

BA TOWN COUNCIL

Annual Report for the Year 2009





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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 2009

I am pleased to present the Annual Report for Ba Town Council for the financial year ending 31st December, 2009.

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 centre with a population of about 18,000 with a total area of 652 hectares.

Upon the expiry of the Term of Councillors on 31st January, 2009, Ministry of Local Government, Urban Development, Housing and Environment had appointed **Mr. Chandresh Arun Prasad** as the Special Administrator for Ba and Tavua Town Councils.

The Special Administrator as the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Head of Departments represented the Council in the Committee and Full Board Meetings as Committee Members.

The Council met all its loan repayments for the year 2009 and the outstanding loan was \$3,281,059.00.

Council did the construction of new Grog Market.

Hurricane Mick hit our Town on 14th December, 2009 causing major damages to vegetation around all Wards and flooding in the lower parts of the Town. Council did the clean up of trees and debris with assistance of National Fire Authority.

The 2009 was a successful year for Council as good revenue was collected from the Market and Car Park areas.

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

Yours sincerely

Dip Narayan
Chief Executive Officer

1.1 THE COUNCIL

Upon the expiry of Term of Councilors on 31st January, 2009, the Ministry of Local Government, Urban Development, Housing and Environment had appointed Mr. **Chandresh Arun Prasad** as the Special Administrator for Ba and Tavua Town Council with the following Terms of Reference:

- bring about 50% improvements in collection of arrears on rates by 31st December, 2009;
- put in place strategies, measures and mechanisms to ensure that the Council is able to address grievances of the ratepayers in a prompt, efficient and responsive manner;
- bring about economies of scale of efficiencies in the awarding of contracts, including the option of clustering procurement of goods and services on a co-operative basis with other Councils;
- ensure that enhanced level of services and facilities are provided to ratepayers, including clean
 and well maintained public amenities, regular rubbish collection, proper schedule for grass
 cutting, road maintenance and drainage, well maintained public parks and grounds; and, proper
 health, safety and security practices;
- work closely with District Commissioners and relevant Government Officials in discharging of duties and functions;
- proactively promote opportunities for investment, business and tourism in collaboration with relevant authorities in Government;
- ensure there is accountability, transparency and good governance maintained at all times in matters pertaining to administration, operation and work programme implementation of the Council;
- continuously bring about improvements in customer services, outreach program to ratepayers and public profile of the Council; and
- Undertake all other duties and functions as contained in relevant Legislations and Regulations and also as directed by the Minister from time to time.

The Council provided services to the five wards namely:-

- VARADOLI WARD
- VAROKA WARD
- RARAWAI WARD
- YALALEVU WARD
- NAMOSAU WARD

1.2. APPOINMENT OF COMMITTEES

a] <u>Building/ Health / Works / Parks</u> Gardens/Street Lights & General Purposes Committee:

Mr. Arun C. Prasad - Special Administrator/Chairman

Mr. Tulsi Ram - Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Bala Achari - Accountant

Mr. Dip Narayan - Health Inspector/Building Surveyor

Mr. Mohammed Haroon - Works Supervisor Mr. Mohammed Shafiq - Market Master

b] Finance /Capital Development/Planning/Market/

Library & Parking Meter Committee:

Mr. Arun C. Prasad - Special Administrator/Chairman

Mr. Tulsi Ram - Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Bala Achari - Accountant

Mr. Dip Narayan - Health Inspector/Building Surveyor

Mr. Mohammed Haroon - Works Supervisor
Mr. Mohammed Shafiq - Market Master

c] <u>Staff and Tender Committee</u>

Mr. Arun C. Prasad - Special Administrator/Chairman

Mr. Tulsi Ram - Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Bala Achari - Accountant

Mr. Dip Narayan - Health Inspector/Building Surveyor

Mr. Mohammed Haroon - Works Supervisor
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1.3. COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Ordinary Council Meetings - 12
Annual Meeting - Nil
Building/Health/Works/Parks/Gardens
Street Lights & General Purposes Committee Meetings - 11
Finance /Capital Development/Planning/Market/

Library & Parking Meter Committee Meetings - 11 Staff and Tender Committee Meetings - 9

1.4 **LIBRARY REPORT 2009**

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.

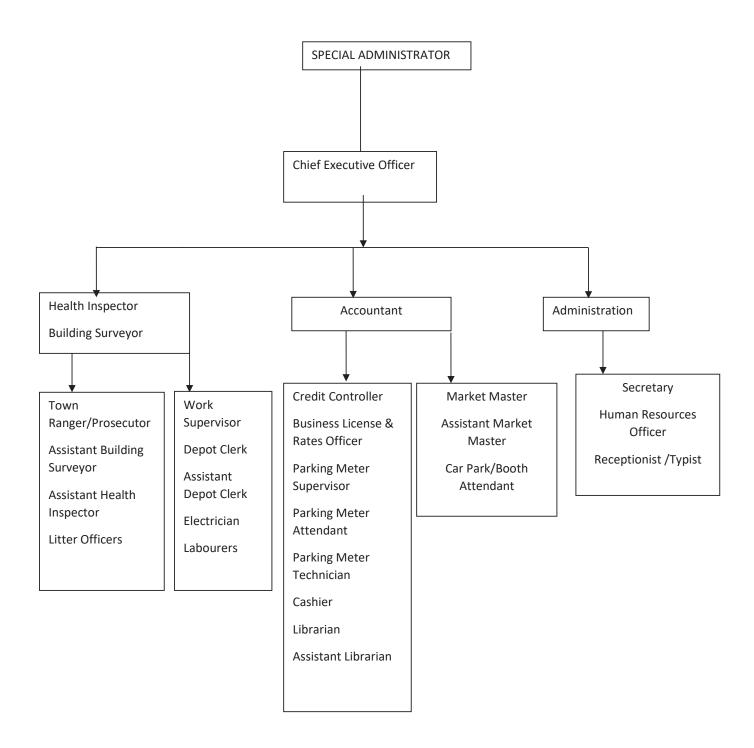
The operating hours are:

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, and Environment Week.

2.0 ORGANISATION CHART – 2009



3.0 OFFICIAL VISITORS TO THE COUNCIL - 2009

11/9/2009 - Hon. Samuela Saumatua Minister for Local Government

11/9/2009 - Mr. Mosese Cama

Director of Local Government

11/9/2009 - Mr. Epeli Nasome

Director of Environment

15/9/2009 - Hon. Netani Sukanaivalu

Minister for Lands & Mineral Resources

Ms. Maria Matavewa

Permanent Secretary – MLMR Mr. Aporosa Cama – PSO – MLMR

15/9/2009 - Mr. Dan Wacokecoke

Divisional Surveyor Western

16/9/2009 - Mr. Bruce Davidson

Volunteer Consultant

Ministry of Local Government

17/9/2009 - Mr. Amit Ram

Mr. Ravneel N

Ms. Alpana Maharaj

Ministry of Local Government

4.0 URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT OF BA

ANNUAL REPORT OF HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 2009

Council carried out 3 clean up campaigns, Mosquito spraying 3 times and dog trapping was carried out once whereby 14 dogs were trapped. Food premises inspections were carried out and food items were also condemned from New World and M.H. Supermarkets whereby almost 4.8tonnes of food items were disposed.

12 Meetings were attended in regards to Building and Health Department organized by any other Government departments or other NGO's or Stakeholders. Building inspections were carried out throughout the year for buildings under constructions.

10 Illegal health cases were taken to court for prosecution. Also, carried out inspections for building and health works at Tavua Town Council.

4.1. Summary of Inspections:

TYPE OF PREMISES	INSPECTION	REINSPECT	TOTAL
Public Health Complaints and Nuisance	910	375	1285

4.2. Written Notices, Etc. Issued:

intimation notice-	31
Overgrowth notice	48

4.3. Summary of Sanitary Improvements

ITEMS	ORDERED	COMPLETED
Sanitation works	477	343

Total of 278 house to house inspections were carried out for investigation of complaints and public health nuisance such as mosquito larval survey, waste water and Garbage Bin monitoring, etc. There were 93 Complaints received and Investigated for year 2009.

Food Premises such as 61 Restaurants, 38 Refreshment Bars, 11 Butcher, 51 Supermarket, 6 sweet cart and 24 Bakeries were inspected and notices were served for improvements. Other premises were inspected such as Public Drains, Market, Public Convenience, Bus Stand, Vacant Lots, Parks and Gardens. Total of 1284 premises were inspected.

The above Sanitation works were ordered for cleaning such as drains, removal of refuse, provision of garbage bins, abatement of mosquito larval, abatement of animals, cleaning of kitchens, clearing of overgrown grass on vacant lots and noise nuisance. Total of 477 orders were given to be completed.

5.0 Building Applications Received FOR YEAR 2009

Application in respect of Developments:-	No.	Approved	<u>Value</u>
New Buildings	7	7	\$ 268,000.00
Alterations and Repairs (Extension)	17	16	\$ 363,000.00
Miscellaneous Works (Fencing)	13	13	\$ 213,500.00
Outline Application	0	0	\$ -
TOTAL	37	36	\$ 844,500.00

5.1. Completion Certificates Issued in Respect of:-	<u>No.</u>	Va	<u>lue</u>
New Commercial Buildings	2	\$	3,020,000.00
New Dwellings	4	\$	370,500.00
Alterations and Repairs/ Extension	1	\$	30,000.00
Miscellaneous Works	0	\$	-
TOTAL	7	\$	3,420,500.00

There were total of 37 building applications received for the year 2009 out of which 7 applications were for construction of New Building, 17 applications were for Alteration, Repair or Extension to existing buildings, and 13 applications were for Miscellaneous works which includes Fencing, Retaining Walls etc with the total value of **\$844,500.00**. However, 1 application for Extension to existing building was refused.

In year 2009 there were 7 under construction buildings that were completed which consists of 2 commercial building, 4 new dwelling house and 1 alteration, repair and extension to existing building with the total value of \$3,420,500.00.

5.2 Rezoning & Subdivision

There were 2 Rezoning applications received for the year 2009 whereby both application were approved.

For Subdivion, there were 3 applications received for the year 2009 and all 3 were approved.

6.0 ENVIRONMENT REPORT 2009

<u>Anti-Litter Works</u>: The three Parking Meter Attendants who are also Litter Prevention Officers were 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 2009

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.

Special works carried out for year 2009 - New Grog Shed was constructed with the cost of \$65,000.00.

Market Toilet partition was constructed to have 2sets of public convenience, New Fish Market was constructed near the bus stand with the cost of \$40,000.00, A Cherry Picker was purchased at the cost of \$31,000.00, a digger was purchased at the cost of \$57,000.00 and sealing of Elevuka and Natuyabia Road was carried out at the cost of \$77,000.00.

A Market compost Area was constructed to reduce market waste and promote 3R activities.

Beautification Works carried out for year 2009 - Botanical Garden was cleared, plants planted and some new areas created. Yellow Ribbon Project - Rock lining at the central taxi stand was carried out to beautify the area for the public to relax.

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 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AUDIT

A).i. AUDITORS OF THE COUNCIL

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

The Rates Levy for 2009 and Rates Income were estimated as follows:-

Rate Levy Struck in the \$

 General
 0.0072

 Special
 0.0030

Agriculture 10% of General

Special

Garbage Bin \$24.00 per extra bin per year (1 bin per lot is free)

During the year the Council collected 50% of all rates due.

ii. Arrears of Revenue

As at 31 December, 2009, the Council's arrears of rates was \$1,161,971.00

The details of arrears were as follows:-

 Namosau Ward
 \$ 286,679:00

 Varadoli Ward
 \$ 469,910:00

 Varoka Ward
 \$ 195,627.00

 Yalalevu Ward
 \$ 209,755.00

 TOTAL
 =
 \$1,161,971.00

Iii. LOANS

The Council met all its loan repayments for the year 2009. The outstanding loans to lending institutions by end of 2009 were as follows:-

a] General Fund Account – Fiji National Provident Fund - \$ 39,202.00 b] Westpac Banking Corporation - \$ 431,753.00 c] Ba Market Complex A/c – FNPF - \$ 2,810,104.00

\$ 3,281,059.00

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

iv. Fund Balances

A summary of the results [audited] of each fund operations for 2009 were as follows:-

Fund	Revenue	Expenditure	Surplus/Deficit
General Revenue A/c	\$1,539,328.00	\$1,869,233	\$ (329,905.00)
Loan Repayment A/c	\$ 118.245.00	\$ 41,859.00	\$ 76,386.00
Parking Meter A/c	\$ 37,51800	\$ 37,591.00	\$ (73.00)

v. BA MARKET

Construction of New Grog Stalls

\$30,000.00

vi. Council Insurance

A Comprehensive Insurance Cover was held with Sun Insurance on all Council's properties and assets with effect from 4.00pm 31/12/08, which was renewed on 31/12/09.

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.

vii. 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.

viii. 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.

ix. WORKS

Hurricane Mick hit our town on 14th of December 2009 causing major damage to vegetation around all wards and flooding in the lower parts of the town. Clean up of the trees and other material was started immediately on the same day. With the help of NFA and Council workers cleaning was carried out.

B). MARKET REPORT- 2009

1. 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

Open Market.

2. Main Market consist of following Stalls:-

Permanent Stalls

Temporary Stalls

Lock-Up Stalls

Lock-Up Canteens

Fish Stalls

Seafood Stalls.

Open Market has temporary Stalls with Sale of Produce, Live Chicken and Live Stock (Goat).

3.(a) Total Number of Stalls in Main Market:

411 Table Stalls

56 Temporary Floor Stalls

42 Seafood Stalls

6 Lock-Up Stalls

2 Lock-Up Canteens.

3.(b) Total Number of Stalls in Open Market:

The Open Market had a total of 348 temporary Stalls.

Outside Market also had 9 Sweet Carts and 1 Fancy Goods Cart.

4. 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
Lock up Stall per month - \$220-00
Lock up Canteen per month - \$480-00
Fish - \$0-33 per kg

Sale of Live Chicken - \$0-55 per head per day

Sale of Live Stock (goat) per day - \$2-20 per head

Sale of Tobacco per stall per day - \$1-65
Sale of handicraft per stall per day - \$1-65
Vegetable wholesale per day - \$1-10

\$2.25 per day Groceries wholesale per 3 ton truck General wholesale per big trucks \$3.38 per day

\$9.00 Sweet Cart per week \$10.69 Fancy Cart per week

5. Market Revenue:

(1) Market Stall Fees \$243,720.87 (2) Fish Market Fees \$ 10,357.24

Taxi Park Fees \$29,571.47 Commercial Vehicles Fees \$35,595.18 Car Park Booth \$84,346.35

GRAND TOTAL \$403,591.11

6. **Conclusion:**

2009 was a successful year for Ba Town Council as good revenue was collected from the Market and Car Park areas.

C). **PARKING METER REPORT – 2009**

- 1. The Department of Parking Meter consisted of three (3) Authorised Enforcement Officers.
- 2. The Council had 156 metered spaces in Town which were as follows:-

35 (a) Ganga Singh Street (b) Bank Street 21 (c) Main Street 100

-----156

3. 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:-

Parking Meter Offence

Regulations 20 and 87 of LTA Act

Illegal Parking and Stopping

Illegal Operation of Taxi, Carrier, Bus and Mini Bus Stands.

Carried out operations against illegal operators i.e. Mini Vans and

Private Cars plying for hire.

4. <u>Meter Maintenance</u>: Parking Meters on the streets were repaired and maintained on daily basis by the Parking Meter Technician. These works included:-

Clearing Blocked Meters

Replacing Damaged Parts

Adjusting Improper Readings

Servicing Parking Meter Mechanism and Stripes and

Reassembling Multiple Parts

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.

6. <u>Free Parking</u>: 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>

In Future, Council will take approval from Ministry before increasing the bank overdraft facilities.

9.0 <u>APPRECIATION</u>

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 Special Administrator, 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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ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE SECTOR THROUGH QUALITY AUDIT SERVICES

File: 702/1

3 March 2011

Mr. Arun Prasad The Administrator Ba Town Council P O Box 184 BA

Dear Mr. Prasad

AUDIT OF BA TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

The audit of the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31 December 2009 has been completed.

The audited accounts are forwarded for signing. Please return the signed accounts at your earliest to facilitate the issue of independent audit report on them.

A draft copy of the independent audit report is also enclosed for your perusal.

Yours sincerely

Mere Waqanicagica

for AUDITOR GENERAL

Encl.



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22 March 2011

The Auditor General
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P.O. Box 2214
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Dear Sir

Attention: Shameena Khatoon

BA TOWN COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

Your letter dated 3rd March, 2011 refers.

We forward herewith Audited Accounts for Year Ended 31st December, 2009 signed by the Special Administrator, Mr. Arun C. Prasad and myself.

For your further attendance, please.

Yours faithfully

TULSI RAM

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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BA TOWN COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

Scope

I have audited the financial statements of the Ba Town Council for the year ended 31 December 2009 in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act and Section 13 of the Audit Act. The Ba Town Council is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information they contain.

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. My audit procedures included examination, on a test basis of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the Financial Statements are presented fairly 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 the results of its operations and its cashflows.

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

Qualification

The Council increased its Bank Overdraft limit from \$50,000 to \$150,000 without the prior approval of the Minister, thus contravening Section 40 (1) of the Local Government Act.

Qualified Audit Opinion

In my opinion except for the effects on the financial statement of the matters referred to in the qualification paragraph, the financial statements present fairly in accordance with the Fiji Accounting Standards, the financial position of the Council as at 31 December 2009 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended.

Tevita Bolanavanua

AUDITOR GENERAL

Suva, Fiji

BA TOWN COUNCIL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

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BA TOWN COUNCIL GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2009

	Notes	2009	2008
CURRENT ASSETS		\$	\$
Cash on Hand		14,137	550
Cash at Bank	2	39,947	218,599
Receivables	3	986,856	1,054,358
Advance	4	184,660	200,049
Total current assets		1,225,600	1,473,556
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	5	19,025,024	18,957,984
Total non current assets		19,025,024	18,957,984
TOTAL ASSETS		20,250,624	20,431,540
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Bank Overdraft		137,220	
Creditors and borrowings	6	239,152	130,130
Sundry Deposits		55,874	21,670
Term loans	7	287,110	278,35
Provisions	8	5,760	8,31
VAT Payable	_	29,458	42,80
Total current liabilities		754,574	481,268
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Term loans	7	2,993,949	3,194,652
Total non current liabilities		2,993,949	3,194,652
TOTAL LIABILITIES		3,748,523	3,675,920
NET ASSETS		16,502,101	16,755,620
MUNICIPAL FUNDS		Problem 1	
Accumulated general fund (Page 3)		5,485,483	5,739,002
Reserves	9	11,016,618	11,016,618
TOTAL MUNICIPAL FUNDS	_	16,502,101	16,755,620

The Statement of Financial Position is to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements set out on pages 12 to 18.

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 2009 and of the state of affairs as at that date.

TULSI RAM

TOWN CLERK / CEO

DATE:

ARUN C. PRASAD

SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR

DATE:

BA TOWN COUNCIL GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED FUNDS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2009

GeneraFund	Notes	2009	2008
Balance at the beginning of the year Net (Loss) for the year - General Fund (Page 5) Balance at the end of the year	_	5,707,834 (329,905) 5,377,929	5,937,937 (230,103) 5,707,834
Loan Fund Balance at the beginning of the year Net Surplus for the year - Loan Rate Fund (Page 6)	=	31,168 76,386 107,554	(63,505) 94,673 31,168
Total Accumulated Funds	-	5,485,483	5,739,002

The Statement of Changes in Accumulated Funds is to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements set out on pages 12 to 18.

BA TOWN COUNCIL GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

	2009	2008
INCOME	\$	\$
	·	*
Advertisement	12,245	-
Building and subdivision	2,863	6,434
Bus station	29,012	33,270
Business, trading and other licenses	94,808	97,415
Digger Hire	9,298	-
Government grant	142,003	5,000
Garbage dump	20,305	6,209
General rate	248,111	259,439
Hire auditorium fees	22,258	22,120
Insurance Recovery	7,000	
Interest - overdue rates	4,153	5,711
Library Fees	917	-
LICI Commission	578	277
Market	254,078	233,110
Municipal car park	149,523	129,822
Rent from council properties	461,953	642,568
Sports grounds	15,000	15,618
Sundries	65,223	48,701
Total income	1,539,328	1,505,694
EXPENDITURE		
Administration	185,470	159,030
Ba market complex	20,933	3,202
Bank fees and charges	3,493	0,202
Bus station, civic building, depot & staff quarters	19,038	10,938
Capital development expense	11,072	59,784
Council expenses	22,429	90,935
Depreciation and amortisation	475,684	445,008
Doubtful Debts	473,004	38,000
Health and building	199,211	•
Interest on loan	246,691	147,043
Legal Fees		214,487
Library services	26,096	10.005
Rent Written Off	10,977	10,095
Market	30,997	•
	120,845	91,744
Mayoral expense	-	400
Municipal car park	44,379	46,628
Municipal hall	3,536	17,987
Property expense	53,492	38,754
Parks and gardens	66,479	73,637
Public works	268,290	244,303
Sick, accident and holiday pay	5,760	-

BA TOWN COUNCIL GENERAL FUND (CONT'D) STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

	Notes	2009	2008
Streetlights		54,361	43,822
Total expenditure		1,869,233	1,735,797
Net (deficit) for the year	_	(329,905)	(230,103)

The Statement of Income & Expenditure is to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements set out on pages 12 to 18.

BA TOWN COUNCIL LOAN FUND STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

	Notes	2009	2008 \$
INCOME Loan rate Total income	_	118,245 118,245	139,159
EXPENDITURE Interest		41,859 41,859	44,486 44,486
Surplus for the year	=	76,386	94,673

The Statement of Income & Expenditure is to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements set out on pages 12 to 18.

BA TOWN COUNCIL PARKING METER FUND STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2009

	Notes	2009	2008
		\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash on Hand		100	-
Cash at Bank	2	6,066	16,550
Receivables	3		2
Total current assets	_	6,166	16,552
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	5	16,518	20,997
Total non current assets		16,518	20,997
TOTAL ASSETS	_	22,684	37,549
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and borrowings	6	185,528	200,908
Provision	8	588	200,000
Total current liabilities	_	186,116	200,908
Total carrolle habilities			
TOTAL LIABILITIES		186,116	200,908
NET ASSETS	-	(163,432)	(163,359)
Out the section of			
Capital employed		(102 412)	(103 340)
ACCUMULATED FUNDS (Page 8) Asset revaluation reserve	9	(193,413) 29,981	(193,340) 29,981
Asset revaluation reserve	9 _	29,901	29,901
	_	(163,432)	(163,359)
	-	(100,432)	(100,000)

The Statement of Financial Position is to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements set out on pages 12 to 18.

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 2009 and of the state of affairs as at that date.

TULSI RAM TOWN CLERK / CEO

DATE:

ARUN C. PRASAD

SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR

DATE:

BA TOWN COUNCIL PARKING METER FUND STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED FUNDS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2009

Parking Meter Fund	Notes	2009 \$	2008
Balance at the beginning of the year Net (Loss) for the year - Parking Meter Fund (Page 8) Balance at the end of the year	_	(193,340) (73) (193,413)	(187,327) (6,013) (193,340)

The Statement of Changes in Accumulated Funds is to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements set out on pages 12 to 18.

BA TOWN COUNCIL PARKING METER FUND STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

	Notes	2009 \$	2008 \$
INCOME			
Traffic offence		4,192	3,825
Infringement fines		12,837	7,756
Meter tolls		20,489	20,349
Warrant fees		•	2,394
Total income		37,518	34,324
EXPENDITURE			
Bank Fees		28	21
Depreciation		4,479	4,448
Legal and search fees		-	1,200
Meter maintenance		3,668	2,136
Miscellaneous		301	290
Postage		98	119
Printing & stationery		189	2,217
Salaries, wages and related payments		26,131	27,189
Telephone		108	-
Uniforms and boots		395	382
Verification and license		2,194	2,335
Total expenditure		37,591	40,337
Net (deficit) for the year		(73)	(6,013)

The Statement of Income & Expenditure is to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements set out on pages 12 to 18.

BA TOWN COUNCIL GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

	Notes	2009 \$ Inflows/ (Outflows)	2008 \$ Inflows/ (Outflows)
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers Payments to trade creditors, other creditors and employees Interest paid Insurance Proceeds received Net cash provided by Operating Activities	14 (a) (i) _	1,702,466 (988,534) (288,550) 7,000 432,382	1,448,091 (978,404) (258,973) - 210,714
Cash flows from investing activities			
Acquisition of property, plant & equipment Net cash used in Investing Activities	-	(542,724) (542,724)	(316,941)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Borrowings Repayment of borrowings Net cash provided by Financing Activities	- -	(191,943) (191,943)	(261,173)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalent at the beginning of the year	-	(302,285) 219,149	(367,400) 586,549
Cash and cash equivalent at the end of the year	14 (a) (ii)	(83,136)	219,149

The Statement of Cashflow is to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements set out on pages 12 to 18.

BA TOWN COUNCIL PARKING METER FUND STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

Cash flows from operating activities	Notes	2009 \$ Inflows/ (Outflows)	2008 \$ 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	14 (b) (i)	37,520 (47,904) (10,384)	34,324 (35,030) (706)
Acquisition of property, plant & equipment Net cash used in Investing Activities	_ _	0	53 53
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalent at the beginning of the year		(10,384) 16,550	(653) 17,203
Cash and cash equivalent at the end of the year	14 (b) (ii)	6,166	16,550

The Statement of Cashflow is to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements set out on pages 12 to 18.

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 2009. 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.

Rate

(c) Depreciation

The Councils' fixed assets are depreciated using the diminishing value method at the following rates:-

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) Trade & Other 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 Recognition

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 required by the Local Government Act. According to the Act 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 municipality.

(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) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation in the current year.

(i) 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

(j) Loss Due to Flood

The water level inside the Ba Market was estimated to be 12 feet during the flood which occurred on 10th January 2009. As a result, all the resceipt books, ticket books, registers and other records that was maintained in the market were destroyed.

NOTE 2.	CASH AT BANK General Fund	2009	2008
	General Account	-	30,445
	Civic Building Account	10,168	1,428
	Ba Market Complex Account	23,126	7,429
	Reserve Account	6,064	169,064
	Capital Works Account	589	10,233
		39,947	218,599
	Parking Meter Fund		
	Cash at bank	6,066	16,550
		6,066	16,550
NOTE 3.	RECEIVABLES		
	General Fund		
	Rate debtors	1,161,971	1,131,938
	Provision for Doubtful Debts	(261,899)	(261,899)
	Other sundry debtors	86,784	184,319
	Parking Meter Fund	986,856	1,054,358
	Other sundry debtors		
			2
NOTE 4.	ADVANCE	\$	\$
	Advance to parking meter fund	184,660	200,049
	-	134,000	200,049

NOTE 5.	PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT General fund	2009 \$	2008 \$
	Leasehold land - at valuation	3,934,046	3,975,014
	Building - at valuation	12,659,033	12,640,795
	Plant and equipment - at valuation	134,025	133,889
	Roads and drainage - at valuation	2,047,310	2,106,063
	Motor vehicles - at valuation	250,610	102,223
	Property, plant and equipment	-	-
	Total property, plant and equipment, net - General Fund	19,025,024	18,957,984
	Parking Meter account		
	Office equipment and fixtures - at valuation	670	827
	Plant, machinery and tools - at valuation	15,848	20,170
	Total property, plant and equipment, net - Parking meter	16,518	20,997

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.

General	Fund

General Fund		
Leasehold land - valuation		
Carrying amount at beginning	3,975,014	4,015,982
Amortisation	(40,968)	(40,968)
	3,934,046	3,975,014
Building - valuation		
Carrying amount at beginning	12,640,795	12,763,859
Addition	141,600	-
Depreciation	(123,362)	(123,064)
	12,659,033	12,640,795
Plant and equipment - at valuation		
Carrying amount at beginning	133,889	145,985
Addition	18,235	3,809
Depreciation	(18,099)	(15,905)
	134,025	133,889
Roads and drainage - at valuation		
Carrying amount at beginning	2,106,063	2,038,455
Addition	206,189	313,132
Depreciation	(264,942)	(245,524)
	2,047,310	2,106,063
Motor Vehicles - at valuation		
Carrying amount at beginning	102,223	121,770
Addition	176,700	-
Depreciation	(28,313)	(19,547)
	250,610	102,223
Total balance as at 31 December 2009	19,025,024	18,957,984

(a)	Movements in Carrying Amounts - Parking Meter Fund	2009 \$	2008 \$
	Parking Meter		
	Office equipment and fixtures - at valuation		
	Carrying amount at beginning	827	985
	Depreciation	(157)	(158)
		670	827
	Plant, machinery and tools - at valuation		
	Carrying amount at beginning	20,170	24,513
	Disposal	-	(53)
	Depreciation	(4,322)	(4,290)
		15,848	20,170
	Total balance as at 31 December 2009	16,518	20,997
NOTE 6.	CREDITORS AND BORROWINGS		
	General Fund	220.152	101 140
	Sundry creditors and accruals Other creditors	239,152 0	121,148 8,982
	Other creditors	0	0,302
		239,152	130,130
	Parking Meter Fund		
	Other Creditors	868	859
	Advance from general fund	184,660	200,049
		185,528	200,908
NOTE 7.	TERM LOANS		
	General Fund	101.750	470.004
	Westpac Banking Corporation	431,753	472,694
	Fiji National Provident fund (1)	39,202	75,273 2,925,035
	Fiji National Provident fund (2)	2,810,104 3,281,059	3,473,002
		3,201,033	3,473,002
	Loan principal commitment at balance date:		
	Payable within one year	287,110	278,350
	Payable later than one year, not later than two years	269,469	299,621
	Payable later than two years, not later than five years	957,446	904,506
	Payable later than five years	1,767,034 3,281,059	1,990,525 3,473,002
		3,201,009	3,473,002
	Represented in the balance sheet as:	007.440	070.050
	Current Non-current	287,110	278,350
	Non-current	2,993,949 3,281,059	3,194,652 3,473,002
		3,201,009	3,473,002

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.

NOTE 8.	PROVISIONS General Fund	2009	2008
	Annual leave	5,760	8,313
	Parking Meter Fund Annual leave	588	-
NOTE 9.	RESERVES General Fund		
	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 Fund		
	Asset revaluation reserve	29,981	29,981
	Asset Revaluation Reserve comprise of :		
	Revaluation increment on assets	29,981	29,981

NOTE 10. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

Capital commitment as at 31 December 2009 is NIL (2008: NIL)

NOTE 11. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

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

NOTE 12. 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 13. 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.

1.03	NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
(a) (i)	Reconciliation of Net Cash provided by Operating Activities to Net Surplus	2009 \$	2008 \$
	Net surplus/(deficit) for the year - General fund	(329,905)	(230,103)
	Net surplus/(deficit) for the year - Loan rate fund	76,386	94,673
	Depreciation and amortisation	475,684	445,008
	Loss / Gain on Fixed Asset	-	-
	Rent Writtem Off	30,997	38,000
	Provisions for employee entitlements	(2,553)	
	Net cash provided by operating activities before changes in assets and	250,609	347,578
	Change in assets and liabilities:		
	(Increase) in debtors	36,505	(196,762
	(Increase) in other debtors	15,389	-
	(Decrease)/Increase in other liabilities	(13,347)	(2,798
	(Decrease)/Increase in creditors and borrowings	143,226	62,696
	Net cash inflows from operating activities	432,382	210,714
ii)	Cash and Cash Equivalents (Continued)		
	Cash on hand and at bank	(83,136)	219,149
b) (i)	Parking Meter Fund Reconciliation of Net Cash provided by Operating Activities to Net		
•	Reconciliation of Net Cash provided by Operating Activities to Net Surplus	(73)	(6 0 13
·	Reconciliation of Net Cash provided by Operating Activities to Net Surplus Net (deficit)/surplus for the year	(73) 4 479	
	Reconciliation of Net Cash provided by Operating Activities to Net Surplus	(73) 4,479 4,406	4,448
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·	Reconciliation of Net Cash provided by Operating Activities to Net Surplus Net (deficit)/surplus for the year Depreciation Net cash provided by operating activities before changes in assets and liabilities Change in assets and liabilities:	4,479 4,406	4,448 (1,565
•	Reconciliation of Net Cash provided by Operating Activities to Net Surplus Net (deficit)/surplus for the year Depreciation Net cash provided by operating activities before changes in assets and liabilities Change in assets and liabilities: Decrease in sundry debtors	4,479 4,406	4,448 (1,565
	Reconciliation of Net Cash provided by Operating Activities to Net Surplus Net (deficit)/surplus for the year Depreciation Net cash provided by operating activities before changes in assets and liabilities Change in assets and liabilities: Decrease in sundry debtors (Decrease)/increase in sundry creditors	4,479 4,406 2 (15,380)	4,448 (1,565 - 859
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