

Council will maintain the same Principal Activities for the 2001/2002 financial year.

SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS PLANNED FOR THE YEAR INVOLVING NOTABLE EXPENDITURE INCLUDE:

- Establishment of Regional Resource Recovery Centre at Canning Vale, in conjunction with other Southern Metropolitan Councils.
- Construction of Clubrooms in Beeliar.
- Construction of Children's Activities / Meeting Room in Success.
- Implementation of "Greening Plan".
- Additional verge clearing on major entry roads.
- Upgrade of irrigation systems in sports grounds and parks.
- Refurbishment of the March Street, Spearwood Preschool, to be converted to a Health Clinic.
- Conservation program to commence at Yangebup and Little Rush Lakes.
- Graffiti removal program.

Competitive Neutrality

The Competition Principles Agreement is an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Commonwealth and State/Territory Governments that sets out how governments will apply National Competition Policy principles to public sector organisations within their jurisdiction.

The State Government released a Policy Statement effective July 1996, called the Clause 7 Statement, which forms part of the Competition Principles Agreement. The Clause 7 policy document sets out nominated principles from the Agreement that now apply to Local Government. The provisions of Clause 7 of the competition Principles Agreement requires Local Government to report annually as to the implementation, application and effects of Competition Policy.

Competition Policy does not require contracting out or competitive tendering. It does not preclude Councils from continuing to subsidise particular activities from general revenue, nor does it require privatisation of government functions. It does require Local governments to identify their significant activities and apply competitive disciplines to those businesses, which compete with private business.

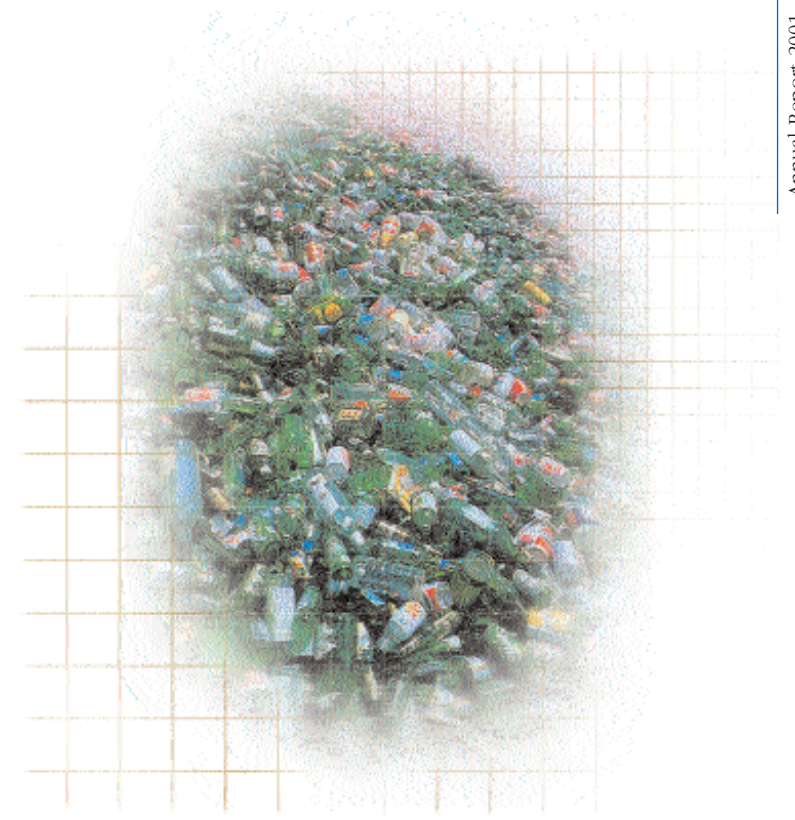
A number of Council's services are exempt from Competition Policy, as it applies only to activities which generate income in excess of \$200,000 from fee revenue which is directly generated from external users. Activities undertaken by Council which have been under consideration during 2000/2001 are:

Waste Collection Services -

Council awarded its recycling collection contract (yellow top bins) to a private operator in May 2001. Council has retained the collection of domestic waste (green top bins). A system of benchmarking comparative costs with other metropolitan local governments is in place to ensure these services are being provided at a competitive rate.

Waste Disposal Site at Henderson -

Council awarded its contract to spread and cover waste materials at the Henderson Site to a private operator during the year. This equates to approximately 50% of the tip face operations. The remaining work is carried out by Council staff.



Under the Clause 7 Statement of the Competition Principles Agreement, Local Governments must review their local laws to ensure that they do not unnecessarily restrict competition.

Under the Clause 7 Statement, a Council must ensure that its Local Laws do not unnecessarily restrict competition unless it can be demonstrated that:

- the benefits of the restriction outweigh the costs to the community; and
- the objective of the local law can only be achieved through such a restriction.

The City of Cockburn administers the following Local Laws and a review process was initiated to ensure compliance with National Competition Policy.



| LOCAL LAW TITLE | PURPOSE OF LOCAL LAW | COMMENTS |
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| ANIMALS IN PUBLIC PLACES | To protect the public from animals (not the subject of any controlling legislation) left unsecured in a public place. | Regulatory Local Law Amended October 2000 |
| BEACHES AND RESERVES | For the safety, decency, convenience and comfort of persons using Council controlled beaches and reserves. | Reviewed in relation to commercial hire activities. Amended October 2000 |
| BLASTING QUARRYING & EXCAVATIONS | To regulate extractive industries within the District | Regulatory Local Law. Deleted October 2000. To be included in Council's Town Planning Scheme |
| BUILDINGS | To regulate the construction of fencing and holiday accommodation structures within the District. | Regulatory Local Law Amended October 2000 |
| CAMPS, CARAVAN PARKS, HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION | To regulate the presence of camping, caravan park and holiday accommodation within the District. | Reviewed in relation to commercial aspects of registration. Deleted October 2000. Now subject to State Government Legislation |
| DANGEROUS AND OFFENSIVE THINGS | To regulate the dumping of offensive / disused material and prohibit the undertaking of nuisance activities. | Regulatory Local Law Amended October 2000 |
| HAWKERS, STALLHOLDERS, STREET TRADERS | To licence and control the conduct of certain trading activities within the District. | Reviewed in relation to licensing provisions Amended October 2000 |

| LOCAL LAW TITLE | PURPOSE OF LOCAL LAW | COMMENTS |
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| COUNCIL PROPERTY (MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL) | To control the hiring of Council owned property. | Reviewed in relation to refuse/ recycling operations Amended October 2000 |
| SIGNS, HOARDINGS, BILL POSTING | To regulate all forms of signage within the District. | Regulatory Local Law Amended October 2000 |
| STREET AND PUBLIC PLACES | To regulate activities on streets and public places within the District. | Regulatory Local Law Amended October 2000 |
| TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES | To control parking of vehicles within the District. | Regulatory Local Law Amended October 2000 |
| HEALTH BY-LAWS | To protect the public against disease and contamination. | Regulatory Local Law Amended October 2000 |
| HEALTH (EATING HOUSES) | To ensure satisfactory public health standards are maintained in eating houses within the District. | Regulatory Law Amended February 2001 |
| HEALTH (STABLES) | To ensure satisfactory health standards are maintained in stables within the District. | Regulatory Law Amended October 2000 |
| DOGS | To regulate the licensing and control of domestic dogs within the District. | Regulatory Law Amended October 2000 |
| DOGS (KENNEL LICENSING) | To ensure licensed kennels operating in the District conform to satisfactory standards. | Regulatory Law Amended October 2000 |
| PEST PLANTS | To control the spread of Calthrop within the District. | Regulatory Law. Amended February 2001 |
| SOUTH LAKE LEISURE CENTRE | To control activities to be undertaken at the South lake Leisure Centre. | Council's stated position is that the Centre should not be subject to market testing because its subsidisation is considered to be a public benefit. Amended Local Law adopted (1998/99) |
| CONDUCT OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS | To ensure the orderly conduct of Council business. | Amended Local Law adopted (July 1999) |
| ESTABLISHMENT, MAINTENANCE AND EQUIPMENT OF BUSH FIRE BRIGADES | To enable Council to establish and equip volunteer bush fire brigades within the District. | Law established under Bush Fires Act. Amended February 2001 |

The Division

The Community Services Division is responsible for the provision and maintenance of an adequate structure to support the delivery of specific administrative functions and services, together with meeting ongoing and contemporary community service requirements for the residents of Cockburn.

The Division consists of two Departments, being:-

- Community Services
- Library & Information Services

The Division Structure, as it relates to the Council process, is illustrated as follows:



Funding (income)

• Other Recreation / Culture

Entry and programme user fees and sponsorship accounted for approximately 14% of expenditure in this area.

• Libraries

Minor user pay charges are received (photocopying, lost books and hire charges) with the remainder of funding for library activities coming from general-purpose income.

• South Lake Leisure Centre

The majority (84%) of expenditure for the Centre is recouped from entry fees and other facility user charges.

• Public Halls

Hire charges account for 24% of expenditure incurred on Council owned public halls.

• Welfare Services

The majority (72%) of expenditure incurred on welfare programmes is funded from Grants provided by the State and Federal Governments.

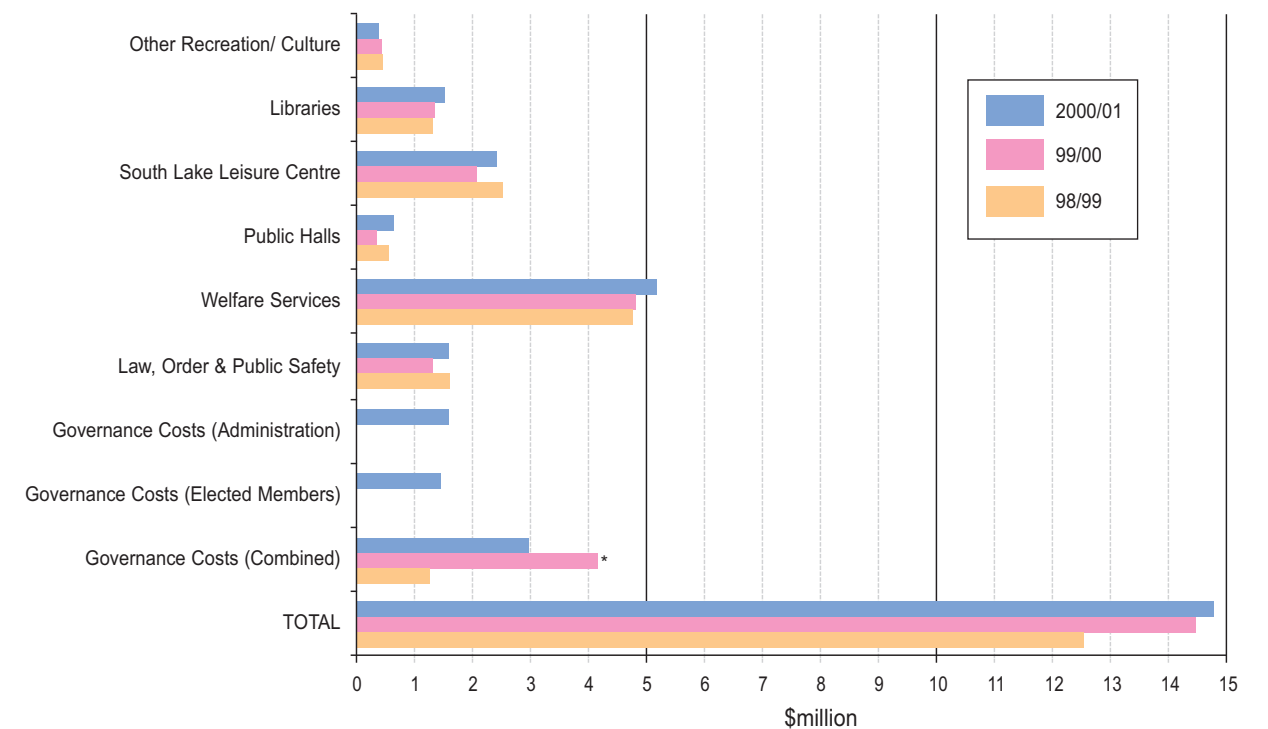
• Law, Order and Public Safety

Dog Licences and State Government funding re-imbursed 11% of the total cost of Law, Order and Public Safety expenditure.

• Governance

Minor funding for this area was received in the form of grants, sponsorship and re-imburement contributions with the majority coming from general-purpose income.

DIVISIONAL EXPENDITURE - COMMUNITY SERVICES (INC. GOVERNANCE Costs)



* Governance includes expenditure previously allocated to "General Administration" and \$1,722,944 allocated for cost associated with the Inquiry into the City of Cockburn (99/2000).

Administrative Support

Community Needs Survey

Council carried out its second comprehensive Community Needs Survey during the year, following a similar exercise in 1997.

The results of the survey generally confirmed that Council's service (and therefore funding) priorities remain aligned to the wishes of the community.

The community continues to ensure Council's commitment to making Cockburn "the most attractive place to live, work and visit in the Metropolitan area" by highlighting the appearance of parks, reserves and street verges as a priority issue to be addressed by the City.

Accordingly, more funds have been allocated to this area so that it is adequately resourced.

Another area of high community concern, again relating to the appearance of the City, is the increased incidence of vandalism, particularly graffiti, throughout the District.

In response to this, Council intends to increase its commitment to combatting vandalism and graffiti with the assistance of the community. This additional commitment by Council should help to significantly reduce, if not eradicate, this type of anti-social activity.

The community can be assured that Council, and its employees, will continue to be responsive to identified issues of concern within the community and that the satisfaction levels of Council's service delivery will continue to be monitored and addressed, where deemed appropriate.

Community Safety and Crime Prevention:

The Community Services Division has continued to expand and improve the delivery of services concerned with community safety and crime prevention issues. A dedicated work unit of community safety has been established to oversee and coordinate all community safety initiatives including fire prevention and control, Volunteer Emergency Services and general crime prevention. The free identification and marking of resident's property has continued and remains a very popular and well-utilised service. Areas where high levels of anti social behaviour have been identified have been targeted to address the main causes. The responses provided to address these crime hot spots are many and varied depending upon the nature of the problem. The responses can range from the removal of thick vegetation which can hide anti social or criminal behaviour, through to Council youth workers contacting at risk young people to provide them with advice and assistance that lead to constructive life choices. The City has taken the position that community safety and crime prevention is a matter of general community concern that requires cooperation and coordination between the community and government agencies. The cooperation between agencies is demonstrated with the Marine training program for at risk young people which involves funding from Police Crime Prevention Programs, Cities of Cockburn and Melville and Technical and Further Education.

Community Infrastructure:

An important ingredient for a sense of community and cohesion in new residential areas is the timely development of community infrastructure. The Division has been able to coordinate the provision of

funds from the Lotteries Commission, Ministry of Sport and Recreation, the developer (Property Resource Group) and the Council in the new residential area of Beeliar (Panorama Gardens) to establish a \$1.0m budget for a new community centre for the area. The new facilities will provide club/change rooms for the adjoining Beeliar oval, community hall, meeting rooms, children's activity area and requisite ablution, kitchen, parking and landscape areas.

Year of Volunteers:

2001 has been declared the International Year of the Volunteer. Council, in recognition of the enormous contribution made by volunteers to community activity in the City, arranged a series of events and activities to celebrate and recognise the efforts of volunteers. A major event will be the development of the walk of fame, which involves the placement of plaques in recognition of volunteers along the length of the Coogee Jetty.

Centennial of Federation:

The works of Art commissioned for the Centenary of Federation Beeliar Wetlands Heritage trail around Yangebup Lake were completed during the year. This project involved community participation, particularly the children from Matri Christi School and Yangebup Primary Schools.



Planned Projects for 2001/02:

The rapid population growth of the City and the increasing demands of its residents has resulted in a number of new projects being planned to occur during 2001/02.

- Establishment of Security Patrols in Beeliar (Panorama Gardens)
- Contract to remove graffiti from non Council owned public structures. Council will continue to remove Graffiti on its property and will through local laws enforce the removal of Graffiti from private property.
- Purchase and construction of two transportable Skateboard ramps for use by primarily young people in the City.
- Community events such as the highly successful community days in local parks, Coogee Beach Party, and sunset concerts will occur again this year. The Manning Park Outdoor Cinema will be the site of four free movie nights.

State Disability Services Act (1993) Five Key Outcome Areas:

In the past year the City of Cockburn has undertaken a wide range of initiatives in order to make services and facilities more accessible to people with disabilities.

1. Existing services are adapted to ensure they meet the needs of people with disabilities.

The City has introduced postal voting in order to increase the accessibility of voting in Local Government elections to the community. Over the past 12 months the City has provided additional funds for children with special needs, so that they have increased access to vacation care

programs. Council also increased accessibility for young people with disabilities to Youth Outrage School Holiday Programs by providing accessible transport.

2. Access to buildings and facilities is improved.

There has been a planned approach towards increasing access to the City's buildings and facilities. Over the past 12 months the following initiatives have been implemented:

- The installation of an electronic door opener at the administration building has taken place.
- Kerbs modified in order that they are accessible.
- Entrance modification to various buildings
- Accessible toilets modified and added to existing Council Buildings
- Access Ramps installed in Administration Building area
- Footpath replacement and upgrade to increase accessibility
- Accessible pathways have been developed in recreation areas so that people have greater access in Manning Park and Coogee Beach.
- Feasibility Studies completed for future projects



3. Information about services is provided in formats that meet the communication requirements of people with disabilities.

The City of Cockburn's Disability Advisory Committee has created its own accessible web page on the City's web site that provides information and useful links for people with disabilities. The City provides all public documents in alternative formats by request. The City's library has purchased equipment in order to assist people with visual impairment to access information. The City has a community information source called Co-Info that provides access to information over the internet on a broad range of community services, groups, and events. The City also produces Cockburn Soundings that is delivered to all residents and this provides an excellent source of current information to the community.

4. Advice and services are delivered by staff who are aware of and understand the needs of people with disabilities.

The City provided Disability Awareness training that was available to staff across the organisation, with front-line customer service staff being prioritised. The City's Disability Access Officer is required to undertake regular Disability Awareness training and this position assists staff to become more aware of issues or barriers for people with disabilities.

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

The City of Cockburn Disability Advisory Committee provides the opportunity for people with a disability to make their individual needs known to Council. This committee also has the power to request that recommendations be put to Council and as such plays a valuable advisory role. The City of Cockburn is currently reviewing

its Grievance Procedure and will ensure that it remains applicable to people with disabilities.

In any community consultation carried out by the City it endeavours to ensure the highest level of participation, therefore utilising a number of different consultation methods such as public forums, surveys, and telephone interviews.

As Council produced the last Disability Services Plan over 5 years ago it decided to undertake a public consultation this year about the needs of people with disabilities. The information gained from the consultation has identified barriers and gaps in services for people with disabilities as well as highlighting achievements. From the review of the existing plan and the information gained from the consultation process Council will produce a new 5 year Disability Services Plan. The City used a variety of methods in order to ensure the greatest participation of residents, for example public meetings in 4 different locations, questionnaires for individuals and organisations, and a large number of telephone interviews.

The City also carried out research into the accommodation needs for people with disabilities living within the district.



Public Library & Information Service

<http://library.cockburn.wa.gov.au>

During the year 208,802 people visited the Public Library & Information Service. They borrowed 439,971 books, periodicals, multimedia and other materials and booked 8725 hours of free internet and word processor access. As of 30 June 2001 there were 38,996 registered members of whom 6228 had joined during the course of the year.

Council's total investment in its public library service was \$1,579,036 consisting of \$1,439,569 in operational expenditure and \$139,467 in various capital items and works. This equates to an operational per capita expenditure of \$19.88 (\$20.29 in 1999/2000) and a cost per issue of \$3.17 (\$3.52 1999/2000).

The year was one of significant and important achievement involving the completion of important projects as well as one of celebration.

25 Years of Service

24 March 2001 saw the library service celebrate 25 years of independent service to the people of Cockburn. The event was marked with a ceremony consisting of displays and various promotions.

Computer System Upgrade

This year saw the completion of the major upgrade of the library's Spydus computer system. The changes effected by the upgrade have brought significant improvements to internal procedures and processes and increased public access. Users are now able to access the library's web page from their home computer and through it the

complete catalogue, other library services, useful links and their personal membership details. Reservations may now be placed on line. The upgrade has also provided the library with the platform and the opportunity to substantially improve its web presence.

Success Public Library

The opening on 19 March 2001 by Mayor Stephen Lee of the Success Public Library in the Gateways Shopping Centre represented the culmination of a year of planning and negotiation.

This unique concept of a shopfront library is an endeavour to provide an interim presence for the library service, and indeed Council, within easy reach of the residents of the rapidly growing locations of the City until more permanent facilities are provided. Because space is limited the total collection of material can only be quite small. As a consequence it will be closely monitored to ensure its relevance. The emphasis is on the needs of children and their parents, information and maximising the use of technology to provide access to the total library service's resources. It therefore represents a mix of traditional and "new age" virtual library provision.



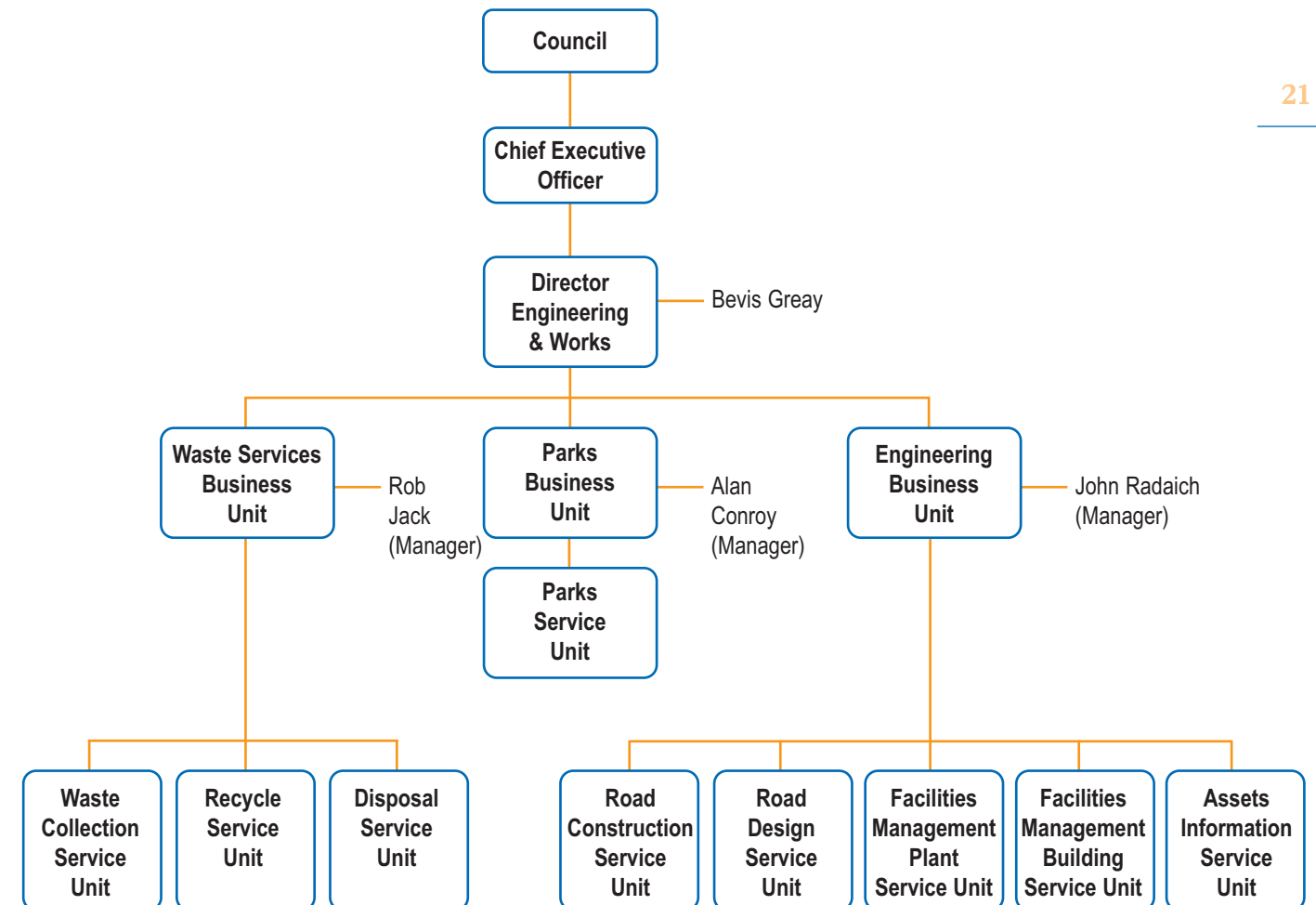
Introduction

The Engineering and Works Division is responsible for delivering and maintaining a safe road system, developing and maintaining parks and landscaping for enjoyment by everyone, collecting and disposing of waste from all properties that cannot be reused and providing and maintaining all buildings and other facilities on Council property for community use.

Structure

The Departments within the Division of Engineering and Works that delivers these services are:

- Waste Services Business Unit
- Parks Business Unit
- Engineering Business Unit



Funding

The Engineering and Works Division was responsible for the expenditure of approximately \$16.3 million, with some \$14.3 million provided from rates and reserve funds and \$2.0 million from State and Federal Government Grants.

Wages came to about \$3.0 million, the remaining costs being for plant operation, materials, contractors, electricity and water charges.

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| Roads, Footpaths & Drainage Construction | \$4.0m | 25% |
| Roads, Footpaths & Drainage Maintenance | \$1.9m | 11% |
| Parks Construction | \$0.8m | 5% |
| Parks Maintenance | \$3.2m | 20% |
| Building Construction | \$0.5m | 3% |
| Building Maintenance | \$1.2m | 8% |
| Henderson Landfill Site - Capital Works | \$2.2m | 13% |
| Waste Collection | \$1.0m | 6% |
| Waste Disposal | \$1.0m | 6% |
| Greenwaste Recycling | \$0.3m | 2% |
| Household Recycling | \$0.2m | 1% |
| Total | \$16.3m | 100% |

Highlights

The highlight of the year was the opening of the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council resource recovery centre at Canning Vale. The administration building and weighbridge have been constructed and the materials sorting facility is operational. This accepts the recycled material from the yellow top 240 litre bins and sorts it into the different components for sale and reuse.

The contract for the construction of the organic waste processing plant was awarded to Bedminster at a cost of \$34.0 million. It will be constructed by Clough Engineering.

All residents received a yellow top 240 litre bin to place their recyclables in.

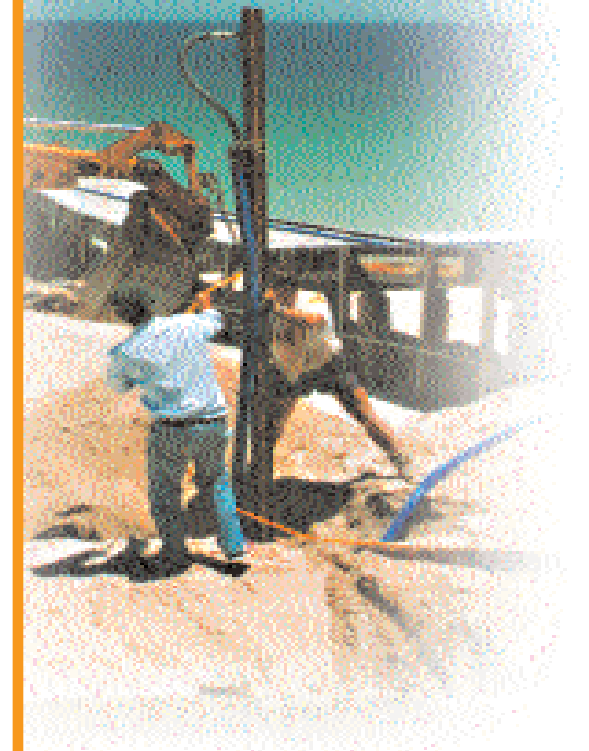
The contract to collect these bins on a fortnightly basis was awarded to Cleanaway.

The bridges over the Kwinana Freeway at Berrigan Drive, Armadale Road, Russell Road and Rowley Road were completed, by Main Roads WA.

Work was also completed on the freeway, to prepare for the railway line to be built, by the State Government.

Other Achievements

- Construction of Cell 4 at Henderson landfill site at a cost of \$2.2 million. This includes the lining with 2mm thick synthetic material of 50,000 square metres of land and the installation of a leachate collection system.
- Upgrading of Jarvis Park in Coolbellup, together with road improvements and landscaping in Waverley and Counsel Roads.
- Rowley Road between Satinover and Lyon Roads was upgraded.
- The construction of the toilet block at Port Catherine commenced.
- The programme of replacing footpath slabs with concrete continued with another \$300,000 being spent.
- Cycleway construction continued with a path being built along Miguel Road to provide access for the Yangebup subdivision.
- Reticulation system was replaced at Anning Park.
- An inventory of all the roads and footpaths was completed and installed on the Council's GIS system and 30% of the drainage pick-up has been completed.



Statutory Planning

Development Planning activity within the City was about the same as the previous financial year. Applications were received and processed for 97 subdivisions (90 in 1999/00) and 325 development applications (281 in 1999/00). The development applications were mainly for commercial, industrial and multi residential projects. There were 6 amendments to the Local Scheme.

Metropolitan Region Scheme

The Council continued to participate in Regional Planning through the South West District Planning Committee of the Western Australian Planning Commission. Amendments were undertaken to provide for future urban and industrial land, regional parks and major roads.

Proposed Town Planning Scheme No. 3

Town Planning Scheme No. 3 was adopted to replace District Zoning Scheme No. 2. The new plan is the first in the State to follow the State Planning Commission's recently adopted Model Scheme Text and will control the development of the district for the next decade.

It is hopeful that Town Planning Scheme No. 3 will become operative by the end of this year or early in 2002.

Scheme No. 3 will introduce new provisions, which should improve the planning and development process and result in benefits for the community.

Thomsons Lake

The planning for Thomsons Lake Town Centre is reaching finality, and it is expected that the development of the land adjacent to the proposed railway station and bus interchange will have commenced prior to the operation of the rail service to Perth in 2006.

Thomsons Lake is planned to become a regional centre to serve the shopping, commercial, community and recreational needs of the community. This is a very exciting project being undertaken by Landcorp in conjunction with the Western Australian Planning Commission and the Council.

Port Catherine Marina

This significant coastal development is progressing through the environmental assessment phase and hopefully a draft structure plan will soon be finalised for consideration by the Council and the community.

Southern Harbour Project

This is a major public work being undertaken by the State Government. When completed this development will provide the infrastructure to support the shipbuilding and off shore fabrication industry. The Council is working with Landcorp to implement a landscape plan for the Henderson Ship Building Estate in an endeavour to improve the parking, signage and streetscape of the area.

Perth to Mandurah Railway Line

The Council supports in principle the proposal to realign the Perth to Mandurah railway line to follow the Kwinana Freeway to Perth, because of the time savings that should accrue to patrons using the service from the Thomsons Lake station.

The Roe Highway Stage 8

The Council has decided to oppose the extension of the Roe Highway west of the Kwinana Freeway, referred to as Stage 8, because of the likely adverse impacts the Highway could have on the North Lake and Bibra Lake wetlands.

Hope Valley - Wattleup Redevelopment Area

The State Government has removed the control of the Redevelopment Area, formerly referred to as FRIARS, from both the Metropolitan Region Scheme and the Council's District Town Planning Scheme. Landcorp is responsible for the planning and development of this area and all development applications are now determined by the Western Australian Planning Commission.

Current Issues

The future of the North Coogee Industrial Area continues to be an issue. It is understood, however, that the Western Australian Planning Commission intends to release a report on the future planning of this area for public comment some time before the end of the year.

Sand mining is an issue for the City of Cockburn. The Council is particularly concerned about the potential for sand mining to take place in local and regional parks without adequate controls by either the Western Australian Planning Commission or the Council. The Council is endeavouring to have the Mining Act changed.

The surplus AMCOR land on North Lake Road, was purchased by Landcorp for sand mining and industrial subdivision. The Council attempted to identify and promote alternative uses for the land, primarily the relocation of Perth Zoo to the site. These suggestions have been motivated by a strong desire to retain as far as possible the bushland character of this site, which is adjacent to South Lake.

The future

The Council is keen to ensure that the planning and development of the district will improve its amenity and attractiveness so that people will want to live, work and visit the City of Cockburn.





Environmental Management

The Environmental Management Service is involved in a range of activities relating to the management of reserves and natural areas, environmental impact assessment, environmental planning, environmental monitoring and community liaison and education.

Major achievements during the past financial year, include:-

- further development of an Environmental Management System for Council's operations.
- completion of a State of Environmental Report for the City.
- production of a Draft Sustainable Development Strategy.
- further development of a Greening Plan for the City.

- development of the Local Action Plan through the Cities for Climate Protection program.
- ongoing implementation of management plans for Yangebup and Little Rush Lakes, Market Garden Swamps, Freshwater Drive and Denis De Young reserves.
- ongoing revegetation in Yangebup and Little Rush Lakes, Market Garden Swamp, Bibra Lake, Manning Lake and Freshwater Drive reserve.

The City of Cockburn has developed a draft Sustainable Development Strategy. The draft Strategy looks at integrating social, economic and environmental issues to develop a long-term strategic action plan to progress towards a more sustainable future for the City. The Strategy has been prepared with the aim to minimise environmental and social costs and allow the City to develop in a manner that does not leave economic, social or environmental liabilities for future generations.

Pest Control

The control of nuisance midge continues to be a priority. In addition the increase in residential density and the closeness of new residential areas to existing wetlands is likely to exacerbate the problem.

Ongoing implementation of Council's Integrated Midge Control Strategy resulted in the following achievements:-

- completion of a water quality management study for Yangebup Lake.
- ongoing larvicide treatments of problem wetlands provided relief, with many of the treatments being successful and therefore overall complaint numbers remained low.

Building

Council was unable to achieve rapid turn around times for approvals under the Building Regulations due to the collapse of HIH Insurance, which caused major delays in the residential licence issuing process.

The number of permits issued and the permit value decreased over the last 12 months, resulting in Council not collecting as much in the value of fees compared to last year, but was a good result none the less.

Building approvals for 2000/2001 are as follows:-

| Year Ending | 30/6/2001 | 30/6/2000 |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Permits | 2025 | 2744 |
| Value | \$132.8m | \$146.5m |
| Fees | \$41488 | \$51300 |
| Residential | 658 | 1093 |
| Commercial | 18 | 26 |
| Industrial | 38 | 36 |

Health

Local Laws

New Health Local Laws were gazetted in October 2000. These Local Laws replaced Council's outdated Local Laws, which were based on a 1963 Model. The new Local Laws reflect current best practice.

New Local Government Local Laws were also gazetted in October 2000. These Local Laws contain updated provisions for control of local pollution issues such as dust control, light emission and other nuisances. They also contain provisions for the control of other minor nuisances such as poultry and pigeons, allowing greater flexibility in enforcement.

Food Safety

The National Food Safety Standards came into effect on 24th February 2001 and are currently running in tandem with the Health (Food Hygiene) Regulations 1993. Provisions relating to compulsory notification by Food Businesses and Food Handler Training Requirements don't come into effect until February 2002. The State Government, through the Department of Health, in consultation with all stakeholders, is developing a new Food Act and Regulations to support the implementation of the new Food Safety Standards.

