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EUROBODALLA SHIRE COUNCIL
Independent Audit Report to the Council
General Purpose Financial Statements for the Year ended 30 June 2011

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of Eurobodalla Shire Council, which comprises the Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2011, Statement by Councillors and Management, and the Income Statement, Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

Council's Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

Council is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the statutory requirements under the Local Government Act, 1993, and for such internal control that Council determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit. Our audit responsibility does not extend to the Original Budget figures disclosed in the Income Statement and Cash Flow Statement, Notes 2(a), and 16 to the financial statements, estimated expenditure in note 17, additional Council disclosure notes, nor the attached Special Schedules.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Eurobodalla Shire Council as of 30 June 2011, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

Emphasis of Matter – Application of Australian Accounting Standard AASB116 Property, Plant and Equipment and decrement arising from revaluation of Community Land assets.

We draw attention to the Income Statement which discloses the Revaluation Decrement to Community Land as a separate item in determining the net operating result for the year. Our opinion is not qualified in respect of this matter.

Council has re-valued Community Land in accordance with the requirements of the Division of Local Government. The revaluation was based on values provided by the NSW Valuer General and has resulted in a substantial decrease in the carrying value of Community Land. In accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB116 Property, Plant and Equipment, this decrease is included in the Income Statement.

In our opinion the additional disclosures in the Income Statement are relevant and reliable in meeting the objectives of the financial statements.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Council's Responsibilities for compliance with other legal and regulatory requirements

Council is responsible for ensuring compliance with the accounting and reporting requirements of Division 2 of Part 3, Chapter 12 of the Local Government Act, 1993. This responsibility includes maintaining such accounting records as are necessary to correctly record and explain its financial transactions and its financial position, and to facilitate convenient and proper auditing of its financial statements.

Auditor's Responsibilities under Section 417(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993

Our responsibility is to report on Council's compliance with the accounting and reporting requirements of the Local Government Act, 1993 and Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

Auditors' Opinion on other legal and regulatory requirements

In our opinion:

- (a) The Council's accounting records have been kept in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993, Chapter 13, Part 3, Division 2 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005; and
- (b) the Council's general purpose financial statements
 - i) have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of this Division and Regulation;
 - ii) are consistent with the Council's accounting records;
 - iii) present fairly the Council's financial position and the results of its operations;

- (c) all information relevant to the conduct of the audit has been obtained; and
- (d) there are no material deficiencies in the accounting records or financial statements that we have become aware of in the course of the audit.

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Sydney, 3 November 2011