

2006/07 Annual Report

LGA Act 1993 s 428

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City of Canada Bay Council

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1 Mayor's Message



I am proud to present the City of Canada Bay Council's Annual Report for 2006/07.

During the past 12 months Council has continued its commitment to the improvement of local facilities and services to ensure we continue to deliver a superior level of service to you, our residents and the community. Some of our highlights have included:

- Commencing construction of the new Wellbank Children's Centre child care service as part of the new state-of-the-art library and customer service facilities at the former Concord Council chambers.
- Advocating for improvements to public transport services in the City at state transport forums and networks with specific issues including the expansion of the 460 and 480 bus services.
- Constructing the Bay Bike Way along the Henley Marine Drive from \$100,000 in funding received from the State Government.
- Funding the Bay Rider shuttle service, cultural activities and planning and increased business support through the Sustainability Levy.
- Opening the new skate park at Five Dock
- Designing the refurbishment of Cabarita swimming pool.
- Adopting a Long Term Financial Plan in October 2006.
- Creating a Youth Reference Committee.

The exciting new Wellbank Children's Centre, Occasional Care Childcare Centre and outstanding new Concord Library, are being built to help meet the needs of our City's growing population. The Centre will also incorporate public meeting rooms and customer service functions including payment of rates. Development is well under-way and is scheduled for completion in early 2008. Wellbank Children's Centre will provide care for 51 children, six weeks of age to school age for 52 weeks a year from 7.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday.

Other major works undertaken this year have included streetscape improvements at Wareemba and Council is also focused on asset maintenance as part of its long term financial plan to ensure our services are sustainable. On one of our most important assets, our local roads, Council spent \$1.29M on road maintenance program in 2006/07.

Council strongly values supporting local community groups to enable them to provide important work for the residents of the City. This year Council presented 60 Community Grants totalling \$58,200 to local organisations to provide essential services to the residents of the city. This included Youth Unlimited from Drummoyne, who received funding for a camp for children at risk from drugs and truancy to help them build skills and confidence, and Concord Early Childhood Centre was provided with funds to provide educational videos to inform new mothers about motherhood and parenting skills.

On other fronts, our efforts to create a clear planning framework for the city have seen the development and exhibition of a consolidated Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Councillors, the General Manager and staff of the City of Canada Bay Council for all their hard work and commitment during 2006/07.

Mayor Angelo Tsirekas

2 General Manager's Message



I have great pleasure in presenting the 2006/07 Annual Report for the City of Canada Bay.

The Report outlines Council's performance in relation to the 2006/07-2008/09 Management Plan.

The Annual Report is divided into four sections:

- The main report documents the financial and strategic outcomes of the Council and corporate wide achievements.
- The Annual Report Attachment A outlines Council's performance against actions documented in the 2006/07- 2008/09 Management Plan. Results for every action of the Management Plan are shown in key areas of governance, financial management, asset management, economic development, environment (built and natural), traffic and transport, and social and community development.
- The Annual Report Attachment B is a summary of the status of legal appeals involving Council in the Land and Environment Court.
- The Annual Report Attachment C lists details of sponsorships of Council Activities.

Council's financial records have been assessed by our auditors PricewaterhouseCoopers, and they have summarised our result with the following: "Council is considered to be in a sound and stable financial position. All indicators stand better than accepted industry benchmarks."

The long term financial sustainability of Council is essential to address the maintenance of the City's buildings, roads, parks and other facilities. Council has adopted a long term financial management strategy to ensure we have the funds available to maintain and improve the condition of Council facilities and provide the services to meet the future needs of an increasing population. Significant improvements have been made in financial management with rate arrears reducing from 2.82% in 2005/06 to 1.87% in 2006/07.

Planning for the cultural needs of the community, Council has developed a draft cultural plan, established a community gallery, provided key support to the establishment of an arts precinct at Cockatoo Island and drafted a Public Arts Policy.

Improvements to infrastructure in line with priorities set out in assets register and condition assessments, include 3,321 sqm of road pothole patching, 1,910 sqm of concrete path replaced, 1,220 sqm of graffiti removed from non-council assets and 7,271 sqm of graffiti removed from council assets.

Council has continued to develop policies and procedures to ensure equitable and consistent long-term use of public facilities. These have included the Business Use of Public Footpath Policy, City of Canada Bay Planning Agreements Policy, Notification and Advertising of Development Applications Development Control Plan and a Sponsorship Policy.

Other policies and plans being considered by Council to be endorsed in the next financial year are the City of Canada Bay Affordable Housing Policy, Public Health Plan, Water Reuse Policy and a Legionella Management Plan.

Our organisational efficiencies have improved including integrating our property and document management systems to improve service delivery. We are also investigating opportunities for resource sharing by being actively involved in the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils of which Canada Bay is an affiliate member.

On-line facilities continue to improve including promoting options to pay rates on Council's website. We have obtained a marginal increase in use of Council's website for paying rates and also introduced on-line tracking of Development Applications.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors and dedicated staff for their professionalism and commitment in achieving our goals.

Gary Sawyer

3 Our Councillors

Elected March 2004

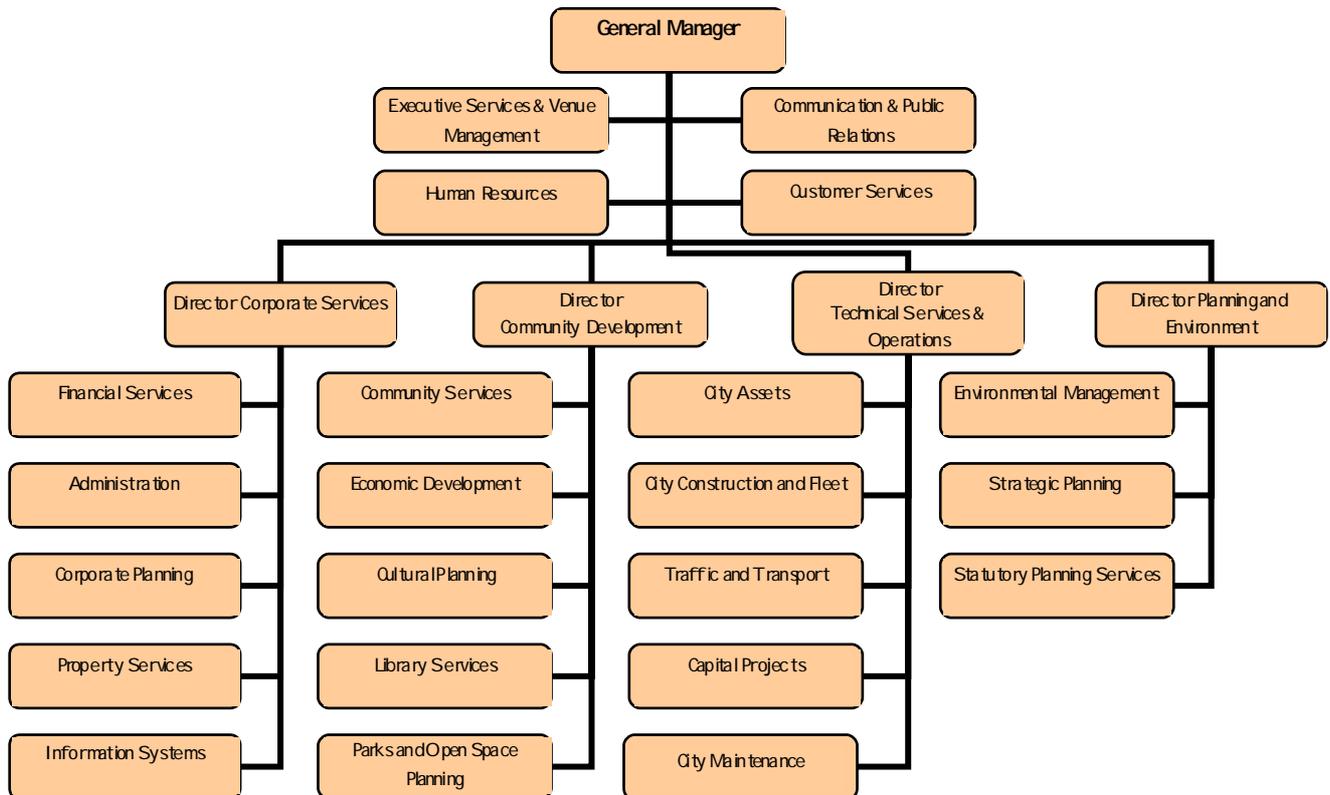
- Cr Angeb Tsirekas Mayor March 2004 – Sept 2008
- Cr Michael Megna Deputy Mayor July -September 2006
- Cr Jeanette O'Hara Deputy Mayor September 2006 -
- Cr Michael Cantali
- Cr Tony Fasanella
- Cr Neil Kenzler
- Cr Helen McCaffrey
- Cr Marian O'Connell
- Cr Bernard Rooney

4 Executive Team

(LGA Acts 428 (2)(g))

- Mr Gary Sawyer General Manager
- Mr Mark Bunch Director Technical Services & Operations
- Mr Bruce Cook Director Corporate Services
- Mr Tony McNamara Director Planning & Environment
- Mr Paul Singer Director Community Services July - December 2006
- Ms Lisa Miscamble Director Community Development from April 2007

5 Organisational Structure



6 Independent Audit to the Council

(LGA Acts 428 (2)(a))

Complete details of the Audited Financial Statements are available on Council's Website at www.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/



**City of Canada Bay Council
Independent Audit Report to the Council
(Sections 417(2) – report on the general purpose financial reports)**

Scope

We have audited the financial reports of **City of Canada Bay Council** for the financial year ended 30 June 2007 as set out on pages 7 to 40. The financial reports consist of the general purpose financial reports and Council's statement in the approved form as required by Section 413(2)(a) of the Local Government Act, 1993. Our audit responsibility does not extend to the Original Budget figures disclosed in the Income Statement, Statement of Cash Flows, Notes 2(a) and 16 to the financial statements nor the attached Special Schedules. The Council is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information they contain. We have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the Council.

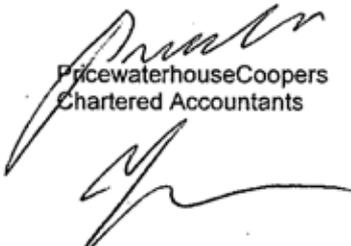
Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, 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 statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements and 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.

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

Audit 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.
- b) The Council's financial reports
 - i. Have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of this Division;
 - ii. are consistent with the Council's accounting records;
 - iii. present fairly the Council's financial position and the results of its operations; and
 - iv. are in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.
- c) All information relevant to the conduct of the audit has been obtained.
- d) There are no material deficiencies in the accounting records or financial reports that have come to light during the course of the audit.


PricewaterhouseCoopers
Chartered Accountants

J.A Gordon
Sydney 2007, 5 October.

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The Mayor
Councillor Angelo Tsirekas
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Dear Councillor Tsirekas,

**REPORT ON THE CONDUCT OF THE AUDIT OF
THE CITY OF CANADA BAY COUNCIL
FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2007 - SECTION 417(3)**

We have completed our audit of the financial reports of the City of Canada Bay Council for the year ended 30th June 2007, 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 Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views), as well as 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.

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

Operating Result

Council's Operating Result improved from a surplus of \$577K in the previous year to a surplus of \$726K in the current period. The Operating Result before capital grants and contributions was, however, a deficit of \$3.1m against a deficit of \$3.9m in the previous year.



Cash Position

The Council's overall cash position fell from \$20.9m to \$20.6m during the period under review, as the table below demonstrates:

	6/06	6/07
	<u>\$m</u>	<u>\$m</u>
Externally Restricted	13.4	11.9
Internally Restricted	4.9	4.8
Unrestricted	<u>2.6</u>	<u>3.9</u>
<i>Total</i>	<i>20.9</i>	<i>20.6</i>

The reduction in external restrictions is mainly through lower developer contributions held at year-end.

Working Capital

Council's net current assets fell from \$8.8m to \$5.3m during the period under review.

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

	6/06	6/07
	<u>\$'000</u>	<u>\$'000</u>
Net Current Assets	8,848	5,359
<u>Less</u>		
External Restrictions	12,380	11,945
Internal Restrictions	<u>4,941</u>	<u>4,831</u>
<u>Sub Total</u>	(8,473)	(11,417)
<u>Add</u>		
Current Liabilities to be funded from other sources	<u>9,592</u>	<u>10,459</u>
<i>Available Working Capital</i>	<i><u>\$1,119</u></i>	<i><u>\$(958)</u></i>

The Available Working Capital upon which Council could build its 2007/08 budget was a \$958K deficit.

Performance Indicators

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

	6/06	6/07
	%	%
Unrestricted Current Ratio	177	136
Debt Service Ratio	2.73	2.47
Rate Coverage Ratio	62	63
Rates Outstanding Ratio	2.81	1.87



The Unrestricted Current Ratio fell but remained above the industry benchmark of 100%.

The Debt Service Ratio improved to 2.47% of operating revenue reflecting the drop in outstanding loans from \$5.6m to \$4.8m. The ratio is well below the industry benchmark of 10%.

The Rate Coverage Ratio remained relatively stable at around 63% of total revenue.

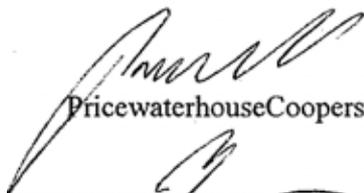
The Rates Outstanding Ratio improved to 1.87% of collectables and remains better than the industry benchmark of 5%.

Council is considered to be in a sound and stable financial position. All 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,



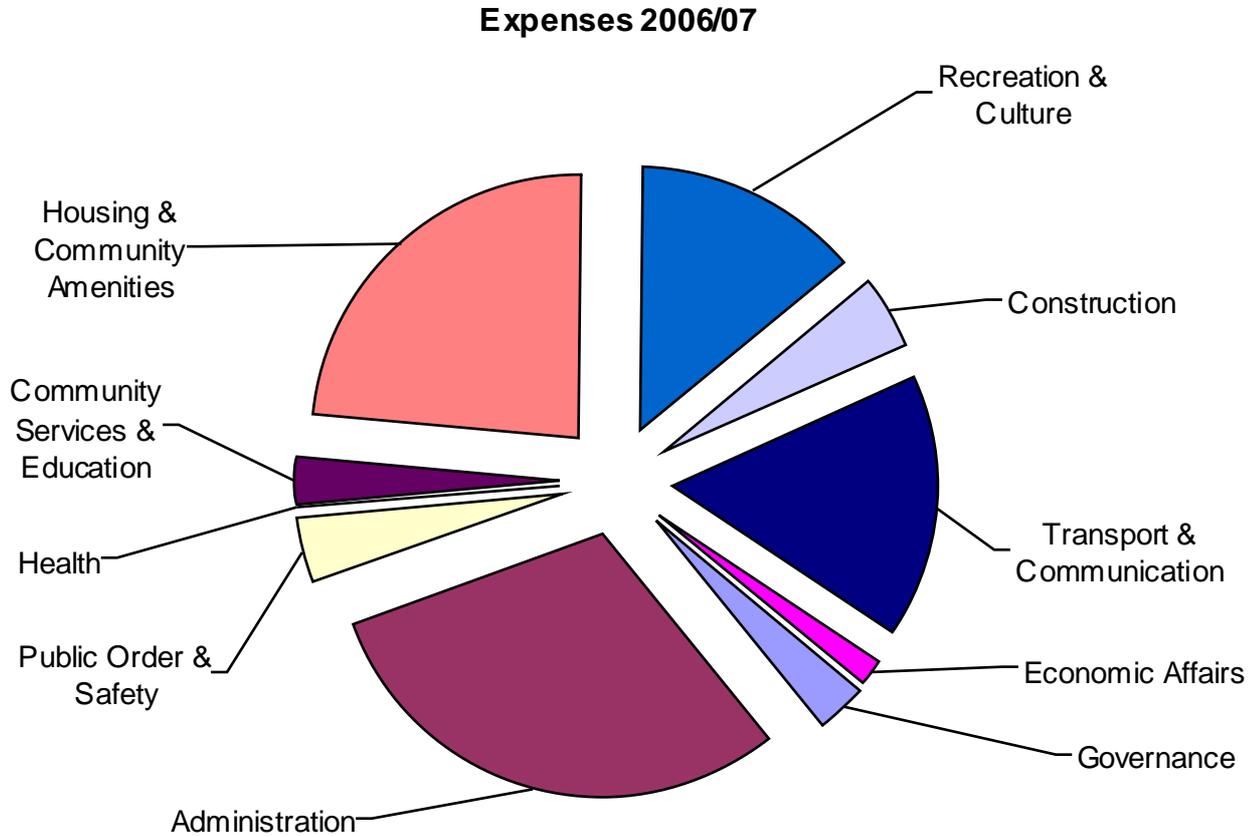
PricewaterhouseCoopers

J A Gordon
Partner

5 October, 2007.

7 Financial reports for year ending 30 June 2007

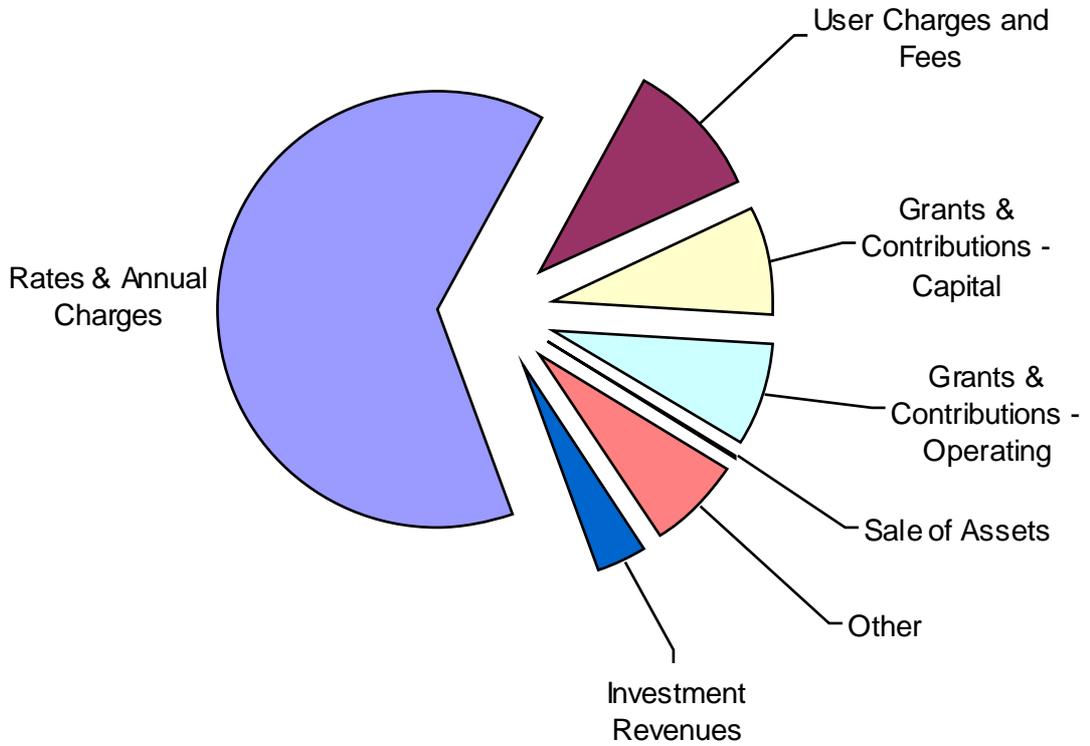
7.1 Expenses Summary



Function	OPERATING EXPENSES 2006/07 '000		OPERATING EXPENSES 2005/06 '000	
	Expenses	% of Total	Expenses	% of Total
Governance	\$1,478	3.10%	\$1,512	3.27%
Administration	\$14,365	30.18%	\$14,116	30.51%
Public Order & Safety	\$1,972	4.14%	\$1,895	4.10%
Health	\$4	0.01%	\$16	0.03%
Community Services & Education	\$1,341	2.82%	\$1,218	2.63%
Housing & Community Amenities	\$11,389	23.93%	\$11,900	25.72%
Recreation & Culture	\$6,483	13.62%	\$6,079	13.14%
Construction	\$2,091	4.39%	\$1,286	2.78%
Transport & Communication	\$7,701	16.18%	\$7,398	15.99%
Economic Affairs	\$778	1.63%	\$851	1.84%
TOTALS - FUNCTIONS	\$47,602	100.00%	\$46,271	100%

7.2 Revenues Summary

Revenues 2006/07



Function	OPERATING REVENUES 200506 '000		OPERATING REVENUES 200405 '000	
	Revenues	% of Total	Revenues	% of Total
Rates & Annual Charges	\$30,696	63.52%	\$29,112	62.14%
User Charges & Fees	\$4,927	10.19%	\$4,839	10.33%
Grants & Contributions - Capital	\$3,876	8.02%	\$4,518	9.64%
Grants & Contributions - Operating	\$3,556	7.36%	\$3,647	7.78%
Sale of Assets	\$118	0.24%	\$282	0.60%
Other	\$3,384	7.00%	\$2,851	6.09%
Investment Revenues	\$1,771	3.66%	\$1,599	3.41%
TOTALS - FUNCTIONS	\$48,328	100.00%	\$46,848	100.00%

8 Rates and Charges Written Off

(LGA Reg. cl 132)

Rates And Charges - Amounts Written Off	
Item	Amount
Rates - Pensioner Concessions	\$984,735
Rates – Postponements	\$12,451
Interest Waived - Postponements	\$4,899
Interest Waived - Write-Offs	\$325
Total	\$1,002,410

9 Report on Principal Activities

(LGA Acts 428 (2)(b))

Council's Management Plan identified the following principal activities:

- Customer Services
- Governance and Financial Sustainability
- Culture and Well Being
- Economic Development
- Natural and Built Environment
- Infrastructure

From these, programs with objectives, strategic issues and key responses, as well as actions for 2006/07 were developed.

The performance against the established actions is set out in Attachment A.

10 State of the Environmental Report

(LGA Acts 428 (2)(c) & Reg. cl 218-226)

Council is responding to the increasing demands that the rapidly increasing City population places on our natural environment. Council is addressing these additional demands by developing new environmental programs as part of the Sustainable City Levy.

The State of Environment Report (SoE) is a mechanism to report on the broad range of environmental issues and to communicate this information to the community. This is done by providing information on the state or condition of the local environment, the pressures or human impact upon it and society's responses to those pressures. The report deals with the environment under eight headings: Heritage, Land, Water, Air, Noise, Biodiversity, Waste and Sustainability.

The process of SoE reporting allows Council to demonstrate how it has addressed these matters and regulatory control. The SoE process also allows Council to prioritise future planning and identify issues that need to be resourced.

Under Local Government Regulations, Council is required to produce a comprehensive SoE Report each year after a full Council election. During intervening years a supplementary SoE Report is required. These supplementary reports contain details of new impacts that have been identified during the previous annual reporting period, as well as the results of any ongoing environmental improvement programs.

This year's report details such activities and initiatives as Council's newly developed internal Sustainability Team which includes representatives from all areas of Council who drive environmental improvements within Council, the continuing impact of waste management, environmental citizen awards and green business program advancements and the continuing work of the Local Agenda 21 Committee. The report

will also outline improvements to Council's internal systems which aim to continually improve environmental sustainability through our capital works programs.

A copy of the Report is available upon application or can be viewed on Council's Website.
www.canadabay.nsw.gov.au

11 Report on the condition of public works

(LGA Acts 428 (2)(d))

11.1 "Satisfactory" condition of public assets

In assessing the condition of Public Assets, Council has had regard to the condition, function and location of each asset, based on the original design standard. Changes in standards or proposed or potential enhancements to the existing asset design standard have been ignored (Code p A702). Assets within each Asset Category have been assessed on an overall basis, recognising that an average standard of "satisfactory" may be achieved even though certain assets may be above or below that standard on an individual basis.

Council recognises that the standard it considers to be "satisfactory" may be different from that adopted by other Councils.

The information contained in this Schedule comprises accounting estimates formulated in accordance with the NSW Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting. Nothing contained within this Schedule may be taken to be an admission of any liability to any person under any circumstance.

11.2 Asset condition

The following condition codes have been used in this Schedule:

1. Newly constructed
2. Over 5 years old but fully maintained in "as new" condition
3. Good condition
4. Average condition
5. Partly worn - beyond 50% of economic life.
6. Worn but serviceable
7. Poor - replacement required

11.3 Special Schedule 7 Condition Public Works as of 30 June 2007

(LGA Act s428(2)(d)(i))

Asset Class	Asset Category	Depreciation Rate (%)	Depreciation Expense	Cost	Valuation	Accumulated Depreciation	Carrying Value	Asset Condition (see Notes)	Estimated Cost to bring to a Satisfactory Standard	Estimated Annual Maintenance Expense	Program Maintenance Works for current year
	<i>References</i>	<i>Note 9</i>	<i>Note 4</i>	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000		\$000	\$000	\$000
									<i>Local Govt. Act 1993, Section 428(2d)</i>		
Public Buildings & Structures	Civic Centres	1	166	12,394		3,554	8,840	3		128	183
	Works Depots	2	-	-		-	-	4		-	-
	Child Care Centres	2	38	1,968		820	1,148	4		76	78
	Amenities/Ttoilets	2	138	7,064		2,530	4,534	5	200	12	27
	Libraries	2	62	3,070		354	2,716	3		48	33
	Community Centres	2	48	2,448		1,094	1,354	4		116	102
	Community Halls	2	26	1,336		980	356	3		24	27
	Swimming Pools	5	220	4,792		1,528	3,264	4	4,000	208	189
	Golf Courses	2	78	4,528		2,958	1,570	3		24	48
	Leisure Centres	2	96	4,842		1,280	3,562	3		28	12
	Tennis Courts	5	20	488		362	126	3		12	12
	Dwellings	2	18	928		156	772	4		24	3
	Street Furniture	2	14	262		72	190	3		48	48
	Sea Walls	2	12	650		40	610	3	2,000	190	96
	Wharves and Jetties	2	6	332		36	296	3		56	9
Other	1.0- 10.0		228	5,736		1,476	4,260	4		612	633
	Subtotal		1,170	50,838	-	17,240	33,598		6,200	1,606	1,500
Public Roads	Road Pavements	1	1,838	184,439		71,616	112,823	4	36,684	1,636	1,371
	LATMs	1	41	4,624		2,202	2,422	4		176	87
	Cycleways	2	34	1,912		98	1,814	3		8	-
	Kerb & Gutter	2	663	33,259		22,242	11,017	4	1,294	108	99
	Bridges	1	7	670		237	433	4	150	20	6
	Footpaths	2	668	33,249		19,483	13,766	4	838	464	489
	Other	10	99	1,260		418	842	4		172	168
	Subtotal		3,350	259,413	-	116,296	143,117		38,966	2,584	2,220
Drainage Works	Conduits & Pipelines	1	882	88,216		37,675	50,541	4	2,000	180	162
	Pollutant Traps	3.3	85	2,618		342	2,276	2		32	30
	Other	10	-	-		-	-			-	-
	Subtotal		967	90,834	-	38,017	52,817		2,000	212	192
Total Classes - All Assets			5,487	401,085	-	171,553	229,532		47,166	4,402	3,912

This Schedule is to be read in conjunction with the explanatory notes following.

12 Summary of Legal Findings

(LGA Act s428 (2)(e))

12.1 Costs incurred by Council in relation to legal proceedings

Category	Expenses (\$'000)
Regulatory Control	\$758
Professional Services	\$193
Total	\$951
Recovered Costs	\$242

12.2 Summary of the state of progress of each legal proceeding and result

(See Attachment B for more details)

Nature of Proceedings	Number of Proceedings	Status
Appeals– Land & Environment Court (See Attachment B for details)	5	Dismissed
	4	Upheld
	5	Discontinued
	5	Consent order granted
	0	Held in abeyance
	1	Current
	1	Fine Imposed
Food Act	0	Conviction obtained
Public Health Act 1991	1	Conviction obtained
Hearings– parking, dogs abandoned vehicles & pollution incidents	7	Appeal dismissed.
	3	Appeal upheld.
	0	Discontinued.
Supreme Court Equity Division	-	Awaiting hearing

13 Elected Members – Payments of Expenses and Provision of facilities

(LGA Acts 428 (2)(f)) & Reg. cl 217(1))

Council has adopted a policy covering the payment of expenses and the provision of facilities to councillors. The objective of this policy is to reimburse the mayor and councillors for expenses reasonably incurred in performing their duties and to provide them with a standard and range of facilities in discharging the functions of civic office.

Elected Members of Council	
Item	Expenses
Mayoral Allowance	\$29,345.00
Councillor Allowance	\$13,950.00
Councillor Provisions	
Office equipment allocated to councillors cl 217(1)(a1)(i)	\$1,860.00
Telephone Calls made by councillors cl 217(1)(a1)(ii)	\$6,000.00
Attendance at conferences and seminars cl 217(1)(a1)(iii)	\$28,657.26
Training of councillors and provision of skill development cl 217(1)(a1)(iv)	\$0
Interstate visits by councillors, including transport, accommodation and other out of pocket expenses cl 217(1)(a1)(v)	\$3,609.64
Overseas visits by councillors, including transport, accommodation and other out of pocket expenses cl 217(1)(a1)(vi)	\$0
Expenses of any spouse, partner or other person who accompanied a councillor cl 217(1)(a1)(vii)	\$0
Expenses involved in the provision of care for a child or an immediate family member of a councillor cl 217(1)(a1)(viii)	\$570.00
Total amount of money expended during the year on provisions of councillor facilities s428 cl 217(1)(a1)(i)	\$40,696.90

14 Remuneration Packages

(LGA Acts 428 (2)(g) & Reg. cl 217(1)(b))

City of Canada Bay Council employed 5 Senior Staff positions during 2006/07.

	Salary	Bonus, performance other payments	Employers contribution to Superannuation	Total Non- cash Benefits	Total
General Manager	\$202,314	\$4,000	\$12,686	\$9,000	\$228,000
Director, Corporate Services	\$133,308		\$11,900	\$9,244	\$154,452
Director, Community Services (June-December 2006)	\$56,477		\$5,082	\$3,429	\$64,986
Director, Community Development (April-June 2007)	\$34,733		\$1,642	\$2,125	\$38,500
Director, Planning & Environment	\$146,014		\$12,139	\$8,954	\$167,107
Director, Technical Services & Operations	\$138,913		\$12,139	\$8,917	\$159,969

15 Major Contracts Awarded for Amounts greater than \$150,000

(LGA Acts 428 (2)(h))

Contractor	Details of Contract	Cost
Kane Constructions	Construction of new Concord Library and Childcare Centre Facilities	\$9,067,000

16 Bushfire Hazard Reduction Activities

(LGA Acts 428 (2)(i1))

As the City of Canada Bay is in the Inner Western Sydney it is not classified as a bush fire district. However, Council encourages its residents to minimise fire hazards by clearing gutters, removing unwanted wood and debris from around their homes.

17 Programs to Promote Services and Access to Services for People from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Backgrounds (CALD)

(LGA Acts 428 (2)(j))

Council aims to provide access and equity to all services and facilities for all citizens of our community. It acknowledges the cultural diversity of our community and ensures that services and facilities are appropriate, accessible, effective, efficient and responsive to local needs.

This financial year Council has completed the following projects:

17.1 Social Justice

- The Drummoyne Meals on Wheels and Concord Food services are now co-located at the Concord Food Services premises. Extensive promotion and an advisory campaign was conducted to inform customers and raise the profile of both services including extensive promotion targeted to people and services of CALD Backgrounds (*Attachment A, Page 37 & 38, COM.8 & COM.9*)
- Maintained Council's language aids to assist with residents who speak a non-English language
- Assisted and supported relevant services and groups and provided regular attendance/participation at Inner West Settlement Services and Inner West Ethnic Network (*Attachment A, Page 36, COM. 5*)
- Funded English classes at Drummoyne Community Centre

17.2 Community Harmony

- Promoted ethnic organisations who provide services to the local government area at community events such as Ferragosto and Concord Main Street Fair

17.3 Economic and Cultural opportunities

- Funded and supported various ethnic groups and clubs via the Council's Community Grants program.
- Advertised Community Grant Scheme via the ethnic media for main language groups in City. This included Italian, Greek, Arabic, Chinese and Korean papers. Also encouraged CALD groups to apply for grants through networking/promotions through the Inner-West Ethnic Network. Supported Sydney South West Area Health's (SSWAH) Multicultural Health Unit to apply for a grant to meet identified CALD needs in the Council area (*Attachment A, Page 37, COM.6*)

For further details please refer to Attachment A.

18 Work Carried Out on Private Land

(LGA Acts 428 (2)(k))

Summary of details of works	Cost of work fully or partly subsidised by Council	Total amount subsidised by Council
Graffiti Removal	\$23,071.27	\$17,526.05
Meriton - Mary/Marquet St Rhodes	\$227,303.09	\$0.00
Dept of Transport NSW	\$82,110.00	\$0.00
Marrickville Council	\$51,818.91	\$0.00
Concord Hospital Car Park 3	\$37,774.55	\$0.00
74-76 Victoria Road	\$12,834.55	\$0.00
Concord Hospital	\$12,619.09	\$0.00
DPI-Signage	\$10,145.00	\$0.00
10 Burnell Street	\$9,228.18	\$0.00
George Street, Homebush	\$8,230.00	\$0.00
54 Bertram Street	\$7,934.55	\$0.00
Other Projects	\$84,578.86	\$0.00
Total	\$567,648.05	\$17,526.05

19 Contributions and Grants

(LGA Acts 356 & s428 (2)(l))

Donations and Contributions	
Category	Expense
Councillor Administration	\$12,246
Support to Community Events and Functions	\$9,878
Children's Week	\$1,239
Multicultural Initiatives	\$1,800
Community Grants	\$60,100
Community Programs	\$20,000
English Classes	\$4,000
Aged Services (Meals on Wheels)	\$2,227
Community Centre	\$25,000
Mayoral	\$7,102
Sport Facilities (Golf Club)	\$752
Individual Grants	\$6,120
Total	\$150,464

20 Human Resource Activities

(LGA Acts 428 (2)(m))

The Human Resources Team has had another very busy year providing a complete range of Human Resource services and advice to the Council as a whole.

Human Resources policies continue to be reviewed, updated and implemented. All Human Resources Policies and Procedures are now much more easily accessible to all staff in a central location in Council's electronic records system and will be expanded to the intranet.

The Recognition of Service Awards and the Employee Excellence Awards have proven to be a tremendous success and are now cemented in the staff events calendar.

This year has seen the establishment of a number of new trainee positions in areas of Bushcare, Customer Service and Concrete Construction. These positions are in addition to the traditional apprentice positions in Gardening and Greenkeeping. This allows a chance to offer opportunities to unskilled applicants and assist in addressing skills shortages affecting local government.

The Induction Day Program for all new staff continues to expand in content and is an ongoing success. This program allows new staff to meet with the Executive and gain an understanding of the structure and functions of Council. More detailed explanation is provided about important Council policies and procedures and a tour of the City and significant Council facilities is also conducted. Held every 6 weeks, this program assists greatly in new staff quickly feeling part of the team and becoming productive members of the organisation.

20.1 Training

Council continues to provide many training opportunities for staff to acquire additional skills and ensure all legislative requirements are met. Ongoing mandatory and regulatory training continues to be provided, particularly relating to Occupational Health and Safety. (This includes OHS Construction Induction, Traffic Control, First Aid, *Dial before you Dig*, Chemical Use and Asbestos Awareness)

Individual training plans, developed annually, have enabled position specific training needs to be identified and undertaken. Other significant corporate wide training that has been implemented includes:

20.1.1 Certificate IV in Frontline Management

A further group of Managers and Co-ordinators participated in the rolling program of Frontline Management. By our Managers and Supervisors completing this nationally accredited course it will assist with enhancing Leadership skills across the organisation and will continue to be offered in future years.

20.1.2 Certificate III in Telecommunications (Call Centres)

New Customer Service staff commenced a TAFE accredited course specifically designed for call centres. Other customer service staff have undertaken the course in previous years and have maintained the high skills level of customer service staff.

20.1.3 Staff Education Assistance Policy

The number of staff making use of Council's Staff Education Assistance Policy continues to increase. This assists staff who are undertaking further tertiary study relevant to their positions, in their own time, to mutual benefit of the employee and Council.

21 Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)

(LGA Acts 428 (2)(n))

EEO is a fundamental practice within the City of Canada Bay Council. Evidence of this is through Council's EEO Management Plan which demonstrates a strong commitment to Equal Employment through the adoption, implementation and regular review of EEO principles and strategies.

The plan outlines specific strategies to ensure that the principles of EEO are normal considerations in day to day operations.

During the year, the following activities were undertaken to implement the plan:

- Establishment of a number of new part time positions.
- The regular conduct of exit interviews.
- All recruitment activities undertaken on the basis of merit selection, as per policy.
- Induction program for new staff includes information on the EEO Management Plan and related policies and procedures.

22 External Bodies Exercising Council Functions

(LGA Acts 428 (2)(o))

During 2006/07, external bodies which exercised functions delegated by Council were the City of Canada Bay Access Committee for providing advice on building and development applications; Canada Bay Traffic Committee, Canada Bay Safety Committee with delegated responsibility from Council to examine safety issues, Canada Bay Graffiti Committee, and the Canada Bay Community Recreation Association for the management of the Five Dock Leisure Centre.

23 Companies in which Council has a controlling interest

(LGA Acts 428 (2)(p))

Council did not hold a controlling interest in any company during 2006/07.

24 Statement of Partnerships, Cooperatives or Joint Ventures Involving Council

(LGA Acts 428 (2)(q))

Council is a member of Statewide Mutual and Statecover-Workers Compensation, self insurance groups for public liability/professional indemnity and workers compensation insurances.

A joint venture was formed to investigate the feasibility of an arts and cultural precinct at Cockatoo Island. Members of the joint venture were Leichhardt, Hunters Hill and Canada Bay Councils. Financial contributions included: \$6,600 from Leichhardt, \$3,300 from Hunters Hill, and \$16,500 from the Ministry of the Arts NSW and Council provided \$6,600 in funds and managed the project. Funds paid for a consultant to conduct strategic plan and business case.

25 Activities to Develop and Promote Services and Programs that Provide For The Needs Of Children

(LGA Acts 428(2)(r) & Reg. Cl217 (1)(c))

Council recognises the importance in ensuring the needs of children are addressed. In doing so, Council provided three pronged approach.

25.1 Promoted children's Services in the area:

- Maintains the LINCS community services directly with at least six-monthly databases updates (*Attachment A, Page 34, GF1.8*)
- Held Children's' Week function to promote and celebrate children and services to address their needs (*Attachment A, Page 39, COM 10*)
- Developed a Child Care Centres Policy to ensure the needs of children are met when new facilities are constructed (part of Council's Draft Comprehensive DCP)
- Funded and coordinated parenting programs for parents of children aged 0-12 and 13-19 years

25.2 Supported local Children's services

- Provided financial assistance to children's' services through Council's Community Grants Program (*Attachment A, Page 37, COM.6*)
- Accommodated three preschools, two long day and one occasional child care centre
- Convened Children's Network meetings to assist local children's' services in keeping up with the latest industry information and to encourage greater inter-service cooperation (*Attachment, Page 33, CW7.1*)

25.3 Provided direct child care services

- Operated a Family Day Care Service, that provided in-home child care, weekly play sessions, toy library (*Attachment A, Page 33, CW7.2*)
- Provides play ground facilities in many of the parks (*Attachment A, Page 43, RCL 10 & 11*)
- Held four school holiday programs for children (*Attachment A, Page 38, COM 11*)
- Council resolved to operate the new long day care child care centre being constructed in Concord (*Attachment A, Page 90, PROJ 1*)
- Piloted an Active Kids/ Active Families program to encourage family exercise and decrease childhood obesity

26 Access and Equity Activities to Meet Residents' Needs

(LGA Acts 428 (2)(r) & Reg. Cl217 (1)(d)(i))

The City of Canada Bay Council is committed to the principles of access and equity. It is continually working towards improving access to its services, facilities and decision making processes on an equitable basis to all who live, work and visit the City.

Below is a summary of Council's actions to addressing Access and Equity issues during 2006/07. Please also note that specific Equity Access and Equity strategies are identified in this Annual Report's Attachment A that reports on principal activities by A & E.

26.1 General

- Improved access to the Development Application process and tracking through Council's Website (*Attachment A, Page 9, CUS24*)

- All DA documents are reviewed on an ongoing basis to ensure that they are written in Plain English to maximise customers understanding of the process and post application processes. This documentation is placed on the Website (*Attachment A, Page 9, CUS22*)
- Consultation Reference group established to assist staff in conducting consultations (*Attachment A, Page 26, CS 2. 1*)
- Commenced the preparation of a Communications Strategy to ensure improvements to how Council communicates with its residents. Communication strategy will be developed in 2007/08 and will involve extensive community consultation (*Attachment A, Page 26, CS 1. 1*)
- Conducted the third 3rd Customer Satisfaction Survey. Outcomes of Survey, including comparisons with previous two surveys helped council to identify areas for improvement included greater equitable access to its services and facilities (*Attachment A, Page 30, CPLG 7*)
- Council's community services (LINCS) database was updated at least during the year and is available on Council's Webpage (*Attachment A, Page 34, GF 1.8*)
- Increased the number and details of Council's information on its website with improved access to Council's information (*Attachment A, Page 10, CS 62*)
- Identified new public access to foreshore areas at Mortlake that will be incorporated into future development in the area (*Attachment A, Page 42, RCL 6*)

26.2 Aboriginal Persons

- Celebrated *Naidoc Week* with an event at Five Dock where over 100 children attended a ceremony and a performance by Aboriginal Dancers

26.3 Children

- Convene Children's Network meetings and collate regular childcare demand information for inclusion in child care (*Attachment, Page 33, CW 7. 1*)
- Organised special events for children and Council's libraries including *Questacon, Zoomobile, Pyjama Parties* (*Attachment, Page 50, LIB 11*)
- School Holiday Fever competition and promotion launched (*Attachment, Page 50, LIB 11*)
- Commenced construction of childcare facilities at former Concord Chambers site.
- Held Children's Week event (*Attachment, Page 90, PROJ. 1*)
- Provided affordable childcare through Council's Family Day Care Scheme (*Attachment, Page 33, CW 7.1 & 7.2*)
- For additional details see also item '25 - Activities To Develop And Promote Services And Programs That Provide For The Needs Of Children' located in this Annual Report

26.4 People with Disabilities

- Applied for funding to provide a capital facility for the co-location and expansion of aged/disability services (via the Home and Community Care program) (*Attachment, Page 35, NB 1. 1*)
- Continued funding of the Bay Rider Shuttle Service which provides point to point transport for people with mobility limitations (*Attachment, Page 40, NB 8.9*)
- Provided housebound patrons access to CDs by purchasing CD players for their use at home (*Attachment, Page 49, LIB 8,9&10*)
- Convened monthly Access Committee meetings (*Attachment, Page 35, COM 1*)
These meeting addressed access issues for local residents. Issues addressed at the Access Committee included:
 - Access DCP
 - Footpath Dining Policy
 - Draft Consolidated LEP
 - Access Business Awards
 - Assisted and supported relevant services and groups and provide regular attendance/participation at HACC Forum
- Actively participated in the Inner West food Services Forum to ensure improved delivery of meals to people with mobility limitations (*Attachment, Page 36, COM 5*)
- Provided meals to people with mobility limitation through the Drummoyne Meals on Wheels Service. Service was also promoted to CALD community (*Attachment, Page 37, COM 8*)
- Worked with regional and local sporting groups to encourage participation of minorities and people with disabilities into sports and leisure activities (SP D13) (*Attachment, Page 42, RCL 4*)

- Advocated for improvements to public transport services in City at state transport forums and networks which included the expansion of the 460 and 480 bus services (*Attachment, Page 82, IF10.2*)
- Completed the register of Council's building assets which identified areas for improving access
- Improved physical access to footpaths by the construction of 50 street gutter ramps were in response to the Programs Access and Mobility Program (PAMPS) study (*Attachment, Page 82, TTM.2*)
- Assisted and supported relevant services and groups and provide regular attendance/participation at the Disability Forum (*Attachment, Page 36, COM 5*)

26.5 Older People

- Convened the Concord Senior Citizens Centre Steering Committee (*Attachment A, Page CW.4.2*)
- Operated a bus trips program for isolated seniors and their carers (respite) (*Attachment A, COM.12*)
- Applied for funding to provide a capital facility for the co-location and expansion of aged/disability services (via the Home and Community Care program) (*Attachment A, Page 35, NB1.1*)
- Continued funding of the Bay Rider Shuttle Service which provides point to point transport for people with mobility limitations (*Attachment A, Page 35, IF.10.4*)
- Actively participated in the Inner West Food Services Forum to ensure improved delivery of meals to people with mobility limitations (*Attachment A, Page 36, COM.5*)
- Provided meals to people with mobility limitations through the Drummoyne Meals on Wheels Service. Service was also promoted to CALD community (*Attachment A, Page 37, COM.8*)
- Held health forum for elderly men (Greek) with a new group being established for weekly exercise

26.6 Women

- Held a Business Breakfast event to celebrate International Women's Day (March 07) and to promote the positive role of women in the community (*Attachment A, Page 59, NB.8.6*)
- Actively participated in the Inner West Domestic Violence Committee to identify best practice solutions to addressing domestic violence (*Attachment A, Page 35, COM.5*)
- Held precinct breakfasts including a Mothers Day function (*Attachment A, Page 60, CCP.1*)
- Conducted a Go Local Mothers Day competition and shopping promotion (*Attachment A, Page 62, CCP.8*)

26.7 People from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Backgrounds (CALD)

- Ensured various ethnic groups and clubs obtained access to Council's Community Grants Program by advertising the program in ethnic media for main language groups in City. This included Italian, Greek, Arabic, Chinese and Korean papers. Also encouraged CALD groups to apply for grants through networking/promotions through the Inner-West Ethnic Network (*Attachment A, Page 37, COM 6*)
- Assisted Drummoyne and Concord Meals on Wheels services to work together to promote meals services to the local Chinese community. This included sourcing culturally appropriate Chinese food suppliers, consulting Chinese community representatives on their food service needs, planning food-tasting and information outreach activities as well as translating service materials into Chinese (*Attachment A, Page 38, COM.9*).
- Commitment to providing improved access to customers who speak languages other than English by maintaining Council's language program.
- Council services and events were promoted in a range of multicultural publications including *La Fiamma* and *Australian Chinese News Weekly* (*Attachment A, Page 10, GF 1.3*).
- Assisted and supported relevant services and groups and provide regular attendance/participation at Inner West Settlement Services and Inner West Ethnic Network (*Attachment A, Page 36, COM.5*).
- Funded English classes at Drummoyne Community Centre

26.8 Young People

- Skills Youth training held at Youth Centre Youth Theatre workshops held resulting in a very successful theatre production performed and written by local young people (*Attachment A, Page 39, COM.25*).
- Created a Youth Reference Committee using an innovative mentoring model and helped with the preparation of a Graffiti Forum (*Attachment A, Page 39, COM.25*).

- Actively participated in the Inner West Youth Interagency - including a regional Youth Week event. *(Attachment A, Page 36, COM.5)*
- Youth Centre activities program promoted throughout the year resulting in at least a 20% increase in young people using the Youth Centre. *(Attachment A, Page 39, COM.24)*
- Structural modifications of Youth Centre were completed to ensure optimal use and access of the Youth Centre. *(Attachment A, Page 39, COM.24)*
- Thoroughfare between the Youth Centre and St Luke's Park was constructed *(Attachment A, Page 39, COM.24)*
- Two outreach programs conducted per quarter and coordinated in collaboration with Burwood, Leichhardt and Ashfield Councils. Programs included, film projects, youth theatre, youth forum on graffiti, art shows and projects *(Attachment A, Page 39, COM.25)*
- Youth Services Map updated, printed *(Attachment A, Page 39, COM.25)*
- Five Dock Skatepark completed *(Attachment A, Page 40, NB & 11)*
- Completed several events for skaters & BMX riders and skills workshop in each holiday program *(Attachment A, Page 40, NB & 12)*

27 Category 1 Business Activities

(LGA Acts 428 (2)(r) & Reg. Cl217 (1)(d)(ii,iv,v,vi & vii))

Council is not involved in any Category 1 businesses which meet the determined criteria.

28 Category 2 Business Activities

(LGA Acts 428 (2)(r) & Reg. Cl217 (1)(d)(iii))

Some individual business activities apply to Category 2, with services and costs outlined in Council's standard fees and charges schedule.

29 Competitive Neutrality

(LGA Acts 428 (2)(r) & Reg. Cl217 (1)(d)(v))

Council pricing for service provision competing with other businesses is based on full cost recovery having regard to all direct and indirect costs.

Any complaints received by Council regarding Competitive Neutrality are registered in Council's Customer Request Management System (CRMS) and sent to the appropriate Council Officer to address.

There have been no Competitive Neutrality complaints received by Council.

30 Establishment of a Complaints Handling of Competitive Neutrality Complaints

(LGA Acts 428 (2)(r) & Reg. Cl217 (1)(d)(vii-x))

30.1 Advertising of complaint handling procedure

Council is currently developing a Competitive Neutrality Complaints Procedure which is scheduled for completion in 2007/08.

30.2 Summary of complaints

No complaints received.

31 Stormwater Management Services Charge

(LGA Acts 428 (2)(r) & Reg. Cl217 (1)(e))

Council did not apply a Stormwater Management Services Charge in 2006/07.

32 Companion Animals Act and Regulation Activities

(LGA Acts 428 (2)(r) & Reg. Cl217 (1)(f))

All pound data returns were lodged with the Department in accordance with the Guidelines on the Exercise of Function under the Companion Animals Act.

32.1 Cost of companion animal management and activities

Pound fees for the year were \$3,286.

32.2 Companion Animal Education Programs

There were no specific Companion Animal Programs held during the year. However, brochures were produced and distributed at Council's Customer Service Centre, Libraries and at major events such as Ferragosto and Concord Street Fairs.

32.3 Promotion of animal de-sexing of dogs and cats

Brochures were produced and distributed at Council's Customer Service Centre, Libraries and at major events such as Ferragosto and Concord Street Fairs.

32.4 Strategies to seek alternatives to euthanasia for unclaimed animals

Council actively investigated owners of animals by following up on microchip data. This strategy proved successful.

32.5 Provision of off leash areas

Council provides off leash areas for dogs at the following locations:

- Battersea Park (the Concord end of the park)
- Charles Heath Reserve
- Cintra Park
- Drummoyne Park (above Drummoyne Oval)
- Five Dock Park (between Bowling Club and Ingham Avenue)
- Lysaght Park (on Five Dock Bay)
- Majors Bay Reserve
- Powell's Creek Reserve
- St Georges Crescent Reserve (opposite the Sailing Club)
- Timbrell Park (the western end, beyond the children's play area)
- Storey Park
- Brett Park (the flat area)
- Halliday Park (on Hen & Chicken Bay)
- Queen Victoria Reserve
- Taplin Park (western end near Thompson St)

32.6 Details on the use of Companion Animals Fund money

Council did not receive any Companion Animals Funds monies during the year.

33 Freedom of Information Activities

(Freedom of Information Act 1989 s68 cl10)

Requests handled for the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007

Section 12 Information Access requests	622
Freedom of Information requests	5
Freedom of Information requests withdrawn	2

34 Privacy and Personal Information Protection

(Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 s33)

During 2006/07 Council continued to review the model plan adopted from and prepared by the Department of Local Government as its Privacy Management Plan. Council did not receive any complaints under the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 for referral to the Administrative Decisions Tribunal.

35 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 s93G

(EP&A Act 1979 s93G (5))

Council adopted a Planning Agreements Policy on 5 December 2006. Below are the particulars of compliance with, and the effect, of planning agreements in force during the year.

Land Subject of agreement	Development to which the agreement applies	Provisions made by the developer	Agreement compliance mechanisms
86-88 Tennyson Road Mortlake	DA 246/06	Monetary contribution of \$450,000	Scheduled payments as per Clause 3.1 in Planning Agreement
49 Queens Road Five Dock	DA 427/06	Monetary contribution of \$500,000	Scheduled payments as per Clause 3.1 in Planning Agreement

36 Sustainable City Program

In 2005/06 Council introduced a Sustainability Levy to implement a series of projects to enhance the well being of the City under the Sustainable City Program.

Sustainability Levy	Balance 30/6/06	Income	Expenditure	Balance 30/6/07
Economic Development	\$23,000.00	\$385,080.00	\$380,000.00	\$28,080.00
Cultural Development	\$100,000.00	\$189,380.00	\$89,020.00	\$200,360.00
Social Cohesion	\$34,700.00	\$56,810.00	\$47,080.00	\$44,430.00
Total	\$157,700.00	\$631,270.00	\$516,100.00	\$272,870.00

Below is a report on the outcomes of the Sustainable City Program for 2006/07.

36.1 Economic Development

- Review of Draft Economic Development Plans developed. Plan to create a new strategy integrated with the Culture Plan agreed upon. Published two (2) editions of the *Bayside Business News* and included another 2 editions published as part of the *Bayside Brief*. These education and information tools were distributed to over 2000 local businesses (Attachment A, Page 61, CCP.4)
- Sent over 120 information alerts sent to over 800 businesses (Attachment A, Page 61, CCP.5)
- Installed visitor tourism signs in Five Dock and Concord to encourage local shoppers and support the visitor experiences in these key local precincts (Attachment A, Page 62, CCP.6)

36.1.1 Skill development

- Hosted *Bayside Business Exchange programs* on (Attachment A, Page 59, NB 8.9) on Cultural Development Plan and "Selecting the right IT Tools for your Small Business". Attended by over 60 local business people.
- 3 Business Breakfast organised (Attachment A, Page 40, NB 8.6);

- A glimmer of hope for the NSW Economy (June 07)
- International Women's Day Event (March 07)
- Economic Outlook for 2007 - What it means for your business (November 06)
Attended by over 300 business people from across the City.

36.1.2 Key industry Support

- 5 Health and Wellbeing Cluster meetings and network opportunities hosted. Over 100 practitioners involved in the events (*Attachment A, Page 59, NB 8.10*) Cluster marketing promotion hosted at Concord Street Fair and Wellness Week 2007 hosted (*Attachment A, Page 60, CCP.1*) which included participation by over 50 local Businesses (*Attachment A, Page 59, NB 8.11*) *Attachment A, Page 61, CCP.5*)
- Renovator Destination Cluster network opportunity developed for the building and renovations industry. 20 businesses participated and formed a cluster for promotion and business development across the City (*Attachment A, Pages 61 & 62, CCP.5, CCP.7*)
- Launched Meeting Incentive, Conferences and Events Cluster
- Hosted 10 Home based business training programs reaching over 200 Home based business practitioners over the year (*Attachment A, Page 61, CCP.5*)
- Hosted events for the Food industry group including two promotions for shopping locally. Over 15 food businesses participated and significant media coverage for local precincts was generated

36.1.3 Precinct Development

- Developed and implemented Christmas decoration program with 150 businesses and organisations across the City. This program supported local precincts and created distinctive localities with and enhanced shopping experience (*Attachment A, Page 62, CCP.6*)
- Waremba Village improvements new letter and working groups developed (*Attachment A, Page 62, CCP.6*)
- Communicated Victoria Road issues to businesses (*Attachment A, Page 62, CCP.6*)
- Developed Artists brief in partnership with Landscape Projects Co-ordinator and Cultural Development officer for the Bakehouse Quarter Plan (*Attachment A, Page 62, CCP.6*)
- Conducted parking consultations and communications with businesses in key precincts and provided research to revise the parking provision for restaurants in established precincts to improve the quality and service mix in these local precincts (*Attachment A, Page 62, CCP.6*)
- Five Dock Precinct Survey complete seeking attitudes about the future development of the strip and *Ferragosto*. Over 120 businesses contacted and this helped identify a range of future opportunities for the precinct (*Attachment A, Page 59, NB 8.4*)
- Hosted a precinct breakfasts at Waremba, Five Dock and Concord to connect the local business community and create future opportunities for working together (*Attachment A, Page 60, CCP.1*)
- Hosted 2 meetings of the Five Dock Main Street Committee (*Attachment A, Page 60, CCP.1*)
- Produced one edition of *Main Street Matters* (*Attachment A, Page 61, CCP.4*)

36.1.4 Market Development

- Hosted three *Go Local* promotions for Launch of the Residents Guide, Mothers Day and the Scholl Holidays. Promotions supported local business and encouraged local residents to shop locally. Over 600 local residents participated in these short low cost campaigns. (*Attachment A, Page 60, CCP.1*)
- Hosted tourism promotion *Mangia Italiano* and *Eat out Week 2006*. Attracted \$3:1 dollar attraction of metropolitan media for these initiatives.

36.2 Community Services

- Developed a Draft Crime Prevention Plan for the City in consultation with the Police and other stakeholders
- Established Graffiti Forum (*Attachment A, Page 40, NB 8.7*)
- Reviewed Bay Rider service and will provide a further 2 years funding (*Attachment A, Page 40, NB 8.9*)
- Skate Park launched and is now actively used by young people (*Attachment A, Page 40, NB 8.11*)
- Held several events for skaters & BMX riders and skills workshop in each holiday program (*Attachment A, Page 40, CCP.12*)

- Conducted Senior Driver Education Course to make seniors better drivers by providing information on road rules and learn from others experiences to keep them active in the community.

36.3 Cultural Planning

- Identified existing cultural services/programs and facilities (*Attachment A, Page 44, CS 7.9*)
- Developed Draft Cultural Plan (*Attachment A, Page 44, CS 7.9*)
- Provided key support to the establishment of arts precinct at Cockatoo Island (*Attachment A, Page 44, CS 7.9*)
- Drafted Public Arts Policy (*Attachment A, Page 44, CS 7.9*)
- Developed and maintained an artist register and database (*Attachment A, Page 44, CW.1*)
- Established a register of Council's cultural assets
- Conducted extensive consultation with artists and relevant groups to assist in the preparation of Draft Cultural Plan and Public Arts Policy (*Attachment A, Page 44, CW.1*)
- Established high quality Community Gallery at Five Dock Leisure Centre (*Attachment A, Page 44, CW.2.1*)
- Completed needs assessment for use in the Draft Cultural Plan and Public Arts Policy (*Attachment A, Page 44, CW.5.1*)
- Established Memorandums of Understanding for potential art developments (*Attachment A, Page 44, CW.5.2*)
- Researched and recommended to Council new cultural development strategies which are included the Draft Cultural Plan and Public Arts Policy (*Attachment A, Page 45, IF.5.1*)
- Established and negotiated, on an ongoing basis, with developers and other organisations opportunities for cultural infrastructure
- Ensured cultural assets and development were considered in Council strategic planning
- Assisted community organisations and Council staff in developing cultural activities and facilities

37 [Report on Principal Activities](#)

See Attachment A for report of performance of Council against actions under its Principal Activities.

38 [Report of Legal Proceedings under the EP&A Act](#)

See Attachment B for report of Legal Proceedings under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.

39 [Payment of Levies to External Organisations](#)

NSW Fire Board Levy	\$ 1,103,696
NSW Planning Levy	\$127,014

Attachments

See Below

40 [Attachment A - Report on Principal Activities](#)

41 [Attachment B - Report of Legal Proceedings under the EP&A Act](#)

42 [Attachment C - Report on Sponsorships of Council Activities](#)

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