

Warrumbungle Shire Council

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 June 2010

Warrumbungle Shire Council

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Background

(i) These Special Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared for the use by both Council and the Division of Local Government in fulfilling their requirements under National Competition Policy.

(ii) The principle of competitive neutrality is based on the concept of a "level playing field" between persons/entities competing in a market place, particularly between private and public sector competitors.

Essentially, the principle is that government businesses, whether Commonwealth, State or Local, should operate without net competitive advantages over other businesses as a result of their public ownership.

(iii) For Council, the principle of competitive neutrality & public reporting applies only to declared business activities.

These include (a) those activities classified by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as business activities being water supply, sewerage services, abattoirs, gas production and reticulation and (b) those activities with a turnover of over \$2 million that Council has formally declared as a Business Activity (defined as Category 1 activities).

(iv) In preparing these financial statements for Council's self classified Category 1 businesses and ABS defined activities, councils must (a) adopt a corporatisation model and (b) apply full cost attribution including tax equivalent regime payments & debt guarantee fees (where the business benefits from councils borrowing position by comparison with commercial rates).

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Statement by Councillors and Management
made pursuant to the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

The attached Special Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with:

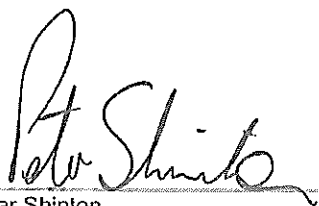
- The NSW Government Policy Statement "Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government"
- The Division of Local Government Guidelines "Pricing & Costing for Council Businesses - A Guide to Competitive Neutrality"
- The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.
- The NSW Office of Water (Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water) Guidelines - "Best Practice Management of Water and Sewerage".

To the best of our knowledge and belief, these Financial Statements:

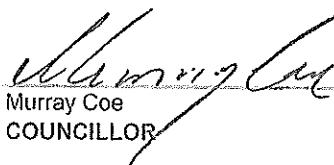
- Present fairly the Operating Result and Financial Position for each of Council's declared Business Activities for the year, and
- Accord with Council's accounting and other records.

We are not aware of any matter that would render these Statements false or misleading in any way.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 21 October 2010.



Peter Shinton
MAYOR



Murray Coe
COUNCILLOR



Robert Geraghty
GENERAL MANAGER



Robert Geraghty
RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

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Income Statement of Council's Water Supply Business Activity

for the financial year ended 30 June 2010

\$ '000	Actual 2010	Actual 2009	Actual 2008
Income from continuing operations			
Access charges	1,055	768	762
User charges	982	862	583
Fees	-	-	-
Interest	96	44	96
Grants and contributions provided for non capital purposes	39	42	39
Profit from the sale of assets	-	-	-
Other income	69	76	70
Total income from continuing operations	2,241	1,792	1,550
Expenses from continuing operations			
Employee benefits and on-costs	850	609	683
Borrowing costs	51	10	-
Materials and contracts	765	916	791
Depreciation and impairment	691	665	615
Water purchase charges	1	-	-
Loss on sale of assets	-	-	-
Calculated taxation equivalents	-	-	-
Debt guarantee fee (if applicable)	-	-	-
Other expenses	13	209	16
Total expenses from continuing operations	2,371	2,409	2,105
Surplus (deficit) from Continuing Operations before capital amounts	(130)	(617)	(555)
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	460	1,246	-
Surplus (deficit) from Continuing Operations after capital amounts	330	629	(555)
Surplus (deficit) from Discontinued Operations	-	-	-
Surplus (deficit) from ALL Operations before tax	330	629	(555)
less: Corporate Taxation Equivalent (30%) [based on result before capital]	-	-	-
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) AFTER TAX	330	629	(555)
plus Opening Retained Profits	19,510	18,881	19,411
plus/less: Prior Period Adjustments	789	-	25
plus Adjustments for amounts unpaid:			
- Taxation equivalent payments	-	-	-
- Debt guarantee fees	-	-	-
- Corporate taxation equivalent	-	-	-
less:			
- Tax Equivalent Dividend paid	-	-	-
- Surplus dividend paid	-	-	-
Closing Retained Profits	20,629	19,510	18,881
Return on Capital %	-0.4%	-3.0%	-3.1%
Subsidy from Council	1,168	1,737	1,678
Calculation of dividend payable:			
Surplus (deficit) after tax	330	629	(555)
less: Capital grants and contributions (excluding developer contributions)	(460)	(1,248)	-
Surplus for dividend calculation purposes	-	-	-
Potential Dividend calculated from surplus	-	-	-

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Income Statement of Council's Sewerage Business Activity

for the financial year ended 30 June 2010

\$ '000	Actual 2010	Actual 2009	Actual 2008
Income from continuing operations			
Access charges	1,070	997	1,036
User charges	162	-	-
Liquid Trade Waste Charges	-	-	-
Fees	-	-	-
Interest	94	47	91
Grants and contributions provided for non capital purposes	29	30	29
Profit from the sale of assets	-	-	-
Other income	11	11	1
Total income from continuing operations	1,366	1,085	1,157
Expenses from continuing operations			
Employee benefits and on-costs	451	384	322
Borrowing costs	10	12	13
Materials and contracts	255	364	346
Depreciation and impairment	308	294	277
Loss on sale of assets	-	-	-
Calculated taxation equivalents	-	-	-
Debt guarantee fee (if applicable)	-	-	-
Other expenses	21	6	26
Total expenses from continuing operations	1,045	1,060	984
Surplus (deficit) from Continuing Operations before capital amounts	321	25	173
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	-	(1)	-
Surplus (deficit) from Continuing Operations after capital amounts	321	24	173
Surplus (deficit) from discontinued operations	-	-	-
Surplus (deficit) from ALL Operations before tax	321	24	173
less: Corporate Taxation Equivalent (30%) [based on result before capital]	(96)	(8)	(52)
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) AFTER TAX	225	17	121
plus Opening Retained Profits	12,798	12,774	12,571
plus/less: Prior Period Adjustments	-	-	30
plus Adjustments for amounts unpaid:			
- Taxation equivalent payments	-	-	-
- Debt guarantee fees	-	-	-
- Corporate taxation equivalent	96	8	52
less:			
- Tax Equivalent Dividend paid	-	-	-
- Surplus dividend paid	-	-	-
Closing Retained Profits	13,119	12,798	12,774
Return on Capital %	2.1%	0.2%	1.2%
Subsidy from Council	466	817	762
Calculation of dividend payable:			
Surplus (deficit) after tax	225	17	121
less: Capital grants and contributions (excluding developer contributions)	-	-	-
Surplus for dividend calculation purposes	225	17	121
Potential Dividend calculated from surplus	112	8	61

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Balance Sheet of Council's Water Supply Business Activity

as at 30 June 2010

\$ '000	Actual 2010	Actual 2009
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	664	-
Investments	-	-
Receivables	1,085	1,021
Inventories	70	70
Other	-	-
Non-current assets classified as held for sale	-	-
Total Current Assets	1,819	1,091
Non-Current Assets		
Investments	2,151	2,355
Receivables	-	-
Inventories	-	-
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	21,354	20,389
Investments accounted for using equity method	-	-
Investment property	-	-
Other	-	-
Total non-Current Assets	23,505	22,744
TOTAL ASSETS	25,324	23,835
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Bank Overdraft	-	-
Payables	9	150
Interest bearing liabilities	32	25
Provisions	272	190
Total Current Liabilities	313	365
Non-Current Liabilities		
Payables	-	-
Interest bearing liabilities	930	977
Provisions	-	52
Total Non-Current Liabilities	930	1,029
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,243	1,394
NET ASSETS	24,081	22,441
EQUITY		
Retained earnings	20,629	19,510
Revaluation reserves	3,452	2,931
Council equity interest	24,081	22,441
Minority equity interest	-	-
TOTAL EQUITY	24,081	22,441

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Balance Sheet of Council's Sewerage Business Activity

as at 30 June 2010

\$ '000	Actual 2010	Actual 2009
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,764	1,301
Investments	-	-
Receivables	383	247
Inventories	4	4
Other	-	-
Non-current assets classified as held for sale	-	-
Total Current Assets	3,151	1,552
Non-Current Assets		
Investments	1,513	2,564
Receivables	-	-
Inventories	-	-
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	15,628	15,407
Investments accounted for using equity method	-	-
Investment property	-	-
Other	-	-
Total non-Current Assets	17,141	17,971
TOTAL ASSETS	20,292	19,523
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Bank Overdraft	-	-
Payables	-	-
Interest bearing liabilities	144	20
Provisions	58	42
Total Current Liabilities	202	62
Non-Current Liabilities		
Payables	-	-
Interest bearing liabilities	-	141
Provisions	-	2
Total Non-Current Liabilities	-	143
TOTAL LIABILITIES	202	205
NET ASSETS	20,090	19,318
EQUITY		
Retained earnings	13,119	12,798
Revaluation reserves	6,971	6,520
Council equity interest	20,090	19,318
Minority equity interest	-	-
TOTAL EQUITY	20,090	19,318

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Special Purpose Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 30 June 2010

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Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2010

Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies

These financial statements are a Special Purpose Financial Statements (SPFS) prepared for use by Council and the Division of Local Government.

For the purposes of these statements, the Council's business activities (reported herein) are not reporting entities.

These special purpose financial statements, unless otherwise stated, have been prepared in accordance with;

- applicable Australian Accounting Standards,
- other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board,
- Australian Accounting Interpretations,
- the Local Government Act and Regulation, and
- the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

The statements are also prepared on an accruals basis. They are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values nor current values of non-current assets (except where specifically stated).

Certain taxes and other costs (appropriately described) have been imputed for the purposes of the National Competition Policy.

National Competition Policy

Council has adopted the principle of 'competitive neutrality' to its business activities as part of the national competition policy which is being applied throughout Australia at all levels of government.

The framework for its application is set out in the June 1996 Government Policy statement on the "Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government".

The "Pricing & Costing for Council Businesses A Guide to Competitive Neutrality" issued by the Division of Local Government in July 1997 has also been adopted.

The pricing & costing guidelines outline the process for identifying and allocating costs to activities and provide a standard of disclosure requirements. These

disclosures are reflected in Council's pricing and/or financial reporting systems and include taxation equivalents; council subsidies; return on investments (rate of return); and dividends paid.

Declared Business Activities

In accordance with *Pricing & Costing for Council Businesses - A Guide to Competitive Neutrality*, Council has declared that the following are to be considered as business activities:

Category 1

(where gross operating turnover is over \$2 million)

Nil

Category 2

(where gross operating turnover is less than \$2 million)

a. Warrumbungle Shire Council Sewerage Service

Comprising the whole of the Operations and Net Assets of the Sewerage Treatment & Reticulation Systems servicing the towns of Baradine, Coonabarabran, Coolah & Dunedoo

b. Warrumbungle Shire Council Combined Water Supply

Comprising the whole of the Operations and Net Assets of the individual Water Supply Systems servicing the towns of Baradine, Binnaway, Coonabarabran, Coolah, Dunedoo & Mendooran.

Monetary Amounts

Amounts shown in the financial statements are in Australian currency and rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars, with the exception of some figures disclosed in Note 2 (Water Supply Best Practice Management Disclosures) and Note 3 (Sewerage Best Practice Management Disclosures).

As required by the NSW Office of Water (Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water) some amounts shown in Notes 2 and Note 3 are disclosed in whole dollars.

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Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2010

Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(i) Taxation Equivalent Charges

Council is liable to pay various taxes and financial duties in undertaking its business activities. Where this is the case, they are disclosed in these statements as a cost of operations just like all other costs.

However, where Council is exempt from paying taxes which are generally paid by private sector businesses (such as income tax), equivalent tax payments have been applied to all Council nominated business activities and are reflected in these financial statements.

For the purposes of disclosing comparative information relevant to the private sector equivalent, the following taxation equivalents have been applied to all council nominated business activities (this does not include council's non-business activities):

Notional Rate Applied %

Corporate Income Tax Rate – 30%

Land Tax – The first **\$376,000** of combined land values attracts **0%**. From \$376,001 to \$2,299,000 the rate is **1.6% + \$100**. For the remaining combined land value that exceeds \$2,299,000, a premium marginal rate of **2.0%** applies.

Payroll Tax – **5.65%** on the value of taxable salaries and wages in excess of \$638,000.

In accordance with the guidelines for Best Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage, a payment for the amount calculated as the annual tax equivalent charges (excluding income tax) must be paid from Water Supply and Sewerage Business activities.

The payment of taxation equivalent charges, referred to in the Best Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage Guides to as a "Dividend for Taxation equivalent", may be applied for any purpose allowed under the Local Government Act, 1993.

Achievement of substantial compliance against the guidelines for Best Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage is not a prerequisite for the payment of the tax equivalent charges, however the payment must not exceed \$3 per assessment.

Income Tax

An income tax equivalent has been applied on the profits of the business.

Whilst income tax is not a specific cost for the purpose of pricing a good or service, it needs to be taken into account of in terms of assessing the rate of return required on capital invested.

Accordingly, the return on capital invested is set at a pre-tax level (gain/(loss) from ordinary activities before capital amounts) as would be applied by a private sector competitor – that is, it should include a provision equivalent to the corporate income tax rate, currently 30%.

Income Tax is only applied where a positive gain/(loss) from ordinary activities before capital amounts has been achieved.

Since this taxation equivalent is notional - that is, it is payable to the "Council" as the owner of business operations, it represents an internal payment and has no effect on the operations of the council. Accordingly, there is no need for disclosure of internal charges in Council's GPFS.

The rate applied of 30% is the equivalent company tax rate prevalent as at balance date. No adjustments have been made for variations that have occurred during the year.

Local Government Rates & Charges

A calculation of the equivalent rates and charges payable on all Category 1 businesses has been applied to all land assets owned or exclusively used by the business activity.

Loan & Debt Guarantee Fees

The debt guarantee fee is designed to ensure that council business activities face "true" commercial borrowing costs in line with private sector competitors.

In order to calculate a debt guarantee fee, council has determined what the differential borrowing rate would have been between the commercial rate and the council's borrowing rate for its business activities.

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Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2010

Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(ii) Subsidies

Government policy requires that subsidies provided to customers and the funding of those subsidies must be explicitly disclosed.

Subsidies occur where council provides services on a less than cost recovery basis. This option is exercised on a range of services in order for council to meet its community service obligations.

Accordingly, Subsidies disclosed (in relation to National Competition Policy) represents the difference between revenue generated from 'rate of return' pricing and revenue generated from prices set by the council in any given financial year.

The overall effect of subsidies is contained within the Income Statement of Business Activities.

(iii) Return on Investments (Rate of Return)

The Policy statement requires that councils with Category 1 businesses "would be expected to generate a return on capital funds employed that is comparable to rates of return for private businesses operating in a similar field".

Such funds are subsequently available for meeting commitments or financing future investment strategies.

The Rate of Return on Capital is calculated as follows:

Operating Result before Capital Income + Interest Expense

Written Down Value of I,PP&E as at 30 June

As a minimum, business activities should generate a return equal to the Commonwealth 10 year bond rate which is 5.10% at 30/6/10.

The actual rate of return achieved by each business activity is disclosed at the foot of each respective Income Statement.

(iv) Dividends

Council is not required to pay dividends to either itself as owner of a range of businesses or to any external entities.

Local Government Water Supply and Sewerage Businesses are permitted to pay an annual dividend from its water supply or sewerage business surplus.

The dividend, calculated and approved in accordance with the Best Practice Management Guidelines, must not exceed either (i) 50% of this surplus in any one year, or (ii) the number of water supply or sewerage assessments at 30 June 2010 multiplied by \$30 (less the payment for tax equivalent charges, not exceeding \$3 per assessment).

In accordance with the guidelines for Best Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage, a Dividend Payment form, Statement of Compliance, Unqualified Independent Financial Audit Report and Compliance Audit Report are required to be submitted to the NSW Office of Water prior to making the dividend and only after it has approved its payment.

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Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements
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Best Practice Management disclosure requirements

Dollars Amounts shown below are in WHOLE DOLLARS (unless otherwise indicated)

2010

1. Calculation and Payment of Tax-Equivalents

[All Local Government Local Water Utilities must pay this dividend for tax-equivalents]

(i)	Calculated Tax Equivalents	-
(ii)	No of assessments multiplied by \$3/assessment	10,011
(iii)	Amounts payable for Tax Equivalents [lesser of (i) and (ii)]	-
(iv)	Amounts actually paid for Tax Equivalents	-

2. Dividend from Surplus

(i)	50% of Surplus before Dividends [Calculated in accordance with Best Practice Management for Water Supply and Sewerage Guidelines]	-
(ii)	No. of assessments multiplied by \$30/assessment, less tax equivalent charges/assessment	100,110
(iii)	Cumulative surplus before Dividends for the 3 years to 30 June 2010, less the cumulative dividends paid for the 2 years to 30 June 2008	(1,304,000)

2010 Surplus	(130,000)	2009 Surplus	(619,000)	2008 Surplus	(555,000)
		2009 Dividend	-	2008 Dividend	-

(iv)	Maximum dividend from surplus [least of (i), (ii) and (iii) above]	n/a
(v)	Dividend actually paid from surplus [refer below for required pre-dividend payment Criteria]	-

3. Required outcomes for 6 Criteria

[To be eligible for the payment of a "Dividend from Surplus", ALL the Criteria below need a "YES"]

(i)	Completion of Strategic Business Plan (including Financial Plan)	NO
(ii)	Full Cost Recovery, without significant cross subsidies [Refer Item 2(a) in Table 1 on page 22 of the Best Practice Guidelines]	YES
	- Complying charges [Item 2(b) in Table 1]	NO
	- DSP with Commercial Developer Charges [Item 2(e) in Table 1]	NO
	- If Dual Water Supplies, Complying Charges [Item 2(g) in Table 1]	NO
(iii)	Sound Water Conservation and Demand Management implemented	NO
(iv)	Sound Drought Management implemented	NO
(v)	Complete Performance Reporting Form (by 15 September each year)	YES
(vi)	a. Integrated Water Cycle Management Evaluation	YES
	b. Complete and implement Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy	NO

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Note 2. Water Supply Business

Best Practice Management disclosure requirements (continued)

Dollars Amounts shown below are in WHOLE DOLLARS (unless otherwise indicated)

2010

National Water Initiative (NWI) Financial Performance Indicators

NWI F1	Total Revenue (Water) Total Income (w13) - Grants for the Acquisition of Assets (w11a) - Interest Income (w9)	\$'000	2,145
NWI F4	Revenue from Residential Usage Charges (Water) Income from Residential Usage Charges (w6b) x 100 divided by the sum of [Income from Residential Usage Charges (w6a) + Income from Residential Access Charges (w6b)]	%	45.31%
NWI F9	Written Down Replacement Cost of Fixed Assets (Water) Written down current cost of system assets (w47)	\$'000	21,326
NWI F11	Operating Cost (OMA) (Water) Management Expenses (w1) + Operational & Maintenance Expenses (w2)	\$'000	1,576
NWI F14	Capital Expenditure (Water) Acquisition of fixed assets (w16)	\$'000	1,281
NWI F17	Economic Real Rate of Return (Water) [Total Income (w13) - Interest Income (w9) - Grants for acquisition of assets (w11a) - Operating Costs (NWI F11) - Current Cost Depreciation (w3)] x 100 divided by [Written Down Current Cost of System Assets (w47) + Plant & Equipment (w33b)]	%	-0.57%
NWI F26	Capital Works Grants (Water) Grants for the Acquisition of Assets (w11a)	\$'000	460

- Notes:
- References to w (eg. w12) refer to item numbers within Special Schedules No. 3 & 4 of Council's Annual Financial Statements.
 - The NWI Performance Indicators are based upon the National Performance Framework Handbook for Urban Performance Reporting Indicators & Definitions.

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Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements
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Best Practice Management disclosure requirements

Dollars Amounts shown below are in WHOLE DOLLARS (unless otherwise indicated)

2010

1. Calculation and Payment of Tax-Equivalents

[All Local Government Local Water Utilities must pay this dividend for tax-equivalents]

(i)	Calculated Tax Equivalents	-
(ii)	No of assessments multiplied by \$3/assessment	7,494
(iii)	Amounts payable for Tax Equivalents [lesser of (i) and (ii)]	-
(iv)	Amounts actually paid for Tax Equivalents	-

2. Dividend from Surplus

(i)	50% of Surplus before Dividends [Calculated in accordance with Best Practice Management for Water Supply and Sewerage Guidelines]	112,350
(ii)	No. of assessments x (\$30 less tax equivalent charges per assessment)	74,940
(iii)	Cumulative surplus before dividends for the 3 years to 30 June 2010, less the cumulative dividends paid for the 2 years to 30 June 2008	362,300

2010 Surplus	224,700	2009 Surplus	16,500	2008 Surplus	121,100
		2009 Dividend	-	2008 Dividend	-

(iv)	Maximum dividend from surplus [least of (i), (ii) and (iii) above]	74,940
(v)	Dividend actually paid from surplus [refer below for required pre-dividend payment Criteria]	-

3. Required outcomes for 4 Criteria

[To be eligible for the payment of a "Dividend from Surplus", ALL the Criteria below need a "YES"]

(i)	Completion of Strategic Business Plan (including Financial Plan)	NO
(ii)	Pricing with full cost-recovery, without significant cross subsidies [Refer Item 2(a) in Table 1 on page 22 of the Best Practice Guidelines]	YES
	Complying charges (a) Residential [Item 2(c) in Table 1]	YES
	(b) Non Residential [Item 2(c) in Table 1]	YES
	(c) Trade Waste [Item 2(d) in Table 1]	NO
	DSP with Commercial Developer Charges [Item 2(e) in Table 1]	NO
	Liquid Trade Waste Approvals & Policy [Item 2(f) in Table 1]	YES
(iii)	Complete Performance Reporting Form (by 15 September each year)	YES
(iv)	a. Integrated Water Cycle Management Evaluation	YES
	b. Complete and implement Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy	NO

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Best Practice Management disclosure requirements (continued)

Dollars Amounts shown below are in WHOLE DOLLARS (unless otherwise indicated)

2010

National Water Initiative (NWI) Financial Performance Indicators

NWI F2	Total Revenue (Sewerage) Total Income (s14) - Grants for Acquisition of Assets (s12a) - Interest Income (s10)	\$'000	1,272
NWI F10	Written Down Replacement Cost of Fixed Assets (Sewerage) Written down current cost of system assets (s48)	\$'000	15,593
NWI F12	Operating Cost (Sewerage) Management Expenses (s1) + Operational & Maintenance Expenses (s2)	\$'000	722
NWI F15	Capital Expenditure (Sewerage) Acquisition of Fixed Assets (s17)	\$'000	79
NWI F18	Economic Real Rate of Return (Sewerage) [Total Income (s14) - Interest Income (s10) - Grants for acquisition of Assets (s12a) - Operating cost (NWI F12) - Current cost depreciation (s3)] x 100 divided by [Written down current cost (ie. WDCC) of System Assets (s48) + Plant & Equipment (s34b)]	%	1.55%
NWI F27	Capital Works Grants (Sewerage) Grants for the Acquisition of Assets (12a)	\$'000	-

National Water Initiative (NWI) Financial Performance Indicators
Water & Sewer (combined)

NWI F3	Total Income (Water & Sewerage) Total Income (w13 + s14) + Gain/Loss on disposal of assets (w14 + s15) minus Grants for acquisition of assets (w11a + s12a) - Interest Income (w9 + s10)	\$'000	3,417
NWI F8	Revenue from Community Service Obligations (Water & Sewerage) Community Service Obligations (NWI F25) x 100 divided by Total Income (NWI F3)	%	1.99%
NWI F16	Capital Expenditure (Water & Sewerage) Acquisition of Fixed Assets (w16 + s17)	\$'000	1,360
NWI F19	Economic Real Rate of Return (Water & Sewerage) [Total Income (w13 + s14) - Interest Income (w9 + s10) - Grants for acquisition of assets (w11a + s12a) - Operating Cost (NWI F11 + NWI F12) - Current cost depreciation (w3 + s3)] x 100 divided by [Written down replacement cost of fixed assets (NWI F9 + NWI F10) + Plant & equipment (w33b + s34b)]	%	0.32%
NWI F20	Dividend (Water & Sewerage) Dividend paid from surplus (2(v) of Note 2 + 2(v) of Note 3)	\$'000	-
NWI F21	Dividend Payout Ratio (Water & Sewerage) Dividend (NWI F20) x 100 divided by Net Profit after tax (NWI F24)	%	0.00%

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Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements
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Best Practice Management disclosure requirements (continued)

Dollars Amounts shown below are in WHOLE DOLLARS (unless otherwise indicated)

2010

National Water Initiative (NWI) Financial Performance Indicators
Water & Sewer (combined)

NWI F22	Net Debt to Equity (Water & Sewerage)	%	-13.55%
	Overdraft (w36 + s37) + Borrowings (w38 + s39) - Cash & Investments (w30 + s31) x 100 divided by [Total Assets (w35 + s36) - Total Liabilities (w40 + s41)]		
NWI F23	Interest Cover (Water & Sewerage)		> 100
	Earnings before Interest & Tax (EBIT) divided by Net Interest		
	Earnings before Interest & Tax (EBIT):		120
	Operating Result (w15a + s16a) + Interest expense (w4a + s4a) - Interest Income (w9 + s10) - Gain/Loss on disposal of assets (w14 + s15) + Miscellaneous Expenses (w4b + w4c + s4b + s4c)		
	Net Interest:		- 128
	Interest Expense (w4a + s4a) - Interest Income (w9 + s10)		
NWI F24	Net Profit After Tax (Water & Sewerage)	\$'000	191
	Surplus before dividends (w15a + s16a) - Tax equivalents paid (Note 2-1(iv) + Note 3-1(iv))		
NWI F25	Community Service Obligations (Water & Sewerage)	\$'000	68
	Grants for Pensioner Rebates (w11b + s12b)		

- Notes:
- References to w (eg. s12) refer to item numbers within Special Schedules No. 5 & 6 of Council's Annual Financial Statements.
 - The NWI Performance Indicators are based upon the National Performance Framework Handbook for Urban Performance Reporting Indicators & Definitions.

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
Report on the special purpose financial statements

To Warrumbungle Shire Council

SCOPE

We have audited the special purpose financial statements of Warrumbungle Shire Council for the year ended 30th June 2010 comprising the Statement by Councillors and Management, Income Statement of Business Activities, Balance Sheet by Business Activities, and Note 1 to the Accounts. The financial statements include the accounts of the business activities of the Council and the entities it controlled at the year's end or from time to time during the year.

Councils' responsibility for the financial statements

The Council is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial statements, are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Department of Local Government and Council. The Councils' responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the Council or the Department of Local Government. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements is free from material misstatement.

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

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The special purpose financial statements have been prepared for distribution to the Council and the Department of Local Government for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of National Competition Policy reporting. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial statements to which it relates to any person other than the Council or the Department of Local Government or for any purpose other than for which the report was prepared.

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

INDEPENDENCE

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

AUDIT OPINION

In our opinion, the Special Purpose Financial Statements of the Warrumbungle Shire Council for the year ended 30th June 2010 are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the requirements of those applicable Accounting Standards detailed in Note 1 and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

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Principal

21 October 2010

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