

# ANNUAL REPORT 2006 / 07



The District Council of Ceduna

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## ***ABOUT THE CEDUNA AREA***

Ceduna is rapidly developing a reputation as an ideal tourist destination with its abundant seafood, pristine beaches and wilderness, spectacular sunsets, whale watching and friendly people.

Ceduna is the major centre to a large and diverse business and industry sector on the Far West Coast of Eyre Peninsula.

It is the established focal point of a wide range of services. The Eyre Highway or National Highway One passes directly through Ceduna with approximately 240,000 tourists passing through the town annually (Centre of Economic Studies 2001)

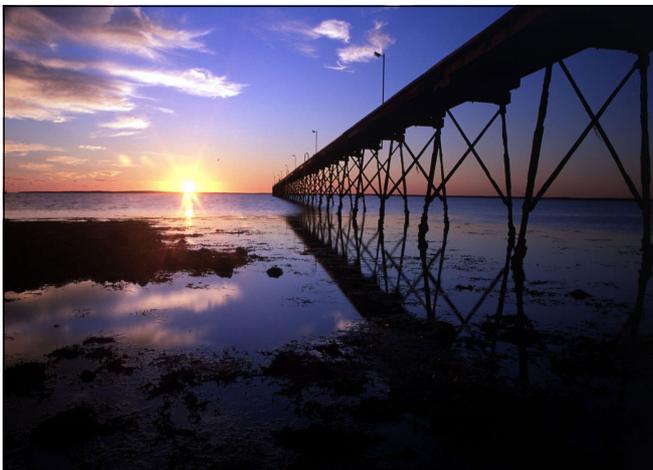
The District Council of Ceduna is the most western Local Government area of South Australia, being one of the most isolated and remote Councils of the State.

The town of Ceduna is located on the Far West Coast of South Australia, on the scenic shores of Murat Bay on the Great Australian Bight, approximately 800kms from Adelaide and 1900 road kms to Perth.

The word Ceduna is believed to have come from the Aboriginal word *Cheedoona* which means "a place to rest".

Ceduna has a population of 3,574 people as at the 2006 ABS Census. A high proportion of this number of people live in Ceduna/ Thevenard with the towns of Koonibba, Smoky Bay, Denial Bay and Nunjirkompita having smaller populations within the Council's boundary.

Ceduna has been described as having one of the most complex multi-cultural communities in the country (Nicholas Clarke & Associates May 1996) with many nationalities prominent in the town and immediate region.



### DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Population - 3574

Aboriginal Decent - 24.1%

Size (area) - 5431 sq km or 543,120 Ha

Roads - 1,712 Kms

Special thanks to Andrew Brooks, Lyn Keaneally and Tourism Eyre Peninsula for supply of photos for the annual report and website.





## ***CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT***

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Like all communities we have many challenging issues but currently before us are some life time opportunities. The Ceduna Keys Marina, Port of Thevenard upgrade and potential mining will present huge opportunities that other communities dream about. In the near future we can expect to witness further major infrastructure development as our community is set to grow through the likes of the above projects. Much of the new infrastructure development will be undertaken by the private sector but will have an impact on local and state government infrastructure too. Best practice asset management is critical in that it will prioritise the infrastructure the community wishes to be maintained at the highest level. Whilst the District Council of Ceduna has been extremely successful at attracting capital grants we can not become too reliant on funding from the other spheres of government. The other spheres are demanding more a partnership approach to grant funding or attaching more conditions to the funding and therefore the expectation of continuing to gain the levels of funding of the past into the future could be dangerous from a budget perspective. The traditional agricultural sector is the main stay with exciting industries such as aquaculture, mining and tourism providing a bright economic future for the region.

All Local Governments are charged with becoming sustainable and engaging their communities to ensure the hard decisions that have to be made are the right ones for the future. Many tough decisions will revolve around infrastructure renewal and new infrastructure. The community is committed to strong and sustainable economic growth to ensure that the opportunities afforded by the twenty first century are fully realised and that its district and the Eyre Peninsula is enhanced as an attractive destination for productive long term investment.

Ceduna has the highest proportion of Aboriginal people, officially approximately 25% of its population, of all local government areas in South Australia. The percentage is probably higher due to under enumeration of Aboriginals in the Census. In addition there are Aboriginal communities in adjacent unincorporated areas that are essentially part of the Ceduna community which makes this percentage even higher. The Ceduna community is a complex multicultural society. Council has worked consistently to improve liaison and communication between the District Council and representative organisations of

the Aboriginal people. Council, both directly and through its officers, have implemented actions to maintain, implement or improve its commitment to the Aboriginal people in our district. Council is a leader in this area and strives hard to meet the many social issues that confront it.

Community engagement is the new priority for councils as they come to grips with balancing increasing demands and services with limited resources. The District Council of Ceduna like most others are working on how it provides the right amount of information (ever increasing amounts), how it effectively consults and what level of involvement and collaboration is provided to the community. The benefits of Council undertaking improved community engagement processes have spin offs in community trust, social capital and better connections with the community.

Whilst the future looks very promising there are still many hard yards to be made, many difficult issues facing Council and many more very difficult decisions to be debated and made. Our future is in all our hands and with a united vision and continuing strong leadership our community can grow and prosper.

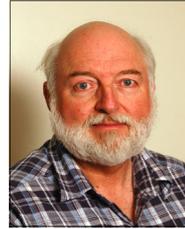
*Tony Irvine*  
*Chief Executive Officer*



## *ELECTED MEMBERS*



Mayor Ken McCarthy  
Elected May 2003 - Nov 2006



Councillor Peter Codrington  
Elected Nov 2006 - Current



Deputy Mayor Allan Suter  
Elected May 2003 - Nov 2006



Councillor Ken Maynard  
Elected Nov 2006 - Current

Mayor  
Re-Elected Nov 2006 - Current



Councillor Michael Ross  
Elected May 2003 - Nov 2006



Councillor Phill Stevens  
Elected Nov 2006 - Current

Deputy Mayor  
Re-Elected Nov 2006 - Current



Councillor Sharyn Spry  
Elected May 2003 - Nov 2006



Councillor Ian Bergmann  
Elected Nov 2006 - Current



Councillor Lynton Brown  
Elected May 2003 - Nov 2006  
Re-Elected Nov 2006 - Current



Councillor Ray Matthews  
Elected Nov 2006

Resigned  
18th March 2007



Councillor Carolyn Ronan  
Elected May 2003 - Nov 2006



Councillor Danny Ronan  
Elected Nov 2006 - Current



Councillor Ian Cawood  
Elected May 2003 - Nov 2006

## ***ELECTED MEMBERS ALLOWANCES***

### **ELECTED MEMBERS ALLOWANCES 2006/07 1 JULY 2006 to 23 NOVEMBER 2006**

Elected Member	Expenses Reimbursed		Benefits Paid or Payable (inc. Facilities or Support)				Annual Allowance	Total
	Travel	Other	Accommodation	Meals	Travel	Other		
Mayor McCarthy	0.00	0.00	405.00	137.15	889.54	844.25	3,575.00	5,850.94
Deputy Mayor Suter	0.00	0.00	450.00	17.50	474.50	43.50	1,190.22	2,175.72
Cr Brown	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	830.71	830.17
Cr Cawood	0.00	0.00	208.00	37.14	0.00	1,187.50	1,196.93	2,629.57
Cr C Ronan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	308.10	56.70	864.76	1,229.56
Cr Ross	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	308.10	99.10	798.14	1,205.34
Cr Spry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	793.48	793.48
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,063.00</b>	<b>191.79</b>	<b>1,980.24</b>	<b>2,231.05</b>	<b>9,249.24</b>	<b>14,715.32</b>

### **ELECTED MEMBERS ALLOWANCES 2006/07 24 NOVEMBER 2006 to 30 JUNE 2007**

Elected Member	Expenses Reimbursed		Benefits Paid or Payable (inc. Facilities or Support)				Annual Allowance	Total
	Travel	Other	Accommodation	Meals	Travel	Other		
Mayor Suter	0.00	0.00	871.10	98.50	1,535.00	1,482.27	5,425.00	9,411.87
Deputy Mayor Ross	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	55.00	2,101.81	2,156.81
Cr Brown	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,205.55	1,205.55
Cr Bergmann	0.00	0.00	360.00	0.00	670.00	1,056.00	1,205.55	3,291.55
Cr Codrington	113.77	0.00	360.00	0.00	670.00	770.00	1,205.55	3,119.32
Cr Maynard	18.00	0.00	550.00	90.00	154.35	671.00	1,205.55	2,688.90
Cr Stevens	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	231.00	1,205.55	1,436.55
Cr Matthews	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	651.79	651.79
Cr D Ronan	0.00	233.81	816.00	125.00	357.10	1194.50	1,205.55	3,931.96
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>131.77</b>	<b>233.81</b>	<b>2,957.10</b>	<b>313.50</b>	<b>3,386.45</b>	<b>5,459.77</b>	<b>15,411.90</b>	<b>27,894.30</b>

## *ATTENDANCES AT MEETINGS*

### **ELECTED MEMBERS MEETING ATTENDANCES 2006/2007 1 JULY 2006 TO 23 NOVEMBER 2006**

	TOTAL	ATTENDED	APOLOGY	NON ATTENDANCE
Mayor McCarthy	9	5	4	0
Deputy Mayor Suter	10	10	0	0
Cr Brown	16	9	6	1
Cr Cawood	8	8	0	0
Cr Ross	5	5	0	0
Cr C Ronan	7	7	0	0
Cr Spry	10	5	4	1

### **ELECTED MEMBERS MEETING ATTENDANCES 2006/2007 24 NOVEMBER 2006 TO 30 JUNE 2007**

	TOTAL	ATTENDED	APOLOGY	NON ATTENDANCE
Mayor Suter	20	19	1	0
Deputy Mayor Ross	21	19	0	2
Cr Brown	24	20	3	1
Cr Bergmann	20	20	0	0
Cr Codrington	18	11	6	1
Cr Maynard	16	14	1	1
Cr Stevens	11	10	1	0
Cr Matthews	5	3	2	0
Cr D Ronan	19	15	3	1

## ***CUSTOMER SERVICE***

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This philosophy and other customer service values were adopted with the aim to improve service to our customers. There are now guidelines on how our customers should be treated, and outlines to the customer what can be expected from Council staff in their service.

Although it is human nature to dislike criticism, Council recognises that complaints give us the opportunity to put things right. To aid us in becoming more aware of problems that exist with Councils operations we have developed a 'PLEASE REVIEW' form for our customers to complete. These can be obtained from the Council Office, online at [www.ceduna.net](http://www.ceduna.net) or can be posted out on request.

### **Public Enquiries**

Councils Customer Action Request System (CARS) has assisted both customers and Council Officers alike in improved management of enquiries from the public. The CARS system is designed to capture information from the public, and then provides requests to relevant officers to action the enquiry. There are reporting functions of this system that provide for a greater level of accountability from Council.

This system is a continuation of our internal assessment and development of better management practices.

### **Written Reports to Council**

All senior officers report to Council on a monthly basis on various matters in their area of responsibility. These reports generally have recommendations from the relevant officer to the Council, and Council then has the option of accepting these recommendations or taking a different course of action.

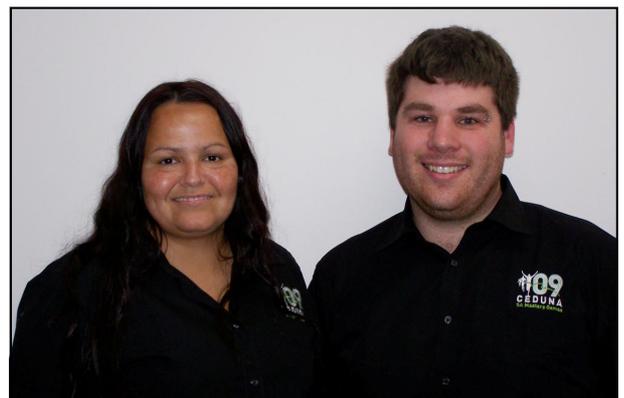
### **Correspondence Received**

A total of 3081 items of correspondence were received in the 2006/07 financial year. All correspondence does not get presented to Council as Council provides direction for Officers to act under Council Policy.

### **Funding Submissions**

Council officers prepared a number of detailed submissions seeking funding for infrastructure improvements, responding to legislative changes, reporting to the other two tiers of government etc.

Council has a relatively small rate base, and as such the obtaining of grant funds is vitally important in developing infrastructure and services throughout the district.



Mark Duffield—Customer Service Officer & Sherryn Scott Administration Trainee Officer

## ***COUNCIL STAFF***

Council has six senior staff with allowances, bonuses and benefits that are made available to those officers as part of a salary package as detailed.



### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

#### **TONY IRVINE**

Vehicle with Private usage  
Home Phone Rental & Mobile Phone usage  
Superannuation  
Own Home Owner Allowance  
Professional & Personal Development  
Private Health Cover  
Civic Allowance



### **DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

#### **TREVOR SMART**

Vehicle with Private Usage  
Own Home Owner Allowance  
Home Phone Rental & Mobile Phone usage  
Work Attire Subsidy



### **GENERAL MANAGER OPERATIONS**

#### **GRANT DRUMMOND**

Vehicle with Private usage  
Own Home Owner Allowance  
Home Phone Rental & Mobile Phone usage  
Work Attire Subsidy



### **MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

#### **CHRIS HOLLAND**

Vehicle with Private usage  
Rental Allowance  
Home Phone Rental & Mobile Phone usage  
Work Attire Subsidy



### **WORKS MANAGER**

#### **ANDREW JOHNS**

Vehicle with Private usage  
Rental Allowance  
Home Phone Rental & Mobile Phone usage  
Work Attire Subsidy

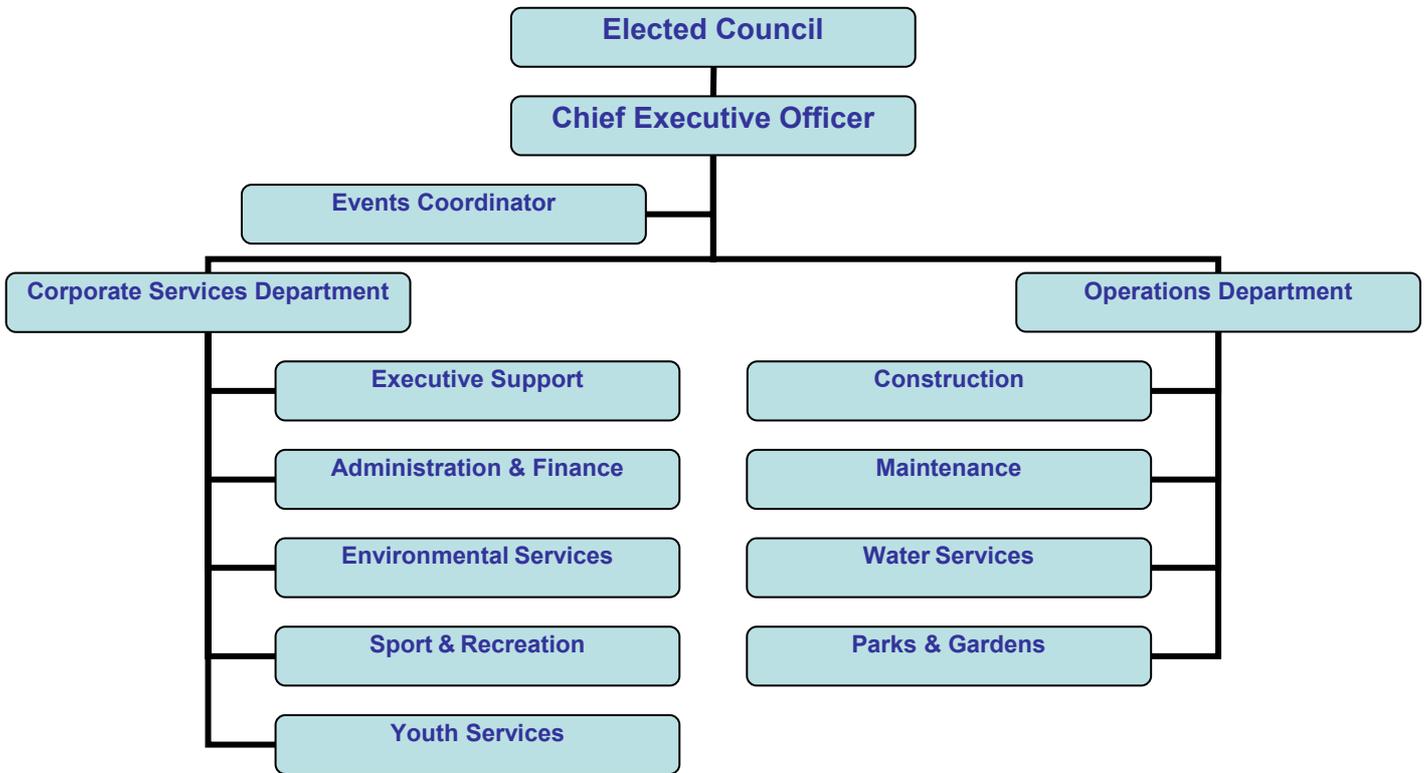


### **SENIOR FINANCE OFFICER**

#### **DONNA COOPER**

Rental Allowance  
Mobile Phone usage  
Home Internet usage  
Work Attire Subsidy

## *COUNCIL STAFF CONTINUED*



Salary Range for all employees		
Salary Range	No. of Employees	Previous Year
0-\$10,000	0	0
\$10,001-\$20,000	1	1
\$20,001-\$30,000	1	4
\$30,001-\$40,000	22	19
\$40,001-\$50,000	15	13
\$50,001-\$60,000	3	2
\$60,001-\$70,000	3	3
\$70,001-\$80,000	0	0
\$80,001-\$90,000	1	0
\$90,000-\$100,000	0	0
\$100,000-\$110,000	1	1
<b>Total Employees</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>43</b>

## ***COUNCIL COMMITTEE'S & DELEGATIONS***

### **Council Committees**

Technical Services & Works Committee  
 Technical Services & Works Skate-Park Subcommittee  
 Administration & Finance Committee  
 Social Services Committee  
 Davenport Creek Management Committee  
 Ceduna & Districts Bushfire Prevention Committee  
 Council Development Assessment Panel  
 Oysterfest Committee  
 Ceduna Hotel Development Advisory Group  
 Australia Day Judging Panel  
 Ceduna & Districts Sport & Recreation Committee  
 Ceduna Keys ILUA Consultative Committee  
 Ceduna Aerodrome Security Committee  
 Ceduna Aerodrome Emergency Committee  
 Ceduna Keys Marina Project Group

### **Council Appointments to Community Committees, Boards, Organisations etc.**

Great Australian Bight 1000 – West Coast Strategy Committee (Joint Councils)  
 Ceduna & Districts Health Services Board  
 Ceduna Community School Library Board  
 Miltaburra Area School Council  
 Ceduna Area School Council  
 Ceduna & Districts Group CFS  
 Nunjikipita CFS Brigade/Smoky Bay CFS Brigade  
 Ceduna Business & Tourism Association  
 ABB Grain Committee (silo)  
 TAFE SA – Ceduna Campus  
 Far West Rural Service Group  
 Port of Thevenard Committee  
 Ceduna Area School Swimming Pool Committee  
 Ceduna Community Radio Committee  
 Far West Recreational Fisheries Committee  
 Ceduna Area School Redevelopment Committee  
 Coastal Councils Committee  
 CBTA Safe Swimming Enclosure Committee  
 ERDB Eyre Peninsula Ports Master Plan Steering Committee  
 Nullarbor Golf Links Working Party  
 Botanical Gardens Community Committee  
 CBTA Marketing Ceduna Sub Committee

### **Ministerial & Other Appointments (Non-Council)**

Eyre Peninsula Natural Resource Management Group (Ministerial)  
 Western EPNRM Reference Committee  
 Eyre Community Alliance Group  
 Eyre Peninsula Community Foundation  
 Eyre Regional Development Board  
 Far Western Enterprise & Learning Alliance  
 Flinders Region Area Consultative Committee

State Aboriginal Advisory Committee  
 Local Government Association Aboriginal Advisory Committee  
 DHS – Aboriginal Services Implementation Committee (Dept)  
 Ceduna Community Service Committee  
 Tourism Eyre Peninsula Marketing Committee  
 Yumburra Conservation Park Ministerial Advisory Committee  
 Local Government Future Directions Implementation Reference Group  
 ERDB Tourism Target Team  
 EPA Local Government Working Group

### **Council Appointments to the Local Government Association & Other Bodies**

Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Executive  
 Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Conference Delegate  
 Local Government Association of SA Annual General Meeting Delegate  
 Local Government Finance Authority Annual General Meeting Delegate  
 Australian Local Government Association Annual Conference & Annual General Meeting Delegates  
 Australian Airports Owners Association Annual Conference & Annual General Meeting Delegates  
 Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Roads & Transport Reference Group  
 South Australian Local Government Roads & Works Conference  
 Local Government Grants Commission Road Indices Reference Group  
 Australian Local Government Association National Local Roads Congress  
 Australian Airport Owners Association SA Division  
 Free South Australian Eyre Community



## ***COUNCIL DIRECTORY & SERVICES***

### **Administration Office**

44 O'Loughlin Terrace  
PO Box 175, Ceduna, SA, 5690

Office Hours: Mon to Fri  
9:00am – 5:00pm

Ph: (08) 8625 3407  
Fax: (08) 8625 3435  
Email: [council@ceduna.sa.gov.au](mailto:council@ceduna.sa.gov.au)  
Website: [www.ceduna.net](http://www.ceduna.net)

### **Works Depot**

Goode Rd Ph: (08) 8625 3434

### **Airport**

Eyre Highway Ph: (08) 8625 3432

### **Refuse Depot**

Goode Rd Ph: (08) 8625 2267

### **Youth Centre**

1 Bergmann Drive Ph: (08) 8625 2005

### **Council Provides & Maintains**

Airport  
Beach Shelters  
Beach/Foreshore Areas  
Bicycle Tracks  
Boat Ramps  
Carparks  
Cemeteries  
Community Bus  
Disposal Effluent Systems  
Dog Control  
Dog Boarding Kennels  
Far West Football League  
Management & Administration  
Garbage Collection  
Jetties & Pontoons  
Library Facilities  
Litter Bins  
Parking Bays/Street Closures  
Parks & Gardens  
Plant & Machinery  
Playgrounds  
Public Toilets  
Reserve Areas  
Roads, Footpaths, Kerbing  
Seats/Signs  
Septic Tank Pump Outs  
School Crossings (some)  
Sport & Recreation Affairs  
Skatepark  
Street Lighting

Street Tree Planting  
Streetsweeping  
Town Halls  
Traffic Control  
Water Supply  
Youth Affairs

### **Council Inspects & Licences**

Food Premises  
Nursing Homes & Rest Homes  
Outdoor Signs  
Sanitary Conditions of Buildings  
Road Reserve Permits for business purposes

### **Council Administers**

Beach Controls  
Parking Controls  
Litter Controls  
Sign Controls  
Planning Regulations  
Building Regulations  
Development Plans  
Dog Control & Registration

### **Council Conducts**

Australia Day Awards  
Citizenship Ceremonies  
Civic Receptions  
Oysterfest  
Other various events

### **Council Advises on**

Fire Regulations  
Infectious Diseases  
Pest Eradication  
Pool Hygiene

### **Council Assists**

Advocacy for the Community  
Community Organisations  
Community Swimming Pool  
Economic Development  
Festivals & Annual Events  
Local Businesses  
Senior Citizens Clubs  
Sporting Groups  
Tourism

## ***COUNCIL REGISTERS***

Council is required to maintain the following registers that are available for perusal to the general public.

### **Registers**

- ◆ Register of Interest Members of Council
- ◆ Register of Allowances & Benefits Members of Council
- ◆ Register of Benefits – Council Staff
- ◆ Register of Public Roads
- ◆ Register of Community Land
- ◆ Register of By-Laws
- ◆ Register of Election Campaign Returns

### **Community Land**

Council adopted Community Land Management Plans in December 2004 for land classified as community land under the Local Government Act 1999.

These plans assist Council with managing issues of risk management, facility provision, inspection and maintenance of the land, and other general issues.

By adopting the plans, the public is also offered ongoing protection for their 'expected continued access' to community land.

Community Land Management Plans were adopted for:

- Ceduna Soldiers Memorial Hall
- Reserves
- Median Strips
- Recreation Facilities (Leased)
- Emergency Service Facilities
- Ceduna Memorial Park

### **Codes of Conduct**

Council has adopted Codes of Conduct as for:

- Elected Members Code of Conduct
- Staff Code of Conduct



## **REPRESENTATION REVIEW**

Council completed its last review in 2000/2001 with notification of completion of the review being published in the Government Gazette on 22 November 2001.

Provisions of the Local Government Act 1999 require Council to comprehensively review the composition of the Council at least once in every eight years. Accordingly Council will be required to complete the next representation review by November 2009.

A review will outline issues including Ceduna's community background, communities of interest including physical & topographical, demographic trends, economic factors, recreational & social, and regional Issues, participation in decision making, the consultation process and representation options.

Council continues to function on a no-wards basis with representation of an elected Mayor and eight elected members. The number of electors for the area is currently 2,517 which gives a representation ratio of 1:279. Council is classified as a Rural Agricultural Medium Council (RAM) as per the Australian Classification of Local Government. Within this classification the highest representation quota is the Peterborough Council with 1:193 and the lowest, Yankalilla Council with 1:636. The average representation quota within the RAM classification is 1:386.

<b>Council</b>	<b>Electors</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Ratio</b>
Peterborough	1744	9	193
Southern Mallee	1962	9	218
<b>Ceduna</b>	<b>2517</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>279</b>
Tumby Bay	2575	9	286
Kingston	2649	11	240
Barunga West	2892	10	289
Mount Remarkable	3109	7	444
Goyder	4053	7	579
Lower Eyre Peninsula	4139	7	591
Kangaroo Island	4980	10	498
Yankalilla	5730	9	636

\*Information provided by Local Government Association of SA

### **Boundary Adjustments - Public Initiated Submissions**

Section 28 of the Local Government Act 1999 outlines how 'electors' can initiate submissions for boundary adjustment.

A group of at least 20 eligible electors may submit to a council a submission that the Council consider a proposal:

- To alter the boundaries of the council;
- To alter the composition of the council or representative structure of the council (including by the creation, alteration or abolition of wards);

- To incorporate within the area of the council a part of the State that is not within the area of a council.

Following any such submission, there is a clear process that Council must follow and issues that council must consider.

Electors requiring detailed requirements of a Public Initiated Submission can contact Council to obtain further details of the Act.

## ***PUBLIC INFORMATION***

### **Meetings of Council**

In fulfilling the role of an effective Council which is responsive to the needs of the community and operates within the legal framework as prescribed by the Local Government Act, the District Council of Ceduna is fully committed to the principle of open government, whilst recognising that on some occasions it may be necessary in the broader community interest to restrict public access to discussion and/or documents.

Public access to Council and Council Committee Meetings is guaranteed and encouraged, except where the Council believes it is necessary in the broader community interest to exclude the public from the discussion of a particular matter.

A simple example would be a case where the Council is intending to bid at auction to acquire land and would not want others involved (such as the vendor) to have prior knowledge of what the Council was setting as an upper limit to bid at the auction, as to do so would prejudice the position of Council and disadvantage the community.

Further examples occur when information pertaining to the health, safety or financial position of a person is involved. The public is only excluded when considered absolutely necessary.

Council used the confidential-provisions pursuant to Sections 90 of the Local Government Act on 12 occasions and this reaffirms our commitment to conducting Council business in an open and transparent manner.

The confidentiality provisions were used as such:

### **August 2006**

Sale of Land for Non-Payment of Rates – matter to remain in confidence until the sale of the property was completed or resolved.

### **September 2006**

Nadia Landing Road Access – matter to remain in-confidence to consider discussions which may affect the personal affairs of a person.

\*Native Title Indigenous Land Use Agreement – matter to remain in confidence until any confidential orders are lifted by the Native Title Holders in relation to the matters and/or by written agreement between the parties involved in the Native Title Negotiations or as directed by any other means.

### **January 2007**

Street Violence – matter to remain in-confidence until Council has resolved what actions it must take relating to the matter or as determined by the Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Mayor.

Ceduna Visitor Information Centre – tender to remain in confidence until the Ceduna Visitor Information Centre Contract has been executed.

### **March 2007**

Purchase of Lot 5 Bergmann Dr, Thevenard – matter to remain in confidence until settlement of land purchase, sale of land to another party, or final decline of offer to purchase by Council following appropriate negotiations – whichever occurs first.

Chief Executive Officers Performance Evaluation – matter to remain in confidence until employee contracts have been signed by all parties.

Organisational Review - matter to remain in confidence until Council has considered and resolved the outcomes and recommendations contained within this Draft Organisational Review Report.

### **May 2007**

KB & MF Spry Land Development Proposal - matter to remain in confidence until after Council has finalised negotiations with KB & MF Spry.

### **June 2007**

Native Title Negotiations Alleged Breach of Confidentiality – This matter was considered in-confidence to allow for a review of the in-confidence order, which was then lifted.

\*Ceduna Marina Development Company ownership - matter to remain in confidence until Council receives notification from Ceduna Marina Development Company that the proposed change in ownership has been finalised.

\*Gypsum Resources Australia Pty Ltd contract negotiation for rail line – matter to remain in-confidence until the in-confidence order is lifted by Council.

Of the above confidential items, nine have had the in-confidence order lifted and are now publicly available. Those items (three) marked with an asterisk \* remain in confidence.

## ***FREEDOM OF INFORMATION***

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During the 2006/07 financial year no applications under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act were received.

The Freedom of Information Act 1991 provides legislation and guidelines for access and provision of information to the public. If Council refuses access to a document under the Freedom of Information (FOI) legislation, we must issue a certificate stating why the document is a restricted document.

Most information and files held by the District Council of Ceduna are available for public viewing. There are a few exceptions, such as personal and personnel records and matters which are subject to litigation, but generally, information is readily available for viewing at no charge or a minimal reproduction charge.

In rare cases, retrieving the requested information involves considerable staff time. It is important to specify what you require as clearly as possible so our staff may quickly and efficiently help you. If extraordinary staff time is required to comply with an information request, charges may apply.

Most information is readily available without recourse to

the Freedom of Information Act and we invite you to discuss your information needs with us.

Requests under the FOI Act 1991 for access to documents in the possession of Council should be accompanied by the relevant application fee and directed in writing to

Freedom of Information Officer  
District Council of Ceduna  
44 O'Loughlin Terrace  
CEDUNA SA 5690

Additional search fees may apply to requests where substantial time is involved to access the required documentation.

All general enquiries on Freedom of Information Act issues should be directed to the Freedom of Information Officer, Trevor Smart.

Council is regulated under several Acts, and/or is required to provide information under other Acts. A listing of Acts and Plans that Council operates under follows on page 18.



## ***FREEDOM OF INFORMATION CONTINUED.***

### **Acts, Regulations & Plans**

Local Government Act  
Freedom of Information Act  
Building Code of Australia  
Fire & Emergency Services Act 2005  
Public & Environmental Health Act  
Real Property Act  
Food Act  
Housing Improvement Act  
Environmental Protection Act  
Parking Regulations  
Dog & Cat Management Act  
Development Act 1993  
Australian Road Rules  
Strategic Plan  
Ceduna Development Plan  
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### **Minutes**

Minutes of each monthly Council Meeting are available on Councils Website for free or in hard copy for a small fee. They are also displayed in the Council Foyer for public information.

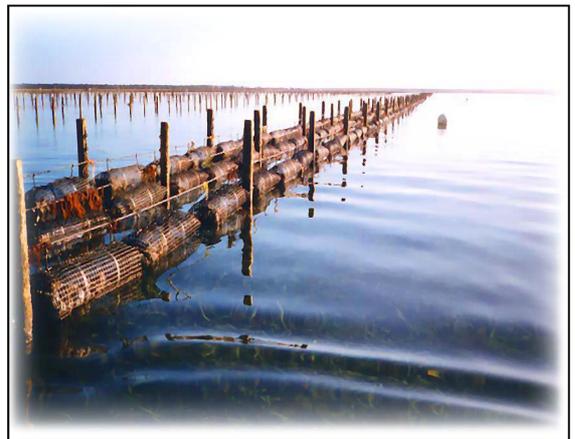
### **Agendas**

Agendas are displayed in the Council Foyer and on Councils website for public information three days prior to Council Meetings.

### **Documents Available**

The following documents are available for public inspection at the Council Office free of charge. Members of the public can purchase them for a fee:

- Code of Conduct
- Council & Committee Agendas
- Council & Committee Minutes
- Campaign Donation Returns
- Policy Manual
- Annual Report
- Strategic Plan, Business Plans, & Financial Plans
- By-laws
- Register of Elected Members - Allowances and Benefits
- Register of Employees' Salaries & Wages and Benefits
- Registrations of Interest
- Assessment Book
- Register of Public Streets and Roads
- Register of Fees and Charges levied by Council
- Supplementary Development Plans previously on exhibition
- Development Application Register
- Financial Statements



## ***EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY***

The District Council of Ceduna believes it has a social responsibility towards all members of its community and endeavours to create an employment environment which reflects the values and needs of the community.

Accordingly, the District Council of Ceduna is firmly committed to the principles of equal employment opportunity for all staff and to provide for fair and equitable treatment in all aspects of human resource practice and community service provision.

This statement reflects commitment to create a workplace which is free of discrimination and to which all people are permitted equal access and opportunity, to progress to the full extent of their ability.

To progress the above objectives, Council has an ongoing Equal Employment Opportunity program, which includes the identification and review of policies, procedures and practices that have implications for equal employment opportunity.

### **Indigenous Employment**

As part of its equal employment initiatives policy, the District Council of Ceduna is committed to providing employment opportunities to the same percentage of Aboriginal people as in the Ceduna community (currently approximately 24%).

Through Council initiatives, and partnerships formed with other organisations, employment opportunities have been created through:

### **Youth Services**

Two full-time and three part-time staff operate the Ceduna Youth Centre. Other organisations involved include Families SA, Ceduna Area School and SA Police.

### **Municipal Services**

Council receives funding to provide refuse collection, road maintenance and environmental health services to Koonibba Aboriginal Community and all Homeland Communities within the Council area. These works are performed on a contract basis by existing staff and services.

### **Administration**

A Trainee Administration position has been created within Councils Administration Team.

### **Parks & Gardens**

Council currently employs one full-time Indigenous employee in our Parks & Gardens Team.

### **Contractors**

From time to time Council contracts the services of indigenous persons to undertake projects including graffiti prevention (mural painting), by-law enforcement, and native title and heritage clearance issues.

### **TWT Partnership**

In partnership with TWT, Council has committed to short-term employment opportunities for five Indigenous employees within our Construction & Maintenance Team. This partnership will provide training and development opportunities for the five staff members, with the aim of the partnership being to secure permanent employment positions within Councils workforce.

With the above projects and employment opportunities Council currently has eleven Indigenous persons employed on a full or part-time basis.

This sees Councils current employment of Aboriginal persons at approximately 22% of our total workforce. This does not take into account works carried out on a contractual basis by Indigenous persons.

Council is also committed to facilitating future employment opportunities for Indigenous people through initiatives such as Ceduna Keys Marine development, mining, and local businesses.

Council maintains a strong commitment to equal employment opportunity principles and the employment of target groups.



## **COUNCIL POLICIES**

### **Administration Policies**

Council Chamber  
Indemnification of Council by Contractors  
Itinerant Traders  
Delegations of Power  
Freedom of Information  
Special Event Permit  
Customer Service Policy  
Printing Resources  
Delegations Business Support & Incentive Policy  
Records Management Manual  
Delegations Listing  
Governance Self Assessment

### **Human Resources**

Formal Addresses to Groups  
Training and Development  
Equal Employment Opportunity Policy Statement  
Allocation of Council Vehicles Owned Vehicles to Staff  
Recruitment & Selection of New Staff

- Principles Statement
- Pre Recruitment
- Pre Employment
- Induction
- Performance Development
- Forms & Proformas

Corporate Uniform - Employees  
Christmas Shutdown – Staff Leave  
Leave Entitlements  
Court Service by Employees  
Employees' Code of Conduct  
Membership and Participation in Volunteer Organisations  
Military Training – Wages  
Salary Packaging & Sacrifice Arrangements  
Senior Officers

### **Finance**

Monies Received  
Accounts for Payment  
Salaries & Wages  
Cash Management  
Loan Register  
Loans  
Petty Cash  
Stock  
Depreciation  
Asset Register  
Recovery of Overhead Charges  
Private Works  
Debtors  
Tenders & Purchasing Policy  
Travel Allowances & Reimbursements  
Credit Card Use  
Donations by Council

Council Rating Policy  
Council Rates – Single Farm Enterprise  
Fees & Charges  
Budget Carry Forwards and Reserve Funds  
Postponement of Rates for Seniors

### **Regulatory Services**

Dogs – Impounding  
Barking Dog Complaints  
Fireworks Permits  
Dogs – Boarding Kennels  
Impounding Vehicles  
Hire of Cat Traps  
Surrender of Dogs & Cats  
Fire Prevention Officers Appointments  
Reserved Parking (Permit Areas)  
Delegations - Public & Environmental Health & Food Acts

### **Development**

Building Rule Assessment – Footings  
Building - Setback  
Building - Underskirting  
Development Assessment Procedures  
Minimum Size of Dwellings  
Car Parks – Minimum Sealing Requirements  
Building Inspection Policy  
Zincalume/Colourbond Policy  
Residential Outbuilding Policy  
Documentation required for timber truss roofs  
Subdivisions – Road Sealing  
Delegations under the Development Act 1993  
Delegations to Manager Environmental Services  
Delegations to Council Development Assessment Panel

### **Governance**

Release of Media Statements  
Council Meeting Correspondence or Late Correspondence  
Technical Services & Works Committee  
Technical Services & Works - Skate Park Sub-Committee  
Administration & Finance Committee  
Social Services Committee  
Environmental Services & Planning Committee  
Davenport Creek Management Committee  
Ceduna & Districts Bushfire Prevention Committee  
Council Representation on Non Council Committees  
Regional Building Fire Safety Committee  
Oysterfest Sub-Committee  
Sport & Recreation Committee  
Ceduna Coastal Centre Advisory Committee  
Community Consultation  
Visiting Ministers or Government Officials  
Elected Member Casual Vacancy

## ***COUNCIL POLICIES CONTINUED.***

Elected Members Allowances & Support  
Review of Decisions  
Elected Members & Staff Travel  
Community Delegates-Representatives Reporting  
Deputations to Council & Committee Meetings  
Public Access to Meetings & Council Documents  
Business Support & Incentive Policy  
Australia Day Awards  
Elected Member Training & Development  
Aerodrome Security Committee  
Aerodrome Emergency Committee  
Gifts, Benefits & Hospitality Policy  
Fraud Prevention Policy  
Whistleblowers Policy  
Audit Committee  
Council Development Assessment Panel (CDAP)  
Terms of Reference  
Community Code of Conduct  
Elected Members Code of Conduct  
Infrastructure & Emergency Services Committee

### **Transport**

Vehicular Crossings  
Use of Council Plant at Emergencies  
Altering Roads  
Graffiti Removal  
Street Tree Removal  
Rubble Pits Agreement to Enter and Occupy Land  
Provision of Crusher Fines for Road Verges  
Restricted Access Vehicles Clearances  
Memorial Plaques  
Laneway Closure

### **Information Technology**

Website Maintenance  
Internet & Email  
Computer Workstation Management Policy

### **Community Facilities & Services**

Jointly Owned PA System  
Community Bus  
Refuse Collection  
Cemetery Interment Sites Reuse  
Cemetery Grave Top Specifications  
Community Land Management Plans – Reserves  
Community Land Management Plans – Memorial Hall  
Community Land Management Plans – Emergency Services  
Community Land Management Plans – Median Strips  
Community Land Management Plans – Recreation Facilities  
Community Land Management Plans – Soldiers Memorial Park  
Ceduna Memorial Hall Hire  
Recreation Use of Council Reserves  
Street Stalls

Ornamental Plants Hire Policy  
Road Reserves - Business Use

### **Social Services**

Youth Centre – Behaviour Management  
Youth Centre – After Hours  
Youth Centre Uniforms – Staff  
Youth Centre – Staff Vehicles  
Youth Centre – Off Site Activities  
Youth Centre – Medical Treatment  
Youth Centre Staff – Personal Boundaries  
Youth Centre Occupational Health & Safety  
Youth Centre OH&S – Chemicals  
Youth Centre OH&S – Kitchen Safety  
Youth Centre OH&S – Fire Safety

### **STEDS & Water Services**

Services Entitlements – CKWS  
Pressure & Flow Devices – CKWS  
Water Leakage  
Connections to CKWS  
Backflow Prevention – CKWS  
Designated Water District – CKWS  
Establishing Property Units for STEDS



## **COUNCIL RATES**

### **Aims & Objectives**

The objectives of this policy are to assist Council to:

- outline clearly the rates policy position and approach;
- provide information on the rates policy to ratepayers;
- summarise the legal position relating to the setting and collection of rates; and
- comply with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999.

The policy is based on the Local Government Act 1999 and the Valuation of Land Act.

### **Policy Detail**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- ◆ This document sets out the policy of the District Council of Ceduna for setting and collecting rates from its community. The policy covers:
  - ◆ method used to value land
  - ◆ adoption of valuations
  - ◆ business impact statement
  - ◆ Council's revenue raising powers
  - ◆ differential general rates
  - ◆ fixed charge
  - ◆ separate rates
  - ◆ service rates and/or charges
  - ◆ pensioner concessions
  - ◆ payment of rates
  - ◆ late payment of rates
  - ◆ sale of land for non-payment of rates
  - ◆ remission and postponement of rates
  - ◆ rebate of rates
  - ◆ Disclaimer

#### **2. STRATEGIC FOCUS**

**In setting its rates for the 2006/07 financial year the Council has considered the following:**

- ◆ its Strategic Plan which has undertaken a major review and adopted by Council at its meeting of 12 November 2003. Council's next major review of its Strategic Plan is planned to be undertaken in December 2006 following local government general elections.
- ◆ Business Plan which was adopted in May 2004 which incorporates long term financial planning models.
- ◆ the current economic climate including:
  - continuing impact of GST on Council including cash flow effects,
  - compliance costs, greater outstanding rate debt level etc
  - impact of GST on ratepayers
  - cost shifting from Federal and State governments
  - continuing impact of legislative compliance issues (risk management, records

management, etc)

- ◆ the specific issues faced by our community including:
  - seasonal conditions
  - remoteness
  - local economic development
  - age and condition of major infrastructure (i.e. common effluent system, roads)
  - social issues
- ◆ the budget for the 2006/07 financial year and the Strategic Plan;
- ◆ the impact of rates on the community including
  - different levels of service and infrastructure in the townships of Ceduna, Thevenard, Denial Bay & Smoky Bay ratepayer base
  - single farm enterprise provisions of the Local Government Act 1999.
  - rate capping policy introduction.
  - completion of rate model review in November 2004.
- ◆ consideration of the issue of consistency and comparability in imposing differing levels of rates in different areas such as Ceduna and Thevenard townships, Denial Bay township, Smoky Bay township, and rural areas.
- ◆ consideration of community feedback achieved through policies and programs such as public consultation, customer service standards, media relations (print and radio), and general community interaction with elected members and executive staff. Direct consultation on the budget has been undertaken in the form of written requests for budgetary consideration to:
  - Ceduna Business & Tourism Assoc
  - Denial Bay Progress Association
  - Smoky Bay Progress Association
  - Thevenard Ratepayers' Association*In addition to the placement of advertisements in the West Coast Sentinel (local publication) requesting issues from the public for consideration in the 2006/07 pre-budget process.*

The Strategic Management Plan and the Council's budget are available for inspection at:

Council Administration Centre, 44 O'Loughlin Terrace, Ceduna.

#### **3. ANNUAL ADOPTION OF THE POLICY**

Section 171 of the Local Government Act requires a Council to prepare and adopt each year, in conjunction with setting the rates, a rate policy. The policy must be available at the principal office of the Council and a summary version must be distributed with the rate notice.

## **COUNCIL RATES CONTINUED**

This policy is available for inspection at:  
Council Administration Centre, 44 O'Loughlin Terrace,  
Ceduna

### **4. METHOD USED TO VALUE LAND**

Councils may adopt one of three valuation methodologies to value the properties in its area. They are:

- Capital Value – the value of the land and all the improvements on the land.
- Site Value – the value of the land and any improvements which permanently affect the amenity of use of the land, such as drainage works, but excluding the value of buildings and other improvements.
- Annual Value – a valuation of the rental potential of the property.

Following a major review of rating models (completed in November 2004) the Council has decided to continue to use site value as the basis for valuing land within the Council area. The Council considers that this method of valuing land provides the fairest method of distributing the rate burden across all ratepayers on the following basis:

- the nature of land-holdings and the mix of land uses in the district (i.e. residential, business, tourism & hospitality, aquaculture, agriculture, and other uses).
- the equity principle of taxation

### **5. ADOPTION OF VALUATIONS**

A Council may employ or engage a valuer to value the land in the area or it may use the valuations provided by the Valuer-General or it may use a combination of both, subject to certain restrictions. The Valuer-General is a statutory officer appointed by the Governor.

The Council has adopted the valuations made by the Valuer-General, and provided to the Council, on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

If a ratepayer is dissatisfied with the valuation made by the Valuer-General, then the ratepayer may object to the Valuer-General in writing within 60 days of receiving the notice of the valuation, explaining the basis for the objection provided they have not: (a) previously received a notice of this valuation under the Local Government Act, in which case the objection period is 60 days from the receipt of the first notice; or (b) previously had an objection to the valuation considered by the Valuer-General. The address of the office of the Valuer-General is:

The Office of the Valuer-General  
101 Grenfell St, Adelaide

GPO Box 1354, Adelaide SA 5001  
Phone: (08) 8226 3855  
Email: [objections@saugov.sa.gov.au](mailto:objections@saugov.sa.gov.au)

Please note that the Council has no role in this process. It is also important to note that the lodgement of an objection does not change the due date for the payment of rates.

### **6. BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Council has considered the impact of rates on all businesses in the Council area, including primary production.

In considering the impact, Council assessed the following matters:

- ◆ Council consultations with:
  - Ceduna Business & Tourism Assoc
  - Denial Bay Progress Association
  - Smoky Bay Progress Association
  - Thevenard Ratepayers' Association
  - Advertisement in local publication requesting budget information requests.
- ◆ Those elements of the Council's Strategic Plan relating to business development including:
  - Objective 1.01 Improve the quality and supply of water
  - Objective 1.04 Improve the standard of streetscaping
  - Objective 1.06 Further develop the infrastructure and service level of the airport
  - Objective 3.01 Develop and increase the tourist potential and trade
  - Objective 3.02 Maximise the benefit to industry from partnerships and government incentives
  - Objective 3.03 Actively promote the growth of new and existing industries and businesses
  - Objective 3.04 Further the economic development of our infrastructure
- ◆ The equity of the distribution of the rate burden between classes of ratepayers including the levels of service and infrastructure provided in different areas of the district such as Ceduna, Thevenard, Denial Bay, and Smoky Bay townships.
- ◆ Specific Council projects for the coming year that will solely or principally benefit businesses and primary producers including:
  - Furthering the development of Marina and Coastal Centre
  - Pursuing and encouraging mining and tourism opportunities
  - Continuing the upgrade of Ceduna Business District
  - Continuation of rural road construction and upgrades

## **COUNCIL RATES CONTINUED**

- Continuation of urgently needed welfare facilities including the Ceduna Youth Centre
- Implementation of long term plans for the Ceduna/Thevenard and Smoky Bay STEDS Schemes, the Ceduna Koonibba Water Scheme, Building Assets, and Council infrastructure
- Upgrade of Puckridge Boat Ramp, Ceduna
- Involvement in functional reform negotiations with the State & Federal Governments

Measurement of council's performance will be assessed through the following:

- Performance Development Reviews of Chief Executive Officer and staff
- Customer Surveys through the Local Government Association Comparative Performance Measurement Project.
- Reviewing the Strategic Plan and other operational plans for meeting of time lines
- Complaints received
- Commendations received
- Additional grants received
- Budget performance (i.e. actual compared against budget)

The Annual Report will address these performance measures.

### **7. COUNCIL'S REVENUE RAISING POWERS**

All land within a Council area, except for land specifically exempt (eg crown land, Council occupied land and other land prescribed in the Local Government Act – refer Appendix 1 and Section 147 of the Act), is rateable. The Local Government Act provides for a Council to raise revenue for the broad purposes of the Council through a general rate, which applies to all rateable properties, or through differential general rates, which apply to classes of properties. In addition, Council can raise separate rates, for specific areas of the Council or service rates or charges for specific services. The Council also raises revenue through fees and charges, which are set giving consideration to the cost of the service provided and any equity issues.

The list of applicable fees and charges is available at: Council Administration Centre, 44 O'Loughlin Terrace, Ceduna

### **8. DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES**

The Council considers that it is equitable to differentiate the distribution of the rate burden between classes of ratepayers including the levels of service and infrastructure provided in different areas of the district such as Ceduna, Thevenard, Denial Bay, and Smoky Bay townships. Council recognises that there are

varying levels of infrastructure, community services, and local amenity to all of the aforementioned areas, and as such Council has decided to impose differential general rates on the following classes of properties:

- ◆ Land within Policy Area No.10 zoned Industry under the Councils Development Plan within the township of Ceduna
- ◆ Land within the township of Ceduna
- ◆ Land within the township of Thevenard.
- ◆ Land within the township of Smoky Bay
- ◆ Land within the township of Denial Bay
- ◆ Land in the remainder of the area of the District Council of Ceduna

At its meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> June 2006 the Council decided to raise \$2,088,803 (excluding rebates) in a total revenue budget of \$6,458,181 The Council has set the following differential general rates:

- ◆ Differential general rate:
  - i) of 48.35780 cents in the dollar on rateable land within Policy Area No.10 zoned Industry under the Council's Development Plan within the township of Ceduna;
  - ii) of 2.01570 cents in the dollar on all other rateable land within the township of Ceduna;
- ◆ Differential general rate of 1.81550 cents in the dollar on rateable land within the township of Thevenard;
- ◆ Differential general rate of 0.75530 cents in the dollar on rateable land within the township of Smoky Bay;
- ◆ Differential general rate of 0.81912 cents in the dollar on rateable land within the township of Denial Bay;
- ◆ Differential general rate of 1.11575 cents in the dollar on rateable land in the remainder of the area of the District Council of Ceduna;

Locality is used as a factor to levy differential rates.

The levels of rate revenue expected from the above differentiating rating (including fixed charge component) localities will be:

Ceduna	\$918,383	45.3%
Thevenard	\$282,592	13.9%
Smoky Bay	\$183,822	9.1%
Denial Bay	\$36,062	1.8%
Industry Zone	\$30,399	1.5%
Other (Rural)	\$576,346	28.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,027,604</b>	

General rate revenue is expected to provide for approximately 31.4% of Councils total revenue for the 2006/07 financial year.

## **COUNCIL RATES CONTINUED**

### **9. FIXED CHARGE**

A Council may impose a fixed charge on every property in its area, provided that it has not imposed a minimum rate. Where two or more adjoining properties have the same owner, or where there is a single farm enterprise comprising more than one property, only one fixed charge may be payable by the ratepayer.

The Council has decided to impose a fixed charge on rateable properties of \$417.50 consisting of:

- ◆ A fixed charge of \$352.50; plus
- ◆ A fixed charge of \$65.00 to provide funding for the upgrade of the Ceduna Central Business District.

The reasons for imposing a fixed charge are that everyone enjoys some level of benefits from the activities of the Council and as such this is seen as an equitable charge.

Council has adopted a policy to address Single Farm Enterprise issues and the exemption of fixed charges where ratepayers are eligible for an exemption.

### **10. SEPARATE RATES**

The Council has undertaken construction of infrastructure to provide a general water supply to the residents of rural properties and Denial Bay township as delineated in the plan of the Ceduna/Koonibba Water Scheme as per Council Policy 15.06 - Ceduna Koonibba Water Scheme Designated Water District.

The Council has decided to raise \$61,628.01 by way of separate rates to maintain infrastructure for this financial year. The Council has declared a separate rate of:

- Residential Land .8901 cents
- Primary Production Land .2908 cents
- Vacant Land .8901 cents
- Yarilena Homelands \$2,000.00
- Koonibba Aboriginal Community \$8,000.00

The revenue raised from this rate can only be applied to the operations of the Ceduna/Koonibba Water Scheme. This revenue is raised from ratepayers within the Water Scheme on the concept of 'user pays' for provision of infrastructure to ratepayers who receive a direct benefit.

### **11. SERVICE CHARGE(S)**

#### **Denial Bay Water Reticulation**

The Council provided a reticulated water supply to the residents of Denial Bay Township. The full cost of establishing this service was raised from a loan. The Council will recover this cost through the imposition of a service charge. Where a service that is subject to a service charge is available to non-rateable land, a service charge is levied against that land.

The service charge for each separate allotment receiving or able to receive the service will be \$167.25 per annum per allotment. The Council has decided to raise the

revenue by means of a service charge because of the concept of user pays.

#### **Common Effluent Drainage Schemes**

##### **Ceduna & Thevenard Common Effluent Scheme**

The Council provides a septic effluent disposal and desludging system in the townships of Ceduna and Thevenard. The full cost of establishing, operating, maintaining, improving and replacing this service for this financial year is budgeted to be \$175,161 (excluding depreciation). This includes setting aside funds in a specific account for the future replacement of the assets employed in providing the service. The Council will recover this cost through the imposition of a service charge. Where a service that is subject to a service charge is available to non-rateable land, a service charge is levied against that land.

The service charge for each separate allotment receiving or able to receive the service will be:

- In respect of each effluent unit applying to occupied allotments a charge of \$179.00 per annum
- In respect of each vacant allotment a charge of \$142.00 per annum

The Council has decided to raise the revenue by means of a service charge because of the concept of user pays. The effluent units have been calculated utilising Council Policy 15.07 – Establishing Property Units for STEDS.

##### **Smoky Bay Common Effluent Scheme**

The Council provides a septic effluent disposal and desludging system in the township of Smoky Bay. The full cost of establishing, operating, maintaining, improving and replacing this service for this financial year is budgeted to be \$80,774 (excluding depreciation). This includes setting aside funds in a specific account for the future replacement of the assets employed in providing the service. The Council will recover this cost through the imposition of a service charge. Where a service that is subject to a service charge is available to non-rateable land, a service charge is levied against that land.

The service charge for each separate allotment receiving or able to receive the service will be:

- In respect of each effluent unit applying to occupied allotments a charge of \$319.00 per annum
- In respect of each vacant allotment, a charge of \$266.00 per annum
- In respect of land known as the Smoky Bay Aquaculture Park plots, a charge of \$79.00 per allotment.

The Council has decided to raise the revenue by means of a service charge because of the concept of user pays. The effluent units have been calculated utilising

## **COUNCIL RATES CONTINUED**

Council Policy 15.07 – Establishing Property Units for STEDS.

### **Waste Collection & Disposal**

The Council provides a domestic refuse collection service for all properties within the townships of Ceduna, Thevenard, Smoky Bay and Denial Bay. Additionally Council also provides other waste management services including Ceduna Landfill Site maintenance and operations, and recycling initiatives and services. The full cost of establishing, operating, maintaining, improving and replacing these services for this financial year is budgeted to be \$184,207 (excluding depreciation). This includes setting aside funds in a specific account for the future replacement of the assets employed in providing the service. The Council will recover this cost through the imposition of a service charge. Where a service that is subject to a service charge is available to non-rateable land, a service charge is levied against that land.

The service charge for each separate assessment receiving or able to receive the service will be:

- \$114.00 on each occupied assessment within the township areas of Ceduna, Thevenard, Smoky Bay and Denial Bay, to which the service is provided or made available; and
- \$71.00 in respect of each assessment in the remainder of the Council area, subject to any assessment or assessments which are subject to contiguous land provisions or single farm enterprise provisions paying only one annual service charge.

The Council has decided to raise the revenue by means of a service charge because of the concept of user pays.

### **12. PENSIONER CONCESSIONS**

If you are an eligible pensioner, you may be entitled to a rebate on your rates if you do not currently receive one.

Application forms, which include information on the concessions, are available from the Council at 44 O'Loughlin Terrace, Ceduna. They are also available from the SA Water Corporation and its District Offices and Revenue SA.

An eligible pensioner must hold a Pension Card, State Concession Card or be a T.P.I. Pensioner. They must also be responsible for the payment of rates on the property for which they are claiming a concession. The State Government administers applications. Payment of rates must not be withheld pending assessment of an application by the State Government, as penalties

apply to unpaid rates. A refund will be paid if Council is advised that a concession applies and the rates have already been paid.

Further discretionary rebates may be available to pensioners that are eligible – please refer to Section 17 of this Policy.

### **13. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS' CONCESSIONS**

The Department of Human Services may assist unemployed persons with the payment of Council rates for their principal place of residence (remissions are not available on vacant land or rental premises). Please contact the nearest Department of Family and Community Services office for details.

### **14. PAYMENT OF RATES**

The Council has decided that the payment of rates will be available to ratepayers by way of four instalments, with the due dates and approximation of the instalments as follows:

- 1st instalment 4/9/2006 25% of amount due and payable
- 2nd instalment 4/12/2006 25% of amount due and payable
- 3rd instalment 5/3/2007 25% of amount due and payable
- 4th instalment 4/6/2007 25% of amount due and payable

Section 181(3) makes provision which allows the first instalment payable in the first financial year, that rates are payable in four instalments to not necessarily approximate the other three instalments, but also provides that the first instalment cannot be more than twice the amount of each of those other three instalments.

Cash, cheque, money order, credit card, and EFTPOS may be used to pay rates. In-person payments at the Council offices can be made at the Council Administration Centre, 44 O'Loughlin Tce, Ceduna, with the opening hours being 8.30am-5.30pm Monday to Friday. Payment can also be made electronically utilising the Council Website ([www.ceduna.net](http://www.ceduna.net)), or Bill Express kiosk outlets throughout Australia (including Spry's Newsagency in Ceduna).

Any ratepayer who may, or is likely to, experience difficulty with meeting the standard payment arrangements is invited to contact Trevor Smart or Revenue Officer on (08) 8625 3407 to discuss alternative payment arrangements. Such enquiries are treated confidentially by the Council.

### **15. LATE PAYMENT OF RATES**

The Local Government Act provides that Councils impose a penalty of 2% on any payment for rates,

## **COUNCIL RATES CONTINUED**

whether instalment or otherwise, that is received late. A payment that continues to be late is then charged an interest rate; set each year according to a formula in the Act, for each month it continues to be late. The purpose of this penalty is to act as a genuine deterrent to ratepayers who might otherwise fail to pay their rates on time, to allow Councils to recover the administrative cost of following up unpaid rates and to cover any interest cost the Council may meet because it has not received the rates on time.

The prescribed interest rate for the 2006/07 financial year has not yet been declared. When the interest rate is declared, the Council will publish the rate in the West Coast Sentinel.

The Council imposes late payment penalties strictly in accordance with the Local Government Act.

When the Council receives a payment in respect to overdue rates, the Council applies the money received as follows:

- first – to satisfy any costs awarded in connection with court proceedings;
- second – to satisfy any interest costs;
- third – in payment of any fines imposed
- fourth – in payment of rates, in date order of their imposition (starting with the oldest account first).

### **16. REMISSION AND POSTPONEMENT OF RATES**

Section 182 of the Local Government Act permits a Council, on the application of the ratepayer, to partially or wholly remit rates or to postpone rates, on the basis of hardship. Where a ratepayer is suffering hardship in paying rates, they are invited to contact Trevor Smart, Deputy Chief Executive Officer on (08) 8625 3407 or 0409 673 733 to discuss the matter.

Council has no eligibility criteria for the consideration of remission or postponement of rates, with each individual application treated on its merits on a confidential basis by Council. No delegation is provided to Council Officers for the consideration of such applications.

### **17. REBATE OF RATES**

The Local Government Act requires Councils to rebate the rates payable on some land. Specific provisions are made for land used for health services, community services, religious purposes, public cemeteries, the Royal Zoological Society and educational institutions. Under Section 166 of the Act, the Council may apply discretionary rebates.

#### General Discretionary Rebate

The Council adopts rate rebates under Section 166 of the Act, which includes the discretionary rebate of the

following properties based on the criteria of:

- Child Care Centres – provision of equitable rating impositions;
- Recreational land – provision of 100% rate rebate on assessments under the care and control of Council that are leased to a community organisation for the purposes of sport and recreation;
- Other land – provision of 100% rate rebate on land that provides a general or historical benefit to the community (ie community halls, historical water tanks).
- Foodland Carpark – private land that is provided to the general community for carparking purposes where the landowner has provided the required infrastructure.

Ceduna Child Care Centre Inc.	Possums Corner – ass1468(100%)
The Murat Bay Kindergarten Inc.	Ceduna Pre-School – ass 218 (100%)
Aboriginal Housing Authority	Youth Centre – ass 1858 (100%)
Aboriginal Housing Authority	Town Camp – ass 2451 (100%)
District Council of Ceduna	Pistol Club – ass 148 (100%)
District Council of Ceduna	Thevenard Oval – ass108 (100%)
District Council of Ceduna	Senior Citizens' Club – ass 1266 (100%)
District Council of Ceduna	Ceduna Sports Club – ass 1481 (100%)
District Council of Ceduna	Ceduna Golf Club – ass 1490 (100%)
District Council of Ceduna	Ceduna Golf Club – ass 1493 (100%)
District Council of Ceduna	Ceduna Bowling Club –ass1830 (100%)
District Council of Ceduna	Ceduna Sailing Club – ass 1851 (100%)
District Council of Ceduna	Ceduna Racing Club – ass 2246 (100%)
District Council of Ceduna	Smoky Bay Sports Club– ass 2296 (100%)
District Council of Ceduna	Smoky Bay Sports Club–ass 2297 (100%)
Far West International Rules Basketball Association	Basketball Stadium – a s s 2 1 8 2 (100%)
Charra Hall Inc.	Charra Hall – ass 8 (100%)
Nunjikompita Hall Inc.	Nunjikompita Hall – ass 527 (100%)
Scout Association of Australia	Scout Hall – ass 2238 (100%)
Charra Wells/Tanks	ass 339 (100%)
Charra Water Reserve & Well	ass 201 (100%)
Charra Water Reserve & Well	ass 329 (100%)
Denial Bay Water Reserve & Tank	ass 418 (100%)
Boettcher GR & S	Foodland Carpark ass 1377(50%)

The above rebates are applied by Council automatically and are not subject to any application from a ratepayer.

#### Maximum Rate Increase (Rate Capping)

Council adopts rate rebates under Section 166 of the Act, which includes the discretionary rebate of the following:

- a) Rate rebates (capping) to apply for all rate increases

## **COUNCIL RATES CONTINUED**

that equate to greater than 10% over and above the average annual rate increase for the entire Council area. For the 2006/07 financial year this equates to a percentage of 15% over and above general rates charged for 2005/06 financial year, subject to:

- i) any additional fixed charge component that is levied for the purpose of the Ceduna CBD Upgrade is not to be included in the rate increase calculation;
- ii) rate capping to apply to all assessments with the exception of:
  - any new assessments;
  - any assessments that already receives any form of rate rebate from Council;
  - any assessments that are subject to the imposition of additional charges from the previous year (i.e. fixed charge imposed in one year that was not imposed in a previous year).
  - assessments that have been merged with other assessments (i.e. tenements that have been merged, etc)
- iii) Rate Capping is to apply to general rates only.

The above rebates are applied by Council automatically and are not subject to any application from a ratepayer.

### Pensioner Maximum Rate Increase

Council adopts rate rebates under Section 166 of the Act, which includes the discretionary rebate of the following:

- (a) Rate rebates (capping) for eligible pensioners for all rate increases that equate to greater than 5% over and above general rates charged for the 2005/06 financial year subject to:
  - Rebates to apply to general rates only.
  - Property is the principle place of residence.
  - Property has been owned by current owners since 1 July 1998
  - Ratepayer(s) must be eligible and receive a Pensioner Concession from SA Water for this property.
  - Rate increases to determine the percentage increase shall be calculated prior to any pension concession being applied.

The above rebates are applied by Council automatically and are not subject to any application from a ratepayer.

Further information on all rebates is available from Trevor Smart or Kathryn Pearce on (08) 8625 3407.

### **18. SALE OF LAND FOR NON-PAYMENT OF RATES**

The Local Government Act provides that a Council may sell any property where the rates have been in arrears for three years or more. The Council is required to provide the principal ratepayer and the owner (if not the same person) with details of the outstanding amounts

and advise the owner of its intention to sell the land if payment of the outstanding amount is not received within one month.

### **19. DISCOUNTS AND EARLY PAYMENT INCENTIVES**

Section 181(11) of the Local Government Act 1999 provides that a Council may grant discounts or other incentives in order to encourage early or prompt payment of rates.

For the year ending 30 June 2007 Council will not provide an early rate payment incentive.

### **20. DISCLAIMER**

A rate cannot be challenged on the basis of non-compliance with this policy and must be paid in accordance with the required payment provisions.

Where a ratepayer believes that the Council has failed to properly apply this policy, he/she should raise the matter with the Council. In the first instance contact Trevor Smart, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (08) 8625 3407 to discuss the matter. If, after this initial contact, a ratepayer is still dissatisfied they should write to Tony Irvine, Chief Executive Officer, District Council of Ceduna, PO Box 175, Ceduna SA 5690 explaining the nature of their concern.



## **STRATEGIC PLAN**

### **Goal 1 - Physical infrastructure and heritage sites maintained, upgraded and developed**

#### **Water**

- Representations made to SA Water regarding improvements to Smoky Bay water supply
- Council have input into the EP Water Master Plan for future planning and support to required infrastructure.
- Thevenard Stormwater collection and reuse study completed. Discussions commenced with Ausbulk and Thevenard Football Club regarding an application for funding.
- Negotiations continuing with Lloyd Energy Systems on alternative water supplies including desalination

#### **Roads & Footpaths**

- Capital improvements to footpaths & walkways completed as per Council plans
- Pedestrian crossing over rail line and Thevenard Rd constructed
- Priority Road Network reviewed and adopted by Council and construction priorities determined and adopted by Council
- Denial Bay kerbing completed on Peake Tce and Butler St.
- EP Roads & Transport Strategy adopted, with strategies due for review.
- Investigating cost appropriate public conveniences with report provided to Council on self cleaning toilets.
- Apex Park Reserve upgraded.
- Ceduna CBD streetscape complete, with Stage C (McKenzie Street) budgeted for in 2007/2008
- Smoky Bay street lighting on main entrance Rd upgraded
- Thevenard Rd street lighting being reviewed by ETSA
- ETSA has undertaken review of Thevenard Rd street lighting and prepared design and castings

#### **Ceduna Airport**

- Ceduna Airport Business Plan completed
- Architectural design of terminal building completed
- Investigations commenced on industrial and commercial opportunities at the airport. Concepts plans will be developed once final location of terminal building and associated infrastructure has been established.
- Revenue increasing at around 15% pa - Record >2,000 passengers/month achieved

#### **Marine Infrastructure & Projects**

- Thevenard Slipway land & precinct - Dept of Transport to transfer ownership. Environmental Study now complete. Fuel tank & contaminated soil to be removed.
- State Government has accepted Council offer to acquire Bergmann Drive vacant land for future commercial or industrial use for mining or aquaculture industry.
- Smoky Bay Jetty - Handrails have been installed to the southern side of the jetty, and the jetty has been extended by three bays.
- Denial Bay Jetty - Materials to place handrails on jetty have been purchased.
- Denial Bay Jetty - Request for lighting has been submitted to DTEI,
- Port of Thevenard - Port of Thevenard Master Planning Study nearing completion. Funding packages being negotiated with stakeholders, Port users, and state and federal governments.
- Investigation and support of deep water loading and unloading facilities (including fishing & aquaculture) continuing.

#### **Land & Buildings**

- Audit all Council buildings, properties & other assets progressing to schedule and ongoing through initial collection of asset and asset condition data.
- Pinky Point walkway to beach completed in cooperation with Thevenard Ratepayers Association.

## ***STRATEGIC PLAN CONTINUED.***

- Ceduna Keys Marina PAR - Background information sourced and Statement of Intent drafted. Awaiting completion of the General PAR before we can progress this.
- Talbot Grove Estate development still being pursued.
- Public consultation being undertaken on Thevenard vacant land (Lot 292) to assess likelihood of development & sale. Assessment of costs being undertaken to develop the land.
- Vacant Land sales – Stage 1 release fully sold, and Stage 2 release now available.

### **Goal 2 - Our natural environment enhanced, protected and maintained for use by current and future generations**

#### **Waste Water Schemes**

- Business cases for Waste Water Management Schemes to attract funding developed
- Joint funding application for stormwater reuse at Thevenard with Ausbulk and Thevenard Football Club discussions continuing.
- Denial Bay Waste Water Scheme application for funding has received support from LGA and funding from State Government.
- Smoky Bay Waste Water Treatment Plant performance has improved following a site visit from a technician to resolve long standing minor operational issues.
- Community Waste Water Management Systems Management Plan has been adopted by Council.
- CBD stormwater system replaced
- Stormwater pollution inceptor's installed in CBD stormwater system

#### **Waste Systems**

- Local waste management strategy adopted by Council. Budget allocations exist for Strategy actions during 2007/2008.
- Local Waste Strategy will be implemented with 2007/2008 budget year fund allocations include the purchase of a cardboard baler; the purchase of a skip for the public to use for disposing of cardboard to be baled for recycling; the construction of a wash out facility for the rubbish collection vehicle, the street sweeper and other council vehicles.

#### **Marine Environment**

- Protect coastal sand deposits - On going association with the Davenport Creek Management Committee will ensure protection of this main sand dune area of Ceduna. Close scrutiny of Development Application's will also contribute, together with a working relationship with the Coast Protection Board.
- Actively lobby the Federal and State Governments for establishment funding for alternative energy technologies including desalination proposal which has alternative energy.
- Actively lobby Federal & State Governments in matters concerning the marine environment where it will have detrimental effects upon our community including Marine Parks & marine protected areas currently being negotiated with State Govt.
- Continue involvement and active participation on Coast & Marine Advisory.
- Eyre Peninsula Coastal Strategy now completed. Being included in General Planning Amendment Report.
- Emergency Plans have been reviewed and updated, with funding received from Emergency Management Australia.

### **Goal 3 - Sustainable economic development opportunities identified, aggressively pursued, and promoted.**

#### **Tourism**

- Ceduna Business & Tourism Association and Council partnership to provide \$20,000pa for three years under agreement to develop local marketing and promotion strategies.

## ***STRATEGIC PLAN CONTINUED.***

- Continue annual involvement and annual contribution to Tourism Eyre Peninsula
- Financial support of Nullarbor Brochure & Tourism Eyre Peninsula annual conference.
- Ceduna Visitor Information Centre – Council has awarded new tender for contracting visitor information services for a three year period.
- Ceduna promotion DVD produced and promoted
- Nullarbor 1200 Bike Race supported and promoted
- World Solar Bike Challenge 2007/08 year supported and promoted
- Promote, support, and manage the annual Oysterfest Event.
- Support local clubs which attract non-local participants & visitors to the district through events, competitions etc - Masters Games for 2009 has been awarded to Ceduna.

### **Economic Development**

- Commenced Planning Amendment Report process to identify suitable land for development & industry expansion
- Investigate opportunities to facilitate & promote labour market programs
- Employment Study for the Ceduna Keys has been completed. Eyre Regional Development Board has gained additional funding to implement the training identified in the study.
- Traineeships and/or cadetships to be investigated for Council Administration and Apprenticeships for Operations areas.
- Investigating Adopt a School program with Crossways Lutheran School to lead onto work experience, traineeships, apprenticeships etc.

### **Goal 4 - Open and transparent relationships with our community and partners**

- Consultation undertaken with ratepayers on annual business plan & budget
- Council quarterly newsletter to provide information to general public on projects, initiatives and other relevant matters.
- Council website and other promotional material maintained and updated on a continual basis.
- Continue to support and implement State & Eyre Peninsula Regional planning strategies - Involved in Coastal Strategy for Eyre Peninsula. District Council was first Eyre Peninsula Council to undertake conversion to State Better Development Plan initiative.
- Smoky Bay Planning Amendment Report completed.

### **Goal 5 - Efficient and effective delivery of Council services**

- Council has established benchmarks for Council services utilising annual Local Government Association Customer Survey results - This survey is undertaken & included as a part of the Strategic Plan measures.
- Organisation reviews including efficiency audits of service delivery has been completed on Councils Administration with implementation of recommendations completed.
- Staff Training Plan developed and implemented.
- Concept plans for Council Administration Centre upgrade being undertaken, with construction costs to be ascertained to allow for budget consideration and public consultation.
- Occupational Health & Safety annual plan being achieved.
- Council Depot Complex now linked to Councils IT systems for improved business and information processes.
- 10 year Human Resources Plan developed.
- Councils IT systems have been outsourced and located off-site to provide for more effective service, and improved risk management.
- Governance Self Assessment systems has been developed to ensure accountability on legislative and

## ***STRATEGIC PLAN CONTINUED.***

best practice compliance.

- Formal resource sharing agreements with stakeholders to deliver services have been developed for areas including: Transitional Accommodation Facility, Ceduna Youth Centre, Homeland Municipal Services, Health Inspections, Building & Planning Services, and IT Services. More could be undertaken when opportunities arise.

### **Goal 6 - Community services developed and enhanced through leadership, consultation and advocacy**

#### **Health & Aged Services**

- Continue to support health services including leasing housing (at no charge) to assist in attraction of doctors to Ceduna.
- Contribute to aged services through ongoing support through lease of Ceduna Adult Activity Centre, Community Bus, and Every Generation event support.

#### **Youth Services**

- Partnership formed to undertake audit of youth services across the region through appointment of Community Youth Development Officer.
- Ceduna Youth Centre being maintained and operated at a high level. Approximately 1,100 youth/month attend the Centre
- Developing formal funding partnership with State Government for longer-term funding of Ceduna Youth Centre

#### **Sport & Recreation**

- Implementation of the Ceduna Sport, Recreation & Open Space Strategy continuing
- Leadership to be provided to organisations through policy development on financial management, administration matters, business planning, long-term sustainability, and resource sharing.
- Assisting Thevenard Sports & Community Club with residential redevelopment project.
- Assisting with redevelopment of disused indoor basketball stadium
- Partnership formed with Ceduna District Health Services to promote the benefits of physical activity and viable clubs through workshops, guest speakers and physical activities.
- Regional Sporting Facility feasibility study completed and adopted by the community
- Funding of \$90K secured over two years for employment of Sport & Recreation Officer until 30 June 2009.
- State Regional Masters Games - bid for 2009 Master Games successful and planning now underway for event in April 2009.
- Facilitating capacity building for community and sporting organisations through training and development in management, coaching and officiating, business planning, and administrative functions.
- Encourage resident participation through promoting passive and recreational
- Continue to provide leadership and administrative support to the Far West Football League.
- Facilitated the review of Eyre Peninsula Football structure with study undertaken across Eyre Peninsula on the future direction and sustainability of football on Eyre Peninsula from an economic, recreational, and social perspective.

#### **Indigenous Partnerships**

- Establishment of an Aboriginal Advisory Group in partnership with Far West Native Title Claimant Group -ILUA negotiations being pursued
- Negotiations with Far West Native Title Claimant Group to agree on a Council wide Indigenous Land Use Agreement are at an advanced stage
- Transitional Accommodation Facility partnership maintained for transient persons accommodation facility.

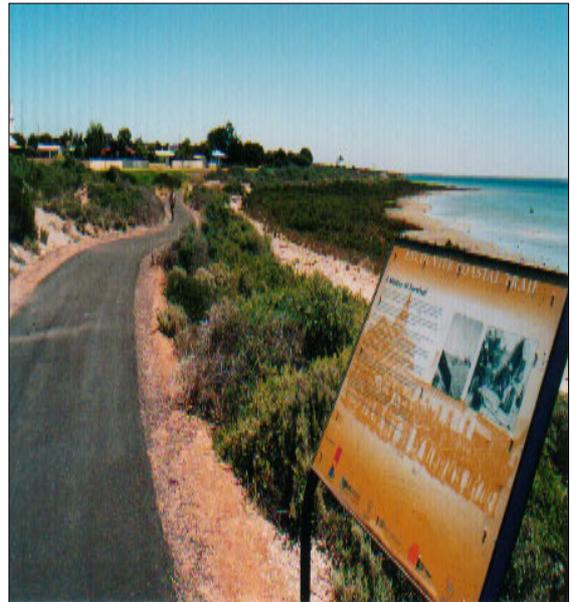
## ***STRATEGIC PLAN CONTINUED.***

### **Community Infrastructure**

- In partnership with education providers lobby government for improved facilities and services with new R-5 school and library building completed.
- Council has committed substantial funds to support construction of new School/Community Library.

### **Crime Prevention**

- Assessment of alternative crime prevention strategies is an ongoing process with projects including Ceduna Youth Centre, CCTV, Dry Areas Legislation, Alcohol Accord (current & proposed), Community Code of Conduct, support of Neighbourhood Watch Group, communications with Housing SA, all occurring on a continual basis.
- Assess needs and implemented CCTV expansion.
- Ceduna Reconnect Program developed and funding application completed – Youth Mentoring Program to assist in reduction in contact with SA Police & Justice System, increased educational attendance, and improved social interaction.
- Community Code of Conduct completed and adopted by Council as a part of crime prevention strategies to raise awareness of community responsibilities and actions that can be undertaken by individuals.
- New Ceduna Alcohol Accord proposed in partnership with Yalata and Oak Valley Communities



## MAJOR PROJECTS

### CBD Streetscape

The final touches have now been completed and the Poynton Street portion of the CBD Streetscape upgrade has been completed.

The project consisted of a number of elements in the works program including;

- The installation of new stormwater drainage infrastructure including pollution traps.
- The provision of new kerbs, water tables and medians on a new alignment to provide wider pedestrian walkways and safer road crossings.
- Installation of strategic tree planting and development of garden beds around the base of existing Norfolk Pine trees.
- Installation of decorative street lighting to the Australian Standard
- Replacement of all pedestrian surfaces with architectural pavers placed at grades and levels to ensure that all disability discrimination standards are met
- Replacement of road surfaces to correct existing faults and ensure stormwater drainage systems collect and dispose of runoff efficiently.

The re-vitalised main CBD has increased the overall amenity and character of Ceduna. The innovative street scaping has accentuated and transformed the open spaces, enhanced pedestrian walkways, provided public seating, better parking, footpaths and lighting.

Council staff would like to thank all businesses and residents for their patience during the upgrade; we think you would all agree the finished product was worth the inconvenience.



## ***MAJOR PROJECTS CONTINUED.***

### **Puckridge Boat Ramp**

Ceduna visitors and residents are now benefiting from the upgrade to Puckridge Boat Ramp. The project was managed by District Council staff and undertaken by Ceduna Bulk Hauliers, with the works involving the extension of the boat ramp to provide three extra launching lanes adjacent to the existing ramp, as well as adding floating pontoons and a breakwater that extends to the North East of the ramp.

The breakwater has ensured that the new launching ramps are provided with protection from the Northerly and Western winds that previously made loading and retrieving boats very difficult in adverse weather conditions. The new facility has also allowed boats to be launched into deeper water, and has overcome previous problems with vessels launching at low tide.

The project came in on budget at a total cost of \$ 660,000.00

Funding for the project was provided from the Boating Facilities Fund administered by the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure and the Regional Partnership funding administered by the Flinders Ranges Area Consultative Committee.



### **Asset Management**

Council has committed to the complete identification and condition rating of all of its assets and have now completed the assessment of our road network. This information along with traffic count data will enable Council to better plan for future road upgrades and assist us in applying for more funding from State and Federal Governments for road construction and maintenance.

### **2006/07 Roadwork's**

Council continues in its efforts in maintaining and improving our local road network with financial assistance from the Federal Grants Commission funding and the Federal Roads to Recovery program. Major upgrades of unsealed road pavements were undertaken on; OTC Rd, Point Bell Rd, Ten Chain Rd, Rocky Point Rd, Branden Rd and Nunji Rd plus a rebuild of a section of Charoba Rd which was partly funded by the State Government.

A number of roads were upgraded and sealed included; Hastings Rd, Smith Rd, Decres Bay Rd and reseals of sealed pavements in Ceduna, Thevenard, Denial Bay and Smoky Bay were undertaken. Thevenard IGA car park was extended and sealed in partnership with the business owners.

## ***MAJOR PROJECTS CONTINUED.***

### **Ceduna Airport**

The Ceduna Council has a Ceduna Airport Master Plan which has clearly identified that the existing infrastructure at the airport is inadequate for existing and future projected use. The Master Plan recommends that a three staged re-development of the entire airport facility is undertaken to ensure future industry demands are met and the safety and security regulations are also addressed.

#### Stage 1:

- Construction & establishment of a new terminal facility
- New entrance and access road into the new terminal building
- Provision of a new taxi way and apron
- Car Parking area

#### Stage 2

- Construction of a new 2000 metre runway (18/36)
- Construction of an expanded RPT commuter apron
- New general aviation apron
- Construction of an equipment storage facility

#### Stage 3

- Parallel taxiway serving runway 18/36
- Commercial servicing facilities
- The establishment of export facilities & industrial land

GHD Pty Ltd has produced a concept design, sketches and proposed preliminary cost estimate for a New Terminal Building which supports the Council's objectives and budget and creates a safe, modern and stimulating built environment for both passengers and staff. GHD are currently engaged to provide the engineering designs for the new terminal.

It is proposed that the New Terminal Building will be located in the north western corner of the intersection between the existing main runway and cross runway.



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## ***MAJOR PROJECTS CONTINUED.***

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The planning layout of the Terminal Building has been designed in accordance the square metre areas required for each user of the terminal. In summary, the design was based on two flight times running simultaneously (four 34 seater planes), resulting in a peak load of 204 people, 136 passengers and 68 accompanying patrons.

The planning layout has been designed to allow for a natural expansion to the north and south ends of the terminal. The gate / departure lounges and the administration / check-in area are able to be expanded in such a way as to maintain operational continuity throughout the terminal.

The check-in area has also been designed to allow adequate space for the fit-out of an automated baggage carriage way (should this be required at a later stage).

The provision of efficient and productive infrastructure is a prerequisite for establishing ongoing economic growth and competitiveness. The re-development of the infrastructure at the Ceduna airport is therefore essential to it becoming the key regional base for industries including mining, tourism, aquaculture and associated industries including building & construction.

The Far West Coast is a geographically isolated and remote part of South Australia and more often than not people have to travel to receive specialist medical/health services, education or sports programs. The new facilities at the airport will also provide long term community / social outcomes for residents of Ceduna & districts.



PROPOSED CEDUNA AIRPORT TERMINAL

# Financial Statements