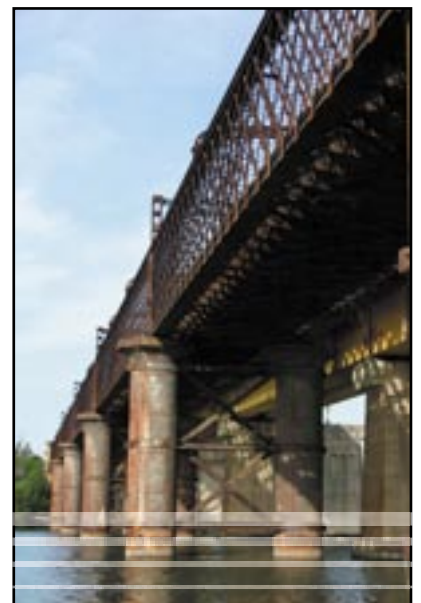




Annual Report 2004-05

 City of Ryde



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Introduction



Clr Ivan Petch
Mayor - City of Ryde



Michael Whittaker
General Manager

We take pleasure in presenting the City of Ryde Annual Report for 2005 detailing the City's performance against outcomes set out in its Management Plan focusing on Triple Bottom Line Reporting.

The Annual Report is not simply a document that focuses on economic performance. It records the many initiatives Council has undertaken on behalf of the community and highlights the wide range of services and amenities that service this vibrant and diverse City.

Award Winning Programs

For service to the community, the City received three prestigious recognition awards:

- Child Immunisation Program (now used as a model for other councils)
- Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre - Austswim (NSW) Swim School of the Year. The Centre attracted a record 678,500 visitors.
- A Silver Merit Local Government Management Award for our streamlined development application Client Management Strategy.

Environment

In the past twelve months, the City of Ryde Council has delivered innovative environmental initiatives:

- Major improvements in waste and environmental management, resulted in increases in recycling, household collections and pollutants capture.
- A new Design Review Panel of independent Architects was established to comment on development proposals and applications to ensure visual consistency throughout the City.
- Ryde Park Masterplan – completed and approved by Council as an initiation of a major strategic focus on parks.

People

Providing for the social, cultural, education and safety expectations of the community:

- A number of road safety projects were conducted including the Drinking Kills Driving Skills campaign, Child Restraint Checking days and Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers workshops.
- Library collections were expanded particularly high-demand non-English language publications such as Chinese, Korean and Tamil.
- A successful series of community events were held, including the popular Cinema in the Park, Australia Day Family Concert, the 19th Granny Smith Festival, Heritage and Harmony Festival events, and Volunteer Recognition Awards.
- The City distributed \$28,000 through the Cultural Grants Program and \$364,500 through the Community Development and Support Expenditure Scheme to local community groups. The Tsunami appeal raised \$43,563.
- The City's Call Centre resolved 80% of the 93,281 first-time enquiries and the new website received more than 2 million hits.

Economic/Assets

Rates netted \$43 million to enabled the City to maintain, plan and carry out many of its major infrastructure and development initiatives.

- Extensive upgrading to public places, shopping precincts, parks, footpaths, roads and cycleways throughout the City, including Trim Place, Cox's Road Shopping Precinct, Morrison Road Reconstruction and Stage 2 of landscape works at Blenheim Park.
- Major development initiatives such as Ryde Town Centre Re-Development and Brush Farm House Refurbishment Process were started and the Master Plan for Macquarie Park was adopted.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the residents, business and community organisations who have provided feedback on many issues and given their time and resources to working groups and activities. Your efforts, along with the commitment of the Councillors and dedication of the Council's staff have contributed towards ensuring that the City of Ryde is a great place to live and work.



Clr Ivan Petch
Mayor - City of Ryde



Michael Whittaker
General Manager

Councillors

July 2004 - June 2005

East Ward



Clr Tom McCosker
Years of Service:
2004 -



Clr Gabrielle O'Donnell
Deputy Mayor: March
2004 -
Years of Service
1995 -



Clr Ivan Petch
Years of Service
1977 - 1987
1995 -



Clr Vic Tagg
Years of Service:
2004 -

Central Ward



Clr Nicole Campell
Years of Service:
2004 -



Clr Maha Melhem
Years of Service
2004 -



Clr Connie Netterfield
Years of Service:
1999 -



Clr Sarkis Yedelian
Years of Service:
2004 -

West Ward



Clr Michael Butterworth
Years of Service:
2004 -



Clr Terry Perram
Mayor:
March 2004 -
Years of Service:
1987 -



Clr Terry Ryan
Years of Service:
2004 -



Clr Edna Wilde OAM
Years of Service:
1974 -

Mayor and Councillor Fees, Overseas Visits

During 2004/05 there were no overseas visits by Councillors or City of Ryde staff as representatives of the Council.

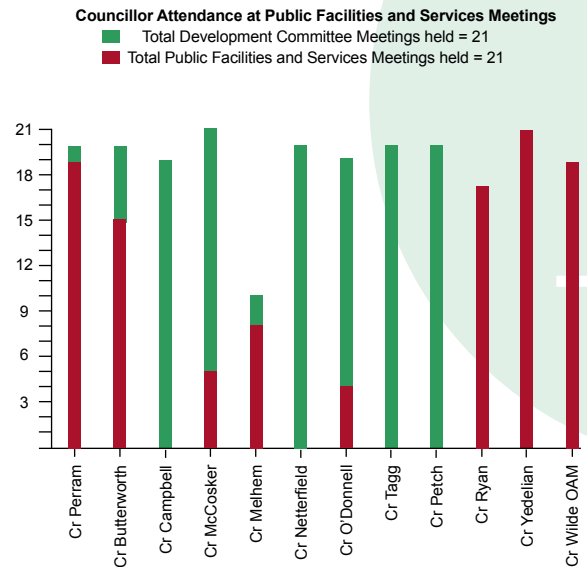
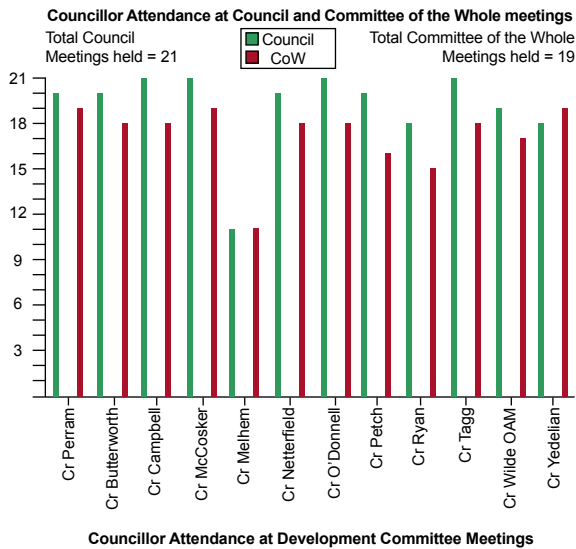
Partnerships, Cooperatives and Joint Ventures

The City is a member of the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC).

Expenses and Facilities

During 2004/05 fees provided for the Mayor were \$39,334.50 (in addition to the councillor's fee), Deputy Mayor \$4,370.50 (in addition to the councillor's fee) and for Councillors totalled \$16,450 each. The total amount paid to Mayor, Deputy Mayor and councillors was \$241,105.

Council has adopted a policy to provide Mayor and Councillors with items necessary for performance of duties as an elected representative. These are in addition to the allowance set by the Council and include conference fees, stationery, fax machine, mobile phones, transport, mayoral car, refreshments and executive support. This totalled \$129,930 in 2004/05.



Development Committee

Members of Development Committee June 04 - June 05:
 Cr Campbell (Chairman), Cr Petch, Cr Netterfield and Cr Tagg.
 Due to Committee Elections in September 2004 the following were members of the Development Committee during 04/05:
 Cr Butterworth and Cr Melhem July 04 - September 04
 Cr McCosker and Councillor O'Donnell September 04 - June 05
 The mayor is Ex-Officio member of the Development Committee.

Public Facilities and Services Committee

Members of the PF&S Committee June 04 - June 05
 Cr Wilde OAM (Chairman), Cr Ryan and Cr Yedelian.
 Due to Committee Elections in September 2004 the following were members of the Public Facilities and Services Committee during 04/05:
 Cr McCosker and Cr O'Donnell July 04 - June 05
 Cr Butterworth and Cr Melhem September 04 - June 05.
 The Mayor is Ex-Officio member of the PF&S Committee.
 Please note:
 Cr Melhem was on approved Leave of Absence for maternity reasons from 14 September 2004 – 14 December 2004.

City Outcomes

The City of Ryde has developed CityVision 2022 and our activities are focused on realising the 14 outcomes of the CityVision. The vision is:

Ryde will be a dynamic and innovative city, a leader in environmental, economic and social sustainability.

We will achieve this vision by working with the community. Improving essential services, planning for and promoting social harmony so that we have a vibrant and sustainable future.

The following pages show how our activities this year contributed to realising the CityVision.

The 4 city outcomes Areas are:

Key outcome area - People

- **A vibrant City** that is healthy, physically attractive, economically strong and engages its community through cultural and social activities
- **A City that plans for people** by identifying their diverse needs and involving them in decision making to improve their quality of life
- **A harmonious community** through a culturally enriched and respectful society
- **Well designed streets and paths** where motorists, cyclists and pedestrians feel safe
- **Well designed places and spaces** that minimise personal harm and where people interact with each other, so that crime is reduced

Key outcome area - Assets

- **Attractive streets, public spaces and buildings** through better planning and design which is responsive to communities to community expectations and our local environment
- **A high standard of visual appearance** where there is no litter or graffiti, and we care for our public infrastructure and public areas
- **Preserved natural areas** which are enhanced and maintained
- **A leafy City** through parks, gardens, trees and the built environment

Key outcome area - Environment

- **Sustainable practices** in buildings, waste management, transport, energy systems and water uses through community commitment
- **Strong links to the past** through the protection and conservation of our heritage
- **Protected ecological systems and processes** that support life and the environment through actions that safeguard them
- **Clean air** through protection of natural resources better integrated transport systems
- **Clean water** through control of pollution entering our waterways and through protection of these waterways

City Outcome 1

A vibrant City that is healthy, physically attractive, economically strong and engages the community through cultural and social activities.

We have a city that:

- Encourages and harnesses community participation through cultural and social activities.
- Delivers services to provide for its health, economic, social and environmental needs
- Has extensive social relationships in the area of volunteers, social clubs, associations and vibrant active involvement in local events and festivals.
- Is a positive influence on the arts, culture, economy, environment, housing, leisure, recreation, safety and public health of our community.
- Demonstrates growth and benefits for the community and has economic and academic opportunities.

Activities undertaken in 2004/2005 to achieve this outcome:

- A range of community events were conducted that engaged the community in the planning and involvement, these included:
Granny Smith Festival
Australia Day Family Concert and Fireworks
Cinema in the Park
Heritage Festival events
Volunteer Recognition Awards
Community Prayer Breakfast
- A total of \$28,000 was received by local community organisations in funding through the City's Cultural Grants Program.



Recipients of the grants included, Rotary Club of North Ryde, Ryde City Concert Band, Rotary Club of Gladesville, Ryde Argyle Performing Arts, Ryde Art Society and Armenian Community.

- Cultural and social activities in the libraries included guest speaker talks in Law Week on the topics of strata living, family law and de-facto relationships and secrets of the jury room; internet courses for seniors during Seniors week; and regular children's activities, including reptiles, cartoon drawing, henna body art and HSC lectures, as well as children's and young adult author talks.
- Economic and social opportunities for the community were provided by extending the range of electronic databases to which Ryde Library Services subscribes on behalf of the community.



- Council adopted the draft Local Environment Plan 137 on 14 December 2004. The draft Plan was sent to the Department in early 2005 with a request that the plan be made.
- Planning Consultants – Sutherland Koshy are in the process of preparing the Development Control Plan (DCP) and S94 Plan for the Macquarie Park Corridor. The draft DCP should be finalised by January 2006. Completion of the S94 Plan depends on finalisation of the concept plans for drainage and public domain. Completion of the draft S94 Plan is anticipated by January 2006.
- The implementation program including researching a management model for the Corridor is currently under preparation. The management issues are being discussed with key property owners within the Macquarie Park Corridor.
- A heritage assessment of Gladesville Town Centre was the precursor for The Revitalising Gladesville Town Centre & Victoria Road Master Plan Report. An extensive exhibition and consultation process will be undertaken in late 2005 involving local residents and community stakeholders. Following scrutiny of approximately 360 submissions, Hunters Hill and Ryde City Councils will jointly prepare the planning instruments. This work will be part funded by a grant from the Department of Planning.
- Council is preparing a (LEP), a (DCP) and a Public Domain Plan for the Ryde Town Centre. These documents will inform the design for a substantial new development in the Centre and act as the catalyst for the transformation of a pre-eminent centre for the LGA. The centre will cater for leisure and learning; shopping and business; living and working. A key design element is the inclusion of a new shopping street linking Blaxland Road to a plaza at Pope Street. It is envisaged that the planning instruments will be exhibited for consultation in the later part of 2005.
- Patronage of the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre reached 678,500 with an award winning highest total of Swim school enrolments with the annual total of 9,498.
- Agreements for programs and services within the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre were negotiated with the following third parties:
 - Carlile Swimming
 - NSW Water Polo
 - Healthy Lifestyle (Northern Sydney Central Coast Health)
 - Ryde Bulls Basketball
 - NSW Futsal
 - Sydney North Volleyball
- The Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre operated in full compliance with public health guidelines.
- Maintained City of Ryde's sound financial positions with the following performance measurements:
 - Working Capital balance of \$5 million
 - Outstanding rates at year end 2.7%, targeted 2.5%
 - Debt Service Ratio 3.2%
 - Returned 6.08% on investments, 0.44% above benchmark
 - Unrestricted Current ratio of 4:1

City Outcome 2

A City that plans for people by identifying their diverse needs and involving them in decision making to improve their quality of life

We have a quality of life through:

- The provision of facilities and services that meet diverse needs including those of our vulnerable and disadvantaged
- Decision making that responds to the aspirations of our diverse community
- A strong sense of belonging and connectedness in the community
- A community that has equal access to its resources
- Providing for social, economic and environmental needs of our community
- Being secure in the knowledge that our services are responsive to the needs of the community

Activities undertaken in 2004/2005 to achieve this outcome:

- Cultural and Social experiences were provided to over 7,000 children of the Ryde community who attended Vacation Care.
- Provided immunisation services to children to ensure their health and wellbeing. Provided immunisation information to Early Childhood Centres and groups in the community, such as mothers groups, preschool kindergartens, etc. Immunisation of 2,443 children attended our clinics, an increase of 655.
- Collection of updated information for the LINCS database in relation to local services that offer leisure and healthy lifestyle services and programs.
- Consulted widely to form the basis of the Community Facilities Plan to ensure that the community and key stakeholders needs are considered in the planning and allocation of facilities.
- A preliminary Leisure Needs Study was undertaken. This will be expanded by gathering additional detailed information and undertaking a more extensive community consultation program. The study can then more robustly inform the S94 Contributions Plan Review.
- Production, publication and distribution of regular media releases to local newspapers and for distribution via Council's website.
- Consultation completed for Social Plan 2005 with over 3,500 residents involved to assist in development of a plan that provides and responds to the social needs of our community.
- Provided modifications and maintenance to the homes of the elderly, people with disabilities and their carers to help residents remain living independently in their own homes.
- A review of the Disability Discrimination Act Action Plan was undertaken and revealed that the majority of action strategies had been completed by relevant service units thereby making the City more accessible.

- The development of the publication “Missed Business” providing information and education to local business on how to improve access for all customers particularly people with a disability.
- Resourced and supported the Ryde Hunters Hill HACC forum and Northern Regions Disability Network to ensure local services are responsive to the needs of older people, people with a disability and carers in our community.
- Completion of the People with a Disability Needs Paper that identified their social needs and aspirations
- Consultation undertaken to inform the Aboriginal Needs Paper on the social needs and aspirations of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.
- The development of a Social Planning Framework that ensures our services are responsive to the social needs identified in Social Plan 2005 through an implementation action plan.
- Resourced and supported the Ryde Hunters Hill Multicultural Network to ensure local services are responsive to the needs of our diverse community and those who come from a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Background have equal access to services.
- Facilitated the Community Development and Support Expenditure Scheme (CDSE) to identify priorities for community development and support services. A total of \$364,560 was distributed to 94 local community organisations through the Ryde Community Grants process.
- Resourced and supported the Domestic Violence (DV) Committee to ensure that communities have enhanced understanding of DV issues and responsive to the needs of victims and perpetrators.
- Consultation and research completed for the Aboriginal Needs Paper with final endorsement expected to be completed by November 2005.
- In this period a Family Support Officer was appointed.



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City Outcome 3

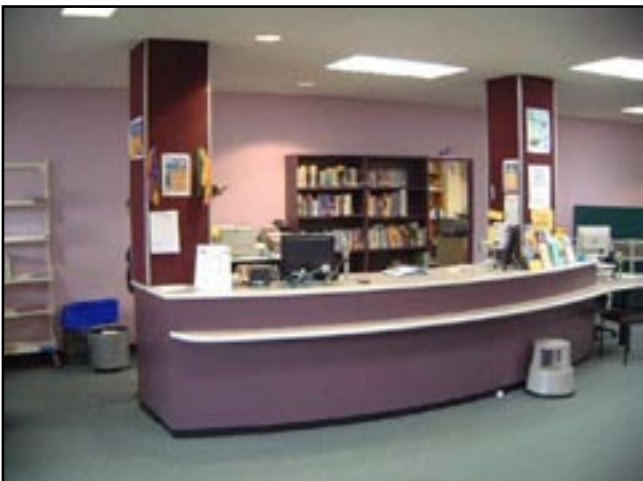
A harmonious community through a culturally enriched and respectful society

We have a community where:

- There is active practice of neighbourliness
- Cultural values, beliefs, customs, symbols, aspirations and expectations shape community life
- The local arts and cultural environment celebrates our diversity and encourages community participation
- The City's natural landscapes, buildings, streets and spaces are a venue for community interaction, cultural activity and for sharing of cultural values

Activities undertaken in 2004/2005 to achieve this outcome:

- The participation of community groups in the Harmony Festival 2005 provided an opportunity to share in different cultural activities and celebrate our diversity within in a context of confirming the importance of 'harmony' within the community.
- A landmark community capacity building seminar was organised to enhance practitioners' skills and knowledge about building community capacity in our City.
- A community capacity building research project was conducted in the West Ryde area to understand issues pertaining to neighbourliness/social capital in West Ryde/ Meadowbank.
- New furniture was provided in Ryde Library to create a more welcoming and comfortable environment for the public and to help define spaces. In this way Ryde Library acts as a venue for community interaction.
- Planning was undertaken for a new West Ryde Library which will provide an environment that contributes to people's sense of community well being and a sense of place.
- The social needs of the North Ryde community were provided for by refurbishing the North Ryde branch library to create a much more open feel and welcoming atmosphere.



- In the 9 available venues (including the North Ryde Meeting Room) there have been 2,322 bookings attended by over 100,000 people.
- Implementation of a computerised booking system that assists Council in the managing of bookings for Council's halls and parks
- Increase in Chinese and Korean collection books was expanded at Ryde, Gladesville, North Ryde, Eastwood and West Ryde Libraries

City Outcome 4

Well-designed streets and paths where motorists, cyclists and pedestrians feel safe

We have a city where the roads, cycleways, pathways and footpaths:

- Allow people to safely move around as motorists, cyclists and pedestrians
- Provide for equity of use and are designed for safety
- Are actively maintained and visually enhanced to encourage use and help us feel safer
- Provide links within our community

Activities undertaken in 2004/2005 to achieve this outcome:

- Morrison Road Reconstruction
The major upgrade of this collector road between Regent Street and Boulton Street has been completed. The full width reconstruction also included minor traffic facilities and the adjustments to footpaving and access to private property.
- Examined alternative engineering solution possibilities with local schools to improve pedestrian safety
- The development of road safety programs to complement improvements in road designs, through behaviour change in order to increase safer use of roads. Projects included;
 - Slow Down campaign targeting speeding on local streets and young people aged 17-25 years of age
 - Drinking Kills Driving Skills campaign targeting drink driving on local roads.
 - Child Restraint Checking days were held to allow parents and carers within Ryde have their child restraint checked and refitted at no cost.
 - Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers workshops were held for supervisors of Learner Drivers to provide practical advise about supervising Learner drivers.
 - A Safety before Convenience program was implemented around selected local primary schools to target illegal parking and speeding in school zones.
- A total of 1.2 km of new road, 2.8km of road rehabilitation and 2.3km of road resheeting was completed.
- A total of 2km of new footpath was constructed.
- A total of 440 metres of new cycle way was completed
- 2 Roundabouts were constructed



City Outcome 5

Well designed places and spaces that minimise personal harm and where people interact with each other so that crime is reduced

We have public places and spaces that:

- Are safe to visit, live and work in
- Provide venues for people to meet, engage and connect
- Have a safe, creative and vibrant environment that contribute to people's sense of community well being and provides a sense of place
- Where we work with our community and key partners for the social and environmental design of our community and in delivery of service

Activities undertaken in 2004/2005 to achieve this outcome:

- 109 animals were impounded to Blacktown Animal Pound.
- 54 animals reclaimed through Impounding Act.
- 70 animals returned by Council to owners.
- 17 animals re-homed through Animal Welfare Groups.
- 38 animals euthanised.
- Car parks patrolled in accordance with schedule – 1,510 car park fines issued.
- Streets patrolled in accordance with schedule – 4,911 on-street fines issued.
- Participation in the (WHO) Safe Communities project through Ryde Safe Communities by developing partnerships with key local community groups and organisations to ensure improved services that help to increase community safety, including but not limited to:
 - Partnerships with NSW Fire Brigade who have developed fire safety programs aimed at older people (SABRE) and High Schools (RescueEd), and basic fire education in primary schools
 - Participation in a Sports Safety Working Group, Ryde's Community Drug Action Team (CDAT) and Domestic Violence Committee.
 - Presentation and attendance at the NSW Safe Communities forum
 - Organisation and implementation of a Drug Awareness forum for Families and Youth during Drug Action Week
 - Development of a Ryde resource distributed to local community members that provided important drug and alcohol service contacts
 - Providing youth friendly drug and alcohol information to local High Schools through conducting workshops



City Outcome 6

Clean air through protection of natural resources and better-integrated transport systems

Our city is designed to:

- Promote energy efficient use
- Enable residents and visitors to use all modes of public transport in an efficient way to travel within and beyond the city boundaries
- Make people less reliant on their car
- Have locations within the city where people do not need to own a car
- Minimise air pollution

Activities undertaken in 2004/2005 to achieve this outcome:

- The City joined the Cities for Climate Protection™ Program and began conducting sustainability audits of the Civic Centre, Civic Hall and Ryde Library. Air quality improvement programs conducted this year included the promotion of the correct use of wood heaters, audits of Council operations, and a project to improve air quality through targeting automotive businesses.
- The City's Local Air Quality Management Plan continued to promote improvements to air quality through encouraging public transport, active transport (walking, cycling) and a reduced need to travel through improving the City's Bikeways network, urban planning and commencing the development of an Integrated Transport Strategy.
- The City of Ryde prevented more than 126 tonnes of CO₂ emissions through the following initiatives:
 - The Ryde Civic Centre, Civic Hall and Library were converted to 10% greenpower energy supply in July 2004, saving over 112,882 kWh or 119 tonnes of CO₂ each year.
 - Solar lights have previously been installed in Wilga Park, Elouera Reserve, Banjo Paterson Park and Shepherds Bay Park saving over 700 kWh or 1 tonne of CO₂ per year.
 - Approximately 120 computer screens have been converted in this financial year from CRT to more energy efficient LCD screens saving over 5,500 kWh or 6 tonnes of CO₂ per year.
- The Master Plan for Macquarie Park was adopted in 2004. This Plan implements the strategic objectives of integrating land use and transport, reducing car dependency and creating opportunities for employment in areas supported by public transport.
- The upgrade of the Herring Rd Bus Interchange and provision of a signalised pedestrian crossing connecting both the Macquarie University and The Macquarie shopping centre has improved safe access to buses, taxis and the future railway station.



City Outcome 7

Clean water through control of pollution entering our waterways and through protection of these waterways

We have waterways that:

- Support diverse aquatic life
- Are litter free and have a natural appearance
- Are used for recreation and are safe for swimming

Activities undertaken in 2004/2005 to achieve this outcome:

- Structural measures have been installed including Gross Pollutant Traps at Terry's Creek and at Bowden and Well Streets.
- Pollution control pits are now in place for individual properties.
- Facilities have been provided to residents for animal faeces disposal at Brushfarm and Blenheim Parks.
- Mapping of stormwater infrastructure has been updated for quick environmental incident response and to advise the council's Enforcement Team.
- Pollution Control Devices completed in the City of Ryde LGA in 2004/2005:-

| Type of Devices | Catchment | Location |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Continuous Deflection Separation (CDS) | River Catchment | Anderson Park |
| 1 Continuous Deflection Separation (CDS) | Archers Creek Catchment | Maze Park |
| 1 Continuous Deflection Separation (CDS) | Eastwood Catchment | Railway Parade |
| 1 Storm Trap | Archers Creek Catchment | Brush Farm Park |
| 1 Trash Rack | River Catchment | Bowden Street |

- A number of educational initiatives were carried out in to prevent stormwater pollution, including:
 - The continuation of the noxious weeds program.
 - Stormwater education for council employees through the staff induction process.
 - Information on stormwater policies on Council website.
 - Interpretive signs were installed along creeks and waterways and at bush regeneration sites.
 - Encouragement and support provided for schools participating in the Streamwatch program.

- Environmental audits of automotive businesses in the Buffalo Road industrial area. The opportunity was taken to talk to the owners about water pollution. The audits were targeting air pollution and emissions but the proximity of Buffalo creek to this area provided a good focus to provide some education about the impact the businesses may have on stormwater pollution and subsequent water quality in the creek.
- Identification and prioritisation of sites for the installation of gross pollutant traps is ongoing with the following works undertaken:
 - Installation of gross pollutant traps in the Well Street Sub-catchment of the Meadowbank Employment Area and in Railway Parade in the Eastwood Drainage Catchment. Both were completed in conjunction with the upgrading of stormwater drainage facilities.
 - Installation of an additional gross pollutant trap in Maze Park, West Ryde, and the restoration of riparian vegetation.
 - 60 tonnes of pollutants were captured from stormwater systems an increase of 27% on that captured in 2003-2004. A review of the schedule for all stormwater pollution control devices and pit cleaning activities was undertaken.
 - Enlargement of the detention basin and wetland in Dunbar Park was completed.
 - Upgrading of stormwater drainage facilities in Agincourt Road, Chatham Road, Graf Avenue and Herbert Street, along with part of Stage 2 of the Eastwood Flood Mitigation Works, were undertaken.
 - Major stormwater drainage facilities to mitigate flooding impacts were constructed as part of the Woolworths' Development at West Ryde



City Outcome 8

Attractive streets, public places and building through better planning and design which is responsive to community expectations and our local environment

We have:

- Footpaths, cycleways and road that are attractive for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.
- Public spaces including shopping centres, carparks, parks and gardens that are well planned and attractive for their users
- New buildings that are stylish, functional, attractive and designed to minimise their impact on the environment

Activities undertaken in 2004/2005 to achieve this outcome:

Minor maintenance Works Carried out on the following:

- North Ryde Pre-School Kindergarten; drainage works to alleviate inundation, internal painting, new floor covering, renovation of bathroom area.
- Eastwood Occasional Child Care Centre; new floor coverings.
- West Ryde Neighbourhood Childrens' Centre; replacement of brush wood fencing, reconstruction of shade structure and soft fall area.
- Lakeside Community Centre; new floor covering.
- North Ryde Library, internal renovation, relocation of circulation desk, internal painting and re-carpeting.
- The fascia panels of the Civic Centre, at levels 2 and 3, were re-sealed to provide for greater resistance to water penetration along the building's eastern façade.
- Brush Farm House; preparation of the necessary documentation for the restoration of this property and the completion of negotiations for its partial occupancy by the Department of Corrective Services.
- Lodgement of applications for the closure of Paul Street North, Macquarie Park, to enable its sale. The partial closure of Parsonage Street, Ryde, to enable its embellishment as a park.
- Completion of the partial closure of Well Street, Ryde, to enable its sale for incorporation with a mixed residential redevelopment.
- The proposed sale of a 1,317 m² stratum lot of the Ryde Civic Centre Complex was agreed and detailed negotiations with the owners of the Top Ryde Shopping Centre were undertaken to progress proposals for a traffic solution to Devlin Street including ramps under Devlin Street and bridges over Devlin Street (at its Blaxland Road intersection and Lane Cove Road intersection).
- Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the sale and development of the West Ryde Car Park (and associated properties) was sought and the EOI closed on 28 June 2005, with three responses being received.

- Development of the Skateboard Facilities Working Party to engage and consult young people, residents, designers and Council officers to assist in the design process of a new skateboard venue within the LGA.
- 25 complaints regarding unfenced pools investigated and 25 notices issued.
- During this period 148 complaints for illegal additions to dwellings and out buildings were investigated.
- 70 building complaints investigated.



City Outcome 9

A high standard of visual appearance as there is no litter or graffiti, and we care for our public infrastructure and public areas

We have:

- Footpaths, cycleways, roads that are free from litter
- Buildings, structures and spaces that are maintained to be consistently clean, attractive and free from litter and graffiti

Activities undertaken in 2004/2005 to achieve this outcome:

- Total number of 119 abandoned shopping trolley complaints received and actioned within Service Standards – 31 shopping trolleys impounded under the Impounding Act 1993.
- All articles and vehicles investigated within Service Standards – 395 abandoned vehicles investigated and 100 removed by Council.
- The routine cleansing of Council's major shopping centres is undertaken nightly with the smaller neighbourhood shopping centres being serviced twice a week. Street sweeping of residential streets is undertaken on a monthly basis or where required on a more regular basis.
- Council's Graffiti Team responds to requests and also proactively removes graffiti on both public and private property.
- Planning and research undertaken to highlight the potential strategy of incorporating Community Art Walls in urban spaces to reduce the incidence of graffiti vandalism and contribute to the betterment of the streetscape and well-being of the community.



City Outcome 10

Protected ecological systems and processes that support life and the environment through actions that safeguard them.

We have systems and process in place that:

- Measure our impact on the environment
- Take action when the environment is threatened
- Restore and repair damage to the natural environment
- Apply precautionary principles in our decision making
- Support, protect and enhance biodiversity and maintain ecological systems

Activities undertaken in 2004/2005 to achieve this outcome:

- Revegetation and bushland rehabilitation works were continued in Maze Park and along Shrimptons Creek between Kent and Waterloo Roads
- The commencement of the City's Water Quality Monitoring Strategy and the formation of a Community Water Quality Monitoring Steering Committee to provide guidance and direction for improving the health of creeks and waterways in the City and ensures community ownership of the program.
- During November and December 2004 the City's Environmental Health Unit conducted a 'one-off' monitoring program in the Lane Cove and Parramatta Rivers to assess water quality against the recreational water quality criteria set out in the ANZECC/ ARMCANZ (2000) guidelines.
- Sand plot monitoring was used to investigate the presence of foxes at parks in the City of Ryde.
- In order to eradicate Alligator Weed, all of the Parramatta River foreshore Parks in the City have been treated and saltmarsh species have been successfully grown on and planted in Melrose Park.
- The ownership of land from Delhi Road, North Ryde to Christie Park, Macquarie Park containing Pampas Grass and Blue Grass infestations was confirmed by the cities 'Land Information'. Letters were sent out to the various landholders by the end of 2004, requesting assistance in controlling these grasses.
- An ongoing aquatic weed program in Darvall Park to remove Ludwigia was completed.
- Asthma Weed removal was undertaken at Banjo Paterson Park.
- During this period 151 pollution incidents were investigated (37 air pollution, 26 water pollution, 84 noise and 4 hazardous waste). 3 clean-up notices and 1 noise control notice were issued.
- At the watershed of the upper northern arm of Buffalo Creek catchment area a rehabilitation project in Aitchander Reserve was established to assist creek stabilisation, weed removal and planting.

City Outcome 11

Preserved natural areas which are enhanced and maintained

We have natural areas that:

- Support a variety of life
- Are not weed infested
- Are treated as precious assets
- Contain significant forms of indigenous remnant vegetation and are vibrant wildlife habitat

Activities undertaken in 2004/2005 to achieve this outcome:

- The City's Bushcare Program has been active in helping to regenerate, protect and preserve urban bushland areas within the City of Ryde through the support and management of volunteers for the enjoyment of future generations. There are 130 volunteers in 15 bushcare groups. The total area of land worked on by bushcare groups was approximately 10.4 hectares.
- Twenty-five bushland parks covering 159 hectares received professional bush regeneration contract works in particular areas including Brush Farm Park, Darvall Park, Marsfield Park and Putney Park.
- Bushcare Projects were undertaken at the following locations:
 - Minga Reserve
 - Greenwood Park
 - Waterloo Park
 - Portius Park
 - Darvall Park
 - Stewart Park
 - Finch Avenue
 - Kennedy Street
 - Brush Farm Park
 - Ross Street/Glades Bay Reserve
 - Putney Park
 - Field of Mars – cnr. Monash Rd & Kim St.
 - Field of Mars – Cemetery
 - Roving weeding group – various sites
 - Pidding park
 - Ryde Secondary College
 - Epping Boys High
 - Marsden High School
- Bushcare volunteers have undertaken numerous works including:
 - Weed removal and control,
 - Track maintenance and construction,
 - Fauna and flora management,
 - Site assessment,
 - Planning and monitoring,
 - Seed collection,
 - Revegetation programs
 - Erosion control
 - Creek rehabilitation



City Outcome 12

A Leafy City through parks, gardens, trees and the built environment

We have well designed accessible parks, green spaces and connecting green corridors that:

- Are green in character and provide passive and active recreational opportunities
- Support biodiversity
- Are attractive, accessible and contribute to the wellbeing of the community
- Interact with the built form in an environmentally sustainable manner

Activities undertaken in 2004/2005 to achieve this outcome:

- Blenheim Park
Stage 2 landscape works have now been completed on this regional park. The facilities now comprise of a dog leash-free area, bicycle track, children's "lazy river" playground, bbq's, picnic shelters and a new carpark.
- Works were completed at Trim Place Gladesville
- Dingy Racks were completed in both Glades Bay and Kissing Point Parks.
- Landscaping was completed at Deeble Street Putney.
- A security camera was installed at Putney Park to monitor and/or deter vandalism of the playground area.
- Study was completed for the design of new park regulatory signage and playground advisory signage.
- Ryde Park Masterplan relating to an overall upgrade to Ryde Park was put on public display.
- The Greening of Ryde Task Force planted trees at Tuckwell Park for National Tree Day and was also involved with tree planting at Bremner Park for Schools National Tree Day.
- A new team has been set up specifically dedicated to streamlining the processing of development applications that can be fast-tracked because they comply with policy.

City Outcome 13

Sustainable practices in buildings, waste management, transport, energy systems and water use through community commitment

We have a community that:

- Meets its social and economic needs in a way that does not harm the environment
- Takes account of the global environmental impacts of local activities
- Is engaged in protecting and enhancing the natural environment and quality of life
- Minimises energy and water consumption to conserve natural resources
- Supports the use of public transport systems and related transport nodes rather than private car usage to reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions
- Minimises the use of non-renewable resources and avoids waste production
- Is engaged in protecting and enhancing biodiversity and related ecological processes and systems

Activities undertaken in 2004/2005 to achieve this outcome:

- Ryde TAFE staff and students, the City and the Ryde Hospital Engineering Department were involved in this Ryde Hospital Blue Gum High Forest project. Students have been learning practical bushland management skills while restoring a weed infested bushland area adjoining Ryde Hospital.
- A Plastic Bag Famine was conducted from midnight on the 20th through to Sunday 22nd August. Over 1,000 students made a committed effort to refuse all plastic bags, from Eastwood Heights, Putney, St Michaels and St Kevins Primary Schools.
- At the Granny Smith Festival, facilitators, funded by an 'It's a Living Thing' joint grant distributed over 200 information kits to interested members of the public on how to be more sustainable at home.
- The recycling of construction and demolition waste from the City's public works road and drainage construction projects continued during the year with a steady increase showing. Materials are crushed at Porters Creek Depot and reused in Council road projects thus reducing the waste to going to landfill and costs for the purchase of new quarry material. 18,495 tonnes of material was recycled.
- Migrant Information Expo was held on the 17th March 2005. Approximately 500 people attended and were provided with multi lingual information on recycling and waste management.
- Waste Education Officer visited a number of schools, presenting a broad range of information about waste, recycling, composting and worm farming, to students ranging from Kindergarten through to year 8.
- The City implemented initiatives in recycling of toner cartridges and mobile phones for both residents and employees by supplying containers within Council buildings.

- Council participated in Clean up Australia Day by supervising 20 Cleanup sites, with a further 11 schools participating on the Schools Cleanup Day and 4 business participating on Business Cleanup Day. These sites targeted foreshore and bushland/park areas.
- The City of Ryde in association with Department of Environment & Conservation, Waste Service NSW and Chemsal conducted a Household Chemical Collection. Over 600 participants used this service, resulting in 21 tonnes of material being collected and therefore diverted from landfill.
- A special Waste & Illegal Dumping Enforcement Officer was employed to target Illegal Dumping and Littering, particularly in medium density areas.
- City of Ryde joined Sydney Water's Every Drop Counts program to reduce water consumption by the Council. The City is performing above average in 15 out of 19 tools measuring water management. Overall, the City is rated as two stars which, when benchmarked against a group of 21 other local government participants around Australia and against 110 other participants across all sectors, is a very strong result so early in the program.
- Water re-use systems have been installed at Monash Park to reduce the amount of run-off, and as an effective water conservation measure.
- All reported illegal dumping incidents actioned within Service Standards – 617 incidents reported and investigated, 30 clean up notices issued and 10 fines issued.
- The retro-fitting of the Civic Centre's urinals, to a waterless system, was undertaken and the savings will be calculated over the 2005 / 2006 to determine whether it is feasible for this initiative to be extended to other facilities.
- All taps that were adaptable to the retro fitting of water restrictors have been completed e.g. halls, child care centres, Civic Centre Complex, Argyle Centre, EnviroServe Operation Centre etc. These restrictors will result in saving of both power and water.
- Retro-fitting of light fittings within the Civic Centre was investigated with the retro fitting of energy effective tubes being trialed. Projected savings are approximately 20 kilowatt hours per day for the floor and the expansion of this initiative will be rolled out over the 2005 / 2006 budget cycle.
- Air-conditioning control switches on Level 6 of the Civic Centre have been installed to enable the closing of the air conditioning when this floor is not being used.



- Energy efficient globes being used in the stage lighting for the Civic Hall together with the installation of a new switching panel.
- A draft report on a sustainability audit and improvement initiatives for the Civic Centre Complex was completed.
- Councils recycling service saw a resident participation rate around 80-90% with items such as glass, PET & HDPE bottles, steel and aluminium cans, milk and juice cartons, cardboard, newspaper, magazines and clean paper being recycled at the Chullora Materials Recovery Facility. A total of 9,060 tonnes of recyclables were collected which was an increase of 294.59 tonnes from last year's figures. This equated to an increase in recycling from 235kg per household to 241kg per household. Metals and greenwaste were separated in the cleanup collections, which assisted in this increase.
- During the year, Council implemented initiatives in recycling of toner cartridges & mobile phones for both residents & employees by supplying containers within Council buildings.
- The City of Ryde continued servicing around 1,400 commercial waste bins utilising the new Tiris computer tagging system. Customers are only charged when their bin is placed out for collection, encouraging them to reduce their waste. A total of 3,806 tonnes of rubbish was collected during the year with recycling of paper and bottles also being encouraged.
- The on-going separation and recycling of Council's engineering waste for re-use on council projects optimises resources, reduces waste and returns saving to council. 15,500 tonnes of concrete and 13,500 tonnes of asphalt were recycled for re-use over the past year.
- 1,164 Asset inspections carried out before and after the demolition and construction of building works.

City Outcome 14

Strong Links to the past through protection and conservation of our heritage

We have a City that has:

- Places and landscapes that are of natural, cultural, spiritual, archaeological and architectural significance
- Buildings, monuments, trees, objects and records that serve as a reminder of historic events, people and the physical environment.

Activities undertaken in 2004/2005 to achieve this outcome:

- The City established a Heritage Advisory Committee, comprising councillors, representatives from local historical groups and interested residents. This committee provides ongoing advice and direction to assist in conserving the heritage of the City.
- A War Memorial Project was undertaken that identified and documented memorials to war, such as honour boards located within the City. The project was part of Council's activities to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli and the 60th anniversary of the ending of World War II.
- A heritage page has been added to the Council website.
- The Brush Farm Estate Landscape and Vegetation Study was completed in early 2005 and adopted by Council on 19 July 2005. Council also resolved to prepare a draft implementation plan for the Study's recommendations.
- The heritage and character studies of the Outlook Estate and Contiguous Areas were completed.

Ryde

Governance

We will work in partnership with the community to achieve the CityVision by:

- Guaranteeing standards of service delivery
- Recognising that we serve a diverse community
- Improving the quality of our services
- Responding to a changing environment and the needs of a changing community
- Ensuring that the policies and programs reflect community expectations
- Providing safe, clean and well maintained assets
- Considering the environmental consequences of our decisions
- Remaining financially viable

Achievements for 2004/2005

- New Code of Meeting Practice adopted in March 2005.
- New Code of Conduct adopted in June 2005.
- The 4 year financial plan and capital works program was reviewed.
- The debt service ratio was 3.2% which is approximately equivalent to the average for Group 3 Councils.
- The percentage of rates outstanding was 2.7% which is slightly above the target of 2.25%.
- All efforts were made to maximize return on investments. This led to a return of 6.24% which was 0.44% above the benchmark (UBSWA Bank Bill Index).
- The cost of advertising was reduced through a review of the advertising arrangements with local newspapers.
- Council's new website was developed. Total hits on the site for the year ended 30 June 2005 were 2,333,092, representing an increase of 19% over the previous year.
- Continue to enhance service standards to ensure that services are provided in a timely manner.
- The OH&S Management System was audited twice throughout the year in line with the benchmark requirements under the WorkCover Premium Discount Scheme. Both audits resulted in the benchmarks being successfully met and delivered a \$75,000 reduction in the workers compensation premium.
- There was 100% occupancy of all habitable commercial and community buildings.
- Civic Centre lifts were upgraded and the rectification works to the concourse and around the central library to water penetration.
- The recommendations of the review of Ryde Certification Service was implemented to ensure that we provide a competitive service to the community.
- Website hits have increased 24% in the year from July 2004 to June 2005. In excess of 100,000 hits are now being recorded each month. On-line rates payments introduced.
- 93,281 calls were answered by the call centre with 80% being resolved by Customer Service staff.
- During 04/05, the City of Ryde successfully participated in the WorkCover Premium Discount System and our Occupational Health and Safety Management System was audited twice by Workers Compensation Solutions.

Human Resources

OH&S

Human Resources participated in the WorkCover Premium Discount Scheme (PDS) with two PDS audits being carried out on the OH&S Management System. Both audits resulted in the organisation successfully meeting all benchmarks and delivered a \$75,000 reduction in the City of Ryde's workers compensation premium.

OH&S was therefore, a focal point with initiatives such as:

- development of a more proactive and customer-focused Return to Work program for injured employees
- creation of OH&S noticeboards in all work areas and on the staff intranet
- development of a Hazardous Substances Register at the Civic Centre.

Policies and Procedures

Human Resources reviewed a number of policies and procedures, including:

- Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Policy
- First Aid Policy
- Training and Development Policy and Procedures

The Code of Conduct and Code of Behaviour were reviewed in relation to the Department of Local Government's Model Code of Conduct and revised accordingly.

The HR Information System was updated to CHRIS 21 providing an enhanced recording and reporting capability for Human Resources and Payroll.

Training and Development

Training and development provided to staff included:

- OH&S Awareness training for all staff
- First Aid Officer induction training
- Risk Management training for team leaders, coordinators and managers
- Records Management (TRIM) training
- Various Computer training modules
- Professional seminars and conferences
- Operational training
- Access to Study Assistance in the form of fee reimbursement and study leave

Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Management Plan

The framework for the City's EEO Plan is based on a range of HR policies, practices and initiatives designed to have ongoing impact on equity. The EEO Management Plan is formally reported on in February and August each year. The current Plan has been established for period 2002 - 2005.

The objectives of the Plan are to:

- Improve access to information and human resource policies and practices
- Create a diverse and skilled workforce
- Improve employment access and participation by EEO groups
- Promote a workplace culture displaying fair practices and behaviour

Staff have access to information and HR policies and practices on the City's intranet or by contacting their Group Leader or Human Resources staff. This information is also regularly distributed to staff through circulars and staff newsletters.

Selection committees are generally representative in terms of EEO groups whenever possible. For example a balance of female/male representation on selection panels is routinely arranged. Selection committee training is carried out regularly.

EEO statements are placed in all job advertisements.

Training and course material is prepared ensuring equity and diversity issues are taken into account.

Human Resources Activities to be undertaken

Planned initiatives for Human Resources included the investigation and/or development of a 5 Year HR Strategy for the City of Ryde

Condition of Public Buildings

| Asset Class | Asset Condition | Estimated Cost to bring to a satisfactory standard | Estimated Annual Maintenance Expense | Program Maintenance Works for the Current Year |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| | | (\$,000) | (\$,000) | (\$,000) |
| Per Section 428(2d) | | | | |
| Buildings | | | | |
| Amenities/Toilets | Satisfactory | - | 255 | 88 |
| Early Childcare Centres | Satisfactory | - | 35 | 15 |
| Kindergarten/Childhood Centres | Satisfactory | 250 | 97 | 80 |
| Community Aid Centres | Satisfactory | - | 35 | 20 |
| Residences | Satisfactory | - | 125 | 22 |
| Public Halls | Satisfactory | - | 205 | 156 |
| Senior Citizens Centres | Satisfactory | - | 17 | 8 |
| Womens Rest Centres | Satisfactory | - | 8 | 2 |
| Town Centre Toilets | Satisfactory | - | 4 | 1 |
| Civic Centre | Unsatisfactory | 1,500 | 300 | 180 |
| Libraries | Unsatisfactory | 2,900 | 80 | 52 |
| Ryde Aquatic Centre | Satisfactory | - | 800 | 600 |
| EnviroServe Operation Centre | Unsatisfactory | 100 | 100 | 78 |
| Public Buildings | Satisfactory | - | 80 | 64 |
| Commercial Buildings | Satisfactory | - | 30 | 8 |
| Other Community Buildings | Unsatisfactory | 3,500 | 50 | 56 |
| Total | | 8,250 | 2,221 | 1,430 |

Condition of Public Works

| Asset Class | Condition as at 30 June 2004 | Estimate to bring to satisfactory condition (\$ 000) | Estimate to maintain standard (\$ Responsive (\$ 000) | Maintenance program for 2004/2005 (\$ 000) |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Bridges | Satisfactory | 50 | 5 | - |
| Footpaths | Satisfactory | 7,100 | 1,400 | 582 |
| Kerb and Gutter | Satisfactory | 14,200 | 1,400 | 117 |
| Urban roads including regional roads | Satisfactory | - | 5,200 | 5,300 |
| Drainage | Unsatisfactory | 328,000 | 5,000 | 1,315 |

- Bridges** Council has eight bridges & culvert structures. The bridges are considered to be in satisfactory condition and maintenance is on an as-needs basis.
- Footpaths** Council's footpath network has a current replacement value of \$43M. Council has designed and implemented a Footpath Management System, where every footpath is inspected and rated on a 1 (new) to 5 (replacement required) rating basis. Footpaths with a condition rating of 1, 2 or 3 are considered to be in a satisfactory condition.
- Kerb & Gutter** Council has designed and implemented a Kerb & Gutter Management System with approximately 100% of the network inspected and rated. The current replacement value is \$59.4M. Kerb and gutter with condition rating 1, 2, or 3 is considered to be in a satisfactory condition. As well, considerable lengths will require construction of additional street drainage systems as part of the work.
- Stormwater** City of Ryde has developed an Asset Management system for its stormwater network and condition rating data has been collected since 1994. Apart from having a limited service life the stormwater network lacks adequate capacity. Stormwater with a condition rating of 1, 2 or 3 is considered satisfactory.

Contracts and Payments Awarded

The Following contracts awarded and payments made for more than \$100,000 during the year is outlined in the table on Page 35.

Legal Expenses

Legal expenses incurred by the City during the year are outlined in the table on page 45. There were no contempt of court proceedings.

Rates and Charges written off

During the reporting year \$1,450.74 in rates and \$1,007.39 in charges were written off under Section 585 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Senior Staff Remuneration

There were five positions designated as senior staff. These were General Manager, Group Manager - Public Works & Services, Group Manager - Environmental Planning, Group Manager - Civic Services and Group Manager - Corporate Services.

The total remuneration packages for these positions was \$903, 254 which included superannuation of \$54,692

Controlling Interest in Companies

The City of Ryde held no controlling interest in any company.

Category 1 and Category 2 Business Activities

The City of Ryde has identified domestic waste removal and Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre as a Category 1 business.

Property leasing, Ryde Certification Service, commercial waste removal and EnviroServe external works have been identified as a Category 2 business.

Information on the City's Category 1 and Category 2 Business activities is contained within the Financial Statements.

Competitive Neutrality

The City of Ryde has a policy on competitive neutrality. Competitive Neutrality pricing policy was applied to the City's Category 1 business activities.

The City also has a complaints handling system for competitive neutrality issues. The policy is available on request.

Information on a comparison of the performance of the city's Category 1 business activities measured against the 2003/2004 Management Plan is contained within the Key Performance Indicators for Public Works and Services.

No competitive neutrality complaints were lodged during the year.

Creditors More than \$100k 04-05

| Payee | 2004/2005 Actual (Excl. GST) | Payment Type | Description |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Blue Mountains City Council | 105,810.92 | Contract | Construction |
| Hunter Holden | 2,466,281.65 | Contract | Supply of Holden Motor Vehicles |
| Rede Cleaning Service Pty Ltd | 141,212.50 | Contract | Cleaning |
| Storm International Pty Ltd | 139,164.09 | Contract | Cleaning |
| Collex Pty Ltd | 6,492,275.65 | Contract | Garbage Collection & Recycling |
| A Gubert Concrete & Building Maintenance Pty Ltd | 218,505.97 | Schedule of Rates | Concreting |
| Ally Property Services Pty Ltd | 126,858.94 | Schedule of Rates | Concreting |
| C W Concrete Pty Ltd | 402,207.06 | Schedule of Rates | Concreting Minor Works Contract |
| Comfortone Constructions Pty Ltd | 178,426.36 | Schedule of Rates | Concreting |
| Hickey's Earthmoving Pty Ltd | 252,726.00 | Schedule of Rates | Plant Hire |
| Kelbon Pty Ltd | 111,343.40 | Schedule of Rates | Concreting |
| M J Smooth Concreting Services | 528,340.48 | Schedule of Rates | Concreting Minor Works Contract |
| Packer Earthmoving | 132,360.00 | Schedule of Rates | Plant Hire |
| Pike, Pike & Fenwick | 250,710.94 | Schedule of Rates | Legal Services |
| Sam the Paving Man Pty Ltd | 178,559.96 | Schedule of Rates | Paving Installation & Repair |
| Sorrento Constructions Pty Ltd | 249,848.30 | Schedule of Rates | Concreting |
| Stabilised Pavement Australia Pty Limited | 293,457.37 | Schedule of Rates | Cement Stabilisation of Roads |
| The Weekly Times | 149,486.66 | Schedule of Rates | Advertising |
| V M C Truck & Plant Hire | 101,793.00 | Schedule of Rates | Plant Hire |
| Western District General Concreting Pty Ltd | 190,520.69 | Schedule of Rates | Concreting |
| A J Paving | 907,643.03 | Other | Deeplift & Heavy Patching |
| AGL | 132,246.18 | Other | Supply of Gas |
| Australia Post | 121,323.62 | Other | Postage |
| Boral Construction Materials Group Limited | 221,499.58 | Other | Concrete Supply |
| Brad Garlick Ford | 214,377.12 | Other | Lease of vehicles |
| Breeze Plumbing Services Pty Limited | 167,234.47 | Other | Plumbing Services |
| Civica Pty Ltd | 230,709.33 | Other | Software Maintenance & Support |
| Commander (NSW) Pty Limited | 190,244.36 | Other | Printing & Stationery |
| Corporation Sole EPA Act | 222,329.86 | Other | Contribution |
| Department of Lands | 100,450.63 | Other | Valuation Fees |
| Emoleum | 742,163.43 | Other | Supply of Asphalt |
| Energy Australia | 1,566,233.77 | Other | Supply Electricity |
| Hays Personnel Services (Aust) P/L | 100,214.15 | Other | Agency Staff |
| Hunter PCA Pty Ltd | 111,989.00 | Other | Consultancy Services |
| James Bennett Pty Ltd | 191,420.03 | Other | Supply of Books |
| Kealec Pty Ltd | 109,064.12 | Other | Electrical Services |
| National Australia Bank Ltd | 296,074.53 | Other | Loan Repayments |
| New South Wales Fire Brigades | 1,327,983.00 | Other | Contribution |
| NSW Sport & Recreation | 318,125.05 | Other | Deferred Creditor - Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre |
| R J Smith & Partners | 145,380.37 | Other | Legal Services |
| Select Australasia Pty Ltd | 267,489.57 | Other | Casual Employees |
| Statewide Mutual | 771,764.50 | Other | Insurance |
| Sydney Bush Regeneration Company | 236,583.00 | Other | Bush Regeneration |
| Sydney Metro Tree Services Pty Ltd | 221,005.00 | Other | Tree Removal & Maintenance |
| Sydney Training & Employment Ltd | 237,581.25 | Other | Apprentice & Casual Staff |
| Sydney Water Corporation | 197,796.72 | Other | Water Supply |
| Telstra Corporation Limited | 219,486.50 | Other | Telecommunications |
| Terra Australis Regeneration | 159,885.58 | Other | Bush Regeneration |
| The Truck Centre | 211,799.02 | Other | Supply of trucks |
| TMP Worldwide Pty Ltd | 186,538.56 | Other | Advertising |
| Turspec Pty Ltd | 169,993.68 | Other | Park Maintenance |
| WSN Environmental Solutions | 621,917.07 | Other | Waste Services |

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
for the year ending 30 June 2005

| Original Budget* 2005 (\$'000) | | Notes | Actual 2005 (\$'000) | Actual 2004 (\$'000) |
|--|---|--------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES | | | | |
| 22,172 | Employee Costs | 3(a) | 22,393 | 20,755 |
| 688 | Borrowing Costs | 3(b) | 580 | 413 |
| 15,747 | Materials and Contracts | | 14,023 | 13,430 |
| 14,295 | Depreciation | 3(c) | 14,794 | 15,023 |
| 9,710 | Other Expenses from Ordinary Activities | 3(d) | 9,902 | 8,871 |
| - | Loss from the disposal of assets | 5 | - | - |
| 62,612 | TOTAL EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES | | 61,692 | 58,492 |
| REVENUE FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES | | | | |
| 41,758 | Rates & Annual Charges | 4(a) | 41,631 | 39,916 |
| 8,558 | User Charges & Fees | 4(b) | 9,163 | 8,441 |
| 1,757 | Interest | 4(c) | 2,767 | 2,129 |
| 1,871 | Other Revenues from Ordinary Activities | 4(d) | 2,333 | 2,032 |
| 4,817 | Grants & Contributions provided for non-capital purposes | 4(e&f) | 5,295 | 5,023 |
| 852 | Gain from the disposal of assets | 5 | 451 | 300 |
| 59,613 | REVENUES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE CAPITAL AMOUNTS | | 61,640 | 57,841 |
| SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE CAPITAL AMOUNTS | | | | |
| (2,999) | Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes | 4(e&f) | (52) | (651) |
| 6,384 | | | 10,227 | 2,567 |
| 3,385 | SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER CAPITAL AMOUNTS | | 10,175 | 1,916 |
| 3,385 | SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES | | 10,175 | 1,916 |
| 3,385 | SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FROM ALL ACTIVITIES | 2(a) | 10,175 | 1,916 |

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
for the year ending 30 June 2005

| | Notes | 2005 (\$'000) | 2004 (\$'000) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Cash Assets | 6 | 33,433 | 29,536 |
| Receivables | 7 | 3,185 | 2,198 |
| Inventories | 8 | 497 | 210 |
| Other | 8 | 669 | 284 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | | 37,784 | 32,228 |
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Cash Assets | 6 | 14,261 | 9,137 |
| Receivables | 7 | 166 | 201 |
| Property, Plant and Equipment | 9 | 1,272,430 | 1,273,641 |
| TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS | | 1,286,857 | 1,282,979 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 1,324,641 | 1,315,207 |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | |
| Payables | 10(a & c) | 5,092 | 4,443 |
| Interest Bearing Liabilities | 10(a & c) | 1,551 | 1,587 |
| Provisions | 10(a & c) | 2,001 | 1,747 |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES | | 8,644 | 7,777 |
| NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | |
| Payables | 10(a) | 3,519 | 3,965 |
| Interest Bearing Liabilities | 10(a) | 8,615 | 9,992 |
| Provisions | 10(a, b & c) | 4,419 | 4,204 |
| TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES | | 16,553 | 18,161 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | 25,197 | 25,938 |
| NET ASSETS EQUITY | | | |
| Accumulated Surplus | | 1,299,444 | 1,289,269 |
| TOTAL EQUITY | | 1,299,444 | 1,289,269 |

Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ending 30 June 2005

| | 2005 (\$'000) | | | 2004 (\$'000) | | |
|---|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Accum Surplus | Asset Revaluation Reserve | Council Equity Interest | Accum Surplus | Asset Revaluation Reserve | Council Equity Interest |
| Balance at the beginning of the reporting period | 1,289,269 | - | 1,289,269 | 1,287,353 | - | 1,287,353 |
| Change in Equity recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance | 10,175 | - | 10,175 | 1,916 | - | 1,916 |
| Adjustments due to compliance with revised Accounting Standards | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Transfers to asset revaluation reserve | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Transfers from asset revaluation reserve | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Distribution to/from Outside Equity Interests | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Balance at the end of the reporting period | 1,299,444 | - | 1,299,444 | 1,289,269 | - | 1,289,269 |

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
for the year ending 30 June 2005

| Original Budget* 2005 (\$'000) | Notes | 2005 | | 2004 | |
|---|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | (\$'000) | (\$'000) | (\$'000) | (\$'000) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | | | | |
| <u>Receipts</u> | | | | | |
| 41,758 | Rates & Annual Charges | 41,354 | | 39,898 | |
| 9,752 | User Charges and Fees | 9,861 | | 9,092 | |
| 1,757 | Interest | 2,752 | | 2,097 | |
| 9,551 | Grants and Contributions | 15,061 | | 8,054 | |
| 4,833 | Other | 3,779 | | 4,765 | |
| <u>Payments</u> | | | | | |
| (22,284) | Employee Costs | (21,829) | | (21,242) | |
| (17,322) | Materials and Contracts | (16,007) | | (14,582) | |
| (738) | Interest | (541) | | (424) | |
| (10,415) | Other | (11,070) | | (10,829) | |
| | Net cash provided by (used in) | | | | |
| 16,892 | Operating Activities | 11(b) | 23,360 | 16,829 | |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | | | | |
| <u>Receipts</u> | | | | | |
| - | Sale of Investments | - | | - | |
| - | Sale of Real Estate Assets | - | | - | |
| 6,066 | Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment | 2,788 | | 2,659 | |
| - | Sale of Interests in Joint Ventures/Associates | - | | - | |
| - | Other | - | | - | |
| <u>Payments</u> | | | | | |
| - | Purchase of Investments | - | | - | |
| - | Purchase of Real Estate Assets | - | | - | |
| (27,338) | Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment | (15,714) | | (16,152) | |
| - | Purchase of interests in Joint Ventures/Associates | - | | - | |
| - | Other | - | | - | |

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
for the year ending 30 June 2005

| | Cont. | 2005 | 2004 |
|--|-------|----------|----------|
| Original Budget 2005 (\$'000) | Notes | (\$'000) | (\$'000) |
| (21,272) Net cash provided by (used in) Investing Activities | | (12,926) | (13,493) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| <u>Receipts</u> | | | |
| - Borrowings and Advances | | - | 4,000 |
| - Other | | - | - |
| <u>Payments</u> | | | |
| (1,136) Borrowings and Advances | | (735) | (1,122) |
| (191) Deferred Creditor | | (318) | (319) |
| - Finance Leases | | (260) | (154) |
| (1,327) Net cash provided by (used in) Financing Activities | | (1,313) | (2,405) |
| (5,707) Net increase (Decrease) in Cash Assets Held | | 9,121 | 5,741 |
| 38,553 Cash Assets at beginning of Reporting Period | 11(a) | 38,553 | 32,812 |
| 32,846 Cash Assets at end of Reporting Period | 11(a) | 47,674 | 38,553 |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Note 2(a)
Functions

| FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES | REVENUES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS / ACTIVITIES. DETAILS OF THESE FUNCTIONS / ACTIVITIES ARE PROVIDED IN NOTE 2(b) | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|--|
| | EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES | | REVENUES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES | | OPERATING RESULTS FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES SHARE OF OUTSIDE PROFITS & CORRECTIONS | | | GRANTS INCLUDED IN REVENUES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES | | TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT AND NON- CURRENT) | | |
| | Original Budget 2005 \$'000 | Actual 2005 \$'000 | Original Budget 2005 \$'000 | Actual 2005 \$'000 | Actual 2004 \$'000 | Original Budget 2005 \$'000 | Actual 2005 \$'000 | Actual 2004 \$'000 | Actual 2005 \$'000 | Actual 2004 \$'000 | Actual 2005 \$'000 | |
| CORPORATE SERVICES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate Services | 35 | 184 | 35 | 57 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 610 | 372 | 372 | |
| Leased Properties | 477 | 385 | 533 | 528 | 56 | 229 | 127 | 0 | 15,264 | 15,504 | 15,504 | |
| Property Services | 789 | 601 | 3,014 | 710 | 185 | 2,226 | 109 | 113 | 13,057 | 11,113 | 11,113 | |
| | 1,300 | 1,170 | 3,581 | 1,382 | 768 | 2,281 | 211 | 240 | 28,931 | 26,989 | 26,989 | |
| ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Environmental Strategy | 436 | 375 | 4 | 31 | 16 | (432) | (344) | (306) | 344 | 257 | 257 | |
| Land & Property Use | 3,581 | 3,675 | 1,572 | 1,466 | 1,445 | (2,009) | (2,209) | (2,069) | 3,358 | 2,744 | 2,744 | |
| Policy & Review | 439 | 383 | 4 | 2 | 5 | (435) | (381) | (309) | 350 | 242 | 242 | |
| Ryde Certification Service | 573 | 576 | 293 | 292 | 276 | (280) | (284) | (331) | 532 | 479 | 479 | |
| Standards Enforcement | 1,473 | 1,319 | 589 | 675 | 629 | (884) | (645) | (749) | 1,209 | 1,111 | 1,111 | |
| Statutory Information | 182 | 169 | 305 | 278 | 307 | 123 | 109 | 195 | 152 | 89 | 89 | |
| Strategic Planning | 1,224 | 987 | 232 | 1,708 | 122 | (991) | 721 | (889) | 923 | 804 | 804 | |
| | 7,907 | 7,484 | 2,999 | 4,453 | 2,800 | (4,908) | (3,031) | (4,458) | 6,868 | 5,726 | 5,726 | |
| CIVIC SERVICES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City Promotions & Events | 976 | 925 | 81 | 116 | 92 | (896) | (809) | (812) | 832 | 690 | 690 | |
| Community Services | 2,045 | 2,059 | 610 | 699 | 560 | (1,435) | (1,360) | (1,307) | 8,060 | 7,362 | 7,362 | |
| Executive & Customer Services | 3,451 | 3,368 | 63 | 79 | 86 | (3,388) | (3,289) | (3,164) | 3,054 | 2,529 | 2,529 | |
| Library Services | 4,702 | 4,577 | 804 | 815 | 836 | (3,898) | (3,762) | (3,538) | 10,589 | 9,874 | 9,874 | |
| Venue Support | 355 | 284 | 355 | 284 | 282 | 0 | 0 | (59) | 275 | 280 | 280 | |
| | 11,530 | 11,212 | 1,912 | 1,992 | 1,855 | (9,617) | (9,219) | (8,879) | 22,810 | 20,735 | 20,735 | |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 2(a)

Functions

REVENUES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS / ACTIVITIES. DETAILS OF THESE FUNCTIONS / ACTIVITIES ARE PROVIDED IN NOTE 2(b)

| FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES | EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES | | REVENUES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES | | OPERATING RESULTS FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE SHARE OF OUTSIDE PROFITS & CORRECTIONS | | GRANTS INCLUDED IN REVENUES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES | | TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT AND NON-CURRENT) | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------|--|-----------------|---|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Original Budget 2005 \$'000 | Actual 2005 \$'000 | Actual 2004 \$'000 | Original Budget 2005 \$'000 | Actual 2005 \$'000 | Actual 2004 \$'000 | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 | 2005 \$'000 | 2004 \$'000 | | | |
| PUBLIC WORKS and SERVICES | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Access Facilities and Services | 12,556 | 12,832 | 12,295 | 3,071 | 3,470 | 3,113 | (9,485) | (9,362) | (9,182) | 729 | 572 | 224,840 | 223,156 |
| Enviroserve | 1,523 | 1,582 | 1,651 | 250 | 545 | 254 | (1,273) | (1,037) | (1,397) | 9 | 17 | 8,135 | 7,758 |
| Plant and Fleet Management | 109 | 105 | 199 | 109 | 212 | 165 | 0 | 107 | (34) | 0 | 0 | 9 | 9 |
| Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre | 4,875 | 5,178 | 4,949 | 3,718 | 4,191 | 3,656 | (1,157) | (987) | (1,293) | 0 | 0 | 28,352 | 28,293 |
| Stormwater Facilities and Services | 4,990 | 4,814 | 4,823 | 1,882 | 3,859 | 811 | (3,108) | (955) | (4,012) | 0 | 0 | 98,789 | 100,225 |
| Urban Landscape Facilities and Services | 7,080 | 7,802 | 6,789 | 1,702 | 4,175 | 1,804 | (5,378) | (3,627) | (4,986) | 510 | 184 | 897,781 | 895,647 |
| Waste Facilities & Services | 8,870 | 7,972 | 7,866 | 9,262 | 9,346 | 8,758 | 392 | 1,375 | 892 | 201 | 196 | 6,793 | 5,645 |
| | 40,002 | 40,284 | 38,573 | 19,993 | 25,797 | 18,562 | (20,009) | (14,487) | (20,012) | 1,449 | 969 | 1,264,698 | 1,260,733 |
| Total Functions & Activities | 60,739 | 60,150 | 57,094 | 28,486 | 33,624 | 23,985 | (32,253) | (26,526) | (33,109) | 2,200 | 1,612 | 1,323,308 | 1,314,183 |
| Shares of gains in associates & joint ventures using the equity method | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fundamental error | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Extraordinary items | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| General Purpose Revenues* | 1,724 | 1,542 | 1,397 | 37,363 | 38,243 | 36,422 | 35,639 | 36,701 | 35,025 | 2,816 | 2,803 | 1,333 | 1,024 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) from all activities | 62,463 | 61,692 | 58,492 | 65,848 | 71,867 | 60,408 | 3,385 | 10,175 | 1,916 | 5,016 | 4,415 | 1,324,641 | 1,315,207 |

* Includes: Rates and Annual Charges (incl. Ex-gratia); Non-Capital General Purpose Grants; Interest on Investments

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES
as at 30 June 2005

| | Domestic Waste Management (Category 1) | | Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (Category 1) | | Property Leasing (Category 2) | | Ryde Certification Service (Category 2) | | Commercial Waste Management (Category 2) | | Enviroserve Commercial Works (Category 2) | |
|--|--|-------|--|---------|-------------------------------|---------|---|-------|--|------|---|------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employee Costs | 340 | 297 | 2,261 | 2,001 | 51 | 53 | 308 | 295 | 12 | 29 | 31 | 24 |
| Materials and Contracts | 6,540 | 6,626 | 1,455 | 1,432 | 136 | 124 | 212 | 259 | 213 | 216 | 40 | 20 |
| Interest Charges | - | 3 | 850 | 847 | 106 | 128 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Depreciation | - | - | 147 | 129 | 218 | 155 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Loss On Asset Disposal | - | - | 612 | 677 | 93 | 84 | 57 | 55 | 32 | 43 | 1 | 2 |
| Taxation Equivalent Payments | 832 | 652 | 677 | 677 | 84 | 84 | 57 | 55 | 32 | 43 | 1 | 2 |
| Other expenses from ordinary activities | 7,715 | 7,578 | 5,325 | 5,086 | 604 | 544 | 577 | 609 | 257 | 288 | 72 | 46 |
| Total Expenses From Ordinary Activities | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| REVENUE FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Annual Charges | 8,649 | 8,116 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| User Charges | - | - | 4,183 | 3,648 | - | - | - | - | 456 | 402 | - | - |
| Fees | - | - | - | - | - | - | 276 | 259 | - | - | 102 | 81 |
| Interest | 19 | 16 | - | - | 614 | 528 | 16 | 17 | - | - | - | - |
| Other revenues from ordinary activities | 11 | 28 | 8 | 8 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Grants & Contributions provided for Non-Capital Purposes | 201 | 196 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Gain On Asset Disposal | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Revenue from Ordinary Activities before capital amounts | 8,880 | 8,356 | 4,191 | 3,656 | 614 | 528 | 292 | 276 | 456 | 402 | 102 | 81 |
| Surplus(Deficit) from Ordinary Activities before Revenue for Capital Purposes | 1,165 | 778 | (1,134) | (1,430) | 10 | (16) | (285) | (333) | 199 | 114 | 30 | 35 |
| Grants & Contributions provided for Capital Purposes | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Surplus(Deficit) from Ordinary Activities after capital amounts | 1,165 | 778 | (1,134) | (1,430) | 10 | (16) | (285) | (333) | 199 | 114 | 30 | 35 |
| Correction of Fundamental Error | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Surplus(Deficit) from All Activities before Tax | 1,165 | 778 | (1,134) | (1,430) | 10 | (16) | (285) | (333) | 199 | 114 | 30 | 35 |
| Corporate Taxation Equivalent (30%) | 350 | 233 | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | 60 | 34 | 9 | 11 |
| Surplus(Deficit) After Tax | 815 | 545 | (1,134) | (1,430) | 7 | (16) | (285) | (333) | 139 | 80 | 21 | 24 |
| Dividend Payment (non restricted activities) | - | - | - | - | 228 | 75 | - | - | 199 | 114 | 30 | 35 |
| [Percent of Surplus after tax] | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 3257% | -469% | 0% | 0% | 143% | 143% | 143% | 286% |
| Surplus(Deficit) After Dividend Payment | 815 | 545 | (1,134) | (1,430) | (221) | (91) | (285) | (333) | (60) | (34) | (9) | (11) |
| Opening Retained profits | 2,406 | 1,628 | 23,427 | 24,708 | 8,205 | 11,309 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Subsidy from Council | - | - | - | - | - | - | 285 | 333 | - | - | - | - |
| Plus: Equity Contributions | - | - | 21 | 20 | 1,485 | 538 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Less: Equity Withdrawals | - | - | - | - | - | (3,706) | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Adjustments for Amounts Unpaid:- | - | - | - | - | 228 | - | - | - | 199 | - | 30 | - |
| Dividend Payment | - | - | 147 | 129 | 218 | 155 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Taxation Equivalent Payments | 350 | 233 | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | 60 | 34 | 9 | 11 |
| Corporate Taxation Equivalent | 3,571 | 2,406 | 22,461 | 23,427 | 9,918 | 8,205 | - | - | 199 | - | 30 | - |
| Closing Retained Profits | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SUBSIDY FROM CAPITAL | - | - | - | - | - | - | 285 | 333 | - | - | - | - |

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES
for the year ending 30 June 2005

| | Domestic Waste Management (Category 1) | | Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (Category 1) | | Property Leasing (Category 2) | | Ryde Certification Service (Category 2) | | Commercial Waste Management (Category 2) | | Enviroserve Commercial Works (Category 2) | |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------------|--|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------|---|-----------|--|-----------|---|-----------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash Assets | 3,781 | 2,382 | - | - | 228 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Investment Securities | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Receivables | 35 | 123 | 69 | 12 | 19 | 10 | 8 | - | 2 | 20 | - | 10 |
| Inventories | - | - | 24 | 16 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other | - | - | - | - | - | - | 73 | 85 | 223 | - | 39 | 7 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | 3,816 | 2,505 | 93 | 28 | 247 | 10 | 81 | 85 | 225 | 20 | 39 | 17 |
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Investment Securities | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Receivables | 35 | 45 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Property, Plant and Equipment | 18 | 18 | 23,704 | 24,526 | 9,684 | 8,300 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS | 53 | 63 | 23,704 | 24,526 | 9,684 | 8,300 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 3,869 | 2,568 | 23,797 | 24,554 | 9,931 | 8,310 | 81 | 85 | 225 | 20 | 39 | 17 |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Payables | 209 | 85 | 233 | 210 | - | - | - | 8 | 23 | 3 | - | 10 |
| Interest Bearing Liabilities | - | - | 508 | 385 | - | 91 | - | - | - | 9 | - | - |
| Provisions | 28 | 19 | 185 | 127 | 4 | 4 | 25 | 19 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES | 237 | 104 | 926 | 732 | 4 | 95 | 25 | 27 | 24 | 14 | 3 | 12 |
| NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Payables | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Interest Bearing Liabilities | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Provisions | 62 | 58 | 409 | 395 | 9 | 10 | 56 | 58 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 5 |
| TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES | 62 | 58 | 409 | 395 | 9 | 10 | 56 | 59 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 5 |
| NET ASSETS | 3,571 | 2,406 | 22,461 | 23,427 | 9,918 | 8,205 | - | - | 199 | - | 30 | - |
| EQUITY | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Accumulated Surplus | 3,571 | 2,406 | 22,461 | 23,427 | 9,918 | 8,205 | - | - | 199 | - | 30 | - |
| Asset Revaluation Reserve | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL EQUITY | 3,571 | 2,406 | 22,461 | 23,427 | 9,918 | 8,205 | - | - | 199 | - | 30 | - |

Legal Costs

| Address and Description | Result | Legal Costs | Consultant Costs |
|---|---|-------------|---|
| 7 – 9 Rutledge Street (Mixed Use Development) – Appeal by applicant against Council's decision to refuse DA. | Dismissed | \$33,948 | \$2,870.00 \$1,438.00 (architect) \$9,495.00 (architect) \$10,125 (Urban Design) \$2,917 (cost of Court appointed expert) |
| 7 – 9 Rutledge Street (Mixed Use Development) - Appeal by applicant against Court's decision to dismiss appeal. | Dismissed Cost awarded to the City of Ryde | \$16,585 | \$0 |
| Epping Road, Macquarie Park – Advertising signs on pedestrian bridge. Appeal by applicant (Calardu) against Council's refusal of DA. | Upheld | \$43,365 | \$2,819 (cost of Court appointed expert) \$2,200 (cost of Court appointed expert) |
| 6 Stratford Avenue (Villa Homes) Appeal by Applicant against Council's decision to refuse DA | Upheld | \$85,219 | \$2,000(bushfire) \$400 \$15,000 (Ecologist) |
| 60 Pellisier Road, Putney (Outbuilding and swimming pool) – Appeal against Council's decision to refuse DA. | Upheld | \$26,955 | \$6,482(Arborist) \$3,248 (Urban Design) \$1,837 – Cost of Court appointed expert. \$11,753 – (Urban designer) |
| 20 – 30 Ashburn Place (Nursing Home) Appeal by applicant against condition of Consent. | Settlement negotiated | \$12,504 | \$0 |
| 6 – 6 A Eric Street (Villas) Appeal against Council decision to refuse DA (Resolved in 2003 – 2004 and Council's costs paid by applicant) | Withdrawn | \$6,545 | \$500 (Landscaping/tree) |
| Lots 8 and 9 – Delhi Road Riverside Corporate Park - Appeal against refusal of Section 96 application. | Upheld | \$22,667 | \$0 |
| 61 Anzac Avenue, West Ryde - Prosecution – against owner – operating a home industry without consent | Injunction granted. Costs awarded to Council (not yet recovered) | \$12,475 | \$1,738 (Private Investigator) |
| 22-26 Herbert Street, West Ryde - Defence of legal action | Matter settled out of Court | \$14,768 | \$0 |
| Total | | \$275,031 | |

Other items - amounts recovered from successful prosecutions - \$30,040

Freedom of Information

During 2004/2005 there were 4 requests under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act.

Three requests were refused and one partly granted. The elapsed time of processing varied between 2 and 28 days with processing hours varying between two and three hours per application.

The total fees paid in the year were \$120.

There were no requests under the Act by Ombudsman and no appeals to the Administrative Decisions Tribunal.

The impact during the year of the FOI requirements on the organisation's activities, policies or procedures was that considerable assistance continued to provide to persons seeking access to City of Ryde's documents and enquires were able to be satisfied without the needs for an FOI application.

Privacy and Personal information

The City has adopted the Model Privacy Management Plan and Privacy Code of Practice for Local Government. Two internal reviews under Part 5 of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act were lodged and finalised during the year.

Bushfire Hazard Reduction

Bushfire risk management strategies are directed at addressing the risk to community and environmental assets. This is achieved through addressing those factors comprising the risk, ie. the bushfire hazard (fuel loads), the sources and patterns of ignition and vulnerability of the assets at risk. Therefore hazard reduction programs are equally as important as providing cleared asset protection zones.

Hazard Reduction burns conducted by NSW Fire Brigades

Total Hectares 0.55 (ha)

As a % of bushland under City of Ryde jurisdiction 0.003%

The NSW Fire Brigades undertook 3 ecological/hazard reduction burns at various parks. Broad area burns occurred at no parks this year.

Contacting the City of Ryde

In person

Visit us at the Ryde Civic Centre located at 1 Devlin Street, Ryde. It is open between 8.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

Write

Address your correspondence to the General Manager who will direct it to the appropriate person for action. The postal address in the City of Ryde, Locked Bag 2069, North Ryde NSW 1670.

Telephone

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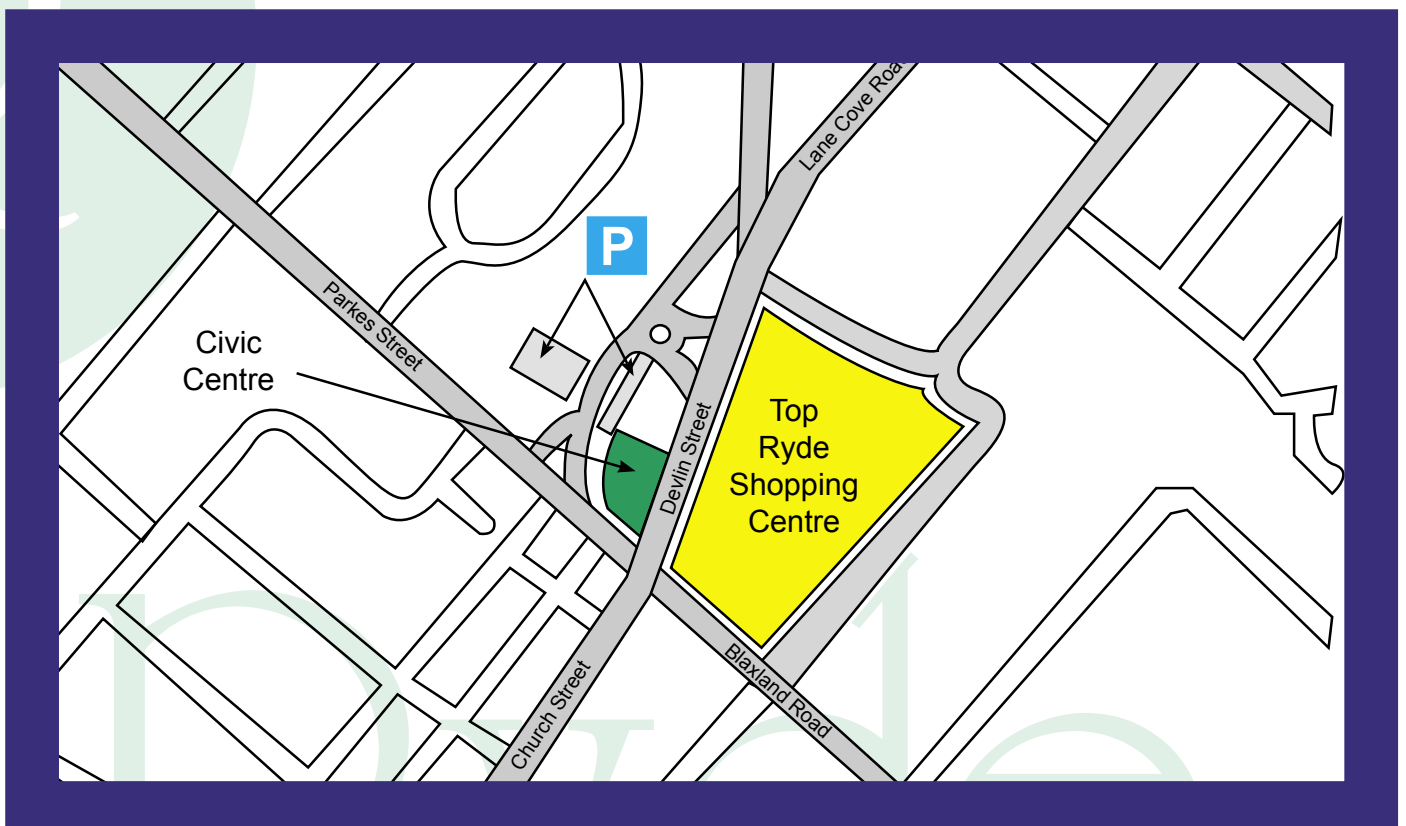
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