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22 February 2019

Honourable Premila Devi Kumar Minister for Local Government, Housing and Community Development P O Box 2131 Government Buildings SUVA

Dear Honourable Minister

BA TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2007

I am pleased to present the Annual Report for Ba Town Council for the financial year ending 31st December, 2007.

Council's Vision:

To enhance business and community development in Ba District through social, economic, sustainable and Green methods.

Mission:

- To deliver the statutory responsibilities of the local government.
- To facilitate access to a healthy and green environment
- To promote health, welfare and convenience of the people of Ba
- Provide a well maintained range of Community leisure and recreation facilities for the enjoyment of the Community.
- To promote more investments and developments for the district and create employment opportunities
- To work hand in hand with business house to further develop business in Ba
- To improve infrastructure and amenities in Ba Town
- To create disaster resilient community

Values:

Ba Town Council's work will be governed in accordance with the Local Government Act and other related Acts and Regulations, Council will take respective actions to ensure that the Council is in line with the Central Government.

Furthermore, council will implement and enforce relevant Local Government and Town Planning Legislations and by-laws to enhance business and community development which confines to Social, Economic, Sustainable and Green method growth.

Ba was settled in 1864 and in 1886 the Rarawai Sugar Mill was established. Following the establishment of the Sugar Mill, Ba began to grow and records show that in 1905 Ba Rural Local Authority was established under the Public Health Ordinance had administered the district of Ba on various matters.

The urbanized area of Varoka was proclaimed as Township under the Township Ordinance in 1939. Local Government Act was enacted in 1972, hence Ba was elevated to Town status in June 1972.

The Town has a well developed urban center with a population of about 18,000 with a total area of 652 hectares.

The Council has five (5) Wards and three (3) Councilors were elected from each Ward on 22 October, 2005 to serve for a term of three (3) years.

Cr. Praveen Bala (JP)
 Mayor

• Cr. Anita Narayan - Deputy Mayor

Elected on 31 October, 2006 for next twelve (12) months.

The Council met all its loan repayments for the year 2007 and the outstanding loan by end of 2007 was \$3,734,175.00.

This report is submitted in accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act, Cap. 125.

Yours sincerely

Dip Narayan
Chief Executive Officer

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1.1 THE COUNCIL

The following Councillors who were elected on 22nd October, 2005 for a term of three [3] years represented the five [5] wards of the Council.

VARADOLI WARD

- Cr. Praveen Bala[JP]
- Cr. Denesh Shankar Sharma
- Cr. Vellaidan Naicker

VAROKA WARD

- Cr. Anita Narayan
- Cr. Pauliasi Caucau
- Cr. Rajesh Patel[JP]

RARAWAI WARD

- Cr. Esala Masi
- Cr. Gaj Raj Singh
- Cr. John Sawake

YALALEVU WARD

- Cr. Ikbal Nabi
- Cr. Jagindar Dayal[JP]
- Cr. Nemani Cakausese

NAMOSAU WARD

- Cr. Samuela Nakete
- Cr. James Benjamin
- Till July, 2007 Thereafter the Office was Vacant

Cr. Khalid Ali

1.2 ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

The following Councillors elected on 30^h October, 2006 continued to hold the following Offices respectively:-

Cr. Praveen K. Bala [JP]

Mayor

Cr. Anita Narayan

Deputy Mayor

At the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 31st October, 2007 the following Councillors were elected as Mayor and the Deputy Mayor respectively for the next twelve [12] months:-

Cr. Praveen K. Bala [JP]

Mayor

Cr. John Sawake

Deputy Mayor

1.3 APPOINMENT OF COMMITTEES

Building Health and Works Committee a]

- Cr. Ikbal Nabi 1]
- Cr. Praveen Bala[JP] 2]
- 3] Cr. Vellaidan Naicker
- 4] Cr. Rajesh Patel [JP]
- 5] Cr. Nemani Cakausese
- 6] Cr. Khalid Ali
- 7] Cr. Esala Masi

b] Market Parks and Traffic Committee

- Cr. Vellaidan Naicker
- 2] Cr. John Sawake
- 3] Cr. Pauliasi Caucau
- 4] Cr. Samuela Nakete
- 5] Cr. Nemani Cakausese
- 6] Cr. Khalid Ali
- 7] Cr. Esala Masi

Finance Capital Development and **c**]

General Purposes Committee

- Cr. Rajesh Patel[JP]
- 2] Cr. Praveen Bala[JP]
- Cr. Anita Narayan 3]
- Cr. Ikbal Nabi 4]
- 5] Cr. Khalid Ali
- 6] Cr. Jagindar Dayal [JP]
- Cr. John Sawake 7]

Library / Parks & Beautification Committee **d**]

- Cr. Jagindar Dayal[JP] 1]
- Cr. Samuela Nakete 2]
- 3] Cr. Khalid Ali
- 4] Cr. Gaj Raj Singh
- 51 Cr. Denesh Shankar Sharma
- 61 Cr. John Sawake
 - Cr. Pauliasi Caucau

Staff and Tender Committee e]

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- Cr. Khalid Ali 1] Cr. Praveen Bala[JP] 2]
- 31 Cr. Anita Narayan
- Cr. Jagindar Dayal[JP] 41
- Cr. Nemani Cakausese 51
- 6] Cr. Esala Masi
- Cr. Rajesh Patel[JP] 7]

Chairman

Chairman

Chairman

Chairman

Chairperson

1.4 COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Council held the following number of Council and Committee Meetings-

Ordinary Council Meetings	-		11
Annual Meeting	-		1
Library / Parks & Beautification Committee Meetings	-	1	1,2
Market and Traffic Committee Meetings	-		12
Building Health and Works Committee Meetings	-		12
Finance Capital Development and General Purposes			
Committee Meetings	-		12
Staff and Tender Committee Meetings			23
Special Committee Meetings	-		4
Emergency and Extra Ordinary Council Meetings	-		1

1.5 **LIBRARY REPORT 2007**

Ba Town Council Library was officially opened by His Excellency, the Ambassador of Japan to Fiji, Mr. Hisato Murayama on 15th March, 2002.

The Library has been providing services to people of Ba. Also users from as far as Tavua, Rakiraki and Lautoka are daily users of the Library.

Two (2) Staff are in-charge of the Library – 1 appointed by the Council and the other by the Library Services of Fiji.

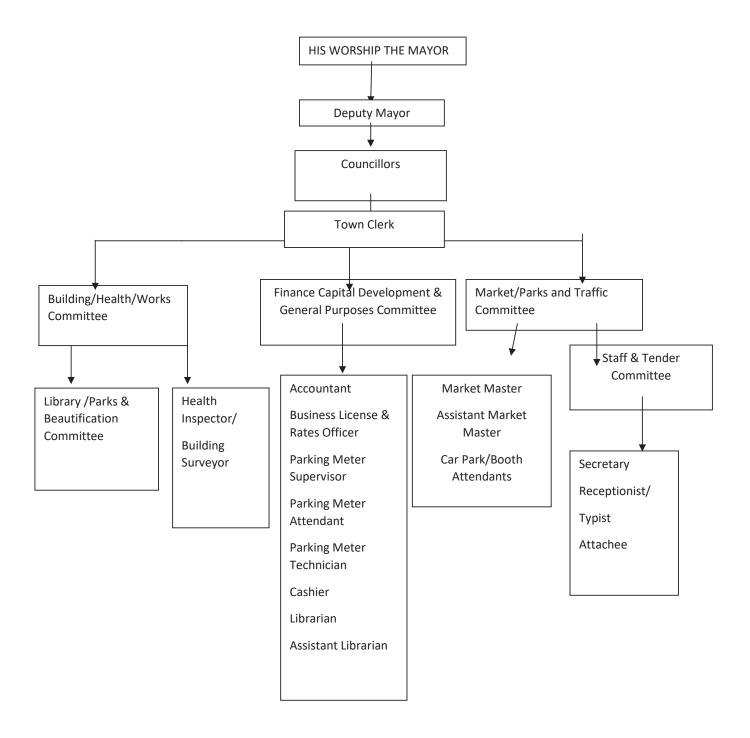
The operating hours are:

•	Monday - Thursday	-	8.00 am – 4.30 pm
•	Friday	-	8.00 am – 4.00 pm
•	Saturday	-	9.00 am - 12.00 pm

The Library Books and other Educational Material were donated by the Council, Embassies and the General Public.

Awareness and activities were organized to mark World Book Day, Library Week, Drug Abuse, Environment Week and Violence Against Women.

2.0 ORGANISATION CHART - 2007



3.0 OFFICIAL VISITORS TO THE COUNCIL - 2007

29/8/2007	-	Mr. Peter Wood Lower Hutt, New Zealand.
29/8/2007	-	Ms. Glenys Wood Lower Hutt, New Zealand
29/8/2007	-	Ms. Ana Vesekula Initiatives of Change, Fiji.
29/8/2007	-	Mr. Chengaiya Naidu Initiatives of Change, Fiji
20/9/2007	-	Mr. J. V. Bainimarama Prime Minister's Officer
20/9/2007	-	Sir James Ahkoy Chairman – FTIB
20/9/2007	-	Mr. Sairusi Nagagavoka Tui, Ba – Sorokoba
5/10/2007	-	Hon. Jone Navakamocea Minister for Local Government
16/10/2007	-	Mr. J. Kumar Minister for Agriculture & Primary Industries
26/10/2007	-	Mr. James Batley Australian High Commissioner to Fiji
12/12/2007	-	Mr. Esala Teleni Commissioner of Police HQ Fiji Police

4.0 URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT OF BA

ANNUAL REPORT OF HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 2007

i. SPECIAL REPORTS

Council carried out clean-up campaign 2times, Mosquito spraying once and dog trapping was carried out once to keep the environment clean.

Meetings were attended in regards to Building and Health Department organized by any other Government Departments or other NGO's or Stakeholders. Also, various trainings and workshops were attended for polishing, Upgrading and enhancement of Building and Health knowledge.

Upkeeping of town clean and maintaining the environment was main focus for the Clean Town Competition. Ba Riverside Carnival was organized from 24st June till 28th June.

ii. Summary of Inspections:

TYPE OF PREMISES	INSPECTION	REINSPECT	TOTAL
Public Health Complaints and Nuisance	1111	301	1412

iii. Written Notices, Etc. Issued:

intimation notice-	6
Overgrowth notice	8

iv. Summary of Sanitary Improvements

ITEMS	ORDERED	COMPLETED
Sanitation works	507	300

The routine inspections of public places are carried out once per week which includes public convenience, bus stand, market and parks. Routine food premises are monitored and inspected 4times per year and when any need arises especially when complaint are received and enforcements are carried out. Food premises include restaurants, refreshment bars, butcher shops, liquor shops, supermarkets, retail shops, bakery etc.

Also, other premises such as schools, Garages, and other business premises are monitored for renewal of Business License and to investigate grievances. Public Drains, Footpath and vacant lots are regularly inspected.

Sanitation works are ordered to be carried out such as drain cleaning, removal of refuse, grass cutting of overgrown vacant lots, cleaning of food premises, abatement of dogs, other animal and mosquito nuisance after the inspections and monitoring works and follow ups are done until the work is completed.

5. i. Building Applications Received FOR YEAR 2007

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Application in respect of Developments:-	<u>No.</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Value</u>		
New Buildings	11	11	\$1,979,500.00		
Alterations and Repairs (Extension)	20	19	\$1,022,600.00		
Miscellaneous Works (Fencing)	18	18	\$485,000.00		
Outline Application	0	0	\$ -		
TOTAL	49	48	\$ 3,487,100.00		

Completion Certificates Issued in Respect of:-	No.	<u>Value</u>
New Commercial Buildings	1	\$680,000.00
New Dwellings	5	\$228,000.00
Alterations and Repairs/ Extension	2	\$141,000.00
Miscellaneous Works	0	\$ -
TOTAL	8	\$ 1,049,000.00

There were total of 49 building applications received for the year 2007 out of which 11 applications were for construction of new building, 20 applications were for Alteration, Repair or Extension to existing buildings, and 18 applications were for Miscellaneous works which includes Fencing, Retaining Walls etc. with the total

Value of \$3,487,100.00. However, 1 application was refused.

In year 2007 there were 8 under construction buildings that were completed which consists of 1 commercial building, 5 new dwelling house and 2 alteration, repair and extension to existing building with the total value of \$1,049,000.00.

ii. REZONING & SUBDIVISION

There were 3 Rezoning applications received for the year 2007 whereby only 1 application was approved and 2 applications were refused.

There was 3 application for subdivision in year 2007 and all 3 were approved.

6.0 **ENVIRONMENT REPORT**

<u>Anti-Litter Works</u>: The three Parking Meter Attendants were also involved in Anti-Litter works. Offenders when sighted were warned and made to comply with litter laws via verbal warning and also being served with litter notices.

7.0 Works Supervisors Annual Report for Year 2007

General duties carried out on daily basis such as market cleaning, street sweeping, public convenience cleaning and drain cleaning.

Through Market cleaning and washing carried out once every week on Sundays. Maintenance of all council properties were carried out when required.

Road patching works were carried out when required. Streetlights maintenance were carried out throughout the year. Contract works were supervised and monitored such as garbage collection and grass cutting.

Property Management

- Board of survey was carried out by the team. Maintenance of properties were carried out after the inspections carried out by Works Supervisor and Building Inspector.

8.0(A). ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AUDIT

i. FINANCE

AUDITORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Auditor-General of Fiji was the Council's Auditor.

The Rates Levy for 2007 and Rates Income were estimated as follows:-

Rate	Levy Struck in the S	Total UCV	VAT Inclusive Rate Income
General	0.0083	36,870,780	306,027
Special	0.0031	38,492.380	119,326
Agriculture	10% of General & Special	749,000	853

During the year the Council collected 46% of all rates due.

ii. Arrears of Revenue

As at 31 December, 2007, Council's arrears of rates was \$1,119,495.00.

The details of arrears were as follows:-

- \$1,113,433.00

Loans

The Council met all its loan repayments for the year 2007. The outstanding loans to lending institutions by end of 2007 were as follows:-

			S	3,734,175	
c]	Ba Market Complex A/c – FNPF	-	S	3,114,705	
b]	Westpac Banking Corporation	-	\$	511,007	
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al	General Fund Account – Fiji National Provident Fund	-	5	108,463	

Ba Market Shopping Complex project was undertaken in 2004 wherein a loan of \$3.5 million was approved by FNPF.

iii. Fund Balances

A summary of the results [unaudited] of each fund operations for 2007 were as follows:-

Fund	Revenue	Expenditure	Surplus/Deficit
General Revenue A/c	\$1,499,665	\$2,013,564	\$(513,899)
Loan Repayment A/c	\$ 125,249	\$ 59,495	\$ 65,754
Parking Meter A/c	\$ 34,776	\$ 36,613	\$(1,837)

iv. Capital Projects

The Council carried out Capital Works during the year amounting to \$78,501:01 as follows:-

5]	Tabua Park Fencing Construction of Kerbs & Channels	-	\$ 920.00 \$ 8,206.00
4]	Yalalevu Drainage	-	\$ 6,147.51
3]	Nabeka Street	-	\$ 247.50
2]	Ba Industry - Drainage		\$ 2,907.50
1]	Orisi Street Resealing		\$60,072.50

v. Council Insurance

A Comprehensive Insurance Cover was held with Sun Insurance on all Council's properties and assets with effect from 4.00pm 31/12/06, which was renewed on 31/12/07.

Insurance for project under construction - Ba Market Complex was covered by the Building Contractor.

The Policies covered the consequential losses, fire, burglaries, plate glass, personal accidents and professional indemnity.

vi. Public Parks

The Council maintained all its parks, gardens and recreational reserves to the highest level, giving the people of Ba opportunity to make best use of it.

vii. Govind Park

The Govind Park ground together with part of the Air Strip was leased out to Fiji Football

Association for a term of ten (10) years effective from 1st of October, 2001.

(B). MARKET REPORT 2007

The Market consisted of three full-time Staff, Market Master and two Market Attendants. The Market was under the immediate management and control of Market Master who is appointed by and is responsible to the Council.

Ba Municipal Market is located towards the South of the Town, close to the new Complex area beside the Bus Station.

The Market is divided into two sections:-

- Main Market
- (ii) Open Market.

Main Market consist of following Stalls:-

- (i) Permanent Stalls
 Temporary Stalls
 Lock-Up Stalls
 Lock-Up Canteens
 Fish Stalls
 Seafood Stalls.
- (ii) Open Market has temporary Stalls with Sale of Produce, Live Chicken and Live Stock (Goat).

Total Number of Stalls in Main Market: 408 Table Stalls 56 Temporary Floor Stalls 40 Seafood Stalls 6 Lock-Up Stalls 2 Lock-Up Canteens.

Total Number of Stalls in Open Market: The Open Market had a total of 366 temporary Stalls. Outside Market also had 9 Sweet Carts and 1 Fancy Goods Cart.

Market Charges:

Sale of vegetable per stall per day \$1-10 Sale of groceries per stall per day \$1-65 Sale of crabs and other shell fish per bundle \$1-10 Sale of mussels and kai per stall per day \$1-10 \$220-00 Lock Up Stall per month Lock Up Canteen per month \$480-00 \$0-33 per kg Fish \$0-55 per head per day Sale of Live Chicken \$2-20 per head Sale of Live Stock (goat) per day Sale of Tobacco per stall per day \$1-65 Sale of handicraft per stall per day \$1-65 Vegetable wholesale per day \$1-10 Groceries wholesale per 3 ton truck \$2.25 per day General wholesale per big trucks \$3.38 per day Sweet Cart per week \$9.00 Fancy Cart per week \$10.69

Market Revenue:

(i)	Market Inside & Outside		\$156,474.00
(ii)	Kai / Others	170	\$ 3,995.00
(iii)	Fish	(7.0	\$ 3,900.00
(iii)	Carts	0.70	\$ 4,240.00
(iv)	Lock Up Stall	-	\$ 24,908.00
(v)	Taxi Base	_	\$ 29,642.00
(vi)	Taxi Base B/Licence	120	\$ 2,820.00
(vii)	Commercial	2	\$ 35,933.00
(viii)	Commercial B/Licence	-	\$ 5,070.00
(ix)	Car Park Revenue	-	\$ 61,331.00
			\$328,313.00

Conclusion:

2007 was a successful year for Ba Town Council as good revenue was collected from the Market and Car Park areas.

(C.) PARKING METER 2007

- The Department of Parking Meter consisted of three (3) Authorised Enforcement Officers.
- 2. The Council had 152 metered spaces in Town which were as follows:-

(a)	Ganga Singh Street	-	35
(b)	Bank Street	-	20
(c)	Main Street	-	97
			152

 Regulations: The Parking Meter Department's prime function was to enforce Sections 85(1)(a) and 87 of Land Transport (Traffic) Regulations 2000 and act on related circumstances of Parking Meter Bookings.

Also the delegation of Enforcement Authority to Council Officers enabled us to enforce parts of LTA Acts and Regulations for the purpose of controlling and regulating traffic flow in Ba Town, which included:-

- (a) Parking Meter Offence
- (b) Regulations 20 and 87 of LTA Act Illegal Parking and Stopping
- (c) Illegal Operation of Taxi, Carrier, Bus and Mini Bus Stands.
- (d) Carried out operations against illegal operators i.e. Mini Vans and Private Cars plying for hire.
- Meter Maintenance: Parking Meters on the streets were repaired and maintained on daily basis by the Parking Meter Technician. These works included:-
 - (i) Clearing Blocked Meters
 - (ii) Replacing Damaged Parts
 - (iii) Adjusting Improper Readings
 - Servicing Parking Meter Mechanism and Stripes and Reassembling Multiple Parts
 - (v) Winding of all Parking Meters twice a week.

5. Toll Collection:

Parking Meter toll collections were carried out twice a week that is on Tuesdays and Fridays by the Technician and any one Officer from the Department.

Free Parking: There were many areas of free parking within Town. Some of the vehicles
were parked in these areas the whole day. To solve this problem the Council had put
up 'No Parking Signs' around Town to boost the Department's revenue.

(D.) <u>Council's Comments on Auditor General's Opinion</u>

Vet did not reconcile because council was not able to collect all the arrears of rates.

9.0 APPRECIATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Council wishes to show its appreciation and gratitude to the Business Houses, Ratepayers and other Stakeholders for paying their Business License Fee, Rates and other dues to meet the running cost of the town's administration.

The Council also wishes to acknowledge the dedicated services rendered by its Management, Staff and Workers

Ba Town Council also wishes to record with appreciation the assistance and support given by the Minister for Local Government, Housing, Squatter Settlement and Environment, the Permanent Secretary, the Director, Local Government and Staff, including the Director, Town and Country Planning for their assistance and guidance which greatly facilitated the effective administration of the Council.

We would also like to thank various Government Departments, Donor Agencies, Non-Government Organizations, Private Institutions and the Public for their support during the year.

DIP NARAYAN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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BA TOWN COUNCIL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007 INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

Scope

I have audited the financial statements of Ba Town Council for the year ended 31 December 2007 in accordance with section 13 of the Audit Act (Cap 70) and the provisions of the Local Government Act. The Council is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and the information contained therein.

I have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with the Fiji Standards on Auditing to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. The audit procedures included examination on a test basis, of evidence supporting amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements and the evaluation of the accounting policies. These procedures were undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly and in accordance with the Fiji Accounting Standards and statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Council's financial position and results of its operations and cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly in accordance with the Fiji Accounting Standards, the financial position of the Council as at 31 December 2007 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended.

Without qualifying my opinion, I draw attention to the unreconciled variance of \$19,909 in the VAT account where the VAT Payable in the General Ledger is less than the balance reflected in the VAT Statement provided by the Fiji Inland Revenue & Customs Authority.

Tevita Bolanavanua

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ACTING AUDITOR GENERAL



Suva, Fiji 08 March 2010

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08 March 2010

The Special Administrator
Ba Town Council
P.O. Box 184
BA

Dear Sir

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

Audited financial statements of the Ba Town Council for the year ended 31 December 2007 together with my audit report on them are enclosed.

Particulars of the errors and omissions arising from the audit have been forwarded to the management of the Council for its actions.

Tevita Bolanavanua
ACTING AUDITOR GENERAL

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BA TOWN COUNCIL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

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BA TOWN COUNCIL GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2007

COUNCIL'S STATEMENT

In our opinion the Financial Statements have been properly drawn up so as to show a true and fair view of the Ba Town Council's operations for the year ended 31 December 2007 and of the state of affairs as at that date.

Zulsi Ram

Town Clerk/CEO

PH: 687 4577 P.O. BOX 164

Arun Prasad Special Administrator

BA TOWN COUNCIL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - GENERAL FUND AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2007

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	2	586,549	553,609
Term deposit	3	-	100,000
Receivables	4	895,596	1,085,741
Advance	5	200,049	200,049
Total current assets	-	1,682,194	1,939,399
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	6	19,086,051	19,502,688
Total non-current assets		19,086,051	19,502,688
TOTAL ASSETS		20,768,245	21,442,087
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and borrowings	7	131,909	119,512
Term loans	8	258,610	235,045
Provisions	9	11,111	11,674
Total current liabilities		401,630	366,231
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Term loans	8	3,475,565	3,736,661
Total non-current liabilities		3,475,565	3,736,661
TOTAL LIABILITIES		3,877,195	4,102,892
NET ASSETS		16,891,050	17,339,195
MUNICIPAL FUNDS			
Accumulated general fund (Page 6)		5,937,937	6,451,836
Loan rate fund (Page 7)		(63,505)	(129,259)
Reserves	10	11,016,618	11,016,618
TOTAL MUNICIPAL FUNDS		16,891,050	17,339,195

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this balance sheet.

BA TOWN COUNCIL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - PARKING METER FUND AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2007

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
CURRENT ASSETS Cash	2	17,203	15,155
Receivables	4	2	-
Total current assets		17,205	15,155
NON-CURRENT ASSETS Property, plant and equipment	6	25,498	29,981
Total non-current assets	-	25,498	29,981
TOTAL ASSETS	-	42,703	45,136
CURRENT LIABILITIES Creditors and borrowings Provisions	7 9	200,049	200,049 596
Total current liabilities	- -	200,049	200,645
TOTAL LIABILITIES	- -	200,049	200,645
NET ASSETS	-	(157,346)	(155,509)
CAPITAL EMPLOYED: Accumulated Funds (Page 8) Asset revaluation reserve	10	(187,327) 29,981	(185,490) 29,981
	-	(157,346)	(155,509)

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Tulsi Ram

Town Clerk/CEO



Arun Prasad

Special Administrator

BA TOWN COUNCIL STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

	2007	2006
INCOME	\$	\$
IVCOME		
Building and subdivision fees	13,109	15,85
Bus station fees	28,364	30,033
Business, trading and other licenses fees	94,919	93,98
Deposit	-	578
Government grant	46,250	7,500
Garbage dump rates	4,519	2,705
General rate	286,274	256,508
Auditorium hire fees	5,867	4,653
Interest - overdue rates	8,249	113,829
Interest - term deposit	11,000	
LICI Commission	-	2,705
Market fees	193,031	190,375
Municipal car park fees	129,540	137,295
Lease Premium	44,444	9,896
Rent from council properties	596,689	636,172
Sports grounds fees	15,102	15,020
Sundries	22,308	23,831
Total income	1,499,665	1,540,938
		1,010,750
EXPENDITURE		
Administration expenses	169,434	162,700
Ba market complex	30,189	
Bank fees and charges	2,634	2,621
Bus station, civic building, depot & staff quarters	22,419	17,488
Capital development expenses	49,596	217,820
Council expenses	25,229	46,575
Depreciation and amortisation	425,086	
Doubtful debts	223,899	-
Health and building	139,371	84,320
Interest on loan	218,470	206,787
Legal Fees	4,559	24,607
Library services	8,164	5,666
Loss on Sale Fixed asset	8,239	-
Market	93,518	105,125
Miscellaneous	3,674	9,297
Mayoral expense	5,350	400
Municipal car park	33,440	41,016
Municipal hall	· •	15,688
Property expense	42,193	48,602
Parks and gardens	63,296	52,682
Public works	394,299	226,343
Sick, accident and holiday pay	15,160	18,012

BA TOWN COUNCIL STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE - GENERAL FUND (CONT'D) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

	Notes	2007 \$	2006
Streetlights Town decoration		34,941 404	38,353 3,955
Total expenditure	-	2,013,564	1,328,057
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year Prior year adjustment Net (deficit) / surplus for the year	11 _	(513,899)	212,881 5,784,701 5,997,582
Accumulated funds at the beginning of the year		6,451,836	454,254
Accumulated funds at the end of the financial year	-	5,937,937	6,451,836

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this statement of income.

BA TOWN COUNCIL STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE - LOAN RATE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
INCOME			
Loan rate		125,249	113,629
Total income		125,249	113,629
EXPENDITURE			
Interest		59,495	67,543
Total expenditure	-	59,495	67,543
Surplus for the year		65,754	46,086
Prior year adjustment	11	-	245,837
Net surplus for the year	-	65,754	291,923
Accumulated funds at the beginning of the year		(129,259)	(421,182)
Accumulated fund at the end of the financial year	-	(63,505)	(129,259)

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this statement of income and expenditure.

BA TOWN COUNCIL STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE - PARKING METER FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

Notes	2007	2006
INCOME	\$	\$
Traffic offence	849	263
Infringement fines	8,853	8,933
Meter tolls	24,262	28,077
Warrant fees	812	365
Waltant Iccs	0.2	200
Total income	34,776	37,638
EXPENDITURE		*
Bank Fees	42	
Depreciation	4,484	-
Legal and search fees	3,238	-
Meter maintenance	1,463	1,564
Miscellaneous	692	311
Postage	213	634
Printing & stationery	1,551	2,285
Salaries, wages and related payments	22,317	18,360
Telephone	-	112
Towing fees	-	84
Uniforms and boots	261	-
Verification and license	2,352	2,501
Total expenditure	36,613	25,851
Net (deficit) / surplus for the year	(1,837)	11,787
Prior year adjustment 11	-	(2,221)
Accumulated funds at the beginning of the year	(185,490)	(195,056)
Accumulated fund at the end of the financial year	(187,327)	(185,490)

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this statement of income and expenditure.

BA TOWN COUNCIL STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

Cash flows from operating activities	Notes	2007 \$ Inflows/ (Outflows)	2006 \$ Inflows/ (Outflows)
Receipts from customers		1,499,665	1,472,552
Payments to trade creditors, other creditors and employees		(1,375,626)	(1,214,584)
Interest paid	_	(2,634)	(67,543)
Net cash provided by Operating Activities	16 (a) (i) _	121,405	190,425
Cash flows from investing activities			
Acquisition of property, plant & equipment	_	(16,688)	(28,415)
Net cash used in Investing Activities	_	(16,688)	(28,415)
Cash flows from financing activities			
New borrowing		125,249	1.12
Repayment of borrowings		(297,026)	(44,320)
Receipt from Parking Meter	-	-	20,000
Net cash provided by Financing Activities		(171,777)	(24,320)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(67,060)	137,690
Cash and cash equivalent at the beginning of the year	_	653,609	515,919
Cash and cash equivalent at the end of the year	16 (a) (ii)	586,549	653,609

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this statement of cash flow.

BA TOWN COUNCIL STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - PARKING METER FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

Cash flows from operating activities	Notes	2007 \$ Inflows/ (Outflows)	2006 \$ Inflows/ (Outflows)
Receipts from customers (meter tolls and other revenues) Payments to suppliers and employees Net cash provided by Operating Activities Cash flows from investing activities	16 (b) (i)	34,777 (32,729) 2,048	37,638 (27,883) 9,755
Payment of advance to general fund Net cash used in Investing Activities	_	<u> </u>	(20,000)
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalent at the beginning of the year		2,048 15,155	(10,245) 25,400
Cash and cash equivalent at the end of the year	16 (b) (ii)	17,203	15,155

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this statement of cash flow.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Set out hereunder are the significant accounting policies adopted by the Council in the preparation of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2007 unless otherwise stated similar policies were followed in the previous year. All amounts are stated in Fijian currency.

(a) Basis of Accounting

The accrual basis of accounting is adopted for all financial transactions with the exception of parking meter infringement fines. The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical cost and do not take into account changing money values.

(b) Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, Plant and Equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation as at the balance date. When assets are retired or otherwise disposed, the related cost is removed from the accounts and any profit or loss arising there from is included in the statement of income and expenditure.

(c) Depreciation

The Councils' fixed assets are depreciated over their estimated useful lives using the diminishing value method at the following rates:-

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Leasehold land	over life of lease
Buildings	1% to 5%
Furniture and fittings	10% to 20%
Plant and equipment	10% to 20%
Motor vehicles	15% to 20%
Road, footpath and drains	10%

(d) Receivables

Receivables are stated at expected realisable value as certified by the Council. A provision is raised for any doubtful debts based on a review by Council of all outstanding amounts at year end. Bad debts are written off during the year in which they are identified.

(e) Expenditure relating to Roads, Footpaths and Drains

The valuation of the above items was carried out by Fairview Valuations of Suva, Fiji in 2006.

(f) Revenue

Revenue is recognised in the Statement of Income and Expenditure when charged to the ratepayers by the Council. The major sources of revenue are collections in the form of General rates, Loan rates and rental income from the Council's properties.

(g) Fund Accounting

The Council has adopted a fund accounting system as a considerable part of annual revenues comprises rates for different purposes and special purpose funds as required by the Local Government Act. Accordingly it is necessary to establish separate fund to recover the amounts received, expenditure incurred and the net balance of funds available to be carried forward into the next financial period.

The identification of funds is maintained throughout the accounting system, thus providing the control necessary to ensure that each fund is used only for the purpose for which it is received.

Details of Special Purpose Funds maintained by the council are:-

Parking Meter Fund

The Council, in compliance with the Land Transport Act, has to maintain a separate account for the operation of Parking Meters in designated areas of roads within the town. At year end, there was approximately 5150 tickets outstanding for 2007 which was not taken into the accounts.

(h) Income Tax

The Council is exempt from income tax in accordance with the provisions of Section 17 of the Fiji Income Tax Act.

(i) Comparative Information

Where necessary, comparative information has been reclassified to achieve consistency in disclosure with current financial year amounts and other disclosure.

(j) Leave Entitlement

The Council provides for long service leave entitlements for all salaried staff who have served the Council continuously for 15 years or more at the rate of 10 days per year of service. For labourers, 5 days after completion of 15 years of service plus another 10 days after 20 years of service.

		2006
	\$	\$
NOTE 2. CASH AT BANK AND ON HAND		
General Fund		
Cash on hand	200	200
Cash at bank:		
General Account	4,767	-
Civic Building Account	11,280	6,916
Ba Market Complex Account	86,057	241,214
Reserve Account	145,064	22,064
Capital Works Account	339,181	283,215
	586,549	553,609
Parking Meter Fund		
Cash at bank	17,203	15,155
	17,203	15,155
NOTE 3. TERM DEPOSITS		
General Fund		
Term deposit	-	100,000
		100,000
Upon maturity, the term deposit was recalled by the Council.		
NOTE 4. RECEIVABLES		
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General Fund		
Rate debtors	1 110 405	1 005 104
Provision for Doubtful Debts	1,119,495	1,085,194
Other sundry debtors	(223,899)	-
Other studies debiors	895,596	547
Parking Meter Fund	893,390	1,085,741
Other sundry debtors	2	
Other suitary debitors	2	
NOTE 5. ADVANCE		
Advance to parking meter	200,049	200,049

		2007	2006
		\$	S
NOTE 6.	PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
	General fund		
	Leasehold land - at valuation	4,015,982	4,056,950
	Building - at valuation	12,763,859	12,886,923
	Plant and equipment - at valuation	145,985	161,473
	Roads and drainage - at valuation	2,038,455	2,264,950
	Motor vehicles - at valuation	121,770	132,392
	Property, plant and equipment	- 1	
	Total property, plant and equipment, net - General Fund	19,086,051	19,502,688
	Parking Meter account		
	Office equipment and fixtures - at valuation	985	1,141
	Plant, machinery and tools - at valuation	24,513	28,840
	Total property, plant and equipment, net - Parking meter	25,498	29,981

Property, plant and equipment were revalued as at 31 December 2006 by Fairview Valuations, Suva.

(a) Movements in Carrying Amounts - General Fund

Movements in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

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General Fund		
Leasehold land - valuation		
Carrying amount at beginning	4,056,950	4,056,950
Amortisation	(40,968)	-
	4,015,982	4,056,950
Building - valuation		.,,,,,,,,,
Carrying amount at beginning	12,886,923	12,886,923
Depreciation	(123,064)	-,000,725
	12,763,859	12,886,923
Plant and equipment - at valuation		
Carrying amount at beginning	161,473	161,473
Depreciation	(15,488)	-
	145,985	161,473
Roads and drainage - at valuation	20 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	
Carrying amount at beginning	2,264,950	2,264,950
Depreciation	(226,495)	_,0 .,,,,,
	2,038,455	2,264,950
Motor Vehicles - at valuation		
Carrying amount at beginning	132,392	132,392
Addition	41,688	
Disposal	(37,452)	-
Disposal-accumulated depreciation	4,213	
Depreciation	(19,071)	
	121,770	132,392
	-	
Total balance as at 31 December 2007	19,086,051	19,502,688
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		2007	2006
(a)	Movements in Carrying Amounts - Parking Meter Fund	\$	S
(a)	Movements in Carrying Amounts - Farking Meter Fund		
	Office equipment and fixtures - at valuation		
	Carrying amount at beginning	1,141	1,14
	Depreciation	(156)	-
		985	1,14
	Plant, machinery and tools - at valuation		
	Carrying amount at beginning	28,840	28,84
	Depreciation	(4,327)	۳.
		24,513	28,84
	500 mm - 1		
	Total balance as at 31 December 2007	25,498	29,98
NOTE 7.	CDEDITORS AND DODDOWINGS	3 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30	
NOTE /.	CREDITORS AND BORROWINGS General Fund		
	Bank overdraft		14,020
	Sundry creditors and accruals	55,246	43,95
	Other creditors	33,240	6,33
	Sundry Deposits	3,978	2,70
	VAT payable	72,685	52,49
		131,909	119,512
	Application in the second seco		
	Parking Meter Fund		
	Advance from general fund	200,049	200,049
NOTE 8.	TERM LOANS		
	General Fund		
	Westpac Banking Corporation	511,007	540,923
	Fiji National Provident fund (1)	108,463	139,002
	Fiji National Provident fund (2)	3,114,705	3,291,78
		3,734,175	3,971,700
	Towns and the second se		
	Loan principal commitment at balance date:		
	Payable within one year	258,610	235,045
	Payable later than one year, not later than two years	278,345	253,130
	Payable later than two years, not later than five years	880,510	841,022
	Payable later than five years	2,316,710	2,642,503
		3,734,175	3,971,706
	Represented in the balance sheet as:		
	Current	258,610	235,04
	Non-current	3,475,565	3,736,661
		3,734,175	3,971,706

Loans raised by the Council bear interest charges ranging from 6.80% to 10.49% per annum. All loans are secured by Pari Passu Debenture Deeds covering the present and future assets of the Council.

		2007 \$	2006 \$
NOTE 9.	PROVISIONS		
	General Fund		
	Annual leave	11,111	11,674
	Parking Meter Fund		
	Annual leave	-	596
NOTE 10.	RESERVES		1
	Current account		
	Asset revaluation reserve	11,016,618	11,016,618
	Asset Revaluation Reserve comprise of :		
	Revaluation increment on assets	11,016,618	11,016,618
	Parking meter account		
	Asset revaluation reserve	29,981	29,981
	Asset Revaluation Reserve comprise of :		
	Revaluation increment on assets	29,981	29,981
NOTE 11.	PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT		
	This represents the capital expenditure previously being expensed and follows:	other accrued income. It	s represented as
	Assets expensed in prior years	-	5,129,862
	Rates - general		337,129
	Interest Miscellaneous	-	375,349
	Creditors and accruals		10,907
		•	(24,355)
	Prior year expenses		(44,191)
		-	5,784,701
	Rates - special		245,837
	Parking Meter		(2,221)
		_	6,028,317
			0,020,317

NOTE 12. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

Capital commitment at balance date is nil (2006 - nil).

NOTE 13. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

An amount of \$69,818 is held at Westpac Bank as a guarantee in respect of FEA for Civic building and Ba Market Complex Building.

NOTE 14. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The Ba Town Council was established under the Local Government Act to provide for the health, welfare and convenience of the inhabitants of the Ba Town Municipality and to preserve the amenities or credit thereof.

NOTE 15. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Since the end of the financial year, the Council is not aware of any matter or circumstance not otherwise dealt with in the report or financial statements that has significantly or may significantly affect the operations of the Council, the results of those operations or state of affairs of the Council in subsequent years.

NOTE 16.	NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS	2007	2006
(a)		S	S
(i)	Reconciliation of Net Cash provided by Operating Activities to Net Surplus		
	Net surplus/(deficit) for the year - General fund	(448,145)	5,997,582
	Depreciation and amortisation	425,086	-
	Loss / Gain on Fixed Asset	8,239	
	Loan rate fund	(65,754)	291,923
	Prior Year Adjustment	-	(6,099,274)
	Net cash provided by operating activities before changes in assets and liabilities	(90.574)	100.001
	Change in assets and liabilities:	(80,574)	190,231
	Increase in other assets	190,145	(114,472)
	(Decrease)/Increase in provisions	170,110	11.674
	(Decrease)/Increase in creditors and borrowings	11,834	102,992
	Net cash inflows from operating activities	121,405	190,425

		2007	2006
		S	\$
OTE 16.	NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (Continued)		
(ii)	Cash and Cash Equivalents (Continued)		
	Cash on hand and at bank	586,549	553,609
	Bank Overdraft	-	(14,019)
	Term Deposit		100,000
		586,549	639,590°
p)	Parking Meter Fund	100	
(i)	Reconciliation of Net Cash provided by Operating Activities to Net Surplus		
	Net (deficit)/surplus for the year	(1,837)	9,566
	Depreciation	4,484	
	Net cash provided by operating activities before changes in assets and liabilities	2,647	9,566
	Change in assets and liabilities:		
	(Decrease)/increase in sundry creditors	-	(407)
	Increase/(decrease) in provisions	(599)	596
	Net cash inflows from operating activities	2,048	9,755
(ii)	Cash and Cash Equivalents		
	For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash comprises of cash on hand and Cash as at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is re-		
	sheet as follows:	continue to the foldied he	and in the outline
	Cash at bank	17,203	15,155