



*Shire of*  
**Wyndham East Kimberley**

# Annual Report

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The Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley operates under the provision of the Local Government Act 1995 (as amended) and associated regulations. The Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley is a statutory organisation responsible to the ratepayers and residents within the Shire.

### **Shire Offices and Chambers:**

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Kununurra WA 6743

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Office Hours: 8:00am - 4:00pm  
Monday to Friday

Ordinary Council Meetings occur every third Tuesday of the Month and are open to the public. Public notices are distributed to inform the people of our community of the location and date for Council Meetings.

### **Shire Statistics:**

Distance from Perth: 3,200 (km)  
Area: 121, 189 (square km)  
Length of sealed roads: 245 (km)  
Length of unsealed roads: 1,085 (km)  
Population: 7,775  
Number of Electors: 3,849

### **Suburbs and Localities:**

Wyndham, Kununurra (including Hidden Valley, Lakeside, Weaber Plain Road, Packsaddle Road, River Farm Road, and Crossing Falls), Lake Argyle, Kalumburu and Oombulgurri.

### **Significant Local Events:**

Ord Valley Muster, Kununurra Agricultural Show, Kununurra Rodeo, Kununurra and Wyndham Races, Dam to Dam Dingy Dash, Writers Festival.



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### **Local Industry:**

Tourism, agriculture, irrigation, melons, mangoes, bananas, maize, sandalwood, cattle, Argyle Diamond Mine, aquaculture and Wyndham Port Facilities.

### **Tourist Attractions:**

Mirima National Park, Cockburn Ranges, Ragged Range, Carboid Ranges Mitchell Plateau, waterfalls, waterholes, Lake Argyle, Ivanhoe Crossing, Ord Irrigation Area, The Grotto, Wyndham Crocodile Farm, Five Rivers Lookout, Parry's Lagoon Nature Reserve, Kelly's Knob, Ord River, El Questro, HomeValley Station, Gibb River Road, Pentecost River and Diversion Dam/Lake Kununurra.



Mitchell Plateau



Rural Agriculture in the Ord Valley



Lake Argyle



Wyndham Port



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## Shire Presidents Report

It is a pleasure to provide the 2007/08 annual report, my fourth annual report as Shire President and a Councillor.

The general election held in October 2007 saw four new Councillors elected to Council. It is important that new people, get involved in organisation and that new ideas flow through. Council is fortunate to have a great mix skilled Councillors and blend fresh idea and experience. I thank all Councillors who have represented the community over the year for the dedicated service and their families for the much valued behind the scenes support.

Our region had the unusual and welcome experience this year of hosting the production of the Movie Australia, to be released 26 November 2008. Production of the movie provided much excitement for many people, and a spike in our economy. We all hope the movie will be a global success in showcasing the Kimberley, and lead to increased tourism benefits ahead.

You will see in our Annual Report that Council has advocated strongly for the region on a number of important issues. Issues like fire management, the Browse Basin developments, urban renewal. Ord expansion and alcohol issues. Advocacy by Local Government remains an important and under-rated function.

Like many economies in Australia recently ours has been running at break neck speed for past few years. It has been a challenge to get in front of that with things like land release. I hope you will see in this annual report the very good work Council has done in this regard, and platform this builds for the years ahead.

I am particularly proud that our regions services were significantly enhanced through the completion of the new Kununurra Child Care and Kununurra Youth Centre this year, and congratulate the Councillors and staff past and present for their effort, professionalism and courage with these important projects. It is project like this make people lives better, and assist our region attract and retain the skills it needs.

In closing I thank all Councillors, staff, and their families and many people and organisations who have worked with and helped the Council over the past year. It has been a team effort and it will always need to be.

Best wishes



Cr Michele Pucci  
Shire President

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## Councillors



Cr Michele Pucci  
Shire President



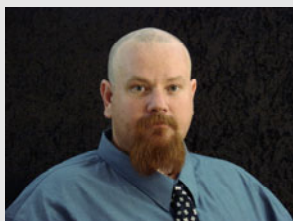
Cr Ralph Addis  
Deputy Shire President



Cr Di Ausburn



Cr John Moulden



Cr Paul Caley



Cr Fred Mills



Cr Jane Parker



Cr John Buchanan



Cr Keith Wright

Council met monthly throughout the year and scheduled seven Special meetings to ensure continuity of business and governance.

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## Councillors

### Council Committees

Council operated three Committees during the year. Committees have no standing delegations and decision making authority and their meetings are therefore closed to the public. Committees make recommendations to the full Council, with decision being made by the Council.



### Airport Committee

An Airport Committee was established during the year. The Committee considers and makes recommendations to Council on issues relating to

- Refurbishment of East Kimberley Regional Airport Terminal Building
- Extension of Runway 12/30 at East Kimberley Regional Airport
- Car park Extensions at East Kimberley Regional Airport
- Buildings and Landside Grounds at East Kimberley Regional Airport
- Policy relating to Airport Operations
- Airports Business Planning
- Airports Reserve Fund
- Land Use and Land Development on Airport Land
- Airport Leases
- Airport Fees and Charges and other Revenue Opportunities
- Airport related Grant Funding Opportunities

### Audit Committee

The Audit Committee reviews financial and risk matters and makes recommendations to the Council.

### CEO Review Committee

The CEO Review Committee undertakes the review process for the CEO and makes recommendations to Council on the CEO performance, key performance indicators and employment contract matters.



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## Councillors

### Election October 2007

Former Councillor, and Deputy Shire President Bill Barnes resigned from Council early in the year after six years of Council service. Bill and his family left the region after 15 years, and moved to Queensland. The Councillor vacancy resulting from Bill's resignation was filled at the general Local Government election in October.

The general election for 6 vacancies was contested by 10 candidates. The Election was run on the proportional preferential system, a system replacing the previous first past post election method.

### Election Results:

COUNCILLORS	
Candidates	Order of election or exclusion
Ralph Addis	Elected 1st on 1st Preference
Keith Wright	Elected 2nd on 1st Preference
Paul Caley	Elected 3rd on 1st Preference
John Moulden	Elected 4th
Fred Mills	Elected 5th
John Buchanan	Elected 6th
Richard Beeck	Excluded
Roch Devenish Meares	Excluded
Edward Duff	Excluded
Maxine Middap	Excluded
The following people were elected in the following order as Councillors for the Shire of Wyndham east Kimberley. Each Councillor holds office until the date set out next to his name.	
Councillor	Expiry of Term
Ralph Addis	2011 October
Keith Wright	2011 October
Paul Caley	2011 October
John Moulden	2011 October
Fred Mills	2011 October
John Buchanan	2009 October

Number of Voters in 2007 Election: 1,030

Voter Turnout: 26.76%

At the first Council meeting following the election Council re-elected Cr Michele Pucci as Shire President, and elected Cr Ralph Addis as Deputy Shire President. Cr Pucci has served as Shire President since May 2005.

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## Chief Executive Officers Report

2007/08 has been a very positive year for the East Kimberley, with good economic activity and some exciting new opportunities emerge.

The full commencement of the new Kununurra Child Care centre, Kununurra Youth Centre and the development of the Pump House Restaurant, and Home Valley Station were important new initiatives for the region.

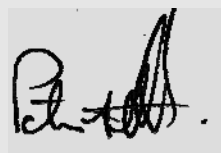
Council has focussed through the year on the balance between investing its energy in development for the future and in improving service delivery for today's citizens.

A lot of the work done by the Council and Shire behind the scenes will not be evident until the 2008/09 when increased investment and attention will be paid to asset renewal and expansion so that improved services are provided to people. The preparatory work necessary to bring projects on stream is often under estimated and goes unseen. I thank staff and Councillors for their patience and professionalism in the work they have done over the past year to secure funding and support for wide of range of new projects to be completed in the 2008/09 year.

Council has taken a vital advocacy and leadership role on number of important issues to the future of the East Kimberley region and these are reported on in the Governance section of the Annual Report.

In a very competitive labour market, where skills shortage has been widely recognised, it was pleasing that our Shire staff turnover was contained to 29%. This compares favourably to the State Local Government average of 24% and a Kimberley average of 36%. Staff stability, capacity, and the investment in staff remains the key to the Shire being able to deliver at it best for the community at an important time when our region has a unique opportunity ahead.

I thank staff and Council for their teamwork, innovation and willingness to consider new ideas and creative ways of Local Government making a difference for its communities.

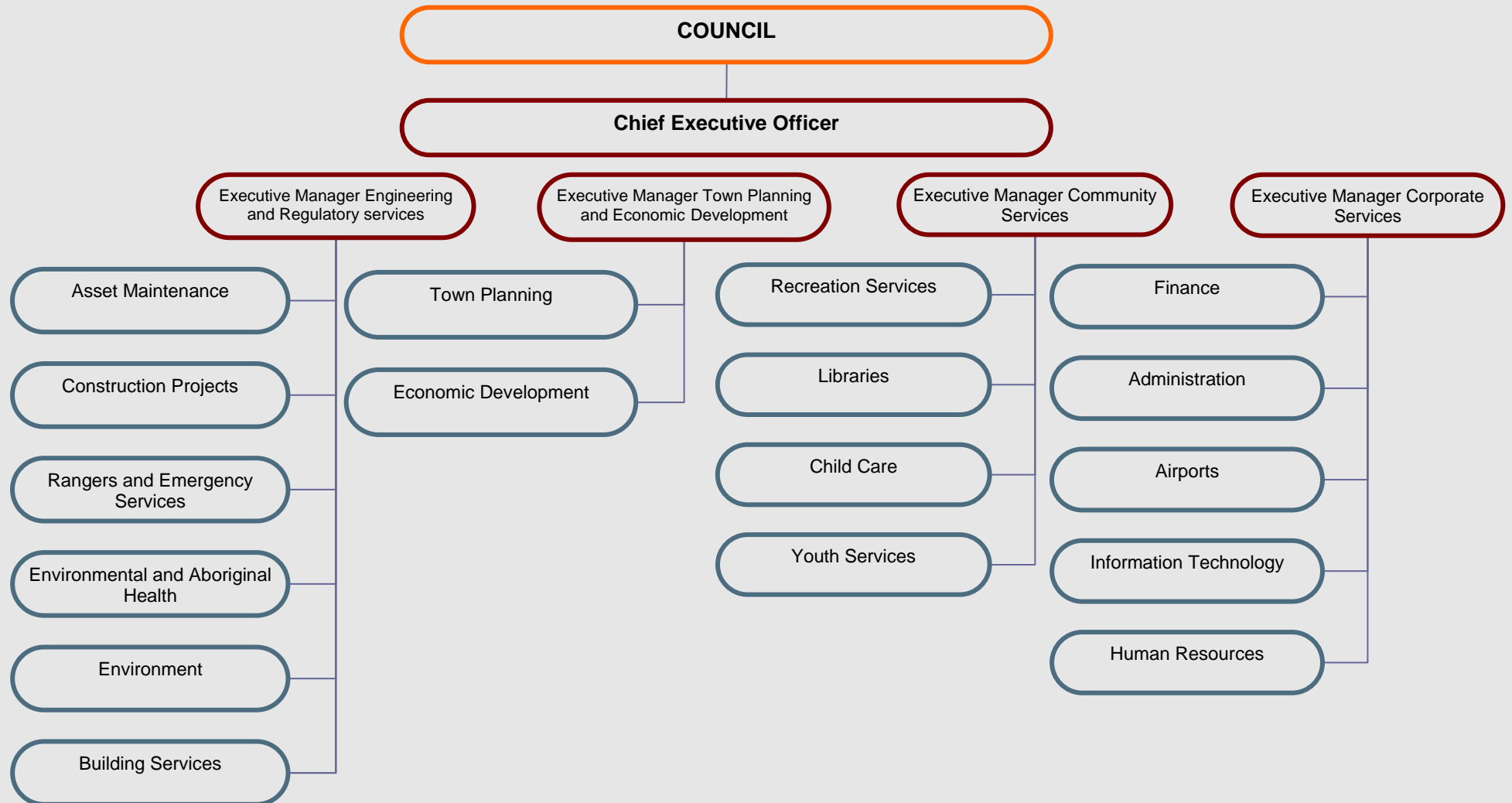


Peter Stubbs  
Chief Executive Officer



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## Organisational Chart



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### Strategic Planning

#### **Strategic Plan**

Council reviewed its Strategic Plan during the year to set direction for the Shire and region.

A Vision for the Shire to be a thriving and vibrant community with unlimited opportunities was adopted.

Council is aiming to develop the Shire in a manner that will achieve the best possible social, cultural and economic outcomes for all people.

As it goes about its work Council and staff are committed to making decisions with integrity, transparency, and consistency.

Council five key result areas that it focuses on are:

- Governance
- Infrastructure
- Community
- Economic Development
- Environment

Brief reports are provided in this Annual Report against the Shire's principle activities throughout the year under these five key result areas.

#### **Plan for the Future**

Council developed a draft Plan for the Future document for the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley (with the community comment period closing 18 September 2008.)

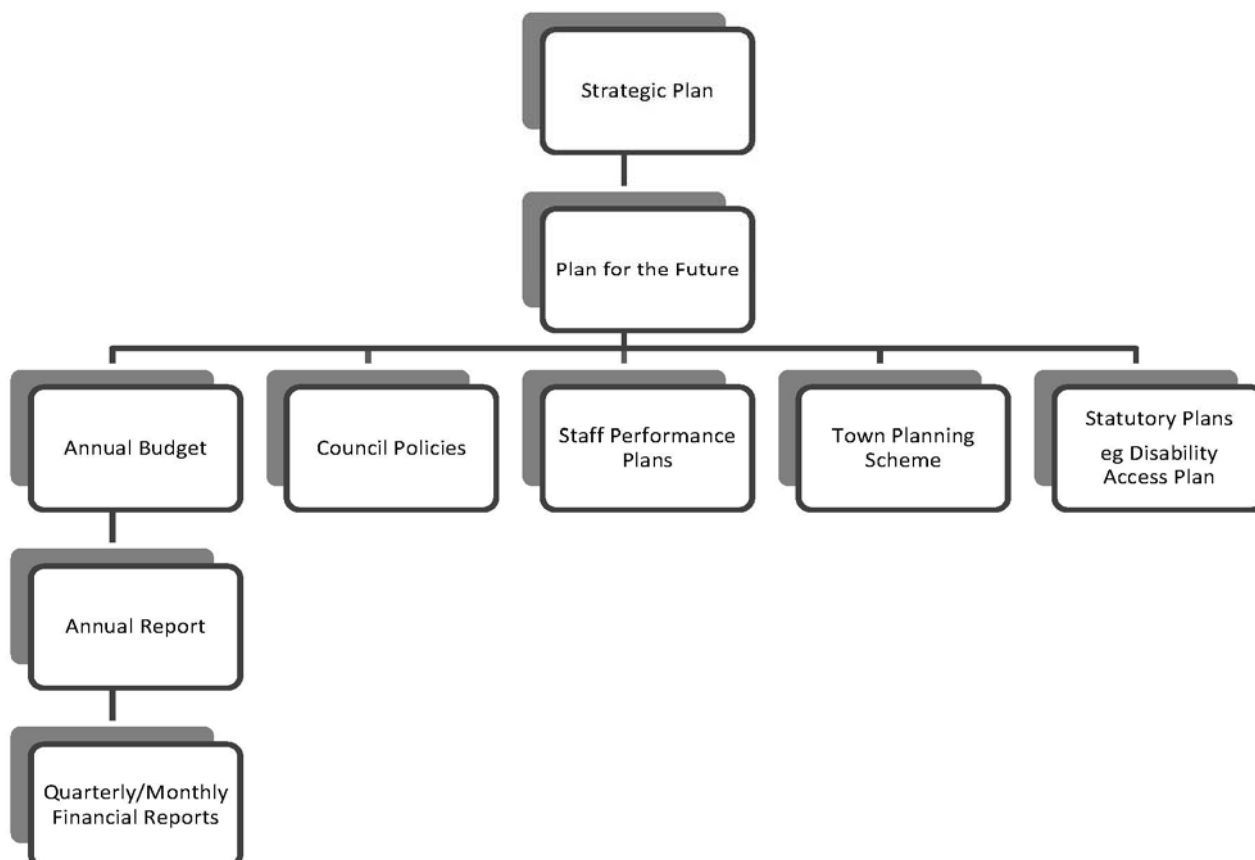
Plan for the Future documents are a requirement under the Local Government Act 1995. They do not spell out every investment detail a local government is intending to make. That level of detail is contained in annual budgets. What they do is look forward and indicates a variety of larger initiatives a local government is planning for and working toward.

The Plan for the Future presents a balance between growth and development and investing in quality of life opportunities for the community.

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The relationship between this Annual Report and other planning frameworks for the Shire is shown in the following diagram;



### **Recordkeeping Plan (RKP)**

The *State Records Act 2000* required all local government authorities to produce a Records Keeping Plan. The State Records Commission approved the Shires Records Management Plan in June 2007 for a period of three years.

To improve efficiency and effectiveness of the Shire's Record Keeping Plan, the records officer completed a training course in 2008. In 2007/08 a desk top scanner was purchased for the Records department to assist in timely records management processes.

Under section 61 of the *State Records Act 2000*, the State records commission may publish principles and standards to promote good practice recordkeeping in WA Local Government organisations.

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### **Disability Access and Inclusion Plan**

The Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley prepares and implements a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan to ensure Council services are available to all community members (ratepayers and residents). The Disability Access and Inclusion Plan is prepared in accordance with the *Disability Services Act 1993*. A summary of the outcomes of the Shire's Plan for 2007/08 are provided below:

#### Outcome 1

Existing functions, facilities and services are appropriate to the needs of all people:

- Planning for new parks and park upgrades under the Shire's Parks Plan includes consideration of access requirements, including soft fall materials for people with disabilities and accessible park infrastructure
- Regular training in the safe operation of the hydraulic pool hoist and assisting people with mobility limitations is undertaken by staff at the Kununurra Leisure Centre
- Kununurra Leisure Centre and Wyndham Pool continue to provide free entry to carers accompanying people with disabilities

#### Outcome 2

Access to buildings and facilities is provided and reviewed:

- Accessibility audit of Shire owned public buildings was conducted
- Installation of ramps to improve accessibility and safety in Wyndham main shopping precinct
- Annual program of footpath repairs and maintenance completed

#### Outcome 3

Information about functions, facilities and services is provided in formats to meet the communication requirements of all people:

- Planning for the Shire's website re-development includes consideration of accessibility standards and guidelines
- Council endeavours to ensure that all information is made available to the community in clear and concise language and is available in formats accessible for people with disabilities

#### Outcome 4

Improved awareness of needs of all people to participate in community life:

- Key Council Officers participate in disability awareness training

#### Outcome 5

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

- Council Meetings and public consultations are held in accessible venues



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### **National Competition Policy**

The Principals of the National Competition Policy requires local government authorities to market test activities which generate user income in excess of \$200,000. The objective of competitive neutrality is to introduce measures which effectively remove any net competitive advantages arising simply as result of government ownership of a business entity.

The activity requiring scrutiny in this regard for the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley is that of private works on private property; however during 2007/08 no individual private works project exceeded \$200,000. The Shire provides quotations or submits tenders in order to win private works. This process ensures the activity of private works is open to competitive market testing.

In relation to structural review of public monopolies, the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley discloses the following:

1. Structural review principles have not been applied to any activities during the reporting period.
2. Structural review principles have not been considered for any activities during the reporting period.

As no structural reform has been applied to any activities the review requirements of principle SR.3 of clause 7 of the Competition Policy Statement have not been undertaken.

For all other activities of the Shire, opportunities are continually being examined in order to generate efficiency improvements. This must be balanced with the type and level of service provision and statutory and other regulatory measures the Shire is bound to implement.

*Peter Stubbs*  
Chief Executive Officer

### **Synergy Implementation**

The Shire's 14 year old software program *Info LGS* was replaced during the year, due to the phase out of the this software across Australia. The new Synergy system was smoothly rolled in, requiring considerable staff training and integration with the Shire IT system.

### **Student Scholarships**

Council adopted a policy of offering \$20,000 scholarships to local students in the fields of Town Planning and Environmental Health, which have severe skills shortages across Australia. The scholarships include the opportunity for paid tertiary semester break work at the Shire, providing a practical learning environment, and part work for the student/s. No student has yet taken up the opportunity.

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### Staff

A highlight in the year was the Shire's recognition of long serving staff, and the establishment of a Staff *Hall of Fame*. Eight staff who have served longer than 10 years with the Shire were the inaugural inductees to the *Hall of Fame*.

Those staff and their years of service were:



Betty McKinlay – 11yrs



Brian Bateman – 10yrs



Bruce Johnson – 22yrs



Leslie King – 10yrs



Richard Lippit – 33yrs



Mike Snowball – 16yrs



Tammy McCoy – 10yrs



Rick Spry- 12 yrs

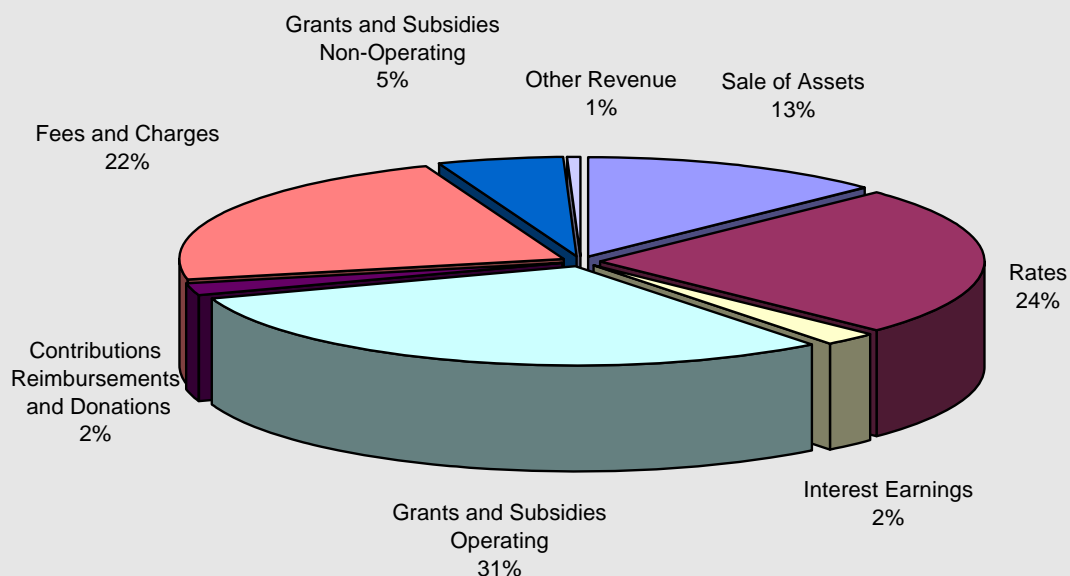
### Staff Summary

	05/06	06/07	07/08
Number of Full Time Staff	53	58	58
Total Number of Staff	61	63	67
% male staff	56%	49%	46%
% female staff	44%	51%	54%
% Indigenous Staff	7%	15%	10%
Number of Trainees/Student placements	NA	1	1
Staff Turnover	NA	NA	29%
% of staff engaged in training	NA	NA	68%
% staff engaged in Professional Development	NA	NA	22%

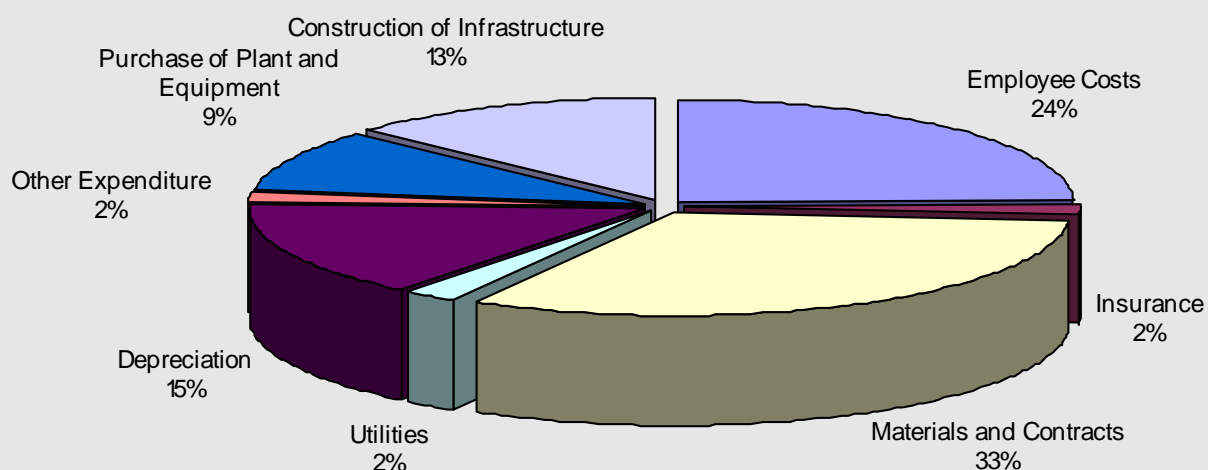
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## Governance

### Revenue Sources



### Total Investment



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### Financial Management

*Council makes an annual investment currently of around \$17M, of which around \$4M or 24% comes from rates.* It is a common misunderstood fact that the majority of revenue for local government does not come from rates. In fact nationally only 37% of local government revenue comes from rates. By far the majority of the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley revenue comes from Commonwealth and State Government grants, and the capacity of local government to do things hinges on the ability of its staff and Council to gain grant funding in a highly competitive market.

### Urban Renewal

Council continued to advocate strongly for an urban renewal program to be implemented by the State Government in Kununurra, in streets including Erythina St, Weaber Plains Road, and Pindan Avenue, which all have a high number of vacant Lots owned by the State Government, and depreciated State housing stock.

Frustration culminated in December 2008 with the Council installing signage on the Lots to alert the public to the situation and attract Government attention to it.

This action has so far resulted in one Lot in Erythina St be placed on the market through auction (6 June 2008). The property was passed in at auction at \$1.35M, and will now be sub divided and sold off as separate lots.





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### State Budget Submission

Council took the initiative to lodge a submission to the States Budget process with the intent of assisting clarifying for the State, funding needed to advance the East Kimberley region. No funding for any of the recommended projects was received. The submission included the following summary:

Project	State Government funding Sought (\$M)	Shire Funding	Other Funding sought	Total Project Cost
Kununurra Visitor Centre	\$2.9M	\$1.5M	\$2.9M	\$7.3M
Fish Passage	\$5.5M	\$0.1M	-	\$5.5M
Lake Kununurra Boat Facility	\$2.0M	\$0.5M	\$1.0M	\$3.5M
Gouldian Finch Sanctuary	\$1.0M	\$0.9M	\$1.0M	\$2.9M
East Kimberley Regional Airport	\$2.5M	\$2.4M	\$0.6M	\$5.5M
East Kimberley Youth Service	\$0.3M over 3 years	\$0.3M over 3 years	\$0.3M over 3 years	\$0.9M over 3 years
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14.2M</b>	<b>\$ 5.7M</b>	<b>\$5.8M</b>	<b>\$25.6M</b>

### Emergency Services and Bush Fire Control

Council continued to advocate for greater resources for improved fire management in the Kimberley.

Specifically Council recommended to the State Government of Western Australia:

1. That a budget allocation of \$350,000 be provided to FESA annually to support to use of helicopters and aircraft to respond to unwanted fires in the Kimberley region;
2. That an appropriate budget allocation be made to FESA to initiate a well planned and sustained community awareness and education program about the negative impacts of fire of the Kimberley environment;
3. That FESA be requested to make public announcements about prescribed preventative burning it authorises on Kimberley radio so that people in the Kimberley region are informed of strategic burning and better differentiate between strategic preventative burning and unwanted fires;
4. That the State Government (or relevant Ministers) be urged to implement the recommendations contained in the EPA Report "Fire Management in the Kimberley and other Rangeland Regions of WA" (December 2006) and in particular the recommendation that a Regional Fire Management Committee be established for the identified Kimberley regions

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The Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) meetings for Kununurra and Wyndham occur every two months and through the year to review local emergency management plans, and to assist in coordinating emergency event training exercises.

The Kununurra Bush Fires Advisory Committee (BFAC) meetings are orientated around the fire season and meet as required to discuss support and coordination of the three brigades (Ivanhoe, Crossing Falls and Packsaddle). The BFAC coordinated the planning of fire breaks and fuel reduction burns. Fires starting to the east of Kununurra, as well as in bushland in the Kununurra town site continue to be a major risk and inconvenience for the volunteers who have to fight them, the residents who suffer the risk to property as well as the smoke pollution, and importantly the impact on the environment.

The Shire encourages the reporting of fires (call 000) and where possible the reporting of the arsonists (call Crime Stoppers – 1800 333 000, or the local Police Station).

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#### **Ord Irrigation Expansion**

Expansion of the Ord Irrigation area from its current 14,000ha to something over 80,000 ha as was intended when Lake Argyle was created in 1973, remains the most strategic opportunity for the East Kimberley to strengthen its economic base, and to grow services from.

The combined influence of the declining state of the Murray Darling Basin, water shortages around Australia, continued drought, rising food prices and demand for food globally mean that the Ord Irrigation Area is perhaps better positioned to expand than ever before.

Unfortunately despite record Budget surpluses for a number of years the State and Commonwealth Governments are yet to allocate appropriate funding for multi user infrastructure (roads, power etc) to trigger the development.

The Commonwealth Government established a Northern Australia Taskforce to examine the potential of developing Northern Australia including for agriculture given the strategic trends above. Council made numerous representations to this Taskforce and the State and Commonwealth Governments.

#### **Browse Basin**

The Browse Basin gas deposits off the Kimberley coast are an energy source of global significance. It is estimated that the gas deposits there exceed remaining gas in the Northwest Shelf. As such the development of this gas is considered inevitable given the global energy issues, and it is therefore likely to be largest resource development in the Kimberley region to date. The extent to which the Kimberley region takes action to ensure the region benefits from this resource and development is seen to have a major influence on the regions future services, infrastructure and opportunities. Council therefore adopted the following position in relation to the Browse Basin:

- 1. That Council advise the Shires of Derby West Kimberley, Broome and Halls Creek that whilst it has no objection to development proposals of the INPEX company, as long as environmental statutory requirements are met, its full support for this development, and other developments proposed by resource companies, related to the Browse Basin gas deposits is contingent on reciprocal public support from INPEX and other resource companies for Council's strategic approach to seeking Kimberley regional benefits from these proposed developments.*
- 2. In the interest of building the capacity of the Kimberley region, and to ensure flow on benefits to the Kimberley, and in keeping with benchmarks already established by Rio Tinto (Argyle Diamond Mine), Council expects that resource companies with an interest in the Browse Basin would make reciprocal public commitments to regionally based employment of 80% of their workforce.*

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3. *That in keeping with the State Governments 2004 commitment to the Pilbara region to improve the regions capacity to support people, resource companies publicly commit to requesting State and Commonwealth Governments to establish a \$50M/year Kimberley Fund for 10 years to advance this region through the additional royalties to be received from the Browse Basin developments.*
4. *Given the scale of potential Browse Basin developments, and the importance and need for the Kimberley region to take steps to ensure that it receives a fair share of benefits from these developments, Council write to regional organisations encouraging them to support Council's strategic resolutions in relation to 80% of employment to be based in the Kimberley region and establishment of new a \$50M/year Kimberley Fund for 10 years to advance this region through the additional royalties to be received from the Browse Basin developments.*

### **Bilateral Agreement**

In 2006 the State and Commonwealth Governments signed a Memorandum of Understanding known as the Bilateral Agreement on Indigenous Affairs. The Agreement committed to 'normalising' services to remote indigenous communities by June 2008. Local Government was not consulted in the development of the Agreement, and once it became aware of the Agreement expressed its concern to both State and Commonwealth about the unrealistic time frame committed too and lack of detail about funding and methodology to deliver the Agreement, with out a large cost shift to local communities in regional Australia.

At least 12 committees of senior State and Commonwealth representatives are working to try and advance the Agreement.

The Shire and Council have provided considerable input to this process. Council adopted the following position;

*That Council recommend to the State and Commonwealth Governments that given:*

1. *the protracted processes operating and seeking to advance the Bilateral Agreement and normalised service delivery to remote indigenous communities,*
2. *the inability of Council to advance the expectations of the Bilateral Agreement with its existing resources,*
3. *that the Governments allocate \$240,000 to Council to work out at the regional level how the expectations of the Bilateral Agreement service delivery might be achieved in the East Kimberley*

The funding request was declined pending the completion of the Intergovernmental inquiries and committee processes.



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#### Alcohol

Issues related to management of alcohol across the Kimberley attracted significant State and National attention throughout the year. A ban on certain types of alcohol was imposed at Fitzroy Crossing by the State Government during the year to try and curb the social problems alcoholism was creating there. This fuelled speculation about wider bans or actions across the Kimberley.

Council developed the following position in relation to this given the matters high profile, and the recognised impacts of alcohol consumption in the region.

- 1. That Council continues to work in partnership with other agencies, business and community groups to address local alcohol and associated issues through participation in liquor accords, community safety/crime prevention and other local responses as they arise.*
- 2. That Council recommends to the Kimberley Country Zone that the Zone advocates for a state wide system of licenses to be introduced for the purchase alcohol to compliment other mechanisms for the management of alcohol related issues in the community.*
- 3. That Council recommends to the Kimberley Country Zone that the Zone advocates for increased resource allocation by the State Government to support services vital to assisting in community management of alcohol related issues including: rehabilitation programs, sober up shelters and Police Services.*
- 4. That Council recommends to the Kimberley Country Zone that the Zone request the State Government to make participation in Liquor Accord process by all Licensees mandatory, rather than voluntary, so that Licensees further engage in the management of alcohol issues.*
- 5. That Council recommend to the Kimberley Country Zone of the WA Local Government Association (Zone) that the Zone recommends to the Australian and Western Australian governments that the proposed Income Management Trial, in relation to Child Protection and specifically the impact of alcohol on child and community welfare, be extended to include all recipients of social security benefits in the Kimberley.*

#### Pump House Restaurant

The Shire's continued advocacy for the release of the Pump House on Lake Kununurra for re development as a café/restaurant finally paid dividends with the Water Corporation establishing a lease for the facility with local entrepreneurs to redevelopment this site. Work progressed with the Site opening in August 2008.

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### **Something Concrete**

The Shire in partnership with the Beacon Foundation progressed into stage 2 of the Something Concrete project. This project seeks to progress the dual aims of increasing housing and indigenous employment through construction of concrete tilt panel homes.

Stage 1 of the project was completed through a partnership between the Beacon Foundation and Wunan Foundation. It resulted in the construction of four concrete tilt panel homes in Kununurra. Construction was insitu, and this caused productivity issues.

Stage 2 saw the construction of the precast facility in the part of the Shire Kununurra depot. This facility is designed to increase productivity and therefore make concrete tilt panel construction a cheaper option.

The precast facility was jointly funded by Lotterywest (\$100,000) and the Commonwealth DEST program (\$65,000) through the Beacon Foundation. Significant pro bono sponsorship for the Stage 2 was provided by Ready-mix, Sinclair Night Metz (SKM), and Argyle Diamond Mine.

Concrete tilt panel is the construction method of choice around Australia in multi storey and commercial buildings. It may have long term advantages in northern Australia, in terms of whole life maintenance. The absence of wall cavities make concrete homes robust, less prone to pest invasion (rodents, ants, cockroaches), and with good thermal properties.

Fifteen homes are expected to be constructed through Stage 3 of the project for the Department of Housing and Works to enable further assessment of this construction option.

While building the precast facility the project also produced the concrete culverts for the Lakeside pedestrian crossing, and footpaths in the community.

Indigenous men from the Wunan Foundation and Wanna Work Company worked in the project throughout the year.

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## Infrastructure

### **Airport Operations**

The Shire continued to operate the Wyndham and East Kimberley Regional airports.

Skywest continued to operate jet services during the wet season between Perth, Broome and Kununurra with Fokker 100 aircraft on Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. During the dry season they added an additional service on Tuesdays.

Airnorth started operations with its new Embraer 170 jet in August 2007. Initially operating a daily service between Darwin, Kununurra, Broome and return on weekdays, then adding a Darwin, Kununurra, Perth and return service on Saturdays.

Airnorth also continued to operate its Embraer 120 turbo prop aircraft on daily Kununurra, Darwin and return services every weekday except Friday and regular Darwin, Kununurra and Broome services on Saturdays and Sundays. Airnorth Embraer 120 aircraft also continue to service Argyle under contract.

Changes required to the operations of the airport included:

- The Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Passenger Screening Equipment at East Kimberley Regional Airport.
- Screening Agent Services at East Kimberley Regional Airport
- Supply, Installation & Maintenance of CBS Equipment at East Kimberley Regional Airport
- Construction of Checked Baggage Screening Extensions to the East Kimberley Regional Airport Terminal Building
- Introduction of Transport Security Program and Aviation Security Identity Card Program

A new lease was established by tender for the facilities at Wyndham airport and LED Beacons on Twin Peak Hills and Aerodrome Hill were installed.

### **Key Compliances Achieved**

East Kimberley Regional Airport (Kununurra) continued to perform well through the year, receiving good independent audit reports.

- Civil Aviation Safety Authority – Annual Aviation Safety Audit September 2007
- Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government – Annual Security Audit May 2008
- Airport Management Services – Annual Aerodrome Technical Inspection February 2008
- Implementation of Explosive Trace Detection screening of checked baggage by the required date of 1 December 2007.

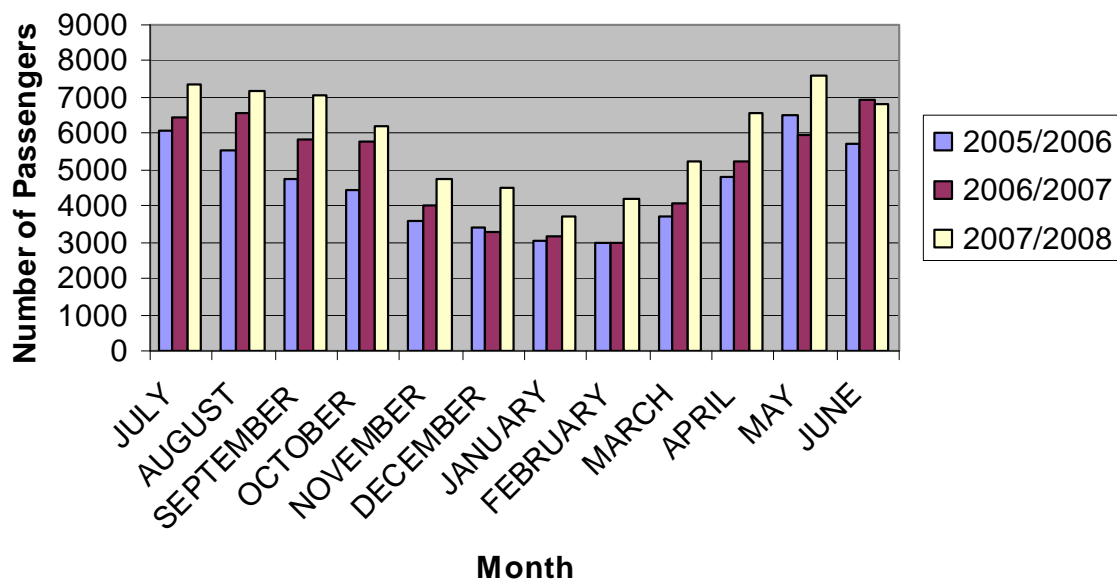
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Passenger numbers and aircraft landings continued to rise above previous levels.

### Passenger Movements - East Kimberley Regional Airport.

Month	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
July	6,064	6,442	7,379
August	5,532	6,566	7,193
September	4,742	5,818	7,059
October	4,456	5,780	6,188
November	3,578	4,021	4,734
December	3,387	3,265	4,514
January	3,017	3,182	3,709
February	2,991	3,010	4,182
March	3,726	4,065	5,230
April	4,787	5,260	6,574
May	6,520	5,939	7,624
June	5,732	6,920	6,803
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54,532</b>	<b>60,268</b>	<b>71,189</b>



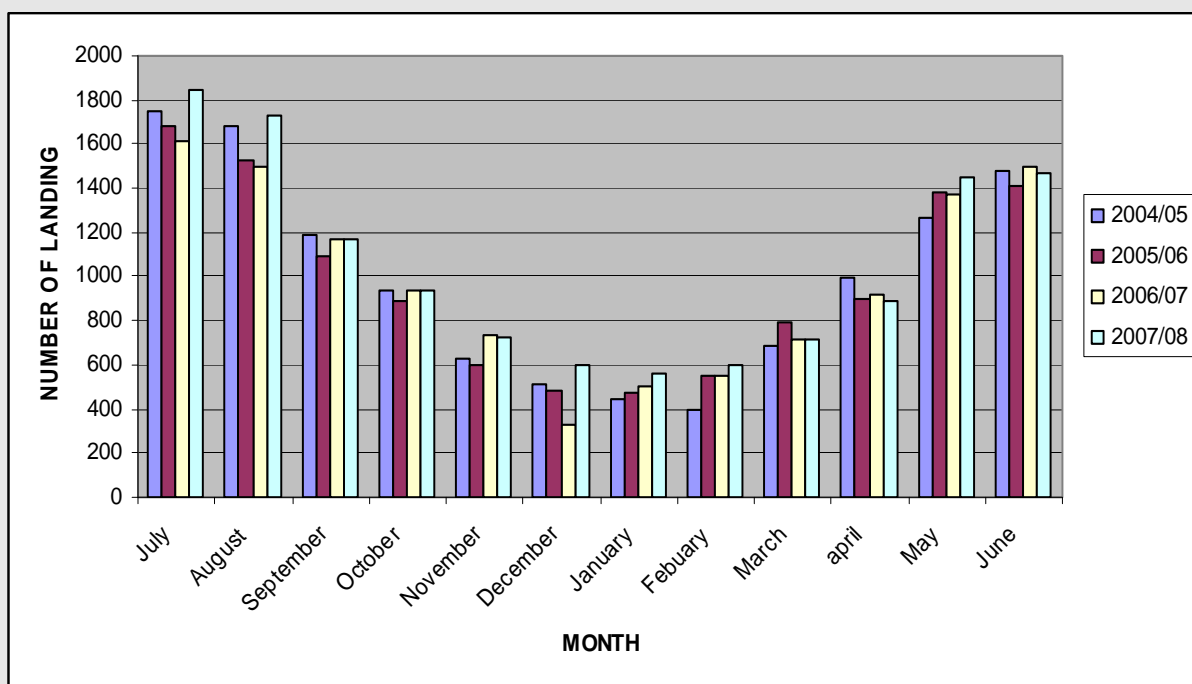


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### Aircraft Landings at East Kimberley Regional Airport

Month	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
July	1,748	1,677	1,617	1,844
August	1,681	1,526	1,499	1,727
September	1,191	1,091	1,167	1,166
October	937	886	934	933
November	626	595	738	729
December	508	485	326	602
January	443	472	505	562
February	396	550	551	596
March	685	791	718	714
April	991	896	917	892
May	1,261	1,379	1,373	1,451
June	1,481	1,413	1,495	1,473
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,948</b>	<b>11,761</b>	<b>11,840</b>	<b>12,689</b>

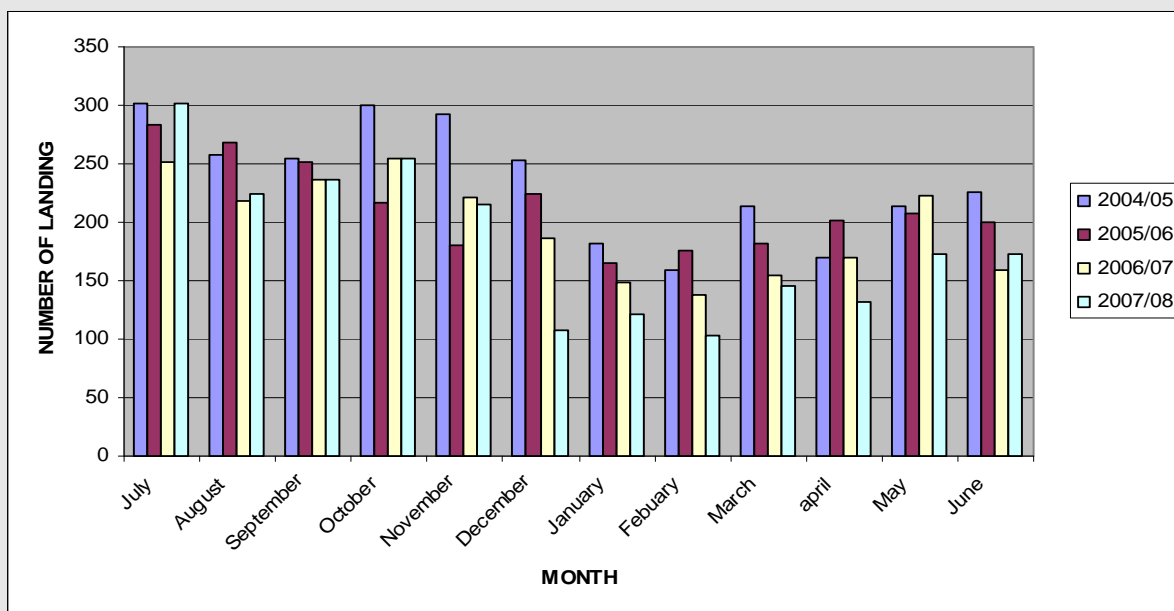


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### Aircraft Landings at Wyndham Airport

Month	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
July	302	284	251	302
August	257	268	218	225
September	254	251	237	237
October	300	217	254	254
November	293	180	221	215
December	253	224	186	108
January	182	165	149	121
February	159	176	138	103
March	213	182	154	145
April	169	202	170	132
May	214	207	223	173
June	226	200	159	173
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,822</b>	<b>2,556</b>	<b>2,360</b>	<b>2,188</b>



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### Road Reseals Program

As part of an ongoing program the following roads were re-sealed;

Kununurra -	Alba Place	Wyndham -	Kabbarli Street
	Eucalyptus Close		Dorrigo Street
	Weaber Plain Road (2.1km)		Gully Road
	Argena Street		George Road
	Cocus Way		Barytes Road
	Ironwood Drive (.40km)		Bonaparte Street
			(toilet car park)

A total of 49,000 square metres of resurfacing was involved in the projects.

### Road Maintenance

Kalumburu Road;

Work on the 262km Kalumburu road occurs annually commensurate with special funds for that purpose allocated by the State and Commonwealth Governments. Typically funds of around \$330,000 are invested each year. Funds well over \$10M are required to bring the road up to a well formed gravel road, and there is no optimism this level will be provided any time soon. As a result, Council resolved to request this road be taken over by the State Government and for it be managed as the Gibb River Road is by the State.

Weaber Plains Road;

A 2.1km section of Weaber Plain Road was reconstructed and widened using "\$2 for \$1" combination of regional road groups (State) funds and Shire funds.

### Koolinda Street Upgrade

Koolinda Street in Wyndham, in front of the shopping precinct received a significant upgrade during the year.



Other works completed include;

- Patching of Lake Argyle Road
- Shoulders
- Drains
- Kununurra Community Services Building Upgrade.

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### Footpaths

The construction of a dual use path across the Victoria Highway frontage of the All Seasons Motel, linking to the Messmate Way was completed. With Shire funds, which were matched by the State Government through the Country Pathways Program.

Maintenance on the Shire network of footpaths was undertaken and preliminary work commenced to construct the pedestrian footpath across Lily Creek lagoon linking to the Lakeside suburb on Kununurra.

Council has approximately 17.6Km of footpath network, with a surface area of approximately 31,000m<sup>2</sup>.

### Wyndham Shire Office Upgrade

A refit of the Shire Office at Wyndham was completed during the year. The refit included expansion of the public library and much needed improvements to the reception area.

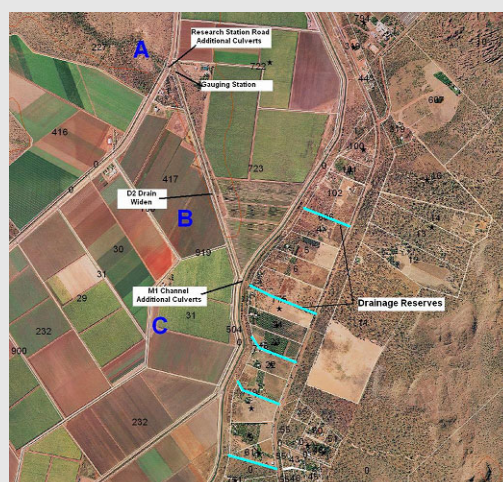


### Drainage

\$50,000 was secured from the Department of Planning & Infrastructure and invested in reducing erosion in the upper catchment which cause sedimentation and blocked drains in Weaber Plains Catchment.

In 07/08 Council secured \$450,000 from each of the State and Commonwealth Governments to assist mitigate flooding in the Weaber Plains Catchment. Work to be undertaken in 08/09 with the funds include:

Widening of Research Station Road culverts, Increasing drainage capacity under the M1 irrigation channel, and improvements to the D2 drain.



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The Shire provides community services and facilities such as recreation and leisure, child care and public libraries and contributes to community safety, access and inclusion, youth and community wellbeing, social planning and interagency responses to local community issues.

### **Community Quick Grants**

The Shire's quick grants programs provide financial and in-kind support to local organisations and for initiatives which benefit the local community. The Community Quick Grants program provides up to \$500 per organisation. In total \$4,900 was made available to support a range of community groups such as:

- East Kimberley Cricket Association – new season cricket balls
- East Kimberley Job Pathways – Hip Hop Workshops
- Kununurra Neighbourhood House – International Women's Day event
- Kununurra Softball Association – umpiring equipment

### **Annual Grants**

The Annual Grants program contributed \$97,400 to local community and economic development initiatives including:

- Ceremonial Start in Kununurra for the Australian Safari off road race
- Kimberley Wildlife Rescue's program
- Kununurra Visitor Centre promotional activities
- Wyndham Arts and Craft Show
- Kununurra Amateur Theatre Society
- Ord Valley Muster
- Kalumburu Aboriginal Corporation for entry and tourist signage

### **Civic Events**

Community and civic events are another important aspect of community life. The Shire supported the Anzac Day and Remembrance Day services, NAIDOC events, the Agricultural Show.

At the annual Volunteer Recognition event, Marilyn Mowat was awarded Volunteer of the Year Kununurra and Mark Timms was named Volunteer of the Year Wyndham. Marilyn Mowat was also presented with the Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award in recognition of her contributions to the local community.

Capitalising on opportunities for travelling and visiting performances. The Shire continued to promote arts and culture in the local community. For example the Backyard frontline – Australia under attack 1942 – 1943, a travelling exhibition by the Australian War Memorial, was displayed in Wyndham for a week during August and visited by approximately 300 locals and visitors.



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The Shire partnered with the Kununurra Rotary Club to coordinate tree plantings in Celebrity Tree Park throughout the year when celebrities visited the region. The filming of the movie Australia in the region was commemorated through a tree planting ceremony.

The East Kimberley region was proudly represented in the annual Local Government Week Banners in St Georges Terrace display. The Shire's banner was produced by Betty McKinlay, Director of the Wyndham Childcare Centre, with input from the children.



(above) The Film "Australia", David Ngoombujurra and Baz Lurhman planting a tree in Celebrity Tree park.  
(Left) Banner produced by Wyndham Child Centre.

### Kununurra Youth Centre

After many years in the planning, which first commenced in 1999/2000, and with construction occurring over 18 months, the Kununurra Youth Facility was completed in April 2008. This purpose built \$1.9m Facility has been designed as a collocation hub for services and activities for young people. As a result of the service mapping undertaken by the Shire to assist in the identification of collocation opportunities and management structures, the Council supported the need to develop a whole of government approach to youth services throughout the Shire and the East Kimberley Youth Service model was adopted.



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### Wyndham Child Care Centre

Numbers of children using the Centre remained consistent throughout the year with approximately 20 families accessing the Centre each quarter.

The Centre received an increase in the Commonwealth Sustainability Grant received from \$39,347 to \$48,962 for the 2007/2008 year.

During the year the Centre had three compliance checks from the Licensing Board, receiving excellent reports.

The Centre was painted on the outside and had new sliding doors installed at the entrance and exit to improve access for people with a disability and also people with prams. New curtains were made for two rooms.

A \$5,000 donation was received from Argyle Diamond Mine to provide a shade dome for the new sandpit area at the rear of the building.

Other funds raised included;

- \$360 for the Cancer Council via sale of fresh daffodils
- \$3,600 for the Cancer Council via the breast cancer dinner
- \$140 for SIDS 2008
- \$120 for Canteen Bandanna Sales
- \$100 in vouchers through the Christmas Fundraiser catalogues.



Environmental Health Visit



Enjoying Activities



Propagating Plants

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### **Kununurra Community Library**

Activities at the library included:

- Library visits from Jungdranung Remote School and St Joseph's Wyndham Years 1-2,
- Kimberley Writers Festival
- Visiting authors – Ken Searle, Children's Book Week
- Regular activities - Story time every Thursday morning and School Holiday activities
- Library Displays – Children's Book Week, National Science Week, Father's Day, Koalas, Healthy Food, WA Week, Food Allergy Awareness, Breast Cancer Awareness, Christmas, Library Lover's Day, It's raining again, Easter, Anzac Day, Mother's Day, Sport, Tidy Shire Awards, Primary Focus books.
- Simultaneous Story time
- Journey to the centre of the Earth' performance
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Teacher's afternoon tea
- MS Readathon (22 students participated compared to 3 last year).

Improvements to the Library this year included:

- Revised library brochure produced for library patrons.
- New library server and modem, with the library management software changed to 'Destiny'.
- New shelving for better display of magazines, revolving paperback stand and reference shelving and stand.



Children's Book Week, Ken Searle talks to the children



Holiday activities



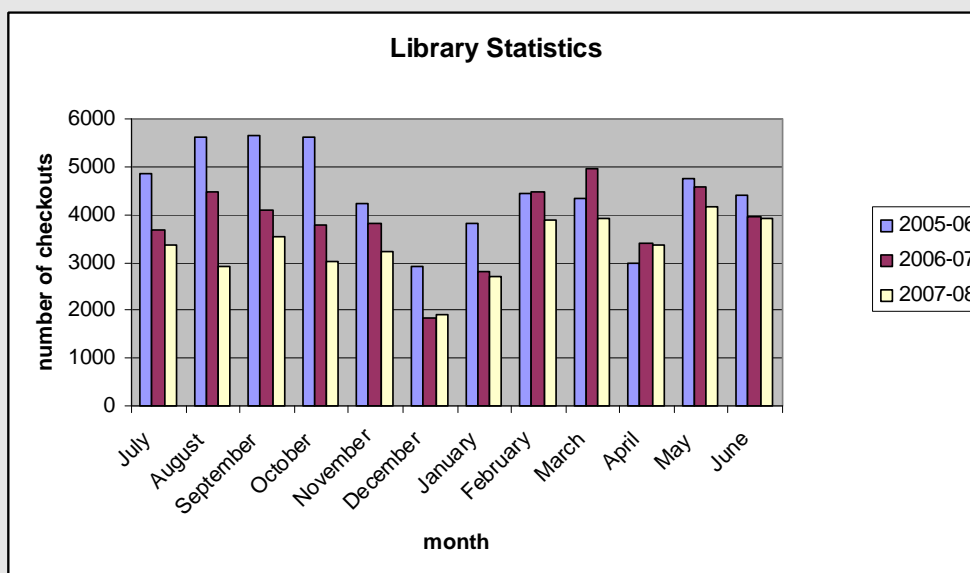
National Simultaneous Story time



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### Kununurra Community Library - Circulation Statistics



Month	Library checkouts	Library checkouts	Library checkouts
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
July	4,848	3,676	3,349
August	5,634	4,469	2,898
September	5,659	4,088	3,545
October	5,623	3,771	3,021
November	4,220	3,805	3,226
December	2,907	1,846	1,899
January	3,812	2,807	2,702
February	4,456	4,484	3,900
March	4,328	4,957	3,933
April	2,970	3,396	3,374
May	4,763	4,563	4,153
June	4,395	3,944	3,928
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53,615</b>	<b>45,806</b>	<b>39,928</b>

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### Wyndham Community Library

The numbers of visitors to the library, new members and library loans all increased substantially this year. Library loans for 2007/08 were 47.5% higher than the 2006/07 year.

This year has seen a major upgrade to the Wyndham Library. In November 2006 the Library space was increased from 65m<sup>2</sup> to 82m<sup>2</sup>. In October 2007, new vinyl floor covering, complete repaint and a new library counter completely transformed the area. In 2008, the Children's area was upgraded with new book boxes, cushion covers and a large reading rug.

Posters and advertisements in the Bastion Bulletin and a closer liaison with both schools in Wyndham have increased community awareness of the services offered by the Library. In particular, a growing number of students are utilising the library facilities after school and during school holiday periods. The Grade 1/2 class from St Joseph's School regularly visits for story-telling, personal reading and other activities.

A complete stock take was completed for the first time at the end of the financial year and closer liaison with the State Library has improved the range of items on offer to better reflect the requirements of our customers.



Wyndham Community Library



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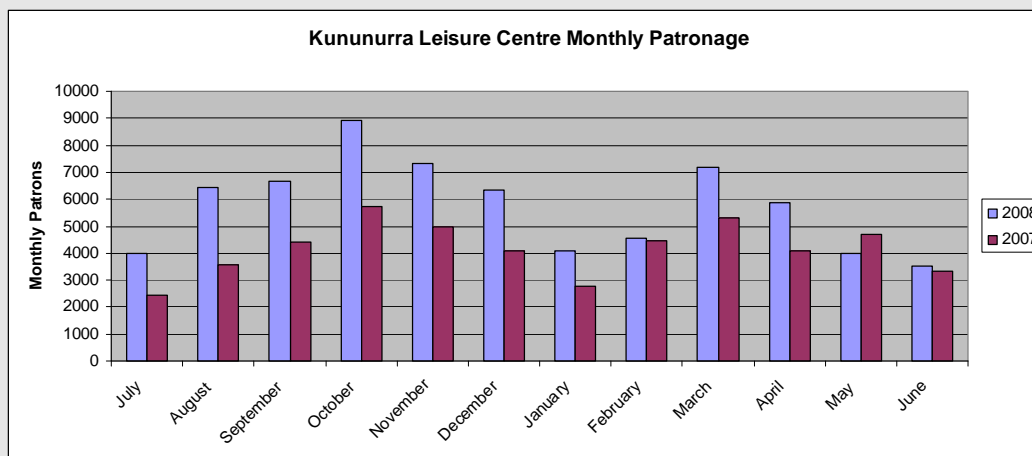
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### Kununurra Leisure Centre

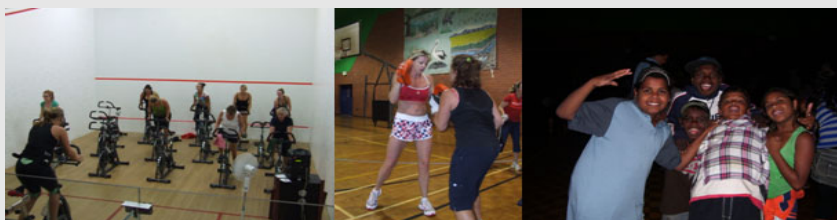
This has been the most successful 12 month period in years for the Kununurra Leisure Centre. Total patronage for the 2007/2008 financial year was 68,906. This is almost 20,000 visits/uses more than the previous year's patronage of 49,946, demonstrating a 38% increase in usage.

Services and programs included the following:

- VacSwim and Swim School
- School Holiday Programs
- Group Fitness Classes
- Personal Training
- Youth Discos
- Indoor Soccer
- Indoor Hockey
- Triathlon
- Events and Functions
- AquaAerobics



The increased range and diversity of activities and programs on offer at the Leisure Centre is the continuing result of the strategy implemented over the past 2 years to multi skill the staff team by providing numerous training and development opportunities.



Many events were held with highlights including KATS production of Skits and Pieces, Co-Opera and the Ord Valley Muster Triathlon. The continuing partnership with KATS has resulted in the installation of new curtains and stage fixtures.



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The Shire's capacity to deliver water safety training was increased with the successful completion of assessor courses in Bronze Medallion and commencement of Lifeguard Assessor courses. This move to better arm the community to self-deliver these essential training courses is a first for the region and moves the Shire towards being an industry leader in Water Safety.

### **Wyndham Recreation Centre**

Programs were run through the continued partnership and collocation of Shire and Garnduwa Sport and Recreation Officers.

Activities included:

#### Weekly activities

Social Netball  
Social Basketball  
Young Girls Group  
Kimberley Cup Soccer Training  
Art-Craft

#### Special activities

Movie Screening  
BBQ and games  
School holiday program  
Auskick  
Mothers Day activities  
Basketball Clinic  
Junior King of the Kimberley  
Basketball Cup  
Disco

The Junior King of the Kimberley Basketball Cup was a highlight with teams from Halls Creek, Warmun, Kalumburu and Oombulgurri, Wyndham and Kununurra competing for the title of Junior King of the Kimberley. The youth disco held to conclude this two day competition was attended by almost 200 people.



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### **Wyndham Swimming Centre**

Staff turnover at the Wyndham swimming pool resulted in a pool closure of 6 weeks before the recruitment and commencement of the current Pool Manager. Patronage dropped 46% from previous years. Factors contributing to this reduction include:

- Availability of qualified instructors
- Cessation of learn-to-swim classes due to staff limitations
- Pool closures due to pool repairs
- Pool closures due to planning study into pool upgrade
- Cessation of school in-term swimming classes

In December the Shire commissioned a planning study into the condition of the pool and associated facilities and options for upgrade. This resulted in a two week closure to allow for pool core samples to be taken for analysis. Results were positive and the Shire is currently working towards significant renewal of the Wyndham Swimming pool, currently estimated at over \$1m.

### **Club Development Project**

The Department of Sport and Recreation partnered with some local governments in Western Australia to provide resources, training and assistance to sport and recreation clubs and their volunteers. This partnership has resulted in the joint Club Development project between the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley and Shire of Halls Creek. Project Officer, Ben Flynn commenced in March 2008 and has been active within the community meeting the people at clubs and researching the goals, aspirations and opportunities for clubs.

This project aims to develop the capacity of local clubs over a 3 year period to improve governance, membership, financial management and overall sustainability. Clubs are important to this community and provide many opportunities for physical activity, diversionary leisure and social networks, all of which contribute to the liveability of communities.

### **Ranger Services**

Council employs 2 Rangers in Kununurra and 1 in Wyndham. Rangers impounded on average 25 dogs per month. An average of 2 written complaints are dealt with each month, and many more informal complaints received and acted upon. Rangers worked on raising the public awareness of responsible dog ownership, in particular in relation to barking dogs and Council's Local Laws governing the number of dogs allowed per property (2). There are approximately 800 dogs registered in the Shire and the numbers are increasing steadily. This is due both to growth within the Shire and increased awareness of the requirement to register your pets.

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Council introduced cat traps on hire from the Shire to assist reduce feral cat problems around town sites. This service was used widely amongst the community.

Dog registration forms and information in relation to borrowing Council equipment are available from the Kununurra and Wyndham administration offices.

<b>Ranger Services Report</b>	<b>Financial Year 2006-2007</b>	<b>Financial Year 2007-2008</b>
Dogs Impounded	247	271
Dogs Returned	53	69
Dog Complaints	23	32
Dog Attacks	3	9
Cat Cages Requested	93	124
Cats Destroyed	115	123
Dogs Destroyed	190	250
Campers Moved on	82	41
Bags of Rubbish Collected	400	378
Abandoned Vehicles	9	8
Controlled Fire Attendances	50	36

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### Environmental Health

The regular inspection of food premises, swimming pools, accommodation, public buildings, hair dressers, beauty therapy establishments and caravan parks demonstrate the Shire's proactive approach to the maintenance of good public health.

In January and July 2008, the Shire hosted two trainee Environmental Health Officers. Their training included, an annual food sampling program, mosquito monitoring and pool sampling.

Mosquito trapping and identification is conducted on a regular basis to detect species of mosquitoes which may pose a health risk to the community. Mosquito fogging is conducted in conjunction with the results of mosquito trapping and the presence of mosquito borne diseases in sentinel chicken flocks.



Sentinel Chicken Program



Pool Sampling



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Wyndham received a new thermal fogging machine in early 2008 to increase the efficiency of the fogging program in the town. Mosquito fogging was increased in the weeks before and during the Ord Valley Muster to aid the reduction of adult mosquitoes in the area in an attempt to prevent infection.

Good health outcomes are achieved by educating people about relevant public health issues that exist within the community. Over the past year, the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley has conducted school education programs on health, hygiene and disease.

Activities to promote good health outcomes;

- School education Program
- Food Safe Training
- Training for Aquatic Facilities
- Broadcast on the Kimberley ABC



### Indigenous Environmental Health

The Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley has 42 discrete indigenous communities, of which 38 were surveyed on core environmental health areas. Of the communities surveyed in the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley;

- 76% did not have any management or maintenance program for drinking water supplies;
- 82% were drinking water not treated or tested regularly to ensure compliance with Australian Drinking Water Guidelines;
- 74% rely on small domestic generators for their power supply;
- 37% experience serious drainage problems, particularly in the wet season, which impacts on sewage disposal, housing maintenance, road access, waste disposal and mosquito breeding;
- 30% have inadequate waste disposal methods, most often in the form of poorly constructed rubbish pits;
- 58% have abandoned and unwanted vehicles in the surrounding environment, some as many as 20 vehicles.

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Major achievements this year include;

- Completion of the 2007 WA Indigenous Community Environmental Health Needs Survey
- Delivery of Cert II Indigenous Environmental Health Training
- Planning for the Kalumburu AACAP (Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Program),
- Presentation at the Australian Institute of Environmental Health WA/NT State Conference and review of the Public Health Act



Water quality, particularly water pressure, and drainage were two major issues discussed when conducting environmental health surveys



Abandoned vehicles were also an important issue to communities during the survey. They create serious threat the environment, are a fire hazard and a risk the people's health and safety.

The survey resulted in a project being undertaken with East Kimberley CDEP to remove old abandoned vehicles from Mirima.

It is hoped that this project can be expanded to other communities in the future.



Ashley Johnson & Clayton Grant trap mosquitoes near Kununurra



Willie Grant inspects waste disposal methods at a landfill site



Ashley Johnson tests water while Clayton & Willie Grant look on

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### **Kalumburu AACAP**

Work was done in preparation for the 2008 Kalumburu AACAP which will see the Australian defence force mobilise and work with the community from May to September 2008. Whilst much of the AACAP is focused on construction there are some major health programs which were created and organised with assistance from the Shire. They include;

- Training Kalumburu people in Cert II Indigenous Environmental Health;
- Hygiene and health promotion with the school;
- Mosquito Surveillance;
- Veterinary services to support the dog health program;
- Dental hygiene; and
- Men's Health.

### **Australian Institute of Environmental Health WA/NT State Conference**

A highlight of the 07/08 year was a participation in the Australian Institute of Environmental Health WA/NT State Conference through a presentation titled "overcoming the last frontier". The presentation focused on four keys challenges facing the future of indigenous communities;

1. Lack of policy surrounding outstations and small communities  
The non agreement between the Commonwealth and State and inability to reach a decision on the future of these communities continues to hold back progress and restrict the effectiveness of environmental health programs.
2. Poor decision making by key agencies  
There continues to be a lack of accountability at all levels when it comes to the provision of services to indigenous communities. This includes government departments, service agencies and the communities themselves.
3. Lack of enforcement options  
Most health legislation does not currently bind the crown, including land managed by the crown such as ALT lands. The New Public Health Bill will hopefully go some way to address this and the Shire has actively participated in providing comment and feedback on the impact this legislation will have on remote indigenous communities.
4. Politics  
The many different view points and policies from those involved at different levels with indigenous communities can make it difficult to plan and deliver long term projects. Tough decisions need to be made on the future of remote communities and frank discussions must be had to ensure the best outcomes for those who live there.



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#### **Waste Management**

The Shire provides a range of waste management services to the residents of Kununurra and Wyndham. An investment of \$1,087,342.

Landfill sites for each of Kununurra and Wyndham were operated. The Wyndham site operates as a registered facility which limits the type of material that can be received. Tyres, waste oil, car and truck batteries can not be deposited at the Wyndham site. These items are taken at the Shire Wyndham depot located in Coverley Street where they are stored for transfer to the Kununurra site.

The Kununurra site is a licensed Class 2 landfill site, allowing it to receive most materials. It cannot however accept contaminated waste. Fortunately there are not a lot of chemically contaminated soils from industrial sites in the region and the small amount that is located has to be transported to Perth.

The sites are operated under a management contract, and the current contract ended 30 June 2008. Prior to the end of the financial year tenders had been invited and Poomundi Enterprises Ltd, based in Wyndham were awarded the new contract.

Both landfill sites are open 7 days per week with total opening hours at the Wyndham site reduced to reflect the smaller community requirements.

Weekly kerbside domestic waste collection services are provided under contract in both towns using 240 litre bins. The contract was due to expire 30 June 2008, however the opportunity was taken to use the one year extension option in the contract, with the new end date being 30 June 2009.

Litter removal continues to be a major issue in both towns. Wyndham removal is undertaken by Shire employees and in Kununurra by contractors. The cost of litter removal in 2007/08 exceeded \$150,000 and is a major diversion of limited financial resources however not removing it would cause major inconvenience to the two towns residents and visitors.

During late October/early November each year the Shire provides a pre-cyclone cleanup opportunity with the removal of material from residents verges. The speed of the cleanups is improving each year, and so is the support of residents in placing the material on street verges in a timely manner.

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#### **Management Actions for Lake Kununurra**

Management Actions for Lake Kununurra has continued with a range of activities being carried out including:

- Continuation of a stormwater monitoring program including analysis and results interpretation
- Weed removal and rehabilitation
- Ongoing *Salvinia* control and monitoring to ensure eradication
- Completion of a Vegetation Management Plan
- Continuation of an education program in the local schools
- Cumbungi control around celebrity tree park
- Stabilisation and landscaping of a stormwater drain
- Growing of local native seedlings in partnership with local business Kimberley Native Seeds and ORIA orchards
- The development of Best Management Practices for Stormwater

#### **Weaber Plains Erosion**

The Weaber Plains Erosion Remediation Demonstration Project was completed. This project trialled four different erosion treatment methods in an attempt to reduce erosion, sediment transportation and deposition for improved catchment stability, water quality and reduced seasonal flooding of downstream properties. 27 structures were installed and a fire management plan developed for implementation in the 2008/09 season. Ongoing communication as well as monitoring of the revegetation and sediment deposition will be carried out in order to fully assess the long term benefits of this project. A fact sheet summarising the project in more detail is also available.

Other environmental achievements include:

- Continuation of the Baby Tree program on the verge of Victoria Highway near the entrance to the East Kimberley Regional Airport, and at Wyndham
- Native tree staking program along Kununurra road verges and in public open spaces
- The introduction of can recycling at the leisure centre, implementing the regional energy program and other sustainability initiatives
- The nomination of Kununurra in the Regional Tidy Towns awards
- Implementing the Tidy Shires awards
- The distribution of free native seedlings to residents and the coordination of community plantings along the path to Swim Beach
- Managing permits for native vegetation clearing and interference with the bed and Banks of watercourses
- Various displays and presentations
- Support and input into cane toad initiatives

The value of the above projects to the community has resulted in an Environmental Projects Officer position being included in the Shires Organisational structure.



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## Economic Development

### Land Release

It is essential that land release occurs to promote regional investment and opportunity for people in the East Kimberley. Most vacant land in the East Kimberley is owned by the State Government. Council advocated on behalf of the region for the release of land to facilitate developments. In doing so Council has been mindful of the need for diversity of land type on offer the community to match the wide of community aspirations.

### Key achievements;

1. Construction of 53 residential Lots by Landcorp the State's developer in Stage 4 of the Kununurra Lakeside residential area. The land Ballot was conducted 12 July 2008 at the Kununurra Show with 28 of the 43 Lots on offer being sold at the ballot. Un - balloted Lots are grouped residential sites and or Lots reserved by Government for its housing needs.
2. Final sub division approval for the Valentine Springs rural residential sub division containing 108 Lots ranging from 1 ha to 4 ha.
3. Sale of four former undeveloped reserves for unit/town house developments in the older part of Kununurra. This initiative is expected to allow for an additional 42 housing units, plus approximately 14 retail/office premises. It is an initiative aimed at both accelerating land for housing and promoting development close the Kununurra town centre.
4. Council requested the State Government release a portion of Reserve 29799 between the Ord River Sports Club and "Agricultural Oval" for urban development and the State agreed to that. This is expected to deliver up to 150 medium density housing Lots, close the town centre and key services like schools, childcare and recreation amenity.
5. Council advocated to the State Government and Department of Housing and Works (DHW) for an Urban Renewal program in depreciated neighbourhoods of Erythina Street and Weaber Plains road where DHW owns a high proportion of vacant Lots and poor houses. This lobby resulted in one large depreciated property in Erythina Street being auctioned in June 2008, but being passed in at auction at \$1.35M. The intent of DHW selling the property is to lower its concentration of public sector housing so that is closer to the State standard of 1 in 9 homes, and encourage private sector investment in the housing market. This property is now expected to be sub divided and sold off as separate properties.

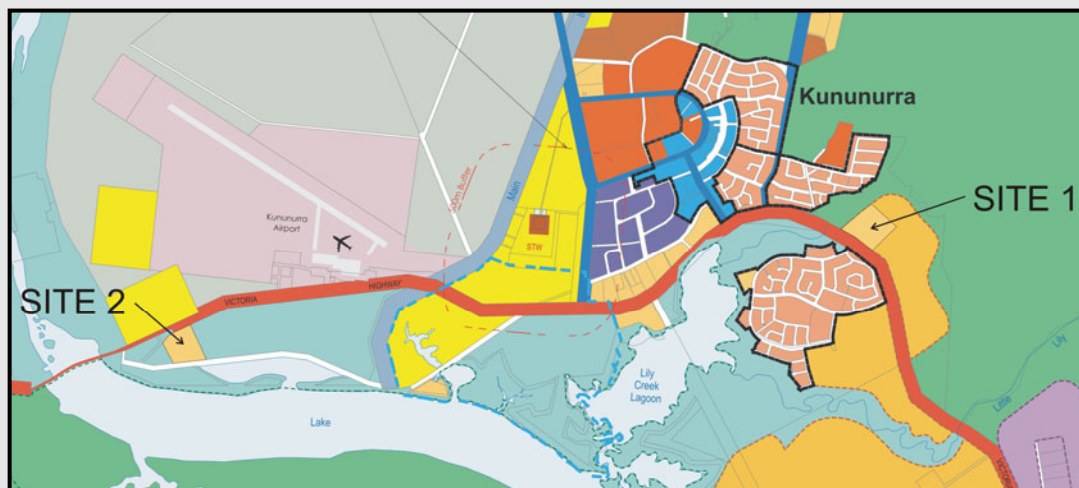
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## Economic Development

6. Council commenced a rural sub division on part of the land it owns near the Wyndham airport to increased rural resident land options in Wyndham.
7. Council completed an audit of vacant land in the Wyndham town site most of which is owned by the State Government and commenced lobbying to have this developed in stages for residential use.
8. Council released for public comment a proposal to developed a portion of Reserve 41812 on the corner of WaterLily Place Kununurra, for residential development. This niche opportunity capitalises on existing infrastructure (roads, power etc) and is intended to have reticulated parkland development around it.

### Caravan Parks

Caravan Park capacity in Kununurra declined by 29 bays as this space was converted to Chalets/Cabins. In July 2007 the overflow caravan park arrangement at the Oval site exceeded its capacity. With continued growth in caravan parks sales nationally, and trend to more chalets/cabins, Council requested the State Government give consideration to releasing two parcels of land for future caravan parks and to run a process to encourage investment in this needed new infrastructure.



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## Economic Development

### Tourism

The Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley contributes to support the economy and in particular tourism related activities. Support provided was;

- \$20,000 to Ord Valley Muster
- \$35,000 to the Kununurra Visitor Centre
- \$10,000 to Australia's Northwest for regional tourism promotion
- \$70,000 to Australia's Northwest in the form of rent revenue from East Kimberley Tourism House.
- \$5,000 sponsorship to the International Sandalwood Conference held in Kununurra, May 2008
- \$5,000 sponsorship to the Kimberley Economic Forum August 2008
- \$10,000 sponsorship to Australian Safari Rally
- \$10,000 Perth Royal Show Guest Town Display for Sept 2008
- \$200,000 invested annually in litter control and street sweeping
- \$10,000 new interpretative signage at Celebrity Tree Park
- \$162,000 new boat ramp at Wyndham



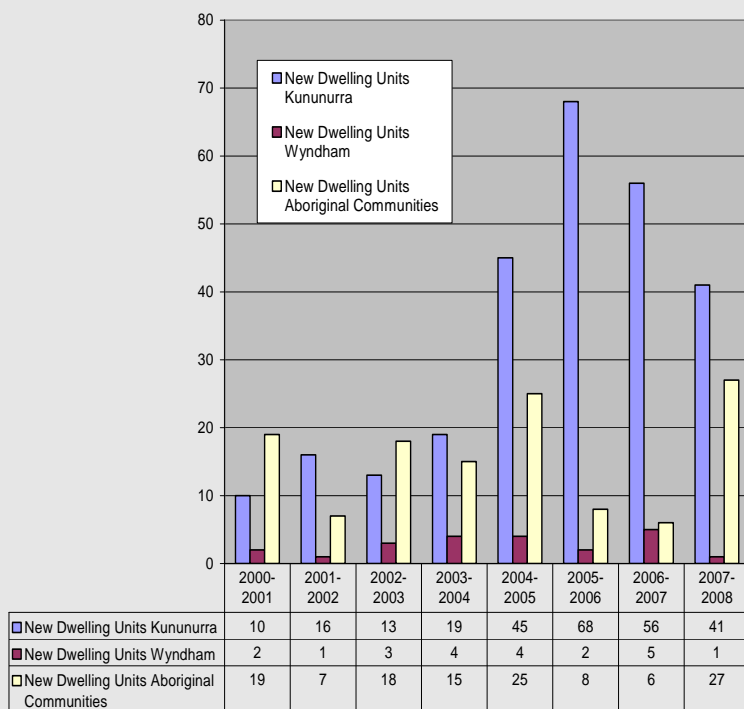
Perth Royal Show Guest Town Display 2008



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## Economic Development

159 Building Licences were issued for the period of July 2007 to June 2008 with the construction value of \$34,438,418.



YEAR	Number of Building Licences Issued	Annual Construction Value	New Dwelling Units Kununurra	New Dwelling Units Wyndham	New Dwelling Units Aboriginal Communities
2000-2001	88	\$8,173,121.00	10	2	19
2001-2002	94	\$6,233,174.00	16	1	7
2002-2003	154	\$11,679,506.00	13	3	18
2003-2004	155	\$12,294,189.00	19	4	15
2004-2005	181	\$26,321,945.00	45	4	25
2005-2006	197	\$25,119,699.00	68	2	8
2006-2007	188	\$29,491,996.00	56	5	6
2007-2008	159	\$34,438,418.01	41	1	27

Lakeside Stage 4 land release has ensured supply of available residential land.

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## Economic Development

Significant buildings completed this year were;

- Kununurra Youth Centre
- The Rewards Group packing facility
- Renovations and additions to Home Valley Station.

The Building Code of Australia 2006 brought in significant increase in building energy efficient Standards. These changes were implemented after a transition period. The aim of these standards is the reduction of green house gases as part of the national efforts on sustainable building and carbon reduction.

In October 2007, a second Building Surveyor was employed by the Shire to assist manage the growing work loads associated with regional growth.

The on going battle with vandalism has not let up in the last year with considerable man-hours and resources being devoted to repairing vandalised public toilets and property in both Wyndham and Kununurra.

### **Planning**

An arrangement with the Department for Planning and Infrastructure provided for a part time planner from July 2007, shared between the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley, the Shire of Halls Creek and the Department for Planning and Infrastructure. This provided a partial increase in resources, at a time when demands are increasing.

### **Commercial Boat Facility**

A feasibility assessment of a Commercial Boat facility on Lake Kununurra was undertaken to assess the engineering issues and financial viability of this project. The assessment, undertaken by SKM, determined the proposal was feasible to progress. Grant funding for the development of this project, was unsuccessful.

This facility is proposed to provide for commercial tour operators that use Lake Kununurra. Major benefits of the facility will be removal of conflict with recreational users, mitigation of potential environmental impacts, including fuel spills, and a coordinated and managed use of the foreshore compared to the current practices.

### **Town Planning Schemes**

A number of amendments have been made to Council's Town Planning Schemes for both Wyndham and Kununurra, providing for the effective management of growth in these towns. Importantly, major changes have been developed for Councils Kununurra Scheme, which is seen as insufficient for management of planning issues in this rapidly growing area.



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## Economic Development

Amendment 18 to the Kununurra Scheme was prepared to allow for diversified uses in agricultural zones. This amendment will allow for small scale tourist development within agricultural zones, but only under specific parameters to ensure any potential conflict with agriculture is eliminated.

### Parks Planning

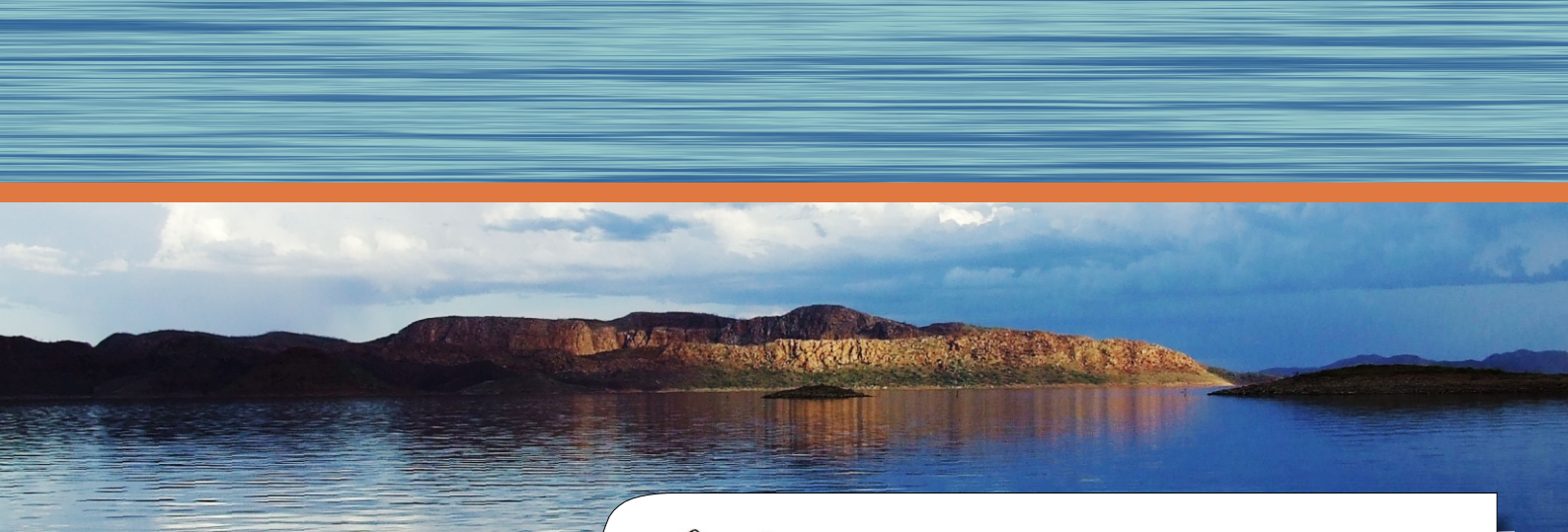
Council sold three parks identified as being dysfunctional within Councils Parks Plan. \$1.7m was raised from the sale, this we be re-invested in public open space and parks improvement. Additionally the parks sold capacity of up to 32 residential units within close proximity to the town centre.

### Stage 3 Lakeside Subdivision

Stage 3 Lakeside Subdivision progressed with rezoning and subdivision approvals paving the way for the release of this land, constituting 35 lots. Although it is considered insufficient for current demand, planning for an additional 57 lots has also significantly progressed. Structure planning for an additional 200+ lots as part of stages 5, 6 & 7 has also commenced to ensure that land supply is adequate and further delays do not occur. Land releases for Light Industrial and Industrial uses are also being planned.



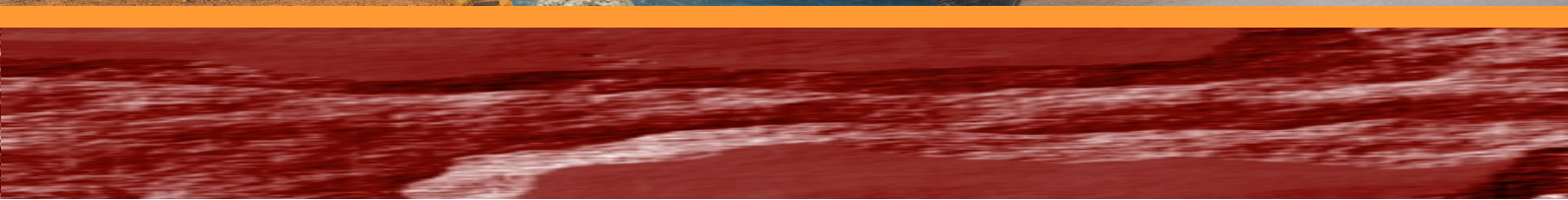
Above: Lakeside Stage 3 Subdivision



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**Wyndham East Kimberley**

# Financial Report

For the Year Ended 30 June 2008



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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 Shire of Wyndham - East Kimberley being the annual financial report and other information for the financial year ended 30th June 2008 are in my opinion properly drawn up to present fairly the financial position of the Shire of Wyndham - East Kimberley at 30th June 2008 and the results of the operations for the financial year then ended in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and comply with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulations under that Act.

Signed on the 12th day of December 2008.



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Peter Stubbs  
Chief Executive Officer



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### Income Statement by Nature and Type For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

	NOTE	2008 \$	2008 Budget \$	2007 \$
<b>REVENUES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES</b>				
Rates	22	4,315,211	4,342,193	4,094,064
Grants and Subsidies	28	5,336,241	4,297,045	4,001,820
Contributions Reimbursements and Donations		312,798	206,641	156,963
Fees and Charges	27	3,962,658	3,363,546	2,954,211
Interest Earnings	2(a)	399,114	240,000	368,469
Other Revenue		104,629	152,480	279,623
		<u>14,430,651</u>	<u>12,601,905</u>	<u>11,855,150</u>
<b>EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES</b>				
Employee Costs		(4,139,470)	(4,044,374)	(3,433,343)
Materials and Contracts		(5,496,781)	(5,014,500)	(4,989,270)
Utilities		(394,807)	(318,950)	(274,657)
Depreciation	2(a)	(2,583,410)	(2,704,800)	(2,611,882)
Interest Expenses	2(a)	(125,364)	(144,519)	(188,819)
Insurance		(285,730)	(266,651)	(395,801)
Other Expenditure		(292,889)	(414,503)	(450,260)
		<u>(13,318,451)</u>	<u>(12,908,297)</u>	<u>(12,344,032)</u>
		1,112,200	(306,392)	(488,882)
Grants and Subsidies - non-operating	28	945,452	3,003,080	641,280
Contributions Reimbursements and Donations - non-operating		0	100,000	0
Profit on Asset Disposals	20	2,045,984	3,039,665	51,841
Loss on Asset Disposals	20	<u>(32,436)</u>	<u>(74,989)</u>	<u>(18,576)</u>
<b>NET RESULT</b>		<u>4,071,200</u>	<u>5,761,364</u>	<u>185,663</u>

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



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### Income Statement by Program For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

	NOTE	2008 \$	2008 Budget \$	2007 \$
<b>REVENUES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES</b>				
Governance		80,424	85,050	101,199
General Purpose Funding		8,124,393	8,032,363	7,677,629
Law, Order, Public Safety		89,323	82,675	56,158
Health		179,186	142,600	132,286
Education and Welfare		125,617	686,523	336,691
Housing		69,769	925,342	117,059
Community Amenities		1,767,072	1,594,200	1,352,421
Recreation and Culture		457,413	998,280	316,769
Transport		4,475,929	4,419,451	2,327,871
Economic Services		274,288	141,873	104,187
Other Property and Services		1,778,673	1,636,293	26,001
	2 (a)	<u>17,422,087</u>	<u>18,744,650</u>	<u>12,548,271</u>
<b>EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES EXCLUDING BORROWING COSTS EXPENSE</b>				
Governance		(747,220)	(838,378)	(583,290)
General Purpose Funding		(257,658)	(293,776)	(224,198)
Law, Order, Public Safety		(457,202)	(372,021)	(367,462)
Health		(391,912)	(390,073)	(335,845)
Education and Welfare		(319,267)	(288,112)	(264,526)
Housing		(168,117)	(167,178)	(150,794)
Community Amenities		(2,168,089)	(2,318,871)	(1,909,119)
Recreation & Culture		(3,088,009)	(2,715,744)	(2,824,682)
Transport		(5,013,521)	(4,769,568)	(5,124,131)
Economic Services		(578,762)	(610,893)	(390,952)
Other Property and Services		(35,766)	(74,153)	1,210
	2 (a)	<u>(13,225,523)</u>	<u>(12,838,767)</u>	<u>(12,173,789)</u>
<b>BORROWING COSTS EXPENSE</b>				
Education and Welfare		(52,810)	(53,857)	(80,125)
Housing		(7,955)	(8,130)	(11,425)
Recreation & Culture		(63,290)	(80,522)	(92,469)
Economic Services		(566)	(1,173)	(2,813)
Other Property and Services		(743)	(837)	(1,987)
	2 (a)	<u>(125,364)</u>	<u>(144,519)</u>	<u>(188,819)</u>
<b>NET RESULT</b>		<u>4,071,200</u>	<u>5,761,364</u>	<u>185,663</u>

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### Balance Sheet As at 30 June 2008

	NOTE	2008 \$	2007 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3	7,348,699	4,058,913
Trade and Other Receivables	4	1,142,688	977,564
Inventories	5	7,834	13,143
Other Financial Assets		6,683	6,683
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>8,505,904</b>	<b>5,056,303</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Other Receivables	4	13,305	20,671
Property, Plant and Equipment	6	15,194,389	14,547,844
Infrastructure	7	32,990,630	32,635,024
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>48,198,324</b>	<b>47,203,539</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>56,704,228</b>	<b>52,259,842</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and Other Payables	8	1,252,393	1,037,663
Long Term Borrowings	9	127,300	147,043
Provisions	10	468,355	328,484
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>1,848,048</b>	<b>1,513,190</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Long Term Borrowings	9	2,146,477	2,030,279
Provisions	10	58,657	136,527
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>2,205,134</b>	<b>2,166,806</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>4,053,182</b>	<b>3,679,996</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>52,651,046</b>	<b>48,579,846</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained Surplus		47,548,884	45,412,274
Reserves - Cash Backed	11	5,102,162	3,167,572
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>52,651,046</b>	<b>48,579,846</b>

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### Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

	NOTE	2008 \$	2007 \$
<b>RETAINED SURPLUS</b>			
Balance as at 1 July 2007		45,412,274	45,705,493
Net Result		4,071,200	185,663
Transfer from/(to) Reserves		(1,934,590)	(478,882)
Balance as at 30 June 2008		<u>47,548,884</u>	<u>45,412,274</u>
<b>RESERVES - CASH BACKED</b>			
Balance as at 1 July 2007		3,167,572	2,688,690
Amount Transferred (to)/from Retained Surplus		<u>1,934,590</u>	<u>478,882</u>
Balance as at 30 June 2008	11	<u>5,102,162</u>	<u>3,167,572</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u><u>52,651,046</u></u>	<u><u>48,579,846</u></u>

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### Cash Flow Statement For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

	NOTE	2008 \$	2008 Budget \$	2007 \$
<b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities</b>				
<b>Receipts</b>				
Rates		4,216,253	4,396,193	4,094,064
Grants and Subsidies - operating		5,336,241	4,297,045	4,001,820
Contributions, Reimbursements & Donations		312,798	206,641	156,963
Fees and Charges		3,808,163	3,513,546	3,602,840
Interest Earnings		399,114	240,000	368,469
Goods and Services Tax		873,483	458,000	463,793
Other		104,629	303,049	279,623
		<u>15,050,681</u>	<u>13,414,474</u>	<u>12,967,572</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Employee Costs		(4,058,255)	(4,024,374)	(3,365,665)
Materials and Contracts		(5,292,547)	(5,019,862)	(5,213,851)
Utilities (gas, electricity, water, etc)		(394,807)	(318,950)	(274,657)
Insurance		(285,730)	(266,651)	(395,801)
Interest		(128,773)	(144,519)	(138,173)
Goods and Services Tax		(810,643)	(560,000)	(977,580)
Other		(292,889)	(413,147)	(450,263)
		<u>(11,263,644)</u>	<u>(10,747,503)</u>	<u>(10,815,990)</u>
<b>Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Operating Activities</b>	13(b)	<u>3,787,037</u>	<u>2,666,971</u>	<u>2,151,582</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>				
Payments for Purchase of Property, Plant & Equipment		(2,207,750)	(2,821,400)	(3,454,920)
Payments for Construction of Infrastructure		(1,609,377)	(6,251,769)	(1,072,691)
Grants/Contributions for the Development of Assets		945,452	3,103,080	641,280
Proceeds from Sale of Plant & Equipment		<u>2,245,114</u>	<u>3,413,000</u>	<u>445,051</u>
<b>Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Investing Activities</b>		(626,561)	(2,557,089)	(3,441,280)
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>				
Repayment of Debentures		(153,545)	(157,020)	(3,427,640)
Proceeds from Self Supporting Loans		32,855	34,120	65,821
Proceeds from New Debentures		<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Financing Activities</b>		129,310	127,100	(90,330)
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held</b>		3,289,786	236,982	(1,380,028)
Cash at Beginning of Year		4,058,913	3,574,724	5,438,941
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Year</b>	13(a)	<u>7,348,699</u>	<u>3,811,706</u>	<u>4,058,913</u>

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

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### Rate Setting Statement For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

	NOTE	2008 \$	2008 Budget \$
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Governance		80,424	85,050
General Purpose Funding		3,809,182	3,690,170
Law, Order, Public Safety		89,323	82,675
Health		179,186	142,600
Education and Welfare		125,617	686,523
Housing		69,769	925,342
Community Amenities		1,767,072	1,594,200
Recreation and Culture		457,413	998,280
Transport		4,475,929	4,419,451
Economic Services		274,288	141,873
Other Property and Services		1,778,673	1,636,293
		<u>13,106,876</u>	<u>14,402,457</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Governance		(747,220)	(838,378)
General Purpose Funding		(257,658)	(293,776)
Law, Order, Public Safety		(457,202)	(372,021)
Health		(391,912)	(390,073)
Education and Welfare		(372,077)	(341,969)
Housing		(176,072)	(175,308)
Community Amenities		(2,168,089)	(2,318,871)
Recreation & Culture		(3,151,299)	(2,796,266)
Transport		(5,013,521)	(4,769,568)
Economic Services		(579,328)	(612,066)
Other Property and Services		(36,509)	(74,990)
		<u>(13,350,887)</u>	<u>(12,983,286)</u>
<b>Adjustments for Cash Budget Requirements:</b>			
<b>Non-Cash Expenditure and Revenue</b>			
(Profit)/Loss on Asset Disposals		(2,013,548)	(2,964,676)
Movement in Accrued Interest		(3,409)	0
Movement in Accrued Salaries and Wages		19,214	0
Movement in Deferred Pensioner Rates (non-current)		(255)	0
Movement in Employee Benefit Provisions		5,427	0
Depreciation and Amortisation on Assets		2,583,410	2,704,800
<b>Capital Expenditure and Revenue</b>			
Purchase Land and Buildings		(1,125,258)	(1,782,400)
Purchase Infrastructure Assets - Roads		(1,142,087)	(2,974,200)
Purchase Infrastructure Assets - Parks		(196,851)	(650,000)
Purchase Infrastructure Assets - Drainage		(17,178)	(50,000)
Purchase Infrastructure Assets - Footpaths		(135,731)	(50,000)
Purchase Infrastructure Assets - Other		(117,530)	(2,166,890)
Purchase Plant and Equipment		(787,440)	(944,000)
Purchase Furniture and Equipment		(295,052)	(95,000)
Proceeds from Disposal of Assets		2,245,114	3,413,000
Repayment of Debentures		(153,545)	(174,039)
Proceeds from New Debentures		250,000	250,000
Self-Supporting Loan Principal Income		7,621	16,224
<b>Continued:</b>			
Transfers to Reserves (Restricted Assets)		(2,302,684)	(1,263,289)
Transfers from Reserves (Restricted Assets)		368,093	689,155
Add Estimated Surplus/(Deficit) July 1 B/Fwd		601,651	498,317
Less Estimated Surplus/(Deficit) June 30 C/Fwd		1,861,162	218,366
<b>Amount Required to be Raised from Rates</b>	<b>22</b>	<u><u>(4,315,211)</u></u>	<u><u>(4,342,193)</u></u>

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



# Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley

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### Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Report For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

#### 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

##### (a) Basis of Preparation

The financial report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (as they apply to local governments and not-for-profit entities), other mandatory professional reporting requirements and the Local Government Act 1995 (as amended) and accompanying regulations (as amended).

The report has also been prepared on the accrual basis under the convention of historical cost accounting as modified by the accounting treatment relating to the revaluation of financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit and loss and certain classes of non-current assets.

##### Critical Accounting Estimates

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

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

##### (b) The Local Government Reporting Entity

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

In the process of reporting on the local government as a single unit, all transactions and balances between those funds (for example, 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 19 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) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the balance sheet comprise cash at bank and in hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

For the purposes of the Cash Flow Statement, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and cash equivalents as defined above, net of outstanding bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are included as short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

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### Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Report For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

#### 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

##### (e) Trade and Other Receivables

Trade receivables, which generally have 30 - 90 day terms, are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less any allowance for uncollectible amounts.

Collectibility of trade receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts that are known to be uncollectible are written off when identified. An allowance for doubtful debts is raised when there is objective evidence that they will not be collectible.

##### (f) Inventories

###### **General**

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

Inventories held from trading are classified as current even if not expected to be realised in the next 12 months.

###### **Land Held for Resale**

Land purchased for development and/or resale is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes the cost of acquisition, development and interest incurred on the financing of that land during its development. Interest and holding charges incurred after development is complete are recognised as expenses.

Revenue arising from the sale of property is recognised in the Income Statement as at the time of signing a binding contract of sale.

Land held for resale is classified as current except where it is held as non-current based on Council's intention to release for sale.

##### (g) Fixed Assets

###### **Initial Recognition**

All assets are initially recognised at cost. Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition. For assets acquired at no cost or for nominal consideration, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition. The cost of non-current assets constructed includes the cost of all materials, direct labour and variable and fixed overheads.

###### **Revaluation**

Certain asset classes may be revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. For infrastructure and other asset classes where no active market exists, fair value is determined to be the current replacement cost of an asset less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation calculated on a basis to reflect the already consumed or expired future economic benefits.

Those assets carried at a revalued amount, being their fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, are to be revalued with sufficient regularity to ensure the carrying amount does not differ significantly from that determined using fair value at reporting date.

###### **Land under Roads**

Land under roads is excluded from infrastructure in accordance with the transition arrangements available under AASB 1045 and in accordance with legislative requirements.

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### Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Report For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

#### 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

##### (h) Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

All non-current assets having a limited useful life are separately and 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. Major depreciation periods are:

Buildings	50 years
Minor Buildings and Building Improvements	10 years
Furniture and Equipment - Computers	3 years
Furniture and Equipment - Communications	5 years
Furniture and Equipment - Furniture	10 years
Furniture and Equipment - Equipment	5 years
Plant and Equipment - Light Plant	3 years
Plant and Equipment - Medium Plant	3 years
Plant and Equipment - Heavy Plant	10 years
Plant and Equipment - Minor Plant	10 years
Roads and Bridges - clearing and earthworks	not depreciated
Roads and Bridges - construction/road base	50 years
Runways / Aprons / Taxiways	15 years
Footpaths	20 years
Drainage	10 years
Parks and Ovals	15 years
Street Lighting	15 years
Boat Ramps	15 years

##### (i) Investments and Other Financial Assets

###### **Classification**

Council classifies its investments in the following categories: financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables, held-to-maturity investments and available-for-sale financial assets. The classification depends on the purpose for which the investments were acquired. Management determines the classification of its investments at initial recognition and, in the case of assets classified as held-to-maturity, re-evaluates this designation at each reporting date.

###### *(i) Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss*

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are financial assets held for trading. A financial asset is classified in this category if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term. Derivatives are classified as held for trading unless they are designated as hedges. Assets in this category are classified as current assets.

###### *(ii) Loans and receivables*

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They are included in current assets, except for those with maturities greater than 12 months after the balance sheet date which are classified as non-current assets. Loans and receivables are included in trade and other receivables in the balance sheet.

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#### 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

##### (i) Investments and Other Financial Assets (Continued)

###### *(iii) Held-to-maturity investments*

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities that the Council's management has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity. If Council were to sell other than an insignificant amount of held-to-maturity financial assets, the whole category would be tainted and reclassified as available-for-sale. Held-to-maturity financial assets are included in non-current assets, except for those with maturities less than 12 months from the reporting date, which are classified as current assets.

###### *(iv) Available-for-sale financial assets*

Available-for-sale financial assets, comprising principally marketable equity securities, are non-derivatives that are either designated in this category or not classified in any of the other categories. They are included in non-current assets unless management intends to dispose of the investment within 12 months of the balance sheet date. Investments are designated as available-for-sale if they do not have fixed maturities and fixed or determinable payments and management intends to hold them for the medium to long term.

###### **Recognition and derecognition**

Regular purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on trade-date – the date on which Council commits to purchase or sell the asset. Investments are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs for all financial assets not carried at fair value through profit or loss. Financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss are initially recognised at fair value and transaction costs are expensed in the income statement. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or have been transferred and Council has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

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

###### **Subsequent measurement**

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

Available-for-sale financial assets and financial assets at fair value through profit and loss are subsequently carried at fair value. Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the financial assets at fair value through profit or loss category are presented in the income statement within other income or other expenses in the period in which they arise. Dividend income from financial assets at fair value through profit and loss is recognised in the income statement as part of revenue from continuing operations when Council's right to receive payments is established. Changes in the fair value of other monetary and non-monetary securities classified as available-for-sale are recognised in equity.

###### **Impairment**

Council assesses at each balance date whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. In the case of equity securities classified as available-for-sale, a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of a security below its cost is considered as an indicator that the securities are impaired. If any such evidence exists for available-for-sale financial assets, the cumulative loss- measured as the difference between the acquisition cost and the current fair value, less any impairment loss on that financial asset previously recognised in profit or loss – is removed from equity and recognised in the income statement. Impairment losses recognised in the income statement on equity instruments classified as available-for-sale are not reversed through the income statement.



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#### 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

##### (j) Estimation of Fair Value

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

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

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques. Council uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each balance date. These include the use of recent arm's length transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, and option pricing models making maximum use of market inputs and relying as little as possible on entity-specific inputs.

Quoted market prices or dealer quotes for similar instruments are used for long-term debt instruments held. Other techniques, such as estimated discounted cash flows, are used to determine fair value for the remaining financial instruments.

The nominal value less estimated credit adjustments of trade receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values. The fair value of financial liabilities for disclosure purposes is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rate that is available to the Council for similar financial instruments.

##### (k) Impairment

In accordance with Australian Accounting Standards the Council's assets, other than inventories, are assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication they may be impaired.

Where such an indication exists, an estimate of the recoverable amount of the asset is made in accordance with AASB 136 '*Impairment of Assets*' and appropriate adjustments made.

An impairment loss is recognised whenever the carrying amount of an asset or its cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in the Income Statement.

For non-cash generating assets such as roads, drains, public buildings and the like, value in use is represented by the depreciated replacement cost of the asset.

##### (l) Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables are carried at amortised cost. They represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Municipality prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid and arise when the Municipality becomes obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of these goods and services. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

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#### 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

##### (m) Employee Benefits

The provisions for employee benefits relates to amounts expected to be paid for long service leave, annual leave, wages and salaries and are calculated as follows:

###### (i) Wages, Salaries, Annual Leave and Long Service Leave (Short-term Benefits)

The provision for employees' benefits to wages, salaries, annual leave and long service leave expected to be settled within 12 months represents the amount the municipality has a present obligation to pay resulting from employees services provided to balance date. The provision has been calculated at nominal amounts based on remuneration rates the Council expects to pay and includes related on-costs.

###### (ii) Long Service Leave (Long-term Benefits)

The liability for long service leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows. Where Council does not have the unconditional right to defer settlement beyond 12 months, the liability is recognised as a current liability.

##### (n) Interest-bearing Loans and Borrowings

All loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the fair value of the consideration received less directly attributable transaction costs.

After initial recognition, interest-bearing loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Fees paid on the establishment of loan facilities that are yield related are included as part of the carrying amount of the loans and borrowings.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Council has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the balance sheet date.

##### **Borrowing Costs**

Borrowing costs are recognised as an expense when incurred except where they are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset. Where this is the case, they are capitalised as part of the cost of the particular asset.

##### (o) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when: The council has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; it is more likely than not that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and the amount has been reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

##### (p) 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.

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#### 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

##### (q) Joint Venture

The municipality's interest in a joint venture has been recognised in the financial statements by including its share of any assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses of the joint venture within the relevant items reported in the Balance Sheet and Income Statement.

##### (r) Rates, Grants, Donations and Other Contributions

Rates, grants, donations and other contributions are recognised as revenues when the local government obtains control over the assets comprising the contributions. Control over assets acquired from rates is obtained at the commencement of the rating period or, where earlier, upon receipt of the rates.

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(c). 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.

##### (s) Superannuation

The Shire of Wyndham - East Kimberley contributes to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme and the Occupational Superannuation Fund. Both funds are defined contribution schemes.

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

##### (t) Rounding Off Figures

All figures shown in this annual financial report, other than a rate in the dollar, are rounded to the nearest dollar.

##### (u) Comparative Figures

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

##### (v) Current and Non-Current Classification

In the determination of whether an asset or liability is current or non-current, consideration is given to the time when each asset or liability is expected to be settled. The asset or liability is classified as current if it is expected to be settled within the next 12 months, being the Council's operational cycle. In the case of liabilities where Council does not have the unconditional right to defer settlement beyond 12 months, such as vested long service leave, the liability is classified as current even if not expected to be settled within the next 12 months. Inventories held for trading are classified as current even if not expected to be realised in the next 12 months except for land held for resale where it is held as non-current based on Council's intentions to release for sale.

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### 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (w) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations

Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have recently been issued or amended but are not yet effective have not been adopted by the Council for the annual reporting period ending 30 June 2008.

Council's assessment of these new standards and interpretations is set out below:

	<b>Title and Topic</b>	<b>Issued</b>	<b>Applicable <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Impact</b>
(i)	AASB-I 12 Service Concession Arrangements, AASB 2007-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB Interpretation 12, revised UIG 4 Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease and revised UIG 129 Service Concession Arrangements: Disclosures	February 2007	1 January 2008	Nil – Council is not party to any Service Concession Arrangements.
(ii)	AASB 8 Operating Segments and AASB 2007-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 8	February 2007	1 January 2009	Nil – The Standard is not applicable to not-for-profit entities.
(iii)	Revised AASB 123 Borrowing Costs and AASB 2007-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 123 [AASB 1, AASB 101, AASB 107, AASB 111, AASB 116 & AASB 138 and Interpretations 1 & 12]	June 2007	1 January 2009	Nil – The revised Standard has removed the option to expense all borrowing costs and, when adopted, will require the capitalisation of all borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset. There will be no impact on the financial report of the Council as the council already capitalises borrowing costs relating to qualifying assets.

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### 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (w) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations (Continued)

Title and Topic	Issued	Applicable <sup>(1)</sup>	Impact
(iv) AASB-I 13 Customer Loyalty Programmes	August 2007	1 July 2008	Nil – Council has no Customer Loyalty Programmes.
(v) AASB-I 14 The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction	August 2007	1 January 2008	Nil – The Interpretation provides guidance on the maximum amount that may be recognised as an asset in defined benefit plans. Council does not currently contribute to any defined benefit plans. Consequently, there is not expected to be any impact on the financial statements.
(vi) Revised AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements and AASB 2007-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 101 and AASB 2007-10 Further Amendments to Australian Accounting	September 2007 and December 2007	1 January 2009	Nil – The revised Standard requires the presentation of a Statement of comprehensive income and makes changes to the Statement of changes in equity, but will not affect any of the amounts recognised in the financial statements. If Council has made a prior period adjustment or has reclassified items in the financial statements, it is likely it will need to disclose a third balance sheet (Statement of financial position), being as at the beginning of the comparative period.
(vii) AASB 1049 Whole of Government and General Government Sector Financial Reporting	October 2007	1 July 2008 <sup>(2)</sup>	Nil – The Standard is not applicable to Local Governments.



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### 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (w) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations (Continued)

Title and Topic	Issued	Applicable <sup>(1)</sup>	Impact
(viii) AASB 1050 Administered Items: AASB 1051 Land Under Roads, AASB 1052 Disaggregated Disclosures, revised AASB 1004 Contributions, AASB 2007-9 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the review of AAS 27, AAS 29 and AAS 31 and revised interpretation 1038 Contributions by Owners Made to Wholly-Owned Public Sector Entities	December 2007	1 July 2008 <sup>(2)</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AASB 2007-09 will have significant impact on Council's financial statements as it has the effect of withdrawing AAS27. AAS27 is effectively replaced by existing topic based standards and new standards as also detailed here.</li> <li>• AASB 1050 is only applicable to Government departments and will have no impact on Council.</li> <li>• AASB 1051 will allow Council to recognise or not recognise land under roads acquired before 30 June 2008. Land under roads acquired after 30 June 2008 must be recognised.</li> <li>• AASB 1052 requires disclosure of financial information by function or activity. Council already provides this information so there will be no additional impact on the financial statements.</li> <li>• AASB 1004 requires contributions made to Council to be recognised at fair value when they are controlled and to be appropriately disclosed. Council already accounts for contributions in this manner so there will be no additional impact on the financial statements.</li> </ul>

**Notes:**

<sup>(1)</sup> - Applicable to reporting periods commencing on or after the given date.

<sup>(2)</sup> - Applicable to not-for-profit and/or public sector entities only.

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#### 2. REVENUES AND EXPENSES

2008  
\$

2007  
\$

#### (a) Result from Ordinary Activities

The Result from Ordinary Activities includes:

(i) Charging as an Expense:

#### Auditors Remuneration

- Audit	28,848	18,716
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#### Depreciation

Buildings	422,112	515,331
Furniture and Equipment	188,754	80,660
Plant and Equipment	787,469	419,132
Roads	974,465	1,339,857
Footpaths	38,171	37,082
Drainage	22,736	110,875
Parks and Ovals	85,079	62,472
Other	64,624	46,473
	<u>2,583,410</u>	<u>2,611,882</u>

#### Interest Expenses

Debentures (refer Note 21(a))	125,364	188,819
	<u>125,364</u>	<u>188,819</u>

(ii) Crediting as Revenue:

2008  
\$

2008  
Budget  
\$

2007  
\$

#### Interest Earnings

Investments			
- Reserve Funds	242,045	160,000	205,100
- Other Funds	113,807	67,000	132,343
Other Interest Revenue (refer note 26)	43,262	13,000	31,026
	<u>399,114</u>	<u>240,000</u>	<u>368,469</u>

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#### **2. REVENUES AND EXPENSES (Continued)**

##### **(b) Statement of Objective**

The Shire of Wyndham - East Kimberley is dedicated to providing high quality services to the community through the various service orientated programs which it has established.

##### **GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING**

Rates, general purpose government grants and interest revenue.

##### **GOVERNANCE**

Administration and operation of facilities and services to members of Council; other costs that relate to the tasks of assisting elected members and ratepayers on matters which do not concern specific council services.

##### **LAW, ORDER, PUBLIC SAFETY**

Supervision of various by-laws, fire prevention, emergency services and animal control.

##### **HEALTH**

Food quality and pest control, immunisation services, inspection of abattoir and operation of child health clinic.

##### **EDUCATION AND WELFARE**

Operation of senior citizen's centre, day care centres and pre-school facilities; assistance to playgroups, retirement villages and other voluntary services.

##### **HOUSING**

Provision of staff and residential housing.

##### **COMMUNITY AMENITIES**

Rubbish Collection services, operation of tips, noise control, administration of the town planning scheme, maintenance of cemeteries, maintenance of rest centre and storm water drainage maintenance.

##### **RECREATION AND CULTURE**

Maintenance of halls, aquatic centres, recreation centres and various reserves; operation of library and community development services.

##### **TRANSPORT**

Construction and maintenance of streets, roads, bridges; cleaning and lighting of streets, traffic lights; depot maintenance.

The provision and operation of airport services.

##### **ECONOMIC SERVICES**

The regulation and provision of tourism, area promotion, building control, noxious weeds and vermin control.

##### **OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES**

Private works operation, plant repairs, operations and administrative costs.

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#### 2. OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES (Continued)

	2008 \$	2007 \$
<b>(c) Conditions Over Contributions</b>		
Grants recognised as revenues in a previous reporting period which were not expended at the close of the previous reporting period (ie opening balances).		
Roads to Recovery (Transport)	465,852	577,882
Youth Centre Funding (Recreation and Culture)	0	1,150,000
Sustainable Regions Grant (Transport)	26,300	26,300
Ord River Catchment NRM (Enviro Officer)	106,604	125,260
Community Development	94,311	0
HYPE	15,000	0
Fishways	65,182	0
	<u>773,249</u>	<u>1,879,442</u>
Add:		
New grants which were recognised as revenues during the reporting period and which had not yet been fully expended by the contributor.		
Roads to Recovery (Transport)	0	0
Ord River Catchment NRM (Enviro Officer)	181,600	142,000
Community Development	10,500	94,311
HYPE	0	15,000
Fishways	0	65,182
Club Development Officer (DSR)	36,498	0
Aboriginal Access Roads (Special Projects)	73,416	0
Flood Damage Claim	206,250	0
Developer Contributions (Egret Close)	80,961	0
Less:		
Grants which were recognised as revenues in a previous reporting period and which were expended in the current reporting period in the manner specified by the contributor.		
Roads to Recovery (Transport)	0	(112,030)
Youth Centre Funding (Recreation and Culture)	0	(1,150,000)
Ord River Catchment NRM (Enviro Officer)	(173,473)	(160,656)
Sustainable Regions Grant (Transport)	0	0
Community Development	(32,741)	0
Fishways	(65,182)	0
Closing balances of unexpended grants	<u>1,091,078</u>	<u>773,249</u>
Comprises:		
Roads to Recovery (Transport)	465,852	465,852
Sustainable Regions Grant (Transport)	26,300	26,300
Ord River Catchment NRM (Enviro Officer)	114,731	106,604
Community Development	72,070	94,311
HYPE	15,000	15,000
Fishways	0	65,182
Club Development Officer (DSR)	36,498	0
Aboriginal Access Roads (Special Projects)	73,416	0
Flood Damage Claim	206,250	0
Developer Contributions (Egret Close)	80,961	0
	<u>1,091,078</u>	<u>773,249</u>

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	2008 \$	2007 \$
<b>3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		
Unrestricted	1,155,459	118,092
Restricted	6,193,240	3,940,821
	<u>7,348,699</u>	<u>4,058,913</u>

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

#### Reserve Funds

Waste Management	295,083	98,478
Airport	2,351,201	2,204,718
Plant and Equipment	288,125	364,091
Tourism Infrastructure	0	5,289
Recreation Participation	17,405	16,321
Leisure Centre	63,382	59,433
Parking	143,788	134,830
Non-Potable Water	68,707	64,427
Civic Building	5,640	0
East Kimberley Tourism	64,864	60,823
Foreshore Reserve	28,753	19,460
Information Technology	0	7,772
Staff Entitlement	87,100	81,673
Staff Housing	17,900	16,785
Recreation Hardcourts	40,696	33,472
Bio Security	150,673	0
Aboriginal Health Vehicle	10,000	0
Child Care	10,000	0
Parks	1,458,845	0
Unspent Grants - (note 2(c))	1,091,078	773,249
	<u>6,193,240</u>	<u>3,940,821</u>

#### 4. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

##### Current

Rates Outstanding	310,457	211,754
Sundry Debtors	1,034,973	911,793
Less Provision for Doubtful Debts	(286,952)	(286,767)
GST Receivable	51,591	114,431
Loans - Clubs/Institutions	1,119	26,353
Prepayments	31,500	0
	<u>1,142,688</u>	<u>977,564</u>

##### Non-Current

Rates Outstanding - Pensioners	13,305	13,050
Loans - Clubs/Institutions	0	7,621
	<u>13,305</u>	<u>20,671</u>



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#### 5. INVENTORIES

	2008 \$	2007 \$
<b>Current</b>		
Fuel and Materials	7,834	13,143
	<u>7,834</u>	<u>13,143</u>

#### 6. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Land and Buildings - Cost	17,338,136	17,603,376
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(4,703,199)</u>	<u>(5,008,298)</u>
	12,634,937	12,595,078
 Furniture and Equipment - Cost	 1,500,176	 1,033,949
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(957,078)</u>	<u>(672,763)</u>
	543,098	361,186
 Plant and Equipment - Cost	 4,563,917	 3,500,233
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(2,547,563)</u>	<u>(1,908,653)</u>
	2,016,354	1,591,580
		<u>14,547,844</u>

All property, plant and equipment asset classes, are carried at cost. Whilst they are not subject to a policy of regular revaluation, they are subject to an annual assessment as to whether there is any indication an asset may have been impaired in accordance with AASB 136 "Impairment of Assets"

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#### 6. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

##### Movements in Carrying Amounts

The following represents the movement in the carrying amounts of each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

	Land & Buildings \$	Furniture & Equipment \$	Plant & Equipment \$	Total \$
Balance as at 1 July 2007	12,595,078	361,186	1,591,580	14,547,844
Additions	1,125,258	295,052	787,440	2,207,750
(Disposals)	(24,826)	(4,155)	(202,585)	(231,566)
Revaluation - Increments	0	0	0	0
- (Decrements)	0	0	0	0
Impairment - (losses)	0	0	0	0
- reversals	0	0	0	0
Depreciation (Expense)	(422,112)	(188,754)	(787,469)	(1,398,335)
Other Movements	(638,461)	79,769	627,388	68,696
Balance as at 30 June 2008	<u>12,634,937</u>	<u>543,098</u>	<u>2,016,354</u>	<u>15,194,389</u>

During the year a review of the classification of all assets was conducted resulting in the reclassification of some assets. The effect of this reclassification is shown at "Other Movements".

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	2008 \$	2007 \$
<b>7. INFRASTRUCTURE</b>		
Roads - Cost	42,019,329	41,933,259
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(11,406,992)</u>	<u>(11,372,270)</u>
	30,612,337	30,560,989
 Footpaths - Cost	 1,283,058	 734,030
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(699,905)</u>	<u>(271,161)</u>
	583,153	462,869
 Drainage - Cost	 1,205,911	 1,188,733
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,028,785)</u>	<u>(1,006,049)</u>
	177,126	182,684
 Parks & Ovals - Cost	 1,531,800	 1,365,112
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(512,813)</u>	<u>(429,270)</u>
	1,018,987	935,842
 Other Infrastructure - Cost	 1,607,921	 830,337
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,008,894)</u>	<u>(337,697)</u>
	599,027	492,640
	<u>32,990,630</u>	<u>32,635,024</u>

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### 7. INFRASTRUCTURE (Continued)

#### Movements in Carrying Amounts

The following represents the movement in the carrying amounts of each class of infrastructure between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

	Roads \$	Footpaths \$	Drainage \$	Parks and Ovals \$	Other Infrastructure \$	Total \$
Balance as at 1 July 2007	30,560,989	462,869	182,684	935,842	492,640	32,635,024
Additions	1,142,087	135,731	17,178	196,851	117,530	1,609,377
(Disposals)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revaluation - Increments	0	0	0	0	0	0
- (Decrements)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impairment - (losses)	0	0	0	0	0	0
- reversals	0	0	0	0	0	0
Depreciation (Expense)	(974,465)	(38,171)	(22,736)	(85,079)	(64,624)	(1,185,075)
Other Movements	(116,274)	22,724	0	(28,627)	53,481	(68,696)
Balance as at 30 June 2008	<u>30,612,337</u>	<u>583,153</u>	<u>177,126</u>	<u>1,018,987</u>	<u>599,027</u>	<u>32,990,630</u>

During the year a review of the classification of all assets was conducted resulting in the reclassification of some assets. The effect of this reclassification is shown at "Other Movements".

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	2007 \$	2007 \$
<b>8. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Sundry Creditors	999,099	744,105
Accrued Interest on Debentures	47,237	50,646
Accrued Salaries and Wages	109,172	89,958
ATO Liability	95,442	149,854
Retentions	1,443	3,100
	<u>1,252,393</u>	<u>1,037,663</u>
<b>9. LONG-TERM BORROWINGS</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Secured by Floating Charge		
Debentures	<u>127,300</u>	<u>147,043</u>
	<u>127,300</u>	<u>147,043</u>
<b>Non-Current</b>		
Secured by Floating Charge		
Debentures	<u>2,146,477</u>	<u>2,030,279</u>
	<u>2,146,477</u>	<u>2,030,279</u>
Additional detail on borrowings is provided in Note 21.		
<b>10. PROVISIONS</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Provision for Annual Leave	250,497	211,001
Provision for RDO	18,801	7,871
Provision for Long Service Leave	199,057	109,612
	<u>468,355</u>	<u>328,484</u>
<b>Non-Current</b>		
Provision for Long Service Leave	<u>58,657</u>	<u>136,527</u>
	<u>58,657</u>	<u>136,527</u>



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	2008 \$	2008 Budget \$	2007 \$
<b>11. RESERVES - CASH BACKED</b>			
<b>(a) Waste Management</b>			
Opening Balance	98,478	98,478	103,391
Amount Set Aside / Transfer to Reserve	196,605	4,920	7,887
Amount Used / Transfer from Reserve	0	0	(12,800)
	<u>295,083</u>	<u>103,398</u>	<u>98,478</u>
<b>(b) Airport General</b>			
Opening Balance	2,204,718	2,204,718	1,782,187
Amount Set Aside / Transfer to Reserve	146,483	110,200	422,531
Amount Used / Transfer from Reserve	0	(529,773)	0
	<u>2,351,201</u>	<u>1,785,145</u>	<u>2,204,718</u>
<b>(c) Plant and Equipment</b>			
Opening Balance	364,091	364,091	338,285
Amount Set Aside / Transfer to Reserve	24,034	18,205	25,806
Amount Used / Transfer from Reserve	(100,000)	(100,000)	0
	<u>288,125</u>	<u>282,296</u>	<u>364,091</u>
<b>(d) Tourism Infrastructure</b>			
Opening Balance	5,289	5,289	4,914
Amount Set Aside / Transfer to Reserve	0	0	375
Amount Used / Transfer from Reserve	(5,289)	(5,289)	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,289</u>
<b>(e) Recreation Participation</b>			
Opening Balance	16,321	16,321	15,164
Amount Set Aside / Transfer to Reserve	1,084	0	1,157
Amount Used / Transfer from Reserve	0	(16,321)	0
	<u>17,405</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16,321</u>
<b>(f) Leisure Centre</b>			
Opening Balance	59,433	59,433	55,221
Amount Set Aside / Transfer to Reserve	3,949	2,970	4,212
Amount Used / Transfer from Reserve	0	0	0
	<u>63,382</u>	<u>62,403</u>	<u>59,433</u>
<b>(g) Parking</b>			
Opening Balance	134,830	134,830	125,274
Amount Set Aside / Transfer to Reserve	8,958	6,740	9,556
Amount Used / Transfer from Reserve	0	0	0
	<u>143,788</u>	<u>141,570</u>	<u>134,830</u>

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	2008 \$	2008 Budget \$	2007 \$
<b>11. RESERVES - CASH BACKED (continued)</b>			
<b>(h) Non-Potable Water</b>			
Opening Balance	64,427	64,427	59,860
Amount Set Aside / Transfer to Reserve	4,280	3,200	4,567
Amount Used / Transfer from Reserve	0	0	0
	<u>68,707</u>	<u>67,627</u>	<u>64,427</u>
<b>(i) Civic Buildings</b>			
Opening Balance	0	0	0
Amount Set Aside / Transfer to Reserve	5,640	5,689	0
Amount Used / Transfer from Reserve	0	0	0
	<u>5,640</u>	<u>5,689</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>(j) East Kimberley Tourism</b>			
Opening Balance	60,823	60,823	56,512
Amount Set Aside / Transfer to Reserve	4,041	3,040	4,311
Amount Used / Transfer from Reserve	0	0	0
	<u>64,864</u>	<u>63,863</u>	<u>60,823</u>
<b>(k) Foreshore Reservation</b>			
Opening Balance	19,460	19,460	18,081
Amount Set Aside / Transfer to Reserve	9,293	8,200	1,379
Amount Used / Transfer from Reserve	0	0	0
	<u>28,753</u>	<u>27,660</u>	<u>19,460</u>
<b>(l) Information Technology</b>			
Opening Balance	7,772	7,772	7,221
Amount Set Aside / Transfer to Reserve	0	0	551
Amount Used / Transfer from Reserve	(7,772)	(7,772)	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,772</u>
<b>(m) Staff Entitlement</b>			
Opening Balance	81,673	81,673	75,885
Amount Set Aside / Transfer to Reserve	5,427	4,100	5,788
Amount Used / Transfer from Reserve	0	0	0
	<u>87,100</u>	<u>85,773</u>	<u>81,673</u>
<b>(n) Staff Housing</b>			
Opening Balance	16,785	16,785	15,595
Amount Set Aside / Transfer to Reserve	1,115	850	1,190
Amount Used / Transfer from Reserve	0	0	0
	<u>17,900</u>	<u>17,635</u>	<u>16,785</u>

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	2008 \$	2008 Budget \$	2007 \$
<b>11. RESERVES - CASH BACKED (continued)</b>			
<b>(o) Recreation Hardcourts</b>			
Opening Balance	33,472	33,472	31,100
Amount Set Aside / Transfer to Reserve	7,224	175	2,372
Amount Used / Transfer from Reserve	0	(30,000)	0
	<u>40,696</u>	<u>3,647</u>	<u>33,472</u>
<b>(p) Bio Security</b>			
Opening Balance	0	0	0
Amount Set Aside / Transfer to Reserve	150,673	155,000	0
Amount Used / Transfer from Reserve	0	0	0
	<u>150,673</u>	<u>155,000</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>(q) Aboriginal Health Vehicle</b>			
Opening Balance	0	0	0
Amount Set Aside / Transfer to Reserve	10,000	10,000	0
Amount Used / Transfer from Reserve	0	0	0
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>(r) Child Care</b>			
Opening Balance	0	0	0
Amount Set Aside / Transfer to Reserve	10,000	80,000	0
Amount Used / Transfer from Reserve	0	0	0
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>80,000</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>(s) Parks</b>			
Opening Balance	0	0	0
Amount Set Aside / Transfer to Reserve	1,713,878	850,000	0
Amount Used / Transfer from Reserve	(255,033)	0	0
	<u>1,458,845</u>	<u>850,000</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL CASH BACKED RESERVES</b>	<u>5,102,162</u>	<u>3,741,706</u>	<u>3,167,572</u>

All of the cash backed reserve accounts are supported by money held in financial institutions and are shown as restricted cash in Note 3 to this financial report.

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

##### **Waste Management**

This reserve is for the upgrade and rationalisation of refuse disposal facilities within the Shire.

##### **Airport General**

This reserve is for the improvement of Council's airport facilities, and also acts as the 'float' for transferring the profit or loss on the operations of the airports in line with Council Policy F4.

##### **Plant and Equipment**

This reserve is for the purchase of major plant and equipment.

##### **Tourism Infrastructure**

This reserve is for infrastructure projects intended to improve the attractiveness of the Shire to visitors.

##### **Recreation Participation**

This reserve is for projects that encourage and increase in recreation participation for the residents of the Shire.

##### **Leisure Centre**

This reserve is for the capital maintenance and upgrading of the Kununurra Leisure Centre.

##### **Parking**

This reserve is for land purchases and/or the construction and maintenance of vehicle parking facilities within the Shire.

##### **Non-Potable Water**

This reserve is for the development of non-potable water supply in Wyndham.

##### **Civic Buildings**

This reserve is for the construction and or capital maintenance of civic buildings within the shire.

##### **East Kimberley Tourism**

This reserve is for the capital maintenance and/or upgrading of East Kimberley Tourism House.

##### **Foreshore Reservation**

This reserve is for maintaining the foreshore of Lake Kununurra, funded from the contributions of leases on portion of reserve 41812.

##### **Information Technology Replacement**

This reserve is for the purpose of replacing the shire's information technology network, communication equipment, hardware and software.

##### **Staff Entitlement**

This reserve is to provide for Shire employee entitlements.

##### **Staff Housing**

This reserve is for the purpose of providing for staff housing requirements.

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#### 11. RESERVES - CASH BACKED (continued)

##### **Recreation Hardcourts**

This reserve is for the purpose of providing for future capital upgrade of Recreational Hardcourts

##### **Bio Security**

To hold funds for use in emergency situations that threaten the bio security of the East Kimberley

##### **Aboriginal Health Vehicle**

To provide for the replacement of the vehicle funded through Aboriginal Health Grants

##### **Childcare**

To hold lease payments from Kununurra Childcare Centre to provide for capital maintenance of the building

##### **Parks**

To hold funds from the sale of parks provided by the State to undertake major upgrades and to establish new parks and public open spaces in the Shire.

#### 12. RESERVES - ASSET REVALUATION

The Shire of Wyndham - East Kimberley did not perform an asset revaluation for the financial period 2007/08 and no asset revaluation reserve exists.



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#### 13. NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

##### (a) Reconciliation of Cash

For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash includes cash on hand and cash equivalents, 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:

	2008 \$	2008 Budget \$	2007 \$
Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>7,348,699</u>	<u>3,811,706</u>	<u>4,058,913</u>

##### (b) Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities to Net Result

Net Result	4,071,200	5,761,364	154,698
Depreciation	2,583,410	2,704,800	2,611,882
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	(221,953)	354,565	134,842
(Profit)/Loss on Sale of Asset	(2,013,548)	(2,964,676)	0
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventories	5,309	1,356	(3,475)
Increase/(Decrease) in Payables	218,139	(67,358)	(740,677)
(Increase)/Decrease in Prepayments	(31,500)	0	
Increase/(Decrease) in GST	62,840	0	79,228
Increase/(Decrease) in Interest	(3,409)	0	50,646
Increase/(Decrease) in Employee Provisions	62,001	(20,000)	61,147
Grants/Contributions for the Development of Assets	<u>(945,452)</u>	<u>(3,103,080)</u>	<u>(641,280)</u>
<b>Net Cash from Operating Activities</b>	<u><b>3,787,037</b></u>	<u><b>2,666,971</b></u>	<u><b>1,707,011</b></u>

##### (c) Undrawn Borrowing Facilities Credit Standby Arrangements

Bank Overdraft limit	0	1,000,000	0
Bank Overdraft at Balance Date	0	0	0
Credit Card limit	40,000	40,000	9,000
Credit Card Balance at Balance Date	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Amount of Credit Unused</b>	<u><b>40,000</b></u>	<u><b>1,040,000</b></u>	<u><b>9,000</b></u>

##### Loan Facilities

Loan Facilities - Current	127,300	0	0
Loan Facilities - Non-Current	<u>2,146,477</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Facilities in Use at Balance Date</b>	<u><b>2,273,777</b></u>	<u><b>0</b></u>	<u><b>0</b></u>

<b>Unused Loan Facilities at Balance Date</b>	<u><b>0</b></u>	<u><b>0</b></u>	<u><b>0</b></u>
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	2008 \$	2007 \$
<b>14. CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS</b>		
The Shire of Wyndham - East Kimberley has no significant or material leasing commitments for the ended 30th June 2008.		
<b>(a) Capital Expenditure Commitments</b>		
Contracted for:		
Kununurra Youth Centre	0	541,311
	<u>0</u>	<u>541,311</u>
Payable:		
- not later than one year		
Kununurra Youth Centre	0	541,311
	<u>0</u>	<u>541,311</u>
The capital expenditure project outstanding at the end of the prior reporting period represents the unpaid balance of a contractual commitment for the construction of Kununurra Youth Centre.		
<b>15. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES</b>		
The Shire of Wyndham - East Kimberley has no Contingent Liabilities for the 2007/08 financial year.		
<b>16. JOINT VENTURE</b>		
The Shire of Wyndham - East Kimberley was not involved in any Joint Ventures in the 2007/08		
	\$	\$
<b>17. TOTAL ASSETS CLASSIFIED BY FUNCTION AND ACTIVITY</b>		
Governance	236,897	17,671
General Purpose Funding	0	0
Law, Order, Public Safety	181,674	181,674
Health	53,031	28,138
Education and Welfare	2,841,016	2,802,913
Housing	1,314,465	1,082,718
Community Amenities	2,237,800	1,611,141
Recreation and Culture	4,851,087	4,507,269
Transport	35,484,569	33,336,862
Economic Services	511,512	457,036
Other Property and Services	3,403,470	3,403,470
Unallocated	5,588,707	4,830,950
	<u>56,704,228</u>	<u>52,259,842</u>

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	2008	2007	2006
<b>18. FINANCIAL RATIOS</b>			
Current Ratio	1.313	0.779	1.336
Untied Cash to Trade Creditors Ratio	1.157	0.159	0.764
Debt Ratio	0.071	0.070	0.075
Debt Service Ratio	0.019	0.030	0.019
Gross Debt to Revenue Ratio	0.156	0.175	0.126
Gross Debt to Economically Realisable Assets Ratio	0.096	0.106	0.122
Rate Coverage Ratio	0.025	0.333	0.255
Outstanding Rates Ratio	0.069	0.049	0.058

The above ratios are calculated as follows:

Current Ratio	$\frac{\text{Current assets minus restricted current assets}}{\text{Current liabilities minus liabilities associated with restricted assets}}$
Untied Cash to Trade Creditors Ratio	$\frac{\text{Untied cash}}{\text{Unpaid trade creditors}}$
Debt Ratio	$\frac{\text{Total liabilities}}{\text{Total assets}}$
Debt Service Ratio	$\frac{\text{Debt Service Cost (Principal \& Interest)}}{\text{Available operating revenue}}$
Gross Debt to Revenue Ratio	$\frac{\text{Gross debt}}{\text{Total revenue}}$
Gross Debt to Economically Realisable Assets Ratio	$\frac{\text{Gross debt}}{\text{Economically realisable assets}}$
Rate Coverage Ratio	$\frac{\text{Net rate revenue}}{\text{Operating revenue}}$
Outstanding Rates Ratio	$\frac{\text{Rates outstanding}}{\text{Rates collectable}}$

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#### 19. TRUST FUNDS

Funds held at balance date over which the Municipality has no control and which are not included in the financial statements are as follows:

	Balance 1-Jul-07 \$	Amounts Received \$	Amounts Paid (\$)	Balance 30-Jun-08 \$
Housing Bond	260	4,100	0	4,360
ASIC - Airport Security Card	1,600	3,900	(1,600)	3,900
Footpath Bonds	0	4,800	0	4,800
Hall Hire Bonds Kununurra Leisure Centre	0	1,000	0	1,000
Hall Hire Bonds Peter Reid Memorial Hall	0	1,000	0	1,000
	<u>1,860</u>	<u>14,800</u>	<u>(1,600)</u>	<u>15,060</u>

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#### 20. DISPOSALS OF ASSETS - 2007/08 FINANCIAL YEAR

The following assets were disposed of during the year.

	Net Book Value		Sale Price		Profit (Loss)	
	Actual \$	Budget \$	Actual \$	Budget \$	Actual \$	Budget \$
<b>Law, Order and Public Safety</b>						
Ranger Vehicle	0	0	0	25,000	0	25,000
<b>Education and Welfare</b>						
Ewin Centre - Land L2541 Konkerberry Dr	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ewin Centre Building	0	130,577	0	700,000	0	569,423
<b>Housing</b>						
Land	0	12,377	0	300,000	0	287,623
Building	0	41,515	0	130,000	0	88,485
Land	0	12,377	0	300,000	0	287,623
Building	0	40,318	0	130,000	0	89,682
<b>Transport</b>						
Land held for Resale - Airport	0	0	0	120,000	0	120,000
- Lot 316 Cyril Klieng Drive	0	0	65,914	0	65,914	0
- Lot 309 Dusty Rankin Drive	0	0	51,971	0	51,971	0
- Lot 321 Laine Jones Drive	0	0	119,192	0	119,192	0
Tractor - KNX AP (P343)	19,745	19,745	55,000	30,000	35,255	10,255
<b>Other Property and Services</b>						
Sundry Furniture and Equipment	4,154	0	0	0	(4,154)	0
Land for Resale - Lot 100 Riverfig Ave	12,150	0	873,244	750,000	861,094	750,000
Land for Resale - Lot 1004 Sorghum Place	6,339	0	300,461	250,000	294,122	250,000
Land for Resale - Lot 1039 Greybox Cr	6,339	0	533,421	500,000	527,082	500,000
Road Plant						
- Loader - KNX	82,702	104,847	115,000	50,000	32,298	(54,847)
- Backhoe - KNX	0	50,142	0	30,000	0	(20,142)
- 7 Tonne Truck - KNX	0	20,040	0	50,000	0	29,960
- 3.5 Tonne Truck	26,887	0	0	0	(26,887)	0
Light Plant						
- Fleet Vehicle (P206)	6,069	6,435	17,273	23,000	11,204	16,565
- Fleet Vehicle (P103)	27,613	9,951	30,455	25,000	2,842	15,049
- Fleet Vehicle (P203)	5,292	0	22,273	0	16,981	0
- Fleet Vehicle (P205)	0	0	16,364	0	16,364	0
- Fleet Vehicle (P301)	21,164	0	27,273	0	6,109	0
- Fleet Vehicle (P304)	7,758	0	6,363	0	(1,395)	0
- Fleet Vehicle (P326)	5,354	0	10,910	0	5,556	0
	231,566	448,324	2,245,114	3,413,000	2,013,548	2,964,676



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### 21. INFORMATION ON BORROWINGS

#### (a) Debenture Repayments

Particulars	Principal 1-Jul-07 \$	New Loans \$	Principal Repayments		Principal 30-Jun-08		Interest Repayments	
			Actual \$	Budget \$	Actual \$	Budget \$	Actual \$	Budget \$
<b>Education and Welfare</b>								
L117 Kinunurra Childcare Centre	923,880	0	27,660	27,660	896,220	896,220	52,810	53,857
<b>Housing</b>								
L115 Staff Housing	134,467	0	8,344	8,344	126,123	126,123	7,955	8,130
<b>Recreation and Culture</b>								
L109 Ord River Sports Club*	10,129	0	10,129	10,129	0	0	141	340
L113 Knx Aquatic Centre Refurbishment	751,336	0	46,622	46,623	704,714	704,713	44,454	45,427
L114 Wyndham Recreation Centre	315,158	0	19,557	19,556	295,601	295,602	18,645	19,055
L118 Kununurra Youth Centre	0	250,000	0	27,000	250,000	223,000	50	15,700
<b>Economic Services</b>								
L104 Tourism House*	18,950	0	18,950	12,449	0	6,501	364	939
L116 Agricultural Society Caravan Park*	4,894	0	3,775	3,775	1,119	1,119	202	234
<b>Other Property and Services</b>								
L96 Knx Depot	18,508	0	18,508	18,503	0	0	743	837
	2,177,322	250,000	153,545	174,039	2,273,777	2,253,278	125,364	144,519

(\*) Self supporting loan financed by payments from third parties.

All other loan repayments were financed by general purpose revenue.

#### (b) New Debentures - 2006/07

Particulars/Purpose	Amount Borrowed		Institution	Loan Type	Term (Years)	Total Interest & Charges	Interest Rate %	Amount Used		Balance Unspent \$
	Actual	Budget						Actual	Budget	
	\$	\$				\$		\$	\$	
L118 Kununurra Youth Centre	250,000	250,000	WATC	Debenture	10	104,916	7.24%	250,000	250,000	0

#### (c) Unspent Debentures

Council had no unspent debentures at 30 June 2008.

#### (d) Overdraft

Council established an overdraft facility of \$1,000,000 in 2005/06 to assist with short term liquidity requirements. The balance of the bank overdraft at 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008 was \$Nil.

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### 22. RATING INFORMATION - 2007/08 FINANCIAL YEAR

RATE TYPE	Rate in \$	Number of Properties	Rateable Value \$	Rate Revenue \$	Interim Rates \$	Back Rates \$	Total Revenue \$	Budget Rate Revenue \$	Budget Interim Rate \$	Budget Back Rate \$	Budget Total Revenue \$
<b>Differential General Rate</b>											
GRV - Townsites	0.098980	1,714	30,986,086	2,869,808	57,543		2,927,351	2,904,981			2,904,981
GRV - Other	0.098980	2	116,480	11,529	0		11,529	11,529			11,529
UV - Rural A	0.005745	108	69,608,672	399,519	2,173		401,692	395,124			395,124
UV - Rural B	0.005780	111	34,581,000	199,878	2,077		201,955	199,014			199,014
UV - Rural Living	0.007665	92	16,897,000	129,516	1,130		130,646	129,515			129,515
Pastoral Leases	0.075750	27	2,426,253	183,258	3,737		186,995	182,879			182,879
Mining	0.091931	223	3,334,459	286,902	(8,901)		278,001	288,551			288,551
<b>Sub-Totals</b>		2,277	157,949,950	4,080,410	57,759	0	4,138,169	4,111,593	0	0	4,111,593
<b>Minimum Rates</b>	<b>Minimum \$</b>										
GRV - Townsites	700	356		249,200			249,200	254,100			254,100
GRV - Other	700	0		0			0	0			0
UV - Rural A	750	15		9,000			9,000	9,750			9,750
UV - Rural B	750	0		0			0	0			0
UV - Rural Living	750	0		0			0	0			0
Pastoral Leases	750	2		1,500			1,500	1,500			1,500
Mining	750	101		75,750			75,750	101,250			101,250
<b>Sub-Totals</b>		474		335,450	0	0	335,450	366,600	0	0	366,600
Specified Area Rate (refer note 23)						0	4,473,619 0				4,478,193 0
Discounts (refer note 25)							4,473,619 (158,408)				4,478,193 (136,000)
<b>Totals</b>							4,315,211				4,342,193

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#### 23. SPECIFIED AREA RATE - 2007/08 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Shire of Wyndham - East Kimberley conducted no specified area rating for 2007/08

#### 24. SERVICE CHARGES - 2007/08 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Shire of Wyndham - East Kimberley collected no service charges for the 2007/08 financial year.

#### 25. DISCOUNTS, INCENTIVES, CONCESSIONS, & WRITE-OFFS - 2007/08 FINANCIAL YEAR

	Type	Disc %	Total Cost/ Value \$	Budget Cost/ Value \$
General Rates	Discount	5	158,408	136,000
			158,408	136,000
Rate Assessment	Write-Off		5,499	
F Cox - private phone calls	Write-Off		135	
Ord Air Pty Ltd - Lease Fees	Write-Off		40,490	
S Chadwick - Private Phone calls, Utilities	Write-Off		5,950	
			52,074	0

A discount on rates is granted to all who pay their rates in full within 35 days of the date of service appearing on the rate notice.

#### 26. INTEREST CHARGES AND INSTALMENTS - 2007/08 FINANCIAL YEAR

	Interest Rate %	Admin. Charge \$	Revenue \$	Budgeted Revenue \$
Interest on Unpaid Rates	11	0	34,353	5,000
Interest on Instalments Plan	5	0	8,909	8,000
Charges on Instalment Plan	0	5	3,545	6,000
			46,807	19,000

Ratepayers had the option of paying rates in four equal instalments, due on 28th September 2007, 30th November 2007, 1st February 2008 and 4 April 2008. Administration charges and interest applied for the final three instalments.

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<b>27. FEES &amp; CHARGES</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Governance	1,690	209
General Purpose Funding	8,119	9,795
Law, Order, Public Safety	16,237	14,545
Health	54,363	17,060
Education & Welfare	72,067	36,880
Housing	69,769	71,187
Community Amenities	1,047,991	895,813
Recreation & Culture	268,803	236,284
Transport	2,298,092	1,569,718
Economic Services	125,412	101,369
Other Property & Services	115	1,351
	<u>3,962,658</u>	<u>2,954,211</u>

There were no changes during the year to the amount of the fees or charges detailed in the original budget.

<b>28. GRANT REVENUE</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>By Nature and Type:</b>		
Grants and Subsidies - operating	5,336,241	4,001,820
Grants and Subsidies - non-operating	945,452	641,280
	<u>6,281,693</u>	<u>4,643,100</u>
<b>By Program:</b>		
Governance	33,700	0
General Purpose Funding	3,393,340	3,182,295
Law, Order, Public Safety	56,530	38,015
Health	113,630	110,000
Education & Welfare	49,005	299,050
Housing	0	50,000
Community Amenities	680,452	227,344
Recreation and Culture	150,808	273,277
Transport	1,804,228	456,846
Other Property & Services	0	6,273
	<u>6,281,693</u>	<u>4,643,100</u>

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<b>29. COUNCILLORS' REMUNERATION</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$</b>
		<b>\$</b>	
The following fees, expenses and allowances were paid to council members and/or the president.			
Meeting Fees	46,923	50,000	43,875
President's Allowance	10,000	10,000	10,000
Deputy President's Allowance	2,500	2,500	2,500
Travelling Expenses	6,146	15,000	8,524
Telecommunications Allowance	20,123	9,000	13,125
Technology Allowance	8,385	21,600	9,000
	<u>94,077</u>	<u>108,100</u>	<u>87,024</u>

### 30. EMPLOYEES' REMUNERATION

Set out below, in bands of \$10,000, is the number of employees of the Shire entitled to an annual salary of \$100,000 or more.

<b>Salary Range</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>\$</b>		
110,000 - 119,999	1	1

### 31. EMPLOYEE NUMBERS

The number of full-time equivalent Employees at balance date

<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<u>60</u>	<u>61</u>

### 32. MAJOR LAND TRANSACTIONS

No Major Land Transaction was undertaken by the Shire of Wyndham -East Kimberley in the 2007/08 financial year.

### 33. TRADING UNDERTAKINGS AND MAJOR TRADING UNDERTAKINGS

Council did not participate in any trading undertakings or major trading undertakings during the 2007/08 financial year.



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#### 34. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

Council's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks including price risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and interest rate risk. The Council's overall risk management focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the Council.

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

Financial risk management is carried out by the finance area under policies approved by the Council.

The Council held the following financial instruments at balance date:

	Carrying Value		Fair Value	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Financial Assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	7,348,700	4,058,913	7,348,700	4,058,913
Receivables	1,142,688	977,564	1,142,688	977,564
Other Financial Assets	6,683	6,683	6,683	6,683
	<u>8,498,071</u>	<u>5,043,160</u>	<u>8,498,071</u>	<u>5,043,160</u>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>				
Payables	1,252,393	1,037,663	1,252,393	1,037,663
Borrowings	2,273,777	2,177,322	2,183,618	2,297,144
	<u>3,526,170</u>	<u>3,214,985</u>	<u>3,436,011</u>	<u>3,334,807</u>

Fair value is determined as follows:

- Cash and Cash Equivalents, Receivables, Payables – estimated to the carrying value which approximates net market value.
- Borrowings – estimated future cash flows discounted by the current market interest rates applicable to assets and liabilities with similar risk profiles.

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#### 34. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

##### (a) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Council's objective is to maximise its return on cash and investments whilst maintaining an adequate level of liquidity and preserving capital. The finance area manages the cash and investments portfolio with the assistance of independent advisers (where applicable). Council has an investment policy and the policy is subject to review by Council. An Investment Report is provided to Council on a monthly basis setting out the make-up and performance of the portfolio.

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

Cash and investments are also subject to interest rate risk – the risk that movements in interest rates could affect returns.

Another risk associated with cash and investments is credit risk – the risk that a contracting entity will not complete its obligations under a financial instrument resulting in a financial loss to Council.

Council manages these risks by diversifying its portfolio and only purchasing investments with high credit ratings or capital guarantees. Council also seeks advice from independent advisers (where applicable) before placing any cash and investments.

	30-Jun-08 \$	30-Jun-07 \$
Impact of a 1% (*) movement in interest rates on cash		
- Equity	67,527	45,400
- Income Statement	67,527	45,400

#### Notes:

(\*) Sensitivity percentages based on management's expectation of future possible market movements.

Recent market volatility has seen large market movements for certain types of investments.

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#### 34. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

##### (b) Receivables

Council's major receivables comprise rates and annual charges and user charges and fees. The major risk associated with these receivables is credit risk – the risk that the debts may not be repaid. Council manages this risk by monitoring outstanding debt and employing debt recovery policies. It also encourages ratepayers to pay rates by the due date through incentives.

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

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

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

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

The profile of the Council's credit risk at balance date was:

	30-Jun-08	30-Jun-07
Percentage of Rates and Annual Charges		
- Current	8.10%	0.00%
- Overdue	91.90%	100.00%
Percentage of Other Receivables		
- Current	71.90%	72.80%
- Overdue	28.10%	27.20%

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### 34. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

#### (c) Payables

##### Borrowings

Payables and borrowings are both subject to liquidity risk – that is the risk that insufficient funds may be on hand to meet payment obligations as and when they fall due. Council manages this risk by monitoring its cash flow requirements and liquidity levels and maintaining an adequate cash buffer. Payment terms can be extended and overdraft facilities drawn upon if required.

The contractual undiscounted cash flows of Council's Payables and Borrowings are set out in the Liquidity Sensitivity Table below

	Due within 1 year \$	Due between 1 & 5 years \$	Due after 5 years \$	Total contractual cash flows \$	Carrying values \$
<b><u>2008</u></b>					
Payables	1,252,393	0	0	1,252,393	1,252,393
Borrowings	271,270	1,053,701	2,038,221	3,363,192	2,273,777
	<u>1,523,663</u>	<u>1,053,701</u>	<u>2,038,221</u>	<u>4,615,585</u>	<u>3,526,170</u>
<b><u>2007</u></b>					
Payables	1,037,663	0	0	1,037,663	1,037,663
Borrowings	275,276	1,061,546	2,301,646	3,638,468	2,177,322
	<u>1,312,939</u>	<u>1,061,546</u>	<u>2,301,646</u>	<u>4,676,131</u>	<u>3,214,985</u>

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### 35. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

#### (c) Borrowings (Continued)

Borrowings are also subject to interest rate risk – the risk that movements in interest rates could adversely affect funding costs. Council manages this risk by borrowing long term and fixing the interest rate to the situation considered the most advantageous at the time of negotiation.

The following tables set out the carrying amount, by maturity, of the financial instruments exposed to interest rate risk:

	<1 year \$	>1<2 years \$	>2<3 years \$	>3<4 years \$	>4<5 years \$	>5 years \$	Total \$	Weighted Average Effective Interest Rate %
<b>Year Ended 30 June 2008</b>								
<b>Borrowings</b>								
<b>Fixed Rate</b>								
Debentures	1,119	0	0	0	0	2,272,658	2,273,777	6.13%
Weighted Average Effective Interest Rate	5.78%					6.13%		
<b>Year Ended 30 June 2007</b>								
<b>Borrowings</b>								
<b>Fixed Rate</b>								
Debentures	28,632	23,844	0	0	0	2,124,846	2,177,322	6.00%
Weighted Average Effective Interest Rate	6.25%	5.88%				6.00%		



**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT  
TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SHIRE OF WYNDHAM – EAST KIMBERLEY**

***Report on the Financial Report***

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the Shire of Wyndham – East Kimberley, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2008 and the income statement by nature or type, income statement by program, statement of changes in equity, cash flow statement, rate setting statement for the year ended on that date and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

***Council's Responsibility for the Financial Report***

Council is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations), the Local Government Act 1995 (as amended) and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 (as amended). This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

***Auditor's Responsibility***

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

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

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

**Independence**

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

**Auditor's Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial report of the Shire of Wyndham – East Kimberley is in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 (as amended) and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 (as amended), including:

- a giving a true and fair view of the Shire's financial position as at 30 June 2008 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations), the Local Government Act 1995 (as amended) and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 (as amended).

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**Statutory Compliance**

During the course of the audit we became aware of the following instances where the Council did not comply with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 (as amended).

**List of Accounts Paid**

When presented to Council, the list of accounts paid by the CEO under delegated authority for the months of March through June 2008 did not show the date of the payment as required by Financial Management Regulation 13 (1) (c).

**Monthly Statement of Financial Activity**

The monthly Statement of Financial Activity for June 2008 was not presented to the Council within two ordinary meetings of the council following the end of the month to which the statement relates, as required by Financial Management Regulation 34 (3) (a).

**Other Matters**

In accordance with the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996, we also report that:

- a) There are no matters that in our opinion indicate significant adverse trends in the financial position or the financial management practices of the Shire.
- b) Except as detailed above, no other matters indicating non-compliance with Part 6 of the Local Government Act 1995 (as amended), the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 (as amended) or applicable financial controls of any other written law were noted during the course of our audit.
- c) All necessary information and explanations were obtained by us.
- d) All audit procedures were satisfactorily completed in conducting our audit.

UHY HAINES NORTON  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS



DAVID TOMASI  
PARTNER

Date: 11 December 2008  
Perth, WA

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