a later date.
- Charges raised in error.

OVERSEAS VISITS

During the year 2012/13, the following overseas business trips was taken.

Proposed Delegation Visit to Porirua City, New Zealand, 4-7 February 2013: Councillor Len Robinson; General Manager, Ron Moore; and Peter Filmer, Manager of Civic Events.

The United States Studies at the University of Sydney - Delivering a Sustainable Future City Program, West Coast of the United States, 9-15 June 2013: Councillor Len Robinson; Glennys James, Director of City Strategy and Development; Rudi Svarc, Acting Director City Assets.

MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR FEES

During 2012/13, the following amounts were expended on Mayoral and Councillor Fees.

Mayoral Fees	\$64,557.00
Deputy Mayoral Fees	\$9,973.00
Councillor Fees	\$383,700.00
Total	\$458,230.00

Total Cost During the Year of the Payment of Expenses of, and the Provision of Facilities to, Councillors in Relation to their Civic Functions

In addition to the Mayoral and Councillors' Fees shown above, a total of \$151,923 was also expended during 2012/13 on the payment of Councillors' expenses and the provision of facilities to Councillors in accordance with Council's Policy for the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors. (For details, see the policy commencing on the following page).

Council is required to provide these details:

Office equipment
\$46,041

Telephone calls
\$18,800

Conferences and Seminars attendance (NSW)
\$32,355

Interstate visits
\$46,607

Overseas visits
\$8,120

Provision of care for child or immediate family member
NIL

POLICY FOR THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES AND PROVISION OF FACILITIES TO COUNCILLORS

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose

The Division of Local Government has issued Guidelines to assist Councils in the review and preparation of policies for the payment of expenses and the provision of facilities to Mayors and Councillors.

The Guidelines have been adopted under Sections 23A and 252(5) of the *Local Government Act 1993* as Director General's Guidelines. Accordingly, Council must comply with these Guidelines when preparing and adopting an Expenses and Facilities Policy under Sections 252 to 254 of the Act. It is considered that this Policy complies with those Guidelines.

The purpose of the Civic Office Expenses and Facilities Policy is to ensure that there is accountability and transparency in the payment of expenses incurred, or to be incurred by Councillors. The overriding principle to be addressed in the development of the policy is that the provisions of the policy meet the expectations of the local community.

The policy, where appropriate, sets specific expense limits and the level of provision of equipment and facilities to the Mayor and Councillors. The policy also applies to any Administrator(s) appointed by the Minister, where applicable and subject to any necessary modifications.

The provision of facilities and payment of expenses under this Policy will be for the year ending 30 September each year to coincide with the Mayoral election cycle.

Council is required to review the policy on an annual basis and to submit its Expenses and Facilities Policy to the Division of Local Government as part of the Annual Report, by 30 November each year.

This policy is related to Council's Code of Conduct but does not deal with matters associated with the setting and payment of annual fees to the Mayor and Councillors, which are determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal. Additionally, in accordance with Clause 403 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* the policy does not make any provision for a general expense allowance for Councillors.

1.2 Status of the Policy

The 6th Edition of the Policy replaces the Civic Office Expenses and Facilities Policy 5th Edition that was adopted by Council on 23rd November 2011.

2. PRINCIPLES

This policy has been developed on the basis of the following key principles.

2.1 Conduct

As required by Section 439 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and reinforced in the Model Code of Conduct provisions, Councillors must act lawfully, honestly and exercise a reasonable degree of care and diligence in carrying out their functions under the Act or any other Act.

2.2 *Participation, Equity and Access*

This policy has been developed on a non-discriminatory basis and in an equitable manner to enable the full participation in Council of people from different walks of life. It aims to encourage members of the community, particularly under represented groups such as those in primary care giver roles or with disabilities, to seek election to Council by ensuring that they are not financially or otherwise disadvantaged in undertaking specific duties of a Councillor.

2.3 *Accountability and Transparency*

This policy ensures that there is accountability and transparency in the reimbursement of expenses incurred or to be incurred by Councillors. Councillors will only be able to receive reimbursement for expenses when the expense is identified in the policy, and the range and benefits provided to Council are also outlined in the policy.

2.4 *Professional Development*

Council is committed to ensuring that its elected representatives are up to date with current and contemporary issues facing local government. In this regard, Council will set aside an amount annually in its Operational Plan to facilitate professional development of elected representatives through attendance at conferences, seminars and training.

2.5 *Reasonable Expenses*

The policy aims to ensure that Councillors are reimbursed for expenses reasonably incurred in the performance of their civic duties. Council facilities, equipment and services are not to be used to produce election material or for any other political campaigning purposes.

2.6 *Recognising Local Differences*

The levels of reimbursement and quality and range of facilities provided to Councillors in this policy, takes into consideration the capacity of what Blacktown City Council can afford to pay and what is considered acceptable to the community.

2.7 *Limits*

The policy establishes monetary limits to all expense provisions where practicable, as well as standards for the provision of equipment and facilities provided to Councillors.

2.8 *Expenses and Allowances*

The policy provides that payments for expenses including sustenance allowances, must be reconciled after the event. Expenses should be reconciled within one (1) calendar month of the date of return from a conference, seminar or training. The reconciliation claim form appears at Appendix A to this Policy.

2.9 *Approval Arrangements*

The policy establishes approval arrangements for attendances at conferences, seminars, training and the like as well as expense claim and reconciliation forms.

2.10 *Private Benefit*

The policy has been developed on the basis that Councillors do not generally obtain private benefit from the provision of equipment and facilities, nor from travel bonus or any such schemes. However, it is acknowledged that incidental limited use of Council equipment and facilities may occur from time to time.

3. PAYMENT OF EXPENSES

Council will meet the expenses of the Mayor and Councillors in the following circumstances.

3.1 *Seminars, Conferences and Training*

Council will meet the following expenses for Councillors attending conferences, seminars and training, which have been authorised by Council resolution or jointly by the Mayor and General Manager under delegated authority.

3.1.1 *Registration Fees*

- i. The payment of registration fees for attendance at conference/seminar/training sessions.
- ii. Payment for the main conference/seminar/training session dinner, if not covered by the registration cost.

3.1.2 *Accommodation*

The payment of accommodation costs on the following basis:

- i. Accommodation selected by the Council or General Manager on the basis of cost and convenience of location to the conference venue. A Councillor may choose accommodation at a different location but which is at the same cost or less.
- ii. The number of accommodation days provided under this policy will be limited to:
 - A. Registration day;
 - B. Each day on which official sessions of the conference/seminar/training are held, as well as the night preceding the conference/seminar/training where travelling schedules reasonably require such accommodation; and
 - C. Each day on which a Councillor is required to be accommodated en route to and from the seminar, conference or training.
- iii. Any additional accommodation costs incurred as a result of the attendance of partners and/or children, shall be borne by the Councillor.

3.1.3 *Rental Car*

Upon request by a Councillor, a hire car will be made available for each day of the conference, seminar or training and for each day of travelling to and from the conference, seminar or training.

The hire car will be limited in size to a standard family size 6 cylinder vehicle and will be hired by Council from that company which provides the most economical rates at the time of hire.

The driver is personally responsible for all traffic or parking fines incurred while travelling in private or Council vehicles on Council business.

3.1.4 *Car Parking Fees*

Council will meet the cost of the following car parking fees.

- i. Hotel/Motel parking - additional car parking fees not included in accommodation costs.
- ii. Airport parking - costs incurred in the parking of a Councillor's private vehicle at an airport for the duration of a conference/seminar/training, subject to the vehicle being parked in the most economical airport car park and the total cost to Council, together with the cab charge to and from the airport, being less than the equivalent of taxi fares to and from the airport.

Reimbursement for parking expenses will be made upon the production of appropriate receipts and tax invoices, and the completion of the required claim forms. Expenses should be reconciled within one (1) calendar month of the date of return from the conference, seminar or training. The claim form for these out of pocket expenses appears at Appendix B to this Policy.

3.1.5 Transportation

All travel by Councillors will be undertaken by utilising the most direct route and the most practicable and economical mode of transport subject to any personal medical considerations. Council will provide a Councillor with transportation to and from conferences, seminars and training. Transportation may be by:

- i. Aircraft - economy class.
- ii. Hire car - up to standard 6 cylinder.
- iii. Private vehicle (intrastate only).
- iv. Train - economy class (intrastate only).

3.1.6 Attendance of Partners at Conference Dinners

Council will not pay costs of the spouse/partner for attendance at conferences/seminars and associated dinners, in accordance with the Guidelines for the payment of expenses and the provision of facilities for Mayors and Councillors for Local Councils in NSW.

3.1.7 Sustenance Expenses

The reimbursement of sustenance expenses applies for sustenance (eg breakfast, lunch, dinner, morning and afternoon teas, etc) not provided for at the conference/seminar/training, or in the accommodation package, or otherwise when away from home.

Sustenance expense is not a general expense allowance. General expenses are not permitted and will not be paid. Councillors are required to submit receipts and invoices (where available) and complete a claim form.

Councillors must supply copies of receipts for any expenses when they have been paid an allowance for sustenance expenses in advance of attending a conference. With the exception of low value expenditure for incidentals, should a Councillor not supply receipts, then they be required to refund to Council the amount of the allowance paid in advance.

The maximum limits on sustenance expenses to be reimbursed are as follows with the limits to be adjusted to the CPI for Sydney at 1 July each year:

1. Attendance at full day conferences, seminars or training \$194.30 per day
2. Attendance at conferences, seminars or training which are ½ day or less \$88.85 per day

Councillors may request payment in advance. Refunds will need to be made where the actual expenses declared on the claim form are less than the amount provided in advance. In the event that a Councillor seeks reimbursement after the conference, seminar or training session, they will be paid on completion of the claim form, for the actual expenses incurred up to the limits set in the policy.

For attendance at conferences, seminars and training sessions outside the metropolitan area, Councillors may also be paid for up to two (2) days at the rate of the Maximum Daily Expense to account for travel time to and from the venue, ie one day to the venue and one day returning from the venue, provided they are travelling on those days.

The definition of a 'day' for the purpose of calculating sustenance limits, is registration day and each day on which official sessions of the conference/seminar/training are held.

3.1.8 Out of Pocket Expenses

The Mayor and Councillors may claim re-imbursement for other “out of pocket” expenses not covered in the Policy, for attendance at conferences, seminars and training sessions.

The definition of ‘out of pocket’ expenses is to include refreshments, taxi fares, laundry, dry cleaning, phone and facsimile calls, Internet charges, photocopies, postage, newspapers, road tolls and car parking fees. Councillors will be reimbursed for the ‘out of pocket’ expenses on submission of receipts and tax invoices where available, and completion of the claim form. A sample of the claim form appears at Appendix B. Claims for reimbursement of ‘out of pocket’ expenses must be submitted to the General Manager within one (1) month of returning from the event.

3.1.9 General

The General Manager is granted delegated authority to exceed the terms of above (accommodation), 3.1.3 above (rental car), and the number of days sustenance outlined in 3.1.7 above, provided that the cost to Council does not exceed the amount calculated in accordance with a strict application of the policy.

3.2 Use of Private Vehicles

The allowance payable to Councillors for the use of their own private vehicles shall be the maximum as calculated under Council’s Enterprise Agreement, as varied from time to time.

The allowance is payable for the use of a private vehicle for:

- Attendance at Ordinary and Extraordinary meetings of Council.
- Attendance at Council Committee meetings of which the Councillor is a member.
- Attendance at Ordinary, Committee and Sub-Committee Meetings of an organisation where the Councillor has, by Council resolution, been duly elected as a Council delegate. Non-delegates are not eligible.
- Attendance at conferences, seminars and training where such attendance by Councillors has been approved by Council resolution or by the Mayor under delegated authority.
- Attendance at inspections, within or outside the area as authorised by Council resolution or by the Mayor under delegated authority.
- To and from the Airport/Central Station or other point from where travel to conferences, seminars and training commences.
- Attendance at official Council functions authorised as Council business by a resolution of Council.
- Attendance at functions to which the Mayor has been invited, which are attended at the request of the Mayor.
- Attendance at all official Council briefings, information sessions, strategic planning forums etc at which all Councillors have been invited by the Mayor and/or General Manager to attend.

Claims for such expenses are to be made on the claim form at Appendix C.

3.3 Cab Charge

Each Councillor will be provided with a ‘cab charge’ credit card for use in the payment for taxi services for the following events:

- Attendance at Ordinary and Extraordinary Meetings of Council.
- Attendance at Council Committee Meetings of which the Councillor is a member.
- Attendance at Ordinary, Committee and Sub-Committee Meetings of an organisation where the Councillor has, by Council resolution, been duly elected as a Council delegate. Non-delegates are not eligible.

- Attendance at conferences, seminars and training approved by Council resolution or by the Mayor under delegated authority.
- Attendance at inspections within or outside the area as authorised by Council resolution or by the Mayor under delegated authority.
- To and from the Airport/Central Station or other point from where travel to conferences, seminars and training commences.
- Attendance at official Council functions authorised as Council business by a resolution of Council.
- Attendance at functions to which the Mayor has been invited, which are attended at the request of the Mayor.
- Attendance at all official Council briefings, information sessions, strategic planning forums etc at which all Councillors have been invited by the Mayor and/or General Manager to attend.

3.4 *Public Transport*

Council will consider payment of claims made on the form at Appendix B for reasonable public transport expenses for travel relating to defined Council business in 3.2 and 3.3.

4. **AUTHORISATION**

4.1 *Seminars, Conferences and Training Sessions*

The Mayor, or in his/her absence, the Deputy Mayor, has delegated authority to authorise the attendance of Councillors at seminars, conferences, training sessions or the like, not exceeding one day's duration and for the purpose of payment of sustenance and expenses etc, it be deemed Business of Council in accordance with Council's policy. Requests for the Mayor to exercise delegated authority in such circumstances should generally be in writing outlining the benefits to Council.

In relation to Councillors who have been elected to executive positions on local government related organisations such as the NSW Local Government Association or the Australian Local Government Womens Association, the policy shall allow the Mayor to approve attendance at meetings, seminars and conferences with payment of travel, accommodation and 'out of pocket' expenses in accordance with this Policy, but excluding payment of sustenance allowances.

Attendance at seminars, conferences, training sessions or the like exceeding one (1) days duration and involving an overnight stay, may only be authorised by resolution of Council. However, due to late notice or where it is not possible or appropriate to obtain approval for such, approval may be given jointly by the Mayor and General Manager to attend same. If the Mayor requires approval, it may be given by the Deputy Mayor in conjunction with the General Manager.

After returning from the conference, Councillors or a member of Council's staff accompanying the Councillor, should provide a report to Council on the aspects of the conference relevant to Council business and or the local community. No report is required for the annual conferences of the State and National Local Government and Shires Associations.

4.2 *Overseas Travel*

Proposals for overseas travel must be approved by a meeting of the full Council prior to the Mayor and/or Councillors undertaking the trip. The report considering the overseas travel should include detailed proposals for the travel, including nomination of the Councillors proposing to take the trip, purpose of the trip and expected benefits. The duration, itinerary and the approximate total cost of the proposed visit is also to be provided.

After returning from overseas, Councillors or an accompanying member of Council staff should provide a detailed written report to Council on the aspects of the trip relevant to Council business and the local community

including the actual benefits achieved. Councillors are required to report back on the overseas travel to a full meeting of the Council, including overseas sister city visits. Details of overseas travel will also be included in Council's Annual Report.

4.3 *Providing Gifts or Benefits*

In circumstances where it is appropriate for Councillors to give a gift or benefit (for example, on a Council business related trip or when receiving visitors) these gifts and benefits should be of token value in accordance with the definition contained in the Code of Conduct.

5. CLAIMS AND RECONCILIATIONS

All reconciliations for advances made under this Policy and all claims for expenses under this Policy should be submitted to the General Manager within one (1) calendar month of being incurred or returning from the conference, seminar or training session.

6. FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

This policy provides for the following facilities and standards of facilities to be provided to the Mayor and Councillors. Councillors should not obtain more than incidental private use of facilities. Where practicable, maximum expenditure limits have been established for facilities provided. In the event a Councillor exceeds the limit, they will be invoiced for the balance, with payment due within one (1) month of being invoiced.

6.1 *Support Facilities*

Council will provide the following support facilities for Councillors. These facilities are provided for use by the Councillor in the conduct of their civic duties.

Communications Equipment

6.1.1 Computer Equipment

Council will provide suitable information technology hardware and software including suitable printers to Councillors at their place of residence or office, as part of an Electronic Business Paper and Council Business Information system. Access to the Internet will be provided including Wifi as appropriate. This equipment will remain in the possession of the Councillor during his/her term of office and will be maintained by Council as and when required. Council is required to meet annual recurrent costs in regard to the IT equipment (hardware and software) and will upgrade the equipment as necessary.

Council will provide and maintain all necessary computer software and consumables and provide training to Councillors to facilitate the efficient operation of the system. All Councillors are to be provided separate email addresses for civic duties, with Council to meet all costs associated with maintaining the same.

Minimum standard of equipment to include desktop or laptop, notebook, tablet computer system and accessories, combined printer, copier, scanner, facsimile and phone, as well as appropriate communication equipment including requirements for security, modems and routers. A limit of \$500 per Councillor per annum has been set for consumables associated with the computer equipment.

6.1.2 Facsimile Equipment

Council will provide at the residence or office of a Councillor, an appropriate facsimile machine to facilitate the transmission of information relating to a Councillor's duties of office. Council will provide the necessary maintenance and consumable products required for the operation of the equipment.

To this end, Council will arrange for the installation of the necessary telephone line and associated equipment

and meet all relevant connection costs, including, where necessary, power supply, with usage costs to a maximum of \$200 (plus GST) per month, being met by Council.

This equipment will remain at all times at the residence or office of the Councillor during his/her term of office.

6.1.3 Mobile Telephone

- i. Council shall provide mobile telephones (or equivalent smart phone technology) to Councillors, if requested. The terms of use of the mobile phone/Blackberry will be based on a plan which represents value to Council. Council will meet the costs of calls up to a \$200 (plus GST) limit per month only and any additional costs are to be borne by the individual Councillor.
- ii. Council shall provide a 'Message Bank'/Paging Service on Council's mobile phones and smart phones.
- iii. Council shall provide Councillors, if requested, a car kit for installation in their private vehicle, which is compatible with their current mobile phone or Smartphone during their term of office.

The maximum standard of mobile phone is a smart phone including email and internet connection. Council to meet all costs associated with the supply and maintenance of the phone or smart phone, including service connection costs.

6.1.4 Stationery and Equipment

Each Councillor will be provided with an adequate supply of the following stationery and equipment in connection with a Councillor's civic duties subject to a maximum expenditure of \$2,000 per annum (plus GST) for each Councillor as follows:

- i. A4 letterhead and additional blank pages
- ii. Paper suitable for allocated printers
- iii. Envelopes
- iv. 'With Compliments' slips
- v. Notepaper
- vi. Business cards
- vii. One briefcase during the term of office
- viii. Each new edition of a street directory during the term of office
- ix. 150 Christmas cards plus stamps per annum
- x. Suitable name badges for Councillors and their partners
- xi. 800 standard stamps per year to each Councillor for the purposes of postage.
- xii. 150 pocket diaries per annum to the Mayor, 120 to the Deputy Mayor and 100 to each Councillor.
- xiii. A diary with inserts for each Councillor on an annual basis.

6.1.5 Clothing

Each Councillor will be provided with the following corporate clothing for personal use subject to a maximum expenditure of \$1,000 per annum (plus GST) for each Councillor:

- i. Blazer with embroidered Council Coat of Arms/Council Logo - one blazer during a term of office.

- ii. Neck tie/scarf - a sufficient number of neck ties/scarves embroidered with the Council Coat of Arms/Council Logo.
- iii. A suitable quality sunhat.
- iv. Tie bar and cuff links - limited to one tie bar and one set of cuff links during a term of office.
- v. Councillors will be provided annually, two (2) business shirts or blouses and two (2) polo shirts. The business shirts to be colours compatible with Council's logo or corporate colours and preference is to be given to Australian made products, where available.
- vi. Councillors to be provided on request, not more than twice during a term of office, an appropriate sports jacket.

Additionally, each Councillor will be provided the following corporate clothing on request for promotional events and occasions, subject to availability: shirts; ties, scarves, pens, cufflinks, brooches and tie pins.

6.1.6 Secretarial Assistance

Secretarial/typing assistance will be made available on the 5th Floor of the Civic Centre to Councillors for work directly related to the duties of office.

6.1.7 Other Facilities

Office facilities are available at the Civic Centre and at the Mount Druitt Hub for use by Councillors in the conduct of their civic duties. These facilities include the following:

- i. Office space - sufficient quantity of office space, providing an appropriate range of office furniture and equipment to assist Councillors in the conduct of their duties of office. Access will also be provided for Councillors to a refreshment cabinet for consumption of refreshments on site.
- ii. Office furniture - an appropriate quantity of office equipment necessary to facilitate the following types of activities:
 - Letter writing
 - Interviewing
 - Small meetings
 - Reading
- iii. Office Equipment
 - Telephone - a standard digital telephone connected to Council's PABX System.
 - Facsimile machine - a quality facsimile machine connected to a dedicated telephone line.
 - Computer - a terminal connected to Council's Corporate Information System. Internet access will also be made available in accordance with relevant corporate policies.
- iv. Councillors to be provided one reserved car parking space within the Civic Centre basement car park.
- v. Councillors will be provided restricted security access to the Civic Centre basement car park, public areas, Councillor rooms and facilities and the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms.

6.1.8 Meals and Refreshments

Council will provide to Councillors appropriate meals and refreshments at meetings of Council and Committees and light meals at meetings of Sub- Committees. A refreshment cabinet will also be located in the Councillors' areas for consumption of refreshments on site.

6.1.9 Shredding Machine

Council will provide to each Councillor a suitable shredding machine up to a value of \$500 (plus GST) for the disposal of confidential material. Shredded material may then be disposed of in the Councillors' recycling bins.

This equipment will remain in the possession of the Councillor during his/her term of office and will be installed and maintained by Council.

6.1.10 Desk, Office Chair and Storage Cabinet

Council will provide to each Councillor on request for keeping at their residence or office, a suitable desk valued up to \$650, office chair valued at up to \$500 and storage cabinet valued up to \$250. This equipment will remain in the possession of the Councillor during his/her term of office and will be installed and maintained by Council. Councillors will be limited to the supply of the equipment outlined in this section only once during each term of Council.

6.2 Facilities Provided for the Mayor

The following facilities, additional to those outlined elsewhere in this policy and provided to Councillors, will be provided to the Mayor as follows:

- Mayoral vehicle
- Telephone
- Facsimile equipment
- Computer and printer
- Office facilities
- Secretarial support
- Credit Card

6.2.1 Mayoral Vehicle

Council will provide to the Mayor at its cost, a fully registered, insured, maintained and fuelled vehicle for use by the Mayor on official duties and for private use. Council will be responsible for the payment of fringe benefits tax payable as a result of the supply of this facility.

i. Type and Cost of Vehicle

The type of vehicle at the time of changeover, shall be the choice of the Mayor with a maximum value of \$50,000 excluding GST and within the range available for purchase in accordance with the specifications of the State Contracts Control Board – 'Light Vehicle Contract' and within the Local Government Procurement Guidelines.

ii. Use of Vehicle

The vehicle provided for the Mayor is for use on official duties and functions of the Office of Mayor and for private use.

iii. Mobile Phone Attachment

Council shall install and maintain at its cost a suitable mobile phone attachment in the Mayoral vehicle.

iv. Cleaning

Council shall meet the weekly cost of cleaning (wash and vacuum) the Mayoral vehicle.

v. Electronic Tolls

Council shall supply and meet the usage costs associated with an electronic toll tag in the Mayoral vehicle.

6.2.2 Telephone

Council will provide at its cost, including usage costs, an appropriate mobile phone and a separate telephone on a dedicated line to the residence of the Mayor, for use in relation to official duties and functions of the Office of Mayor.

6.2.3 Facsimile Machine

Council will provide at its cost, including usage costs, an appropriate facsimile machine on a dedicated line at the residence of the Mayor, for use in relation to official duties and functions of the Office of Mayor.

6.2.4 Computer and Printer

Council will provide at its cost an appropriate desktop computer, printer, telephone modem connected to the Civic Centre, and necessary software at the residence of the Mayor to assist in the provision of general information services and for use in the preparation of notes and correspondence relating to the duties and functions of the Office of Mayor. Internet access will also be made available in accordance with relevant corporate policies.

6.2.5 Office Facilities

Council will provide the following office facilities at the Civic Centre, the Mount Druitt Hub and any other venue determined by the General Manager:

- i. Office space - sufficient quantity of quality office space necessary to fulfil the duties of office.
- ii. Telephone - a high quality digital telephone connected to Council's PABX System with direct in dial and direct line facilities.
- iii. Computer - a computer terminal for use in connection with corporate information systems.
- iv. Furniture - an appropriate quantity of quality office furniture.

6.2.6 Secretarial Support

- i. Secretarial support facilities are available to the Mayor during normal office hours.
- ii. Council will meet the cost of postage of mail forwarded by the Mayor in the conduct of official duties.

6.2.7 Credit Card

- i. A Corporate Credit Card will be provided by Council to facilitate payment of incidental expenses outside the Civic Centre such as attendance at functions, parking and entertainment for the purpose of discharging the Mayoral function.
- ii. The credit card will have a limit of \$A5,000.
- iii. The account is to be in the name of Blacktown City Council, the card being personally issued to the Mayor. The application form is to be completed by the Mayor.
- iv. The credit card is to be used for Council-related business expenditure only.
- v. The credit card must not be used for obtaining cash advances.
- vi. The use of the credit card should not be seen as an alternative to the petty cash procedure.
- vii. Upon completion of the Mayoral term, the credit card is to be returned to the General Manager on or prior to the date the term ceases.
- viii. Authorisation of both the General Manager and Mayor is required for the payment of all credit card statements.

6.2.8 Clothing

In addition to the clothing provided for all Councillors in this Policy, the Mayor shall be entitled to an additional Council jacket per quadrennial term.

6.2.9 Community Event Admission Fees

When the Mayor has accepted an invitation to attend a Community event representing Council and a fee is involved, then the admission fee will be paid by Council under this policy. Where necessary, the Mayor may send an alternate Councillor delegate.

6.3 *Facilities Provided for the Deputy Mayor*

The Deputy Mayor will be provided with the same facilities as those provided to all Councillors.

However, in relation to annual fees paid to the Mayor and Councillors in accordance with S249 of the Act and as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal, Council pays the Deputy Mayor an allowance at the rate of 13.45% of the fee paid to the Mayor from the amount payable to the Mayor.

6.4 *Council Concerts, Functions and Public Entertainment*

The Mayor and each Councillor is entitled to two tickets to each event or function organised or presented by Council or a greater number where deemed appropriate by the Mayor and General Manager.

Councillors will receive invitations to relevant functions held in their wards. This includes any function which has:

- Council sponsorship
- Council involvement, or
- Any local government interest to Councillors.

However, Councillor expenses will not be used to support attendance by Councillors at political fundraising functions.

6.5 *Acquisition and Return of Equipment and Facilities by Councillors*

When a Councillor leaves civic office, or when equipment allocated to a Councillor is upgraded, the Councillor may request to purchase all or some of the equipment provided to them for civic duties, under this Policy.

The General Manager will determine if the equipment is available for purchase and the purchase price, which is to reflect the market value. The General Manager may require independent advice to determine the market value of the equipment to be purchased.

Payment for the purchase of the equipment must be made within seven working days of the determined price being conveyed to the Councillor.

Councillors not wishing to acquire any or some of the facilities provided to them during their term of office, must make arrangements for their return to the Civic Centre, within seven days of vacating office.

7. **INSURANCE**

Council will effect an appropriate level of insurance for Councillors in the following areas:

- Public Liability – For matters arising out of a Councillor’s performance of their civic duties and/or exercise of their Council functions.
- Professional Indemnity – For matters arising out of a Councillor’s performance of their civic duties and/or exercise of their Council functions.
- Personal Accident – Coverage of Councillor and spouse while on Council business.
- Defamation – Excluding Councillor to Councillor and Councillor to Staff and Staff to Councillor.

Council will meet any excess applicable under a policy.

- Councillor and Officers – in relation to a Councillor performing Civic Duties.

- Other Insurances – in specific instances when considered necessary by the General Manager (eg travel insurance).

8. LEGAL EXPENSES

Council may indemnify or reimburse the reasonable legal expenses of:-

- A Councillor defending an action taken against the Councillor arising from the performance in good faith of a function under the Local Government Act (see Sec 731 of Local Government Act).
- A Councillor where legal proceedings are being taken against a Councillor, arising out of or in connection with the Councillor's performance of their elected role or exercise of their functions as a Councillor.
- A Councillor incurred in the event of:
 - an inquiry, investigation or hearing by any of the following:-
 - Independent Commission Against Corruption
 - Office of the Ombudsman
 - Division of Local Government
 - Police
 - Director of Public Prosecutions
 - Local Government Pecuniary Interest Tribunal

into the Conduct of a Councillor, or legal proceedings being taken against a Councillor arising out of or in connection with the Councillor's exercise of their function as a Councillor.

Council may reimburse such Councillor, after the conclusion of the inquiry, investigation, hearing or proceeding, for all legal expenses properly and reasonably incurred, given the nature of the inquiry, investigation, hearing or proceeding, on a solicitor/client basis but only where an outcome is achieved that is substantially favourable to the Councillor.

Approval of legal expenses under this section must be by resolution of Council and subject to a maximum legal expenditure of \$10,000 per annum (plus GST) for each Councillor.

(Note: actions on the following basis are to be excluded from this Clause: Councillor/Councillor, Councillor/Staff, Staff/Councillor and payment of legal expenses to Councillors for legal action initiated by Councillors).

9. SUPERANNUATION

- Council may, on written request by a Councillor, pay part of the Councillor, Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral allowances due under S248 and S249 of the Local Government Act 1993, to complying superannuation funds, on behalf of the Councillor.
- Councillors should seek their own financial advice on the impact upon their personal financial and taxation benefits before nominating a deduction from their allowance into their nominated superannuation fund.
- The Australian Tax Office (ATO) Interpretative Decision (ATO ID 2007/205) states that: "Amounts paid by a local government council in the form of contributions to a complying superannuation fund that are assessable to the fund under section 295/160 of the ITAA 1997, do not represent assessable income of the Councillor for the purposes of the ITAA 1997."
- As Councillors are not, under these arrangements deemed by the ATO to be employees of the Council, there are

no further implications for the provision of superannuation guarantee, or Fringe Benefits Tax.

10. CARERS PROVISIONS

10.1 Carers Expenses

Council encourages as wide a participation and interest in civic office as possible. Accordingly, it will ensure that all areas of the Council premises and associated facilities relevant to a Councillor in the conduct of their civic duties and business of council are accessible, including provision for sight or hearing impaired Councillors and those with other disabilities. Transportation provisions as outlined in this policy, such as access to cab charges, will also assist Councillors who may be unable or unwilling to drive a vehicle.

In terms of carers, Councillors who are the principal carer of a child or other elderly, disabled and/or sick immediate family member will be entitled to reimbursement of carers expenses up to a maximum of \$4,000 per annum. The purpose of this policy is to facilitate a Councillor's attendance at Council and Committee Meetings and other official civic functions noted below, plus reasonable travel from the principal place of residence. Child care expenses may be claimed for children up until and including the age of 16 years. Reimbursement to be made after submission of receipts and tax invoices and completion of a formal claim, with same to be lodged within one (1) calendar month of being incurred. Official civic functions include:

- Attendance at Ordinary and Extraordinary meetings of Council.
- Attendance at Council Committee meetings of which the Councillor is a member.
- Attendance at Ordinary, Committee and Sub-Committee Meetings of an organisation where the Councillor has, by Council resolution, been duly elected as a Council delegate.
- Attendance at inspections, within or outside the area as authorised by Council resolution or by the Mayor under delegated authority.
- Attendance at official Council functions authorised as Council business by a resolution of Council.
- Attendance at conferences, seminars and training approved by Council resolution or by the Mayor under delegated authority.
- Attendance at functions to which the Mayor has been invited, which are attended at the request of the Mayor.

Councillors will need to provide suitable evidence to the General Manager that reimbursement is applicable, such as advice from a medical practitioner in the event of caring for an adult person. Joint approval of expenses is required under this section by the General Manager and Mayor.

10.2 Expenses and Facilities for Councillors with Disabilities

In addition to the provisions of 10.1, for any Councillor with a disability, Council may resolve to provide reasonable additional facilities and expenses, in order to allow that Councillor to perform their civic duties.

Joint approval of expenses is required under this section by the General Manager and Mayor.

11. RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

11.1 Council will recognise Councillors' service as follows, subject to their acceptance:-

- a. Upon ceasing to hold civic office – presentation of a Certificate of Service and a gift at the discretion of the Mayor and General Manager.
- b. Upon 12 years (3 terms) total service to the City – presentation of Long Service Certification.
- c. Upon 20 years (5 terms) total service to the City – presentation of plaque at a Council dinner.
- d. Upon 25 years total service to the City – presentation of gift at the discretion of Mayor and General Manager.
- e. Upon ceasing to hold office after a period of 25 years total service to the City – civic dinner in recognition of service.

11.2 Where any recognition is at the discretion of the Mayor and General Manager and it applies to the Mayor, then in such circumstances it will be at the discretion of the Deputy Mayor and General Manager.

11.3 If at the commencement of this Policy, any existing Councillor has achieved the above years of service, then the Councillor will be eligible for the highest recognition applicable.

12. RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

12.1 Councillors may request a resolution of any disputed determination under this policy by mediation and/or arbitration from a member of Council's Legal Services or Conduct Review Panels, subject to their acceptance:-

- a. That the mediator/arbitrator selected from the panel will be at the discretion of the Mayor and General Manager; and
- b. That the mediator's/arbitrator's decision will be final.

CONTRACTS AWARDED EXCEEDING \$150,000

The following lump sum contracts, exceeding \$150,000, were awarded by Council between 1 July, 2012 and 30 June, 2013.

Contractor	Contract	Description of Works	Value
Suters Architects Pty Ltd	6/2012	Blacktown Aquatic Centre - Masterplan and Plant and Equipment Review	\$223,418.00
Allen Jack + Cottier Architects Pty Ltd	7/2012	Reserve 797 - Tennis Complex	\$374,557.72
Life Fitness Australia Pty Ltd	11/2012	Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Cardio Fitness Equipment for Blacktown Leisure Centre - Stanhope and Blacktown Aquatic Centre	\$447,060.00
Fuji Xerox Australia Pty Ltd	16/2012	Lease of Black and White Production Printer with Work Station and Software	\$236,491.00
Talis Civil Pty Ltd	24/2012	Road Bridge over Main Western Railway - Knox Road, Doonside	\$1,655,534.30
GW Building Pty Ltd	25/2012	Construction of Amenities Building - Cornucopia Reserve (Reserve 791) Cantwell Street, Glenwood	\$643,264.23
Panasonic Australia Pty Ltd	32/2012	Oval 1 Scoreboard for Blacktown International Sportspark	\$425,700.00
Hewlett-Packard Australia Pty Ltd	33/2012	Supply of Computer Equipment and Associated Services	\$1,201,734.00
The Sydney Restoration Company Pty Ltd	39/2012	Construction Works, Stage 3 - Repair and Conservation Works Melrose, Grantham Heritage Park, Seven Hill Rd South, Seven Hills	1,173,180.41
The Trustee for Austexc Trust	42/2012	Construction and Maintenance of Two (2) Gross Pollutant Traps	\$354,403.50
Shannon Construction Pty Ltd	8/2013	Construction of Water and Sewer for Subdivision at Cox Place, Glendenning	\$369,708.90
Jay & Le Civil Contractors Pty Ltd	10/2013	Construction of Masonry Retaining Walls at Cox Place, Glendenning	\$1,117,646.00
North West Community Trust	11/2013	Provision of Stonecutters Ridge Community Development Program	\$278,106.40
Designinc Sydney Pty Ltd	13/2013	Design and Documentation of the Proposed Glenwood Community Resource Hub at Glenwood	\$328,155.00
Allen Jack & Cottier Architects Pty Ltd	19/2013	Reserve 797 Tennis Complex Proposed Variations - Design and Documentation for the Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope - Indoor Tennis Court Extension	253,779.50
GHD Pty Ltd	16/2013	Water Quality Monitoring in Blacktown City Council for Four (4) Years - 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2017	\$335,693.22

SCHEDULE OF RATES CONTRACTS

Amounts were also expended during the year on a number of Schedule of Rates Contracts, meaning that services were provided as and when required at the contracted rate. It is expected that the total value of some of these contracts will exceed \$150,000 over their life.

Contractor	Contract	Description of Works
Complete Linemarking Services Pty Ltd	27/2011	Pavement Marking
Avante Linemarking	27/2011	Pavement Marking
Antibug	8/2012	Pest Control
Competitive Pest Control Pty Ltd	8/2012	Pest Control
KD Wood Valuations (Aust) Pty Ltd	10/2012	Appointment of Endorsed Suppliers of Property Valuation Services
M J Davis Valuations Pty Ltd	10/2012	Appointment of Endorsed Suppliers of Property Valuation Services
Jones Lang Lasalle	10/2012	Appointment of Endorsed Suppliers of Property Valuation Services
Lunney Watt and Associates Pty Ltd	10/2012	Appointment of Endorsed Suppliers of Property Valuation Services
Asset Property Consultants and Valuers	10/2012	Appointment of Endorsed Suppliers of Property Valuation Services
J and G Excavations and Asphaltting (NSW) Pty Ltd	31/2012	Asphaltic Concrete Patching and Pavement Renewal
Roadworx Surfacing Pty Ltd	31/2012	Asphaltic Concrete Patching and Pavement Renewal
Bernipave Pty Ltd	31/2012	Asphaltic Concrete Patching and Pavement Renewal
Envirocivil Pty Ltd	5/2013	Cleaning of Pollution Control Devices and CCTV Inspection, Cleaning and Clearing of Stormwater Pipes
Sewer Services Pty Ltd	5/2013	Cleaning of Pollution Control Devices and CCTV Inspection, Cleaning and Clearing of Stormwater Pipes
Total Drain Cleaning Services Pty Ltd	5/2013	Cleaning of Pollution Control Devices and CCTV Inspection, Cleaning and Clearing of Stormwater Pipes
Austact Pty Ltd	14/2013	Tactile Paving - Installation of Tactile Ground Surface Indicators (TGSI's)
Sydney Tactiles Pty Ltd	14/2013	Tactile Paving - Installation of Tactile Ground Surface Indicators (TGSI's)
Panel of 43 Suppliers	17/2013	Two (2) Yearly Hire of Plant for 2013/14 and 2014/15
Panel of 35 Suppliers	18/2013	Two (2) Yearly Hire of Trucks for 2013/14 and 2014/15
Mission Australia	WR01-12/13	Provision of Mattress Collection and Processing Service

COMPETITIVE NEUTRALITY

Council has complied with the requirements of National Competition Policy and applied the principles of competitive neutrality to its nominated Category 1 and 2 Business Activities. Those business activities are:-

Category 1 Land development
 Deregulated approvals

Category 2 Commercial waste
 Property management

Council uses Activity Based Costing methodologies and a tax equivalent regime in order to support true costing reporting and pricing for its business activities.

Details of revenues, expenses, and assets held for each of these business activities are outlined in the Special Purpose Financial Reports provided on pages TBA of this Annual Report.

Council's Land Development Category 1 Business Activity performed in accordance with Council's projected 2012/13 strategy for the year.

A complaints handling mechanism that complies with the NSW Local Government Act and Competition Policy is in place.

Council has not received any competitive neutrality complaints during 2012/13.

Council considers Competition Policy to be a management tool to be used in a manner that delivers high quality service at the best price. As such, Council will continue to employ a variety of competitive techniques to ensure that this happens.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Local Court Matters

Matter	Result	Penalty	Costs
Abandon vehicle in a public place	Withdrawn	\$0.00	\$0.00
Deposit Litter from Vehicle - Individual	Guilty	\$200.00	\$0.00
Disobey No Parking - School Zone	Guilty	\$50.00	\$0.00
Disobey No Parking sign	Guilty	\$50.00	\$0.00
Disobey No Parking sign (x2)	Withdrawn	\$0.00	\$0.00
Disobey No stopping sign	Dismissed	\$0.00	\$0.00
Disobey No stopping sign	Guilty	\$1,729.00	\$250.00
Disobey No Stopping sign - School Zone	Dismissed	\$0.00	\$0.00
Disobey No Stopping sign - School Zone	Guilty	\$100.00	\$81.00
Disobey No Stopping sign - School Zone	Withdrawn	\$0.00	\$0.00
Disobey No stopping sign (x3)	Section 10	\$0.00	\$0.00
Double Park	Guilty	\$570.00	\$83.00
Double Park	Withdrawn	\$0.00	\$0.00
Double Park - School Zone	Section 10	\$0.00	\$0.00
Double Park (x2)	Section 10	\$0.00	\$0.00
Not parallel park in direction of travel	Guilty	\$360.00	\$166.00
Not parallel park in direction of travel (x2)	Section 10	\$0.00	\$0.00
Not Park in Marked Bay	Withdrawn	\$0.00	\$0.00
Not park rear to kerb where indicated	Section 10	\$0.00	\$0.00
Not stand vehicle in marked space	Guilty	\$400.00	\$83.00
Not stand vehicle in marked space	Withdrawn	\$0.00	\$0.00
Parallel park close to front/back of vehicle	Guilty	\$130.00	\$73.00
Park continuously for longer than permitted	Guilty	\$500.00	\$0.00
Park continuously for longer than permitted (x3)	Section 10	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stand vehicle in disabled without authority	Guilty	\$250.00	\$0.00
Stop in an Intersection	Guilty	\$200.00	\$0.00
Stop in Bus Zone	Withdrawn	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stop in Bus Zone - School Zone	Guilty	\$453.00	\$88.00
Stop in Bus Zone - School Zone (x3)	Section 10	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stop in Loading Zone	Guilty	\$250.00	\$83.00
Stop in parking area for disabled without current disability permit displayed	Dismissed	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stop in parking area for disabled without current disability permit displayed	Guilty	\$1,300.00	\$166.00
Stop in parking area for disabled without current disability permit displayed	Withdrawn	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stop in parking area for disabled without current disability permit displayed (x4)	Section 10	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stop in Taxi Zone	Guilty	\$312.00	\$166.00
Stop in Taxi Zone	Section 10	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stop on path/strip	Guilty	\$40.00	\$0.00
Stop on path/strip	Section 10	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stop on path/strip	Withdrawn	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stop on/near pedestrian crossing	Guilty	\$1,243.00	\$249.00
Stop on/near pedestrian crossing - School Zone	Guilty	\$353.00	\$0.00
Stop on/near pedestrian crossing - School Zone (x2)	Withdrawn	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stop on/near pedestrian crossing (x2)	Section 10	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stop within 10 metres of an intersection without traffic lights	Withdrawn	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$8,490.00	\$1,488.00

LAND AND ENVIRONMENT COURT

Planning, Development and Environment Matters

Land and Environment Court Matter	Council Expenditure	Status	Result
Dexus v BCC			
Third Party Appeal against the consent granted to a Shopping Centre at Jersey Road, Plumpton	\$9,588.54	Finalised	Appeal Upheld
Tamer v BCC			
Appeal against the Refusal of an Affordable Housing Development at Paull Street, Mt Druitt	\$9,617.57	Finalised	Appeal Dismissed
Universal Property Group v BCC			
Appeal against the Deemed Refusal of a Medium Density Housing Development at Sunnyside Road, Stanhope Gardens	\$1,665.00	Finalised	Agreement Reached Between Parties
Universal Property Group v BCC			
Appeal against the Deemed Refusal of a Medium Density Housing Development at Fox Hills Crescent, Prospect	\$2,400.00	Finalised	Agreement Reached Between Parties
Universal Property Group v BCC			
Appeal against the Deemed Refusal of a Medium Density Housing Development at Meroo Street, Blacktown	\$1,650.00	Finalised	Agreement Reached Between Parties
Universal Property Group v BCC			
Appeal against the Deemed Refusal of a Medium Density Housing Development at Allawah Street, Blacktown	\$1,585.00	Finalised	Agreement Reached Between Parties
Universal Property Group v BCC			
Appeal against the Deemed Refusal of a Medium Density Housing Development at Ramona Street, Quakers Hill	\$1,140.00	Finalised	Agreement Reached Between Parties
Universal Property Group v BCC			
Appeal against the Deemed Refusal of a Medium Density Housing Development at Cornelia Road, Toongabbie	\$2,058.00	Finalised	Agreement Reached Between Parties
Universal Property Group v BCC			
Appeal against the Deemed Refusal of a Medium Density Housing Development at Portico Parade, Toongabbie	\$4,613.00	Finalised	Agreement Reached Between Parties
Universal Property Group v BCC			
Appeal against the Deemed Refusal of a Medium Density Housing Development at Stephen Street, Blacktown	\$7,342.12	Finalised	Agreement Reached Between Parties
Universal Property Group v BCC			
Appeal against the Refusal of a Medium Density Housing Development at Newhaven Street, Blacktown	\$32,202.19	Finalised	Appeal Upheld
Universal Property Group v BCC			
Appeal against the Deemed Refusal of a Medium Density Housing Development at Australis Drive, Ropes Crossing	\$5,023.50	Finalised	Agreement Reached Between Parties
Universal Property Group v BCC			
Appeal against the Deemed Refusal of a Residential Flat Building at Second Avenue, Blacktown	\$31,773.44	Finalised	Appeal Upheld

LAND AND ENVIRONMENT COURT

Planning, Development and Environment Matters

Land and Environment Court Matter	Council Expenditure	Status	Result
Universal Property Group v BCC Appeal against the Deemed Refusal of a Residential Flat Building at Ropes Crossing Boulevard, Ropes Crossing	\$17,222.73	Finalised	Appeal Upheld
Universal Property Group v BCC Appeal against the Deemed Refusal of a Residential Flat Building at Dunlop Avenue, Ropes Crossing	\$16,999.00	Finalised	Appeal Upheld
Universal Property Group v BCC Appeal against the Deemed Refusal of a Residential Flat Building at Dunlop Avenue and Roe Court, Ropes Crossing	\$12,992.50	Finalised	Appeal Upheld
Universal Property Group v BCC Appeal against the Deemed Refusal of a Medium Density Housing Development at Hyatts Road, Plumpton	\$8,081.73	Finalised	Agreement Reached Between Parties
Australian Property Group v BCC Appeal against the Deemed Refusal of a Medium Density Housing Development at Bridge Street, Schofields	\$58,512.59	Finalised	Appeal Upheld
Mirvac v BCC Appeal against the Deemed Refusal of a Subdivision at Alex Avenue, Schofields	\$6,765.00	Finalised	Agreement Reached Between Parties
Gallagher v BCC Appeal against the Deemed Refusal of a Boarding House at Newton Road, Blacktown	\$2,769.80	Finalised	Appeal Discontinued
Kunhi v BCC Appeal against the Refusal of a Secondary Dwelling at Montrose Street, Quakers Hill	\$19,406.00	Finalised	Agreement Reached Between Parties
Nirimba Developments v BCC Appeal against the Deemed Refusal of a Pedestrian Management Plan at Nirimba Drive, Quakers Hill	\$52,467.80	Finalised	Appeal Upheld
Winsloe v BCC Appeal against an Order to Cease the Use of the Land for the Purposes of a Firewood Processing Business at Rouse Road, Rouse Hill	\$8,725.00	Finalised	Agreement Reached Between Parties
Wilkie and Srbek v BCC Appeal against an Order for the Demolition of an Unauthorised Dwelling at Robert Street, Riverstone	\$11,029.10	Finalised	Agreement Reached Between Parties
BCC v Pearce Proceedings against an overgrown property and dilapidated dwelling at Piccadilly Street, Riverstone	\$7,732.60	Ongoing	Matter Ongoing
BCC v White Proceedings against a Complying Development Certificate issued for a Group Home at Cornelia Road, Toongabbie	\$15,168.25	Finalised	Orders Made in Favour of Council

LAND AND ENVIRONMENT COURT

Planning, Development and Environment Matters

Land and Environment Court Matter	Council Expenditure	Status	Result
BCC v Floyd			
Contempt proceedings regarding removal of waste material at Grange Avenue, Marsden Park	\$70,592.01	Ongoing	Matter Ongoing
BCC v Chen			
Proceedings regarding an unauthorised brothel at Boomerang Place, Seven Hills	\$6,110.10	Ongoing	Matter Ongoing
BCC v Butler			
Proceedings regarding an unauthorised tree lopping business at Stony Creek Road, Shanes Park	\$595.00	Finalised	Orders Made in Favour of Council
BCC v BSL Pty Ltd			
Proceedings regarding an industrial building constructed without a valid Construction Certificate at Tasha Place, Kings Park	\$12,598.47	Finalised	Orders Made in Favour of Council
BCC v Wilkie			
Proceedings regarding unauthorised fill at Robert Street, Riverstone	\$4,300.80	Finalised	Orders Made in Favour of Council
BCC v Martelli			
Proceedings regarding an unauthorised residential flat development at Burrowes Grove, Dean Park	\$1,832.09	Ongoing	Matter Ongoing

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Other matters

In addition to the legal proceedings identified in the Annual Report, a detailed listing of all legal costs are reported to Council on a quarterly basis providing a summary of all legal costs incurred during the financial year. These costs relate to legal proceedings as well as other legal advice sought by Council in regard to various other matters.

WORK CARRIED OUT ON PRIVATE LAND

No work was carried out on private land during the 2012/13 financial year.

CONTRIBUTIONS GRANTED UNDER SECTION 356

Local Bands		\$4,500
Cultural		\$1,000
Education -		
Local Schools	\$8,400	
Pre School		
Tertiary	\$48,000	\$56,400
Historical		\$6,500
Service Clubs		\$5,000
Sporting		\$58,600
Youth		\$500
Scouts, Guides, Air League		\$1,670
Various Community Groups		\$18,833
Other		
Total		\$153,003

FUNCTIONS DELEGATED BY COUNCIL

Council did not delegate any function to an external body during the year.

COMPANIES IN WHICH COUNCIL HELD A CONTROLLING INTEREST

Council controls a company limited by guarantee (Blacktown Venue Management Limited), responsible for the operational management and promotion of Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney on Council's behalf.

PARTNERSHIPS AND JOINT VENTURES TO WHICH COUNCIL WAS A PARTY

During the year, Council was a member of:-

- Australian Local Government Nuclear Free Zones and Toxic Industry Secretariat
- Blacktown Emerging Communities Active Plan (BECAP)
- Community Development Support Expenditure Committee – Clubs NSW
- Floodplains Management Authority – NSW
- Hawkesbury River County Council
- Lethbridge Park Food Kitchen with Housing NSW, Skillpower, Food Buster and Wise Employment
- NSW Local Government Association
- Upper Parramatta River Catchment Trust
- Western Sydney Airport Alliance (Group of councils Opposed to a Second Sydney Airport at Badgerys Creek)
- Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (WSROC)
- WESTPOOL
- Blacktown Community Services Conference: SydWest MSI, Holy Family Services and Community Resources Network

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

During 2012/13, Blacktown city Council continued to demonstrate its commitment to Equal Employment Opportunities (EEO) across the organisation.

As in earlier years, Council's workforce continues to reflect equity of access to employment with women again representing over 52 per cent of Council's total workforce and 95 per cent of part-time employees. Notably, 55 per cent of all new starters were also female, demonstrating that our recruitment pathways are providing sound opportunity.

Council has continued throughout 2012/13 to accommodate flexible working conditions for parents returning to work from parental leave and for staff with long-term caring responsibilities or access issues, most notably by reviewing the ability of staff members to access leaseback vehicles while on long-term leave.

The above work has seen the continued roll out of detailed information packages for staff, setting out the range of parental provisions now available to them, including the recently updated 'Dad and Partner pay'.

During this time, Council's EEO committee structure has remained unchanged, however we have commenced reviewing our management plan in line with state examples.

The previous year saw us complete the updating of our employee details which allowed us to also focus on more accurately reporting on the make-up of our organisation. This information, considering such factors as Cultural and Linguistic Diversity, Disability, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds as well as access issues, has allowed us to plan to better manage our diverse workforce, noting that in excess of 13 per cent of our staff come from one of the above backgrounds.

Continuing developments in this area will seek to build not only on the strengths of our current workforce, but also those of our community, and the sound platforms already set down for us by the continuing achievements of the Aboriginal Employment Strategy, Council's Reconciliation Action Plan and Council's recently updated Social Plan.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Council's Human Resources Section has continued to set a high standard of operational output while also working strategically for the benefit of Council and the community.

This year has again seen renewed focus on our functions of Payroll Services, Learning and Development, Workforce Planning and Strategy, Industrial Relations and Corporate Planning. This combination of functional areas has allowed Council to work cooperatively across a number of areas to engage our staff on a range of initiatives, including facilitating the next suite of Integrated Planning and Reporting documents.

This year, we have finalised the review and updating of our Workforce Management Plan, confirming that Council remains committed to the following strategic areas:

- Leadership Development
- Learning and Development
- Attraction and Retention
- Reward and Recognition
- Key Position Planning

During the 2012/13 Financial Year, Council continued to experience variations in its seasonal staffing numbers, but as at 30 June 2013 reported a full time equivalency of 1,352, which compares favourably to an approved, budgeted establishment of 1,383, due to variations based on timing of recruitment and operational needs across the organisation.

Welcoming 255 new starters this financial year, across a wide variety of roles and classifications, importantly, women represented 55 per cent of all new staff, and continue to represent over 52 per cent of our total workforce.

Council remains committed to providing development opportunities for younger members of the workforce. In 2012/2013, Council had 35 Apprentices, eight administrative and five professional trainees. Maintaining its commitment to providing opportunities to students, Council hosted almost 200 work experience placements from local high schools, universities and TAFE institutions during the year. This number is due to an ongoing focus by Council on this program, and centralised reporting on the placements supported.

The Learning and Development section has continued their focus on the provision of both compliance training and professional development opportunities for staff through the delivery of a mixture of internal and external courses, with 2,608 attendances, totalling some 10,295 hours of course delivery. This year has again seen training resources dedicated to revising our safety training packages to accommodate an ongoing continuous improvement focus in this area.

Council's Staff Consultative Committee comprising of Council officers and elected union and staff representatives continued to meet on a monthly basis and discussed general staff issues, policies, job redesign, workforce reform opportunities and the implementation of structural review programs.

During 2013/14 Council will again build on the strategies endorsed, with a greater understanding of who we are as organisation and as an employer.

WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY

The past 12 months have seen a number of key initiatives rolled out across Council, aimed at promoting a safe workplace and developing Work Health and Safety (WHS) best practice.

Council focused on delivering on the initiatives from the 2012/13 WHS Management Plan which promotes WHS based initiatives aligned to four key objectives:

1. Decrease number and severity of injuries.
2. Provide a workplace with a positive health and safety culture.
3. Maintain WHS processes.
4. Improve WHS legal and self insurance compliance.

To enhance the Blacktown WHS Management System, 38 Standard Operating Procedures were reviewed for compliance to the WHS Act, WHS Regulation 2011, Codes of Practice and/or Australian Standards. In addition, Asbestos, Plant and Hazardous Chemicals procedures were subject to redevelopment to maintain currency with new Codes of Practice.

Opportunities identified to enhance the WHS System were monitored through a Corrective Action system and as a result the WHS System has now been reviewed with further progress made on improving Council's legislative compliance.

To promote employee health and welfare, a Health expo was conducted at Civic Centre. The main focus of the expo was to conduct a quick personal health assessment eg: blood pressure monitoring, provide advice on dietary habits and raise awareness of occupational hazards.

Overall, Council's WHS performance recorded the number of Lost Time Injuries (LTI) of 34 LTI's incidents per million hours worked.

To improve consultation on Work Health and Safety, eleven (11) employees have been appointed to represent their workgroups as a Health and Safety Representative (HSR). The HSRs, provide an opportunity to share relevant information about Work Health and Safety with workers, other workgroups within Council and or other employers/contractors. The WHS team completed 80 per cent of the scheduled Compliance audits. The audits covered a range of compliance requirements such as:

1. WHS Management System – NSW Workcover Self Insurer Audit Tool
2. Coordination, Cooperation, and Consultation
3. Injury Management
4. Prevention of Falls at Workplaces
5. How to Manage WHS Risks
6. First Aid in the Workplace

Council's commitment to continuous improvement, coupled with effective consultation with workers and their HSRs, reflects Council's ongoing drive to improve Work Health and Safety and provide workers with the opportunity to express their views and contribute to the resolution of WHS issues.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The objective of Blacktown City Council's Audit Committee is to provide independent assurance and assistance on risk management, governance, and external reporting responsibilities.

The Committee's membership was broadened this year to include an independent Committee Chair and an additional independent member external to the Council and its administrative operations. The Audit Committee membership comprises:

- Terry McCormack, retired General Manager.
- Dr Phil Ross, Associate Professor, School of Accounting, University of Western Sydney.
- Peter McLean, Chief Executive Officer, Keep Australia Beautiful NSW.
- David Steinhoff, Retired Internal Auditor and CPA.
- Dr Russ Dickens, Deputy Mayor and Ward Councillor of Blacktown City Council.

As set out in its Charter, the Audit Committee met four times in 2012/13 financial year to review Council's internal audit program with the following Internal Audit Reports tabled to the Committee:

- Building Security and Maintenance
- RTA Drives
- Rates billings and Collections
- Complaint Handling
- External Plant Hire
- S355 Management Committees
- Procurement
- Rooty Hill Depot Stores
- Sundry Debtors

In addition, the Audit Committee reviewed the 2012/13 audited financial reports and external audit opinion.

Public Interest Disclosures

Blacktown City Council is committed to acting in the best interest of the community and to upholding the principles of honesty, integrity and transparency in relation to the administration of Council's funds and assets.

In conjunction with Council's Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy and its Code of Conduct, the Internal Reporting Policy of Council is committed to the aims and objectives of the *Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994* recognising the value and importance of public officials (staff, Councillors and contractors) who report wrongdoing.

Policies have been distributed to employees via Code of Conduct training, new employees receive induction training with further promotion through the publication of the Policies on Council's Intranet site. Managers have also received training facilitated by the Independent Commission Against Corruption on key aspects of corruption prevention.

In 2012/13, the following number and types of disclosures were made and investigated:

Number of public officials who made public interest disclosures to your public authority	3
Number of public interest disclosures received by your public authority	3
Of the public interest disclosures received, how many were primarily about:	
Corrupt conduct	3
Maladministration	
Serious and substantial waste	
Government information contravention	
Local government pecuniary interest contravention	
Number of Public interest disclosures (received since 1.7.2012) that have been finalised in this reporting period	3

STATEMENT OF SENIOR OFFICERS' REMUNERATION PACKAGES

2012 / 2013	
GENERAL MANAGER	\$301,975
COUNCIL EXECUTIVE TOTAL	\$943,565

Council executive staff consists of the Directors of Finance and Corporate Strategy, City Strategy and Development, City Assets, Sustainable Living.

2012-2013 REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

In 2007 Council approved the introduction of the stormwater management service charge, starting in the 2007/08 financial year. A Schedule of Works was developed for the expenditure of the charge and entitled the Environmental Stormwater Management Program (ESMP). This was a five-year rolling program covering 2007/08 to 2011/12.

At the end of the 2012 financial year a review of the ESMP occurred with the new program focuses on establishing a foundation for future capital and on ground works, delivering capital works, assisting Council's management, strategic and development planning processes and ensuring any new infrastructure delivered through this program is maintained.

The new program includes some amendments to the program such as consolidation and extension of activities in the 2010/11 to 2014/15 program, the inclusion of new activities and omission of some other activities.

The following table provides a summary of the progress of projects under the new program. The table identifies whether the project is a continuing project from the old program or a new project. Please note the following table does not report on projects under the new program that are scheduled to commence in future financial years. These will be reported in future Annual Reports.

From the 2012/13 Environmental Stormwater Management Program there were activities that were ongoing and required to be carried forward into the new program.

OUTSTANDING PROJECTS FROM THE OLD PROGRAM AND THEIR STATUS IN 2012/13

No.	Ward	Project	Description	Outcome	Status
12	All	Bed and Bank Stabilisation using Soft Engineering Techniques	Implementation of bed and bank stabilisation projects in accordance with hotspot areas identified by Maintenance Manager and thereafter in accordance with the Creek and Wetland Asset Management Plan developed as part of Action 19.	This project will help protect Council assets and the safety of users of Council reserves. The project will also improve waterway health through the prevention of erosion and sediment removal upstream and transport and deposition further downstream.	Incomplete
13	4	Angus Creek Stormwater Quality Improvement Device Series	Installation of stormwater quality improvement devices to protect an environmentally significant and sensitive area located downstream.	This project will help protect an existing environmentally sensitive and significant area located downstream of the urban development and prevent it being severely impacted by pollution.	Construction of Gross Pollutant Traps complete. Maintenance program has commenced
24	5	Little Creek Stormwater Quality Improvement Device Series	Installation of a series of stormwater quality improvement devices to protect an environmentally significant and sensitive area located downstream.	This project will help protect an existing environmentally sensitive and significant area located downstream of the urban development and prevent it being severely impacted by pollution.	Complete
12	5	Tregear Reserve Bank Stabilisation	Bank stabilisation works to prevent further erosion of Ropes Creek into reserve. Undertake restoration to enable creek to cope with changes in flows that are causing bank erosion.	Bank stabilisation to protect Council and other adjacent assets. Restoration will improve local biodiversity and improve ecological condition of the creek line.	Commenced

OUTSTANDING PROJECTS FROM THE OLD PROGRAM AND THEIR STATUS IN 2012/13

No.	Ward	Project Title	Project Description	Project Outcome	New/ Continuing Project	Status
1	All	Stormwater Industrial Auditing Program	Temporary employment of industrial auditing officers to deliver a proactive inspection program with small to medium sized industrial businesses to ensure they are adopting safe and responsible stormwater management practices and regularly review and deliver actions through the Industrial Audit Framework. This includes funding for additional resources necessary to fulfil the roles such as the production of educational materials.	Increased awareness and understanding of small to medium sized industrial businesses on their responsibilities for stormwater management resulting in less pollutants entering our local waterways from small to medium sized industrial businesses.	Continuing	Commenced
2	All	Stormwater Education Program	Temporary employment of a full time officer to regularly review and deliver actions from the Stormwater Education Strategy. This includes funding for additional resources necessary to fulfil the roles such as the production of educational materials.	Increased community awareness of stormwater issues and greater community participation in activities related to helping create healthier local waterways.	Continuing	Commenced
3	All	Water Quality and Quantity Monitoring	Regularly review and conduct water quality and quantity monitoring activities and where appropriate, fund specific monitoring programs to assess the outcomes or performance of on ground works.	A monitoring program which reviews water quality and quantity variations associated with long-term changes in waterway health due to catchment land use changes and/or catchment management activities. This data will help ensure informed catchment management decisions are made with sufficient background information and will also provide an information resource for the community. Outcomes are reported to Council annually.	Continuing	Commenced. New tender started July 2013 for a 4 year period

OUTSTANDING PROJECTS FROM THE OLD PROGRAM AND THEIR STATUS IN 2012/13

No.	Ward	Project Title	Project Description	Project Outcome	New/ Continuing Project	Status
4	All	Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) and Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) Capacity Building Program	Temporary employment of an officer where required to regularly review and deliver actions from the WSUD Capacity Building Program and Implementation Plan. This includes actions such as establishment of a Water Working Group, a BCC intranet hub for information sharing, existing audit of current in house policies, audit of current roles and responsibilities to gain more clarity for Council officers, development and delivery of a technical training program and development and delivery of a champion initiative.	Increased awareness amongst Council staff and local development community and consultants regarding the principles and implementation of WSUD, particularly with reference to the assets being acquired through the North West Growth Centre and Council's planning provisions relating to WSUD. It will help increase the knowledge and technical skills of Council staff to design, construct and maintain on ground WSUD measures such as bioretention systems. It will also help increase the capacity of Council staff and local developers and consultants to comply with the requirements for implementation of WSUD within Council's current planning controls.	Continuing	Commenced
5	All	Blacktown Stormwater Harvesting and Reuse Scheme	Implementation of a surface stormwater harvesting and reuse scheme at Blacktown International Sportspark and surrounding reserves to supply 200ML of 'fit for purpose' use water that will help conserve potable water supplies. This project has additional funding dedicated through Round 2 of the Federal Government's Stormwater Harvesting and Reuse Grant Program.	Supply 200ML of 'fit for purpose' secure water supply to Blacktown International Sportspark and surrounding reserves. The scheme will help increase awareness about the development and use of alternative water supplies through practical application. The project will also improve environmental health through the integration of WSUD principles into Council's infrastructure. Potential potable water savings will offset scheme maintenance costs.	Continuing	Commenced
6	All	Sediment and Rubbish Removal from Waterways	Removal of accumulated sediment and rubbish in waterways and drainage channels.	The removal of accumulated sediment and rubbish will help prevent blockages that have the potential to cause localised stormwater flooding from decreased channel capacity, help protect Council's assets, improve community safety and also prevent large sediment loads from being transported downstream, thus helping to improve waterway health.	Continuing	Commenced

OUTSTANDING PROJECTS FROM THE OLD PROGRAM AND THEIR STATUS IN 2012/13

No.	Ward	Project Title	Project Description	Project Outcome	New/ Continuing Project	Status
7	2	Lalor Creek Bed and Bank Stabilisation	Completion of construction and 12 months maintenance activities for creek rehabilitation activities at Troubadour Reserve, Lalor Park.	The rehabilitation of Lalor Creek within Troubadour Reserve will help protect Council's assets, improve community safety and help improve waterway health through the reestablishment of native flora and fauna and removal of weeds and accumulated sediment.	Continuing	Commenced
8	All	Stormwater Quality Improvement Device Maintenance (Excluding Wetlands)	Maintenance of water quality treatment measures excluding wetlands such as gross pollutant traps, litter traps and booms, bioretention systems, raingarden and tree bioretention pods that are constructed as part of this program or newly acquired by Council.	Maintenance of these devices will ensure that the devices fulfil their intended function which is to prevent or minimise the amount of pollutants entering our local waterways. By preventing these pollutants from entering our local waterways, overall waterway health will be maintained.	Continuing	Commenced
9	All	Wetland Maintenance	Maintenance of Eskdale Street and Mitchell Reserve wetlands and any future wetlands acquired by Council. Maintenance activities include general management of the water body, vegetation management and any costs associated with pumping mechanisms.	Ensuring wetlands fulfil their intended function to prevent or minimise the amount of pollutants entering our local waterways. By preventing these pollutants from entering our local waterways, overall waterway health will be maintained.	Continuing	To be commenced
10	All	Aquatic and Riparian Weed Control	Removal of aquatic weeds from waterways and associated riparian weeds through aquatic and riparian weed removal activities.	Improvement in waterway health through the elimination of weeds which impact on water quality and compete with native flora and fauna. The elimination of aquatic weeds and associated riparian weeds will help allow native flora and fauna to recolonise and also help improve the health of our local waterways.	New	To be commenced
11	All	Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) and Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) Auditing Program	Temporary employment of IWCM & WSUD auditing officers to deliver a proactive inspection program with developments that have privately owned on site detention and WSUD measures to ensure new developments maintain these devices in accordance with their development consent. This includes funding for additional resources necessary to fulfil the roles such as the production of educational materials and local training for land owners.	Increased awareness and understanding of land owners with privately owned on site detention and WSUD measures on their property of their responsibilities for management and maintenance. This will ensure privately owned measures are maintained which will help contribute to minimising the impact of development on the health of our local waterways.	Continuing	Commenced

OUTSTANDING PROJECTS FROM THE OLD PROGRAM AND THEIR STATUS IN 2012/13

No.	Ward	Project Title	Project Description	Project Outcome	New/ Continuing Project	Status
12	All	Water Planning and Project Administration	Temporary employment of a full time catchment management officer to undertake water planning projects and manage on ground works associated with catchment planning activities and other projects associated with this program. This includes the continued review of the State of the Waterways Management Plans into sub catchment management plans. The sub catchment management plans will provide a holistic overview of the water balance and pollutant information, geomorphic condition of the waterways within the sub catchment, community visions for the sub catchments and provide linkages to Council's Biodiversity Strategy, Environmental Education Strategies and Planning Provisions. Once the Creek and Wetland Asset Management Plans are complete, an overarching Water Strategy which coordinates all water programs and policies within Blacktown City Council will be developed.	Ensure water management occurs in a coordinated and consistent manner. It will help increase the understanding and the amount of information available which will help Council and the community to better manage local waterways and adopt sustainable water management practices. It will help inform management decisions to ensure the needs of each sub catchment are considered and available funding is achieving the most beneficial outcomes. It will help Council employees and the community participate in a supportive environment ie through provision of clear priorities and identification of shared resource requirements which will help increase efficiency.	Continuing Title and project description have been updated	Commenced
13	All	Maintenance of Drainage Basins	Maintenance of drainage basins that are constructed as part of this program or that are newly acquired by Council.	The maintenance of these drainage basins will ensure that the basins are fulfilling their intended function.	Continuing	Commenced
14	All	Participation in Research Programs and Regional Natural Resource Management Groups	Participation and contribution towards research programs such as WISER Program and CRC for Water Sensitive Cities and regional natural resource management groups such as the Hawkesbury Nepean Local Government Advisory Group and Parramatta River Catchment Group.	The acquisition of knowledge and technical skills on current best practice for water management activities and information and resource sharing which may lead to increased efficiency in project management and delivery.	Continuing	Commenced
15	3	Sediment removal from William Lawson Wetland, Prospect	Preparation of a Review of Environmental Factors, sediment testing and works to remove and dispose of the accumulated sediment in William Lawson Wetland, Prospect.	Ensuring William Lawson Wetland fulfils its intended function to remove pollutants and sediments from travelling downstream and improving the health of our waterways.	New	To be commenced

OUTSTANDING PROJECTS FROM THE OLD PROGRAM AND THEIR STATUS IN 2012/13

No.	Ward	Project Title	Project Description	Project Outcome	New/ Continuing Project	Status
21	All	Minor Bed and Bank Stabilisation, City Wide	Bed and bank stabilisation activities using soft engineering techniques at various locations as required throughout the Blacktown LGA. This activity includes engagement of resources if required to assist with the development and delivery of contracts related to bed and bank stabilisation and other maintenance activities.	The bed and bank stabilisation activities will help protect Council's assets, improve community safety and help improve waterway health through the reestablishment of native flora and fauna and removal of weeds.	New	To be commenced
25	2	Minor Bed and Bank Stabilisation, Lalor Creek (Excluding Pearce and Troubador Reserves)	Bed and bank stabilisation activities using soft engineering techniques on Lalor Creek.	The bed and bank stabilisation activities will help protect Council's assets, improve community safety, and help improve waterway health through the re-establishment of native flora and fauna and removal of weeds.	New	To be commenced
27	4	Minor Bed and Bank Stabilisation Eastern Creek, Blacktown International Sports Park, Rooty Hill	Bed and bank stabilisation activities using soft engineering techniques on Eastern Creek, Blacktown International Sports Park, Rooty Hill.	The bed and bank stabilisation activities will help protect Council's assets, improve community safety and help improve waterway health through the reestablishment of native flora and fauna and removal of weeds.	New	To be commenced
29	All	Maintenance of bed and bank stabilisation works on Lalor Creek at Pearce and Troubador Reserves, Kings Langley and Waller Creek at Morgan Power Reserve, Kings Langley	Maintenance of bed and bank stabilisation works on Lalor Creek at Pearce and Troubador Reserves, Kings Langley and Waller Creek at Morgan Power Reserve, Kings Langley. Maintenance activities include general management of the creek and vegetation management to maintain the bed and bank stabilisation works completed under this Program.	Maintenance of the bed and bank stabilisation activities on Lalor Creek at Pearce and Troubador Reserves, Kings Langley and Waller Creek at Morgan Power Reserve, Kings Langley will help protect Council's assets, improve community safety and help improve waterway health through the reestablishment of native flora and fauna and removal of weeds.	New	Commenced

2012-2013 REPORT ON THE WORKS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Project	Description	Status
Breakfast Creek, Turner Branch – Lalor Park	Upgrade of existing inlet pit to provide greater capacity for the previously constructed Gross Pollutant Trap (Rocla CDS device) at Wheeler Street.	Plans 90% Complete. Construction not commenced.
Reserve 225, Pied Piper Playground, Seven Hills	Implementation of measures to mitigate erosion downstream of the existing headwall located within Pied Piper Playground.	Construction not commenced.
Blacktown Creek, Blacktown	Construction of the final GPT device required to service the Blacktown Mega Centre aimed at reducing the number of pollutants discharging into Blacktown Creek.	Plans 90% Complete. Construction not commenced.

STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORT

VISION: A NATIONALLY RECOGNISED SUSTAINABLE CITY

Strategy Statement:

Provide local places and spaces that are clean and healthy and turn awareness and commitment into action to halt or reverse the effects, pressures and threats on the built and natural environment by working in collaboration with our community and other stakeholders.

Council has identified a number of Focus Areas, which outline environmental objectives that underpin its Vision and Strategy and are expressed in its Delivery Program. In Council's endeavour to achieve these objectives the following actions have been implemented:

DELIVERY PROGRAM STRATEGY AREA: ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Focus Area 1: Council leads by example through integrating sustainability into core business and reducing its ecological footprint in its day-to-day operations.

Council undertakes a range of initiatives aimed at incorporating sustainable practices into all aspects of the organisation.

- Council's general staff induction training incorporates a section entitled 'Environmental Sustainability at Blacktown City Council'. The focus is on Council's sustainability policies and programs and the practical ways that new staff can help to implement them.
- In 2012/13, Council staff position descriptions were updated to include a statement regarding responsibility for environmental sustainability.
- Council continued to implement the Sustainable Events Policy. In line with Council's recommendation, a review will be undertaken after the first year of implementation and the results reported to Council prior to progression to implementation of Stage 2.

Focus Area 2: Actively encourage the community to become involved at the local level to move towards sustainability and reduce the ecological footprint in our homes, businesses, schools and recreational pursuits.

Council runs a range of programs aimed at actively encouraging the community to take positive steps towards becoming more sustainable.

- In 2012/13, Council provided 43 free sustainable living workshops with 533 residents attending. The workshops aim to give residents practical information and hands on experience on how to reduce their impact on the environment.
- The workshop topics included:
 - A Clean Green Home
 - Pickling and Preserving
 - Fauna Friendly Backyards
 - Chooks in the Backyard
 - Build a No Dig Garden
 - Introduction to Cheese Making
 - Make your own Potting Mix
 - Build a Kitchen Garden
 - Myna Bird Trap Building
 - Frog Tours and Bird Watching

- In addition to the Sustainable Living Workshops, 130 residents participated in the following tours:

Farm Gate Tour
Farmers Market Tour
Community Gardens Tour
Caring for our Catchment Tour

Ongoing support of community gardens is one of the means through which Council implements its Access to Fresh Food Policy (SL310068) adopted by Council in July 2011. Council continues to aid groups starting community gardens and those which are more established. Council supports the following established community gardens:

Bidwill Community Garden
Blacktown Showground Community Garden
Doonside Cottage Community Garden
Grantham Heritage Park Community Garden
Lalor Park Community Garden
Lethbridge Park Community Garden
Marist Youth Care Community Garden
Oasis (Toongabbie) Community Garden
Riverstone Community Garden
Quakers Hill Uniting Church Community Garden
Willmot Public School Community Garden

- In addition, the following community gardens are in development, supported by Council:

Bungarribee Community Garden
Bush Tucker Garden, Grantham
Holy Family Garden, Emerton
Oakhurst Community Garden
Ropes Crossing Community Garden
Shalvey Community Garden
The Ponds Community Garden

- In 2012/13, development and construction continued at the new community garden at Grantham Heritage Park, with regular gardening and construction activities conducted by the 25 volunteer members, as well as participation by additional groups such as TAFE Outreach. These activities complement the workshops undertaken at Grantham's Sustainability Education Centre.
- Redevelopment of the Blacktown Showground included construction of a new community garden. Following extensive community engagement, the garden was designed by Council in collaboration with the community and constructed in late 2012, with gardening activities commencing in December 2012. The space has been transformed into a thriving food garden by a committed group of local volunteers.
- The Eco-Active Schools Program provides grant funding for local schools to undertake environmental improvement projects. Applications from schools are assessed for their level of curriculum integration, level of student involvement in planning and design, potential to engage the school and community, alignment with the goals of the School Environmental Management Plan, key messages to be communicated and transferability of these messages to school and home. The 2012/13 Eco-Active Schools Program was themed 'sustainability skills' and the six successful schools will complete their projects during 2013.

- 'Get Your Green On' (GYGO) was the theme for Council's Enviro Expo 2013, which showcased and promoted the many projects and workshops that Council provides in order to educate, encourage and support residents to live more sustainably. The GYGO week comprised of two elements, the expo day, followed by a week of events. Council expanded the one day expo event to include a range of events held over a week. This provided residents with increased opportunities to learn actions they can take to reduce their everyday ecological footprint.
- The TAFE Outreach course run weekly by Nirimba TAFE continues to be offered at Grantham Heritage Park.
- Council again participated in the Youth Eco Summit (YES), a curriculum based event held at Newington Armory, Sydney Olympic Park that provides hands on workshops for students in the Western Sydney region. The focus of YES is to provide students and teachers with a wide range of sustainability resources and experts from industry, government, community agencies and academia. In 2012 YES was even bigger and attracted over 6,000 students. Council provided two different hands on workshops for students throughout the summit; Worm Farming and Composting and Kitchen Gardens In Your School. The workshops were booked out completely for both days.

Focus Area 3: Protect and improve the water quality of our local waterways

Council continues to work towards protecting and improving the water quality of our local waterways.

- The Blacktown Stormwater Education Strategy, developed as part of the Environmental Stormwater Management Program has identified different target groups and outlined specific stormwater-related engagement and education strategies for each target group. In 2012/13, continuing stormwater engagement and education included raising awareness of the problems caused by stormwater pollution and the activities that residents can undertake to assist as well as those that should be avoided in order to reduce pollution, distributing educational stickers and materials, and the development of a working model to demonstrate stormwater systems and how they work.
- In September 2008 Council commenced a water quality monitoring program that continues to monitor 22 sites throughout the Blacktown LGA using various water quality parameters. In addition, Council takes monthly 'grab samples' at six key locations and five water treatment plants.
- The Regional Catchment Field Day focuses on water and its place and roles in natural and built environments within our region. The project engages Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) students from a selection of primary schools in the Blacktown and Penrith LGAs to investigate water quality issues resulting from urbanisation and stormwater pollution. They participate in various activities, including a walking tour of endemic (locally native) plants and wildlife, undertaking a litter count of the rubbish caught in the gross pollutant traps, netting for macro-invertebrate sampling and applying simple tests for water quality. The event was held on 2 November 2012 and involved over 150 students from both participating Councils.
- In February 2013 Council organised and presented a catchment health education workshop to school aged students at the Blacktown Arts Centre. Overall, in the past year there has been minimal improvement of the water quality and biological diversity of the sites. Council has proactive programs for the management of stormwater, biodiversity and drainage. A number of these initiatives such as the Environmental Stormwater Management Program have only been implemented in recent years and the water quality monitoring program is unlikely at this early stage to detect significant changes. It is likely that due to the urbanisation of the catchments and the associated impacts on local waterways, the benefits such as improved water quality resulting from any initiatives implemented will only be detected in the longer term.

Focus Area 4: Promote water and energy conservation initiatives to reduce consumption

Council carries out a number of initiatives that aim to reduce water and energy consumption.

- Council continued to promote the Home Energy Savers Program whereby low income earners can access a free energy expert assessment of their home which includes a tailored energy action plan and the provision of a energy savings pack for their home.
- Council provided a workshop on home energy efficiency as part of Seniors Week.
- Council ran two energy smart workshops for Blacktown residents which provided advice and tips on energy conservation within the home by energy specialists.
- Council distributed Water Savers Packs to the community, including information on available water efficiency discounts and local suppliers of rainwater tanks.
- A water conservation themed theatrical performance was provided to residents through the Blacktown Arts Centre to encourage saving water at home and improving catchment health.
- Council ran a Carers for Our Catchment field tour for residents in October 2012, which included tips on water efficiency within the home and a tour of Plumpton Park wetland.

Focus Area 5: Pursue sustainable water management through such opportunities as stormwater harvesting, water sensitive urban design and alternative water sources

Council is actively pursuing sustainable water management through a range of activities.

- In 2007 Council introduced the stormwater management service charge. Activities completed during 2012/13 included:
- Installation of six gross pollutant traps
- Creek restoration works at Breakfast Creek
- Design of Blacktown Stormwater Harvesting Project. This scheme will be able to supply water to Nurragingy Reserve as well as the soccer and sporting fields at Blacktown International Sportspark.

Focus Area 6: Pursue opportunities to reduce atmospheric pollutants and improve air quality in the Western Sydney Basin

Several initiatives were undertaken to reduce atmospheric pollutants and improve air quality in the Western Sydney Basin.

- An application to the NSW Government's Environmental Protection Authority was successful in obtaining funds to implement a Woodsmoke Education and Incentive program. This program provided rebates for the replacement of old wood heaters with more efficient gas or electric heating systems in an effort to reduce winter air pollution. The program also included an extensive promotion and education program to encourage the efficient use of wood heaters and alternatives.
- At the 2013 Environmental Expo residents were inspired with living locally, self-sufficiently and sustainably with the biggest variety of stalls and workshops ever on offer in one day. There were numerous hands on workshops including bush tucker, cooking, break dancing, recycled clothes up-styling, and gardening. There was a Bicycle Recycle give away, a try-a-bike station, bicycle maintenance workshops and approximately 100 people received free sustainable living packs as incentive for leaving their cars at home. The 2013 Expo had a record attendance of over 20,000 people.



Environmental Expo 2013

- Council continued to enforce environmental legislation, resulting in the issuing of Penalty Infringement Notices to address air pollution incidents and improve local air quality, as summarised in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Penalty Infringement Notices issued

Notice Type	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012 /13
Air – Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 Prevention Notice	12	23	7	3	4	2
Air – Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 Clean Up Notice	11	2	0	0	0	0

Focus Area 7: Reduce the consumption of resources, minimise the environmental impacts of waste and improve recovery and diversion rates.

Council is actively seeking ways to reduce waste and provide a number of programs and events that foster a more environmentally sustainable form of waste management.

- Council is striving to meet the NSW Government's target of 66 per cent of the community's waste to be diverted from landfill. In 2012/13, Council achieved a diversion rate of 61 per cent.

Table 3: Waste diversion rate

Indicator	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Percentage waste diverted from landfill	63%	48.3%	58%	64%	61%

Source: Blacktown City Council 2013

- During 2012/13 a total of 70 waste education programs were undertaken.
- There was strong community participation at the 2013 Clean Up Australia Day held on Sunday 3 March 2013. In the Blacktown LGA, volunteers collected 189 tonnes of rubbish at 50 registered sites.
- 37 schools participated in the 2013 Schools Clean Up Australia Day.
- The Chemical CleanOut event was held on 14 October 2012, with 752 residents disposing of 30 tonnes of unwanted household chemicals.
- As part of the At Home Recycled Organics program, Council provided 68 rebates and presented 20 composting and worm farming workshops with a total of 410 participants. Each household that participated received a compost bin and kitchen tidy bin.
- the Mount Druitt Restoria furniture restoration program commenced in July 2011 and continued throughout 2012/13, a collaboration between Council, Whalan Community Action Group, Mount Druitt TAFE, Anglican Technical College and Housing NSW. Since the start of the project, 200 pieces of furniture have been restored and distributed through Housing NSW to people in need.
- In 2012/13, three permanent drop off locations for computers and televisions were established in the LGA. These have been funded through the National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme.

Focus Area 8: Enhance the health and wellbeing of the Blacktown community by promoting public health best practice and enforcing legislation

Council continues to endorse public health best practice and enforce the relevant legislation.

- In 2012/13, Council continued to enforce environmental protection legislation. This included responding to the following Customer Action Requests (CARs) to address environmental pollution.

Table 4: Customer Action Requests (CARs) completed in response to environmental pollution incidents

<i>CAR Type</i>	<i>CARs received 2007/08</i>	<i>CARs received 2008/09</i>	<i>CARs received 2009/10</i>	<i>CARs received 2010/11</i>	<i>CARs received 2011/12</i>	<i>CARs received 2012/13</i>
Water pollution – domestic	74	74	65	79	95	106
Water pollution – commercial/industrial	26	28	41	35	49	92
Water pollution – spills	10	8	11	16	12	3
Water pollution – sewage complaint	107	90	68	81	90	87
Total Water Pollution CARs	217	200	185	211	246	288
Air pollution – commercial/industrial	64	50	44	62	30	40
Air pollution – backyard burning	53	56	40	69	64	109
Air pollution – wood heaters	34	41	30	33	19	30
Air pollution – odour	102	96	100	111	92	173
Total Air Pollution CARs	253	243	214	275	205	352
Noise pollution – barking dogs	870	841	793	735	797	810
Noise pollution – commercial/industrial	83	99	74	94	85	92
Noise pollution – air conditioners	47	52	28	25	20	29
Noise pollution – alarms	42	31	21	29	19	31
Noise pollution – music	264	264	238	232	220	215
Noise pollution – pool filters	5	10	5	11	7	13
Total Noise Pollution CARs	1,311	1,297	1,159	1,126	1,148	1,190
Land pollution – unauthorised fill	13	8	10	9	18	23
Total of all CARs received for environmental pollution	1,794	1,748	1,568	1,621	1,617	1,853

- In addition, Council enforces the *New South Wales Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (POEO Act) and the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act). When this legislation is contravened, Penalty Infringement Notices and or Notices can be issued. The Notices issued are summarised as follows.

Table 5: Notices issued

<i>Notice Type</i>	<i>2007/08</i>	<i>2008/09</i>	<i>2009/10</i>	<i>2010/11</i>	<i>2011/12</i>	<i>2012/13</i>
Noise – POEO Prevention Notice	19	14	8	15	19	8
Water – POEO Prevention Notice	15	31	59	31	19	16
Water – POEO Clean Up Notice	23	5	2	0	0	0
Water – POEO Information Notice	1	0	1	0	0	0
Water – POEO Compliance Cost Notice	0	1	1	0	0	1
Water – LG Notice and Order	89	96	76	58	52	38
Land – Sediment and Erosion Prevention Notice	102	97	83	194	46	30
TOTAL	249	244	230	298	136	244

Focus Area 9: Protect, restore and enhance Blacktown City's Biodiversity

Council implements a range of programs aimed at conserving Blacktown City's biodiversity.

BUSHCARE

- Council supported 13 volunteer Bushcare groups across the Blacktown LGA during the 2012/13 financial year. One new group was formed during 2012/13, namely the Timbertop Reserve Bushcare Group. These groups are actively involved in the conservation and regeneration of threatened and endangered ecological communities in bushland reserves.
- The groups undertake weeding, revegetation and regeneration works to increase the health and viability of remnant bushland areas. Bushcare volunteers worked in the following reserves located throughout the Blacktown LGA during 2012/13 in an effort to restore native vegetation.

Table 6: The number of plants planted and hectares under restoration as part of the Bushcare Program.

Indicator	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Number of Bushcare groups	10	13	14	16	13
Number of locally native plants planted by volunteers	1,070	3,670	940	3,326	2,933
Number of hectares under restoration by volunteers	40	49.05	53.68	29.75	30.75



Knudsen Reserve Bushcare group volunteers having a rest after a day weeding

Table 7: The number of registered Bushcare volunteers

Indicator	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Number of registered Bushcare volunteers	128	201	142	150	202

NATIONAL TREE DAY

- National Tree Day was held on 29 July 2012. In total 300 volunteers participated in National Tree Day and planted 8,315 native plants at five sites across the Blacktown LGA. Council also provided 1,328 plants to 33 schools and community groups for planting as part of National Tree Day.

Table 8: National Tree Day Participation Rates

Indicator	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Number of Volunteers	314	335	309	246	300

BIODIVERSITY

Table 9: Number of vulnerable, endangered and critically endangered species, populations and communities in the Blacktown LGA

Indicator	Status	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Species, Populations and Communities listed under the NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 that are known to exist in the Blacktown LGA	Vulnerable	16	16	19	61	75
	Endangered	19	17	15	16	64
	Critically Endangered	0	2	2	4	4

Source: NSW Office of Environment and Heritage 2013 – Bionet

- In addition to the above, there are also 30 Species, Populations and Communities listed as vulnerable under the *Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, 14 listed as endangered, one listed as critically endangered and one species listed as extinct.
- It is considered that the increase in the reported number of species listed as endangered is due to a combination of increased threatening processes and more detailed reporting.

Focus Area 10: Continue to implement the Solar City Program 2006-2013 and, following this period, advocate the implementation of the results of the project through Council processes, programs and partnerships with government, the community and the commercial sector

This action was completed ahead of schedule in June 2012 and is now finalised.

- On 23 June 2012 the Family Fair and Closing Ceremony was held with an estimated 800 people attending the event. The day marked a momentous milestone for Blacktown Solar City in becoming the first of the Solar Cities to complete all elements of the Australian Government's Solar Cities Initiative.

Focus Area 11: Advocate and address climate change, including working towards becoming carbon neutral

Council continues to advocate and address climate change and working towards becoming carbon neutral.

- *The Blacktown Climate Change Action and Adaptation Plan (BCCAAP)* outlines Council's proposed climate change risk management framework and strategies for reducing carbon emissions from Council's operations and encouraging community action on climate change.
- The implementation of actions was delayed due to funding uncertainty surrounding the NSW Government's Waste and Sustainability Improvement Payment. The funding was confirmed and allocated in July 2013 and actions will be implemented throughout 2013/14.
- Council continues to work towards its goal of being a carbon neutral organisation. The organisation's greenhouse gas emissions are represented in table 10.

Table 10: Greenhouse gas emissions

<i>Indicator</i>	<i>2008/09</i>	<i>2009/10</i>	<i>2010/11</i>	<i>2011/12</i>	<i>2012/13</i>
Quantity of greenhouse gas emissions in tonnes CO ₂ -e	39,086	35,840	37,169	36,824	38,133

DELIVERY PLAN STRATEGY AREA: CLEAN GREEN PLACES AND SPACES

Focus Area 1: Ensure that public space planting reflects local conditions, is water efficient, endemic to Blacktown, requires minimal maintenance and discourages vandalism and other acts of crime and misuse

Council aims to create spaces that are safe, well maintained, clean and inspiring, while considering the area's natural biodiversity.

REGENERATION PROJECTS

Council undertook a number of bush regeneration projects funded through grant programs, Council's Works Improvement Program and maintenance budgets. On ground restoration projects undertaken in this reporting period include:

Whalan Reserve, Whalan
Tregear Reserve, Tregear
Refalo Reserve, Glenwood
Banks Reserve, Kings Langley
Sherwood Park, Quakers Hill
Laing Reserve, Glenwood
Viewbrook Close, Seven Hills
Dr Charles McKay Reserve, Mount Druitt
Duncan Park, Seven Hills
Muja Bija Reserve, Blacktown
Knudsen Reserve, Riverstone
Metella Reserve, Toongabbie
Gleesons Trees Reserve, Blacktown
Plumpton Park, Plumpton
Faulkland Crescent Reserve, Kings Park
RAAF Memorial Park, Mount Druitt
Nurragingy Reserve, Doonside
Rotary Lake, Seven Hills
Tuscan Waters, Glenwood
Eskdale Street Wetland Reserve, Minchinbury
Pied Piper Playground, Seven Hills
Breakfast Creek, Quakers Hill
Lalor Creek, Kings Langley

Council's Biodiversity Strategy was adopted on 29 June 2011. The Biodiversity Strategy is a centralised, comprehensive record of information relating to Council's biodiversity at this time and prescribes actions to ensure the protection of biodiversity values across the LGA.

The implementation of the Biodiversity Strategy actions continued during this reporting period. A total of 86 High Priority Actions are identified in the Strategy.



Regeneration works

The following indicates the status of the actions for the 2012/13 financial year:

- 59 x High Priority Actions (HPA) have been completed
- 24 x HPA commenced
- 31x Medium Priority Actions commenced

As part of these programs, a number of locally native plants were planted. Table 12 indicates the number of plants planted by Council officers over the last five reporting periods.

Table 12: Number of plants planted by Council Officers

Indicator	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Number of plants planted by Council officers for special projects or as part of normal operation	47,678	65,549	29,116	25,466	11,971

Source: Blacktown City Council, 2013



Plants used in revegetation programs grown at Blacktown Council's Nursery



Travelling Plant give away

Focus Area 2: Encourage residents to plant native trees in their gardens to green the City, provide a safe haven for wildlife and provide a natural environment for locals

Council actively promotes the greening of the City, as well as nurturing its native flora and fauna.

- Council propagates a wide range of native and non-native plants at its nursery in Blacktown. In 2012/13 a total of 35,313 plants were provided to the Blacktown community free of charge to plant in their gardens. Table 13 below provides more detail.

Table 13: Plant Giveaways

<i>Plant Giveaways</i>	<i>2008/09</i>	<i>2009/10</i>	<i>2010/11</i>	<i>2011/12</i>	<i>2012/13</i>
Travelling Plant give away	7,703	12,497	11,121	11,344	9,129
Local Government Week Plant give away	4,052	4,992	4,944	4,908	4,179
General Plant give away	15,960	15,518	17,080	10,860	13,116
School and Community Group Plant give away	15,632	16,777	20,817	26,562	8,889
<i>Total</i>	<i>43,347</i>	<i>49,784</i>	<i>53,962</i>	<i>53,674</i>	<i>35,313</i>

- The Myna Bird Education Program distributed 164 traps through the Animal Holding Facility (AHF) during 2012/13. In addition, information packs for residents were updated and distributed upon request and at public events.

Focus Area 3: Implement positive behavioural change programs relating to litter reduction, streetscape and public space cleanliness and innovative implementation of Council's Clean Cities Strategy

Council is working towards implementing a positive behaviour change in regards to reducing litter and fostering a cleaner City. The Clean Cities Strategy guides these policies and programs.

- Council continues to implement the Business Pride project in five retail precincts: Riverstone, Mount Druitt Village, Boomerang Place, Seven Hills, Freeman Street Shops, Lalor Park and Doonside Shopping Village.
- Council attends numerous community events and initiatives including Street Beat community pride events held in conjunction with NSW Department of Housing and the T 12 meeting in Lalor Park.
- The Lalor Park Bin Art project run with local youth is complete.
- As part of Operation Rosenberg run in conjunction with the NSW EPA, multiple infringements were sent to offenders caught as part of the trial illegal dumping surveillance project.
- A total of 10 engagement activities were conducted throughout the year.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS 2012/13

Traffic and Transport Works

During the 2012/13 financial year Council expended over \$1,200,000 on traffic and transport works to improve safety and efficiency for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists.

This has been achieved through provision of pedestrian facilities ranging from new crossing facilities, pedestrian safety fencing to further enhance existing facilities, upgrading of existing car parks and traffic improvements to improve safety and efficiency on the road network.

In addition Council completed the final stage of Route 2 of the Council Bike Plan along Hambledon Road from Jasmine Avenue to Pearce Road. This project adds to Council's off road bike network of 130km through the Blacktown Local Government Area (LGA). Council has also completed a section of the cycle path along Reservoir Road, Prospect to cater to the Wet 'n' Wild development with the remaining section expected to be completed in 2013/14 financial year.

Safe Road Network

The final year of the *Abridged Safer Travel Strategic Plan 2010-2013* was implemented with a focus on education, licencing and police enforcement to assist in further reductions in serious injuries and fatalities on our roads. At least 11 schools were audited for road safety issues. The "Under the Radar" program continued in schools, TAFE and migrant services. Support of police speed enforcement in residential areas continued to remind drivers to manage their speed on local roads. Support for the 'Good Sports' program was enhanced with community forums to reduce drink drive offences and crash risk.

Knox Road, Doonside – Road reconstruction

The staged reconstruction of Knox Road, Doonside commenced in March 2010 and was completed in May 2013.

The completion of the fourth and final stage included the duplication of the Knox Road Rail bridge over the Main Western Railway Line, the signalisation of the Eastern Road and Knox Road intersection, landscaping, path paving, guard rail, fencing and street lighting. This final link completes the upgrade of four lane divided carriageway construction of Knox Road from Richmond Road to Eastern Road, Doonside.

Breakfast Creek, Blacktown - Creek Rehabilitation

The staged creek rehabilitation and bank stabilisation of Breakfast Creek, Main Branch, Blacktown from Sunnyholt Road towards Bessemer Street and Tattersall Road commenced in March 2011 and is ongoing. The project includes the removal of existing weeds and vegetation along the creek banks, some minor realignment, reconstruction of the banks using large sandstone boulders combined with extensive landscaping and revegetation of the site.

Burdekin Road, Schofields – Road Reconstruction

The reconstruction of Burdekin Road, Schofields from Walker Street to Railway Terrace commenced in November 2012 and is anticipated to be completed by October 2013. The project includes the reconstruction of the road into a four lane road, new concrete cycleway and improved street lighting. The work also includes the reconstruction of the existing roundabout at Walker Street into a two lane roundabout improving traffic flow and safety for the intersection.

PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE

The provision of infrastructure such as roads, drainage, recreation and community facilities in one of the State's most rapidly developing areas is a constant challenge. One of Council's largest items of annual expenditure is the annual Works Improvement Program (WIP).

Summary of Expenditure

Drainage	\$7,180,261
Road Resurfacing	\$5,729,419
Regional Roads	\$10,655,565
Road Reconstruction	\$7,342,841
Road Upgrades	\$2,829,791
Subdividers Roadworks	\$1,258,112
Roads to Recovery Program	\$974,103
Traffic Facilities	\$1,253,028
CBD/Commercial Centres Embellishment Works	\$1,493,036
Path Paving and Minor Works	\$680,661
Parks Construction	\$3,564,820
Major Parks and Reserves Improvements	\$18,550,308
Buildings Construction	\$2,580,404
Playground Equipment	\$745,082
Field Lighting	\$100,507
Car Parking	\$61,878
Bridges	\$1,493,036
Total	\$66,492,852

SOME ROAD AND TRANSPORT PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN IN 2012/13 AS PART OF COUNCIL'S ANNUAL WORKS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Path Paving

Burnie Street, Blacktown	Pickersgill Street, Kings Langley
Don Mills Avenue, Hebersham	Ronald Street, Blacktown
Harvey Road, Kings Park	Ropes Creek Road, Mount Druitt
Kerwin Circle, Hebersham	Rosenthal Street, Doonside
Piccadilly Street, Riverstone	Walters Road, Blacktown

Road Reconstruction

Anne Street, Blacktown	Kildare Road, Blacktown
Benaud Street, Blacktown	Linda Street, Seven Hills
Climus Street, Hassall Grove	Marion Street, Blacktown
Cornelia Road, Toongabbie	Melanie Street, Hassall Grove
Crown Street, Riverstone	Premier Lane, Rooty Hill
Dawn Drive, Seven Hills	Carlisle Avenue, Hebersham
Durham Street, Mount Druitt	Quakers Road, Marayong
Francine Street, Seven Hills	Palmyra Avenue, Lethbridge Park
Hamilton Street, Riverstone	

Road Upgrades

Knox Road, Doonside

Traffic Facilities - Bicycle Schemes

Route 2 – Marayong and Quakers Hill Cycleway, Quakers Hill

Traffic Facilities – Pedestrian Facilities

Best Road, Seven Hills

Traffic Facilities – Guard Rail

Breakfast Road, Marayong

Traffic Facilities – General Devices

Bali Drive, Quakers Hill	Vardys Road, Lalor Park
South Creek Road, Shanes Park	

Traffic Facilities – Wombat Crossings

Piccadilly Street, Riverstone

Traffic Facilities – Public Car Parking

91 Jirrang Close, Mount Druitt	Pearce Road, Quakers Hill
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Road Resurfacing

Adina Street, Seven Hills	Graham Street, Doonside
Alex Avenue, Schofields	Grex Avenue, Minchinbury
Alice Street, Rooty Hill	Harvey Road, Kings Park
Bedford Road, Blacktown	Hickler Grove, Bidwill
Bermuda Place, Kings Park	Hilltop Avenue, Blacktown
Botany Boulevard, Kings Langley	Hope Street, Seven Hills
Boxer Place, Rooty Hill	Hyatts Road, Oakhurst
Brier Crescent, Quakers Hill	Isabelle Street, Seven Hills
Buru Place, Kings Park	Jasmine Terrace, Bidwill
Capricorn Road, Kings Langley	Joseph Banks Drive, Kings Langley
Captain Cook Drive, Willmot	Judith Anderson Drive, Doonside
Car Park 54 Lyton Street Shopping Centre, Blacktown	Karuah Street, Doonside
Charlton Road, Lalor Park	Kelly Close, Mount Druitt
Crown Street, Riverstone	Keppel Street, Kings Langley
Croxon Crescent, Lalor Park	Kildare Road, Blacktown
Dale Street, Seven Hills	Lancelot Street, Blacktown
Dennis Street, Lalor Park	Lander Avenue, Blacktown
Dorlton Street, Kings Langley	Laurel Place, Lalor Park
Fred Allen Place, Rooty Hill	Lorraine Street, Seven Hills
Fur Place, Rooty Hill	Mandoo Drive, Doonside
Gallop Street, Doonside	Manning Place, Seven Hills
Minchin Drive, Minchinbury	Riley Place, Quakers Hill
Mississippi Road, Seven Hills	Ryan Place, Mount Druitt
Moren Street, Blacktown	Sage Street, Mount Druitt
Mort Street, Blacktown	Sherbrooke Street, Rooty Hill
Myrtle Street, Prospect	Shinnick Drive, Oakhurst
Nairana Drive, Marayong	Sol Place, Rooty Hill
Nellie Street, Lalor Park	Standish Avenue, Oakhurst
Northcott Road, Lalor Park	Stephen Street, Blacktown
O'Neill Street, Lalor Park	Valentine Street, Blacktown
Oldfield Road, Seven Hills	Pavement Rejuvenation, LGA
Orion Street, Rooty Hill	Victoria Street, Riverstone
Parkinson Street, Kings Langley	Victoria Street, Riverstone
Peke Place, Rooty Hill	Vine Street East, Schofields
Pelican Road, Schofields	Whalan Place, Whalan
Perry Street, Kings Langley	Wheeler Street, Lalor Park
Pickersgill Street, Kings Langley	Wilga Street, Blacktown
Port Place, Kings Langley	Winifred Crescent, Blacktown
Railway Road, Marayong	Wolseley Street Rooty Hil
Station Road, Seven Hills	

REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF PUBLIC WORKS

Public Roads and Drainage

Condition of Public Roads

Council maintains about 1,296km of sealed roads in the City of Blacktown. The sealed roads are made up of 1,206km of local roads and 90km of regional roads. Council provides regular routine maintenance and annual resealing and upgrade programs for these roads, which are generally in a satisfactory condition. Council also maintains 19km of unsealed roads in the City of Blacktown.

Council inspects and maintains 108 bridges (54 of which are multi-cell culverts) within the City of Blacktown. They are generally in a satisfactory condition.

The following table provides a summary of the related costs as required by [S428](2)(d) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Summary of Public Roads

Category	[S428](2)(d)(i) Estimate of Cost to bring to a Satisfactory Standard (Current \$ Value)	[S428](2)(d)(ii) Estimate of Cost to maintain at a Satisfactory Standard (Current \$ Value)	[S428](2)(d)(iii) Maintenance Expenditure for 2012/13
Sealed Roads	\$56.8 million	\$20.04 million pa	\$23.23 million
Unsealed Roads	\$3.58 million	\$1 million pa	\$1.07 million
Bridges	\$0	\$688,332 pa	\$88,722

Condition of Public Drainage

Council maintains 995km of piped drainage, 24.38km of concrete channels and 29km of open grass channels within the City of Blacktown. Council undertakes regular routine maintenance and annual upgrading programs for its drainage facilities. It should be noted that the 53.38km of channels does not include existing unaltered creeks and watercourses.

The drainage within the City of Blacktown is generally in a satisfactory condition.

The following table provides a summary of the related costs as required by [S428](2)(d) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Summary of Public Drainage

Category	[S428](2)(d)(i) Estimate of Cost to bring to a Satisfactory Standard (Current \$ Value)	[S428](2)(d)(ii) Estimate of Cost to maintain at a Satisfactory Standard (Current \$ Value)	[S428](2)(d)(iii) Maintenance Expenditure for 2012/13
Drainage	\$1.874 million	\$2.415 million pa	\$3.146 million

Details of the calculations and assumptions made to prepare the above summaries are outlined in the following notes.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATING TO THE CONDITION OF PUBLIC ROADS AND DRAINAGE

Sealed Roads

(1) **Cost to Upgrade Sealed Roads to a Satisfactory Condition**

Council maintains 1,296km of sealed roads in the City of Blacktown. There are 90km of sealed Regional Roads and 1,206 km of sealed Local Roads.

The estimated cost to bring the total road network to a satisfactory standard is \$56.8 million

To determine the cost to bring the total network to satisfactory condition, Council is considering the following:-

- Renewal work required for each segment of road through the network.
In determining this amount Council is utilising Asset Renewal Costing & Financial Optimisation System where the road network is assessed based on condition and treatment required.
The value of renewal work required to bring the network to satisfactory condition is \$46.5 million
- The value of known incomplete routine maintenance requirements in addition to the renewal works totals \$10.3 million.

(2) **Annual Cost to Maintain Sealed Roads in a Satisfactory Condition**

The estimated annual cost of maintaining the road network is \$20.04 million

The annual cost to maintain the road network at a satisfactory standard equates to the following:-

- The average renewal work required over the next 10 years based on lifecycle approach for the whole network totals \$15 million.
- Estimated routine maintenance requirements \$ 5.04 million

(3) **Annual Maintenance Expenditure on Sealed Roads**

In 2012/2013 Council spent a total of \$23.233 million on the maintenance of sealed roads.

Council's 2012/2013 maintenance expenditure included:

Routine Maintenance	\$4.404 million
Reseal	\$5.729 million
Failed Pavements	\$7.343 million
Roadworks	\$3.480 million
Regional Roads	\$2.277 million
Total Expenditure	\$23.233 million

Unsealed Roads

(1) **Cost to Upgrade Unsealed Roads to a Satisfactory Condition**

There are approximately 19 km of unsealed gravel roads within Blacktown. To upgrade these roads to a satisfactory condition, Council would provide an armour coat, which consists of a two coat flush seal on a 125mm pavement.

The total area of unsealed road can be calculated by multiplying the length of each road section by the width using recorded data in Council's Asset System. The estimate for upgrading unsealed road is \$32.56/m².

Total unsealed road area	=	108,974 m ²
Upgrading Cost	=	108,974 m ² x \$32.86/m ² /1,000,000
	=	\$3.58 million

The estimated cost to bring the total road network to a satisfactory standard is \$3.58 million.

(2) **Annual Cost to Maintain Unsealed Roads in a Satisfactory Condition**

The estimated annual expenditure of maintaining gravel roads at a satisfactory level involves the regrading and repairs of half the area of gravel roads every year and routine maintenance of the balance area of the gravel road system on an ongoing basis. The estimate for regrading and repair is \$14.85/m².

- Annual cost of regrading and repair for half of unsealed roads = $(108,974\text{m}^2/2) \times \$15.30 = \$833,406 \text{ pa}$
- Estimated routine maintenance for the other half of unsealed roads is approximately \$167,767 pa

Therefore, the total estimated annual expenditure required to maintain unsealed roads in a satisfactory condition is approximately \$1 million pa

(3) **Annual Maintenance Expenditure on Unsealed Roads**

In 2012/2013 Council spent a total of \$1.066 million on the maintenance of unsealed roads.

Drainage

(1) **Cost to Upgrade Drainage to a Satisfactory Condition**

Within the City of Blacktown, Council maintains

995	Km of stormwater drainage pipes
36,950	Pits
24.386	Km of lined channels (concrete and rock lined)
29.014	Km of mowable grassed open channels with low flow pipe systems
15.760	Km of formed earth channels
84.850	Km of natural watercourses
39	Basins
256	Pollution control devices

The estimated cost to bring stormwater network to satisfactory condition is \$1.874 million.

To determine the cost to bring the total network to satisfactory condition, Council is considering the following:-

- Renewal work required for drainage infrastructure.

In determining this amount council is utilising Asset Renewal Costing & Financial Optimisation System where the drainage network is assessed based on remaining economic life.

The value of renewal work required to bring the drainage network to satisfactory condition is \$89,000.

Note: Most drainage infrastructure has long economic lives and by comparison, Council's drainage infrastructure is relatively new.

- The value of known incomplete routine maintenance requirements \$1.785 million

Note: In assessing the condition of drainage, Council did not consider changes in standards or proposed enhancements/upgrade to existing assets.

(2) **Annual Cost to Maintain All Drainage in a Satisfactory Condition**

The estimated annual cost to maintain drainage system at a satisfactory standard is \$2.415 million

The annual cost to maintain the drainage network at a satisfactory standard equates to the following:-

- The average renewal work required over the next 10 years totals \$36,766
- Estimated routine maintenance work required \$2.379

(3) **Annual Maintenance Expenditure on Drainage**

In 2012/2013 Council spent a total of \$3.146 million on the maintenance of drainage infrastructure.

Bridges

Council maintains one hundred and eight (108) bridges, all of which are concrete, and 54 are multi-cell culverts.

(1) **Cost to Upgrade Bridges to a Satisfactory Condition**

All existing bridges within Blacktown City Council are structurally adequate.

(2) **Annual Cost to Maintain Bridges in a Satisfactory Condition**

The estimated annual cost of maintaining existing bridges in a satisfactory condition has been assessed by adding the annualised replacement cost of bridges to annual routine maintenance cost.

1. The annualised replacement cost for bridges is \$594,985 p.a.

In 2010 Council undertook a whole new approach to bridges valuation. All bridges within Council's LGA have been inspected and Council's asset register amended accordingly.

Bridges also have been broken up by different components and each component assessed for valuation and economic and remaining life.

2. The estimated annual routine maintenance expense of maintaining the one hundred and eight (108) bridges and multi-cell culverts is approximately \$93,347 p.a. and is calculated as follows:

Quarterly inspection costs	$108 \times 4 \times \$109.13$	=	\$47,144
Painting & line marking (every 5 years)	$(108 \times \$1087.7)/5$	=	\$23,493
Stabilization of bridge abutments (excluding 54 multi-cell culverts)	$54 \times 2 \times \$210.275/ea$	=	\$22,710
Routine annual maintenance cost for bridges			\$93,347

The total annual cost to maintain bridges in a satisfactory condition is thus:

$$(\$594,985 + \$93,347) = \$688,332 \text{ p.a.}$$

(3) **Annual Maintenance Expenditure on Bridges**

Council's 2012/2013 expenditure on bridge maintenance was approximately \$88,722.

COMPANION ANIMALS ACT & REGULATION

Enforcing and Ensuring Compliance with the Companion Animals Act and Regulation

Council has an ongoing program for enforcing and ensuring compliance with the NSW Companion Animals Act 1998 and the Companion Animals Regulation 2008. Changes to the Act requiring stricter containment of restricted breed dogs and declared dangerous dogs in recent years resulted in Council employing additional officers to ensure that the owners of these dogs met their legal obligations. This has subsequently resulted in a substantial reduction in the number of declared dangerous and restricted breed dogs located within Blacktown City.

Council provided the Department of Local Government (DLG) details of all animals seized under the Act by lodging its Return of Seizures information 2012-13.

Council also provides information to the DLG in relation to dog attacks on an ongoing process as required under the new online reporting process.

The total cost in providing urban animal management in the Blacktown Local Government Area in 2012-13 was \$1.86m. These costs were offset in part by income of \$0.92m generated through fines, fees and charges and income from the companion animal fund and income from other Council's utilising Blacktown City Council's Animal Holding Facility.

Community Education Programs Include:

The Annual Pet Festival at the Animal Holding Facility was held in October 2012. People attending were provided with free microchipping, free health checks by veterinarians and information stalls on pet care, pet welfare and responsible pet ownership.

Animal Service Officers provided free microchipping at various locations in conjunction with Council's travelling tree giveaways and attended community festivals to promote responsible pet ownership within the broader community.

Council also has an Urban Animal Management Advisory Sub-Committee that canvasses issues and makes recommendations to council in relation to urban animal management.

Desexing Initiatives

In May 2012 Council adopted a Compulsory Desexing Policy for all companion animals sold or rehomed from Council's Animal Holding Facility (AHF). Council had an existing desexing arrangement with Sydney University which continues and in addition Council fostered partnerships with a number of local veterinarians to provide low cost desexing for any companion animals sold or rehomed from the AHF.

Alternatives to Euthanasia

All unclaimed impounded animals are assessed to ensure that they are suitable for rehoming. Suitable animals are advertised for sale or, if unable to be sold, offered to rehoming agencies. Also Council has invested considerable resources to ensure the percentage of animals being returned to their owner or being rehomed continues to increase. These initiatives have resulted in a current statistic of approximately 90% of all dogs impounded at the AHF being reunited with their owner, sold or rehomed.

Off Leash Areas

Each local Council is required to provide at least one 'off-leash' area. Blacktown City Council has twelve off-leash areas with five of these areas being fenced.

In addition to the twelve areas operated by Council there is also a fenced off leash area located at Bungarribee Park, Doonside Rd, Doonside. This park is operated by the Western Sydney Parklands Trust.

GIPA ANNUAL REPORT TEMPLATE (01 JULY 2012 TO 30 JUNE 2013)

<i>Agency Name</i>	<i>BLACKTOWN CITY COUNCIL</i>
Principal Department (if applicable)	GOVERNANCE AND PROPERTY SERVICES
Reporting Period	01 JULY 2012 TO 30 JUNE 2013

Table A: Number of applications by type of applicant and outcome*

	Access granted in full	Access granted in part	Access refused in full	Information not held	Information already available	Refuse to deal with application	Refuse to confirm/deny whether information is held	Application withdrawn
Media	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Members of Parliament	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Private sector business	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not for profit organisations or community groups	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Members of the public (application by legal representative)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Members of the public (other)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1

*More than one decision can be made in respect of a particular access application. If so, a recording must be made in relation to each such decision. This also applies to Table B.

Table B: Number of applications by type of application and outcome

	Access granted in full	Access granted in part	Access refused in full	Information not held	Information already available	Refuse to deal with application	Refuse to confirm/deny whether information is held	Application withdrawn
Personal information applications*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Access applications (other than personal information applications)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table B: Number of applications by type of application and outcome

Access applications that are partly personal information applications and partly other	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
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*A personal information application is an access application for personal information (as defined in clause 4 of Schedule 4 to the Act) about the applicant (the applicant being an individual).

The total number of decisions in Table B should be the same as Table A.

Table C: Invalid applications

Reason for invalidity	Number of applications
Application does not comply with formal requirements (section 41 of the Act)	1
Application is for excluded information of the agency (section 43 of the Act)	0
Application contravenes restraint order (section 110 of the Act)	0
Total number of invalid applications received	0
Invalid applications that subsequently became valid applications	0

Table D: Conclusive presumption of overriding public interest against disclosure: matters listed in Schedule 1 of the Act

	Number of times consideration used*
Overriding secrecy laws	0
Cabinet information	0
Executive Council information	0
Contempt	0
Legal professional privilege	0
Excluded information	0
Documents affecting law enforcement and public safety	0
Transport safety	0
Adoption	0
Care and protection of children	0
Ministerial code of conduct	0
Aboriginal and environmental heritage	0

*More than one public interest consideration may apply in relation to a particular access application and, if so, each such consideration is to be recorded (but only once per application). This also applies in relation to Table E.

Table E: Other public interest considerations against disclosure: matters listed in table to section 14 of the Act

	Number of occasions when application not successful
Responsible and effective government	0

**Table E: Other public interest considerations against disclosure:
matters listed in table to section 14 of the Act**

Law enforcement and security	0
Individual rights, judicial processes and natural justice	1
Business interests of agencies and other persons	0
Environment, culture, economy and general matters	0
Secrecy provisions	0
Exempt documents under interstate Freedom of Information legislation	0

Table F: Timeliness

	Number of applications
Decided within the statutory timeframe (20 days plus any extensions)	1
Decided after 35 days (by agreement with applicant)	0
Not decided within time (deemed refusal)	0
Total	0

Table G: Number of applications reviewed under Part 5 of the Act (by type of review and outcome)

	Decision varied	Decision upheld	Total
Internal review	1	0	0
Review by Information Commissioner*	0	0	0
Internal review following recommendation under section 93 of Act	0	0	0
Review by ADT	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

*The Information Commissioner does not have the authority to vary decisions, but can make recommendation to the original decision-maker. The data in this case indicates that a recommendation to vary or uphold the original decision has been made.

Table H: Applications for review under Part 5 of the Act (by type of applicant)

	Number of applications for review
Applications by access applicants	0

Table H: Applications for review under Part 5 of the Act (by type of applicant)

Applications by persons to whom information the subject of access application relates (see section 54 of the Act)	0
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PLANNING AGREEMENT REGISTER (PA)

The following planning agreements (PA) have been entered into in accordance with Section 93F of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and the Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Development Contributions) Regulation 2005

PA No.

01

Name of PA: **INTERCHANGE PARK PLANNING AGREEMENT (as amended)**

Short description: This agreement provides a mechanism to provide public infrastructure to the area commonly known as The Lot 11 Precinct, that would normally be provided under Section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

Date PA was entered into: 6 September 2006
Deed of Variation: 24 June 2013

PA Parties: **GTA Real Estate Interchange Park Pty Limited** of Level 17, 60 Castlereagh Street Sydney NSW 2000
Blacktown City Council of 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown, New South Wales, 2148

Land to which the PA applies: The land identified in Schedule 2, known as the Lot 11 Precinct of State Environmental Planning Policy No 59 – Central Western Sydney Economic and Employment Area

Legal Document No. LD-06-117

PA No.

02

Name of PA: **SECOND PONDS CREEK PLANNING AGREEMENT**

Short description: This agreement provides a mechanism to provide public infrastructure to the area commonly known as Second Ponds Creek that would normally be provided under Section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Date PA was entered into: 12 October 2006

PA Parties: **Landcom** of Riverbank Corporate Centre, Level 2, 330 Church Street, Parramatta, New South Wales 2150
Blacktown City Council of 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown, New South Wales, 2148

Land to which the PA applies: The area is generally bounded to the north by Schofields Road, to the west by a ridgeline to the east of Hambledon Road, to the south by the suburb of Quakers Hill and the Parklea Prison, and to the east by Fyfe Road and Castlebrook Cemetery

Legal Document No. LD-06-143

PA No.
03

Name of PA: **RACEWAY PRECINCT PLANNING AGREEMENT**

Short description: This agreement provides a mechanism to provide public infrastructure to the area commonly known as the Raceway Precinct, that would normally be provided under Section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Date PA was entered into: 22 December 2006.

PA Parties: **Investa Commercial Developments Pty Ltd** of Level 6, Deutsche Bank Place, 126 Phillip St, Sydney, New South Wales 2150
Blacktown City Council of 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown, New South Wales, 2148.

Land to which the PA applies: The land to which the Planning Agreement applies is known as the Raceway Precinct of State Environmental Planning Policy No 59 – Central Western Sydney Economic and Employment Area and consists of Lots 2 and 5 in Deposited Plan 1079897.

Legal Document No. LD-07-1.

PA No.
04

Name of PA: **WALLGROVE STAGE 1 PLANNING AGREEMENT**

Short description: This agreement provides a mechanism to enable Council to grant Development Consent to developments in Stage 3 of SEPP 59 Employment Lands, by allowing the developer to provide security to Council, in lieu of its future S94 obligation, until the applicable S94 Contributions Plan is adopted by Council.

Date PA was entered into: 8 March 2007.

PA Parties: **Jacfin Pty Ltd** of c/o PricewaterhouseCoopers, 201 Sussex Street, Sydney, New South Wales 2000
Blacktown City Council of 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown, New South Wales, 2148.

Land to which the PA applies: The land to which the Planning Agreement applies located in the Stage 3 Eastern Creek Precinct of State Environmental Planning Policy No 59 – Central Western Sydney Economic and Employment Area and consists of that part of Lot 102 in Deposited Plan 1028252 which is defined as the 'Stage 1 Development Land' in DA-06-1228.

Legal Document No. LD-07-27

PA No.
05

Name of PA: **MOTOR VEHICLE LOGISTICS FACILITY PLANNING AGREEMENT**

Short description: This agreement provides a mechanism to enable Council to grant Development Consent to developments in Stage 3 of SEPP 59 Employment Lands, by allowing the developer to provide security to Council, in lieu of its future S94 obligation, until the applicable S94 Contributions Plan is adopted by Council.

Date PA was entered into: 5 July 2008

PA Parties: **Jacfin Pty Ltd** of c/o PricewaterhouseCoopers, 201 Sussex Street, Sydney, New South Wales 2000
Blacktown City Council of 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown, New South Wales, 2148.

Land to which the PA applies: The land to which the Planning Agreement applies is located in the Stage 3 Eastern Creek Precinct of State Environmental Planning Policy No 59 – Central Western Sydney Economic and Employment Area and consists of that part of Lot 102 in Deposited Plan 1028252.

Legal Document No. LD-08-80

PA No.
06

Name of PA: **EASTERN CREEK STAGE 2 SUBDIVISION PLANNING AGREEMENT**

Short description: This agreement provides a mechanism to enable Council to grant Development Consent to developments in Stage 3 of SEPP 59 Employment Lands, by allowing the developer to provide security to Council, in lieu of its future S94 obligation, until the applicable S94 Contributions Plan is adopted by Council.

Date PA was entered into: 22 September 2008

PA Parties: **Jacfin Pty Ltd** of c/o PricewaterhouseCoopers, 201 Sussex Street, Sydney, New South Wales 2000
Blacktown City Council of 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown, New South Wales, 2148.

Land to which the PA applies: The land to which the Planning Agreement applies is located in the Stage 3 Eastern Creek Precinct of State Environmental Planning Policy No 59 – Central Western Sydney Economic and Employment Area and consists of that part of Lot 204 in Deposited Plan 1117111.

Legal Document No. LD-08-111

PA No.

07

Name of PA: **STONECUTTERS RIDGE PLANNING AGREEMENT**

Short description: This agreement provides a mechanism to provide public infrastructure to Colebee Release Area that would normally be provided under Section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Date PA was entered into: 1 December 2008

PA Parties: **Medallist Golf Holdings Pty Ltd** of Level 14, 1 Martin Place, Sydney, New South Wales 2000.
Blacktown City Council of 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown, New South Wales, 2148.

Land to which the PA applies: The land to which the Planning Agreement applies located in the Colebee Release Area and consists of PT Lot 103 DP 1127481, PT Lot 104 DP1127481, Lot 105 DP 1127481, Lot 106 DP 1127481, Lot 107 DP 1127481, Lot 108 DP1127481 & PT Lot 109 DP1127481.

Legal Document No. LD-08-143

PA No.

08

Name of PA: **EASTERN CREEK BUSINESS PARK PLANNING AGREEMENT EC3**

Short description: This agreement provides a mechanism to enable Council to grant Development Consent to developments in Stage 3 of SEPP 59 Employment Lands, by allowing the developer to provide security to Council, in lieu of its future S94 obligation, until the applicable S94 Contributions Plan is adopted by Council.

Date PA was entered into: 20 March 2009

PA Parties: **Australand 111 Pty Ltd** of Level 3, 1 C Homebush Bay Drive, Rhodes, New South Wales 2138.
Hartford Lane Pty Ltd of Level 33, 680 George Street, Sydney, New South Wales, 2000.
Blacktown City Council of 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown, New South Wales, 2148.

Land to which the PA applies: The land to which the Planning Agreement applies is located in the Stage 3 Eastern Creek Precinct of State Environmental Planning Policy No 59 – Central Western Sydney Economic and Employment Area Lot 122 in Deposited Plan 1049623.

Legal Document No. LD-09-34

PA No.

09

Name of PA: **TESROL EASTERN CREEK STAGE 1 PLANNING AGREEMENT**

Short description: This agreement provides a mechanism to enable Council to grant Development Consent to developments in Stage 3 of SEPP 59 Employment Lands, by allowing the developer to provide security to Council, in lieu of its future S94 obligation, until the applicable S94 Contributions Plan is adopted by Council. The agreement also obligates the developer to provide Precinct Works In-kind.

Date PA was entered into: 28 October 2009

PA Parties: **Australand 111 Pty Ltd** of Level 3, 1 C Homebush Bay Drive, Rhodes, New South Wales 2138.
Blacktown City Council of 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown, New South Wales 2148.

Land to which the PA applies: The land to which the Stage 1 Planning Agreement applies is located in the Stage 3 Eastern Creek Precinct of State Environmental Planning Policy No 59 – Central Western Sydney Economic and Employment Area. Refer to Page 27 of the agreement for the location.

Legal Document No. LD-09-115

PA No.

10

Name of PA: **TESROL EASTERN CREEK STAGE 2 PLANNING AGREEMENT**

Short description: This agreement provides a mechanism to enable Council to grant Development Consent to developments in Stage 3 of SEPP 59 Employment Lands, by allowing the developer to provide security to Council, in lieu of its future S94 obligation, until the applicable S94 Contributions Plan is adopted by Council. The agreement also obligates the developer to provide Precinct Works In-kind.

Date PA was entered into: 28 October 2009

PA Parties: **Australand 111 Pty Ltd** of Level 3, 1 C Homebush Bay Drive, Rhodes, New South Wales 2138.
Blacktown City Council of 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown, New South Wales 2148.

Land to which the PA applies: The land to which the Stage 2 Planning Agreement applies is located in the Stage 3 Eastern Creek Precinct of State Environmental Planning Policy No 59 – Central Western Sydney Economic and Employment Area. Refer to Page 26 of the agreement for the location.

Legal Document No. LD-09-116

PA No.

11

Name of PA: **MIRVAC PLANNING AGREEMENT**

Short description: This agreement provides a mechanism to enable Council to grant Development Consent to developments in Stage 3 of SEPP 59 Employment Lands, by allowing the developer to provide security to Council, in lieu of its future S94 obligation, until the applicable S94 Contributions Plan is adopted by Council.

Date PA was entered into: 04 January 2010

PA Parties: **Mirvac Funds Management Limited** of Level 26, 60 Margaret Street, Sydney, New South Wales 2000.
Perpetual Nominees Limited of Level 12, 123 Pitt Street Sydney, New South Wales 2000.
Blacktown City Council of 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown, New South Wales 2148.

Land to which the PA applies: The land to which the Planning Agreement applies is located in the Stage 3 Eastern Creek Precinct of State Environmental Planning Policy No 59 – Central Western Sydney Economic and Employment Area and consists of Lot 101 in Deposited Plan 1028252.

Legal Document No. LD-10-1

PA No.

12

Name of PA: **EASTERN CREEK STAGE 3A SUBDIVISION PLANNING AGREEMENT**

Short description: This agreement provides a mechanism to enable Council to grant Development Consent to developments in Stage 3 of SEPP 59 Employment Lands, by allowing the developer to provide security to Council, in lieu of its future S94 obligation, until the applicable S94 Contributions Plan is adopted by Council.

Date PA was entered into: 29 March 2010

PA Parties: **Jacfin Pty Ltd** of c/o PricewaterhouseCoopers, 201 Sussex Street, Sydney, New South Wales 2000
Blacktown City Council of 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown, New South Wales, 2148.

Land to which the PA applies: The land to which the Planning Agreement applies is located in the Stage 3 Eastern Creek Precinct of State Environmental Planning Policy No 59 – Central Western Sydney Economic and Employment Area and consists of Lot 302 in Deposited Plan 1133621.

Legal Document No. LD-10-41

PA No.

13

Name of PA: **EASTERN CREEK STAGE 3B SUBDIVISION PLANNING AGREEMENT**

Short description: This agreement provides a mechanism to enable Council to grant Development Consent to developments in Stage 3 of SEPP 59 Employment Lands, by allowing the developer to provide security to Council, in lieu of its future S94 obligation, until the applicable S94 Contributions Plan is adopted by Council.

Date PA was entered into: 29 March 2010

PA Parties: **Jacfin Pty Ltd** of c/o PricewaterhouseCoopers, 201 Sussex Street, Sydney, New South Wales 2000
Blacktown City Council of 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown, New South Wales, 2148.

Land to which the PA applies: The land to which the Planning Agreement applies is located in the Stage 3 Eastern Creek Precinct of State Environmental Planning Policy No 59 – Central Western Sydney Economic and Employment Area and consists of Lot 3101 in the subdivision of Lot 302 in Deposited Plan 1133621.

Legal Document No. LD-10-40

PA No.

14

Name of PA: **BUNGARRIBEE PRECINCT 1 PLANNING AGREEMENT**

Short description: This agreement provides a mechanism to provide public infrastructure to Precinct 1 of the Doonside Residential Parcel that would normally be provided under Section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Date PA was entered into: 8 June 2010

PA Parties: **Landcom** of Riverbank Corporate Centre, Level 2, 330 Church Street, Parramatta, New South Wales 2150
Blacktown City Council of 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown, New South Wales, 2148.

Land to which the PA applies: The land to which the Planning Agreement applies is the land edged heavy black and indicated as Precinct 1 on the plan in Schedule 1 to the agreement.

Legal Document No. LD-10-63

PA No.

15

Name of PA: **VALENTINE PARK PLANNING AGREEMENT**

Short description: This agreement provides a mechanism to provide public infrastructure to the current headquarters of Football NSW at Valentine Park Glenwood that would normally be provided under Section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Date PA was entered into: 15 November 2010

PA Parties: **Football NSW Limited** of 235 Meurants Lane Glenwood New South Wales 2768
Blacktown City Council of 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown, New South Wales, 2148.

Land to which the PA applies: The land to which the Planning Agreement applies is Lot 187 in DP1007801 and Lot 11 in DP 1084455 at Old Windsor Road and Meurants Lane Glenwood.

Legal Document No. LD-10-137

PA No.

16

Name of PA: **FITZPATRICK INVESTMENTS PTY LIMITED & BLACKTOWN CITY COUNCIL**

Short description: This agreement provides a mechanism to provide land and public infrastructure to the Timbertop Reserve at Prospect. It also provides a contribution for ongoing maintenance costs and improvements to the condition of the Timbertop Reserve.

Date PA was entered into: 22 December 2010

PA Parties: **Fitzpatrick Investments Pty Limited** of Suite 2501, 44 Market St Sydney. New South Wales 2000
Blacktown City Council of 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown, New South Wales, 2148.

Land to which the PA applies: The land to which the Planning Agreement relates is Part of Lot 101 in Deposited Plan 863828 in the Blacktown LGA suburb of Prospect.

Legal Document No. LD -11-1

PA No.

17

Name of PA: **BUNGARRIBEE PRECINCT 2 PLANNING AGREEMENT**

Short description: This agreement provides a mechanism to provide public infrastructure to Precinct 2 of the Doonside Residential Parcel that would normally be provided under Section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Date PA was entered into: 10 March 2011

PA Parties: **Landcom** of Riverbank Corporate Centre, Level 2, 330 Church Street, Parramatta, New South Wales 2150
Blacktown City Council of 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown, New South Wales, 2148.

Land to which the PA applies: The land to which the Planning Agreement applies is the land within the Stage 2 boundary area identified as such on Works Plan 04 in Part 2 of Schedule 3 to the agreement.

Legal Document No. LD-11-31

PA No.

18

Name of PA: **MARSDEN PARK INDUSTRIAL PRECINCT PLANNING AGREEMENT**

Short description: This agreement provides a mechanism to provide public infrastructure to the Marsden Park Industrial Precinct that would normally be provided under Section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Date PA was entered into: 13 October 2011

PA Parties: **Marsden Park Developments Pty Limited** of 920 Richmond Road, Marsden Park NSW 2765
Blacktown City Council of 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown, New South Wales, 2148.

Land to which the PA applies: The land to which the Planning Agreement applies is the land identified in the Land Identification Map in Schedule 1 to the agreement.

Legal Document No. LD-11-112

PA No.

19

Name of PA: **799 RICHMOND ROAD MARSDEN PARK PLANNING AGREEMENT**

Short description: This agreement provides a mechanism to provide public infrastructure to land at 799 Richmond Road Marsden Park that would normally be provided under Section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Date PA was entered into: 19 December 2011

PA Parties: **The Smith Family Trust** of 799 Richmond Road Marsden Park, New South Wales 2765
Blacktown City Council of 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown, New South Wales, 2148.

Land to which the PA applies: The land to which the Planning Agreement applies is Lot 26 DP 661196, Lot 1 DP 397350, Lot 1 DP 840786, Lot 9 DP 976748 and Lot 86 DP 752030, otherwise known as 799 Richmond Road, Marsden Park.

Legal Document No. LD-12-2

PA No.

20

Name of PA: **HUNGTINGWOOD EAST PLANNING AGREEMENT**

Short description: This agreement provides a mechanism to allow the development of Lots 101-105 in DP 1166084 that is located in the Western Sydney Employment Area (WSEA).

Date PA was entered into: 22 December 2011

PA Parties: **Goodman Property Services (Aust) Pty Limited** of Level 10, 60 Castlereagh Street SYDNEY, New South Wales 2001
Trust Company Limited of Level 15, 20 Bond Street Sydney NSW 2001
Blacktown City Council of 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown, New South Wales, 2148.

Land to which the PA applies: Lots 101-105 in DP 1166084, being land that was previously Lots 1, 2, and 3 in DP 815845 and Lots 2, 3 and 4 in DP 801213.

Legal Document No. LD-12-1

PA No.

21

Name of PA: **BUNGARRIBEE PRECINCTS 3, 4 AND 5 PLANNING AGREEMENT**

Short description: This agreement provides a mechanism to provide public infrastructure to Precincts 3, 4 and 5 of the Doonside Residential Parcel that would normally be provided under Section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Date PA was entered into: 24 January 2012

PA Parties: **Landcom** of Riverbank Corporate Centre, Level 2, 330 Church Street, Parramatta, New South Wales 2150
Blacktown City Council of 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown, New South Wales, 2148.

Land to which the PA applies: The land within the Stage 3, 4 & 5 Boundary area identified as such on Works Plan 02 and Works Plan 03 in Schedule 3 of this draft Planning Agreement.

Legal Document No. LD-12-13

PA No.

22

Name of PA: **236 RICHMOND ROAD WOODCROFT PLANNING AGREEMENT**

Short description: This agreement provides a mechanism to contribute towards public infrastructure in the Woodcroft area that would normally be provided under Section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Date PA was entered into: 13 April 2012

PA Parties: **Universal Property Group Pty Ltd** t/a Batha Investments of Unit 1/129 Magowar Road Girraween NSW 2145
Blacktown City Council of 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown, New South Wales, 2148.

Land to which the PA applies: The land to which the Planning Agreement relates is Lot 1 in Deposited Plan 786901 at 236 Richmond Road Woodcroft.

Legal Document No. LD-12-48

PA No.

23

Name of PA: **BUNGARRIBEE PRECINCT 6 PLANNING AGREEMENT**

Short description: This agreement provides a mechanism to provide public infrastructure to Precinct 6 of the Doonside Residential Parcel that would normally be provided under Section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Date PA was entered into: 30 April 2013

PA Parties: **Landcom** of Riverbank Corporate Centre, Level 2, 330 Church Street, Parramatta, New South Wales 2150
Blacktown City Council of 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown, New South Wales, 2148.

Land to which the PA applies: The land bounded by the dotted blue line identified as the 'Precinct 6 Boundary' on the Land dedication Plan, being part Lot 61 DP 1111529.

Legal Document No. LD-13-37

PA No.

24

Name of PA: **EASTERN CREEK STAGE 4 SUBDIVISION PLANNING AGREEMENT**

Short description: This agreement provides a mechanism to enable Council to grant Development Consent to developments in Stage 3 of SEPP 59 Employment Lands, by allowing the developer to provide security to Council, in lieu of its future S94 obligation, until the applicable S94 Contributions Plan is adopted by Council.

Date PA was entered into: 24 June 2013

PA Parties: **Jacfin Pty Ltd** of c/o PricewaterhouseCoopers, 201 Sussex Street, Sydney, New South Wales 2000
Blacktown City Council of 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown, New South Wales, 2148.

Land to which the PA applies: The land to which the Planning Agreement applies is located in the Stage 3 Eastern Creek Precinct of State Environmental Planning Policy No 59 – Central Western Sydney Economic and Employment Area and consists of Lot 11 in Deposited Plan 1157491.

Legal Document No. LD-13-55