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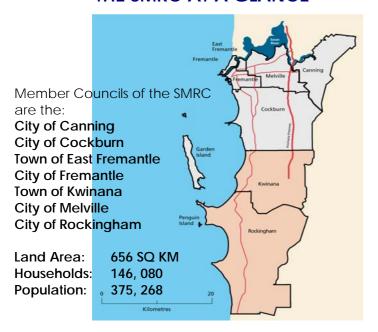
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Aerial view of the Regional Resource Recovery Centre (RRRC) Canning Vale, Western Australia

THE SMRC AT A GLANCE



The Southern Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC) is a statutory Western Australian Local Government Authority established to plan, develop, coordinate and implement sustainable waste management solutions and greenhouse gas abatement programs with, and for, its 7 member councils and their communities in the Perth metropolitan area.

Enabling Legislation

The Southern Metropolitan Regional Council is a regional local government. It was established pursuant to the Local Government Act 1960 on the 30 October 1991. By virtue of transitional provisions of the Local Government Act 1995, it is constituted as a regional local government under that Act.

On the 22 April 1998 the constitution was replaced by an establishment agreement made between the participants and approved by the Minister for Local Government.

A regional local government has the same general function of a local government including its legislative and executive functions, except as stated in section 3.66 the Local Government Act 1995.

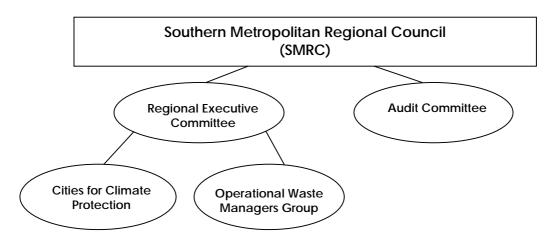
Structure

The Southern Metropolitan Regional Council comprises of one delegate from each member local government with equal voting rights, except the Chairman who may exercise a second vote where the vote is a tie.

The Regional Council elects the Chairman every two years.

The Regional Council meets monthly, on the fourth Thursday of the month commencing at 5pm. Special meetings may be held from time to time.

The Regional Council has appointed an Audit Committee comprising of three Regional Councillors and a Regional Executive Committee comprising of the Regional Council CEO and one senior officer with responsibility for waste management services from each Member Council's senior management Group.



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Cr Doug Thompson Chairman

As Chairman of the SMRC, I want to thank the residents of Canning, Cockburn, East Fremantle, Fremantle, Kwinana, Melville and Rockingham. Thanks to the regional community, the SMRC processed 153,290 tonnes of household waste and diverted 97,010 tonnes from landfill in 2005/06.

During 2005/06 the SMRC shipped out the equivalent of 85 sea containers of recycled products every week, made from household waste and recycling!

In April, May and June, 71% household waste was recovered at the Regional Resource Recovery Centre (RRRC). The monthly average for the last 12 months was 63% of household waste recovered and turned into valuable recycled products

29,823 tonnes of recyclables were produced last year; this included three different grades of paper, steel cans, aluminium, cardboard and three different types of plastics. All products are produced to quality standards and sent to industry to be remanufactured into new products. **14,746 tonnes of compost** was produced to meet the Australian Compost Standards, all of which was used by the farming community, and **27,581 tonnes of mulch** was produced for remanufacture into compost and soil amendment products.

The SMRC by reprocessing waste that would normally have gone to landfill in the 2005/06 year it reduced the amount of carbon dioxide (CO2) that would have gone to atmosphere by 153,000 tonnes. This is the equivalent the exhaust emissions that 70,000 cars would produce in a year.

In December 2005 the SMRC gained accreditation from the Australian Green House Office as a carbon credit abatement provider for its composting facility. This was an Australian first for a municipal solid waste composting facility, and the SMRC became one of seven organisations in Australia eligible to sell carbon credits. The Waste Composting Facility produces 76,000 tonnes of carbon credits each year.

The Regional Councillors attended the Coffs Harbour 06 National Waste conference, which provided great insight into the state of waste management in Australia and reaffirmed the SMRC status as a leading waste management authority in Australia.

In addition to our work in waste management, the SMRC Living Smart and GreenHouses, which promote sustainability and greenhouse gas reduction in homes and businesses, were presented to over 1000 homes and business during the 2005/06 year.

I am proud to serve as Chairman of the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council, and thank my fellow Regional Councillors for their outstanding service on behalf of the community in 2005/06.

Cr Doug Thompson CHAIRMAN

REGIONAL COUNCILLORS

Chairman, Cr Doug Thompson, City of Fremantle

Chairman of the Regional Council, Cr Thompson, has been a Fremantle City Councillor for over 15 years and has represented Fremantle on the Regional Council since 1994. He has been very involved in waste minimisation issues and was instrumental in testing out options for waste minimisation at Fremantle City Council in order to determine best practices. Cr Thompson believes that cooperative work towards environmental solutions to waste problems is the most important issue facing local government. As such, he is actively committed to making a significant contribution to facilitating and ensuring cooperation between councils for achievement of important environmental goals.



Deputy Chairman, Cr Clive Robartson OAM, City of Melville



Cr Robartson is a past chairman of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council and continuing member. He served as a member of the Waste Management Board and its predecessor the Advisory Council on Waste Management for many years. He is the immediate Past President of the Western Australian Local Government Association and a past Director of the Australian Local Government Association. Clive is currently a member of the Swan Catchment Council with positions on the Integrated Water Management Group and the Local Government Reference Group that he chairs. Now retired from his role as Manager of the Dept. of Agriculture Animal Health Laboratories he contributes his spare time as Hon. Secretary of the Order of Australia Association, WA Branch and Chairs the City of Melville Citizens Relief Fund (Inc.).

Mayor Dr Michael Lekias, City of Canning AM MBBS JP

The Mayor of the City of Canning, Dr Mick Lekias, has served on the Regional Council for over seven years. He has actively supported the development of the Regional Resource Recovery Centre in Canning Vale and is keen to see the minimisation of waste to landfill for the benefit of future generations.



Mayor Stephen Lee, City of Cockburn



Mayor Lee has been involved with local government for over 12 years with a strong interest in building social capital and beautifying and maintaining parklands and streetscapes. He was very interested in recycling and waste minimisation prior to becoming Mayor of a City that has one of the few remaining landfill sites in the metropolitan area and realises the extreme importance of managing this asset responsibly. Stephen is also a strong supporter and advocate of the Regional Council's approach to waste management

REGIONAL COUNCILLORS (continues)

Cr Barry Porter, Town of Kwinana

Cr Porter was appointed to the Regional Council in 2000. His portfolio with the Town of Kwinana initiated the contract for recycled crushed concrete aggregate for the building industry from Kwinana's class 1 landfill. Cr Porter supports technology that can transform waste, particularly material from the heavy industrial sector, back into resources for re-use.





Cr Ann Prince, City of Rockingham

Cr Prince is a ten year veteran of the Rockingham City Council and was reelected unopposed in May 2005 for another four year term. Over the last decade she has been a member of the South Metropolitan Zone and Chair and Deputy Chair on the South West Development and Employment Foundation. She feels the region is growing rapidly and the needs are greater every year, but to be involved with meeting these challenges is exciting. Cr Prince's main interests are jobs for future generations and the protection of our environment.

Cr Peter Le May, Town of East Fremantle

Cr Le May has a commitment to regional issues, a strong interest in environmental matters including efficient waste management, and a particular interest in community education and efficient waste management at the householder level. He is also keen to see the most viable product streams established from optimal waste management and consequent stable channels of distribution. Peter Le May first became an East Fremantle Councillor in the early 90s, but had to retire from the town council upon moving to Canberra. He returned to East Fremantle, and was re-elected to the council in 2002. Cr Le May has extensive private and public sector experience at senior levels.



SMRC SENIOR STAFF



Mr Stuart McAll
Chief Executive Officer



Mr Brendan Doherty Manager Engineering Services



Mr Chris Wiggins Manager Administration & Finance



Mr Tim Youe Manager Business Development



Mr Chuck Ellis Manager Communications

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (REC)

This group comprises one representative from each participant Council's senior management staff responsible for waste management. The 2005-2006 REC members are:

Mr Stuart McAll Chief Executive Officer, SMRC REC Chairman

Mr Stephen Cain, Chief Executive Officer, City of Cockburn

Mr Jim Coten, Director, Technical & Operational Services, Town of Kwinana

Mr Ian Goodbody, Manager, City Works, City of Fremantle

Mr Tony Brown, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Town of East Fremantle

Mr Stewart Marshall, Director, Engineering and Parks, City of Rockingham

Mr Silvio Trinca, Executive, Engineering Technical Services, City of Canning

Mr Robert Willis, Director, Technical Services, City of Melville

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT



Mr Stuart McAll
Chief Executive Officer

The past 12 months have seen some exciting developments for the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council. As the financial year comes to a close the Regional Council's operations continue to provide the quality service our member councils and the community expect from us.

During 2005/06 the SMRC undertook important work to position the organisation as a leading Australian waste management authority and at the forefront of efforts to combat climate change, and promote the important link between recycling, waste management, and global warming.

The 2005/06 year was operationally a significant milestone for the SMRC, with the RRRC Waste Composting Facility becoming fully operational and the SMRC taking over the operations of the Materials Recovery Facility. This presented many difficult technical problems to overcome (many of which were industry firsts). The results of these efforts were rewarded by achieving a 71% diversion of waste from landfill (in the last 3 months of operation) and reducing carbon emissions by 153,000 tonnes.

In a first for local government in Australia, the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council's Waste Composting Facility, a part of the Regional Resource Recovery Centre (RRRC) in Canning Vale, has been approved as a Greenhouse Friendly abatement project by the Federal Department of Environment and Heritage.

The Regional Council approved a \$10,000,000 business plan to replace the existing Materials Recovery Facility (40,000 tonne per year) with a new state of the art Materials Recovery Facility with a processing capacity of 90,000 tonne per year. This facility will be completed by June 2007.

The SMRC compost market development project came to a conclusion in 2005/06. This important trial supplied compost made from the region's municipal household waste (MSW) to 46 demonstration farms within a 100 to 150 km radius of Perth. The range of crops where compost has been applied in the last year includes broad-acre crops of wheat, barley, oats, canola and lupins, and pasture. SMRC compost has also been applied to horticultural crops such as olives, pumpkin, grapes, and turf. Project results indicate substantial improvement in soil and crop performance. A full report on the trial is expected in September 2006. This trial has provided the SMRC with valuable information for the sale of SMRC compost in 2006/07.

In December 2005 the Waste Composting Facility odour management system failed creating considerable concern in the community adjacent to the facility. The SMRC undertook a major review of the odour management system, which resulted in a substantial, redesigned of the bio-filters, ventilation and humidification systems. These works will be completed in January 2007 at a cost of \$2.4 million.

The SMRC constructed a purpose built Audit Facility at the RRRC to evaluate and get better insight into the composition of the waste streams received at

the RRRC for processing and evaluation of the reduced waste streams leaving the RRRC. The Audit Facility is an invaluable tool in the SMRC's goal to find and implement ways to reduce waste to landfill by 95%.

As a result of work undertaken at the Audit Facility, the SMRC was able to determine that 38% of all recyclables produced in the household were still being placed in the green waste bin that is sent to the Waste Composting Facility, further investigation showed that over 60% of the domestic households were filing their recycling bin in the first week and appeared to be placing the remaining recyclables in the compost waste bin. With this information the SMRC successfully sort funding from the National Packaging Council to run a 5-month trial of weekly collection of recyclables, this trial will be completed by June 2007.

The Regional Greenhouse Abatement program continues to see SMRC staff providing programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at the household and small business level to the community. Again, it's another sign of the SMRC's growing efforts to combat climate change that these pioneering programs, developed in partnership by the SMRC, continue to grow and be popular with the community.

The development of alternative fuels use for the RRRC is well on the way, this will result in changing from using 100% diesel in its operation to 100% bio diesel, this change is expected to be complete in early 2007.

The SMRC purchased its own administration building in March 2006, 9 Aldous Place Booragoon, to house 15 Administration and senior management staff. The building was refitted and staff moved in at the end of June.

During this year the SMRC total staff grew from 79 to 98 full time employees, the majority of the staff increase was due to the Waste Composting Facility becoming fully operational and the SMRC operating the Materials Recovery Facility. The SMRC's operational budget grew from \$15 million in 2004/05 to \$17.8 million.

This has been a demanding year for both councillors and staff with many achievements and difficulties overcome. I would personally like to thank our Chairman over the last year, the Regional Councillors, and the SMRC's member councils. Their contribution and decision-making skills have seen the Regional Council overcome the challenges put before it in the last year, and made it ready for the future.

I would also like to thank the members of the Regional Executive Committee, and many other staff from our member councils who participate in various working groups offering their input and support to our staff.

Most importantly, I especially wish to thank the dedication of the SMRC staff. Their hard work, tireless efforts and professionalism throughout the year is a credit to the SMRC.

Mr Stuart McAll
Chief Executive Officer

OUR VISION, PURPOSE AND PRINCIPLES

In 2004/05, the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council adopted a strategic plan including: a vision, purpose, and principles, which lead to the development of a set of 4 key focus areas. This strategic plan will be reviewed in 2006/07.

Our **vision** is for the SMRC to be leading the community in sustainable environment management.

Our **purpose** is to provide sustainable solutions to resource recovery and greenhouse gas abatement for the regional community.

We will conduct our business guided by these principles:

- Partnerships
- Innovative solutions
- Community driven outcomes
- Best value
- Integrity and transparency

From this the Regional Council has adopted 4 key focus areas:

- Resource Recovery
- Greenhouse Gas Abatement
- Community
- Organizational Excellence

The key focus areas encompass the triple bottom line of environmental (Resource Recovery and Greenhouse Gas Abatement), social (Community), and economic (Organizational Excellence). Environmental, social and economic factors and outcomes guide the Regional Council throughout its decision-making, ensuring the best outcomes are achieved for each area.



STRATEGIC GOALS AND KEEP PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

For each key focus area the SMRC has set a strategic goal, which is measured by a serries of key performance indicators.

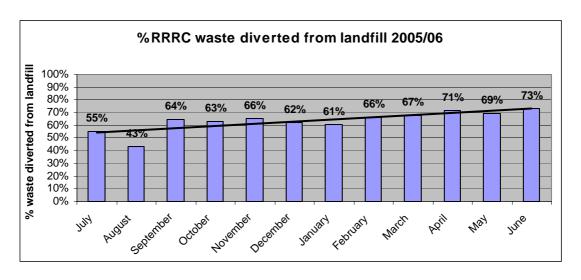
Goal 1: Resource Recovery (environmental)

 To ensure maximum resource recovery to achieve 95% reduction in waste

The following key performance indicators were adopted in 2005/06 to measure the SMRC's success in achieving this goal.

Key Performance Indicator	2005 - 2006	2005 - 2006
	Annual Target	Actual
Resource Recovery		
RRRC service provision		
MSW	81,900	81,093
Bio-solids	6,000	1,530
Recyclables	41,000	43,086
Green waste	26,000	27,581
Total waste diverted from Landfill	65%	63%
% Utilisation of RRRC	83%	85%
Availability of RRRC to receive waste Days / year		
Waste Composting Facility	195	192
Materials Recovery Facility	302	302
Green Waste Processing Facility	363	363
Quality assurance product		
Recyclables	98%	97%
Mulch	100%	100%

The Regional Resource Recovery Centre (RRRC) in Canning Vale continues to be the main focus of the SMRC. In 2005/06, the RRRC diverted 97,010 tonnes of waste from landfill. With an average diversion rate of 63% per month, rising to 71% in the last quarter of 2005/06, this is a remarkable achievement in terms of diversion of domestic waste from landfill in comparison with any other facility in Australia. The chart below shows the percentage of the waste stream diverted from landfill by the RRRC for each month of 2005/06.



The average landfill diversion rate was brought down earlier in 2005/06 as a result of mechanical operational reliability issues in the first half of the financial year.

In November 2005 the SMRC engaged a Senior Mechanical Engineer to establish a mechanical maintenance department to improve the reliability of the RRRC's plant and equipment. This has resulted in a substantial improvement in operational reliability.

The Green Waste Processing Facility (GWPF) is achieving 100% diversion and this has been achieved by having strong commercial contracts in place with three compost manufactures that use the SMRC's mulch as feedstock for their own compost manufacturing.



The refurbished MRF at the RRRC

The Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) averaged annually a 69% diversion of waste from landfill. From July to November 2005 there was a steady improvement in the recovery rate from 60% to 74% and this is due to the SMRC having acquired the facility in June 2005 and then developing the operational expertise to operate the facility. Then from December to March 2006 the diversion rate dropped to 66%, this is primarily due to the quantity of recyclables received during these months, which exceeded the design capacity of the plant. As the quantities dropped in winter the plant's recovery rate improved up to 76%.

The Regional Council recognized the need for a new larger facility to be constructed in 2006/07. During 2005/06 a business plan for the development and operation of a new MRF was developed and adopted by the Regional Council.

The Waste Composting Facility (WCF) achieved its operational target of processing 75% of design capacity (actual figure 74.3%), which is a significant achievement for its first year of operations. The diversion rate from landfill started the year poorly when the facility experienced failures in the primary trommels and digester alignment issues with August achieving a diversion from landfill of 20% followed by unseasonably wet weather. As time progressed the operations of the facility were modified to accommodate the extra wet MSW and the digester alignment issues were rectified and as a consequence diversion rates improved. Plant reliability became an issue in November through to March with significant failures in the final screening equipment and compost turning machine, these issues have improved considerably with planned preventative maintenance programs now in place. The trend for the facility is positive with June recording a 64% landfill diversion rate. The annual average rate was 47.8%. This will improve further in the next financial year as the facility is fine-tuned and preventative maintenance programs continue to be improved.

In 2005/06, the RRRC received 153,290 tonnes of waste. This equates to approximately 11,000 cubic metres per week of waste material that is

processed at the RRRC. The table below shows the total waste received by the RRRC, and products produced by the RRRC in 2005/06.

Total Waste Processed at RRRC 2005-2006		Total Products produced at RRRC 2005-2006			
MSW	81,093	Tonnes	Compost	14,746	Tonnes
Bio-solids	1,530	Tonnes	Mulch	27,581	Tonnes
Recyclables	43,086	Tonnes	Recyclables	29,823	Tonnes
Green waste	27,581	Tonnes	Carbon Credits	76,000	Tonnes CO2e
Total	153,290	Tonnes	Total	148,150	Tonnes
Total Waste Diverted from Landfill 97,010 Tonnes					

During the last 12 months the RRRC shipped out approximately 1,400 tonnes of compost, mulch, and recycled products each week, the equivalent of 17 large sea containers per day.

The outstanding diversion rates achieved at the RRRC demonstrate the SMRC's ability to operate in a commercial and manufacturing environment with the successful sale and manufacture of 148,000 tonnes of products.

Each of the recycled products manufactured at the RRRC meets high quality assurance standards, developed by the SMRC working with the market.



Compost manufacture at the RRRC

The recyclables had one non-compliance during the year and the mulch always met the required standard.

The RRRC group tours provide a communication and education role for community groups, such as schools, in understanding not only the benefits of recycling, but reinforcing how to best use the two bin collection system at home.

Goal 2: Greenhouse Gas Abatement (environmental)

 To provide leadership to assist and facilitate in the reduction of greenhouse gases within the region

The following Key Performance Indicators were adopted in 2005/06 to measure the SMRC's success in achieving this goal.

Key Performance Indicator	2005 - 2006	2005 - 2006
	Annual Target	Actual
Green House Gas abatement		
Greenhouse & Living Smart program attendance	600	1060
%Satisfaction of resident attending programmes	85%	91%
Net Carbon Credits achieved Tonnes/yr	49330	76,000

In 2005/06, carbon credits achieved was 76,000 tonnes CO2e against a target of 49,330 tonnes CO2e. Upon verification of the SMRC's submission to the Australian Greenhouse Office, carbon credits, or abatement, will be available to sale to other organisations wishing to offset their own emissions in 2006/07.

In 2005/06 the Regional Community Greenhouse Gas Abatement Project addressed emissions in the residential and transport sectors and for the first time, the small-to-medium business sector. An estimated 600 tonnes of greenhouse emissions were abated.

Through the Alternative Fuels Program a fuel options report was submitted to Council and preparations have begun for a biodiesel trial given the emergence of local manufacturers and its greenhouse abatement potential.

Success in a \$25,000 Federal Department of Environment and Heritage Grant enabled the 7-month pilot project to go ahead with 36 small-to-medium businesses in local neighbourhood centres in Cities of Canning, Cockburn and Rockingham.

In addition, SMRC Greenhouse Team undertook two small projects via service agreements with Town of Victoria Park and City of Nedlands and Town of Cambridge.

The implementation of the GreenHouses and Living Smart programmes has been very successful with the attendance of 1,060 people who recorded a 91% satisfaction rating.

Ongoing residential programs ran across the region with over 750 households participating in the GreenHouses and over 100 residents attending in the 7-week Living Smart course. A new



GreenHouses being presented in Rockingham

residential program was developed and piloted called the Targeted Action Campaign. It is designed to reach the wider community with a few specific and significant home energy actions. The pilot project engaged over 200 East Fremantle households and was funded by an Australian Greenhouse Office Grant to the Town.

In 2005/06 six member councils participated in the Regional Community Greenhouse Gas Abatement Project. The Regional CCP Officers Committee met bi-monthly supporting the project's delivery and direction and sharing on internal CCP measures. The SMRC Greenhouse Team in 2005/06 included the Regional Greenhouse Coordinator, Green Enterprise Facilitator and the Greenhouse Education Officer.

Goal 3: Community (social)

 To influence regional community environmental practices for health communities

The following Key Performance Indicators were adopted in 2005/06 to measure the SMRC's success in achieving this goal.

Key Performance Indicator	2005 - 2006	2005 - 2006
	Annual Target	Actual
Community		
Member Councils Councillors % satisfied or greater	70%	76%
State and Federal Members	15 meetings	16
Presentations to Member Councils	7 meetings	12
Effectiveness of Community education		
% Habitual & Passionate Recyclers	44.00%	24.80%
Community awareness of the SMRC	20%	56.20%
Number of Annual visitors to RRRC	4000	4614
RRRC visitor survey % Satisfied or very satisfied	85%	97%

In the last year, a significant drop in the percentage of the community who are habitual and passionate recyclers has occurred, down from 44% (2003/04) to 24.8%. The 2005 community survey shows that recycling is still a high priority; however there has been a shift in the community's degree of certainty in the process.

Tours of the RRRC and degree of satisfaction with tours have exceeded the targets set by the Regional Council. The number of people visiting the facility has increased from 2819 in 2004/05 to 4614 in 2005/06. This is an average of 89



One of four digesters at the RRRC

people per week, of which 97% (by survey) have indicated they are satisfied or very satisfied with the tour.

A survey of Member Council Councillors showed a positive response with 76% being satisfied or better with the SMRC. This was the first survey of its kind and now forms our baseline for future measurement.

The provision of presentations to State and Federal politicians, and

member councils has met and exceeded the target for the SMRC and as a result positioned the SMRC to provide valuable input into State and Federal future waste management directions.

Community awareness of the SMRC has grown dramatically in the 2005/06 financial year with surveys showing that 56% of the community is aware of the existence of the SMRC.

The SMRC's communication section continues to work with member councils' public relations and media departments, ensuring a consistent message is delivered to the community.

The SMRC continues to build partnerships and dialogue with other organizations involved in the resource recovery industry, including State government and the private sector.

Goal 4: Organizational Excellence (economic)

• To ensure Southern Metropolitan Regional Council is efficient and effective

The following Key Performance Indicators were adopted in 2005/06 to measure the SMRC's success in achieving this goal.

Key Performance Indicator	2005 - 2006	2005 - 2006
	Annual Target	Actual
Organisational Excellence		
Statutory Compliance		
External audit non-compliances	0	2
Total operating income	\$15,198,706	\$15,423,509
Total Operating expenditure	\$16,782,456	\$17,844,534
Capital expenditure program		
%Capital expenditure	100%	56%
Capital exp program	\$8,658,800	\$3,406,829
RRRC Commercial Income	\$5,192,800	\$6,113,534
Best Practise benchmark RRRC cost/hh/yr	\$ 83.00	\$ 102.67
Safety lost time injuries incidents	0	9
Environmental compliance Incidents	0	1
Staff Satisfaction survey % satisfied or greater	70%	65.65%

The best practise benchmark RRRC cost/hh/yr KPI was set at \$83.00 per household per year. Based on the SMRC experience of Eastern States costs (conference trip to Coffs Harbour), the benchmark has been re-calculated to \$130.66 /hh/year as follows.

Best practise Benchmark					
Waste generated per household per year Cost/ tonne Cost/year					
Green Waste	0.15 t/yr	\$	38.00	\$	5.70
Recyclables	0.286 t/yr	\$	46.00	\$	13.16
MSW	0.86 t/yr	\$	130.00	\$	111.80
Total waste/year	1.296 t/yr		Total cost/hh	\$	130.66

The cost per household to the project participants for the 2005/07 year was \$102.67.

The RRRC has had one significant environment compliance issue this financial year being the fugitive odour emissions from the Waste Composting Facility. The emissions commenced in December 2005 and the SMRC received some 385 complaints from December to June 2006. The problem has been investigated using specialist odour management consultants, The Odour Unit and the extent of works required to rectify the problem has been identified. The SMRC has in its 2006/07 budget allocated \$2.4 million to under take the necessary works, which are anticipated to be complete in January 2007.

The SMRC continues to be involved and represented in a number of industry organisations, such as the Municipal Waste Advisory Council and the WA Waste Board.

Network groups with member council staff, such as the Regional Waste Managers Group continue to ensure effective communication between the SMRC and member council's waste management sections.

Regional co-operation continues to be developed through member council Chief Executive Officers and senior officers as members of the Regional Executive Committee. The REC is critical to the continued success of the SMRC.

The SMRC has also developed effective management and consultation systems in dealing with project issues, such as the Waste Composting Facility commissioning, or media management. The SMRC seeks to continually improve communication with its member councils and the community.

The SMRC continues to maintain local, interstate, and international networking with staff from similar operations.



NATIONAL COMPETITION POLICY

Clause 7 of the Competition Principles Agreement sets out Local Government's responsibilities under the National Competition Policy. The clause deals with competitive neutrality, structural reform of public monopolies and regulation review.

Application of Competitive Neutrality Principles

For significant business activities (business activities where annual income exceeds \$200,000) Local Government is required to undertake a cost-benefit analysis to evaluate whether or not competitive neutrality principles should apply. The analysis must take into account all the quantitative and qualitative costs and benefits, which may include economic, social and environmental criteria. Where it is judged that the benefits of implementing competitive neutrality outweigh the costs, then the Local Government must impose costs that the private sector would be required to pay (i.e. payroll tax, Commonwealth & State taxes, debt guarantee fees and other regulatory requirements imposed on private but not government bodies).

The Regional Council has one significant business activity – Regional Resource Recovery Centre (RRRC). The centre meets the "public benefit test" in respect to "user pay charges" and the provision of services is beneficial to the regional community.

Regulatory Review

The intention of this clause is to ensure existing Local Laws set by Local Governments do not restrict competition unless there are benefits to the community as a whole.

The Southern Metropolitan Regional Council has not adopted any Local Laws.

RECORD KEEPING PLANS

Principal 6 of the State Records Commission of WA Standard 1/2001 (Record Keeping Plans) refers to compliance requirements by the Regional Council.

- A Record Keeping Plan for the SMRC was submitted (2/3/2004) and approved by the State Records Commission (7/10/2004).
- The Plan identified the need for a review of its record keeping system and staff training programme which was undertaken in 2005/06.

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 20061

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FINANCIAL REPORT

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 1996

STATEMENT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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

Signed on the 8 November 2006

Stuart McAll

Chief Executive Officer

INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2006

	NOTE	2006 \$	2006 Budget \$	2005 \$
REVENUES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	s		•	
Governance Community Amenities Other Property and Service TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	2b	290,000 15,211,742 71,457 15,573,199	294,500 14,738,244 165,962 15,198,706	216,938 8,009,772 150,070 8,376,780
EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES EXCLUDING BORROWING COSTS EXPE				
Governance Community Amenities Other Property and Service TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	2b	310,967 18,185,851 71,457 18,568,275	288,250 15,596,205 165,962 16,050,417	279,170 12,355,866 150,070 12,785,106
BORROWING COSTS EXPENSE				
Community Amenities	2c	2,577,342 2,577,342	2,759,779 2,759,779	2,197,743 2,197,743
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		(5,572,418)	(3,611,490)	(6,606,069)

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCIL BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2006

	NOTE	2006	2005
CURRENT ASSETS Cash & Cash Equivalents Trade & Other Receivables Inventories Other TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	3 4 5 6	\$ 526,261 8,885,361 353,589 	347,524 9,400,917 4,111 13,235 9,765,787
NON-CURRENT ASSETS Trade & Other Receivables Property, Plant and Equipment TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	4 7	38,809,006 39,552,549 78,361,555	30,987,424 39,045,771 70,033,195
TOTAL ASSETS		88,126,766	79,798,982
CURRENT LIABILITIES Trade & Other Payables Borrowings - current portion Provisions TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	8 9 10	1,633,436 6,641,382 134,329 8,409,147	2,795,462 7,714,682 88,784 10,598,928
Borrowings - non-current portion Provisions	9 10	38,809,007 126,270	30,987,424 91,998
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		38,935,277	31,079,422
TOTAL LIABILITIES		47,344,424	41,678,350
NET ASSETS		40,782,342	38,120,632
EQUITY Retained Surplus/(Deficit) Participants Equity Reserves TOTAL EQUITY		(9,963,890) 50,611,631 134,601 40,782,342	(4,882,520) 42,377,503 625,649 38,120,632
	T OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2006	;	
	NOTE	2006	2005
RETAINED SURPLUS (DEFICIT) Balance as at 1 July Operating Surplus/(Deficit) Transfer from/(to) Reserves Balance as at 30 June	2 11	\$ (4,882,520) (5,572,418) 491,048 (9,963,890)	\$ 1,926,305 (8,808,089) (202,756) (4,882,520)
PARTICIPANTS EQUITY Balance as at 1 July Participants Contribution for the year Balance as at 30 June		42,377,503 8,234,128 50,611,631	37,377,503 5,000,000 42,377,503
RESERVES Balance as at 1 July Transfer from/(to) Accumulated Surplus Balance as at 30 June	11	625,649 (491,048) 134,601	422,893 202,756 625,649
TOTAL EQUITY		40,782,342	38,120,632

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2006

	NOTE	2006 \$	2006 Budget	2005 \$
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		•	\$	•
Receipts Grants and Subsidies - operating		386,891	777,415	242,268
Contributions, Reimbursements & Donation Fees and Charges	s	5,378,637 10,869,785	1,452,532 4,043,365	4,455,166 4,578,186
Interest Earnings Goods & Services Tax	_	30,917 1,571,099 18,237,329	13,000 1,130,000 7,416,312	108,161 525,267 9,909,048
Payments Employee Costs		(5,680,309)	(5,252,108)	(2,800,778)
Materials and Contracts Utilities (gas, electricity, water, etc)		(9,987,497) (1,244,095)	(2,095,052) (1,028,467)	(4,034,278) (966,297)
Insurance Interest		(196,308) (2,582,546)	(287,688) (3,212,879)	(147,307) (2,189,847)
Goods & Services Tax Other	_	(1,693,538) (34,236) (21,418,529)	(1,350,000) (40,000) (13,266,194)	(668,838) (35,597) (10,842,942)
Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Operating Activities	12(b)		(5,849,882)	(933,894)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	_			
Payments for Purchase of Land and Buildings	7 7	(1,492,627)	(2,000,000)	(15,960)
Information Technology Equipment Furniture & Fittings Vehicles & Plant	7	(91,339) (5,072) (1,458,772)	(18,250) (5,293,550)	(6,138) (6,043,523)
Other Payments for Construction of		(12,450)	(0,200,000)	-
RRRC Leasehold Improvements Grants and Contributions for	7	(352,586)	(1,239,000)	(610,414)
the Development of Assets Proceeds from Sale of	00	24.500	25.000	73,949
Plant & Equipment Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Investing Activities	26_	(3,388,346)	25,000 (8,633,800)	146,593 (6,455,493)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		(0,000,010)	(0,000,000)	(0,100,100)
Repayment of Loans Proceeds from New Loans	28 28	(9,306,399) 16,054,682	(1,750,000) 16,433,682	(5,969,410) 9,729,418
Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Financing Activities		6,748,283	14,683,682	3,760,008
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held Cash at Beginning of year		178,737 347,524	200,000 500,000	(3,629,379) 3,976,903
Cash at End of Year	12(a)	526,261	700,000	347,524

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2006

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies which have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report are:

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards and the Local Government Act 1995 (as amended) and accompanying regulations. The report has also been prepared on the accrual basis under the convention of historical cost accounting.

(b) The Local Government Reporting Entity

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

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

All monies held in the Trust Fund are excluded from the financial statements, but a separate statement of those monies appears at Note 18 to this financial report.

(c) Goods and Services Tax

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

(d) Fixed Assets

Property & plant and equipment assets are brought to account at cost or fair value.

(e) Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

All non-current assets having a limited useful life where the cost exceeds \$500 for furniture, computer and electronic equipment and \$1,000 for vehicles, plant and equipment, buildings and infrastructure assets are systematically depreciated over their useful lives in a manner which reflects the consumption of the future economic benefits embodied in those assets.

Depreciation is recognised on a straight-line basis, using rates which are reviewed each reporting period. The cost of improvements to or on leasehold land is capitalised, disclosed as leasehold improvements, and amortised over the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements, whichever is the shorter.

Major depreciation periods are:

Computer Equipment3 to 5 yearsFurniture and Equipment5 to 10 yearsPlant and Equipment4 to 15 yearsLeasehold Improvements10 to 50 years

(f) Employee Entitlements

Employee entitlements are accrued on a pro-rata basis in accordance with Contractual Agreements, Awards and relevant Acts in relation to Annual and Long Service Leave in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date.

The provisions for employee benefits to annual leave and long service leave expected to be settled within 12 months represents the amount that the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council has a present obligation to pay resulting from employees services provided to balance date. The provisions have been calculated based on remuneration rates the council expects to pay and includes related on-costs.

The provision for employee benefits to annual leave and long service leave expected to be settled in more then 12 months represents the present value of the estimated future outflows to be made by the employer resulting from the employees service to balance date.

(g) Impairment of Assets

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

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2006

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(h) Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

Council's financial assets and liabilities that fall into loans and receivables categories and is measured at their recognition amount.

(i) Grants, Donations and Other Contributions

Grants, donations and other contributions are recognised as revenues when the local government obtains control over the assets comprising the contributions.

Where contributions recognised as revenues during the reporting period were obtained on the condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period, and those conditions were undischarged as at the reporting date, the nature of and amounts pertaining to those undischarged conditions are disclosed in Note 2(e). That note also discloses the amount of contributions recognised as revenues in a previous reporting period which were obtained in respect of the local government's operation for the current reporting period.

(i) Investments

All investments are valued at cost and interest on those investments is recognised when accrued.

(k) Superannuation

The Southern Metropolitan Regional Council contributes to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme and the Occupational Superannuation Fund. Both funds are defined contribution schemes.

(I) Leases

Leases of fixed assets, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not legal ownership, are transferred to the company, are classified as finance leases. Finance leases are capitalised, recording an asset and a liability equal to the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual value. Leased assets are amortised over their estimated useful lives. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period.

Lease payments under operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

(m) Participants Contribution Equity

The Participants contributions towards the Regional Resource Recovery Centre (RRRC) is treated as an equity contribution.

(n) Interest Rate Risk

The Council's exposure to interest rate risk, which is the risk that a financial instrument's value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates. Information on interest rate risk refer Note 28.

(o) Credit Risk

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

(p) Net Fair Values

The net fair value of assets and liabilities approximate their carrying values. No financial assets and financial liabilities are readily traded on organised markets in standardised form. Financial assets where the carrying amount exceeds net fair values have not been written down as the Council intends to hold these assets to maturity.

The aggregate net fair value and carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities are disclosed in the balance sheet and in the notes to and forming part of the financial report.

(q) Rounding Off Figures

All figures shown in this annual financial report are rounded to the nearest dollar

(r) Comparative Figures

Where required, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2006

2. OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES		2006 \$	2005 \$
(a) Result from Ordinary Activities		4	•
The Result from Ordinary Activities includes:			
(i) Charging as Expenses:			
Auditors Remuneration			
- Audit		5,200	2,800
Bad and Doubtful Debts		5,200	2,800
- Sundry Debtors		155 155	221,127
Amortisation			221,127
- Leasehold Improvements		1,033,425 1,033,425	1,075,583 1,075,583
Depreciation		1,055,425	1,075,565
Computer Equipment		43,424	52,302
Furniture and Equipment Plant and Equipment		22,117 1,790,152	38,799 3,208,983
Buildings		3,067	3,322
		1,858,760	3,303,406
Total Amortisation & Depreciation		2,892,185	4,378,989
Routel Channel			
Rental Charges - Operating Leases		306,045	363,856
(ii) Crediting as Revenues:			
	2006	2006	2005
Interest Earnings	Budget	\$	\$
Investments - General Fund Towards Operating	\$ 13,000	30,917	34,212
- General Fund Towards Capital	10,000	50,517	73,949
	13,000	30,917	108,161
(b) Revenues and Expenses from Ordinary Activ	vities	2006	2005
Classified According to Nature and Type		\$	\$
Revenues from Ordinary Activities			
Grants and Subsidies - operating (refer note 22)		716,928	391,609
Grants and Subsidies - non-operating (refer note 2)			
Contributions Reimbursements and Donations (refe Fees and Charges (refer note 24)	er note 23)	3,259,350 11,566,004	3,258,825 4,618,185
Interest Earnings (refer note 2a)		30,917	108,161
Profit on Sale of Assets (refer note 26)		-	-
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Expenses from Ordinary Activities Employee Costs		5,925,576	2,990,882
Materials and Contracts		8,275,355	4,144,447
Utilities (gas, electricity, water, etc)		1,244,095	966,297
Depreciation on Non-current Assets (refer note 2a)		2,892,185	4,378,990
Loss on Asset Disposals (refer note 26) Insurance		196,308	121,586
Other		34,756	147,307 35,597
		18,568,275	12,785,106
(c) Borrowing Costs Expense			
Borrowing Costs Expense comprises: Debentures (refer note 28a)		2 577 240	2 407 740
Debandres (refer flote 20a)		2,577,342 2,577,342	2,197,743 2,197,743
		-1-17/10/12	2,107,110
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)		(5,572,418)	(6,606,069)

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2. OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES (Continued)

(d) Statement of Objective

The regional purposes for which the Regional Local Government is established are:

- (a) to plan, coordinate and implement the removal, processing, treatment and disposal of waste for the benefit of the communities of the participants;
- (b) to influence local, state and federal governments in the development of regional waste management policies and legislation.

The objectives of the Regional Local Government shall be:

- (a) without loss being incurred by the Regional Local Government, to carry out the Regional purposes so that services and facilities are provided to the consumer at a reasonable cost and with due regard for community needs;
- (b) to reduce the quality of waste disposed of a landfill sites in accordance with targets set by the Regional Local Government.

Council operations as disclosed in this report encompass the following service orientated activities programs:

GOVERNANCE

Administration and operation facilities and services to members of council, other costs that relate to tasks of assisting member councils and the public on matters which do not concern specific council services. In accordance with legislative changes effective 1 July 1997 General Administration costs have been allocated to the various programs of council to reflect the true cost of the services provided. Directly attributable administration costs have been recorded in the relevant program while indirect costs have been allocated on the basis of Administration staff timesheets.

COMMUNITY AMENITIES

To provide environmentally friendly waste management facilities to consumers at a competitive cost, mindful of community requirements, whilst aiming to greatly reduce the quantity of waste disposed at landfill sites. This includes the Regional Resource Recovery Centre at Canning Vale which is a Major Commercial Business Undertaking.

OTHER PROPERTY AND SERVICES

The Regional Council provides administrative services and maintains contractual agreements on behalf of the South West Group (SWG). The Group reimburses all expenses incurred.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

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		2006	2005
2	(e) Conditions Over Contributions	\$	\$
۷.	(e) conditions over contributions		
	Grants which were recognised as revenues during the reporting period and which had not yet been expended in the manner specified by the contributor.(Shown as unspent grants in Note 3)		
	- Nil		
	Grants which were recognised as revenues in the previous reporting period and which were expended in the current reporting period in the manner specified by the contributor.		
	- Nil	-	
			-
3.	CASH		
	Cash on Hand Cash at Bank	1,150 370,510	1,050 326,474
	Term Deposits	154,601	20,000
		526,261	347,524
	Unrestricted	336,524	(351,184)
	Restricted	189,737	698,708
		526,261	347,524
	The following restrictions have been imposed by regulations or other externally imposed requirements:		
	Retention & Bonds	45,090 10,046	63,013 10,046
	Regional Collection Contributions Reserve Fund - RRRC Plant	95,000	480,000
	Reserve Fund - RRRC Infrastructure	39,601	145,649
		189,737	698,708
4.	TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES		
	Current		
	Sundry Debtors	1,445,931	1,222,946
	Less Doubtful Debts Accrued Income	(155) 798,203	(155) 364,949
	GST Receivable	-	98,495
	Loan Debtors - Project Participants	6,641,382 8,885,361	7,714,682 9,400,917
	Non-Current	0,000,001	
	Loan Debtors - Project Participants	38,809,006	30,987,424
		38,809,006	30,987,424
5.	INVENTORIES		
	Stock on Hand - Fuel Stock on Hand - RRRC Critical Spares	4,218 349,371	4,111
	Clock of Hand - Millo Official Opares	353,589	4,111
•	OTUED		
6.	OTHER Prepaid Expenses		13,235
	P. Control of the Con	-	13,235

SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCIL NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2006

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
7. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Leasehold Improvements		
RRRC Preliminary Costs - at cost	1,966,349	1,729,871
RRRC Buildings - at cost	16,731,685	16,618,577
RRRC Infrastructure - at cost	2,413,810	2,410,810
Less Accumulated Amortisation	(4,585,839)	(3,552,414)
	16,526,005	17,206,844
Freehold Buildings	1,492,627	
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(3,067)	
	1,489,560	
Information Technology Equipment - at cost	339,283	247,944
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(198,382)	(154,958)
	140,901	92,986
Furniture and Equipment - at cost	267,656	262,584
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(141,198)	(119,081)
	126,458	143,503
Plant and Equipment - at cost	27,243,653	25,796,726
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(5,974,028)	(4,194,288)
	21,269,625	21,602,438
	39,552,549	39,045,771

Movements in carrying amounts

Movements in the carrying amounts of each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

	Leasehold Improvements	Freehold Buildings	Information Tech Equip	Furniture & Equipment	Plant & Equipment	Total
Balance at the beginning of the year	17,206,844		92,986	143,503	21,602,438	39,045,771
Additions	352,586	1,492,627	91,339	5,072	1,481,842	3,423,466
Disposals (note 25)					(24,500)	(24,500)
Reclassification increments/(decrements)						
Depreciation/Amortisation Expense	(1,033,425)	(3,067)	(43,424)	(22,117)	(1,790,155)	(2,892,188)
Carrying amount at the end of year	16,526,005	1,489,560	140,901	126,458	21,269,625	39,552,549

Buildings Valuation

In accordance with the requirements of AAS 36 "Statement of Financial Position" the current valuation of buildings disclosed above and measured on the cost basis is as follows:

Current Valuation: \$22,660,000

The above valuation is a management valuation as at 30 June 2006 and not an independent valuation.

8. TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES

Current		
Sundry Creditors	1,317,165	2,664,424
Accrued Expenses	158,412	36,561
GST Payable	42,489	
Accrued Salaries and Wages	61,150	17,550
Accrued Loan Interest	9,130	13,814
Income in Advance		-
Retention & Bonds	45,090	63,113
	1,633,436	2,795,462

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2006

9. BORROWINGS		2006	2005 \$
Current Debentures		6,641,382	7,714,682
Non Current Debentures		38,809,007 45,450,389	30,987,424 38,702,106
Additional detail on borrowings is provided in Note	28	10,100,000	00,102,100
The Southern Metropolitan Regional Council has to following projects:	vo lending facilities for the		
1. The Regional Resource Recovery Centre Loa The RRRC Project Participants has guaranteed by Australian Treasury Corporation, a charge over its of any outstanding debenture borrowings provided Participants limit of its share of the loan liability is a	way of security, to the W general funds for the sha for the RRRC Project.	estern re	
City of Canning City of Cockburn Town of East Fremantle City of Fremantle City of Melville	28.02% 25.24% 2.43% 9.58% 34.73%	12,314,900 11,093,078 1,067,994 4,210,447 15,263,970 43,950,389	10,844,330 9,768,412 940,461 3,707,662 13,441,241 38,702,106
2. Administration Building (9 Aldous PI Boorage The SMRC Participants has guaranteed by way of Australian Treasury Corporation, a charge over its of any outstanding debenture borrowings provided building at 9 Aldous Place Booragoon. Participants limit of its share of the loan liability is a	security, to the Western general funds for the sha for the SMRC Administra \$1,500,000	re tion	
City of Canning City of Cockburn Town of East Fremantle City of Fremantle Town of Kwinana City of Melville City of Rockingham	20.81% 18.75% 1.80% 7.11% 5.88% 25.80% 19.85%	312,150 281,250 27,000 106,650 88,200 387,000 297,750 1,500,000	: : : : :
Total Borrowings		45,450,389	38,702,106
10. PROVISIONS Current Provision for Annual Leave Provision for Long Service Leave		114,462 19,867 134,329	72,444 16,340 88,784
Non Current Provision for Annual Leave Provision for Long Service Leave		60,820 65,450 126,270	46,199 45,799 91,998

The charge to the operating result for the movement in the provision for employee entitlements during the year was (\$79,817) (2005, \$36,192)

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11. RESERVES

In accordance with council resolutions in relation to each reserve account, the purpose for which the funds are set aside are as follows:

RRRC Plant Reserve

- to be used to fund the purchase of plant and equipment for the Canning Vale RRRC Project.
- to be utilised as per the adopted budget

RRRC Infrastructure Reserve

 to be used to fund the capital expenditure requirements and or loan borrowings for the Canning Vale RRRC Project and to be utilised as per the adopted budget.

(a) RRRC Plant Reserve Opening Balance Transfers to Reserve Transfers from Reserve	2006 \$ 480,000 95,000 - 480,000 95,000	2006 Budget \$ 480,000 95,000 - 480,000 95,000	2005 \$ 350,000 130,000
(b) RRRC Infrastructure Reserve Opening Balance Transfers to Reserve Transfers from Reserve	145,649 13,952 - 120,000 39,601	145,649 35,000 - 120,000 60,649	72,893 72,756 - 145,649
(c) Travel & Conference Reserve Opening Balance Transfers to Reserve Transfers from Reserve TOTAL RESERVES	134,601	7,000 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	625,649
The above reserve accounts are cash backed at		05.000	400.000
RRRC Plant Reserve RRRC Infrastructure Reserve SUMMARY OF RESERVE TRANSFERS	95,000 13,952 108,952	95,000 35,000 130,000	130,000 72,756 202,756
Transfers From Reserves RRRC Plant Reserve RRRC Infrastructure Reserve	- 480,000 - 120,000 - 600,000	- 480,000 - 120,000 - 600,000	-
NET RESERVES MOVEMENTS	- 491,048	- 470,000	202,756

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12. NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash includes cash on hand and in banks and investments, net of outstanding bank overdrafts. Cash at the end of the reporting period is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:

		2006 \$	2006 Budget \$	2005 \$
	Cash on Hand Cash at Bank Term Deposits	1,150 370,510 154,601 526,261	1,050 378,950 320,000 700,000	1,050 326,474 20,000 347,524
(b)	Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities to Change in Net Assets Resulting from Operations			
	Change in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	(5,572,418)	(3,611,490)	(6,606,069)
	Depreciation (Profit)/Loss on Sale of Asset (Increase)/Decrease in Receivables (Increase)/Decrease in Prepaid Expenses (Increase)/Decrease in Inventories Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors & Accruals Increase/(Decrease) in Employee Provisions Government Grants - non operating Net Cash from Operating Activities	2,892,185 928,104 13,235 (349,478) (1,172,645) 79,817 - (3,181,200)	2,027,740 - (8,102,767) 320,373 - 3,486,262 30,000 - (5,849,882)	4,378,990 121,586 937,379 2,697 72 269,208 36,192 (73,949) (933,894)
		2006		2005
(c)	Credit Standby Arrangements Credit Card limit Credit Card balance at Balance Date Total Amount of Credit Unused	20,000		20,000
(d)	Loan Facilities Loan Facilities - Current Loan Facilities - Non-Current Total Facilities in Use at Balance Date	6,641,382 38,809,007 45,450,389		7,714,682 30,987,424 38,702,106
	Unused Loan Facilities at Balance Date	-		<u> </u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2006

		2006 \$	2005 \$
	CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS Capital Expenditure Commitments	*	•
	Capital expenditure commitments contracted for as at the reporting date and which have not been recognised as liabilities in the statement of financial position are as follows:		
	Regional Resource Recovery Centre Contracts		-
	Payable: - not later than one year	<u>-</u>	
(b)	Operating Lease Commitments		
	Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the accounts.		
	Payable: - not later than one year - later than one year but not later than two years - later than two years but not later than five years - later than five years	219,196 205,000 337,514 4,510,000 5,271,710	256,916 265,971 205,000 4,715,000 5,442,887
14,	CONTINGENT LIABILITIES		
	There were no claims or pending claims arising from damage by Council to ot period.	her parties at the repor	ting
15.	TOTAL ASSETS CLASSIFIED BY FUNCTION AND ACTIVITY		
	Governance Community Amenities	88,126,766 88,126,766	79,798,982 79,798,982
16.	EMPLOYEE'S REMUNERATION		
	The number of employees of the Council, in bands of \$10,000, entitled to an a Salary Range \$ 130,000 - 139,999	annual cash salary of \$	100,000 or more
	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES		
	The number of full-time and part-time employees as at the reporting date	66	38

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	2006	2006 Budget	2005
17. COUNCILLORS' REMUNERATION		s	
The following fees, expenses and allowances were paid to council members and the chairman.			
Meeting Fees	13,500	17,850	13,890
Chairman & Deputy Chairman Allowances	900	750	750
Other reimbursements	312		-
	14,712	18,600	14,640

18. TRUST FUNDS

The Council does not have any funds on hand as at 30 June 2006.

19. BUDGET COMPARISON		2006 S		2006
 (a) Operating Income and Expenditure (Note: all variations to the budget have been reviewed by the regional council and ame 1. actual revenue increase from MRF operations was received on 12 mths n 2. actual expenses increased due to additional unplanned breakdown and of Waste Composting Facility 3. Net Loss refers to additional RRRC operational deficit 	ot esti	mated 7 mths		Budget
Recycling Facility Deficit Waste Composting Facility Deficit Depreciation on non-current assets Others	\$ 5 5 5	(512,236) (2,304,000) (2,892,185) 136,003 (5,572,418)	\$ 5 5	(1,000,000) (600,000) (2,027,740) 16,250 (3,611,490)
(b) Non Operating Income and Expenditure The following is a comparison of non-operating income and expenditure not included in the operating statement. Non Operating Income				
Proceeds on sale of assets Loans raised Loan Principal Contributions Non Operating Expenditure		24,500 8,295,000 1,485,844		25,000 10,469,000 1,750,000
Principal repayment of loans Construction/purchase of assets Land & Buildings Furniture and Equipment Computers and Equipment Plant and Equipment	1 2	1,546,717 1,492,627 5,072 91,339 1,481,842 352,586		1,750,000 2,000,000 18,250 108,000 5,293,550 1,239,000

Comments - Reasons for variations from budgeted amounts

- MRF plant not acquired during period.
 MRF building extensions not completed during period.

(c) Current Position at 1st July 2005

The net current assets carried forward from the previous financial year for the purpose of the 2005/2006 budget was \$265,000

The actual net current assets (liabilities) in the audited financial report as at 30th June 2005 was (\$833,141) add back reserves of \$625,649 = (\$1,458,790)

A 2005/06 budget amended was approved in February 2006, following the completion of the 2005 accounts The carried forward budget deficit as 1 July 05 was amended to (\$1.3m) to be funded from loan borrowings as an overdraft account.

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20. MAJOR TRADING UNDERTAKING

CANNING VALE REGIONAL RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRE (RRRC)

This project is undertaken on behalf of the SMRC's five participating councils. The \$47.5m project funded by borrowings and payable over 20 years by the five participants, involves the construction of a admin/visitors centre, weighbridge, greenwaste processing and household waste composting facility. Operating revenues is received from gate fees from participants and the private sector. Accounting for this undertaking is in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Management) Amendment Regulations 9 & 45.

INCOME STATEMENT	2006 \$	2005
Revenues from Ordinary Activities		
Education & Marketing	397,793	422,496
RRRC Admin & Weighbridge	35,795	20,834
Recycling	4,480,289	836,365
Greenwaste	1,065,308	1,025,742
Waste Compost	5,507,866	2,133,583
Waste Audit Service	5,120	9,900
Contributions	2,296,212	2,263,797
	13,788,383	6,712,717
Less Expenses from Ordinary Activities		
Education & Marketing	300,533	235,895
RRRC Admin & Weighbridge	252,682	263,329
Recycling	4,967,264	1,933,611
Greenwaste	1,126,683	913,350
Waste Compost	10,139,969	7,576,242
Waste Audit Service	93,374	80,285
	16,880,505	11,002,712
Less Borrowing Cost Expense		
RRRC Property	2,553,727	2,197,743
Net Profit or (Loss)	(5,645,849)	(6,487,738)
BALANCE SHEET		
Current Assets		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	(299,314)	851,314
Trade & Other Receivables	7,379,655	10,027,652
Inventories	353,589	4,111
Total Current Assets	7,433,930	10,883,077
	-	
Non-Current Assets		
Trade & Other Receivables	38,809,007	30,987,424
Property,Plant and Equipment	21,440,612	21,782,425
Leasehold Improvements	16,526,006	17,206,844
Total Non-Current Assets	76,775,625	69,976,693
Total Assets	84,209,555	80,859,770
Current Liabilities		
Trade & Other Payables	1,246,967	4,335,259
Borrowings - current portion	5,141,382	7,714,682
Provisions	72,102	43,016
Total Current Liabilities	6,460,451	12,092,957
Non-Current Liabilities		
Borrowings - non-current portion	38,809,007	30,987,424
Provisions	27,585	16,028
Total Non-Current Liabilities	38,836,592	31,003,452
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Total Liabilities	45,297,043	43,096,409
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Net Assets	38,912,512	37,763,361
Equity		
Opening Balance	37,763,361	39,251,099
RRRC Participants Contribution towards Equity	6,795,000	5,000,000
Retained Surplus/(Deficit) for year	(5,645,849)	(6,487,738)
Total Equity	38,912,512	37,763,361

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21. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY
A significant portion of revenue is received by way of members contributions as disclosed in note 22 and revenue from State Government grants as disclosed in note 21.

22. GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES	2006	2005
Operating Community Amenities - Federal Gov Grant Community Amenities - State Gov Grant Community Amenities - Other Non-operating Community Amenities -	26,000 687,928 3,000 716,928	10,000 381,609 391,609
23. CONTRIBUTIONS, REIMBURSEMENTS Operating Members Contributions towards operating Contributions from other organisations Contributions towards loans Contributions towards Capital Reimbursements Other 24. FEES & CHARGES	806,141 19,602 2,296,212 137,395 3,259,350	706,500 29,000 2,189,848 - 198,963 134,514 3,258,825
Governance Consultancies RRRC Gate Fees Service Provision Fees Sale of Products Other	31,120 6,480,903 1,156,313 3,897,668	35,155 3,243,172 1,043,515 263,428 32,915 4,618,185

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25. FINANCIAL RATIOS	2006	2005	2004
Current Ratio	1,14;1	0.86;1	1.37:1
Debt Ratio	53.72%	52.23%	48.20%
Debt Service Ratio	26.48%	41.04%	52.06%
Gross Debt to Revenue Ratio	2.99%	4.79%	3.31%
Untied Cash to Trade Creditors Ratio	0.26:1	-0.13:1	1.98:1
Gross Debt to Economically Realisable Assets Ratio	0.52%	0.49%	0.46%
The Regional Council does not levy rates and the Rate are not applicable. The above rates are calculated as	follows:	and Outstanding Rates Rati	
Current Ratio equals			
Purpose: To assess adequacy of working capital	Current	iabilities minus liabilities as	socialeu
and the ability to satisfy short term obligations		with restricted assets	
Debt Ratio equals		Total liabilities	
Purpose: To identify exposure to debts by		Total assets	
measuring the proportion of assets funded by creditors	5		
Debt Service Ratio equals	Debt S	Service Cost (Principal & In	terest)
Purpose: To identify exposure to debts by	F	Available operating revenue	9
measuring the proportion of assets funded by creditors	3		
Gross Debt to Revenue Ratio equals		Gross Debt	
Purpose: To assess gross debt as percentage		Total revenue	(0.111.0) (0.14)
of total reveune excluding specific purpose grants			
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Untied Cash

Unpaid Trade Creditors

Untied Cash to Trade Creditors Ratio equals

Gross Debt to Economically Realisable Assets Ratio

Purpose: To assess gross debt as pertentage of total assets excluding infrastructure assets

Gross Debt

Economically realisable assets

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26. DISPOSALS OF ASSETS - 2005/2006 FINANCIAL YEAR

The following assets were disposed of during the year.

	Net E	Net Book Value		e Price	Profit (Loss)	
	Actual \$	Budget \$	Actual \$	Budget \$	Actual \$	Budget \$
Community Amenities Governance Community Amenities	24,500	25,000	24,500	25,000	:	:
	24,500	25,000	24,500	25,000		

	Net E	Book Value	Sal	e Price	Profit (Loss)		
By Class	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Computer Equipment	-	-		-		-	
Furniture Equipment	-	-		-			
Plant & Equipment	24,500	25,000	24,500	25,000			
	24,500	25,000	24,500	25,000			

Summary	
Profit	
Loss	-

27. MEMBER COUNCILS EQUITY IN THE SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCIL AS AT 30 JUNE 2006

AS AT 30 JUNE 2000	S.M.R.C.	R.R.R.C.	Other	TOTAL EQUITY	R.R.R.C. Loan Liability	TOTAL EQUITY Less Loan
City of Canning	59,531	10,907,571		10,967,102	(12,314,900)	(1,347,798)
City of Cockburn	53,629	9,654,346		9,707,975	(11,093,078)	(1,385,103)
Town of East Fremantle	5,154	958,431	2,116	965,701	(1,067,994)	(102,293)
City of Fremantle	20,347	3,730,666	14,799	3,765,813	(4,210,447)	(444,634)
Town of Kwinana	16,805		1,358	18,163		18,163
City of Melville	73,790	13,701,529	14,506	13,789,825	(15,263,970)	(1,474,145)
City of Rockingham	56,769	,	10,995	67,764	,	67,764
	286,025	38,952,543	43,774	39,282,342	(43,950,389)	(4,668,047)
Equity (2005)	345,041	37,763,361	12,229	38,120,631	(38,702,106)	(581,475)
	1				2	

- Reasons for Equity variation

 1. SMRC equity decrease of \$59,000 is mainly due to asset depreciation and decrease in accumulated surpluses

 2. RRRC Project Loan Liability increase \$5,248,283 due to funding of accum operating deficits of \$3.2M and capital works of \$2m

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28. INFORMATION ON BORROWINGS

(a) Loan Repayments

	Principal 1-Jul-05	New Loans	Interest Rep	ayments	Princ Repayr	Principal 30 Jun 06	
Particulars	1-541-03	Loans	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	00 0411 00
Community Amenities							
RRRC							
LOAN NO 1-3	1,766,739		105,720	105,710	67,640	67,640	1,699,099
LOAN NO 1-4	1,767,193		106,099	106,088	67,541	67,541	1,699,652
LOAN NO 1-7* (1-43)	1,789,155		53,601	53,313	1,789,156	1,789,156	. (
LOAN NO 1-8* (1-49)	1,777,644		105,843	105,557	1,777,644	1,777,644	- (
LOAN NO 1-9	1,793,595		110,357	110,346	67,667	67,667	1,725,928
LOAN NO 1-15	1,360,717	1	90,081	90,072	49,279	49,279	1,311,438
LOAN NO 1-16	2,735,275	1	176,999	176,981	100,364	100,364	2,634,910
LOAN NO 1-17	2,281,528		149,906	149,891	82,988	82,988	2,198,540
LOAN NO 1-18	909,860		56,887	56,881	34,030	34,030	875,830
LOAN NO 1-19	919,471		59,153	59,147	33,021	33,021	886,451
LOAN NO 1-20	908,899		55,833	55,827	34,320	34,320	874,580
LOAN NO 1-21	916,404		57,569	57,563	34,186	34,186	882,218
LOAN NO 1-22	916,885		67,146	58,140	34,026	34,026	882,859
LOAN NO 1-23	1,832,968		115,330	115,319	68,318	68,318	1,764,650
LOAN NO 1-27	915,435	1	56,416	56,411	34,507	34,507	880,928
LOAN NO 1-28	925,217	1	52,332	52,327	36,442	36,442	888,775
LOAN NO 1-29	924,512	1	51,375	51,369	36,728	36,728	887,78
LOAN NO 1-30	932,088	- 1	52,073	52,068	36,934	36,934	895,155
LOAN NO 1-31	1,895,877	1	107,612	107,600	74,546	74,546	1,821,331
LOAN NO 1-32	1,778,866	1	109,098	109,086	67,227	67,227	1,711,638
LOAN NO 1-33	1,802,882		101,767	101,756	71,499	71,499	1,731,382
LOAN NO 1-34	1,981,201		121,662	121,650	75,394	75,394	1,905,807
LOAN NO 1-35	1,477,428		83,567	84,825	58,192	58,192	1,419,238
LOAN NO 1-36* (1-47)	1,500,000		93,192	87,347	1,500,000	1,500,000	
LOAN NO 1-37	2,892,266		158,738	161,050	128,130	128,131	2,764,135
LOAN NO 1-38* (1-48)		1,000,000	54,851	55,730	755,000	1,000,000	
LOAN NO 1-39		295,000	15,572	15,847	295,000	295,000	
LOAN NO 1-40		1,000,000	32,000	47,676	152,000	47,499	952,50
LOAN NO 1-41		1,000,000	55,000	43,605	35,000	30,455	969,545
LOAN NO 1-42		1,000,000	24,000	35,723	-	37,252	962,74
LOAN NO 1-43 (old 1-7)		1,755,272	96,000	51,339	54,904	36,415	1,718,85
LOAN NO 1-44* (1-48)	1	500,000	96,000	7,322	29,000	500,000	
LOAN NO 1-45* (1-48)	1 1	1,000,000	32,000	7,471	12,000	1,000,000	
LOAN NO 1-46		1,000,000	56,000	1,668	22,000	-	1,000,000
LOAN NO 1-47 (old1-36)		1,795,517		305		-	1,795,517
LOAN NO 1-48 (old1-38,44,45)		2,499,483	1	425	- 1	-	2,499,483
LOAN NO 1-49 (old1-8)		1,709,410		293	- 1	-	1,709,410
Office Accommodation				-	- 1	-	
LOAN NO 2		1,500,000	60,000	23,615	-	-	1,500,000
	38,702,106	16,054,682	2,819,779	2,577,341	7,714,682	9,306,399	45,450,389

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28. INFORMATION ON BORROWINGS Con't

New Borrowings	Amount Borrowed				Term (Years)	Total Interest &	Interest Rate		Balance Unspent		
Particulars/Purpose	Budget	Actual		Туре	(rears)	Charges	rate	В	udget		ctual
Community Amenities	_										
RRRC Project	1 1					1		1		1	
Loan No 1-38	1,000,000	1,000,000	WATC	Debenture	1	55,820	5.77	\$	-	S	-
Loan No 1-39	295,000	295,000	WATC	Debenture	1	15,847	5.78	\$	-	S	-
Loan No 1-40	500,000	1,000,000	WATC	Debenture	10	441,457	5.70	\$	100	S	-
Loan No 1-41	1,000,000	1,000,000	WATC	Debenture	8	402,173	5.98	\$		S	-
Loan No 1-42	500,000	1,000,000	WATC	Debenture	8	384,115	5.86	\$	-	S	-
Loan No 1-43	2,000,000	1,755,272	WATC	Debenture	9	729,285	5.87	\$		S	-
Loan No 1-44	2,174,000	500,000	WATC	Debenture	0.3	7,322	5.81	S		S	-
Loan No 1-45	1,000,000	1,000,000	WATC	Debenture	0.1	7,472	6.06	S	-	S	-
Loan No 1-46	1,755,272	1,000,000	WATC	Debenture	0.3	17,637	6.19	\$	100	S	100
Loan No 1-47	1,709,410	1,795,517	WATC	Debenture	1	114,195	6.36	\$		S	-
Loan No 1-48	1,500,000	2,499,483	WATC	Debenture	1	156,956	6.36	\$		S	
Loan No 1-49	1,000,000	1,709,410	WATC	Debenture	9	813,455	6.41	\$		S	-
Office Accommodation								\$	-	\$	-
Loan No 2	2,000,000	1,500,000	WATC	Debenture	5	450,000	6.00	\$	-	S	-
	16,433,682	16,054,682				3,595,732		\$	-	5	-

⁽c) Unspent Loans Nil

Council does not have an overdraft facility with its bankers.

29. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (a) Interest Rate Risk

					Man Internal	T-1-1
					Total	
	Interest Rate	within 1 year	1 - 5 years	over 5 years	Bearing	
%	S	\$	S	\$	\$	\$
3.99%	525,111				1,150	526,261
					1,445,776	1,445,776
					7,439,585	7,439,585
					353,589	353,589
	525,111	0	0	0	9,240,100	9,765,211
					1,633,436	1,633,436
5.00%	20.000				25,090	45,090
6.09%		10,244,508	13,102,925	22,102,956		45,450,389
	20,000	10,244,508	13,102,925	22,102,956	1,658,526	47,128,915
4.60%	20,000					20,000
					1,222,791	1,222,791
					38,702,106	38,702,106
					463,344	463,344
	20,000	0	0	0	40,388,241	40,408,241
						2,732,349
4.60%	20,000				43,113	63,113
6.18%		5,066,800	16,276,566	17,358,741		38,702,107
	20,000	5.066.800	16,276,566	17,358,741	2,775,462	41,497,569
	Average Interest Rate % 3.99% 5.00% 6.09% 4.60%	Interest Rate % 525,111 525,111 5.00% 20,000 4.60% 20,000 20,000 4.60% 20,000 6.18%	Average Interest Rate National Process National	Average Interest Rate Interest Rate S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S	Average Interest Rate Interest Rate S S S S S S S S S	Average Interest Rate Interest Rate S S S S S S S S S

⁽d) Overdraft

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30 IMPACTS OF ADOPTING THE AUSTRALIAN EQUIVALENTS TO INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (AIFRSs)

The adoption of AIFRSs has not resulted in any material adjustments of prior balance.

1. Reconciliation of Equity at 1 July 2004

There are no material differences between Equity in the opening Australian equivalents to IFRSs Balance Sheet and the equity presented in the 1 July 2004 Statement of Financial Position under previous GAAP.

2. Reconciliation of Equity at 1 July 2005

There are no material differences between Equity in the opening Australian equivalents to IFRSs Balance Sheet and the equity presented in the 1 July 2005 Statement of Financial Position under previous GAAP.

3. Reconciliation of Net Result for the year ended 30 June 2005

There are no material differences between the operating surplus/(deficit) for the year ended 30 June 2005 presented under Australian equivalents to IFRSs and the operating surplus/(deficit) for the year ended 30 June 2005 presented under the previous GAAP.

4. Explanation of Material Adjustments to the Cash Flow Statement

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

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TO: MEMBERS OF SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCIL Connie C Macri CA

Scope

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

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

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

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council:

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

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

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