

# Derwent Valley Council

## Annual Report

### 2007 / 2008



DERWENT VALLEY COUNCIL

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## Guiding Principles

The key principles that will guide our actions are as follows:

- Respect the whole community whilst valuing individual differences and diversity.
- Value for tolerance, fairness and equity for all sections of the community.
- Service delivery to the community in an economically, sustainable and responsible manner.
- Committed to open transparent communications, that allows to fully inform the community.
- Facilitate community participation to build relationships to gain unity and to find common ground.
- Achieve innovative solutions to build a vibrant sustainable community.
- Pursue ecological sustainability.
- Respect for our past, present and future heritage.
- Derwent Valley Planning Scheme will reflect this Strategic Plan.
- That Council understands that its decisions are made on behalf of the whole community.
- Commitment to facilitate the development of community knowledge and skills to allow residents to fully participate in the development of the community.
- To provide the community with the opportunity to participate in decisions that affect their lives.

### Vision

Our Vision is for a vibrant and sustainable Derwent Valley community that enjoys a safe and healthy environment, economic and social wellbeing and quality lifestyles that takes into account cultural and heritage values.

### Mission

Our Mission is to work in partnership with our residents and stakeholders towards the vision of a vibrant and sustainable Derwent Valley Community.

## A Message from the Mayor



The 2007 Local Government Election saw a number of changes in the Derwent Valley Council with a new Mayor, Deputy Mayor and three new Councillors Elected. Local Government is

experiencing a number of changes that will challenge Councillors and staff during the next few years in sustainability, regional planning, transport and education.

The reappointment of our General Manager for a further term will ensure an experienced hand to advise and guide our Council during the challenges we face, beginning with the transfer of Water and Sewerage operations from Councils to three Statewide entities at the direction of the State Government. The financial implications for Councils as I write have not been finalised. Derwent Valley prudently contracted out our water and wastewater service two years ago in anticipation of these changes and thus spared the complexity of this transfer while gaining an improved service for ratepayers due to greater technical capacity of Hobart Water.

The developing of the Joint Planning Scheme between Central Highlands, Brighton and Southern Midlands Councils is progressing on schedule though it is now sub-regional as the State Government is enacting planning on a regional basis.

The frustration encountered in 2007 over Willow Court buildings that were under administration for resale has been resolved along with progress on the Gateway Estate. Funding for the redevelopment of the Barracks precinct is in limbo as the Federal Government has indicated it will terminate the grant and with no expression of interest in the Oval precinct, a reassessment of priorities for Willow Court is being undertaken. One positive outcome has been close cooperation with the Heritage Council in understanding our needs and this

has been achieved in no small measure through Valley Vision.

The disarray of global finance will slowly filter through all areas of potential development and a local Government body that has in place a business and facilitation arm as we have in Valley Vision is well placed to be in the front line of opportunity. Valley Vision was established to meet this challenge in the late 1990's when the Derwent Valley was part of a region rated 167 out of 200 on the social economic scale.

The Council through a decision taken several years ago to reduce debt liability has placed us in a good financial position to meet the economic changes that have manifested during the year

Tourism is an important feature of the Derwent Valley economy and the impetus of Forestry Tasmania at Maydena to progress the Eagles Eyrie along with a dedicated Local community to make Maydena a gateway to the World the Heritage area and first class Visitor Experience has been gaining momentum throughout the year. The 2008 Derwent Valley Autumn Festival incorporating events to celebrate New Norfolk's Bicentennial was the best ever and the Volunteer Committee has been nominated for a Community Achievement Award.

One of the strengths of our community is the enthusiastic volunteers who work together and provide assistance to so many in our community. We would be so much the poorer without their contribution to our lifestyle.

Thank you to Council staff for your assistance and advice to myself and fellow Councillors throughout the year and your service to the ratepayers of the municipality.



**Tony Nicholson**  
**MAYOR**

# General Manager's Report



In last year's report I highlighted the issue of the operations and maintenance of water and wastewater being undertaken by Hobart Water under contractual arrangements. Over the last 12 months the

State Government has advised that water and wastewater operations for the whole of the State will be undertaken by 3 regional water and sewerage corporations commencing from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009.

This effectively means that the water and sewerage assets of the Derwent Valley will transfer to the new entity as from the above date and separate bills will be forwarded from this new entity for water and sewerage. This has been an extremely time consuming process for all staff, and is a difficult time for those who have already transferred to Hobart Water. We wish these employees every success with the new corporation.

## Partnership Agreement with State Government

Over the past 12 months Council has been negotiating a new partnership agreement and the following matters are some that have been included, but are subject to further negotiation with the State Government these are as follows:

### Lyell Highway

As reported last year, the State Government has committed some \$14 million for the upgrade of the Lyell Highway, but this did not include the junction of the Lyell Highway and Midland Highway at Granton. In the last 12 months we have continued to pursue this matter and can now advise that work on a roundabout at this junction is due to commence in about February 2009.

## Crown Land Transfers

Discussions are continuing with the State Government for the transfer of some crown land in our municipal area. These discussions have been protracted but hopefully they will be finalised in 2009.

## Bridgewater Bridge

The issue of the inability to have the Bridgewater Bridge lifting mechanism functioning has been pursued during the last 12 months and we can now advise that the works required have been progressing slowly. Regrettably it appears that this work will be undertaken in the 2009/10 financial year.

## Bus Service New Norfolk and Beyond

In the past couple of years the service has increased to cover more of our residential area in New Norfolk, but it does not allow for weekend service late at night, or to outlying areas such as Lachlan and Maydena. We have suggested that smaller buses could be used from New Norfolk to Granton to link up with those services to Bridgewater and Hobart.

## Street Make Over New Norfolk

Funding has been made available from the State Government for the roundabout that was installed at the intersection of Burnett and High Street and for the tree plantings that have occurred in Burnett street. We have also this year received funding for the installation of another roundabout at the intersection of Stephen Street and High Street.

## Sub-Regional Planning Scheme

The Derwent Valley Council has been working jointly with Brighton, Central Highlands and Southern Midlands Councils on a joint planning scheme and in the last 12 months the first stage, that of developing the Sub-Regional Land use Strategy, was completed. The next stage, that of developing the new planning schemes, is due to commence in late 2008.

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I would like to thank all Councilors and Staff for the dedication, support and commitment they have provided in the last 12 months, for without your efforts much of what has been achieved in these times of change would not have been possible.



**Stephen Mackey**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

# Council Structure

The Councillors of the Derwent Valley Council are the ultimate policy and planning body of the corporation.

Day to day administrative and operational decisions have been delegated to the General Manager so that unnecessary delays are avoided.

This mode of operation enables Council to concentrate its efforts towards considering strategic issues, establishing policy

positions and managing performance outcomes for the organisation and community.

Council meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at the Court House, Circle Street, New Norfolk commencing at 6.30pm. Members of the public are invited to attend these meetings. Agendas are available from the Council Chambers on the Friday prior to the meeting or they are available from our website at [www.derwentvalley.tas.gov.au](http://www.derwentvalley.tas.gov.au)

## Elected Members and Senior Staff



**Back Row**

*Cr Richard Parker, Cr Jim Elliott, Cr Craig Farrell, Cr Judy Bromfield, General Manager Stephen Mackey*

**Front Row**

*Deputy General Manager Robert McCrossen, Cr Narelle Molan, Deputy Mayor Scott Shaw, Mayor Tony Nicholson, Cr Barry Lathey (absent Cr Martyn Evans)*

## Election Terms of Councillors

Councillor	Term Elected	Councillor	Term Elected
BROMFIELD, Judy	2007 – 2011	MOLAN, Narelle	2007 – 2011
ELLIOTT, James (Jim)	2007 – 2011	NICHOLSON, Tony	2007 – 2009
EVANS, Martyn	2007 – 2011	PARKER, Richard	2007 – 2009
FARRELL, Craig	2007 – 2011	SHAW, Scott	2007 – 2009
LATHEY, Barry	2007 – 2009		

## Council Meeting Attendance 2007/2008

As defined by section 72 (1) (cc) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Councillors	Ordinary Meetings Attended	Special Meetings Attended	Annual General Meeting	Total Meetings Held	Total Meetings Attended
<b>BROMFIELD, Judy</b>	12	4	-	17	16
<b>SHAW, Scott</b>	8	3	1	17	12
<b>LATHEY, Barry</b>	12	4	1	17	17
<b>NICHOLSON, Tony</b>	12	4	1	17	17
<b>PARKER, Richard</b>	12	4	1	17	17
<b>FARRELL, Craig</b>	12	4	1	17	17
<b>ELLIOTT, James (Jim)</b> <i>(Appointed Nov 07)</i>	8	3	1	12	12
<b>EVANS, Martyn</b> <i>(Appointed Nov 07)</i>	7	3	1	12	11
<b>MOLAN, Narelle</b> <i>(Appointed Nov 07)</i>	8	3	1	12	12
<b>WILLIAMS, Ray</b> <i>(Term end Nov 07)</i>	3	1	-	5	4
<b>KEMP, Leon</b>	3	1	-	5	4
<b>CRACKNELL, Nick</b>	4	1	-	5	5

# Committees of Council

<b>SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL</b>	
Access Advisory Committee	Cr Shaw and Cr Lathey
Boyer Oval Management Committee	Cr Parker, Cr Farrell and Cr Lathey
Bushy Park Swimming Pool	Cr Shaw and Cr Evans
Derwent Valley Future Action Team (D'FAT)	Cr Parker and Cr Lathey
Derwent Valley Sport and Recreation Committee	Cr Farrell and Cr Molan
Historical Information Centre	Cr Nicholson and Cr Molan
Lachlan Reserve	Cr Parker
Molesworth Reserve	Cr Nicholson and Cr Elliott
Redevelopment of Willow Court	Cr Nicholson
<b>JOINT AUTHORITIES</b>	
Hobart Water Authority	Cr Nicholson and Cr Shaw
Southern Tasmanian Council Authority	Cr Nicholson and Cr Shaw
Southern Waste Authority	Cr Evans and Cr Shaw
<b>OTHER</b>	
10 Days on The Island	Cr Bromfield and Cr Farrell
Australia Day	Cr Shaw, Cr Evans, Cr Parker and Cr Farrell
Bicentennial Committee	Cr Bromfield and Cr Molan
Community Grants	Cr Bromfield, Cr Farrell and Cr Lathey
Derwent Catchment Natural Resource Management	Cr Lathey and Cr Elliott
Derwent Valley Autumn Festival	Cr Nicholson, Cr Bromfield and Cr Parker
Derwent Valley Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Cr Parker and Cr Evans
Derwent Valley Economic Renewal Group	Cr Bromfield and Cr Elliott
Derwent Valley Emergency Planning Committee	Cr Bromfield and Cr Farrell
Derwent Valley Visitor Information Centre	Cr Shaw and Cr Elliott
Environmental Management Committee	Cr Nicholson and Cr Shaw
Land Sale Committee	Cr Nicholson, Cr Bromfield and Cr Evans
Lyell Highway Committee	Cr Bromfield
Maydena Community Association	Cr Bromfield, Cr Evans and Cr Farrell
RAFT (Real Action . . . Forward Thinking)	Cr Shaw and Cr Parker
Spatial Planning Committee	General Manager
Tidy Town Committee	Cr Shaw and Cr Molan
Westerway BushWatch	Cr Shaw and Cr Evans

# Contracts, Remuneration and Domestic Water

Contracts for the supply or provision of goods and services in excess of \$50,000 (excluding GST) entered into during the year ended 30 June 2008.

Contractor Name	Description of contract	Value
Veolia	Waste Management / Recycling	\$324,000
MSD Construction	Crushing Gravel / Tip Bund and gravel carting re-sheeting	\$117,000
Andrew Walter Construction	Capital Works Projects	\$629,400
Hobart Water	Purchase of Water	\$977,100
Hobart Water	Water and Sewer Operations	\$966,000
Roadways	Road Asphalting	\$50,000
Spectran Pty Ltd	Road Works	\$ 180,300

## Senior Position Remuneration

Annual remuneration, as defined by section 72 (1) (cd) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, paid by Council to senior positions within Council.

Remuneration package range	Number of positions
\$80,000 – \$100,000	1
\$60,000 – \$80,000	1

## Allowances

The following allowances, as defined by section 72 (1) (cb) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, were paid to Councillors in 2007/2008.

Allowances	\$99,088
Expenses	\$4,231
<b>Annual Allowances</b>	
Mayor	\$29,997
Deputy Mayor	\$16,362
Councillor	\$7,635

# Community Grants

Council made the following grants under its 2007/2008 Community Grants Program:

Organisation	Amount
Glenora Online Access Centre	\$500
New Norfolk Bowls Club	\$500
Corumbene Nursing Home (Social Volunteer Group)	\$400
Derwent Valley Regional Arts	\$500
Molesworth Community Hall	\$480
Maydena Community Association	\$500
Westerway Bushwatch	\$500
Tasmanian Masters Athletics	\$300
Philatelic Society	\$500
Magra Country Women's Association	\$1,000
Combined Probus Club of the Derwent Valley Inc	\$500
Derwent Valley Regional Arts	\$500
Derwent Valley Garden Club	\$500
New Norfolk Fire Brigade	\$500
New Norfolk Licenced Anglers Association (Juniors)	\$800
Golden Years Bowls Club	\$460
Lachlan District Community Hall Association Inc	\$520
New Norfolk Bowls Club	\$500
Boyer Oval Management Committee	\$700
Molesworth Cricket Club	\$1,300
New Norfolk Basketball Association Inc	\$500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,960</b>

# Community Donations

Council made the following donations to groups and individuals during 2007/2008:

Organisation	Amount
Brayden Webb – Under 16 State Football Team (Brisbane)	\$ 100
Westerway Primary School – School Fair	\$ 100
Gennavive Sullivan – Under 15 State Netball (NSW)	\$ 50
T Nossiter – Under 12 Junior Soccer Association (Gold Coast)	\$ 50
New Norfolk High School – End of year assembly	\$ 100
Fairview Primary School – BIG Playgroup	\$ 50
Maydena Primary School – Celebrating 90 year anniversary	\$ 100
Glenora District High School – End of year assembly	\$ 50
Gretna Fire Brigade – Christmas lolly run	\$ 50
Valley Children’s Services – End of year celebrations	\$ 100
Kieran Glover – National Formula Vee Championships (VIC)	\$ 500
New Norfolk High School – Swimming Carnival and Triathlon	\$ 50
St Brigids Primary School – Surf Life Saving Education Program	\$ 100
New Norfolk Amateur Swimming Club – Club Championships	\$ 20
Brayden Webb – Tassie Mariners	\$ 100
Casey Bell – Tasmanian under 18 Women’s State Basketball (VIC)	\$ 100
Derwent Valley Karate Club – National All Styles Competition (Melbourne)	\$ 100
Derwent Valley Dance Company – Southern Tasmanian Dance Eisteddfods	\$ 100
Salvation Army – Red Shield Appeal	\$ 100
Kelsey Pauly – Tasmanian under 18 Women’s State Basketball (VIC)	\$ 100
New Norfolk Anglers Club – Trophy Night	\$ 100
Anthony Adams – Under 18 World Eightball Titles (England)	\$ 100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,220</b>

## Number & Nature of Complaints Received

As mentioned the Local Government Act requires the General Manager to report to Council the number and nature of complaints received.

<b>Year 2007 (Total 7)</b>	<b>Number of complaints</b>	<b>Nature of complaint</b>
	2	Roads – relates to road surface condition
	1	Water – continuous water leak in Charlotte Street
	1	Driveway – installation of crossover
	2	Nature Strip – re-instatement after council works, cutting of nature strips
	1	Drainage – water runoff

<b>Year 2008 (Total 13)</b>	<b>Number of complaints</b>	<b>Nature of complaint</b>
	1	Roads - relates to road surface condition on Top Swamp Road
	1	Rubbish – leftover material from works in Alfred Street
	4	Water – continuous water leak in Charlotte Street, stop tap leak at Magra, broken water pipes in Lachlan and Fentonbury
	2	Storm water – blocked storm water drain in Ring Road, blocked culverts in Magra
	2	Street Cleaning – litter blowing from recycling crates, dirty gutters in Montagu Crescent
	1	Environmental – Oil runoff from motor vehicle accident in Montagu Crescent
	1	Private property damage – A Council contract truck clipped a power line damaging a house in Upper Swamp Road
	1	Insurance Claim – Client of Valley Children’s Centre unhappy with Council response to an insurance claim

# Capital Works

A five year capital works program was reviewed as part of Council's budget process. A capital allocation was made for the following:

Location	Cost	Performance
<b>Bridges</b>		
Back River Road	\$41,000	Completed
Glen Dhu Rivulet	\$49,500	Completed
Park Creek	\$51,000	Completed
<b>Footpaths</b>		
Footpath Program & Services	\$30,000	Completed
Footpath Replacement Program	\$30,000	Completed
Gravel Road Resheeting	\$120,000	Completed
Footpath Lay downs	\$10,000	Completed
Corumbene to CBD	\$10,000	Ongoing
<b>Road Resealing</b>		
Road Resealing	\$200,000	Ongoing
<b>Town Centre</b>		
High Street Revitalisation	\$500,000	Ongoing
<b>Maydena Main Street Makeover Project</b>		
Maydena	\$50,000	Ongoing
<b>Collector Roads</b>		
Burnett Street	\$37,000	Completed
The Avenue	\$10,000	Ongoing
Fairview / Benjamin Tce	\$69,000	Completed
Poulters Road	\$110,000	Ongoing
<b>Local Roads</b>		
Alfred St	\$35,000	Completed
Lachlan Rd	\$95,000	Completed
Stephen St	\$40,000	Completed
Oast St	\$73,000	Completed
Tynwald Park Rd	\$35,000	Completed
Uxbridge Water Race Deck	\$29,000	Completed
Stephen St	\$17,000	Completed
<b>Roads to Recovery</b>		
Sixth Ave	\$38,000	Completed
Lachlan Rd	\$120,000	Ongoing
Montagu St	\$52,000	Ongoing
<b>Water</b>		
Maydena	\$38,000	Ongoing
Bushy Park	\$70,000	Ongoing
<b>Asset Improvement Program</b>		
Install telemetry on all water reservoir & control sites	\$30,000	Ongoing
Upgrade Fentonbury Pump Station and inlet tank	\$10,000	Ongoing
Reservoir Roofing New Norfolk	\$21,000	Ongoing
Granton Reticulation	\$27,600	Ongoing

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<b>Location</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Performance</b>
<b>Sewerage</b>		
Stage 2 and 3 Gateway augmentation	\$30,000	Ongoing
Replace rake drives on secondary clarifiers Turrif Lodge	\$10,000	Completed
Automate blow off valves on secondary clarifiers Turrif Lodge	\$10,000	Completed
Turrif Lodge Trickling Filter wall	\$12,000	Completed
Rocks Road electrical switchboard	\$96,000	Completed
Miscellaneous yet to be identified pipe replacement	\$15,000	Completed
Turrif Lodge process control	\$15,000	Completed
Strategic Instrumentation Upgrade at Turrif Lodge	\$30,000	Completed
Upgrade Sewer Treatment Plant	\$15,000	Completed
Install 200mm inflow meter Maydena WWTP	\$12,000	Completed
Maydena Sewer replacement	\$30,250	Completed
<b>Stormwater</b>		
Barnett Ave	\$20,500	Completed
Rocks Rd	\$72,500	Ongoing
Montagu St	\$40,000	Ongoing
Maydena Mains	\$10,000	Ongoing
New Norfolk Drainage Program	\$20,000	Ongoing
New Norfolk Mains	\$25,000	Ongoing
<b>Recreation</b>		
Small Playgrounds	\$10,000	Ongoing
New Norfolk Caravan Park	\$30,000	Ongoing
New Norfolk Rowing Club	\$10,000	Ongoing
Fishing Ramp for Disabled	\$30,000	Completed

# Community Services

## Children's Services

The aim is to provide support for the provision of children's services in the Derwent Valley.

Long Day Care caters for children aged six weeks to five years. The centre opens at 7.30am and closes at 5.45pm (other hours by negotiation).

Currently there are 10 Family Day Carers registered in the Derwent Valley Municipality.

## Community Development

Derwent Valley Council recognises that building social capital is an important aspect to ensure that residents participate in and shape community life.

Council encourages individual Councillors and senior staff to maintain regular contact with members of the community through networks involving various groups, clubs and individuals.

We facilitate active participation in community life to ensure that there is a strategic response to identifying and prioritising community needs.

## Corporate Management

Maintain an equitable system of local By-laws and Policy consistent with Council's strategy and policy.

- Human Resource Management
- Employee relations
- Risk Management
- Resource development
- Customer Service
- Financial performance and reporting

- IT support
- Records management
- Internet services

## Customer Services

Council is committed to providing our customers with quality, courteous, informative and timely service that meets or exceeds their expectations.

We pride ourselves on a courteous, informative and timely quality of service.

Customer privacy is respected at all times and personal information treated confidentially.

## Environmental Services / Building and Planning Services

The Environmental Services Department ensures a healthy community protected by strong public health standards and provides a balanced environment. It is also responsible for the following services:

- Environmental Health includes public health surveillance, environmental management and pollution control, food premises, immunisation, and Natural Resource Management (NRM).
- Building and Plumbing enforcement and surveillance.
- Planning Services includes strategic and statutory land use planning, heritage and development infrastructure.
- Domestic garbage and recycling collection and landfill operations.
- Municipal inspection (Animal Control and Fire Abatement).

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## Financial Services

Provide the community with adequate information about Council's budget, rating structure and services provided.

## Home and Community Care (HACC)

Glengrey House is the only Adult Respite centre in the Derwent Valley. The service covers the area from Granton to Maydena.

This service is funded through the Home and Community Care Program, and is sponsored by Derwent Valley Council.



This service provides a place where older people and people with disabilities can meet others, try new things and go on outings. This in turn gives their carers time for rest and relaxation.

## Physical Services

This section of Council is responsible for maintaining all of Council's roads and bridges to the highest standard which can be afforded by the community.

We work with the community to facilitate cost-effective provisions and maintenance of the transport, property and recreational services within the Derwent Valley council.

## Technical Services

To maintain the quality and standard of Council's assets and to ensure that they are capable of delivering acceptable service standards to users.

## Youth Services

The Derwent Valley Youth Future Action Team (D'FAT) is the youth advisory group for the Derwent Valley Council.

The group provides improved opportunities for local youth to develop themselves to their full potential.

D'FAT supports and co-ordinates activities and projects for young people and address youth issues and concerns.

They facilitate and promote consultation between young people, community groups and all levels of government. They also represent the views of young people, help to develop young leaders and promote a positive image of young people.

# Willow Court Precinct

The Council aims to redevelop the Willow Court site through multiple ownership/leasing and adaptive reuse of buildings to provide an economic and social stimulus for the region.

Buildings of significant Heritage value such as the Barracks, C Ward, and Bronte are earmarked to form the basis of the visitor experience at the site and remain in Council ownership, while the remainder may be leased or sold to the Private sector subject to Council decisions and the provisions of the Special Development Zone of the New Norfolk Planning Scheme.

Development principles include sustainability, integration, being complimentary to each other and the region, employment generators and a return on investment.

Much has been learned about the significance of the site. To date, several reports have been prepared: Care and Maintenance Plan, Conservation Management Plans (CMP) for Part A, B, C1, C11 and Frescatti have been approved by Heritage Tasmania. Only the CMP for C Ward and the Therapy building remain and are expected in the early part of 2008.

Adaptive reuse plans for the Barracks and Bronte Buildings for visitor interpretation purposes are complete. Efforts to secure additional funding to implement a sustainable fee paying visitor experience are underway, including discussions with the State and Federal Governments.

A collaborative effort between the University of Tasmania, the University of Queensland, the National Gallery in Canberra, Tourism Tasmania, Heritage Tasmania and Derwent Valley Council has been successful in attracting funding from the Cooperative Research Centre for Tourism (CRC) to deliver a Living Memory project. This project, valued at \$85,000, aims to establish methods, policies and hardware to collect, store and reuse people's memories of the place. The CRC retains ownership of the intellectual property for sale to other heritage locations within Australia and overseas.

Plans have been developed to provide high voltage power from either Humphrey Street, along Grey Street to the title boundary between Bronte and Allonah to service the council owned precinct and possibly further or from the sub station in Burnett St to travel underground along the Avenue to provide power to all buildings facing the Avenue.

Contracts for the disposal of the Workshop to the current tenants have been signed. Completion is imminent.

Two proposals for reuse of Allonah have been developed by private sector interests and subsequently withdrawn.

In collaboration with the private property owners, a comprehensive plan for water supply to Willow Court has been developed and approved by the Tasmanian Fire Service.

Council conducted an expression of interest process for the adaptive reuse of Part B, also known as the Oval precinct, in 2005. Unfortunately the process failed to identify a suitable proposal.

The Special Committee of Council Willow Court Redevelopment has discussed a range of options for the future of the Oval Precinct. It was resolved to commence discussions with Heritage Tasmania under Section 41 of the Historic Cultural Act 1995 to enable Derwent Valley Council to take the Oval precinct to the market place and be able to attract genuine commercial interest in its reuse.

A meeting was held with the Works Application Committee on Wednesday 17 October 2007. As a consequence, Council conducted a second expression of interest process in 2008 for the adaptive reuse of the Oval precinct. Again, the process was unsuccessful.

There has been some movement in the sale of privately owned buildings in the last 2 years. Lachlan and Lyprenny have been sold to a development company from Melbourne. Lachlan has been redeveloped with Independent Living Units that are currently on the market. The Administration and Community House buildings have been sold to a developer from Sydney who has since placed the Administration building back on the market. The balance of the buildings has been sold to a local Tasmanian developer.

The Lions and Masonic Clubs are purchasing their respective buildings.



**Ian Brown**  
Project manager  
VALLEY VISION

# Public Health Statement

Section 72 (1) (ab) of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires information on Council's public health activities to be included in the annual report.

Council's Public Health Services and Environmental Health Monitoring programs are undertaken and managed by the Environmental Services section of Council

The Strategic Plan sets out the "Council's environmental health and environmental management" roles. It is fundamentally a health promotion and environment protection plan in the sense that it is about providing the correct ingredients for the growth and maintenance of good health in the community and by implication the reduction of ill health.

Wherever possible, we attempt to implement legislation as educational regulators rather than statutory regulators - During the year Council provided a number of educational and promotional programs.

This Plan is part of the local government strategic and operational planning framework and provides the basis for an annual activities program and in turn an annual Public Health Report.

This section comprises one Environmental Health Officer, two Administrative Officers (part time), one Medical Officer of Health and one Municipal Inspector.

The Public Health Services section expended \$191,183 and generated an income of \$13,183. The delivery of public and environmental health activities also partially falls across other Council units.

Environmental Services addresses a range of functions under the *Public Health Act 1997*, *Food Act 2003* and *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994*.

These functions include:

- Food Safety
- Notifiable diseases
- Immunisations
- Places of assembly
- Unhealthy premises
- Water quality
- Public Health nuisances
- Pollution incidents

The following demonstrates the activity of this section for the 2007/2008 financial year.

Food premises registered	77
Notifiable diseases investigated	2
Persons immunised	787
Places of assembly licenced	16
Bathing water samples taken (swimming pools / spas)	13
Recreation water samples taken	14
Pollution / environmental nuisance complaints investigated	1

## Immunisations

Immunisation is perhaps the most effective and practical single public health measure available for the reduction of morbidity and mortality arising from infectious diseases.



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The Council holds regular immunisation clinics to vaccinate infants, school children and adults against Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Poliomyelitis, Hib, Hepatitis B, Meningococcal C, Measles, Mumps and Rubella. The Council also makes Hepatitis A and B vaccination available to its high-risk staff.

The program conducted by Council enables all schoolchildren to access the free vaccine in one calendar year. The free vaccines will remain available at Council's monthly immunisation clinics for any schoolchild who still needs to be immunised against this disease.

### **Food Safety**

The State Government introduced the *Tasmanian Food Act 2003* for implementation. This Act, together with the introduction of the national ANZFA

Food Safety Standards, allows for Councils to more effectively ensure that food for sale is both safe and suitable for human consumption.

Food business registration forms were issued in accordance with the requirements of the new Food Act.

The regular sampling and monitoring of all public swimming pools and spas was undertaken throughout the year. Samples were taken on a monthly basis to monitor the compliance of the water quality with acceptable microbiological water quality criteria. All facilities regularly met the acceptable criteria for water quality.

# Key Outcomes for 2007/2008

The following information describes the key outcomes for the 2007/2008 financial year. The actions identified are from the Derwent Valley Strategic Plan 2005/2010 and each action is identified with a Strategic Plan reference. The layout of the following pages is based on the structure of the Strategic Plan.

The Council Department or project group that has taken a lead role in progressing each action is identified above the action. A key that identifies the responsible area is provided below.

<b>ACCT</b>	Accountant
<b>COM</b>	Community
<b>DGM</b>	Deputy General Manager
<b>EMC</b>	Environmental Management Committee
<b>M</b>	Mayor
<b>PL</b>	Planner
<b>VV</b>	Valley Vision
<b>ST</b>	Staff
<b>CL</b>	Council
<b>CR</b>	Councillor
<b>EHO</b>	Environmental Health Officer
<b>GM</b>	General Manager
<b>NRM PO</b>	Natural Resources Management Policy Officer
<b>PO</b>	Project Officer
<b>WM</b>	Works Manager

The key outcomes are a brief summary of Council's main achievement in respect to each action.

## Guiding Principles

The key principles that will guide our actions are as follows:

- Respect the whole community whilst valuing individual differences and diversity.
- Value for tolerance, fairness and equity for all sections of the community.
- Service delivery to the community in an economically sustainable and responsible manner.
- Committed to open transparent communications, that allows to fully inform the community.
- Facilitate community participation to build relationships to gain unity and to find common ground.
- Achieve innovative solutions to build a vibrant sustainable community.
- Pursue ecological sustainability.
- Respect for our past, present and future heritage.
- Derwent Valley Planning Scheme will reflect this Strategic Plan.
- That Council understands that its decisions are made on behalf of the whole community.
- Commitment to facilitate the development of community knowledge and skills to allow residents to fully participate in the development of the community.
- To provide the community with the opportunity to participate in decisions that affect their lives.

**Goal:**

**To maintain the Standard of the Valley's Infrastructure Assets.**

Areas as referenced in the key performance indicators report 2004.

GM/ST

1.1.1 Key strategy is for the major providers of essential infrastructure including the State Government, Council and Government Business Enterprises to continue to plan, manage and coordinate their respective infrastructure assets to ensure safe and reliable services at a standard at least to the average performance of Tasmanian Municipal Areas as referred in key performance indicators.

GM/CL/ST

**Key Outcome/s**

- The major component of Council's Capital Works Budget was externally tendered with Spectran Pty Ltd and Andrew Walter Construction being the successful tenderers. Tenders will again be called next year.

1.1.2 Maintain up to date asset inventories and management programs for network services such as Roads, Electricity, Telecommunications, Water and Sewerage.

GM/DGM

**Key Outcome/s**

- On a annual basis, Council undertakes improvements to our Asset Management systems to ensure that it complies with appropriate legislation.

**Goal:**

**To maintain high standards in the provision of all Council services.**

1.2.1 Council provides a wide range of regulatory development, public and environmental health and community services. The strategy is to provide these services where appropriate at a standard at least equal to the average performance of Tasmania Municipal

**Key Outcome/s**

- Council continues to perform the tasks of issuing permits that consistently meet the average performance as outlined in the Local Government Key Performance Indicators.

**Goal:**

**To maintain accessible health, education, police and Community Services.**

1.3.1 Appropriate Health, Education, Police and Community Services are required to be accessible to Derwent Valley residents.

CL

**Key Outcome/s**

- Council liaises with various agencies providing community services and attends community liaison lunches where service providers network and share issues of concern.
- Council enjoys a close working relationship with local police and attends the annual performance review for the eastern policing district.

1.3.2 Council to ensure that organisations with the government responsibilities provide their services to the Derwent Valley community at a standard matching that provided to the broader Tasmanian community.

CL

**Key outcome/s**

- When Council is advised of concerns by residents their concerns are pursued with the relevant Government Agency.

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**Goal:**

**To improve transport and access in the Derwent Valley through:**

1.4.1 Continuing to lobby State Government for a major upgrade of the Lyell Highway between Granton and New Norfolk. CL

**Key outcome/s**

- The State Government has commenced the upgrading of this highway.

1.4.2 Seek State Government Metro and Hobart Coaches to support, maintain and improve scheduled services to New Norfolk and beyond. DGM

**Key outcome/s**

- Council continues to ensure accessibility to coach services for all members of the Municipality.

1.4.3 Support the transport needs of the Derwent Valley Community / Lions Services currently staffed by volunteers. DGM

**Key outcome/s**

- Council liaised with the State Government in regards to the implementation of the key recommendations of the Core Passenger Bus Services review.

1.4.4 To recognise and support the potential of the Derwent Valley Railway for commercial and tourism use. CL

**Key outcome/s**

- Council has been working with the Maydena Community Association in developing a "Rail Track Rider" tourism attraction.

- Council has been liaising with the State Government regarding the re-use of the rail line from New Norfolk to Maydena for tourism.
- Council provided the Derwent Valley Rail Preservation Society with \$2,000.

1.4.5 Recognising the tourist and recreational potential of river use and maintain suitable walking tracks on the river frontage. CL

**Key outcome/s**

- Council worked with the Department of Primary Industries and Water to assess the condition of marine structures such as jetties and boat ramps. As a result a number of unsafe structures were removed from the Derwent River.
- Council made application to the Crown Land department to take over ownership of 8.763 hectares of land surrounding the Millbrook Rise boat ramp.
- Council lobbied the State Government for repairs to the Bridgewater Bridge.

**Goal:**

**To maintain partnerships with State Government and relevant stakeholders on the development, management, and maintenance of services in the Valley through:**

1.5.1 Recognising and supporting the continued partnership with the State Government is of prime importance and a valuable means of ongoing cooperation. CL

**Key outcome/s**

- Over the past 12 months Council has been negotiating a new partnership agreement. Further negotiations with the State Government are continuing.

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- 1.5.2 Recognising and supporting the work of volunteers and incorporated groups in their delivery of community services.

DGM

**Key outcome/s**

- Council supports numerous community groups with financial support or in-kind support an example being Council's Community Grants Program.
- Council recognises the work of volunteers with the award of certificates at Australia Day and Seniors Week functions.

# Service Objectives

## Goal:

**Ensure the provision of adequate, effective and efficient police services**

2.2.1 Coordinate a meeting with the Commander Southern District

DGM

## Key Outcome/s

- Council holds regular briefings with the local Police Sergeant regarding local policing issues.
- Council staff and police attend meetings of the Hayes Neighbourhood Watch and Westerway Bush Watch committees.

## Goal:

**Ensure the provision of adequate, effective and efficient SES services.**

GM/DGM

## Key Outcome/s

- Council continues to fund the operations of the local SES unit.
- Council is in the process of producing a "Dam Safety Emergency Plan" for Illabrook Dam.
- Council in partnership with Australian Red Cross hosted an Emergency Services Volunteer Recruitment program.

## Goal:

**Ensure the provision of adequate, effective and efficient fire services**

GM/DGM

## Key Outcome/s

- Council collects the State Government Fire Levy through it's rate demand system on behalf of the State Government.
- Council enjoys a close working relationship with the various volunteer brigades throughout the municipality.

## Goal:

**Ensure the provision of adequate, effective and efficient Home and Community Care services**

2.10.1 Arrange a meeting with Home and Community Care service providers

GM/DGM

## Key Outcome/s

- Council, in conjunction with Home and Community Care (HACC), continues to support Glengrey House which currently has 32 clients.

## Goal:

**Ensure the provision of an effective and efficient mobile phone service.**

M / GM

## Key Outcome/s

- Regular discussions have been held with the Local Area Manager from Telstra.

## Goal:

**Ensure the provision of an effective and efficient internet service.**

GM / DGM

## Key Outcome/s

- Meetings are held with Telstra Country Wide as needed.

## Goal:

**Ensure the provision of an effective and efficient radio communication service.**

2.17.1 Arrange a meeting with Radio Station General Managers

GM / PO

## Key outcome/s

- Council maintains the infrastructure for radio FM 89.7 which transmits from Belchers Lookout, National Park.

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**Goal:**

**Ensure the provision of an effective and efficient television service**

GM / DGM / PO

**Key outcome/s**

- Council continues to maintain the television transmission equipment on Belchers Lookout.
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**Goal:**

**Ensure the provision of an effective and efficient tourism information service**

GM/PO

**Key Outcome/s**

- Council continues to be represented at, and participates in major State and regional tourism forums and initiatives.
- Council operates a local Visitor Information Centre manned by approximately 33 community volunteers.

# Social Objectives

3.1.2 All processes to be open and transparent  
GM / CR

## Key outcome/s

- Where possible Council involves community participation in it's decision making.

3.1.3 Utilise a variety of communication and engagement techniques;  
GM / CR

- Electronic
- Print / visual
- 'Word of mouth'
- Talk to all stakeholders
- Focused interviews
- Surveys and questionnaires

## Key outcome/s

- Council's Website had 101,326 hits during the 2007/2008 financial year. The most frequented pages were the Welcome page with 26,689 hits and the Employment page with 5,319 hits. The Website is updated on a monthly basis and continues to grow.
- Council utilises the Mercury and Gazette newspapers in communicating with the public.
- Council maintains an open door policy which enables the public to easily contact and communicate with Councillors and Council Officers.
- Council is represented on many community committees and organisations.

## Goal:

**To provide a variety of social, cultural and recreational activities for people living in the Derwent Valley Municipality.**

3.2.1 Review previous studies, strategies and audits to prioritise target groups and needs and access issues;  
GM / CR

- Previous population / needs analysis

## Key outcome/s

- At this stage no action has been taken on this item.

3.2.2 Audit of existing activities;  
GM / CR

- Festivals / events

## Key outcome/s

- At this stage no action has been taken on this item.

3.2.3 Promote activities in a variety of ways;  
GM / CR

- Notice board
- Website

## Key Outcome/s

- Activities run by Council and other community groups are placed on Council's notice boards or delivered in letterbox drops. Information is also posted on our Website or published in the Derwent Valley Gazette or the Mercury Newspaper.

3.2.4 Development of Community Calendar  
GM/CR

## Key Outcome/s

- Events such as the Derwent Valley Autumn Festival are publicised in the Derwent Valley Gazette, the Mercury and on television and also on the Council's Website under the Calendar of events. The information on the Website can only be updated when Council is made aware of other community events occurring.

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- Council provides a financial contribution to the Derwent Valley Business and Services Directory.
- The Derwent Valley Online Access Centre provides an up to date community calendar.

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3.2.5 Liaise / work with community organisations;

- Assist in developing action plans and feasibility plans

GM / CR

**Key outcome/s**

- Council continues to support Valley Vision to develop Economic and Social objectives within the community. This includes working with community organisations in developing community action plans and feasibility plans.
- Council continues to support the township of Maydena in its "Maydena Moving Ahead" vision.

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**Goal:**

**Encourage support structures in networking to provide a safe, healthy and caring community that is responsive and accommodating to changing needs.**

3.3.1 Audit of existing support structures and service provision

GM / CR

**Key outcome/s**

- The Communities For Children program aims to improve outcomes for families with children aged 0-5 in the Derwent Valley, Central Highlands, Southern Midlands and Brighton municipalities. The Salvation Army, as the facilitating partner, appointed Mission Australia to deliver the program.
- Mission Australia continues to deliver Educating and Connecting Communities strategies for all four Council areas as well as the Play time groups for the New Norfolk area.

- Communities for Children project staff work to educate and support the wider community to consider the development of the local physical environment based on child friendly principles using a variety of strategies and network building activities.
- Community House continues to facilitate the 'liaison lunch', which is a gathering of community service providers in the Derwent Valley. The liaison lunch enables service providers to share information, provide peer support and receive professional development through invited guest speakers.

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3.3.3 Participation in community liaison luncheon.

GM / CR

**Key outcome/s**

- Council participates in the community liaison luncheon developed to bring together service providers of the Derwent Valley for networking and discussion of local social and health issues.

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3.3.4 Facilitate forums and connections;

- Police liaison
- Derwent Valley Youth Future Action Team (D'FAT)

GM / CR

**Key outcome/s**

- Council has a representative on the Inter Agency Support Panel consisting of representatives from Youth Justice, Police, School Cluster and Council.
- D'FAT is a special committee of Council and meets monthly at the Council Chambers to discuss youth policy and plan social activities for young people including the partnership with Youth Expos.

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3.3.5 Lobby for the improvement of community services

GM / CR

**Key outcome/s**

- Communities for Children is being implemented across the region. There are regular meetings with State and Federal politicians where community service issues are raised.

**Goal:**

**To actively encourage and develop partnerships with stakeholders to build a vibrant and sustainable community.**

3.4.1 Identify existing and potential stakeholders

GM / CR

**Key outcome/s**

- Council consistently encourages collaboration with stakeholders such as Forestry Tasmania, School Cluster and the University of Tasmania and other educational facilities.

3.4.2 Facilitate communication and interaction between stakeholders and Council

GM / CR

**Key outcome/s**

- As mentioned above, Council continually encourages stakeholders to exchange information for the benefit of the community.



Official opening of Windsor's Corner development

3.4.3 Investigate options for employment of a "Community and Cultural Facilitator"

GM / CR

**Key outcome/s**

- No action has been taken on this matter.

3.4.4 Provide support and assistance for stakeholders with developing projects

GM / CR

**Key outcome/s**

- Council continually encourages stakeholders to exchange information for the benefit of the community and makes appropriate referrals to other Government agencies.

3.4.5 Celebrate and communicate partnership achievements

GM / CR

**Key outcome/s**

- Council formed a Bicentennial Committee to plan events and recognise the achievements of the early pioneers of the Derwent Valley.

**Goal:**

**To recognise and celebrate the unique cultural heritage and its role in shaping our identity.**

3.5.1 Encourage the documentation of the unique story of the Derwent Valley in a variety of ways:

- Oral history
- Books
- Websites
- CD/DVDs

GM/CR/COM

**Key outcome/s**

- Council supported the Historical Information Centre (HIC) with the provision of a budget of \$5,500.

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- During the year the HIC coordinated the reprint of a number of history books, and maintained a history WebPage.
- The centre responded to a number of genealogical enquiries during the year.



Bridge to Bridge event at the 2008 Derwent Valley Autumn Festival

### 3.5.3 Celebrate our cultural heritage through festivals/events

GM/CR/COM

#### Key outcome/s

- Council once again ran the annual Christmas lights competition which drew 18 entries from Tyenna, Bushy Park and New Norfolk.

Council donated prize money (Derwent Dollars) in the amount of \$800 which was given as first, second, third prizes and four encouragement awards.

- Council gave assistance to the Lions Club of New Norfolk with its annual Carols by Candle light.
- The Home and Community Care (HACC) Co-ordinator once again organised a very successful Seniors Week celebration during October 2007. A wonderful time was had by all senior citizens who attended.



The Norfolk & Norwich World Family reunion at the 2008 Derwent Valley Autumn Festival

- Council co-ordinated Australia Day celebrations.
- Council assisted the Returned Services League with ANZAC Day.
- The Derwent Valley Autumn Festival Committee, in partnership with its major sponsor Downer Edi Works and Council, held yet another successful annual "Derwent Valley Autumn Festival" on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2008 with a crowd of approximately 15,000 people enjoying the free festivities on the Esplanade.
- Council assisted the New Norfolk Business Alliance with the annual Christmas Parade.
- Council supported the following Bicentennial events:
  - The First Settler and Norfolk / Norwich reunion
  - Launch of the "Derwent Valley from Federation to Millennium" Volume II"
  - Release of a Bicentennial medallion (200)
  - Youth disco at the Glenora District High School
  - Production of street banners and promotional stickers and flags
  - Antiques Day and filming of an ABC Collectors program
  - Bridge to Bridge boating event

# Economic Objectives

## Goal:

**Continue to improve the use of existing entertainment and cultural assets.**

4.1.1 Use and promote the Esplanade, Willow Court and Tynwald Park for events such as:

- Theatre performances
- Concerts
- Exhibitions

GM / DGM

### Key outcome/s

- Council continues to encourage the use of its facilities for community events.
- Completed the construction of the children's educational bike track at Tynwald Park. The track was officially opened by Norske Skog General Manager Mr Rod Bender.



Opening of the Children's educational bike track

- Completed a multi-purpose room at the Sports Centre which is being used for exercise programs, community meetings and as a training venue.

## Goal:

**Grow existing events and support and encourage new events.**

4.2.1 Develop a policy for public art.

DGM

### Key outcome/s

- Council supports the display of quality murals that reflect the area.
- Policy yet to be developed.

4.2.2 Facilitate the provision of a range of community cultural activities and events at locations throughout the region.

DGM

### Key outcome/s

- Council facilitated Australia Day events at both New Norfolk and Maydena.
- Council facilitated the Derwent Valley Autumn Festival which has become a major annual event attracting over 15,000 people.
- Council facilitated activities and celebrations for Seniors Week and National Youth Week.
- Council provided \$ for \$ funding for the New Norfolk Business Alliance which organises the annual Christmas parade.
- Council continues to support Carols by Candle Light run by the Lions Club of New Norfolk.
- As a part of Bicentennial Events Council supported an Antiques Day, Youth Disco and the Norfolk Norwich Reunion.
- Council supported the Derwent Valley Garden Club Flower Show.

4.2.3 Identify and encourage commercial entertainment opportunities that add economic value to the region.

DGM

### Key outcome/s

- Council is keen to seize opportunities in this area as they arise.
- Negotiations have begun with Events Tasmania and Definitive Events Pty Ltd exploring a business case for holding a music festival in New Norfolk.

4.2.4 Investigate the provision of an art gallery or historic centre at Willow Court.

VV

### Key outcome/s

- The Visitor Services Project at Willow Court, incorporating the Theme of Art

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behind the Wall, is on hold subject to additional funding to establish the gallery as part of a sustainable visitor experience. The plan includes long and short term exhibits. Engineering, thematic interpretation, brand, business plan, marketing plan and implementation plans are all complete. Efforts to find Private Sector interest are underway.

4.2.5 Facilitate a tourism and major events program

GM

**Key outcome/s**

- The Rivers Run Tourism Association through its website and other collateral continues working towards this outcome.

**Goal:**

**Develop the region as a major and exciting tourism destination.**

4.3.1 Continue the support of Rivers Run and Rivers Run Tourism Association

VV / GM

**Key outcome/s**

- Valley Vision continues to facilitate visitor product development such as the Willow Court Visitor Services project, Forestry Tasmania's Activity Hub at Maydena and Anglers' Access and accessible fishing. Valley Vision maintains its links with Tourism Tasmania and Totally South Tourism on issues such as Zone Marketing, river access and general tourism related issues. Valley Vision facilitated the 2008 Tourism forum at New Norfolk in partnership with the Rivers Run Tourism Association. Valley Vision also facilitates new tourism operators by providing strategic information and introductions to Local and State tourism organisations.

4.3.2 Foster relationships between local, regional and state tourism.

VV

**Key outcome/s**

- As above, maintain links with Tourism Tasmania and Totally South Tourism that deal with regional issues like marketing, signage, events, collateral etc across Southern Tasmania and ongoing liaison on issues like the Tasmanian Promotional Plan (TPP) and collateral development and coordination. Valley Vision attends State conferences and participates in working groups as issues arise. Valley Vision facilitated the 2008 Tourism forum at New Norfolk in partnership with the Rivers Run Tourism Association. The Rivers Run Tourism Association has a representative on the Valley Vision board.

4.3.3 Develop Willow Court site to realise its recreational, tourism and economic potential as a unique place of national and international significance.

VV / GM

**Key outcome/s**

- The redevelopment strategy is continuing. In addition to the Visitor Services Project, the Avenue Project, Conservation Management Plan program and the strategy for the adaptive reuse of the Oval precinct are well advanced.

4.3.4 Revitalise water transport on the Derwent River.

VV

**Key outcome/s**

- This issue has regained momentum recently with renewed interest in the opening span at Bridgewater Bridge. Emerging new visitor product at Maydena and the development of the major art venue at Berriedale add weight to the potential to develop a river experience up stream from Hobart.

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Much work needs to be done to identify and fund appropriate shop based infrastructure to support such a possibility.

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- 4.3.5 Improve tourist and commercial signs.

GM / VV

**Key outcome/s**

- Council has established a signage policy to lead this issue.

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- 4.3.6 Encourage International Students and their families to visit region

VV

**Key outcome/s**

- The Private sector driver for this initiative is no longer present in the region. When ownership of the former RDH site (the site for the International College) is settled and development plans are finalised, if they include International students this initiative may be revisited.

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**Goal:**

**Identify and support Norfolk Island linkages and Irish connections.**

- 4.4.1 Identify appropriate opportunities to acknowledge the contribution made by Early Settlers to the development of the region.

DGM

**Key outcome/s**

- Council expended \$12,500 to assist funding for the New Norfolk Bicentennial celebrations in 2008.

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**An Innovative Job-Creating Community (*Economic Objectives continued*)**

**Goal:**

**Facilitate opportunities for enterprises to establish, expand and promote the region as a good place to do business.**

- 4.5.1 Continue to implement Council's Economic Development Strategies.

GM / VV

**Key outcome/s**

- Valley Vision continually facilitates connections within the region eg major companies interested in RDH and Willow Court areas, potential tenants for lease opportunities at 2 High Street, tourism facilitation, micro business referrals, casual seasonal labour force coordination, and the like.

- 4.5.2 Using ABS data, establish an inventory of local skills and expertise as a basis for small business opportunities.

VV

**Key outcome/s**

- A preliminary examination of 2006 Census Data indicates some movement in the industries and occupations local people are choosing. Further analysis may be done as part of planning related to population growth.

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- 4.5.3 Seek the decentralisation of Commonwealth and State government offices and government contractors and service providers with a natural fit for the region eg forestry industry, parks, agriculture, and fishing.

GM / VV

**Key outcome/s**

- Valley Vision has prepared a proposal for State Government consideration to establish a LINC program at New Norfolk. The tenants for the LINC may include new programs or services in the region. The decision on the LINC is expected during November 2008.

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- 4.5.4 Identify and promote opportunities for development of new or existing sites and under utilised or redundant sites for new uses including:

- A register of green (new undeveloped sites) and brown (existing industrial development) sites.

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- Use of vacant surplus council land.

GM

**Key outcome/s**

- Council continues to work in conjunction with Economic Development to identify appropriate land.

4.5.5 Implement redevelopment options for:

- Willow Court and Royal Derwent
- Caravan Park

GM

**Key outcome/s**

- Visitor Services project phase one is completed. Council has received expressions of interest for adaptive reuse for Allonah and the Workshop. These expressions were assessed by the Willow Court Special Committee of Council who in turn recommended disposal of both properties to Council. Council accepted the Special Committee's recommendation. The proponent for the Allonah reuse subsequently withdrew their proposal while the disposal of the workshop is proceeding through the contractual and development phases
- Council is still negotiating with the State Government regarding the transferring of the Caravan Park site to Council.

4.5.6 Gather information on industrial needs and development opportunities.

VV

**Key outcome/s**

- Valley Vision continues to have discussions with organisations interested in retirement villages, hospitality, housing, accommodation and the like. All proponents are provided with relevant strategic data and appropriate referrals are then made.

4.5.7 Investigate and develop feasibility plans for a number of economic development and community projects eg. Visitor experience in Willow Court and Education opportunities.

VV

**Key outcome/s**

- Valley Vision is collaborating with New Norfolk High School, the Education Department and local industry in a project called 'Leading Edge' to develop a customised solution for students who complete Grade 10 and advance to Grade 11 and subsequently leave during the school year.
- Valley Vision is facilitating the introduction of Visitor Radio in the Derwent Valley with a group of local passionate and experienced people. A submission for a suitable frequency has been submitted to the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA). ACMA has recently advised it has accepted Valley Vision's proposal to establish a Temporary Community Broadcasting Licence (TCBL) in the Derwent Valley. ACMA is now inviting Valley Vision to submit an application for a TCBL.

**Goal:**

**Facilitate opportunities for enterprises to establish, expand and promote the region as a good place to do business (continued)**

4.6.1 Continue the levy and Council support to the Business Alliance.

GM

**Key outcome/s**

- Council continues to support the Business Alliance.

4.6.2 Encourage and work cooperatively with state and regional economic development agencies.

GM / VV

**Key outcome/s**

- Valley Vision has established good working relationships with several State

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Government agencies and GBE's eg Tourism, Inland Fisheries, TMAG, Forestry Tasmania, Parks and Wildlife, Education, Department of Economic Development, ArtsTasmania and Arts at Work.

**Goal:**

**Continue rate rebate incentive program**

4.7.1 Continue the development and implementation of a business promotion and marketing strategy for the region (including incentives) to attract investment and business growth.

GM / VV

**Key outcome/s**

- The main focus has been on Tourism, Education, Housing and Retirement.

4.7.2 Support and facilitate the Spatial Plan that aims to connect the Esplanade, High Street and Willow Court in a coordinated and integrated way.

GM / VV

**Key outcome/s**

- The first stage two stages have been completed; they include the roundabout at the High Street and Burnett St intersection and the Burnett street makeover involving large trees, planter boxes and "straightening" intersections at Burnett and Lyell Highway and Burnett and George streets. The next stage of trees and smaller planter boxes along the footpath in High Street is well advanced; planter boxes have arrived and the trees are being sourced.
- The Accessible Fishing deck is the subject of a Planning appeal hearing at the Resource Management and Planning Appeal Tribunal in November 2008.
- A successful funding application to the State Government's Safer Travel Speeds in Shared Urban Spaces Funding program will provide a second roundabout at the High Street and

Stephen Street intersection by May 2009.

- Valley Vision's submission for the LINC program incorporates Town Planning principles consistent with the Spatial plan.

**Goal:**

**Maintain and improve the Council regulatory and customer service climate to ensure standards for current and future generations are maintained while enthusiastically promoting sustainable development.**

4.8.1 Enhance user friendly information and advice on Council's planning processes, requirements and policies to developers and the community by staff training and development and information products.

GM

**Key outcome/s**

- Council this year has commenced a partnership with Brighton, Central Highlands and Southern Midlands Council's to undertake a sub-regional planning scheme. This proposal obtained funding from the State Government and the first part of developing a new planning scheme is completed. The second phase will commence in late 2008.

**Goal:**

**Ensure people have the training and skills to match a range of job opportunities.**

4.9.1 Support Claremont College Annex to provide programs for local people.

GM / VV

**Key outcome/s**

- Valley Vision liaises regularly with Claremont College and the Vet sector to improve skills training. Valley Vision also facilitated the inaugural meeting of the Derwent/North Area Reference Group for Scope and two subsequent

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meetings that aim to achieve implementation of the SCOPE Local community partnership strategic and business goals in Southern Tasmania through direct linkages between the community, businesses, education providers, parents and young people in local regions. Area reference groups will provide a forum to share information on initiatives and identify gaps in the three key career transition programs - Structured Workplace learning (SW), Careers and Transition programs (CTP) and Adopt a School Programs (ASP) careers.

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- 4.9.2 Encourage Job Network providers like STEPS and Workskills to develop information programs to demonstrate positive attributes of older workers and consolidate and promote or establish programs to assist / support older workers, young people and new businesses.

GM / VV

**Key outcome/s**

- Valley Vision has regular liaison with Workskills; Steps withdrew from the Derwent Valley in January 2007. It is anticipated the need for casual and seasonal labour will drive the need to improve programs for this target group. Changes to the Commonwealth Government Labour market strategy and as yet undetermined impacts on the labour market from the global financial crisis may alter local labour market conditions and services.

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- 4.9.3 Encourage the decentralisation of training to workplaces and to existing facilities located in the Derwent Valley.

VV

**Key outcome/s**

- Valley Vision consistently seeks education and training opportunities for the region in collaboration with service providers.

- 4.9.4 Take an active role in the provision of education services throughout the Derwent Valley in partnership with the Derwent Valley Cluster.

GM / VV

**Key outcome/s**

- Valley Vision has strong links with the Derwent Valley Cluster and assisted with the running of the Education Forum at New Norfolk. Valley Vision is an active participant in the Leading Edge project with New Norfolk High School and local industry and was a member of the now defunct Local Connexions committee for Communities for Children.

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**Goal:**

**Facilitate support for those who are underemployed or unemployed.**

- 4.10.1 Identify available labour market and business development and other employment generating opportunities to facilitate and promote those of potential benefit for the Derwent Valley.

VV

**Key outcome/s**

- Valley Vision consistently seeks reuse opportunities for Willow Court, Royal Derwent Hospital and the surrounding region. As opportunities arise, Valley Vision coordinates activity with service providers to meet the needs of new opportunities.
- The Carbon market has potential for landowners and business people in the Derwent valley. More research work needs to be done to scope the opportunity.

# Environmental Objectives

## Water Quality and Quantity

COM / NRM PO

### Goal:

**To maintain and improve the quality of all ground and surface waters within the municipality**

5.1.1 Prevent point source and diffuse source pollution from entering waterways within the municipality.

GM / EHO / EMC /  
COM / NRM PO

### Key outcome/s

- Council Officers working closely with Hobart Water to implement priority actions from the Drinking Water Management Plan for the Derwent Catchment. Works have been focused upon reducing point source and diffuse source pollution in Mikes Creek, Glenfern Creek, the Plenty River, the Derwent River below Lake Meadowbank and Hayes Prison farm Creek.
- Council contracted Hobart Water to produce the Illa Brook catchment Management plan, which included a risk assessment of possible sources of point and diffuse pollution, a stakeholder workshop was held to address some of the issues raised within the risk assessment and priority actions are being implemented to reduce the risk from these sources.
- Council officers worked closely with funding agencies, Dairy Tasmania and local dairy farmers to reduce sources of point and diffuse pollution from these properties. Solutions have included fencing waterways, nutrient monitoring and water use efficiency workshops.

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5.1.2 Expand the monitoring of water quality in ground and surface waters in the municipality, and collate the data collected by other agencies and stakeholders.

GM / EHO / EMC /

### Key outcome/s

- Council officers worked closely with NRM South and Hydro Tas Consulting on the possible establishment of an integrated network to facilitate the analysis of all water quality sampling undertaken by Council and other Government and non Government agencies.

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5.1.3 Prevent the contamination of ground and surface waters in the municipality from agriculture, aquaculture, forestry, recreation and other land and water use practices.

GM / EHO / EMC /  
COM / NRM PO

### Key outcome/s

- Council was successful in receiving Federal Government Grant money through the Community Water Grant program, which has resulted in the installation of a new modern gross pollutant trap at the stormwater discharge point below Stephen Street at New Norfolk. This will result in significant reductions in Gross pollutants entering the Lachlan River. The Trap is catching gross pollutants from a 6 Ha Catchment which includes the Central Business District of New Norfolk.
- Council Officers are currently reviewing all stormwater discharge points to the Derwent and Lachlan rivers to assess potential for installation of appropriate measures for reducing the impact of stormwater discharges on our water ways at New Norfolk.
- The Natural Resource Management Officer (NRM) is currently working in partnership with Greening Australia on their Derwent River recovery project which aims to improve water quality within the entire Derwent River catchment. One project involves the construction of stock proof fencing and rehabilitation of the creek which runs

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through the Hayes prison farm. The creek has been fenced from stock access, hardened stock crossings installed, willows removed and native plant species established. The long term objective of this project is to improve the quality of water entering the Derwent River from the prison farm and enhance the biodiversity of the region.

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- 5.1.4 Ensure that river flow levels and the levels of other bodies of water are maintained to provide for ecological sustainability, and for the requirements of water abstraction within the capacity of the system in the municipality.

GM / EMC /  
COM / NRM PO

**Key outcome/s**

- Council Officers are working closely with State Government Agencies to ensure that the *Water Management Act 1999* is applied according to best practice principles.

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- 5.1.5 Reduce negative environmental impacts of decreased and increased water levels, flow rates, turbidity and velocity on aquatic and riparian ecosystems in the municipality.

GM / EMC /  
COM / NRM PO

**Key outcome/s**

- Council Officers have undertaken a review of Australia wide Best Practice Sediment and erosion control in respect to the establishment of new developments (subdivisions and building construction) in conjunction with the Derwent Estuary Program, new fact sheets and guidelines will be launched in 2008.

Recommendations were made to Council during the Planning Scheme review process.

Council is an active partner in Derwent Estuary Program (DEP), over the next five years the aims of the DEP is to:

- Manage & Reduce Pollution
- Protect & Enhance Natural Systems
- Enhance Foreshore Use & Amenities
- Monitor & Understand the Derwent
- Inform & Engage the Community

Council Planning Officer consults regularly with the NRM Project Officer regarding new developments.

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- 5.1.6 Ensure upstream and downstream passage of aquatic organisms, and prevent introduction / translocation of undesirable aquatic organisms to waters in the municipality.

GM / EMC /  
COM / NRM PO

**Key outcome/s**

- The NRM Project Officer investigated the availability of grant funding for the installation of "fish ladders" to be installed on various weirs on the Tyenna River. Cost estimates were approximately \$40,000 per metre vertical lift. Enquiries revealed very limited availability of grant funding for these works.
- The NRM officer has entered into negotiations with Hydro Tasmania to further a partnership that will provide a means to educate recreational anglers on strategies to limit the spread of undesirable aquatic organisms eg good hygiene practices in respect to washing boats and fishing gear.

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## Biodiversity

**Goal:**

**To maintain and improve biodiversity, and prevent further loss of habitat, species and ecological communities.**

- 5.2.1 To identify and manage threats to biodiversity.

GM / EMC /  
COM / NRM PO

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**Key outcome/s**

- A new community group has been formed called the Friends of the Lachlan River. Council's NRM officer has been supporting the group as it forms. The long term aim of the group is to improve the water quality, reduce weeds, and increase biodiversity along the Lachlan river over the next 10 years.
- NRM PO and Greening Australia are working in partnership with Inland Fisheries Service to maintain and improve biodiversity within the Plenty River Catchment. This project will produce a strategic Rivercare plan for the catchment. Which will identify priority areas for works and intervention within the catchment.

5.2.2 To implement current and future threatened species recovery plans.

GM / EMC /  
COM / NRM PO

**Key outcome/s**

- Council would work in partnership with all State Priority Species Recovery Plans where applicable.

5.2.3 To facilitate the rehabilitation of degraded native vegetation.

GM / EMC /  
COM / NRM PO

**Key outcome/s**

- Council's NRM Officer works in conjunction with land owners to facilitate the protection of priority vegetation communities and land assets.

A number of projects have been funded along these waterways to reduce stock access through fencing and installation of off-stream watering points. A number of landholders along these streams have produced riparian management plans and signed management agreements to maintain these for at least the next ten years.

- A number of landholders have signed management agreements to fence and improve areas of remnant native vegetation for the next 10 years.
- NRM Property Officer facilitates regular landholder discussion group meetings, topics have included protection and rehabilitation of native vegetation, soil management, composting, Landcare farming, riparian management and improving productivity thereby ensuring ongoing sustainability of the property.

5.2.4 To maintain and improve wetland areas and prevent further degradation.

GM / EMC /  
COM / NRM PO

**Key outcome/s**

- Council is an active member of the Derwent Estuary Program. This program has identified the wetlands in the upper estuary as being high value in particular, Murphy's Flats. In the last 12 months, the environmental values of Murphy's Flats have been identified and a strategy has been put in place to improve those plans.

5.2.5 To comprehensively implement current and future management plans for introduced species.

GM / EMC /  
COM / NRM PO

**Key outcome/s**

- A Working Committee for implementing the Weeds Strategy has been established to forward the aims and objectives over the next five years.

As part of this strategy, Council's NRM Project Officer is still utilising the grant funding of \$30,000 to eradicate African Feathergrass in the Plenty Valley and Derwent River junction area. Follow up spraying and mapping of African Feather Grass occurred during Autumn and indications are that this weed is now under control within the

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Municipality.

- Several weed control projects have been implemented and a biological control trial site has been established at Molesworth to control Paterson Curse. The NRM Officer has secured \$77,000 of funding for weed control across the Derwent Valley and Central Highlands municipal areas. Priority weeds to be targeted include Paterson’s Curse, Pampas Grass, Elisha’s tears, and Karamu which are listed as priority weeds in the Derwent Valley Council Weed Strategy 2005.

## Land Use Including Fire Management

### Goal:

**To ensure that all land in the municipality is managed in a sustainable manner that minimises negative environmental impacts.**

- 5.3.1 To ensure that detailed and accurate land capability information is available and utilised in the management of all land in the municipality.

GM / EMC / NRM / PO / PL / WM

### Key outcome/s

- No action can be taken on this issue as Council is waiting on the State Government to provide a more useable and practical mapping system.
- The new regional plan has addressed some aspects of this issue

- 5.3.2 To ensure adequate conservation and protection measures prevent the loss and contamination of soils.

GM / EMC / COM / NRM PO

### Key outcome/s

- Council’s NRM Policy Officer is investigating various options to facilitate the protection of soils throughout the municipality, for example “Whole Farm Management Plans” and Derwent Estuary Program Guidelines for reducing the impact of stormwater and sediment runoff.
- Ongoing work for the NRM Policy Officer includes continuous advice the landowners regarding soil management particularly in regards to carbon management and soil biology.

- 5.3.3 To ensure that all landowners are made aware of their obligations under NRM at the transfer of ownership and proposed change in land uses.

GM / PL

### Key outcome/s

- Council continues to provide up-to-date NRM information which is freely available to all current and future landowners of our Municipality.

- 5.3.4 To ensure fire management plans for the municipality are developed, and regularly updated, to provide for the protection and reduction of negative impacts on life, property and the environment.

GM / NRM PO

### Key outcome/s

- Council received funding under the Emergency Management Australia – Working Together to Manage Emergencies Programme and developed, in consultation with the Maydena Community and other stakeholders, a Maydena Evacuation Plan.

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## Waste Management

### Goal:

**To provide and maintain a sustainable and comprehensive waste management strategy consisting of realistic, achievable objectives for the municipality.**

5.4.1 To implement the following Southern Waste Strategy Authority strategies for waste minimisation and management through education and promotion:

- Waste avoidance
- Resource recovery
- Responsible disposal

GM / EHO / EMC /  
NRM PO

### Key outcome/s

- Council continues to operate a weekly domestic kerbside recycling program, recycling the following;
  - Newspapers / cardboard
  - PET bottles
  - Aluminium cans
  - Glass bottles

5.4.2 To investigate the economic viability for resource recovery.

GM / EHO / EMC /  
NRM PO / COM

### Key outcome/s

- Council has investigated the economic viability of establishing a larger resource recovery facility at the Peppermint Hill Landfill site. The investigation revealed that from a cost benefit point of view, the venture was not sustainable at this time.

5.4.3 To develop plans for land based disposal of wastewater from sewage treatment plants.

GM / EHO /  
EMC / NRM PO

### Key outcome/s

- Council's NRM Policy Officer has investigated the various options for sustainable reuse of wastewater from the Turriff Lodge Wastewater Treatment Plant. Those options included irrigation of Council Parks and Reserves and possible agricultural irrigation applications. At this time, these options are not feasible due to geography and costs and the inability to access grants for this kind of project.

- NRM PO initiated discussions with DEP and Brighton Council to look at the potential of adding DVC Treated water into the existing infrastructure at Brighton Council.

5.4.4 To actively encourage domestic and commercial wastewater re-usage.

GM / COM /  
EMC / NRM PO

### Key outcome/s

- Council approves of domestic aerating wastewater treatment plants which recycle all waste water.



Hayes Neighbourhood Watch participating in Clean up Australia Day

## Air Quality

### Goal:

**To maintain and improve the air quality within the municipality.**

5.5.1 To develop policies relating to air quality.

GM / COM / EHO /  
EMC / NRM PO

### Key outcome/s

- Council will develop appropriate air

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quality policies based on the State Government's "Tasmanian Air Quality Strategy".

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- 5.5.2 To implement air quality monitoring to establish baseline data.

GM / EHO / COM /  
EMC / NRM PO

**Key outcome/s**

- Air quality monitoring may be undertaken based on the "Tasmanian Air Quality Strategy June 2006", which is the Air Pollution Potential Atlas for the State identifying areas likely to have poor air dispersion, to facilitate better Air Quality Management.

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- 5.5.3 To review existing data to assist in determining the state of air quality.

GM / EHO / COM  
EMC / NRM PO

**Key outcome/s**

- The review of Air Quality data will be based on evidence provided under the "Tasmanian Air Quality Strategy June 2006".

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## Culture and Heritage

**Goal:**

**To work with all stakeholders to conserve, preserve and promote the municipality's unique culture and heritage.**

- 5.6.1 To preserve and conserve heritage materials, including historic sites and buildings.

GM / VV / COM

**Key outcome/s**

- The Willow Court redevelopment strategy aims through adaptive reuse and multiple ownership in partnership with the Private sector, to conserve 24 buildings and open spaces of historic significance. Valley Vision, through networking and general business facilitation, has assisted with proposals

for Oast houses and other historic buildings in the region, eg Watch House at Granton.

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- 5.6.2 To promote cultural documentation and interpretation of human habitation and endeavour.

GM / DGM /  
CR / VV / COM

**Key outcome/s**

- Valley Vision has facilitated the production of Conservation Management plans, tree audit and management plan, an Aboriginal Heritage plan and Archaeological Assessments of Willow Court. These plans establish a framework to facilitate future planning, provide certainty for developers, and maintain a high standard of potential reuse.

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## Environmental Management Committee

**Goal:**

**Within 12 months Council will establish an Environmental Management Committee as a special committee of Council to represent the community and other stakeholders in the municipality to monitor and evaluate the NRM aspects of the Derwent Valley Strategic Plan**

**Key outcome/s**

- At a Council meeting held on the 21 September 2006 Council approved the setting up of the "Environmental Management Special Committee".
- Council appointed the Deputy Mayor Tony Nicholson as Chairman, and Council representatives Mr Steven Joyce (NRM Officer) and Mr Phillip Bingley (Environmental Health Officer).
- The Environmental Management

# Public Health Objectives

## Goal:

**An immunisation service which is comprehensive and convenient and reaches the maximum number of eligible members of the community.**

- 6.1.1 To provide each person in the municipal area the opportunity to complete the National Health and Medical Research Council (NH and MRC) recommended course of immunisation at a convenient centre  
EHO

### **Key outcome/s**

- Council's immunisation program is undertaken in accordance with NH and MRC guidelines.
- Immunisation sessions are held on the third Wednesday of each month at the Community Health Building, New Norfolk District Hospital.

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- 6.1.2 To provide school immunisation clinics for students.

- Monthly school-based Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B and Adolescent Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis and Staff Hepatitis A and B  
EHO

### **Key outcome/s**

- Council staff organise and provide a full school based immunisation program in compliance with NHMRC guidelines.

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- 6.1.3 To update the immunisation record data base to acceptable national standards for reporting purposes  
EHO

### **Key outcome/s**

- Council staff utilise the Vacci-wise computer program for record and reporting purposes.

## Goal:

**The prevention or control of infectious diseases and conditions causing ill-health**

- 6.2.1 To investigate the circumstances of the occurrence of infectious diseases  
EHO

### **Key outcome/s**

- Investigations following Notifiable Disease Notifications are carried out by the Environmental Health Officer in accordance with Health Department requirements

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- 6.2.2 To take appropriate measures to prevent or check the spread of infectious diseases;  
EHO

### **Key outcome/s**

- Hazards identified from Notifiable Disease Notifications are investigated and appropriate measures put in place by the Environmental Health Officer to prevent re-occurrence.

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- 6.2.3 To reduce the potential for the spread of disease from insects and animals by requiring appropriate control measures;  
EHO

### **Key outcome/s**

- The Statutory nuisance sections of the Local Government Act provide powers necessary to impose control measures.

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- 6.2.4 To provide affected people, and the community generally, with appropriate information on the cause and control measures of infectious diseases.  
EHO

### **Key outcome/s**

- Department of Health Information handouts are provided.

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**Goal:**

**Food that is safe for human consumption.**

6.3.1 To assist food establishments (including vehicles and hawkers) meet the relevant standards for construction, sanitation and food hygiene. EHO

**Key outcome/s**

- Council's Environmental Health Officer assists the operators of all food establishments through inspections and discussions to meet their statutory obligations under the Food Act.

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6.3.2 To carry out a food sampling program to assess the safety and compliance of food offered for sale EHO

**Key outcome/s**

- Council participates in the Health Department's annual food sampling program.

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6.3.3 To monitor food for sale so that it is intrinsically safe and wholesome EHO

**Key outcome/s**

- Council's Environmental Health Officer monitors food sold through inspections of food premises.

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6.3.4 To educate and inform persons engaged in the food industry on the requirements of good food hygiene and handling practices EHO

**Key outcome/s**

- Council considers education of food premises operators in food safety principles a priority and operators are required to demonstrate satisfactory food safety knowledge on an annual basis.

6.3.5 To use the HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point) approach to food surveillance within the municipal area EHO

**Key outcome/s**

- This risk based approach (HACCP) to inspection frequency is utilised, and provides more resources for the identified high risk premises.

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**Goal:**

**Water supplies that are safe for their respective uses.**

6.4.1 Urban treated water supplies

- To monitor the quality of urban treated water supplies.

EHO

**Key outcome/s**

- Council inspectorial staff take weekly microbiological samples of the Granton, New Norfolk, Westerway, National Park and Maydena drinking water schemes.
- Drinking water in all schemes complies with the Australian Drinking water standards.

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6.4.2 Untreated water supplies

- To provide advice to residents of the municipal area who use untreated water on appropriate measures needed to ensure a safe and potable water supply

EHO

**Key outcome/s**

- Council provides information on the treatment options to residents utilising tank water.

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6.4.3 Recreational and environmental waters quality

- To monitor the quality of recreational waters;
- To take appropriate preventative actions where water quality is found to be unsuitable for recreational use.

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**Key outcome/s**

- Council undertakes microbiological sampling of recreational waters (Derwent River, Esplanade) during the months of November and March each year.
- Warning signs are erected if bacterial levels exceeded recommended levels.
- No warnings signs have had to be erected over the last several years.

**Goal:**

**The effective and safe management of wastewaters.**

- 6.5.1 To monitor the installation and operation of wastewater handling systems, and associated disposal methods EHO

**Key outcome/s**

- Council issues permits under the Building Act for all new on-site waste water systems (septic tanks). Permits are only issued following comprehensive evaluation and design reports of the proposed site and installation.

- 6.5.2 To assess the suitability of proposed land developments and subdivisions for the on-site management of wastewaters EHO

**Key outcome/s**

- Developers are required to provide evidence to Council's Environmental Health Officer that on-site waste water systems will be suitable for their development.

- 6.5.3 To monitor the operation of sewage treatment facilities EHO

**Key outcome/s**

- Monthly sampling is undertaken to ensure compliance with Department of Environment licence requirements.
- Effluent from the Turriff lodge treatment plant complies with licence requirements.

- 6.5.4 To manage wastewaters in an environmentally responsible manner EHO

**Key outcome/s**

- Wastewaters from on-site systems are required to be treated and utilised only in a way that pose no environmental or public health threat.

**Goal:**

**Healthy and safe public buildings.**

- 6.6.1 To monitor public buildings for satisfactory standards of hygiene, sanitation and safety (including fire safety). EHO

**Key outcome/s**

- Public buildings (halls) are regulated under the *Public Health Act*. This provides for annual licencing which ensures health, safety and satisfactory operation of the public building.

- 6.6.2 To prevent overcrowding in public buildings. EHO

**Key outcome/s**

- The licencing of public buildings stipulates maximum number of persons that may occupy a public building at any one time. This is enforceable by Council or Police Officers.

**Goal:**

**To provide a balanced environment free from health threats arising from human physical activity.**

- 6.7.1 To minimise environmental pollution dangers EHO

**Key outcome/s**

- Identified environmental pollution dangers can be addressed utilising either the Nuisance provisions of the Local Government Act or the environmental nuisance provisions of the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act.

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6.7.2 To minimise the incidence and trauma of natural and human-made disaster events

DGM / EHO

**Key outcome/s**

- Council supports the role of a local SES coordinator whose primary responsibility is the coordination of community recovery following events that have a significant impact on the community.

6.7.3 To protect the community from environmental hazards

EHO

**Key outcome/s**

- Council Officers utilise the *Local Government Act* or the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act* to mitigate identified environmental hazards.

6.7.4 To assess and monitor Level 1 and other environmentally relevant activities under the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act

EHO

**Key outcome/s**

- Applicants wishing to establish and operate Level 1 activities (e.g. small sawmill) are assessed and appropriate environmental conditions are applied.

**Goal:**

**The efficient and effective management and administration of the Council's environmental health and environmental management operations.**

6.8.1 To provide fully operational environmental health and environmental management functions

EHO

**Key outcome/s**

- Council's Environmental Health Officer is responsible for Councils environmental health and environmental management operations.

6.8.2 Fully investigate and report on environmental health and environmental management matters

EHO

**Key outcome/s**

- Council's Environmental Health officer or Municipal Inspectors carry out this function.

6.8.3 To exercise statutory delegation

EHO

**Key outcome/s**

- As delegated by Council.

6.8.4 To meet statutory reporting requirements

EHO

**Key outcome/s**

- As required by the *Public Health Act 1997*.

# Financial Objectives

## Goal:

### To improve the affordability of Council's rating and charging structure

- 7.1.1 The first part of the strategy is to establish an effective benchmark to measure the relative affordability of rates and charges on ratepayers, such as a ratio of rates to house prices.

ACCT

#### Key outcome/s

- A rate increase in the amount of 4.00% was levied in the setting of the 2007/08 budget. A benchmark index figure of 4.15% was provided by the Local Government Index for the 2007/2008 Financial year.

- 7.1.2 The second step is to determine and implement ways and means to reduce the impact of rates and charges on householders and to use the benchmark to monitor the effectiveness of these initiatives.

ACCT

#### Key outcome/s

- This goal requires an analysis of the effects of the forthcoming transfer of Councils Water and Waste Water services anticipated effective from 1 July 2009.

- 7.1.3 The third step is to develop more effective pricing policies for key services such as a two-part pricing policy for water supplies.

ACCT

#### Key outcome/s

- Council has adopted a policy for the implementation of water meters and a pricing structure for Derwent Valley consumers using in excess of a water allowance deemed greater than a normal domestic supply. The transfer of Water and Waste Water Services will also impact on this goal.

## Goal:

### To reduce Council's debt levels

- 7.2.1 The strategy is to review Council's borrowing and loan repayment policies and introduce changes that will further reduce Council's debt level.

ACCT

#### Key outcome/s

- Council's loan debt as 30 June 2008 totalled \$1,937,000.
- Council's loan debt as 30 June 2001 totalled \$3,618,926.
- Council's loan debt has been held at current levels with borrowing's not increasing levels of outstanding loan debt.

## Goal:

### To increase income from non-traditional sources

- 7.3.1 The strategy is to examine and implement policies that will secure additional revenue from non-traditional sources. This will include consideration of:

- encouraging sustainable development to expand the rate base (without becoming growth dependent);
- ensuring all commercial Government Business Enterprises pay appropriate rates.

ACCT / GM / DGM

#### Key outcome/s

- In accordance with the *State and Local Government Financial Reform Act*, State owned properties are fully rateable.
- Council, through the Local Government Association, continues to lobby for the full rating of all Government Business Enterprises.

**Goal:**

**To improve community understanding of Council's financial management and finances**

7.4.1 The strategy is to develop budget papers that are easy to read and understand by the community.

ACCT

**Key outcome/s**

- Public submissions were invited prior to the preparation of the 2007/2008 budget.
- Council's 2007/2008 budget was prepared during the last quarter of 2006/2007 and adopted by Council prior to 30 June 2007.
- Financial reports were prepared and received by Council on a monthly basis.

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**Goal:**

**To increase the level of grant income**

7.5.1 The strategy is to maximise opportunities for grant income from Commonwealth and State Government programs.

ACCT / DGM

**Key outcome/s**

- The following grants were received:
  - National Youth Week      \$1,697
  - Australia Day              \$250
  - Bicentennial Committee    \$16,000
  - Community Water          \$45,000
  - Tynwald Park Bike Track    \$4,869
  - Maydena Main Street Makeover  
   \$33,697