



Water and Sewerage Reform— What will it Mean for You?

- An increase in water and sewerage charges to pay for the upgrade of other councils' systems, which do not comply with current standards or do not even exist. Burnie residents now enjoy fully compliant systems unlike most other councils.
- Loss of local ownership of Council's Water and Sewerage assets which would cost \$185 million to replace in today's values. It appears that any reform will transfer this investment without full compensation.
- Potential for loss of employment of local people with centralisation of the services to the south of the state.
- An increase in Council's General Rates to finance the resulting inefficiencies from losing over 33% of Council's current business activities.
- Burnie has diverted its investment base from other exciting projects to meet tough environmental standards, and this deprivation will continue on after the assets have been transferred.
- Water and sewerage services being managed by a body other than Burnie City Council would mean loss of control of where and when investments are made in building new water and sewerage reticulation for our expanding base.
- Loss of Burnie Council's recent investment of over \$18 million in a new sewerage treatment plant and associated works.

Contact our local politicians and sign the petition online or at the City Offices.

“Farewell to an Old Friend”

On Friday 27 April 2007, the heritage listed building on Burnie's waterfront known to many in the community as the old Burnie High School or the old Adult Education building was destroyed by fire. The fire, which started in the early hours of the morning, was fanned by 30 knot winds and it took 11 fire units to stop the inferno engulfing the adjoining buildings. As a result of the fire the grand building with its iconic silhouette of red Burnie bricks, rows of white framed windows, chimney stacks and impressive belltower has gone from Burnie's waterfront landscape.

The foundation stone for the building was laid on 1 June 1928 by the then Premier and Minister for Education, Joseph Lyons and opened the following year.

The beloved Burnie landmark has served the community successively as the Burnie High School, a Special School and the Institute of Adult Education. The building was undergoing an exciting renaissance to again play a central role in the ongoing transformation of Burnie as the new location for Creative Paper Tasmania and the Visitor Information Centre. Building works were nearly completed with the planned opening just weeks away.

The fire that consumed the building was devastating and at first glance it might also seem to have consumed the work, dreams, memories and relationships that were attached to the building. But the Burnie community is a strong and resilient one and is already talking about what has not been destroyed and what can be recovered both in terms of what would have been its new use and the meaning of the site. Burnie Council is working with its community to start the important process of community recovery.

Already the Council has started to collect people's stories of their connection to the school building and is looking forward to working with community groups such as the Burnie Historical Society and the Burnie Arts Council to collate and present these stories.

If you have any stories, photographs or memories to share and be recorded forever please contact staff at the Pioneer Village Museum or go to www.burnie.net/yourstory.



Photo courtesy of Pioneer Village Museum

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Municipal Revaluation

Throughout the past six months you may have noticed valuers contracted by the Valuer General's office working throughout the community, undertaking assessments of property and houses in accordance with the current municipal revaluation program.

What is a Municipal Revaluation?

Under the *Valuation of Land Act 2001* the Valuer-General of Tasmania is required to establish and maintain the Valuation Roll and to revalue each valuation district within a seven-year period. A forward program for General Revaluations has been established under which a six-year municipal cycle has been agreed. Councils will apply an adjustment factor provided by the Valuer General every two years between revaluations.

There are three distinct values of a parcel of land:

- *Land value* is the value of the property excluding all visible improvements such as buildings, structures, roads and dams etc but does include draining, excavation, clearing and any other such invisible improvements of the land.
- the *capital value* is the total value of the property, excluding plant and machinery, and includes the land value, and
- the *assessed annual value* (AAV) is the gross annual rental value of the property, excluding GST, municipal rates and land tax, but is not to be less than 4% of the capital value. Components of your rates and charges are calculated based on so many cents for every dollar of AAV.

How does a Revaluation occur?

Residential, rural and commercial/industrial valuations are conducted. Sales trends are analysed, indicative values assessed and a general inspection program is carried out to complete valuations. Sometimes conferences may be held to compare levels of value with adjoining municipalities.

How does a Municipal Revaluation affect me?

The revaluation will affect the rates and charges for the 2007/2008 financial year, however Council has some scope to review its rating policy. The results of the revaluation will be considered

thoroughly when rates charges are being prepared in conjunction with the budget preparation process.

When will I find out more?

Residents will receive a notice relating to the revaluation of their property direct from the Valuer General. A one-month objection period to the Valuer General exists after receiving your valuation notification.

Flexible learning at the Burnie Online Access Centre

Are you wondering what to do with those pictures on your digital camera? Is your digital camera bursting at the seams with great photos that you have taken? Let us show you how to get those photos on to your computer, organise them, make them stand out, share them with other people and print them like a pro. The Online Access Centre offers one-on-one, flexible training in Photosmart Essential 2.0. Course costs \$30 and a copy of the software is provided free of charge. Contact Sue Hodgetts at the Burnie Online Access Centre on 6431 9469 for more information.

Volunteers Recognised for Service

On 14 May, Burnie Council was pleased to recognise the Online Access Centre volunteers for their services to the community. Since the Centre opened in August 1999, volunteers have clocked up 37,780 hours of service to the community. Mayor Alwyn Boyd presented the volunteers with their certificates at a morning tea, with guest speaker Jill Maxwell from Volunteering Tasmania. Pictured below with their awards are Belinda Hopkins, Sue Hodgetts (Centre Co-ordinator) and Karissa Townsend.



Weed Incentive Program for the Control of Gorse (*Ulex Europeaus*)

The development of the Burnie Municipal Weed Management Plan in 2005 identified key weed issues in our municipality that required best practices weed management. The implementation of the plan under the umbrella of the *Weed Management Act 1999* has provided Council and land managers with funding opportunities, direction and goals for weed management into the future.

Burnie City Council in partnership with Cradle Coast Natural Resource Management has been successful in gaining funding for 2007 from the Australian Government's Natural Heritage Trust Weed Control Incentive Program. The first round of funding in 2006 assisted four (4) landowners, with a total of 14 hectares of Gorse treated on their properties.

Landowners with satellite infestations of Gorse are invited to participate in this program. The areas infested will be assessed, GPS mapped and entered into Council's weed database.

The program will fund the initial treatment. The property owner must be willing to enter into an agreement to follow up with a management plan for the next (3) three years for the treated area.

Council invites landowners to participate in this program to eradicate Gorse from our municipality by registering for property inspections and assessment for funding. Council's Weed Officer, Mick Eastley can be contacted at the City Offices phone 64 305 774 or mobile 0418 372 476 for further information.



Recycling and You

Reduce waste to landfill

- ✓ separate your recyclables
- ✓ compost at home
- ✓ visit the tip shop

REDUCE - REUSE - RECYCLE IN BURNIE



Good Waste Management Starts at Home

There are **5 directions** your waste should take:

1. **Recycling Crate**
 - Rinse your recyclables in used dishwater to save water and to the refer recyclables checklist at www.burnie.net.au>City Services>Garbage and Recycling
2. **Green Waste**
 - Do not place in your wheelie bin, compost at home, use a mulch mower or take to waste centre
3. **Waste Bin**
 - For food waste and non-recyclables only
 - no green waste
4. **Compost Bin**
 - For mainly fruit and vegetable scraps
 - feed your bin greens and browns
 - Go to ww.sustainability.vic.gov.au for some good tips
5. **Burnie Waste Management Centre, Mooreville Road**
 - The Tip Shop and Resource Recovery Loop accepts for free
 - large items, furniture, building materials, engine oil, Commercial cardboard, gas bottles, cooking oil and much more

Separating your waste will reduce waste to landfill and help the environment. For further information contact Burnie City Council on 6430 5750.

It's Your Civic Centre

The Burnie Civic Centre is an outstanding venue for theatrical performances, community events and corporate functions. Low cost meeting rooms for small community groups are also available with "The Boardroom" and "The Bridge" rooms being offered at a competitive hire fee of \$26 for 1/2 a day or \$44 for a full day. Please contact the Civic Centre on 6430 5850 to find out more and to make a booking.

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Where to contact us

Many of your general enquiries and telephone payments can be dealt with by our helpful Customer Services staff – contact the **Customer Services Centre** on **6430 5700** (including after hours service).

Cultural Precinct

Burnie Civic Centre **6430 5850**
Burnie Regional Art Gallery **6430 5875**
Pioneer Village Museum **6430 5746**

Children's Services

Alexander Beetle House **6430 5727**
Wisteria Lane **6430 5728**
Milpara Early Learning Centre **6433 4792**

Out of School Hours Care **6430 5773**
Inclusion Support Agency **6430 5786**

Tasmanian Travel and Information Centre
6434 6111

Web site: www.burnie.net

Waste Management Centre Opening Hours

Monday-Friday 9am to 4pm
Sat, Sun and Public Holidays 12 noon to 4pm

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What's On in Burnie

For more details, visit www.burnie.net>Visitors Guide>Coming Events or call the Customer Service Centre on 6430 5700:

Eisteddfod Dance Section

Burnie Civic Centre, 13-15 June 2007
Grandfinal concert Friday 15 June at 7.30pm, door sales only
Contact: 6431 3703

Lee Kernaghan in Concert

Burnie Civic Centre, Thursday, 14 June 2007
Time: 8:00pm Cost: Adults \$49.90, Child u/15 \$34.90 Contact:
Civic Centre on 6430 5850.

Burnie Farmers' Market 16 June

Wivenhoe Showground, 8.30am to 12.30pm
Contact: 6431 5882

ArtRage 2006 – exhibition closes 17 June

An exhibition of work by matriculation students from schools around Tasmania
Burnie Regional Art Gallery, Admission free
Hours: Mon-Fri 10am – 4.30 pm, Sat, Sun & Pub Hols 1.30 pm to 4.30pm

Ross Noble – Fizzy Logic

Saturday 7 July 2007 at 8pm
Popular cult comedian brings his best-selling show to the Burnie Civic Centre Cost: Adults \$34.90, concession \$31.90 Contact: Burnie Civic Centre 64305850

Burnie Farmers' Market 7 July

Wivenhoe Showground, 8.30am to 12.30pm
Contact: 6431 5882

Would you like to promote your community event on Council's web site? Contact Leanne Bonney on 6430 5702 or email lbonney@burnie.net to ask about the events calendar.