

## **Councils take e-business route**

In a deal worth half a million dollars, the City of Ballarat Council has replaced its Oracle financials with an e-business system from AXS-One.

Scheduled to be operational by July 1, 2003, Ballarat is the 14<sup>th</sup> council in Victoria to implement the AXS-One Financial Suite.

The council's financial director Alan Hall said the choice was between upgrading its current Oracle financial system or undertaking a complete replacement after evaluating bids from six suppliers.

Hall said AXS-One was selected for functionality to improve processes and the flexible reporting and chart of accounts. Up to 70 users will complete training for the new system particularly in the area of e-procurement as Hall said there are a number of "super users" within the council that undertake high-volume purchasing.

He said the new system brings together all council information from any system regardless of vendor or platform into a common portal for analysis.