



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOXTON WAIKERIE
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INTRODUCTION



MAYOR'S REPORT

Leon Stasinowsky



I would categorise this year of one where true community partnerships with Council have produced some wonderful and long lasting outcomes. Many of these have been the culmination of vision, persistence and years of work by community members with a passion to improve their communities.

Several of these are:

- Waikerie Community Sporting Complex – the final stages of this multi faceted project has been funded through Federal, State, Local and community contributions which will see in excess of \$1.0m spent to provide an outstanding facility which has been the vision of the Waikerie Community Sports Hub, and I offer Council congratulations to the group who have pursued this for over 15 years.
- Loxton Pioneer Playground- starting from the vision of one woman who wanted a better playground for her

grandchildren, this has grown to a concerted group of community members working with Council to deliver a magnificent play experience for young people of all ages, and also for those of us still young at heart. Whilst during the process there were rigorous discussions about the location of the playground and relocation of an existing rose garden, funding has been secured and again with significant community volunteer input, the playground has turned out to exceed everyone's expectations, a real drawcard.

- The Waikerie Community Sheds project which has seen 2 service clubs and the newly formed Waikerie Men's Shed relocate to a new facility which also boasts a community meeting room. This has become a real community hub and a great place for men to meet, work along side each other and provide services to our community.

These projects and others like the Loxton Pedal Prix and the Loxton Men's Shed, together with the wide range of festivals and events, service clubs and the like are prime examples of what makes strong and resilient communities tick - selfless volunteerism.

I hold this as a key for getting things done in an environment where costs are escalating and our population is aging. But what was considered old age say 2 decades ago is now

just past middle age and our volunteers have a wealth of experience, skills and time that, together with support from Local Government, can grow into a partnership that can improve the services and infrastructure in our communities and support a quality of life for us all. We just need to find a way to manage the legislative requirements in a way to support safe volunteer effort without jamming the process to a standstill with paper. I have every confidence in our staff to find this balance and ask community members to also be flexible in this regard because we are all working for the same outcome.

I would like to recognise the selfless service and commitment of Ross Copeland who served this Council and his community as a Councillor since 1997, including time as the Deputy Mayor. Ross decided not to re-nominate during the elections in November and I would like to personally record my appreciation to Ross for his efforts.

I congratulate all returning Elected Members and our newest Councillor Trevor Quast and look forward to continuing our constructive working relationship to improve our communities. We have a solid platform from which to build, but equally much work to do.

We are reviewing much of what we do, setting a new Strategic Plan called LW Future and reviewing our long term financial position. We have commissioned an independent

MAYOR'S REPORT

Leon Stasinowsky

review of the 100 unit Loxton Retirement Village operated by Council to ensure the social legacy commenced by the former DC Loxton almost 20 years ago is sustained and continued, but also that an operation of this scale provides an economic contribution to our district's economy.

Change is not an easy process and one that your elected members will scrutinize well prior to making decisions, but change is inevitable and if we want to continue to enjoy the level of services we have experienced to date, we must adopt and use

what we have to improve our community. This can be achieved with solid planning based on open and honest conversations with our communities.

To our staff, I acknowledge and thank you for your commitment and desire to provide quality services. Likewise we will need to adapt and change as an organisation, make sure what we deliver is what is required and provide it to the best of our ability. LW 2020 is a key to advance this and has been whole heartedly supported by Council and our key plan for change and reinvigoration.

COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

Elected Member Committee Representation



COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

Elected Member Committee Representation pre Local Government Elections, November 2014



MAYOR STASINOWSKY

Committees Established pursuant to Section 41

- Performance Review Committee
- Asset Committee
- Wunkar Recreation Grounds Committee
(Chairperson)
- Policy Review Committee
- Lease Committee

Representative and delegate on external committees

- LGA of SA State Executive Committee (proxy)
- Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee
- Murray & Mallee LGA
- Riverland Regional Development Assessment Panel
- SA Regional Organisation of Councils
- Riverland Local Government Forum
- Audit Committee
- Community Award Programme Assessment Panel
- Local Government Finance Authority – AGM Council representative
- Community Grants Assessment Reference Panel



DEPUTY MAYOR MARK WARD

Committees Established pursuant to Section 41

- Loxton North Recreation Grounds Committee
(Vice Chairman)
- Loxton Retirement Village Committee
- Policy Review Committee

Representative and delegate on external committees

- Murray & Mallee LGA Regional Community Wastewater Management System Committee (CWMS)
- Murray & Mallee LGA Regional Transport Strategy Committee
- Murray & Mallee LGA (proxy)
- Murray Darling Association Region 5 Committee
- Murray Darling Association General Council
- Loxton High School Council
- Loxton Sport & Recreation Facilities Group
- Riverland Local Government NRM Advisory Group of the SA Murray Darling Basin NRM Board
- Community Grants Assessment Reference Panel
- Riverland Passenger Transport Scheme
- Loxton Health Advisory Council
- Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee

COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

Elected Member Committee Representation
pre Local Government Elections, November 2014



CR DEB THIELE

Committees Established pursuant to Section 41

- The Village Management Committee
- Policy Review Committee (Deputy Chair)

Representative and delegate on external committees

- Murray & Mallee LGA Broadband & Steering Committee
- Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee
- Loxton Neighbourhood Watch
- Loxton Playground Working Group
- Loxton High School – Independent Learning Centre
- East Terrace Revitalisation Working Group



CR ROSS COPELAND

Committees Established pursuant to Section 41

- Performance Review Committee
- Asset Committee
- Policy Review Committee (Chairperson)

Representative and delegate on external committees

- Murray Darling Association General Council (proxy)
- Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee
- Murray Darling Association Region 5 Committee
- Waikerie Cemetery Committee
- Community Award Programme Assessment Panel
- Waikerie Community Arts Centre
- Waikerie Senior Citizens Club
- Community Grants Assessment Reference Panel



CR JODY FLAVEL

Committees Established pursuant to Section 41

- Performance Review Committee
- Asset Committee
- Lease Committee
- District Bushfire Prevention Reference Committee (Chairperson)
- Loxton Retirement Village Committee

Representative and delegate on external committees

- Audit Committee
- Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee
- Loxton Sport & Recreation Facilities Group
- Murray & Mallee LGA Regional Waste Management Strategy Committee
- Browns Well Complex Committee
- Riverland Regional Waste Management Committee

COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

Elected Member Committee Representation
pre Local Government Elections, November 2014



CR DAVID KIMBER

Committees Established pursuant to Section 41

- Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee
- Houseboat Mooring Management Plan Advisory Committee

Representative and delegate on external committees

- Murray & Mallee LGA Regional Waste Management Strategy Committee
- Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee
- Community Award Programme Assessment Panel
- Riverland Local Government NRM Advisory Group of the SA Murray
- Loxton Senior Citizen Club
- East Terrace Revitalisation Working Group
- Loxton Sport & Recreation Facilities Group (proxy)



CR TREVOR NORTON

Committees Established pursuant to Section 41

- Lease Committee
- Policy Review Committee
- Asset Committee
- Houseboat Mooring Management Plan Advisory Committee (Chairperson)

Representative and delegate on external committees

- Riverland Local Government NRM Advisory Group of the SA Murray Darling Basin NRM Board
- Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee
- Loxton Sport & Recreation Facilities Groups
- Loxton to Bookpurnong LAP Committee
- Moorook & Kingston on Murray Community Association
- SA Fruit Fly Standing Committee (LGA representative)
- Regional Development Advisory Board



CR MICHAEL VOWLES

Committees Established pursuant to Section 41

- Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee
- Performance Review Committee
- Lease Committee
- District Bushfire Prevention Reference Committee

Representative and delegate on external committees

- Loxton Community Centre
- Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee
- Loxton Research Development Management Reference Group
- Loxton Sport and Recreation Facilities Group
- Loxton Chamber of Commerce
- Riverland Regional Waste Management Committee
- CORES Riverland (Community Response to Eliminating Suicide)
- East Terrace Revitalisation Group

COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

Elected Member Committee Representation
pre Local Government Elections, November 2014



CR KYM WEBBER

Committees Established pursuant to Section 41

- Lease Committee
- Asset Committee
- Houseboat Mooring Management Plan Advisory Committee

Representative and delegate on external committees

- Waikerie Community Sports Centre
- Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee
- Riverland West Landcare
- Riverland West Chamber of Commerce
- Waikerie High School
- Regional Development Australia Board
- Waikerie Advisory Council for Youth (WACY)



CR MARGARET MALTHOUSE

Committees Established pursuant to Section 41

- Policy Review Committee
- Disability Access Action Plan Committee
- Performance Review Committee

Representative and delegate on external committees

- Audit Committee
- Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee
- Waikerie Health Advisory Council



CR MICHAEL ZEPPEL

Committees Established pursuant to Section 41

- Pines Management Committee (Chairperson)
- Asset Committee
- Lease Committee

Representative and delegate on external committees

- Audit Committee
- Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee

COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

Elected Member Committee Representation
post Local Government Elections, November 2014



Pursuant to Section 41(6) of the Local Government Act the Mayor is appointed as ex-officio to all committees established pursuant to section 41 of the said Act.

MAYOR STASINOWSKY

Committees Established pursuant to Section 41

- Asset Committee (Chairperson)
- Community Land and Lease Committee
- Disability Access Action Plan Committee
- District Bushfire Prevention Reference Committee
- Houseboat Mooring Management Plan Advisory Committee
- Loxton Christmas Lights Committee
- Loxton North Recreation Grounds Committee
- Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee
- Loxton Retirement Village Committee
- Performance Review Committee
- Pines Management Committee
- Policy Review Committee (Chairperson)
- The Village Committee
- Waikerie District Community Committee

Representative and delegate on external committees

- LGA of SA State Executive Committee (proxy)
- Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee
- Murray & Mallee LGA
- Riverland Local Government Forum
- Audit Committee
- Community Award Programme Assessment Panel
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- Community Grants Assessment Reference Panel



DEPUTY MAYOR, CR MICHAEL VOWLES

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- Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee
- Asset Committee
- Community Land and Lease Committee (Chairperson)
- District Bushfire Prevention Reference Committee
- Policy Review Committee

Representative and delegate on external committees

- Audit Committee
- Loxton Riverfront Advisory Group
- Loxton Research Centre Development Management Reference Group
- Loxton Sport and Recreation Facilities Group
- Murray and Mallee Local Government Association
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CR MARK WARD

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- Loxton Retirement Village Committee

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- Murray Darling Association Region 5 Committee
- Loxton Health Advisory Council
- Loxton High School Council
- Loxton Sport & Recreation Facilities Group
- Riverland Local Government NRM Advisory Group of the SA Murray Darling Basin NRM Board
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- Loxton Neighbourhood Watch
- Loxton Playground Working Group
- Loxton High School – Independent Learning Centre
- Loxton Chamber of Commerce



CR TREVOR QUAST

Committees Established pursuant to Section 41

- Performance Review Committee
- Waikerie District Community Committee
- Policy Review Committee

Representative and delegate on external committees

- Community Grants Assessment Reference Panel
- Waikerie Neighbourhood Watch
- Waikerie Cemetery
- Waikerie Senior Citizens
- Waikerie Community Arts Centre
- Waikerie Historical Society

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- Community Awards Program Assessment Panel
- Waikerie Health Advisory Council
- Riverland Regional Development Assessment Panel



CR MICHAEL ZEPPEL

Committees Established pursuant to Section 41

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- Asset Committee
- Community Land and Lease Committee
- Performance Review Committee

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Peter Ackland

The year commenced with the adoption of the Annual Business Plan and setting of the rates. The overall increase in general rates was equivalent to the movement in the consumer price index, being 2.9% which is underpinned by an operating surplus of \$57,000. This demonstrates Council's continued commitment to responsible fiscal management as we endeavour to provide the required range and level of services whilst recognising the demands on resident's finances.

We have embarked upon an ambitious and comprehensive project called LW 2020 which draws together a number of distinct processes Council is either currently or proposing to undertake, structures them in a plan that synchronizes and allocates resources designed to have specific outcomes which are for the most part measurable. It encompasses specific elements for Elected Member involvement and direction and also separately staff involvement, but in a manner that enables the outcome from one to provide the direction and impetus for delivery of the other. Community involvement is also a critical factor in the ultimate outcome of many of the elements of this project.

LW 2020 consists of 4 key areas being:

- **LW FUTURE** - Where we are going, how do we know when we get there
- **LW PEOPLE** - Who and how do we recruit, support, develop and manage our staff
- **LW SERVICE** - What we do, how we do it, what we deliver or produce and at what price
- **LW UNITY** - What we stand for, effective communication, what we say and how we listen

This is an exciting project for the whole of Council and will set the platform for reform and improvement in how we serve our communities and how we function as an organisation. Further detail on each key area of LW 2020 can be found later in this annual report.

Our land and building stocks are also coming under scrutiny from a range of angles, being:

- Our Asset Committee is reviewing the impact of depreciation on our operating position with the aim of reducing this cost driver. Tools in their kit include consideration of buildings that either would or could not be replaced if they were damaged, buildings that may be replaced but to a lesser degree if they were damaged and options for potential optimisation and or sale.
- Our Asset Coordinator, together with other staff, is reviewing each building from the perspective of assessing its fitness for the purpose it is being used, looking at roof



access considerations, ensuring adequate emergency signage and asbestos identification together with the provision of a plan of internal layout.

- The Riverland G3 Alliance, which is a collective of the Renmark Paringa, Berri Barmera and Loxton Waikerie Councils will use some of this data to consider a regional approach to building maintenance with the aim of this spending being retained within the region which will also assist in retention of trades people
- A revised Leases and Licences policy has been prepared in an attempt to get common terms of occupation for those organisations on Council property. This will undergo an extended public consultation process and then be implemented over the next 2 or so years via the engagement of a property officer

We have continued to work with our community in the delivery of major projects and events, several of note being:

- Waikerie Community Sporting Precinct opening – in excess of \$1.0 m upgrade of the sports

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Peter Ackland

centre, provision of new multi purpose courts and clubrooms and a new playground which positions this facility as one of the better in regional areas and the culmination of years of planning and hard work by the community based Sporting Hub

- Loxton Pioneer Playground – a major new attraction in Loxton with regional impact which is very much a community driven project resulting in funded works and volunteer hours in excess of \$800,000. With Stage 1 now complete the community group is encouraging Council to commence Stage 2 being a new toilet facility given the Playground's extraordinary popularity since its opening
- Australian International Pedal Prix – Loxton – following an initial trial, Council has signed an agreement to conduct the first race of the season for three years around a street circuit in the business district. Our second staging of this event has seen an increase in competitors, increased community involvement and sponsorships and more spectators all culminating in an economic impact of about \$250,000 to our local businesses.
- Loxton Riverfront Holiday Park – following Council purchasing back the lease in August 2013, a range of investments and changes have been made within the Park with the outcome being a more active and vibrant park contributing to the district's economy. A review

undertaken in April 2015, some 20 months since purchasing the lease has shown the park's freehold going concern value to have increased by 246% to \$2.95m, turnover is up to \$650,000 with a return on investment position of 11.9%. Coupled with this, the activity generated by the Park is estimated to positively impact the region's economy to the tune of \$3.254m per annum

- New Waikerie Caravan Park – Council has been in negotiations with proponents of a new caravan park proposed for Waikerie immediately adjacent the riverfront on Crown land. Following a presentation to the State Government's Community Cabinet in June 2014, Council has been able to purchase the land for the proposed development under a Crown Conditional Agreement effectively gaining freehold rights but under an enduring condition that the land can only be used for caravan and

camping purposes. This is a major step forward in this long negotiation which is hoped to be concluded in the last quarter of 2015. Council recognises the importance of a caravan park to the Riverland West area.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to recognise the strong working relationship with the elected members, and record our collective thanks to outgoing Councillor Ross Copeland for his support and guidance over his many terms with Council. Likewise we congratulate the newly elected Council, including Cr Trevor Quast for his first term and look forward to a continuing productive working relationship

Thanks also to the staff who continue to show they are a committed team who are looking for opportunities to provide improved services to our community, which will be achieved through the structure of **LW 2020**.



Four new cabins and BBQ area adjacent the River Murray - Loxton Riverfront Holiday Park.

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LW Future

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	EXPECTED OUTCOME
Collate Existing Promises	Council has developed a range of plans, some required by legislation others to meet the needs of the community. Most if not all have been publicly consulted, essentially meaning Council has "promised" to deliver the initiatives contained in them.	All completed and non completed promises from the suite of management plans to be identified and those that still align to Council's revised strategic direction to be allocated a priority against all other initiatives and resourced for delivery.
	All these plans will be reviewed and any non completed promises will be identified and provided to Council to determine their continued relevance (or not) and if still to be delivered will be included in the Long Term Financial Management Plan for allocation of priority and resources.	Community will gain increased confidence over time that if Council commits to it, then it will be done. Council will focus on projects and initiatives that align to its strategic direction. Community, Elected Members and staff will have clear direction on agreed projects and their priority thereby enabling clarity of expectations and accountability for support and delivery of same.
TIMEFRAME: Collation complete by end Dec 14. Provide to Council early in 2015.		
Long Term Financial Management Plan (LTFMP)	Review the financial capacity of Council to deliver agreed projects (see above) and initiatives of new Council and within a sustainable financial position. Allocate annual priority for projects across the life of the plan.	Revised LTFMP that allocates resources to agreed projects. Clear alignment to Council's new strategic plan.
	Develop strategy to manage the burden of rates.	Clear knowledge of impact on rate burden of current and any new initiatives. Clarity of expectation and the level of affordability of the range of infrastructure and services request by the community / imposed by Government.
TIMEFRAME: Commence Jan 15 for adoption with 2015/16 ABP		

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LW Future cont.

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	EXPECTED OUTCOME
New Strategic Plan – LW Future	Strategic Plan to be reviewed within 12 months following a periodic election.	Revised plan to clearly set the strategic directions of Council and also the key actions that will be undertaken to advance these directions.
	Capture all existing promises and review to include only those that align to strategic direction.	
	Workshops to expose Elected Members to issues key to advancement of the community to assist a comprehensive revision of Plan.	Strategic Plan to be supported by the LTFMP which will reflect the capacity and priority to deliver the actions.
	Workshops to encourage Elected Members and staff to bring forward new initiatives that align to Strategic Plan. New Plan format to also include agreed actions to advance the directions – these actions to be prioritized and resourced via inclusion in the LTFMP.	Greater clarity for community, Elected Members and staff on expectations and will promote accountability for outcomes against the Plan.
	TIMEFRAME: Draft LW Future to be presented to Council in September 15 for approval to release for public consultation.	
Annual Business Plan (ABP)	Format to be changed to include cash and non cash major deliverables.	ABP is clearly linked to delivery of initiatives that advance the aims of the Strategic Plan.
	Simple extraction of the relevant annual initiatives from the LTFMP to form the basis of the ABP.	Clear lines of accountability for budgeted projects.
	Plan to be in a format that allows better allocation of budgeted projects to staff to promote increased accountability.	
	TIMEFRAME: Commence early 2015. ABP adopted in principle May 15 for consultation.	
Budget Bids	Process to be reviewed in two stages. Firstly simplify the process so required operational expenditure will not have to be bid for and Directors of each Department are required to vet each internal bid and only progress those that align with the strategic plan or an agreed management plan other than where approved by Council.	Reduction of cost for the bid process.
	Secondly review the external (community) bid process to simplify and better align with Strategic plan.	Ensure internal bids only focus on achieving approved management or Strategic Plans.
	TIMEFRAME: Revised internal bid process for 2015/16. External process reviewed for 2016/17.	

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LW People

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	EXPECTED OUTCOME
Standardise Position Descriptions	Each staff member to have a current and agreed job description that aligns the position and person to the achievement of their responsibilities from the ABP.	Greater alignment between human resource capacity and the achievement of priorities of Council. Increased job satisfaction due to greater understanding of outcome of effort and where this aligns to Council's strategic directions and ABP.
	TIMEFRAME: Underway – complete prior to end Jan 15.	
Annual Performance Review / Professional Development Process	All staff, irrespective of tenure and employment type to have an annual performance review where achievement of projects / tasks against ABP.	Increased alignment between a Department's and an individual's annual tasks and requirements of the ABP (and therefore Strategic Plan) to ensure greater efficiency of effort to achieve what is required (Performance Management).
	Professional Development aspect to ensure required skills for tasks (WHS) and also proactive support for possible advancement to provide skills required for future tasks (Workforce Planning).	Opportunity to identify skills needed for future projects and better align human resources to future needs (see new insertions in Enterprise Agreement). Increasingly motivated, trained and qualified staff.
	TIMEFRAME: Initial PDR process undertaken this year. 2015 / 16 include greater allocation of ABP tasks	

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LW People cont.

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	EXPECTED OUTCOME
Annual Training and Development Plan	Individual Training and Development Plans to be developed to meet the skill sets required to safely and competently deliver the range of tasks required.	Increased compliance with WHS requirements. Staff appropriately trained and qualified to undertake assigned duties. Opportunity to retrain and redeploy staff with updated skills to required tasks. Greater opportunity for retention of required staff.
	TIMEFRAME: Plan to be developed for 2015/16 budget	
Culture Mapping/ Staff exchange/ Benchmarking	Partnership with City of Unley to provide services to review culture of Council via Human Synergistics (culture mapping tool). Unley has undertaken a similar process in terms of redefining culture, service review, savings and efficiency achievement and Enterprise Bargaining direction. In terms of service reviews and efficiencies, Unley has developed a proven process of Service Review (see below) that has resulted in significant savings. Opportunity for staff exchange to allow cross pollination of ideas and culture.	Clear definition and map of current and desired culture of Council, including ability to focus on the culture of specific Departments and sections of Council. Identification of causal factors why culture is like it is and specific actions to influence this to the desired cultural outcome (at a whole of Council and sectional level). Outcome is improved culture and motivated, innovative staff and Elected Member body. Outcome for Service Reviews will be a targeted savings amount to be determined prior to a review and once the area for review has been determined by Council Benchmarking will assist in rating Council's service levels and focus areas for priority improvement.
	TIMEFRAME: Planning commenced and assessment to be undertaken early in 2015/16	

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LW Service

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	EXPECTED OUTCOME
Service Range Policy	Council has resolved to review all services to classify as either required by Legislation, a Core Service or Optional which will ultimately determine which services will be provided and at what level via a Service Range Policy. Consultation on any significant changes will be required. 80 Services have been identified that Council provides.	Greater clarity on the range and level of services provided and therefore which do and don't achieve the directions of Council's Strategic Plan. Will form the basis for number and scale of human and material resources required by Council to deliver required services. This will be incorporated in Council's LTFMP and ultimately in individual Staff Performance requirements (see above). Will allow for greater level of planning to provide responses within set timeframes and therefore better use of resources and efficiency gains. Service Range Policy developed to be a community statement on what Council will provide, at what level and in what timeframe.
	TIMEFRAME: Services identified. Early 2015 Elected Members to classify each Service and set service levels	
Annual Service Review	Review of one significant service determined by Council against agreed parameters per annum. Will be undertaken internally and peer reviewed by external consultant.	Based on City of Unley experience, expectation of reasonable savings. Undertaken internally to grow the capacity of Council's in this area but independent external review for probity and transparency.
	TIMEFRAME: To commence in 2015/16	

LW 2020

LW Service cont.

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	EXPECTED OUTCOME
Activity Improvement Process	In excess of 250 activities have been identified that are provided by Council within the 80 Services.	Supporting the development of an innovative and proactive culture through structured and measurable improvement of activities undertaken by staff.
	An Activity Improvement Process to be developed with staff participation to provide efficiency gains within known service levels. An identified number of activities will be reviewed each year overseen and facilitated by Council's Continuous Improvement Officer.	Will provide measurable efficiency gains and savings.
	Forms part of the potential incentive payment for efficiency gains via EB (see below).	Promotes a continuous improvement culture.
TIMEFRAME: To commence in 2015/16.		
Revised Enterprise Agreements (EB)	Enterprise Agreements to be redrafted to better express the agreed conditions.	CPI base payment will contain wage costs to cost of living.
	Offer CPI based increase with incentivized payment for share of agreed and delivered efficiencies.	Incentivized payment will provide motivation to identify and deliver improved work methods and over time will promote a continuous improvement culture.
TIMEFRAME: Two agreements to be negotiated prior to September 2015.		

LW 2020

LW Unity

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	EXPECTED OUTCOME
Value Definition	Without values to guide the behavior and culture of Council it is open to interpretation what is acceptable and what is not. A significant driver in the improvement of an organisation's culture is the definition of its values.	Values will be included in the Strategic Plan and inform the community, Elected Members and staff what Council stands for and what behavior and customer service interaction they can expect.
	Staff are being surveyed on what they believe the current (non described) values are and what they should be.	Annual Performance Review / Professional Development Process will include assessment of not just what has been done but how it has been provided relative to the values of Council.
	Elected Members to also complete the survey.	Recruitment processes will also include a judgment of an applicants values and whether they mesh with Councils – ie are we employing the right kind of people.
		Ultimately these values will drive an improvement in the culture and performance of Council at all levels.
TIMEFRAME: Prior to LW Future in 2015.		
Community/ Staff Engagement and Communication	A community consultation policy will be developed to consider more effective methods of communication with community – this may include greater use of focus groups / panels, social media and surveys to ensure Council communicates well, consistently and proactively.	Better, more consistent communication and information provision.
	It will also ensure that we seek responses and measure the satisfaction of Council's performance.	Greater understanding of basis of decisions.
	Likewise, an internal strategy will be developed and implemented to ensure two way communication, which will be a key to the degree of success of LW 2020.	Increased community input into formulation of plans and projects.
TIMEFRAME: 30 June 2016		

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT



DECISION MAKING STRUCTURE

Local Government Act 1999
Section 41

Council believes strongly in open and accountable municipal governance, and therefore under Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1999, has established community based committees by which it is advised.

41 Committees listed below are included in the Council monthly meeting Agenda for consideration and adoption by Elected Members. Agenda and Minutes of the committee meetings are also available on the Council website - www.loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au

Council officers, in some instances, are delegated authority to make certain decisions under the direction of Council via policy, whilst other decisions will be referred to Council. Policy delegations are noted within Council's delegations register. (Council website: www.loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au Your Council/ Governance/ Delegation Register/ Policy Delegations).

Reports and minutes containing recommendations from Section

SECTION 41 COMMITTEES

Purpose of Committees

COMMITTEE	PURPOSE OF COMMITTEES
Alawoona Hall	Management, operation, improvement and maintenance of the Alawoona Hall, toilets and surrounding precincts to improve the quality of life for the community and visitors to Alawoona. The role of the committee has been assumed by the Alawoona Book Fund Incorporated under a management agreement. The committee was dissolved by Council 17 October 2014.
Asset	Review Council's asset portfolio to identify opportunities and develop policies to reduce the financial impact on Council's operating position and strengthen it's financial sustainability.
District Bushfire Prevention Reference	Consider local issues and any actions required to mitigate the risk of bushfire in the district.
Disability Access Action Plan	Preparation of an action plan in accordance with section 60 of the Disability Discrimination Act 1992.

SECTION 41 COMMITTEES

Purpose of Committees

COMMITTEE	PURPOSE OF COMMITTEES
Houseboat Mooring Management Plan Advisory	Identify current and future demand for houseboat mooring sites within the district and undertake a review of other mooring areas within South Australia and propose a draft Houseboat Mooring Management Plan.
Lease	Investigate consistency in treatment across all sporting organisations and their respective lease arrangements.
Community Land and Lease	The Council meeting of 15 December 2015 to reflect increased focus upon assistance with the review and development of community land management plans to facilitate more effective lease management.
Loxton Christmas Lights	Beautification of Loxton at Christmas time.
The Village	Management of the The Village and promotion of the facility as a regional tourist museum.
Loxton North Recreation Grounds	Maintenance and administration of the Loxton North Recreation Grounds.
Loxton Recreation Grounds	To assist Council in relation to recreation grounds and facilities under the care and management of Council within the Loxton township.
Loxton Retirement Village	Management of the Loxton Retirement Village.
Performance Review	Undertake the annual performance review of the Chief Executive Officer.
The Pines Management	Maintenance of the character and attend to the up keep of The Pines Historic Home.
Policy Review	Review and recommend to Council, policy, procedure, codes of practice, bylaws and delegations and report to Council regarding implementation of requirements of the Local Government Act, 1999.
Waikerie District Community	Assist Council in relation to parks and community facilities under the care, control and management of Council within the Waikerie township and general surrounds.
Wunkar Recreation Grounds Committee	Maintenance and administration of the Wunkar Recreation Grounds, including the tennis courts and ex school grounds. The role of the committee is undertaken by Council staff with liaison and assistance from the user groups, the committee was dissolved by Council 15 May 2015.

SECTION 41 COMMITTEES

Purpose of Committees

OTHER COMMITTEES	PURPOSE OF COMMITTEES
Audit Committee	Pursuant to Section 126 (1) of the Local Government Act, 1999:-Enquire into and report to Council in respect of all matters that the Council confers on it. The functions of an audit committee include, but are not limited to - the review of annual financial statement, strategic management plans or annual business plan, liaising with Council's auditor and reviewing internal controls.
Riverland Building Fire Safety Committee (Regional)	Responsible, under the Development Act, 1993, for building fire safety matters.
Riverland Regional Development Assessment Panel	Pursuant to Section 34 of the Development Act, 1993. In accordance with the authority delegated to it by the Council assess all development applications that are referred to it by an Authorised Council Officer.
Standing Drug Orders Endorsement Committee	Controlled Substances Act 1994.
Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee	Pursuant to Section 101A of the Development Act 1993. Advise Council in relation to the extent to which the Council's strategic planning and development policies accord with the Planning Strategy.
Community Grants Assessment Panel	To advise Council staff regarding assessment of grant applications from community groups.
Community Award Programme Assessment Panel	To advise Council staff regarding assessment of applications/ nominations for Community Awards.
Loxton Riverfront Advisory Panel	To make recommendation for a potential riverfront upgrade between Habels Bend and the houseboat effluent station. Established by Council at the meeting of June 2014 with appointment of panel members at the meeting on 17 April 2015.

ALLOWANCES PAID

To Elected Members of Council or a Committee

Council Members are entitled to receive an annual allowance plus reimbursement of expenses incurred in attending Council and committee meetings related to travelling within the Council area and for the care of a dependent.

The level of allowance is determined by the independent Remuneration Tribunal and set every four years, with the amounts indexed by CPI in the intervening years. The Tribunal is required to determine allowances by taking into account a number of factors including the size, population and revenue of each Council, as well as any relevant economic, demographic and regional factors.

Elected Members are entitled to receive the following annual allowances following the determination of the Remuneration Tribunal as gazetted on Thursday 26 August 2010 and as per determination 7 of 2014 to help cover the cost of performing and discharging their official functions and duties.

Councils may also resolve, on a discretionary basis, to reimburse Council Members for a range of additional expenses. For example, travel outside the Council area, attendance at conferences, or to provide support such as laptop computers, facsimile machines or telephones.

ALLOWANCES

Entitled allowances and reimbursements

Operative from the date of the first meeting of the new Council (November 2014) the following allowances are payable per annum:-

Principal Member
\$51,200.00
Council Deputy Mayor
\$16,000.00
Chairman of Standing Committees
\$16,000.00
Elected Members
\$12,800.00

The independent chair of the Audit Committee is paid \$4000.00 per annum for the role. The independent chair of the Riverland Regional Development Panel is paid a sitting fee of \$770.00 per meeting, independent member and Council representative members are paid a sitting fee of \$350.00 per meeting with this cost being shared between the member Councils.

Travel time payment

In addition to the allowances as determined by the Remuneration Tribunal a travel time payment has been granted to eligible elected members, under part 4 of the determination.

- An allowance of \$336.00 per annum will be payable to Council members, excluding

principal members, whose usual place of residence is within the relevant Council area and is located **at least 30 km but less than 50 kms** from that Council's principal office, via the most direct road route:

- An allowance of \$560.00 per annum will be payable to Council members, excluding principal members, whose usual place of residence is within the relevant Council area and is located **at least 50 km but less than 100 kms** from that Council's principal office, via the most direct road route:
- An allowance of \$1,120.00 per annum will be payable to Council members, excluding principal members, whose usual place of residence is within the relevant Council area and is located **at 100kms or more** from that Council's principal office, via the most direct road route:

Elected members are eligible for and were paid this allowance during the reporting period

FACILITIES & SUPPORT

Pursuant to Section 78 of the Local Government Act Council resolved from a meeting held 19 September 2008 to make available to the Mayor the following facilities and support to assist in performing and discharging official functions and duties:

- Computer, printer, internet access, mobile telephone, phone/fax machine, motor vehicle, office space,

ALLOWANCES PAID

To Elected Members of Council or a Committee

personal assistance.

Council resolved at the meeting of 20 November 2010 to grant the Mayor limited private use of a Council vehicle within South Australia, subject to him keeping and presenting, as required, a vehicle log book.

The Mayor has elected to avail himself of the use of the vehicle

provided and personal assistance.

Council resolved at the meeting of 19 August 2011 that all elected members are provided with an iPad for Council related usage which is managed under the Electronic Communication Facilities Policy and the Elected Member Facilities and User Support Agreement.

TRAINING, SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

Training & Development for Elected Members

In accordance with the District Council of Loxton Waikerie's Training and Development for Elected Members Policy, Council members were provided with opportunities to undertake training and development activities during 2014 - 2015 and attended the following as per the table below:

1 JULY 2014 - NOVEMBER 2014

NAME	DATE	DETAILS
Mayor LE Stasinowsky	3 July 2014	Caretaker Period Training (prior to the periodic election of Council)
	28 & 29 August 2014	Local Government Roads and Works Conference
Cr ML Ward	3 July 2014	Caretaker Period Training (prior to the periodic election of Council)
Cr JF Flavel	28 & 29 August 2014	Local Government Roads and Works Conference
Cr TJ Norton	3 July 2014	Caretaker Period Training (prior to the periodic election of Council)
Cr MJ Vowles	3 July 2014	Caretaker Period Training (prior to the periodic election of Council)
Cr MA Zeppel	3 July 2014	Caretaker Period Training (prior to the periodic election of Council)
	28 & 29 August 2014	Local Government Roads and Works Conference

TRAINING, SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

Training & Development for Elected Members

**FOLLOWING THE PERIODIC ELECTION OF COUNCIL,
NOVEMBER 2014 – 30 JUNE 2015**

NAME	DATE	DETAILS
Mayor LE Stasinowsky	17 November 2014	Induction for Elected Members
	4 December 2014	Post Election Training for Elected Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Local Government • Legal responsibilities • Council and committee meetings • Financial management and reporting*
Cr MJ Vowles	17 November 2014	Induction for Elected Members
	4 December 2014	Post Election Training for Elected Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Local Government • Legal responsibilities • Council and committee meetings • Financial management and reporting*
Cr JF Flavel	4 December 2014	Post Election Training for Elected Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Local Government • Legal responsibilities • Council and committee meetings • Financial management and reporting*
Cr DG Kimber	4 December 2014	Post Election Training for Elected Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Local Government • Legal responsibilities • Council and committee meetings • Financial management and reporting*
Cr MJ Malthouse	17 November 2014	Induction for Elected Members
	4 December 2014	Post Election Training for Elected Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Local Government • Legal responsibilities • Council and committee meetings • Financial management and reporting*
Cr TJ Norton	17 November 2014	Induction for Elected Members
	4 December 2014	Post Election Training for Elected Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Local Government • Legal responsibilities • Council and committee meetings • Financial management and reporting*

TRAINING, SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

Training & Development for Elected Members

NAME	DATE	DETAILS
Cr T Quast	17 November 2014	Induction for Elected Members
	1 December 2014	ICAC morning tea – hosted by the Commissioner
	4 December 2014	Post Election Training for Elected Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Local Government • Legal responsibilities • Council and committee meetings • Financial management and reporting*
Cr DA Thiele	17 November 2014	Induction for Elected Members
	4 December 2014	Post Election Training for Elected Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Local Government • Legal responsibilities • Council and committee meetings • Financial management and reporting*
	25 - 27 March 2015	16th International Symposium on School Life and School History Museums and Collections. Sovereign Hill, Ballarat
Cr KA Webber	17 November 2014	Induction for Elected Members
	4 December 2014	Post Election Training for Elected Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Local Government • Legal responsibilities • Council and committee meetings • Financial management and reporting*
Cr MA Zeppel	17 November 2014	Induction for Elected Members
	4 December 2014	Post Election Training for Elected Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Local Government • Legal responsibilities • Council and committee meetings • Financial management and reporting*

**meets the requirements of the Local Government Association Training Standards for Council Members – Council member mandatory training requirements. All Elected Members have fulfilled their obligations to undertake the mandatory training.*

MEMBER INFORMATION

Attendance at Meetings

The full Council meets on the third Friday of every month commencing at 9:00am. Meetings alternate between Loxton and Waikerie in the respective Council Chambers.

MEETING ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE 2014 – 2015

PRE PERIODIC ELECTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT (8 NOVEMBER 2014)			POST PERIODIC ELECTION
Elected Members	Council	Special	Council
Mayor LE Stasinowsky	4	2	8
Cr R Copeland	4	2	did not stand at the 2014 periodic election
Cr JF Flavel	3	1	8
Cr DG Kimber	3	3	8
Cr MJ Malthouse	4	3	7
Cr TJ Norton	4	3	7
Cr DA Thiele	3	Nil	7
Cr MJ Vowles	4	3	8
Cr ML Ward	3	3	8
Cr KA Webber	4	1	8
Cr MA Zeppel	4	2	7
Cr T Quast	was elected to Council at the 2014 periodic election		6
Total Meetings Held	4	3	8

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD FROM JULY 2014 - NOVEMBER 2015: 15

TOTAL NUMBER OF SPECIAL MEETINGS OF COUNCIL HELD FROM JULY 2014 - NOVEMBER 2015: 3

Elected Members also sit on a number of committees of Council and within the community, they are noted within the annual report (Elected Member Committee Representation).

DELEGATION REGISTER

Acts of Parliament Local Government Act 1999

Councils have a range of powers and functions to perform which are conferred under a number of different Acts of Parliament including the Local Government Act 1999.

Section 44 of the Local Government Act 1999 allows a Council to delegate many of its decision making powers and functions under these Acts. The primary purpose of delegating powers and functions is to

facilitate an efficient and effective organisation by allowing decisions to be made by the staff who carry out day to day operations.

Section 44 (6) of the Act requires Council to review delegations

at least once in every financial year, a review of all delegations was adopted by Council at the meeting of 19 September 2014, with subsequent resolution at the meeting of 17 April 2015.

The delegations register is able to be accessed via Council's website: www.loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au; Your Council/ Governance/ Delegation Register

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Local Government (Elections) Act 1999



With amendments made to the Local Government (Elections) Act 1999 and other relevant legislation, Local Government elections are now held in November of the relevant year with a four year term of office.

Local Government Periodic Elections were conducted in November 2014, with the scrutiny and count concluding on 8 November 2014.

At the close of nominations, incumbent Mayor Leon Stasinowsky was declared provisionally elected as there were no other nominations for the position of Mayor and an election was required for the 10 positions of Area Councillor with 11 nominations having been received.

The resulting election saw all previous Councillors returned other than long serving Councilor Ross Copeland who did not seek re-election. Cr Trevor Quast is the incoming member.

Whilst the percentage of ballot packs returned, 39.99%, was considerably less than that for the 2010 election it was higher than the state average of 31.99%.

POLICIES

Policies, codes of practice and codes of conduct are fundamental components of Council's good governance framework. Council uses them to:

- set direction
- guide decision making by the elected Council and administration; and
- inform the public about how Council will normally act.

Policies and codes are reviewed, as required either by legislation or the direction of Council, firstly by the Policy Review Committee of Council and then referred to Council for consideration.

Giving effect to policy direction is then the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer and administration, this involves setting clear and detailed procedures to be followed by staff.

In addition to mandatory registers, codes and policies Council has a number of policies, these include the following:-

- Access and Equity Policy
- Advice/ Information to Elected Members Policy
- Alterations & Business Use of a Public Road Policy
- Annual Delivery / Strategic Delivery of Projects and Status Report Policy
- Appointment to External Organisations Policy
- Budget Development, Reporting & Amendment Policy
- Building & Swimming Pool Inspection Policy
- Caretaker Policy
- Child Safe Environments Policy
- Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Policy
- Community Award Policy
- Community Development & Support Grants Policy
- Community Donations Policy
- Community Event Funding Policy
- Community Land Policy
- Community Support - Use of Council Plant, Equipment &/ or Materials by Community Groups Policy
- Confidentiality Guidelines
- Conflict of Interest – Guidelines
- Customer Service Policy
- Drug & Alcohol Management Policy
- Emergency Response Operations in Support of the Country Fire Service Policy
- Encroachments onto Council Land Policy
- Fee Waiver for Non-Profit Community Based Organisations Policy
- Fraud & Corruption Prevention Policy
- General Permit Policy
- Graffiti Prevention and Removal Policy
- Guidelines for Access to the Loxton Motor Home Reserve
- Induction Policy for Elected Members
- Library Policy
- Light Vehicle Crossover Policy
- Loxton Retirement Village:-
 - Recurrent Charges Policy
 - Register of Interest Policy
 - Remarketing of Units Policy
 - General Administrative Policy
 - Loan Agreement Repayment Policy
 - Refurbishment. Remarketing Policy
 - Refurbishment. Cyclic Maintenance Policy
 - Remarketing - Incoming Resident Timing Policy
 - Sale of New Units Policy
 - Variations in Construction Policy
- Policy for the Mayor Seeking Legal Advice
- Privacy Policy
- Public Water Donations Policy
- Residential Waste – Kerbside Recycling Policy
- Risk Management Policy
- Rural Property Addressing Policy
- Social Media Policy
- Supplementary Election Policy
- Tourism Policy
- Tree Management Policy
- Volunteer Policy
- Welcome to & Acknowledgment of Country Policy
- Whistleblowers Protection Policy

All policies of Council are available for inspection at the Council offices in Loxton or Waikerie during business hours at no charge. Copies of the policies are also available from Council's website www.loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au or postal copies may be obtained from the Council offices.

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT



CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS

Meetings and Documents

It is a requirement of the Local Government Act 1999 (The Act), schedule 4, clause 1(ga) that Council include in the Annual Report, information in relation to any orders of the Council or Council Committee where the public have been excluded from attendance in accordance with Section 90 (2) of the Local Government Act 1999.

It is also a requirement of the Act Council to include in the Annual Report, information in relation to any orders of the Council or Council Committee that documents be kept on a confidential basis in accordance with Section 91 (7) of the Local Government Act 1999.

Council held twelve (12) ordinary meetings and three (3) special meetings during 2014 – 2015

On 21 separate occasions during the course of the Council meetings, Council met in confidence to discuss issues in relation to:

Section 90 (3) (a)

Information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead) (5)

Section 90 (3) (b)

Information the disclosure of which -

- (i) could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the Council; and
- (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest; (6)

Section 90 (3) (h)

Legal advice (4)

Section 90 (3) (i)

Information relating to actual litigation, or litigation that the Council or Council committee believes on reasonable grounds will take place, involving the Council or an employee of the Council; (3)

Section 90 (3) (k)

Tenders for the supply of goods, the provision of services or the carrying out of works; (1)

Section 90 (3) (b) and (k)

(b) Information the disclosure of which -

- (i) could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the Council; and

- (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest;
- (k) Tenders for the supply of goods, the provision of services or the carrying out of works; (1)

Section 90 (3) (d) and (h)

(d) commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which -

- (i) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and

- (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest;
- (h) legal advice; (1)

Review of items held in confidence

Review of items discussed in confidence is undertaken on a regular basis, quarterly or as required and this process has seen 6 items released from confidentially provisions over the course of the year, with the majority of items being of an on-going nature.

Confidential motions

During the course of the financial year Council made a total of 537 resolutions that were not procedural, ie motions to break for lunch or defer a speaker to a later time during the course of a meeting were not counted within this total, but rather reflect the decisions made by Council. Council resolved to enter into confidence in 3.9% of instances.

SUBSIDIARIES OF THE COUNCIL

Reports

Council is a member of a regional subsidiary, The Murray Mallee Local Government Association, the association comprises of the following Councils:-

- Berri Barmera Council
- Coorong District Council
- District Council of Karoonda East Murray
- District Council of Loxton Waikerie
- Mid Murray Council
- Rural City of Murray Bridge
- Renmark Paringa Council
- The Southern Mallee District Council

ELECTOR REPRESENTATION

Periodic Review



The Local Government Act 1999 requires that Council must ensure that all aspects of the composition of the Council, and the issue of the division, or potential division of the area of the Council into wards are comprehensively reviewed under this section at least once in each relevant period that is prescribed by the regulations.

The last representation review for the District Council of Loxton Waikerie was undertaken and presented to Council on the 17 July 2009. The structure and composition was implemented at the next general election of Council, held 13 November 2010.

Pursuant to Section 12 (4) of the Local Government Act 1999 (The Act) and the schedule as gazetted 31 May 2012, (2618), the next representational review for the District Council of Loxton Waikerie is planned for October 2016 - October 2017.

REGIONAL MAP

Loxton Waikerie and General Information



Regional Map highlighting the District Council of Loxton Waikerie

REPRESENTATION QUOTA

For Council

Derived from information provided by the Electoral Commission of SA, current as at last collection of elector figures statistics (28/02/2015) there were 8165 electors represented by 11 Elected Members including the Mayor. The representation quota was 742.

Local Government authorities throughout the state are placed in groups of similar size and type. The District Council of Loxton Waikerie is classed a "Rural Agricultural Very Large"

(RAV) Council and is grouped with ten (10) other Councils in this category in South Australia. The statewide average representation quota for the reporting period was 1636.

The representation quota for a Council is the amount ascertained by dividing the number of electors for the area of the Council (as at the last closing date under the Local Government (Elections) Act 1999) by the number of members who constitute the Council (ignoring any fractions resulting from the division and expressed as a quota) Local Government Act 1999, schedule 4

TENDERING ARRANGEMENTS

The Council is committed to purchasing goods and services in an honest manner that ensures a fair, transparent and accountable process is available to all parties involved. The Council aims to ensure that its methods of purchasing goods and services are cost effective and meet the needs of the community.

Use of local goods and services

The Council is committed to identifying opportunities for improved outcomes when acquiring goods and services. Council has developed policy, procedures and practices directed towards obtaining value in the expenditure of public money, ethical and fair

treatment for all participants and ensuring probity, accountability and transparency in all of its operations.

The Council has formed an alliance with neighboring Councils Berri Barmera and Renmark Paringa, known as the Riverland G3, in order to benefit from economies of

scale, increase the range and quality of services and improve lifestyles for our residents, and where possible reduce the cost of services to ratepayers through a consultative and collaborative approach. It also has the aim to protect the employment in the towns and districts of the participating Councils and enhance local economies.

Copies of the District Council of Loxton Waikerie Procurement Policy are available for public inspection or can be printed, copies are also available on Council's website at: www.loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au

EXTERNAL AUDITORS

Council is required under Section 128 of the South Australia Local Government Act 1999 to appoint a suitably qualified person as its external auditor. The external auditor reports to Council on the General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Report prepared annually in accordance with the Act.

The external auditor is also required to report to Council on particular matters arising from the audit. (Section 129 of the SA Local Government Act 1999). The external auditor must specifically identify in the report any irregularity in the Council's accounting practices or the management of the Council's financial affairs identified by the external auditor during the course of an audit.

Following a competitive tendering process Council appointed Galpins Accountants, Auditors and Business Consultants as Council's external Auditors for

a single (1) year term for the 2014/15 financial year.

Pursuant to Section 128(9) of the Local Government Act, 1999, Council must include in its Annual Report details of the remuneration paid to its external Auditor for work performed during the review year.

In compliance with Section 128(9), Council advises:

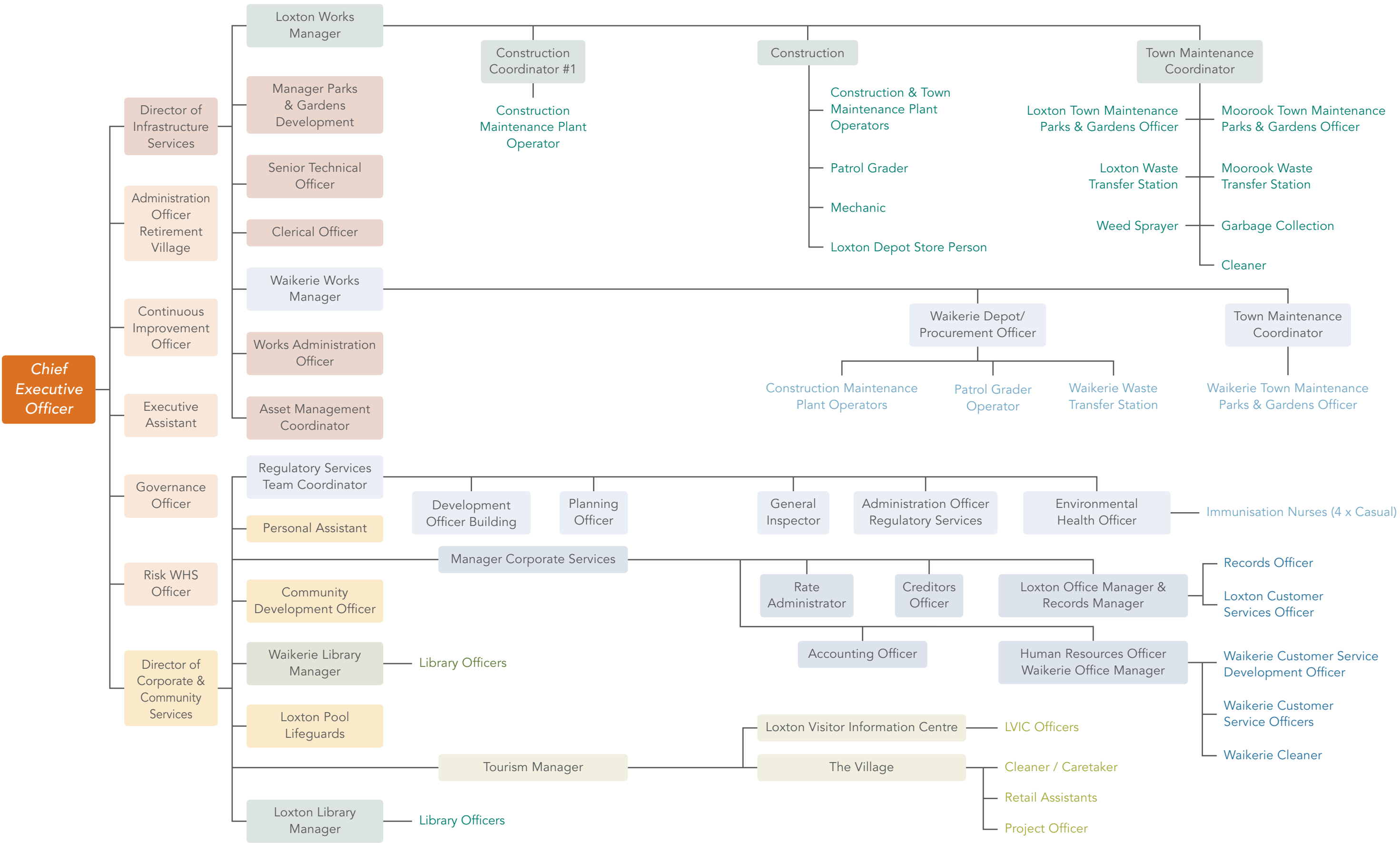
- the sum of \$13,200 (Exc GST) was paid for the balance of the 2014/15 annual audit of statutory financial records and related specific purpose statements.

LAND MANAGEMENT PLANS

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie has the following Community Land Management Plans:-

- Aerodromes
- Cemeteries
- Council Buildings
- Playgrounds
- Caravan park
- Community buildings
- Sporting grounds - Multi - occupiers
- Sporting grounds - single occupiers

ORGANISATION CHART



SENIOR OFFICERS

Allowances and Benefits

Allowances and benefits are made available to three senior executive officers as part of salary packages, they are as follows:-

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

- Full unrestricted use of motor vehicle - \$10,000.00
- Home telephone reimbursement up to \$1000.00 limit per annum
- Reimbursement of professional fees up to \$400.00
- Mobile telephone and cost of reasonable private calls
- Provision of an iPad - \$1000.00

DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

- Full unrestricted use of motor vehicle - \$10,000.00
- Membership fees and subscriptions as approved by Council
- Mobile telephone and cost of reasonable private calls
- Provision of an iPad - \$1000.00

DIRECTOR CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Full unrestricted private use of motor vehicle - \$10,000.00
- Membership fees and subscriptions as approved by Chief Executive Officer
- Mobile telephone and cost of reasonable private calls
- Provision of an iPad - \$1000.00

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT

Environment Free from Discrimination

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie is committed to a policy of equal opportunity in employment.

The Council accepts that it has a responsibility to create an environment free from discrimination, and to ensure that the principle of merit

operates unhindered by regard to irrelevant criteria. To this end the Council will act to ensure that its structures are free from direct or indirect discrimination on the grounds of sex, marital status or pregnancy, race, age, sexual orientation, gender history, religious or political beliefs, impairment, family responsibility or family status.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Applications

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie provides information requested whenever possible, without referral to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 1991.

Where information is requested under the Freedom of Information Act an application fee must be forwarded with the completed request forms

provided for in the Act, unless an exemption is granted.

Applications are responded to as soon as possible within the statutory 30 days of receipt of a request, together with the application fee or proof of exemption.

One (1) Freedom of Information Application was received during the reporting period, access was refused to part one (1) of the application under section 20 of the Freedom of Information

Act and exempt material was deleted under section 20 (4) of the Act in regard to part two (2) of the application.

Pursuant to Section 38 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 1999 a person who is aggrieved by a determination made by the Council is entitled to an internal review of the determination.

All Freedom of Information applications and inquiries should be addressed to Council's FOI Officer, Karen Wetherall.

INTERNAL REVIEW

Council Decisions

Under Section 270 of the Local Government Act 1999 Council is required to have policies, practices and procedures to manage any request for a review of a Council decision.

Council has Internal Review of Council Decisions Policy and Procedure, the policy and procedure is explained and available on Council's website.

There were no requests received for a review of a decision of Council during the reporting period.



REGISTERS, CODES & POLICIES

Schedule 4 Compliance Information

Pursuant to Section 131 (2) of the Local Government Act 1999 the following information is provided in compliance with the Act.

LIST OF REGISTERS

- By Law Register
- Fees and Charges Register
- Register of Allowances and Benefits (Elected Members)
- Register of Community Land
- Register of Interests (Council members)
- Register of Interests (Council officers)
- Register of Public Roads
- Register of Salaries and Wages

CODES

- Members Code of Conduct
- Employees Code of Conduct
- Code of Practice for Access to Council & Committee Meetings & Documents

STATUTORY POLICIES

- Procurement Policy
- Prudential Management Policy
- Public Consultation Policy

- Elected Members Allowances and Benefits Policy
- Training and Development Policy for Elected Members
- Road and Street Naming Policy
- Order Making Policy
- Internal Review of Council Decisions (Grievance) Policy
- Internal Control Policies which include the following but are not limited to:-
 - Bad Debt Policy
 - Credit Card Policy
 - Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy
 - Treasury Management Policy
 - Disposal of Land and Other Assets Policy

ADDITIONAL REGISTERS

Are maintained and include the following:-

- Assessment Record
- Approval Register
- Asset Register
- Certificate of Title Register
- Common Seal Register
- Confidential Minute Register
- Contracts, Licences and Agreements Register

- Register of Campaign Donation Returns
- Delegations Register
- Gift and Benefits Register
- Internal Review Register Policy Register
- Lease Register
- Training Register – Elected Members and Employees

ADDITIONAL CODES

Of conduct have been adopted by Council and include:-

- Code of Conduct
- Child Safe Environments

GUIDELINES

- Caretaker Guidelines
- Conflict of Interest - Guidelines
- Guidelines & General Approval for the Placement or Affixation of Election Signs

INFORMATION STATEMENT

The following procedure has been adopted to support the Code of Conduct for Council Members.

Complaints Handling Procedure under the Code of Conduct for Council Members.



CORPORATE STATEMENT

RISK & WHS OFFICER

Risk & Work, Health and Safety Officer Report

WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY

Health and Wellbeing

Council is committed to ensure the safety and wellbeing of their workers.

Council participated in the Local Government Association Workers' Compensation Scheme's Healthy Lifestyle projects and continues to provide screenings and preventative programs. Information sessions are also made available to employees on a continuing basis.

- Healthy Lifestyle Program Health Assessments
- Skin cancer screenings
- Hearing Assessments
- Flu vaccinations

There has been further progress in the activities and resources to maximise worker safety and wellbeing and maintain legal compliance by;

- Work Health Safety Plan implementation
- Continual Improvement of Council's Contractor Management processes
- Documentation improvement

The Strategic Plan for Work Health and Safety requires Council as an exempt employer, to set its own Work Health and Safety objectives in accordance with Workcover's performance standards for self insurers and to integrate Work Health and

Safety into the organisation's Strategic Management Plan.

Council continues to increase workplace efficiency by:

- maintaining low incident rates.
- improving compliance with Work Health and Safety by improving Council's systems.
- assessing and maintaining a high level of safety for employees, contractors and volunteers.
- participating in programs offered to assist Council in the improvement of Council's systems, practices and systems.
- working closely with the Regional Risk Coordinator to improve Council's systems.
- Conducting workplace inspections on a regular basis

WHS & Risk Committee

Council's Work Health Safety and Risk Committee comprises of equal representation of management and employees.

The Work Health Safety and Risk Committee meets quarterly to address work health and safety issues. Together with the Regional Risk Coordinator, the committee has an ongoing commitment to Work Health and Safety to achieve the best policies, procedures and practices for the safety of all employees, contractors and volunteers.

Objective Appraisal

In November 2014 Local Government Risk Services (LGRS) and LGA Workers Compensation Scheme (LGAWCS) conducted an Objective Appraisal of the District Council of Loxton Waikerie to measure conformance against the WorkCover Code of Conduct for self-insured employers and specifically nominated elements within the Performance Standards for Self Insurers. The appraisal was a systematic, independent and documented process obtaining evidence, and evaluating it objectively to determine the extent to which the criteria are fulfilled.

The Objective Appraisal was completed against the following criteria;

Elements 1,2 and 3 of the LGAWCS & LGRS KPI Objective Appraisal tool based on the Performance Standards for Self-insurers WHS Adequacy Checklist.

As a result of the Objective Appraisal Report there were nine non conformances in standards 2 and 3. Council's WHS & Risk Officer implemented an action plan to close out all non conformances. Three non conformances were closed out by 30th June 2014 with the remaining six non conformances are expected to be completed by 30 September 2015.

RISK & WHS OFFICER

Risk & Work, Health and Safety Officer Report

WHS & Injury Management

Continuous improvement continues to underpin DCLW's approach to all its activities. The Work Health Safety and Injury Management Plan (containing specific WHS programs) ensures Council can identify key deficiency areas and measure the success of systematic targets designed to improve performance. Key areas of focus for 2014 – 2015 were:

- Hazard Management
- Documentation processes
- Training requirements

RISK MANAGEMENT

Business Continuity Plan

The DCLW has adopted a comprehensive and integrated approach to the development of a Business Continuity Management Plan. The purpose of this plan is to build organizational capabilities to support the continued achievements of critical business objectives in the face of uncertainty or disruption.

This plan identifies the required facilities, technical infrastructure, key responsibilities, and processes that will be required to position Council to be able to respond and recover from a business interruption event.

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

The current enterprise agreement (ASU No. 7 2012) for the South Australian Municipal Salaried Officers Award employees has now finished. Negotiations have started for the new enterprise agreement.

The current enterprise agreement (AWU No. 9 2014) for the Local Government Employees Award is still in place until the end of the 2015/2016 financial year.

Council continues to offer an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to all employees. The purpose of the program is to provide proactive support to workers who are having problems (personal or work-related) that are affecting them and therefore affecting their work.

Employee Retirements/Resignations:

Waikerie Depot Manager - retired after working for Local Government for 33 years

Loxton Depot Construction employee - retired after 33 years with Council

Waikerie Depot Grader Operator - retired after 15 years with Council

Risk & WHS Officer/Human Resources Officer - resigned

Loxton Library Assistant - resigned

Building Inspector Waikerie - retired

Loxton Depot Town Maintenance x 1

Waikerie Depot Town Maintenance x 1

New Employees:

Risk & WHS Officer

Casual Customer Service Officer

Building Inspector Waikerie

Loxton Library Assistant

Waikerie Depot Town Maintenance x 1


Loxton Depot Town Maintenance x 2

Loxton Depot Construction x 1

Employees

As at 30th June 2015 Council employed:

 61

 43

TOTAL
104

Full Time Equivalent: 80.5

RISK & WHS OFFICER

Training & Development

All new staff are required to participate in a comprehensive induction process to ensure they are aware of Council policies, procedures and systems. These include;

- Corporate Induction
- Work Health and Safety Induction
- Workplace Health and Safety
- Due Diligence
- ICAC training for Public Officers
- Code of Conduct for Employees

- Bullying, Discrimination and Sexual Harassment
- Child Safe Environments training
- A number of Work Health and Safety training programs were also attended by staff. These included;
- WHS One System Implementation Training for All Staff
- Rehabilitation and Return to Work
- First Aid
- Workzone Traffic Management
- Emergency Warden Training
- Health and Safety Representative Course

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie is committed to a policy of equal opportunity in employment. The Council accepts that it has a responsibility to create an environment free from discrimination, and to ensure that the principle of merit operates unhindered by regard to irrelevant criteria. To this end the Council will act to ensure that its structures are free from direct or indirect discrimination on the grounds of sex, marital status or pregnancy, race, age, sexual orientation, gender history, religious or political beliefs, impairment, family responsibility or family status.

RATING & VALUATION SUMMARY

RATING COMPONENT		2013/14	2014/15
1	FIXED CHARGE	\$250	\$250
	Amount Total Collection	\$1,673,750	\$1,685,500
	% of Total Rates	19.8%	19.34%
2	DIFFERENTIAL RATES		
	1. In Town	\$2,206,374	\$2,420,554
	2. Out of Town	\$4,561,876	\$4,605,729
3	VALUATION		
	Rateable Land	\$1,685,680,875	\$1,711,788,192
	Non Rateable Land	\$ 44,936,505	\$ 41,472,488
	All Land	\$1,730,617,380	\$1,753,260,680
4	SEPARATE RATE		
	Catchment Board Contribution	n/a	n/a
	Catchment/NRM Levy	\$168,007	\$174,260

RATING & VALUATION SUMMARY

VALUATION COMPARISON		2013/14		2014/15		% INCREASE
		PROPERTIES	ASSESSED VALUE (\$)	PROPERTIES	ASSESSED VALUE (\$)	
1	Residential	4,055	825,249,900	4,128	842,297,700	2.06%
2	Commercial	269	86,547,820	271	90,233,320	4.26%
3	Industry	101	26,653,400	99	28,079,400	5.35%
4	Primary Production	2,186	704,845,600	2,166	702,352,400	-0.35%
5	Vacant Land	887	40,600,520	891	41,186,920	1.44%
6	Other	841	46,720,140	851	49,110,940	5.12%
TOTALS		8,339	1,730,617,380	8,406	1,753,260,680	1.31%

COUNCIL FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Council has set the target of a return to the achievement of an operating surplus by year ten of our adopted long term financial management plan (2024-25). A return to surplus demonstrates that Council is delivering the required services whilst not creating a burden on future generations.

In the month of June 2015 the Federal Government has paid an amount of untied financial assistance grants, equal to \$2.226 million. This amount

being two quarters of advance grant payments that would otherwise have been payable in 2015/16. In accordance with AASB 1004 this brought forward payment has been recognised on receipt, in advance of the year of allocation. Accordingly, the operating result of this period has been distorted by this amount.

In 2014-15 Council's underlying operating surplus result (adjusted to take into account the advance receipt of two quarters of our local government grants commission allocation) was marginally better than anticipated.

Council understands it cannot simply increase revenue in order to achieve targets set. It is for this reason that continuous improvement strategies are being employed to ensure that service level delivery is comprehensively reviewed. Council is also reviewing its asset portfolio so as to identify opportunities to reduce the financial impact on Council's operating position and strengthen financial sustainability. In addition to these strategies Council has concentrated effort in regional collaboration and cost savings through the Riverland G3 Alliance.

COUNCIL FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

OPERATING RESULT / DEFICIT

YEAR	RESULT SURPLUS
2014-15 Adopted budget	\$57,000
2014-15 Long term financial management plan Target	\$57,000
2014-15 Financial result	\$2,339,000 ⁽¹⁾
2014-15 Financial adjusted result	\$113,000

OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT RATIO

YEAR	RESULT STATUS
2014-15 Adopted budget	0.5%
2014-15 Long term financial management plan Target	0.5%
2014-15 Financial result	21.0%
2014-15 Financial adjusted result	1.0%

⁽¹⁾ As noted on page 47 the Federal Government has paid two quarters of advance grant payments equivalent to \$2.226 million that would otherwise have been payable in 2015/16.

STRATEGIC PLAN

COMMUNITY GOAL 1 - SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

OBJECTIVE: *Actively contribute to the economic environment of the District and region, in order to promote the sustainable growth & development of new & existing business & economic opportunities.*

1.1 Create an economic environment that provides impetus for growth and diversification of existing businesses

1.1.1 Develop a Business Charter to establish a framework for engagement with key sectors of the economy

1.1.1.1	Provide support to the Riverland West Chamber of Commerce Administration capability	Complete
1.1.1.2	Provide support to the Riverland West Chamber of Commerce and Loxton Chamber of Commerce to deliver agreed projects from their respective Strategic Plans	Complete
1.1.1.3	Seek grant funding to develop a community lead revitalisation of the public areas of Waikerie Central Business District	Complete
1.1.1.4	Continue funding provision for RDA Murraylands and Riverland	Complete

STRATEGIC PLAN

1.2 Encourage a vibrant tourism industry

1.2.1	Foster tourism opportunities at a local, district and regional level by building upon existing tourism and business icons	
1.2.1.1	Investigation into Relocation of Loxton VIC to the riverfront precinct	Not commenced due to land unavailability
1.2.1.2	Relocate the RV dump point to the edge of the Loxton Riverfront Holiday Park together with reduced price / service sites for RVs within the Park	Approvals being sought
1.2.1.3	Purchase riverfront land at Waikerie from the State Government under a Crown Condition Agreement for the development of a new Caravan Park	Complete
1.2.2	Lift the economic and financial profile of the region through targeted promotion and marketing, event coordination and publicising of business success	
1.2.2.1	Negotiate and finalise a further 3 year funding agreement with Renmark Paringa and Berri Barmera Councils for Destination Riverland	Complete
1.2.3	Promote and attract events and festivals that add value to the local economy	
1.2.3.1	Continue provision of support to the Loxton Chamber of Commerce for the award winning Loxton Lights Up festival	Complete
1.2.3.2	Support the Loxton Show through provision of funding for the State Championships SA Yard Dogs Ass	Complete
1.2.3.3	Support the Browns Well Towns Centenary Celebrations	Complete
1.2.3.4	Provide support for the Supa Series for Seniors - Statewide Lawn Bowls event	Complete
1.2.3.5	Replace the Rope Lights in Loxton's town Christmas Tree	Complete
1.2.3.6	Provide support to undertake the 2015 Pedal Prix around a street circuit in Loxton	Complete
1.2.3.7	Purchase permanent lights for Waikerie's town Christmas Tree	Complete
1.2.3.8	Continued support for Waikerie's Australia Day Extravaganza	Complete
1.2.3.9	Continued support for Loxton Nippy's Gift	Complete
1.2.3.10	Host the final night of the SA Variety Bash in Loxton	Complete

1.3 Create partnerships that provide economic opportunities

1.3.1	Engage with the primary industry sector to better understand their needs and how Council can assist the sector	
1.3.1.1	Support the establishment of the Primary Producers Business Centre through provision of representation on the Steering Committee	Ongoing

STRATEGIC PLAN

COMMUNITY GOAL 2 - COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

OBJECTIVE: To provide decisive, accountable and visionary leadership to encourage initiative, self belief and confidence amongst the community.

2.1 Governance

2.1.1	Undertake decision making that is transparent, timely and responsive to community needs, whilst maintaining a clear focus on the long term goals of the community	
2.1.1.1	Review Council's Strategic Plan entitled LW Future Substantially	Commenced
2.1.1.2	Develop an integrated plan for the continued improvement of Council's Service, its People, Future direction and Unity – LW 2020	Complete
2.1.3	Review governance and meeting structures to ensure they are consistent with good industry practice and meet community expectations	
2.1.3.1	Undertake a review of Committees established pursuant to section 41 of the Local Government Act	Complete

2.2 Community Training

2.2.1	Implement a Professional Development program which incorporates provision of, and encourages attendance at, focussed training for Elected Members to equip them to effectively discharge their responsibilities	
2.2.1.1	Provide training and development for Elected Members	Complete
2.2.2	Provide community education on the role of Council and the Elected Members to encourage increased participation in Council elections	
2.2.2.1	Conduct the period elections	Complete

2.3 Communication and Consultation

2.3.1	Identify appropriate opportunities to engage the community in decision making	
2.3.1.1	Create community based working parties to investigate specific issues to provide recommendation to Council	Complete
2.3.3	Use local media and Council's website to promote key decisions and actions of Council	
2.3.3.1	Redevelop and modernise Council's website	Substantially Commenced

2.4 Leadership

2.4.2	Drive regional collaboration for community benefit	
2.4.2.1	Review the Memorandum of Understanding for the Riverland G3 Alliance and continue active participation	

STRATEGIC PLAN

COMMUNITY GOAL 3 - PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE, ASSETS AND FACILITIES

OBJECTIVE: To provide and maintain community infrastructure that is responsive to the changing needs of the community and its visitors.

3.1 Asset Management

3.1.1	Ensure long term management of infrastructure is based on asset management plans	
3.1.1.1	Upgrade the Pound in Loxton	Complete
3.1.1.2	Update the valuation of Council's Land, Buildings and Structures as required by accounting standards	Complete
3.1.1.3	Install additional meters for Council's treated water system	Complete
3.1.1.4	Replace the filters at the Kokoda Terrace and Mill Corner Dams	Complete
3.1.1.5	Replace the irrigation suction line at the Moorook Oval pump	Complete
3.1.1.6	Purchase Skidsteer, Bucket Broom and Rib Roller	Complete
3.1.1.7	Prepare a Houseboat Mooring and Management Plan	Substantially commenced
3.1.2	Implement a long term priority based road maintenance program	
3.1.2.1	Maintenance of sealed road network	Complete
3.1.2.2	Maintenance of unsealed road network	Complete

3.2 Public Spaces

3.2.1	Provide accessible & sustainable open space, parks and gardens for passive & active recreation	
3.2.1.1	Upgrade the Lions Park BBQ facility in conjunction with the Lions Club of Loxton	Complete
3.2.1.2	Continue the upgrade of Heritage Park (Apex Club Area)	Substantially commenced
3.2.1.3	Provide a new plinth for the Loxton Cemetery	Complete
3.2.1.4	Develop the Loxton Pioneer Playground Stage 1 in conjunction with the community lead Playground Working Group	Substantially commenced
3.2.1.5	Loxton Pioneer Playground Subsurface Irrigation	Complete
3.2.1.6	Complete Heritage Park Section D	Substantially commenced

STRATEGIC PLAN

3.2.1.7	Upgrade Rilli Reserve and Qualco Boat Ramps subject to SABFAC funding	Substantially commenced
3.2.1.8	Install subsurface salt water drainage at Loxton's Apex Park	Not Commenced
3.2.1.9	Commencement of upgrade of Federation Park Waikerie	Commenced
3.2.1.10	Complete Centenary Park Redevelopment	Commenced
3.2.1.11	Conduct a risk review of playgrounds	Complete
3.2.1.12	Develop a Loxton Town Beautification Plan	Complete
3.2.1.13	Develop a Boating and Riverfront Facilities Plan	Complete
3.2.1.14	Undertake riverfront bank stabilisation in Waikerie and Loxton	Complete
3.2.1.15	Manage the impact of the Little Corella	Ongoing

3.2.2 Provide attractive entrances and streetscapes to enhance the character of the townships

3.2.2.1	Continue upgrade of Allen Hosking section of East Terrace Precinct	Substantially Commenced
3.2.2.2	Our Hub Our Pride East Terrace Loxton Stage Upgrade	Substantially Commenced
3.2.2.3	Develop and install "Welcome" signage (Moorook / KOM / Ramco)	Complete

3.3 Community Assets and Facilities

3.3.1 Identify opportunities and partnerships for joint use / multi purpose facilities to increase community use and viability of current and any, new infrastructure

3.3.1.1	Provide in principle support to the Waikerie Football Club and Ramco Football and Netball Clubs voluntary investigation to sharing of joint facilities	Complete
3.3.1.2	Investigate the public private partnership for the provision of a Hydrotherapy Pool in Loxton in conjunction with the Loxton Physiotherapy Service	Commenced

3.3.2 Examine opportunities to develop, maintain or rationalise Council owned assets and facilities based primarily on strategic objectives, assessment of risk (if any), usage, spread of potential benefit and community well being

3.3.2.1	Provide a Shelter and associated works to upgrade Laurel Terrace Park in conjunction with the community consultation	Substantially Commenced
3.3.2.2	Continued provision of Information Technology upgrades as per asset management plans	Complete

STRATEGIC PLAN

3.3.2.3	Disabled Toilet Ramp	Complete
3.3.2.4	Upgrades / repairs to the Paruna Public Toilet Block	Complete
3.3.2.5	Provide support to the Waikerie Pony Club through provision of disabled compliant ablutions	Complete
3.3.2.6	Repair Alawoona Hall doors	Complete
3.3.2.7	Re-roof Rain Moth Gallery Waikerie	Complete
3.3.2.8	Partner with Loxton North Football Club to upgrade the timekeepers box	Not commenced - grant not obtained
3.3.2.9	Undertake independent assessment of the remaining life and maintenance requirements for the Loxton and Waikerie town swimming pools	Complete

3.3.3 Establish and implement a policy for rights of use on community assets and facilities

3.3.3.1	Develop a lease management policy	Commenced
3.3.3.2	Allocation to support the program of firming up third party occupation of Council land via leases and licences	Complete

3.4 Municipal Facilities

3.4.2 Review long term requirements for libraries and office accommodation to meet current and projected community demand and operational requirements

3.4.2.1	Establishment of Disability Access and Action Plan	Substantially commenced
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3.5 Infrastructure

3.5.3 Establish and implement a policy which provides a program for equitable access to all community facilities and infrastructure

3.5.3.1	Continue with mobility access upgrade of identified footpaths	Complete
3.5.3.2	Provide disabled friendly cabins in the Loxton Riverfront Holiday Park	Underway
3.5.3.3	Provide disabled access to the Loxcare facility	Complete

3.5.4 Implement a directional signage program that enables increased usage of infrastructure & facilities

3.5.4.1	Internal Signage Project - The Village	Funds reallocated 2015/2016
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STRATEGIC PLAN

COMMUNITY GOAL 4 - RECOGNITION AND PROTECTION OF A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

OBJECTIVE: To ensure the importance of the environment spaces is recognised and protected for the enjoyment of future generations.

4.1 Water Resource Management

4.1.1	Identify and pursue opportunities for the development and upgrading of sustainable methods of water and waste water management and disposal	
4.1.1.1	Scheduled replacement of G CWMS pumps	Commenced
4.1.1.2	Finalise the Waikerie Stormwater Management Plan	Complete

4.2 Waste Management

4.2.1	Encourage waste minimisation and resource conservation through the promotion of regional best practices in recycling, reuse and minimisation	
4.2.1.1	Complete the Loxton Landfill closure with provision of a phytocap	Complete
4.2.1.2	Complete the fencing of the Waikerie Waste Transfer Station	Complete
4.2.1.3	Conduct a review of Council's Waste Transfer Stations	Complete

4.4 Environmental Management

4.4.1	Implement the Public and Environment Health Plan	
4.4.1.1	In conjunction with the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association prepare a regional Public Health Plan	Complete
4.4.4	Protect, enhance and actively manage the natural and built environment	
4.4.4.1	Continued provision of Street Trees in Loxton and Waikerie	Complete
4.4.4.2	Conduct a comprehensive community education process leading up to the Fire Danger Season, particularly focussed on the dead citrus in the Riverland West area	Complete
4.4.4.3	Develop an arrangement with the Animal Welfare League to manage for the management of unhomed animals	Complete
4.4.5	Maintain regional alignment with the Development Plan that incorporates State, Regional and local requirements, including the management of conflicting land uses, identification of sufficient opportunities to promote for the expansion of the economic base of the district in a sustainable manner	
4.4.5.1	Conduct a Section 30 Review of Council's Development Plan	Complete

STRATEGIC PLAN

COMMUNITY GOAL 5 - STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH PROVISION OF CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

OBJECTIVE: Develop, enhance and maintain cultural and community services that improve the quality of life for the community.

5.1 Community Well-being

5.1.1	Facilitate a proactive approach to healthy and safe activities or pursuits	
5.1.1.1	Conduct Mosquito control of water bodies close to residential areas	Complete
5.1.2	Foster an increase in community capacity through a sense of ownership & pride, the celebration of the arts, community "can do" spirit, recognition of achievements & the value of volunteering	
5.1.2.1	Continued provision of Council's Volunteer Program	Complete
5.1.2.2	Continued support for Loxton and Waikerie Men's Shed Development including provision of leases	Complete

5.2 Cultural Development

5.2.3	Encourage artistic and cultural expression	
5.2.3.1	Partner with the Loxton Chamber of Commerce to conduct the "Arts on the Terrace" event	Complete

5.3 Community Services

5.3.1	Pursue partnerships with service providers, neighbouring Councils and other spheres of government to optimise the delivery of services	
5.3.1.1	Provide sponsorship to Operation Flinders to enable identified youth to participate in their confidence building program	Complete
5.3.1.2	Renew the 5 year sponsorship provisions for Foodbank Riverland in conjunction with the Renmark Paringa and Berri Barmera Councils	Complete
5.3.3	Facilitate community needs in areas such as aged services and accommodation, childcare and preschool support, public transport, access to services and health care	
5.3.3.1	Conduct an independent review of the operation and future direction of the Loxton Retirement Village	Complete
5.3.4	Ensure library facilities meet changing needs and demands	
5.3.4.2	Repainting and maintenance of library facilities	Complete

5.4 Recreation and Sport

5.4.1	Actively support local sport and recreation organisations that contribute to a diverse range of activities	
5.4.1.1	Development of Stage 2 of the Waikerie Sports Precinct	Complete
5.4.1.1	Commence development of concept plans for Stage 1 of the redevelopment of the Loxton Recreation Centre and courts	Commenced

STRATEGIC PLAN

COMMUNITY GOAL 6 - EFFECTIVE DELIVERY OF RELEVANT SERVICES THROUGH RESPONSIVE CORPORATE MANAGEMENT

OBJECTIVE: Ensure the delivery of Council's services is undertaken in an accountable and efficient manner, consistent with Council's Strategic Plan and that policies are implemented which ensure Council is seen as an Employer of choice.

6.1 Organisational Development

6.1.2	Attract, retain and empower qualified, forward thinking staff to provide leadership	
6.1.2.1	Performance Review of Chief Executive Officer	Complete
6.1.2.2	Renegotiate the Enterprise Agreement for administration staff	Commenced
6.1.2.3	Renegotiate the Enterprise Agreement for field staff	Complete
6.1.4	Deliver necessary services in a cost effective and efficient manner	
6.1.4.1	Continued program of sentencing of records as per legislative requirements	Complete
6.1.4.2	Replace Loxton Officer Copier	Complete
6.1.4.3	Commence the process of digitising old plans	Complete
6.1.5	Encourage a continuous improvement culture throughout the organisation	
6.1.5.1	Commence an organisation wide cultural development program based on the Human Synergistics framework	Commenced
6.1.5.2	Develop organisational values	Complete
6.1.7	Provide professional administration, structured to achieve Council's strategic plans	
6.1.7.1	Employ a Project Officer for The Village	Complete

6.2 Customer Service

6.2.1	Introduce, monitor and report on customer service standards	
6.2.1.1	Review the process of Development Application Assessment and implement improvements	Complete
6.2.2	Review the most appropriate location and delivery method for customer services	
6.2.2.1	Develop a Service Range Policy and Service Review Framework	Complete
6.2.2.2	Identify Services and Activities to be reviewed in the coming financial year	Complete

6.4 Financial Sustainability

6.4.1	Provide a fair and equitable rating system	
6.4.1.1	Review rates outstanding greater than 3 years and issue Section 184 proceedings to recover	Complete
6.4.3	Establish financial indicators which demonstrate long term financial viability	
6.4.3.1	Conduct a review of the operation of the Loxton Riverfront Holiday Park and establish performance indicators Review	Complete

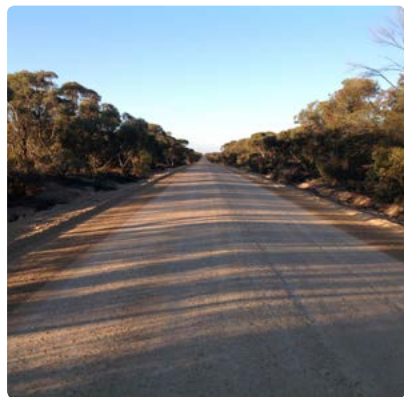


INFRASTRUCTURE STATEMENT

ROAD CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE



Martha Street Reseal



New Well Centre Road Reseal

The 2014/2015 capital works program has seen the following completed:

Unsealed Roads

Taplan Road
Mindarie Road
West Boundary Road
Flowery Plains road
Evans Road

The Dog Fence Road
Fisher Road
Heinrich Road
Obst Road
Krollig Road
New Well Centre Road

Sealed Roads

Holmes Road
Martha Street
Anderson Road
Waikerie Airstrip

Reseals

Throughout the district \$320,000 was spent on reseals in line with Council's 20 year construction and maintenance program from the Roads Asset Management Plan.

13.5 kms of roads within the area were resealed and 25 kms of unsealed work was undertaken.



Waikerie Aerodrome

MOBILITY ACCESS

Council allocated funds to support Council's mobility access program which aims to identify kerbs and/or footpaths that require upgrading in order to create easier access for gophers, prams and other users.

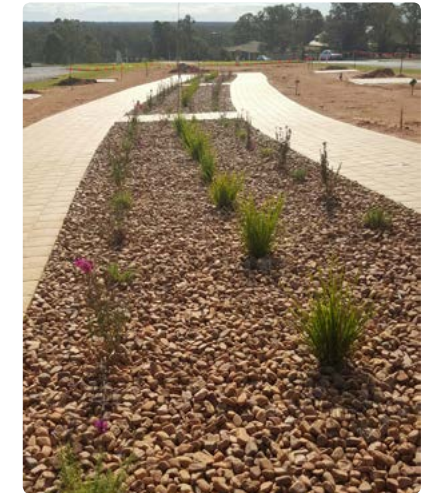
The following were identified as areas that link major footpaths to the main street, hospital and health services and were therefore upgraded accordingly.

- Pyap Street paving - \$62,394
- Tobruk Terrace paving - \$24,700
- Anzac Crescent paving/kerbing - \$17,380
- Waikerie RSL & Cadets driveway - \$27,983
- Gogel Road kerbing - \$7,310
- Woodleigh/Anzac Crescent paving - \$16,169

PARKS & GARDENS



Laurel Terrace Shelter



Alan Hosking Rest

Laurel Terrace Reserve

Council through the assistance of the Laurel Terrace Reserve subcommittee developed a Community Land Management Plan for the future development of the reserve. Work commenced in the 2014/2015 financial year with a shelter and seating area installed. Council has budgeted \$20,000 in its 2015/2016 Annual Business Plan for installation of playground equipment

Our Hub Our Pride East Terrace Revitalisation

The Our Hub Our Pride East Terrace Revitalisation project commenced with the completion of the roadway paving at the entrance/exit to East Terrace and the relocation of the air conditioners and minor work around the library. Towards the end of the 2014/2015 financial year a concept plan to improve the amenity of the Alan Hosking Rest section of East Terrace was developed. Work commenced with the water feature removed and replaced with paving, landscaping and seating (yet to be

installed). All bin surrounds were replaced throughout the precinct to be consistent with the bin surrounds in the new playground.

There are several elements of the project that will be completed in the 2015/2016 financial year, including:

- Installing removable kerb, traffic island and pedestrian refuge in the exit of East Terrace. The kerb, traffic island and pedestrian refuge is required to be removable to ensure that the pedal prix can continue to use the East Terrace Precinct
- Construction of the new entrance statement
- New paving, retaining wall, street furniture and landscaping along the eastern side of the library

The Our Hub Our Pride East Terrace Revitalisation project aims to create a place that supports extended use of the precinct by the community and provide an attractive experience for locals and visitors alike for shopping, interaction and learning.

Loxton Pioneer Playground

Playgrounds are an important asset for our community and an attraction and service widely used by not only young people and local families but visitors and tourists alike. The Pioneer Playground development began in July 2014 and was officially opened in February 2015. The involvement and drive of the Loxton Pioneer Playground Working group together with the volunteer effort from businesses, community groups and the community was instrumental in completing this project.

Together, the Playground Working Group and Council chose a site for the playground that was adjacent the central business district to connect the social objectives of the working Group with the economic outcomes required by Council from an investment of this magnitude.

The total project cost for the Loxton Pioneer Playground was \$904,077 and was funded as follows; \$200,000 from

PARKS & GARDENS

the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, \$4,766 in grant funding, \$25,423 in income from pavers, \$64,214 in donations and \$609,674 contributed by Council.

In the months since the opening of the Playground, traders have reported a consistent increase in patronage from visitors drawn to the area because of the unique experience offered by the playground and you only have

to drive past it to see how much of a social impact it has also generated.

The Loxton Pioneer Playground Working Group was pivotal in this process in firstly recognising the need then being prepared to raise this formally with Council and finally to work through the issues that arose over a period of 5 years culminating in its opening. This has been a valuable learning for Council in true community

driven projects best expressed by the Working Party below:

February 2015 saw the opening of the Loxton Pioneer Playground. This was an exciting time for the community, the township and especially the Loxton Pioneer Playground Working Group. After 5 years of ideas, meetings, designing, planning and dreaming, the result you would have to agree, are absolutely worth it!

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie worked closely with the Loxton Pioneer Playground Working Group on this project. While the main drive came through the working group, the support, contributions, donations and manpower provided by the Council was invaluable to ensure the standard to which the project was completed. Without such contributions and assistance from the Council, a project of this magnitude would not have been possible by a small volunteer, community group.

Nobody could have predicted the success that the playground has been, to our families, children, community, traders and our town as a whole. It has exceeded all expectations in the amount of people and visitor it draws to the town and the positive energy it generates.

The Loxton Pioneer Playground Working Group is incredibly proud of the success of the entire project and have thoroughly enjoyed watching their dream become a reality and a meeting place we all love and enjoy today.

Loxton Pioneer Playground Working Group



Loxton Pioneer Playground

SECTION 41 COMMITTEE'S

LRGC

The Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee, which is a Section 41 Committee of Council, this year adopted the 'Loxton Town Beautification Plan', which involves commencing



Heritage Park

and completing the following projects between 2015 and 2020;

- Street Tree Planting Plan
- Mill Corner Upgrade
- Centenary Park Re-Vegetation
- Town Entrance Statements
- Bookpurnong Revitalisation
- Landscaping of Tobruk Terrace Dam
- Rehabilitation of swamp/reeds at bottom of McMillan Street
- Rehabilitation & revegetation of western side of McMillan Street above the Loxton West Dam
- Upgrade footbridge in riverfront wetlands
- Walking & Cycling Trails

The final section of Heritage Park has seen the continuation of the tree sculpturing and the walking trail continued from

other sections of Heritage Park and the addition of plantings/landscaping.

WDCC

This Waikerie District Community Committee is the initiative behind the Federation Park Project and this year work has continued with Gabions installed and further beautification of the area undertaken.

LNRGC

The Loxton North Recreation Grounds Committee is a small Section 41 Committee of Council, which in conjunction with the Loxton North Football Club have applied for grant funding through the Active Clubs Program with the Office for Recreation and Sport, Round 39 Community Recreation and Sports Facilities Program 2015/2016 Facilities Development for a new timekeeper's box.

LOXTON RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT



Loxton Riverfront Development

The Loxton Riverfront development commenced this year with the removal of several trees, removal of rocks from the water, riverbank excavation and installation of geotech bags to stabilise the riverbank all completed.

The aim of the project is to make the riverfront much more boat friendly and improve the amenity and use of the riverbank.

Connection into the Salt Inception Scheme for better drainage around where the retaining wall is going as well as the construction of the retaining wall are the remaining elements of the project yet to be completed.

BOAT RAMP UPGRADE

Rilli Reserve & Qualco

Council was successful in receiving \$34,000 in funding from the South Australian Boating Facility Advisory Committee (SABFAC) to upgrade the launching and retrieval facilities at Rilli Reserve and Qualco.

The aim of the project was to supply high quality launching and retrieval facilities, designed to promote safe and practical use. The scope of the projects also extended to improving traffic management issues by constructing designated car parking facilities, focusing on a more formalised parking

arrangement and clearways for the boat ramp.

The scope of the projects included:

Rilli Reserve boat ramp

- Remove and replace existing concrete boat ramp
- Construct an all weather sealed car, car & trailer, and larger vehicle parking facility
- Line marking
- Installation of solar lighting to provide 24 hour access

Qualco boat ramp

- Carry out earthworks and install concrete boat ramp
- Construct appropriate car parking facilities
- Installation of solar lighting to provide 24 hour access



Qualco Boat Ramp

ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS

Council staff have worked to complete Asset Management Plans for its Roads Infrastructure, Community Waste Water Systems Infrastructure, Irrigation Systems Infrastructure and Storm Water Infrastructure.

The plans include descriptions of various assets, levels of service, life cycle plan, projected maintenance performance measurement and future improvements and

monitoring, and serve as the backbone for the Long Term Financial Management Plan, as well as Council's yearly budgets and as forecasting for future budgets.

WORKS REQUEST SYSTEM

The works request system is a tool used to capture, program and complete identified infrastructure requests in a specified, agreed timeframe. The infrastructure department completed 1,374 works request, achieving an on time rate of 90%.

Last financial years works request included maintenance of our infrastructure; such as footpaths and roads, seasonal unsealed road

grading, tree trimming, branch removal, event management, sign replacement, new bin deliveries and much more.



ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

FOOD ACT 2001

Council continues to manage its responsibilities in surveillance and inspections in line with the Food Act 2001. Food safety and

hygiene information packs were distributed to food business and community and charitable organisations in the Council region upon request or when required under legislation.

Council updated the Food Act and Premises Inspection Policy to reflect amendments to the Food Regulations 2002. The following inspections were undertaken for the 2014/15 financial year: -

RISK CLASSIFICATION	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	TOTAL
No. of Businesses	54	112	6	172
No. of routine Inspections conducted	10	45	6	61
No. of follow up Inspections conducted	0	0	2	2
No. of Inspections resulting from complaints	0	2	1	3

Food business operators have a legal and moral responsibility to ensure that not only are their premises in a clean and hygienic state, but also to ensure that the food they serve is safe and suitable

for human consumption. Council continues to take food safety enforcement as well as business and public education very seriously and will take enforcement action when required to do so.

PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACT AND REGULATIONS

Council continued to administer the Public Health Act 2011 and Regulations to ensure that Council maintains and further improves ongoing regulatory compliance whilst promoting, public health concerns.

Public Health and Safety Promotion

Numerous activities pertaining to food safety were undertaken during the reporting period and detailed earlier in this report.

Complaints and Offensive Activities

During the reporting period a varied number of public health complaints and concerns were received and investigated by Council; these included effluent leakage onto public property, odour and noise related issues.

PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

Mosquito Control

Council continues to provide advice to residents regarding the control of mosquitoes

and midges; as well as vector surveillance throughout the region. Monitoring of breeding sites and control works were undertaken by the University of South Australia.

Pool and Spa Inspections

During the reporting period public pools were inspected at least once to ensure effective and safe management, adequate training in first aid and to assess the upkeep of pool infrastructure and surrounds. This is important to maintain the appropriate health standards and compliance with the relevant legislation.

PLANNING DIVISION

Development Plan assessment involves the assessment of development applications against the relevant development control provisions entailed within Council's Development Plan to determine the appropriateness or otherwise of a development and land use upon a particular site.

The majority of applications processed by Council under the Development Act for the reporting period were 'consent' applications which do not involve public notification and are dealt with by Council staff using delegated authority granted to them by Council.

Other applications considered as Category 2 or 3 forms of development pursuant to the Development Act required public notification procedures to be followed. Similarly, those forms of development classed as non-complying followed the public notification process.

During the 2014/2015 financial year, there were 10 Category 2 development applications assessed, 5 Category 3 developments assessed and 1 noncomplying application processed.

Riverland Regional Development Assessment Panel

The Riverland Regional Development Assessment Panel (RRDAP) is charged with the responsibility of considering development applications

on behalf of Council in circumstances where the nature of development is deemed non-complying or where a particular proposal generates significant public interest through the public notification process. The Panel also deal with the majority of Council's own applications.

Such proposals are usually outside of the staff's delegated authority decision making powers. During the 2014/2015 year the Panel considered 8 (total 25) development applications compared with 13 and 8 items for the previous financial years.

The Panel, chaired by Independent Member, Mr Bruce Ballantyne, has operated extremely well during this its fourth consecutive two year term and, where deemed appropriate, the Panel has sought to bring to Council's attention issues of planning policy reform for Council and the Strategy, Projects and Engineering Departments for further consideration.

The administration and responsibility of compiling agendas, minutes and holding the meetings is shared between the three Riverland Councils. Loxton Waikerie Council had this responsibility for the 2014 calendar year.

Environment Resources and Development Court Appeal Proceedings

As provided for by the legislation, should a person be aggrieved by a decision of Council with respect to their development application, or

whom act as third parties with respect to representations submitted during the public notification period, the Act appeals may be lodged with the Environment, Resources and Development Court.

The department is pleased to report that no appeals were made to the Environment

Resources and Development Court during the reporting period as a result of development application determinations made during the financial year.

Strategic Directions Report

Council is required to have a Strategic Planning and Development Policy Committee to provide advice and to assist Council in undertaking strategic planning and development policies.

In line with the Strategic Directions Report, approved by the Minister in 2014 the Committee recommended to Council and Council approved the Statement of Intent for the Minor Amendments Development Plan Amendment and the Moorook Township Development Plan Amendment. Both these Statement of Intent are awaiting Ministerial approval.

The Minor Amendments DPA seeks to change and amend some minor policy anomalies and zoning considerations that need to be addressed. The Moorook Township Amendment seeks to add to the Township Zone.

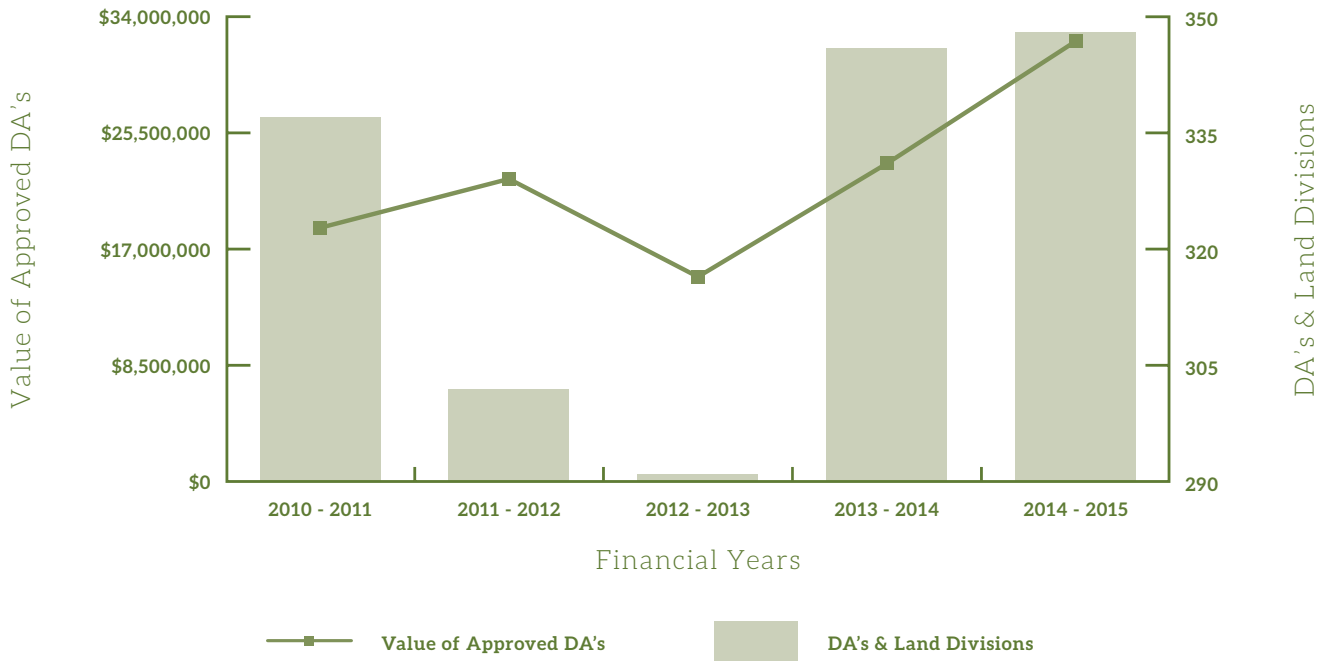
It is anticipated that these Amendments will go on Public display in the 2015/2016 financial year.

PLANNING DIVISION

DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS

Generally when development applications are lodged with adequate documents, approvals have been issued well within statutory timeframes. Council will continue to review its

assessment process and strive to reduce turn around times for applications. Applicants are encouraged to provide suitably documented information to assist in the approval process.



DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS					
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Dwellings	52	32	27	57	38
Extensions to dwellings	18	38	10	13	21
Commercial / Industrial	25	35	12	31	30
Extensions to Commercial / Industrial	17	29	13	14	14
Garages, Carports, Verandas, Swimming Pools, Fences, Retaining Walls etc	204	142	209	211	221
Land Divisions	21	26	20	20	24
TOTAL	337	302	291	346	348

BUILDING DIVISION

Council's building surveyors perform the role of assessing development applications for compliance with the National Construction Code of Australia, the Development Act 1993 and the Development Regulations 2008.

Assessments are interesting and challenging. The structural components assessed include the footing design for the soil conditions, tie-down requirements for the design wind speed, structural steel

work, timber and steel roof trusses, traditional timber framed roof, timber and steel wall framing, brickwork and other similar type workload.

Once the design and specifications of the proposed development has been assessed for compliance with the National Construction Code and relevant standards, the building surveyor issues Development Approval on Council's behalf.

Inspections are also undertaken of work in progress in accordance with Council's Building Inspection Policy and may involve the inspection of

dwelling, dwelling additions, carports, verandahs, sheds, swimming pools and safety barriers, retaining walls, commercial and industrial buildings.

To perform the role of a building surveyor, staff must ensure they keep abreast of legislation and the many changes to legislation that may impact on the role, the profession and the built environment as a whole. To assist building surveyors with having current and updated knowledge, they are required to earn 30 Continuous Professional Development learning points a calendar year.

REGIONAL BUILDING FIRE SAFETY

Local government plays an important role in protecting the ongoing safety of building occupiers and users through the provisions of the Development Act 1993 and is therefore required by legislation to have a Building Fire Safety Committee.

A Regional Building Fire Safety Committee was formed and has operated for the three Riverland Councils for the past 5 years, the committee includes an independent Building Surveyor as presiding member, a Building officer from each Council, an officer from the Metropolitan Fire Service and Country Fire Service.

The Committee is charged with the responsibility for all matters arising under Section 71 of the Development Act 1993, and has the powers to investigate whether building owners are maintaining proper levels of fire safety in their buildings for the protection of all occupiers, whether they are residents or workers who use them regularly.

The Committee meets on a quarterly basis with the purpose to undertake inspections of commercial or accommodation premises to determine the adequacy of fire safety for occupants. The Committee assesses items such as fire safety equipment (extinguishers, hose reels etc), exits (suitable door hardware allowing a person to escape without requiring keys), exits (suitable number, location

and path of travel to exits), smoke alarms and smoke detectors.

Following on from the inspections, the Committee forwards a list of items to the owner that requires rectification, and requests a response that details a time frame or program for when the works are likely to be completed. The Committee is conscious that current budgets may not allow for completion of work immediately and therefore the Committee requires the schedule to allow for works that can be completed in stages to assist with financial concerns.

The Committee continues to inspect a number of premises including industry and large businesses. It is pleasing to note that compliance is beginning to be achieved.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

In the 2014/2015 financial year Council collected a total of 2,180.23 tonnes of waste, 822.61 tonnes of recyclables and 670.76 tonnes of green waste in its kerbside waste collection service. A total of 274.86 tonnes of waste from the Loxton, Waikerie and Moorook Waste Transfer Stations was also disposed of at the Regional Resource Recovery Centre in Monash.

From 1st July 2014 to 30th June 2015, there was a total of 3,948.46 tonnes of waste entered to the site at RRRC in Monash, 62% of this has been sent to landfill, representing a diversion from landfill of 37.8%

LOXTON LANDFILL PHYTOCAP

As of the 1st December 2013 the Loxton Landfill was closed and began operating as a Waste Transfer Station. A Waste Transfer Station is designed to process and store municipal solid waste temporarily on site before it is transported to

landfills or other treatment or disposal facilities for disposal or recycling.

As part of Councils' closure and post closure plan the landfill site was capped using the mulched kerbside green waste to contain and protect the waste and to prevent rainwater and surface water from percolating into the site and influencing the generation and release of landfill gas and other emissions into the air. In addition, the final cover over the landfill site was vegetated with native grasses, mallee and shrubs to stabilise the landfill surface and runoff.



Loxton Landfill Phytocap

2014-15 WASTE FIGURES

COUNCIL TRANSFER STATION: 272.33
ORGANICS - GREEN WASTE: 670.76
KERBSIDE PUTRESCIBLE: 2180.23
KERBSIDE RECYCLABLES: 822.61

KESAB

Sustainable Communities - Tidy Towns

Sustainable Communities known as the old Tidy Towns is now in its 36th year and remains a focus for hundreds of communities to work together to showcase their town, community and region.

The 2014 KESAB Sustainable Communities Award winners

were announced on Friday 24 October with the awards

being held at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre. The Waikerie community was again prominent at the 2014 KESAB award presentations being recognised as the 2014 Best Murray Regional Town winner.

COMMUNITY STATEMENT



COMMUNITY GRANTS

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie Community Grants Program has been in place since 2004. To date, the Council has approved more than 205 projects which have been completed by more than 241 organisations and community groups.

Rounds nineteen and twenty of Council's Community Grants

Program were advised and funded during the 2014/2015

financial year. These grants supported local community initiatives, met community needs and improved the provision of services, facilities and resources to the communities of the Loxton Waikerie district totalling \$33,277. Successful applications were:

ORGANISATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT (incl. GST)
Council's Community Grant Round 19		
Loxton CWA	Modify Toilets for disability access	\$3,000
Loxton RSL	Wireless PA System	\$600
Loxton Squash Club	Security Door	\$1,700
Wunkar Football Club	Kitchen Upgrade	\$2,000
Active Kiddies	Play Equipment	\$2,000
Apex Club of Waikerie	Waikerie Community Shed Common Room	\$2,000
Waikerie Amateur Basketball Association	Up skilling resources	\$1,500
Waikerie Netball Club	Netball patches	\$900
Waikerie Rowing Club	New racing boat	\$2,000
Youth Sport & Cultural Sponsorship		
Jesse Will	SA Country Basketball	\$100
TOTAL		\$15,800
Council's Community Grant Round 20		
Loxton Arts and Crafts Inc.	Various Workshops	\$1,000
Loxton District Children's Centre	Shade Sail	\$3,000
Loxton Junior Netball	Netball Equipment	\$1,300
Loxton Kindergym	Safety Matting Upgrade	\$3,000
Waikerie & District Community Flower Show	Improving the Waikerie & District Flower Event	\$1,500
Waikerie District Garden Club	Data Projector	\$1,000
Waikerie Hockey Club	Fridge & Freezer	\$3,000
Waikerie Ladies Probus Club	Portable PA System	\$1,300
Waikerie RSL	Anzac Centenary Celebrations	\$1,500
Waikerie Rifle Club	Pit Toilet and Enclosure	\$477
Youth Sport & Cultural Sponsorship		
Riley Stasinowsky	National Basketball Championships	\$200
James Smith	U15 Hockey Championships	\$100
Lisa Redemski	U15 Women Indoor Hockey Championships	\$100
TOTAL		17,477

SENIORS



October each year is dedicated to seniors in our community. The District Council of Loxton Waikerie with the assistance of our community has created a diverse and engaging program for seniors.

Council celebrated the month long program with a much loved Mayoral afternoon tea held at the Waikerie Bowling Club on 2 October 2014 with an old fashioned sing along. The Loxton community celebrated

at the Loxton Bowling Club on Monday 20 October 2014 with a presentation by Peter & Carla Magarey from the Loxton History Group talking about "The Brown's Well Centenary.



Waikerie Seniors Event



Loxton Seniors Event

SUCCESSFUL GRANT FUNDING



In 2014 Keep Australia Beautiful awarded South Australia \$99,111 for Beverage Container Recycling Programs.

The Beverage Container Recycling Community Grants Program, funded by The Coca-Cola Foundation and Coca-Cola South Pacific in partnership with Keep Australia Beautiful, has in the past five years invested more than \$2 million in local community projects that demonstrate a measurable result in diverting beverage containers

out of landfill, through increased recycling at a local level.

In August 2014 Council was successful in receiving \$5,243.00 to install 2 x 240 litre timber surround frogmouth opening bin canopy which will go towards ensuring waste is distributed correctly through the use of bins at Loxton Pioneer Playground

SENIOR IPAD TRIALS

With the success of the two year Loxton Ipad training coming to a conclusion in May 2014

Council together with Murray Mallee Aged Care Group (MMACG) introduced the program to the Waikerie region

in June 2014. MMACG was able to offer this opportunity again to Council through funding from the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing. There is no cost to the participant to attend the classes or for the supply of equipment or initial Internet costs.

The classes comprise of the free loan of an iPad version 4 for a period of 6 weeks. The Ipad is available for the participants to take home for the period of the classes. The classes have been meeting every Tuesday from 10.00pm to 12.00noon in the Waikerie Council Chambers and are facilitated by a Council volunteer tutor.

Alternatively the Waikerie Public Library also provides Internet tuition sessions designed for seniors which are scoped as a one on one learning basis using the "Broadband for Seniors Program".

These initiatives are to link rural older people in the community through technology.



WAIKERIE SPORTING PRECINCT

Development

Official Opening of Waikerie Sports Precinct Stage 2 Development was celebrated on Thursday 6 August 2015.

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie and the Waikerie Combined Sporting Precinct Group extended an invitation to members of the public to attend the official opening of the Waikerie Sports Precinct – Stage 2 development following the \$1 million upgrade.

The official opening was officiated by The Hon Tony Pasin MP, The Hon Leon Bignell MP, Sonya Tscharke and Mayor Leon Stasinowsky to include a ribbon cutting ceremony and speeches.

The just over \$1 million dollar project was a jointly funded project in a cooperative partnering arrangement between the Australian Government through the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development fund contributing \$441,272, State Government through the Office Recreation and Sport, Community

Recreation and Sports Facilities program totalling \$350,000, Council contributed \$250,000, the Rotary Club of Waikerie \$15,000 and the Waikerie Sporting Precinct Clubs contributed \$10,000 funding and \$30,100 of in-kind support.

The Stage 2 development of the Waikerie Sports Precinct was to consolidate and enhance Waikerie's community sporting facilities to serve the local and wider community into the future with improvements to include;

- Create modern floodlit multipurpose courts for use by tennis, netball and basketball
- Develop multi-purpose clubrooms for use by the tennis, netball, little athletics, softball and basketball clubs
- Covered seating for spectators
- Redevelopment of the Waikerie Sports Centre with a new entry, kiosk, meeting area, treatment room and storage area
- Covered community playground

- Improving the Little Athletics Grounds with a synthetic run-up track for long jump and triple jump
- Improve the water drainage to allow for improvements to be made to the shot put pits and long jump pits.
- Relocation of gymnasium to the squash courts and mezzanine floor to create a larger area, enabling gym equipment to be set up correctly and allowing space between machines.
- New adjustable basketball backboards
- Storage for nets and cricket equipment
- Installation and improved light tower for hockey

This is a milestone in the tireless efforts over a 15 year period from the Waikerie Combined Sporting Precinct Group which have demonstrated the spirit and generosity within our community and their willingness to unite behind a common goal.



LOXTON MEN'S SHED - MOU



The Memorandum of Understanding between the Loxton Men's Shed and Council will provide a structure for the volunteers of the Men's Shed to undertake identified maintenance projects for Council in return for annual financial support.

The Memorandum of Understanding was agreed and signed by the Mayor and Chairman of the Men's Shed.

LOXTON MEN'S SHED OFFICIAL OPENING

A public meeting was held at the Loxton Club on Thursday 17 August 2011, saw 28 people attend to discuss and consider the concept of a men's shed in Loxton. These humble beginnings have resulted in a hive of development and activities to support our community.

From this movement in 2011 saw Council and the Men's Shed investigate the possibilities of assisting the group find a home which meets the needs of our community.

Council has supported the Men's Shed from their inception with an allocated amount of \$64,000, additionally to this the Men's Shed have actively sourced grants totalling just over \$22,200, and the Shedders themselves contributing just over \$32,300 to progressively complete the development and support the shed activities.

Men's sheds are acknowledged as providing many benefits for the men who attend them and also for their families and friends and the communities in which they are situated.

The development has been the culmination of many hours (in-excess of 2,700 hours = \$67,500) from the Shedders from meetings and months of hard work to completing the shed development.

In partnership with the District Council of Loxton Waikerie and the Loxton Community Men's Shed an official opening of the Loxton Community Men's Shed was organised on Thursday 4 June, 2015 at 11. 30am.



EVENT PARTNERSHIPS

Partnerships

Representation and networking within the community and service industry sectors by way of participation in appropriate and relevant forums and committees include:

- Riverland and Mallee Youth Sector Networks
- Riverland NAIDOC Group
- Local Government Volunteer Managers' Forum
- Local Government Youth Services
- Riverland ICAN
- Waikerie KESAB Group
- Operations Flinders
- Crime Prevention and Community Safety
- Loxton and Riverland West Chamber of Commerce
- Riverland Community Services Alliance – Ice forum

EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

Council continues to support new and existing events and festivals through the provision of financial assistance, event management (through Council's Community Development Officer) and the active promotion of Loxton Waikerie to event organisers.

Annual Community Events and projects supported by Council include

- Australia Day celebrations (Loxton, Waikerie, Kingston on Murray)
- KESAB Sustainable Communities Awards
- Loxton Annual Show
- Loxton Light Up Celebrations
- Loxton Nippy's Gift
- Arts on Terrace
- Youth Week Celebrations

- Waikerie Christmas Pageant
- Loxton Mardi Gras
- Loxton Pedal Prix
- Waikerie's Santa's Cave
- Waikerie International Food Fair
- Moorook Rivertstock Music Festival
- Riverland Rock n Roll
- Waikerie Enduro
- Loxton Mardi Gras
- NAIDOC Celebrations
- Operation Flinders
- Hit n Miss Rally
- True Grit
- Loxton History Sure Ain't Boring
- Loxton Christmas Lights Festival
- Christmas Community Carols both Loxton and Waikerie

LOXTON RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Jan Cass - Chairman

Last financial year saw an unusually low number of units change hand. Only 6 of the 100 units changed occupants with the majority of these in Peter Jackson and Frank Petch Courts.

Because these units are around 20 years old, additional refurbishment, such as new kitchens and other upgrades were required.

Last year it was decided to replace the remaining 20 year-old air conditioners in Peter Jackson Court with split system models to reduce the risk of

breakdowns during hot weather. The feedback from residents has been very positive indeed, with them appreciating the efficiency and quietness of their new air conditioners.

Peter Jackson Court units were built in 1994 – 21years ago. Three of the residents are still living in their same units today.

LOXTON RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Jan Cass - Chairman

The residents have set up their own Residents Committee with Doug Vaughan as chairman. Both the Management Committee and Council have welcomed this initiative and Doug was invited to join the Management Committee as the Resident's representative.

Our Administration Officer, David Ward gave notice of his intention to retire at the end of the financial year. At the last Management Committee meeting he attended the committee placed on record an acknowledgement of his work and recorded a vote of thanks for his services to the Village over the last 10 years and best

wishes were extended to him for his retirement.

At this meeting the Committee were informed that Mrs Bronwyn Hamilton had been appointed as the new Administration Officer and we have pleasure in welcoming her and look forward to working with her into the future.

LOXTON HISTORY

Sure Ain't Boring



2015 Guest Speakers: Jan Cass, Derry Proud and Merridee Seiboth (PHOTO COURTESY OF THE LOXTON NEWS)

Council in conjunction with the SA History Festival "About Time" event staged again as part of History month, due to popular demand. "Loxton's History Sure Ain't boring" event which was held on Tuesday 5 May 2015 at the Loxton Sporting Club.

The night includes four Loxton district speakers, but the event committee received a cancellation

of one speaker late due to family commitments. The three speakers reminisced about history in front of a crowd of 170 + locals.

- Derry Proud – "Proud by name and nature" - the contribution of the Proud family to the Loxton community
- Jan Cass – "A Century of management" - the Loxton District Council
- Merridee Seiboth – "The lifeblood of our community" – the Loxton Hospital

The evening was again a real success with just over 170 enjoying the event at the Loxton Sporting Club.

The structure of the event is very simple but has proven to be very popular and supported by the community. Many thanks must go to Trevor Fielke, Kathy Schliebs and Rose Mawby on their first successful event.

2015 crowd view (PHOTO COURTESY OF THE LOXTON NEWS)



AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

LOXTON AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Each year Council presents three awards to acknowledge outstanding efforts made by local people and groups to the community. Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the year are presented to individuals and Community Event of the Year is presented to an outstanding group.

Australia day celebrations were held throughout the district with two Australia day breakfasts one held at Kingston on Murray riverfront facilitated by the Moorook Kingston on Murray Community Association and the other in the main street of Loxton which marked the 23rd year of the Loxton Australia Day Breakfast held adjacent to the Loxton Rotunda. Loxton service clubs, elected members and Council staff served breakfast to over 800-1000 community members and visitors.

Loxton Australia Day Awards were presented to:

- Citizen of the Year

- Jan Cass

- Young Citizen of the Year
- Cambell Lawrence
- Community Event of the Year
- Loxton Kart Club committee

WAIKERIE AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

The 19th Waikerie's Australia Day Extravaganza and fireworks evening continues to be a significant event, not only on Waikerie's calendar but the Riverland region and state, with over 3000 visitors attending.

The highly acclaimed Waikerie Australia Day Spectacular event boasts to be one of the most organised and best attended Australia Day events in regional Australia.

The Australia day community event is emphasized as a family event including entertainment for kids, party show band "Jungle Jooce", sideshow alley, combined church service, Council Australia day awards, huge array of food and wine stalls and an outstanding display of fireworks.

The 2015 celebrations also featured Australia Day

Ambassadors – Bruce and Amanda Macky who attended as special guest and assisted Mayor Leon Stasinowsky with the formal proceedings.

Thanks to the fantastic effort of the Waikerie Australia Day Committee.

Waikerie Australia Day awards were presented to:

- Citizen of the Year
- Carole Walker
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Dylan Ellis
- Community Event of the Year – Waikerie & District Community Flower Show

KINGSTON ON MURRAY AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie and the Moorook Kingston On Murray Community Association celebrated Australia Day on Sunday 26 January 2014 at the Kingston On Murray, River Terrace between 8am-9.30am – with a FREE Community Breakfast.

Music by Mick Kelly with an official welcome by Deputy Mayor Michael Vowles included a Flag Raising Ceremony and National Anthem.



Loxton Kart Club Committee



Waikerie & District Community Flower Show



2015 Australia Day Kingston on Murray

NAIDOC FLAG RAISING CEREMONIES

LOXTON NAIDOC FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

NAIDOC celebrations are held annually around Australia in the first week in July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The week is celebrated not just



Loxton NAIDOC Flag Raising Ceremony

in the Indigenous community, but also in increasing numbers of government agencies, schools, local Councils and workplaces.

The 2015 theme for the NAIDOC celebration was – We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate – highlights Aboriginal and Torres



Waikerie NAIDOC Flag Raising Ceremony

Strait Islander peoples' strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea.

Mayor Leon Stasinowsky was present at the Loxton Flag Raising ceremony and was joined by Loxton elder Michael Kropinyeri. Mayor Leon acknowledged the traditional owners of our land with a Welcome to Country acknowledgement and was assisted by Michael Kropinyeri and the Out of School Care children with flag raising ceremony.

WAIKERIE NAIDOC FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

Cr Kym Webber was present at the Waikerie Flag raising ceremony who acknowledged the traditional owners of our land with the Welcome to Country and was assisted by the Out of School Care children with a flag raising ceremony.

LOXTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Our community has experienced the full benefits of the state wide library management system over the past 12 months with all public and school community libraries now participating in this joint system.

As part of the consortium services local borrowers have accessed an average of 1,160 items per month from other libraries and 1,522 items per month have been deployed to other libraries for their customers. Item loans (51,968) and participants in children's sessions (3,757) are consistently strong and similar to last year.

As expected the uptake of technology usage has continued to grow which library staff support by troubleshooting IT issues with users and offering

basic tutoring. The library computers and upgraded Wi-Fi have had high usage by the local community, visitors and itinerant workers.

Library volunteers have contributed immeasurably to library services and programs by providing technology tutoring, home service delivery, book covering, craft preparation for children's programs, maintenance of audio visual collection, history documentation and administration tasks.

STATISTICS

1LMS LOANS	2013-14	2014-15
Loans	53,835	51,968
Incoming Transits	N/A	13,924
Outgoing Transits	N/A	18,269

USAGE	2013-14	2014-15
Population	7060	7084
Door count	60,000	59,570
Active Users	4,102	4,051
Internet Bookings	3,788	3,299
Wi-Fi log ins	N/A	*9,000
Children Holiday Programs	373	392
Weekly Rhyme Time	1,446	1,573
School/Kindy Classes	1,453	1,651
Events & Programs	205	237
Volunteer Hours	511	529
Home Service Delivery Visits	625	457

The library continues to focus on maintaining and strengthening community partnerships which are integral to providing varied programs, exhibits and events to engage widely with our community.

LIBRARY SERVICES PROVIDED

- Library Collection**
Loanable books, audio books, music CDs, DVDs.& Magazines. Local history collection, Brown's Well Heritage Collection & Loxton Heritage Collection (available via Library Catalogue).
- Library Catalogue**
Online 24/7
www.loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au
– Libraries. Patrons are able to place Holds by using library card details on items within south Australian Public Libraries and collect them from their chosen library service
- OverDrive Audio & E-Books**
Offered through the Library Catalogue via digital technology and are accessed with user library card and pin number.
- Print Disability Services**
Audio navigators loaded with audio books & large print books for vision impaired patrons.
- Home Service Delivery**
Provided with assistance from 4 volunteers weekly
- Internet access**
Provided on 3 public access computers and printer/scanner
- Book Discussion Groups**
3 active groups operating with differing levels of library support.
- Wi-Fi**
Access to the Library Wi-Fi provided free 24/7.
- Photocopying** - Available

LOXTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



A class from St Albert's Catholic school with their completed parachutes.



Katie the Courageous Book Launch

LIBRARY PROGRAMS & PROMOTIONS

Children's Book Week

'Connect to Reading' was this years theme and 291 children from various classes and schools attended sessions at the library to promote literature for children



Happy participants showing their hippos from the book *The first hippo on the moon* by David Williams.

Children's Holiday Program

During each of the school holidays 5 sessions are held to promote the library to our younger community members with a total of 392 participants throughout the year.



Sisters displaying their monkeys from the book *Monkey business* by Smriti Prasad-Halls



Participants at an ANZAC story and craft session with their Anzac Teds.



Displaying their King cats from the book *The King cat* by Marta Altes.

Katie the Courageous Book Launch

During the 8+ July Children's Holiday program Kimberlee Francis read the book 'Katie the Courageous' which described her daughter Kaitie's life journey throughout her illness. After the story children made loom bands.

Library Lover's Day

Library Lover's Day was celebrated at the library highlighting the value of libraries and the services they provide.

Loxton Lights Up Christmas Story & Activity

The library partnered with the Loxton District Chamber of Commerce and held a Loxton Lights up Christmas story and activity with 36 children attending.

Loxton Show Display

In conjunction with the Children's Holiday Program during the September – October holidays children created items to be shown in the Loxton Show to showcase some of the craft made during these sessions.

LOXTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week

Displaying night and day in the Australian outback made during the activity session after the official flag raising ceremony.

National Simultaneous Story time

The Brothers Quibble by Aaron Blabey which was read nationally was enjoyed by a class from the Loxton Primary School this year at the library.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Library staff support local schools by providing identified books to encourage children to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge.



Loxton Primary School students showing Spalding a character from the book The Brothers Quibble.

Pre-School Sessions

870 children attended sessions at the library where children have the opportunity to listen to a story, do a themed craft activity and loan a book. This program develops early literacy skills, independence, responsibility and social skills for these young library users.

Rhyme Time Sessions

Rhyme Time sessions continue to be well patronized with 3 sessions a week provided to cater for the needs of the community and 1,573 participants attending this year. These sessions are for

children aged 0-4 years and are interactive rhyme, music and story sessions introducing young children and caregivers to literacy in a social environment.

SA History Festival

History month was celebrated at the library with a display of local historical items from the Local History Room and Brown's Well Heritage Collection which are generally not available for public viewing.

School Class Visits

Classes continue to visit the library to loan items and attend planned events and sessions.



Rhyme Time Session



SA History Festival Display

LOXTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Seniors Information Technology Trials (SITT)

The SITT finished this year at the library with more than 100 people having accessed these sessions on Ipad navigation which were capably delivered by Mr Ed Davey.

South Australian Living Artist (SALA) Festival

The library partnered once again with the Loxton District Chamber of Commerce to support the SALA Festival by being a venue for a workshop on the opening weekend and displaying local artwork in the library.

Summer Reading Club.

Approximately 50 children accessed the reading and activity packs and read books during the holidays.



As part of the Summer Reading Club wrap up party special guest James the Magician visited the library sharing his magic with captivated children and parents.

LIBRARY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (1LMS)

The last of the 130 South Australian public libraries joined the consortium in early 2014/15 which has enabled the consortium to move in the direction of making the system more efficient and easier to access for users. Consolidation of the 1LMS system is required to provide uniformity due to libraries having differing system implementations and differing standards of data.

Library staff have been involved in:

- Merging Duplicate Bibliographic Records Project - testing & implementation
- Duplicate User Project
- Policy & Procedure Updates
- PLSA Meetings
- Representative 1LMS Library User Group - River Murray Region
- RFID Project - preparation

PROJECTS

Radio-frequency identification (RFID)

The latest project for the South Australian Public Library

Network is guiding libraries through the process of tagging collections with RFID capability. This project will be completed by the end of 2017 with libraries having the option of enabling RFID technology to gain the benefits of securing collections, less manual handling and able to stocktake collections efficiently.

BLUECloud

BLUECloud technology is being employed for integrating all consortia communication portals to provide efficiencies in the delivery and receipt of digital information. This technology is also being utilized in the development of an enhanced procurement system for library materials which will integrate with the current in-house WorkFlows system. Both of these projects are scheduled to be completed and in use by 2015/16.

As the system continually evolves to meet technological and user requirements and expectations there will constantly be multiple projects underway which is exciting for library staff and the community.



The winner, drawn out of the 'magic hat' of the Summer Reading Club being congratulated by Library Manager Karen Rubarth and James the Magician.

WAIKERIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

This year has been a year of consolidation in the establishment of the One Card Network. Customer relations have taken a great step forward as borrowers have access to any public library across South Australia using a single library card, and have access to over 4 million items.

Library staff have been busy working on the de-duplication drive. This is the process of eliminating borrower records where more than 1 library card exists for the same person across the network. Strict guidelines have to be adhered to make sure the process works properly. This is an ongoing project.

Staff have undertaken many webinar training courses over the past 12 months to be up to date with the services that the Library provide to the public. As the technology expands, more services will be offered to the

borrowers; therefore this vital training will be on-going.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS & PROMOTIONS

The library has been working with a number of community groups in order to provide children with a positive start to life and introduce them to the wonderful world of reading.

Rhyme Time

Rhyme Time is an interactive, early literacy program especially developed for children from birth

to 4 years of age. It's designed to show parents and carers how to develop their child's early literacy and numeracy. Everyone is encouraged to talk, sing, rhyme, shake musical instruments, tickle and cuddle their children and listen to stories. It's all about having fun, making new friends and socialising. Although only small groups are in attendance, the sessions are thoroughly enjoyed by both Mums and children alike.

Little Big Book Club Promotion

Every year the library is given Little Big Book Club bags full of literature and books to give away to newborn children and their families. The aim of these bags is to help educate parents and carers of the importance of reading, playing, talking and singing with their children as early in life as possible. This year for the first time, two bags have been produced, one for babies and one for toddlers. The library in collaboration with the local Child and Youth Health group have given out over 60 bags to Mums as well as providing them with an introduction to the available resources in the library.

Children's Book Week

Each year the library spends a week celebrating books by Australian authors and illustrators. This initiative is called Children's Book Week and is organised and promoted by the Children's Book Council of Australia. The Library invite local primary schools to visit the library and staff make a trip to the Waikerie Children's Centre and Cadell Primary School. Short-listed books were read to the children and then craft activities



Rhyme Time Session

WAIKERIE PUBLIC LIBRARY



Children's Book Week



took place. The national theme was "Connect to reading". This is a great opportunity for us to showcase all of the resources and join up children to the service. Children's Book week is held in August of each year.

School Holiday Programs

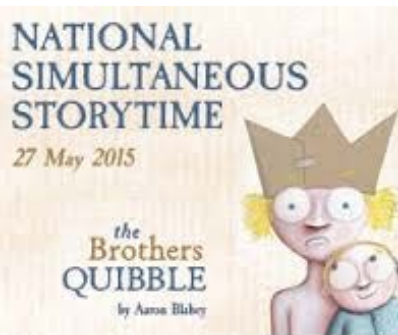
Every Wednesday and Friday of the school holidays the Library provides free storytelling and craft activities for children. The Library have worked around a number of themes and celebrations such as Australia Day, ANZAC Day and Naidoc Week. The homemade ANZAC biscuits were a hit! The space explorers and mad scientists programs proved to be very popular with primary school aged children.



School Holiday Program

National Simultaneous Story Time

National Simultaneous Story Time is an annual campaign designed to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. It aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children's book appropriate to their age. All libraries throughout Australia read the same book out loud at the same time. This year the nominated book was "The Brothers Quibble" by Aaron Blabey. The reading took place at the Waikerie Children's Centre with the kindergarten kids. After reading the book the children all made crowns to wear.



National Simultaneous Storytime Book Cover

Waikerie Children's Centre Visits

The Library has continued the visits to the kindergarten and Childcare children. During the first week of every month, staff go down to the Waikerie Children's Centre and read stories and provide craft activities for the children. This helps us to promote the children's library collection. This year the Library provided their service to 60 classes, which equates to approximately 1300 children.

Summer Reading Club

The Summer Reading Club encourages children and young people to develop a sense of community with other children across the country. No matter where kids are over the summer holidays, they can discover great adventures by reading books. All they had to do to be involved was write a list of books they read from 1st December to 31st January and hand it into the library. For every 10 books read, children were rewarded with wristbands, bookmarks, key rings and tattoos. This year the Club attracted over 50 children and the national theme was "Lost Worlds". The Library

WAIKERIE PUBLIC LIBRARY



Summer Reading Club

celebrated the holidays by trying something a little bit different and did not reward children for the most books read instead they had a dress-up party for the kids which they thoroughly enjoyed. A prize was give to the best dressed.

Library Lover's Day

Library Lover's Day was celebrated over the week of 10th to 14th February to coincide with Valentine's Day. Each customer who borrowed at least one item from the library during that time was offered a small chocolate as a thank you for loving the library. Many chocolates were handed out to adults and children!



Library Lovers Day

ANZAC Day Celebrations

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of ANZAC Day a local group of dedicated knitters and crocheters held 3 workshops in the library to make poppies. This activity was made possible by Naomi Campbell who provided patterns, support and many balls of wool to all. Hundreds of poppies were made and put together to form a blanket. This was displayed in the Council foyer, the RSL Museum and the Memorial Gardens during the centenary of ANZAC celebrations.



ANZAC Day Celebrations



LIBRARY SERVICES

Broadband for Seniors Program

Broadband for Seniors helps senior Australians get the skills they need to use computers and access the internet. With the help of the library's fantastic volunteer, Sandra Lambert, the Library has continued to provide tutoring to seniors in the community. Waikerie Library offers one-on-one tuition and when computers are not being used for teaching, the library can offer the extra computers to the public and visitors for use. This is an important step in the library developing as a community hub for technology and has an important role to play in making technology accessible to those of the community who are not familiar with it.

Homebound Service

The Homebound Service is a program that allows people of the community who are unable to travel to the library due to medical conditions to receive home delivery of library materials. The Library has offered this service to residents of Waikerie for in excess of 25 years. The Library encourage anyone who is unable to get to us to join this service.



Broadband for Seniors Program

WAIKERIE PUBLIC LIBRARY



Book Club

All of the library's resources are available for loan. Deliveries are made to residents on the last Thursday of the month.

Book Club

The Library's Book Club has continued meeting once a month to discuss books they have read and express personal opinions. The group was fortunate to have had an author visit from Meredith Appleyard, a South Australian author from Clare, earlier in the year. Meredith provided a most stimulating session regarding her passion for writing and how she goes about her craft. Morning tea was provided to all participants and book signings took place. This was done as a joint venture with the Loxton Public Library.

Talking River News

The Talking River News is a unique service providing sight-impaired people in the Riverland west area with a copy of the local newspaper on either a cassette tape or SD card. This is a weekly service that is made possible with the dedication of a small group of volunteers, and the editor Sandra Lambert. Each week volunteers read The River News, record it, copy it and either post or deliver it to customers. Over the year



approximately 343 copies of The River News have been produced for recipients. With a growing population of elderly people the need for this service will no doubt grow in the future.

Internet Access

The Waikerie library continues to provide free public computers for the internet for up to 1 hour per day per customer. Free Wi-Fi is also available which includes 200MB of downloading per day, every day, and seven days per week. The internet service is constantly being utilised by visitors to the region and residents.

eResource Central

A number of the clients now regularly access eBooks, or electronic books, for free. In order to make searching for these materials easier, a point of access called eResource Central (eRC) has been created. Clients can now simply select the option of eBooks and Audiobooks from the library catalogue when searching for books and all the digital resources will be displayed. Basically eRC unites the entire library's digital content in one place, whereas in the past these had to be searched for in a separate webpage.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

The role of the public library is to ensure that the ordinary person has access to knowledge and opportunities for engaging in discussion and debate to improve their lives and contribute to the community. What has changed is the way libraries deliver on this mission. The technology, the tools and practices have changed over the past 35 years, and will continue to change into the future. RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) is the next project to commence and all libraries in South Australia will have this form of data transfer by the end of 2017. RFID is a wireless non-contact use of radio-frequency electromagnetic fields to transfer data for the purpose of automatically identifying and tracking tags attached to objects. The tags contain electronically stored information. The use of RFID tags will help public libraries in a number of important ways, such as improving self service for customers, better stock-taking and quicker handling of items at the circulation desk. The Library will commence tagging the stock on 2nd November.

VOLUNTEERING



National Volunteer Week is the largest celebration of volunteers and volunteerism in Australia, and provides an opportunity to highlight the role of volunteers in our communities and to say thank you.

2015 National Volunteer Week was celebrated from 11-17 May with more than 6 million Australian volunteers recognised for their contribution to their communities.

Top Image:
Loxton Volunteers morning tea.

Bottom Image:
Waikerie Volunteers morning tea.

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie celebrated National Volunteer Week to say thank you and recognise the valuable contributions community volunteers make by offering their time, skills and passion to our community coordinated programs by way of our Mayoral morning teas.

LOXTON NIPPY'S GIFT

The 14th annual Loxton Nippy's Gift was again held in February and, despite some trying windy conditions early on, was a marvellous success for all concerned. As usual large numbers of athletes were in attendance with many of them travelling long distances to compete.

The Loxton Nippy's Gift which continues to grow in stature each year is regarded as being second only to the Adelaide Bay Sheffield in SA and is rated among the top ten professional athletic meetings in Australia. The combination of the State's top athletes, participation in various events by both younger and older locals, the excellent running surface, the atmosphere

created by the large crowd, the very efficient organizational and operating skills of the SA Athletic Committee, and the efforts of the hard working local volunteers, resulted in yet another very successful Event.

There is an enormous amount of planning and effort required to ensure the Meeting runs smoothly and there are

many Groups who must be acknowledged namely:-

- The Major Sponsor Nippy's who have been involved from the very beginning
- All other Sponsors who provide invaluable support
- The Loxton Waikerie Council who present the Oval and Running Tracks in pristine condition
- The SA Athletic Committee and their helpers
- The Athletes
- The locals who volunteer their time and effort in the lead up to, and, on the day of the Meeting

The Committee is pleased to report that the Sponsors have agreed to continue on again for the 2016 Loxton Nippy's Gift. This generous support continues to enhance Loxton's ability to showcase and successfully conduct such a prestigious Meeting.



TRUE GRIT

The True Grit challenge event is a military style obstacle course designed by Australian Special Forces designed to test mental resolve and stamina, with an emphasis on tackling obstacles.

Courses are designed over 10 to 12 kilometres with over 30 obstacles per event. Layouts are tailored around the vegetation and terrain of the land.

The event took place on the 2nd and 3rd May 2015 at the Caudo Vineyards and whilst the event is to be staged within the Mid Murray Council district

the location will significantly benefit Waikerie businesses. 3,500 participants registered for the event with visitor numbers estimated to be approximately 2,000 for the weekend.

Council committed an amount of \$4,000 to staging of the 2015 True Grit Adelaide (Caudo Vineyards) Event.

LOXTON PEDAL PRIX



Round 1 of the 2015 UniSA Australian HPV Super Series Pedal Prix was conducted around Loxton's street circuit on Sunday 3 May.

The conduct of the event was undertaken by a partnership approach between Australian International Pedal Prix Inc, Council and the Loxton Chamber of Commerce and with the significant help and assistance of community groups and service clubs.

83 teams registered with an increase of nearly 28% on last year's event. An estimate of attendance on the day suggested

that the event attracted approximately 4000 people to the district, including participants.

The weather was extremely kind, the town was presented immaculately and the track itself was professionally laid out and provided racers with very fast sections, challenging corners and an incline section that at times appeared to be very steep for some of the younger competitors.

This year a food court was introduced in the closed off section of Martha Street which upon feedback from the Chamber proved a success.

Sponsorship was sought for this year's race and we were very pleased to welcome the Loxton Community Hotel as major sponsor for the three years of the current agreement, the Loxton Community Centre and Hentschke Transport as Gold Sponsors and the Loxton Rotary Club, Loxton Pizza Bar and Cr Trevor Norton as Silver Sponsors.

LOXTON PEDAL PRIX

The sponsorship has assisted in a more intensive advertising campaign which paid dividends in terms of attendance, and also allowed us to engage the services of a drone to take video of the race which will be used to promote coming year's events.

The event cost Council \$25,000 which is half of the cost of the inaugural event due to different sourcing of materials and also the event sponsorship.

Overall, it is estimated that the economic impact of conducting the event was in excess of \$310,000, prior to the added outcome of the occupancy at

the Hotel, for a net investment in the vicinity of \$25,000 which is a great outcome.

The Loxton Chamber participation in the event was paramount and the result of trade for the day a significant determinant in gauging its success.

The Chamber provided members feedback from the event:

- a 'good' profitable day or 'exceeded their expectations'.
- recorded an increase in customers/trade on Saturday May 3 2015 as well.

- agreed it was worthwhile opening/participating in the event, with only 1 undecided.
- agreed the event was advertised well and better than previous year.
- rated the event as very good or an excellent promotion for our town.
- would support Chamber's involvement in future events. They agreed it achieves the goal of increasing visitation and raising Loxton's profile as well as being an additional benefit to their membership.



ARTS ON TERRACE EVENT



Arts on Terrace was initially developed to enhance an annual event for Loxton and to devise an event to increase economic growth for businesses and acknowledge a distinct point of difference from the many other festival/events currently hosted in other Riverland towns.

The event is striving to provide the Riverland the opportunity for individuals, business owners and the community a diverse collection of artists, musicians, vendors and workshop activities to foster economic growth and cultural diversity.

- To provide a variety of affordable and accessible cultural arts activities and resources for all ages.
- To support the expression of the cultural arts
- To promote affordable and accessible spectator and participatory arts experiences

The event is teamed with the already acclaimed South Australian Living Artists Festival (SALA) activities which are scheduled in August each year. Arts on Terrace and Loxton Goes To Sale was scheduled on Sunday 10 August 2014 from 11am-5pm.

The theme of recycling was chosen for the Junk Art Sculpture competition which saw 40 entries and receiving 300 judging people choice forms.

In addition to and complimenting the junk art competition, art workshops were organised with Tim Baulderstone for recycled art (Dip tin art), Riverland Youth Theatre, lantern making and Dream Scapes picture art.

The support of the local businesses is important in encouraging stronger relationships and ensuring mutual benefits are achieved both for the event and local businesses. Feedback received from the Loxton Chamber of Commerce from the 2015 event was that Arts on Terrace was best Sunday trading outside of the Sunday Light Up-day.

THE PINES

Management Committee

The Committee was formed in 2003 and during 2014/15 membership comprised of five community members. The Committee met on a monthly basis in the Loxton Office Meeting room and the meetings were open to the public.

The Pines Historical House and Gardens Estate was bequeathed to the people of Loxton in 2002

for display and entertainment purposes by the late Ella Amelia Kingdon. The sandstone villa was built in 1909.

During the years, and under the direction and careful guidance of the Management Committee, a large number of compassionate volunteers have worked tirelessly assisting with activities such as cleaning, catering and tasks involved in the immaculate presentation of the house.

The house is constantly on public display with regular tours run by members of the

Management Committee, volunteers and local people acting as tour guides providing a detailed commentary providing an insight into the benefactor's lifestyle and generosity of this local pioneering family.

The spirit of the community has been maintained to a high standard and the wishes of the late Ella Amelia Kingdon has been well respected and accommodated by the unique and dedicated members of The Pines Management Committee and volunteers.



SUNDAYS: 319
COACHES: 110

2014-15
TOURS

HOUSEBOAT MOORING

Management Plan Committee



The Committee was formed in 2014. During the 2014/15 period membership comprised of six community members and three Council representatives. The committee met in May and in June at the Kingston on Murray Hall. The meetings were open to the public.

HOUSEBOAT MOORING

Management Plan Committee

The objectives of the committee were set by Council as follows:

- The identification of current and potential future demand for houseboat mooring sites at the current locations in the district.
- Undertake a review of other mooring areas within South Australia managed by both Council and commercial operations.
- Proposing a draft Houseboat Mooring Management Plan which recommends;
 - The mooring licence
 - Mooring fee
 - Mooring site services to be provided



(From left to right) Ruth Firstbrook - Director Corporate & Community Services, Ted Irlam, Cr Kym Webber, Cr Trevor Norton (Chair), Cr David Kimber, Andrew White, Michael Head, Brenton Schultz - General Inspector and James Copeland

The Committee reviewed the mooring licence document and fee and made recommendations to the June 2015 meeting of Council to further investigate signage requirements as recommended by the Committee; to review commercial houseboat hire and recreational service operations

that utilise Council mooring sites within the district and undertake an evaluation of services provided at each houseboat mooring area within the district and the cost to establish uniform services at each site. It is anticipated that these investigations will be completed within the next 12 months.

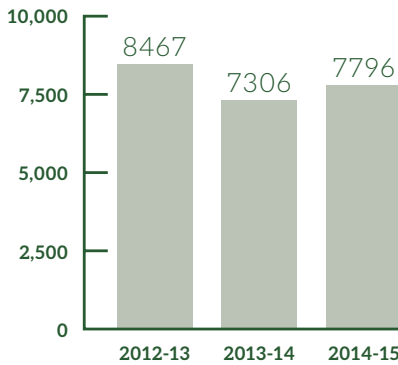
THE VILLAGE

STATISTICS

7,796
PEOPLE

visited The Village during 2014/15, an increase in 9% when compared to 2013/14.

VISITATION



EDUCATION PROGRAM

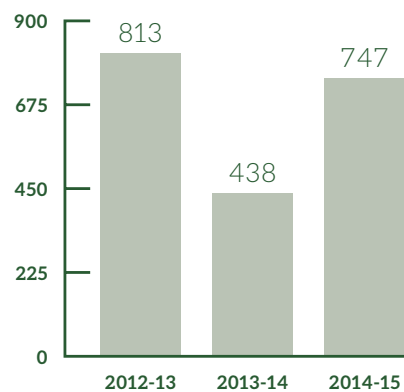
- 30 school groups comprising of 709 students and 38 teachers utilised The Village Education Program during 2014-15. This is an increase of 71% when compared to 2013/14.
- Investigations commenced to ascertain the popularity, types of activities and costs to offer

a mobile education program in school classrooms.

- Attended the 16th International Symposium on School Life and School History Museums and Collections in Ballarat. This proved to be an outstanding learning opportunity and provided invaluable networking prospects and mentors. International attendees and speakers shared their vast knowledge and experiences in education programs in historical collections and museums, with many concepts able to be established within The Village Education Program and the strategic management plan.

THE VILLAGE

NUMBER OF STUDENTS & TEACHERS USING THE EDUCATION PROGRAM



VOLUNTEERS

49 dedicated volunteers provided 3,662 volunteer hours to The Village though a variety of programs and activities included catering, restoration, general maintenance and cleaning, education program and working day activities.

INTERPRETIVE PROJECT

A second round of funding from History SA has provided the opportunity to showcase an additional 10 sites within The Village. Research, creation of editorial, image collation, sign design, scripts for audio production and QR code creation are being undertaken during this extensive project.

KIDS DAY OUT

A successful school holiday program was hosted during the October school holidays with 189 children and 121 adults participating in a range of fun activities. Barmera Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) included the day within their holiday program and although Loxton OSCH could not attend for the Kids Day Out they

did visit the following day. Increased visitation of 51% was experienced when compared to 2013/14.

KDO Comment:

Hi Tracy, Loxton Art Group would like to thank you for allowing us to be a part of the "Kid's Day Out" this year. I received a lot of positive feedback from parents and grandparents, not only about the Art Group's art happenings, but about all of the events at Kid's Day Out. I also have received comments on the days following the Kid's Day Out. A big congratulation to you, Amy Leigh and all the volunteers who participated in the Kid's Day Out. It was a very successful day.

- With Kind Regards,
Jen Griffiths, Facilitator,
Loxton Art Group

THE VILLAGE



Riverland Experiences Guide advert

COOPERATIVE ADVERTISING

Opportunities for cooperative advertising were utilised where possible, minimising expenditure and maximising exposure for The Village. Partnerships for advertising were undertaken with The Loxton Riverfront Holiday Park, Loxton Visitor Information Centre and The Pines on roadside signage and in publications including Riverland Experiences and Riverland Visitor Guide.

ABOUT TIME 2015 (SA HISTORY MONTH)

The Village created a self drive history tour of the Riverland in support of About Time 2015. Over 300 copies were distributed across the Riverland as well as the original document provided to participating venues to allow them to print additional copies as required. This tour was very well received and due to its popularity has been introduced to the marketplace as an ongoing self-drive guide.

Feedback included:

Hi Amy. Giving you a little feedback on the publication. We are finding many of our visitors are coming in with a copy and are doing the drive throughout the Riverland. If they are unaware of it we give them a copy. Just about everyone makes positive comments, and all think it's a great idea. This is something that the Riverland has needed for a long time. Fantastic.

- Russell
Renmark Paringa
Community Museum

Thanks Amy, they have been extremely well received here too & Council printed off some extra copies for me as I ran out in no time.

- Cheers, Lucy,
Waikerie VIC

Very well done Amy! You must be commended for that.

- Philip Reddy, Publican,
Historic Overland Corner
Hotel, OC Hotel Pty Ltd



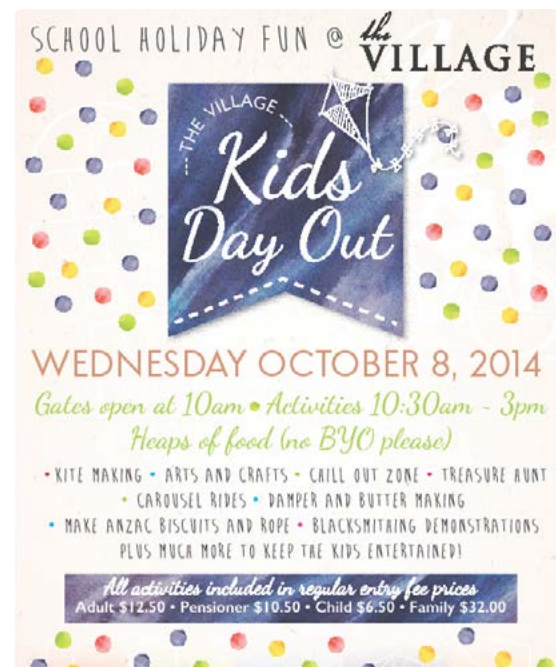
Roadside Entrance Signage

THE VILLAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Village Management Committee met quarterly in their role to make recommendations to Council regarding the property known as The Village, which is owned by the District Council of Loxton Waikerie. These recommendations are to maintain the character of The Village, by advising of opportunities:

- To acquire, restore, preserve and display items of local historical significance to the Loxton, Riverland and Mallee districts from the period 1890 – 1950 inclusive.
- To enhance the potential of the collection by the way objects and artifacts are displayed in a village museum context depicting the lifestyles, skills and technical developments of an era now past.

It is to be noted that The Village is first and foremost a museum and its core role and resources should be targeted in the preservation and presentation of the districts history. The management committee recognises the importance of ensuring items and stories are not only preserved,



Above: Kids Day Out Poster

Left Top: Interpretive Project - The Garage

Left Bottom (x2): Kids Day Out Images 2014

THE VILLAGE



Back row: Merv Gladigau, Richard Wood, Melvin Fielke, Lance Pech
Middle row: Shirley Gibbs, Allan Hucks, Anne Holman, Bette LeCornu
Seated: Chairperson, Steve Schulz
Absent: Cr Debbie Thiele, Keith Munchenberg, Tracy Bye (Responsible Officer)

but presented in an informative way, appealing to a wide range of audiences and demographics.

The Village should be inspiring and play a role that encompasses not only collection, preservation and sharing, but is prepared to take some risks to be intellectually and physically accessible while challenging and inspiring its audiences as we go about

informing future generations, by learning about the past.

FRIENDS OF THE VILLAGE

Restorations and repairs to machinery, vehicles, buildings and equipment continued during 2014/15 with work nearing completion on a Case Buckboard and Fordson Tractor.

The relocation to The Village of a river red gum, with brass pegs marking actual Murray River flood levels, was also a Friend of The Village project during 2014/15.

A major source of income to The Friends continues to be from catering to visiting groups and at Village working days. Through these activities an income of \$8,820 was achieved for 2014/15 with funds utilised for restoration projects.

The Friends Committee and The Village volunteers provide manpower, experience, knowledge and skills to assist in hosting working days and education activities. Their representation and involvement in promotions such as 2014 Riverland Field Days, Loxton Show, Loxton Mardi Gras and rides on The Village Carousel at Loxton Lights Up assist in promoting The Village.

YOUTH SUPPORT

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie is committed to providing a high quality of life for our young people by recognising and acknowledging that young people are a significant and valuable part of the community.

Operation Flinders Foundation is a South Australian based charitable organisation that runs a world leading wilderness adventure program for young offenders and young people at risk. The program takes participants between the age of 14 and 18 years on an eight day exercise in the far northern Flinders Ranges, providing an opportunity for its participants to break away from their past

and grow as valued members of the community.

Participants learn basic bush survival skills, are taught to abseil, discover Indigenous culture and learn of the rich history of the Flinders Ranges. Each team is between 8 and 10 and led by a team leader skilled in navigation and bushcraft. The young participants live out and sleep on the ground, prepare their

own food, navigate through the Flinders Ranges and learn the values of team work and respect.

Council supported the Riverland Chapter of Operation Flinders in the 2014/2015 budget to the value of \$3300.

The Riverland male focused team departed Tuesday 5 August 2014 and returned on Tuesday 12 August 2014. The team consisted of five students from Waikerie High School and four students from Loxton High School. This is certainly a great outcome for both the Loxton and Waikerie High Schools

LOXTON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Pat West, Secretary

Over the past 12 months the Committee have introduced a number of initiatives to ensure that the magic of Christmas is kept alive and that a consistent level of interest in Loxton's Christmas Lights is maintained for locals and visitors alike. Some of these include:

- Celebrated 23rd Anniversary of the Christmas Lights Festival.
- Renewed Accreditation under the National Tourism Accreditation Program.
- Introduced 26 new paintings into Santa's Walk, including a large 'Australiana' scene and repainted a further 17.
- Christmas Wonderland celebrated its 30th Anniversary and introduced some spectacular new displays.
- Updated our brochure and distributed 7000 copies throughout South Australia and western Victoria and New South Wales. Also updated our website loxtonlights.com and facebook page facebook.com/loxtonlightsup.
- Together with volunteers from The Village, set up a joint display at the Riverland Field days, distributed 2014 Christmas Lights brochures and launched our annual 'Out-door' raffle to provide additional funds required to upgrade existing decorations and install new ones.

- Through generous donations from the Loxton Rotary Club, Loxton Lions Club, the Mardi Gras Committee and the Loxton Community Centre we were able to replace the rope lights on the Christmas Tree on the roundabout and the Paddle Steamer in Heritage Park with brighter LED rope lights.
- Achieved a Silver Medal at the 2014 SA Tourism Awards.
- Undertook a survey of visitors to the festival to assist with future marketing activities.
- Successfully negotiated with SA Power Networks to continue to assist with the staging of decorations on their poles, as a means of 'in-kind' support.
- A total of 18 volunteers were involved with the distribution and collection of paintings to residents in Santa's Walk. Many others assisted Peter Mangelsdorf to set up his Christmas Wonderland display at Loxton East.
- Entered a float 'The Last Iceberg' in the annual Mardi Gras procession.

- Volunteers contributed a total of 1599 hours of labour throughout 2014/2015.
- Our partners - the Loxton Chamber of Commerce organised a spectacular opening festival 'Loxton Lights Up'. Features included 'Mick Kelly returning with his 'Frozen' Show; children invited to decorate themselves with glow sticks and parade to the main stage as the sun went down; visitors to Santa's Cave were provided with magical glasses to enhance the fireworks experience, turning every twinkle of light into a cascade of colour and other special activities for children were included.

In addition, all existing features were retained, eg. Light Up Night; Santa's Walk; Christmas Wonderland; Singing Christmas Tree; Christmas Tree Festival; Craft Fair, Santa's Cave and Community Carols.

The Loxton Christmas Street Decorating Committee pride themselves on providing low cost entertainment and improving the environment in Loxton over the Christmas period.



Volunteers with new scenes for 2014.

ECONOMIC AND REGIONAL STATEMENT



TOURISM

Loxton Visitor Information Centre

ACCREDITATION

Loxton Visitor Information Centre (VIC) is a Level One Accredited Information Centre, one of 43 accredited centres in South Australia. The accreditation status is maintained by adhering to the Accredited VIC policy as

set out by the South Australian Tourism Commission. Only Accredited VICs can display the trademarked yellow italic "i" sign, which serves to guarantee quality service and reliable information.



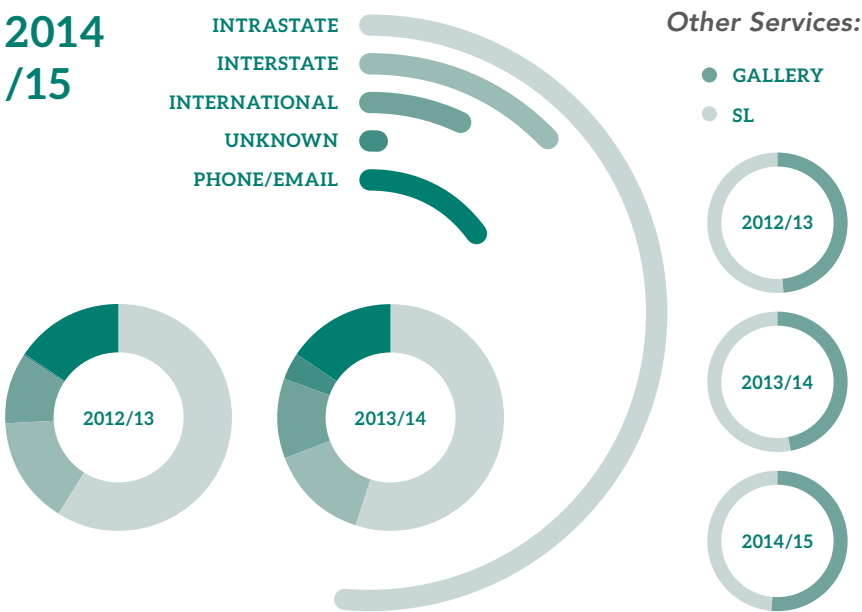
STATISTICS

14,296 people were serviced by staff and volunteers at the Loxton VIC during 2014/15. This is a slight decrease of 9% when compared to 2013/14, but when reviewing month by month it was noted that 403 less enquiries were serviced in January (-17%) and February (-32%) when compared to the same period in 2014. Lower figures can be attributed to the extreme high temperatures experienced across the region which discouraged visitation.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

460 hours of volunteer time was given to the LVIC during 2014/15, a decline of 136 hours (or 34 shifts) when compared to 2013/14. Unfortunately due to a decline in volunteer numbers on occasions the VIC has closed to ensure staff are receiving break entitlements.

WHERE ARE OUR VISITORS FROM?



	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Volunteer Hours	667	596	460
Decrease in Hours	-242	-71	-136
% Decrease	-36%	-12%	-23%

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Loxton Visitor Information Centre

LOXTON DISTRICT TOURISM CLUB

All marketing and promotional activities undertaken by Loxton VIC are funded by monies raised from membership to the Loxton District Tourism Club. Income totalling \$13,128 was achieved by the involvement of 47 local businesses and tourism operators.

Major financial support continues to be provided by The Loxton Hotel, and it is due to this ongoing commitment that allows the Loxton VIC to continue the current level of marketing activities. The Loxton VIC also acknowledges the ongoing financial contribution of The Loxton Club Inc.

MARKETING & PROMOTIONS

Campaigns undertaken during 2014/15 included the production and distribution of 18,000 copies of the 2015 Loxton Moorook and Kingston on Murray Visitor Guide. 18,000 copies were produced and distributed across the Riverland, to Visitor Information Centres across SA, selected VICs in neighbouring Victorian regions, after hours and rally/event information packs and made available for other marketing activities.

www.visitloxtion.com.au continues to be utilised to feature events and festivals such as the Pedal Prix, Arts on Terrace and the Christmas Festival as well as collating and publishing a calendar of events hosted in Loxton, Moorook and Kingston on Murray.

The vibrant town of Loxton and the surrounding townships of Moorook and Kingston on Murray are the best places to start your Riverland holiday.

Leave plenty of time to explore the natural attractions, plentiful shopping, exciting kids playground and heaps of festivals and events.

Accommodation to suit all budgets from riverside camping, houseboats, bed and breakfasts, motel/hotel, holiday homes, caravan parks and award-winning motel suites.

Call in and chat to a local at the Loxton Visitor Information Centre and pick up your guides and maps to ensure you see all the Riverland has to offer.

VILLAGE OF THE RIVERLAND
A must-see, bringing back memories of an era past.
• Open 7 days from 10am to 4pm
• Over 45 buildings displaying 1,000s of items
• Extensive machinery displays including RGS railway engine
• Refreshments and souvenirs
Allen Hosking Drive. Ph (08) 8584 7194
www.thevillageofloxtion.com.au

LOXTON RIVERFRONT HOLIDAY PARK
• Executive Cabins with river frontage
• Ensuite & Budget Cabins
• Grassy Sites - ensuite, powered and unpowered
• Riverfront camping in a natural bush setting
• Camp Kitchen • BBQ areas
• Pets at manager's discretion
Sophie Edington Drive. Ph (08) 8584 7862
www.loxtionholidaypark.com.au

For more information, contact Loxton Visitor Information Centre on (08) 8584 8071 or 1300 849 990 or visit: www.visitloxtion.com.au

Riverland Visitor Guide Advert.

Loxton VIC actively participated in:

- the production and distribution of themed tours, guides and media releases
- management & distribution of events calendars (across a multitude of platforms)
- coordination of a cooperative full page advert in the Riverland Visitor Guide with The Village and Loxton Riverfront Holiday Park. Distribution of 80,000 copies
- annual updates to tourism maps

- images sourced for our photo library including Loxton pedal prix, Loxton Pioneer Playground, Loxton tree sculptures, etc.
- participation in various advertising opportunities and media releases distributed in support of community activities, festivals and events
- committee assistance with design of posters, flyers and surveys and access to the photo library

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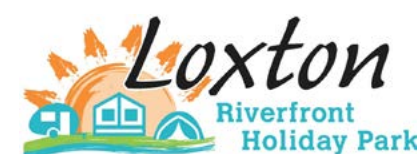
Loxton Visitor Information Centre

- distribution of local operator's tourism brochures and event posters across the Riverland
- display, tasting and showcasing of local operator's product within the centre over Easter and the school holiday period
- collation of information packs for after hour's collection, visiting rallies, groups and sporting carnivals, approximately 2,000 packs were distributed in 2014/2015

INDUSTRY AND EVENT INVOLVEMENT

Destination Riverland

- attendance at forums, meetings and workshops hosted by Destination Riverland
- proof reading and provision of editorial for marketing collateral including the 2015 Riverland Visitors Guide and Riverland Experiences.
- sourcing images for the 2015 Riverland Visitor Guides



ROUND 1

2015 UNISA AUSTRALIAN HPV SERIES
Proudly sponsored by the Loxton Community Hotel.

LOXTON STREET CIRCUIT
Sunday May 3rd
10am to 4pm
FOOD COURT - SHOPS TRADING

Logos for sponsors: Loxton Hotel, Loxton Community Centre, Loxton Pioneer Playground, Loxton Riverfront Holiday Park, Loxton District Tourism Club, Loxton District Football Club, Loxton District Cricket Club, Loxton District Rugby Football Club, Loxton District Netball Club, Loxton District Tennis Club, Loxton District Golf Club, Loxton District Badminton Club, Loxton District Table Tennis Club, Loxton District Chess Club, Loxton District Book Club, Loxton District Gardening Club, Loxton District Fishing Club, Loxton District Cycling Club, Loxton District Walking Club, Loxton District Horse Riding Club, Loxton District Archery Club, Loxton District Badminton Club, Loxton District Table Tennis Club, Loxton District Chess Club, Loxton District Book Club, Loxton District Gardening Club, Loxton District Fishing Club, Loxton District Cycling Club, Loxton District Walking Club, Loxton District Horse Riding Club, Loxton District Archery Club.

- involvement in the formation of self-drive trails and tours
- the development and testing of an effective Events Management System
- feedback provided for the Riverland Tourism Plan 2020
- statistics and research in emerging trends and gaps in the Riverland marketplace
- undertake quarterly visitor survey
- appropriate use of Destinations Riverland logo on marketing material, uniforms, facilities and stocking Destination Riverland merchandise

Loxton Riverfront Holiday Park

Assistance provided for the

- concepts, design and implementation of their new logo
- cooperative roadside signage
- marketing plan

Loxton Pedal Prix

An estimated crowd of 4,000 attended the 2015 UniSA Australian HPV Super Series (Loxton street circuit pedal prix race). Loxton VIC provided assistance with sponsorship, sponsor liaison, media releases & hosting of sponsors on the day.

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Waikerie Visitor Information Centre

The Waikerie VIC is operated within the Accreditation Guidelines & according to all criteria of the District Council Loxton Waikerie contract. Opening hours are:

Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm. Sat, Sun & Public Hols 10am – 4pm.
Closed Christmas Day & Good Friday in accordance with Accreditation criteria.

AIM

The aim, focus & objective of the Waikerie Visitor Information Centre is to:

- Promote Waikerie, Loxton and the Riverland region
- Encourage visitor diversion into the Waikerie CBD & attractions

- Increase visitor numbers, length of stay and visitor spend in Waikerie & the region
- Provide, promote and display quality informative information, maps & brochures

- Adhere to the Loxton-Waikerie contract at all times
- Work towards/within the District Council Loxton Waikerie Council, Destination Riverland (DR) & S.A. Tourism Commission (SATC) Strategic Plans

STATISTICS

Visitor numbers are documented daily and collated monthly. Quarterly summaries are forwarded to Council for the VIC and Rainmoth Gallery, who are Waikerie's Visitor Information Outlet (VIO).

All numbers counted are enquiries for assistance - directions, maps, brochures etc. (Orange Tree and Rainmoth

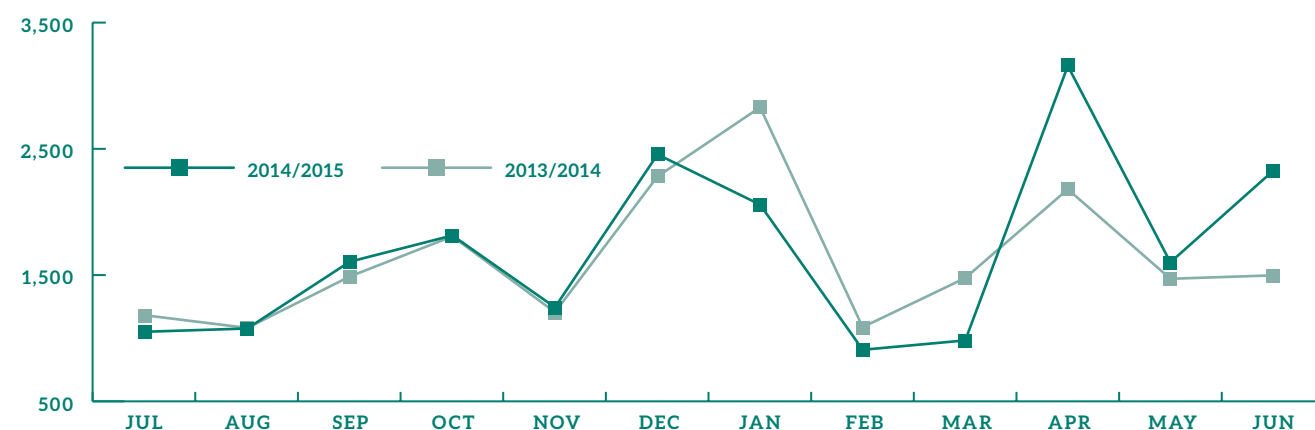
Gallery customers are not included in the statistics).

- The number of enquiries at the VIC this year has increased slightly overall again – I believe this is a result of the major upgrade to the Service Station next door as many of their passing traffic call in here for maps, brochures and information while they have stop for fuel or food.

- The Rainmoth Gallery has also shown a steady increase in visitors from last year.
- Added together, the stats prove that the number of tourism visitors to Waikerie is improving & growing.
- Visitors to the Council foyer for information would also add to these numbers.

Waikerie Visitor Information Centre

TOTAL 2014/2015: **20,342**

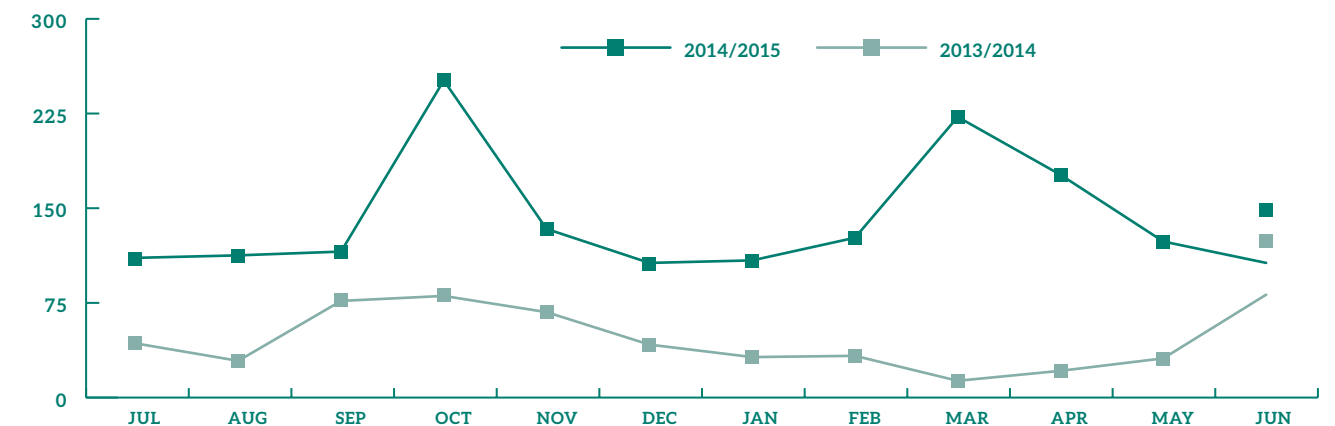


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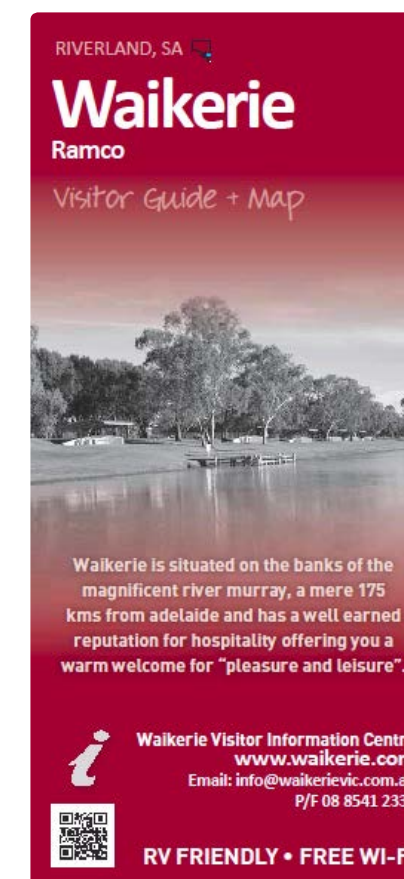
Waikerie Visitor Information Centre

Rainmoth Gallery

TOTAL 2014/2015: **1688**



MARKETING AND PROMOTION



Brochure display

The brochure display in the Waikerie Council foyer was expanded & improved, ensuring local information is readily available to tourists weekdays from 9am-5pm, Tuesday & Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings (when the Library is open). This of great benefit to the "Motorhome Market" who are using the adjacent RV facility with easy parking access. This display also ensures that local information is available in the CBD if the Rainmoth Gallery is not open.

Radio interviews

ABC Radio interviews promoting Waikerie & Events whenever requested by the ABC

Waikerie Visitor Guide

Updated & reprinted in colour, including maps. All local tourism related businesses are still included free of charge as it is considered important for tourists to know all that is available in Waikerie

Waikerie tear-off map pads

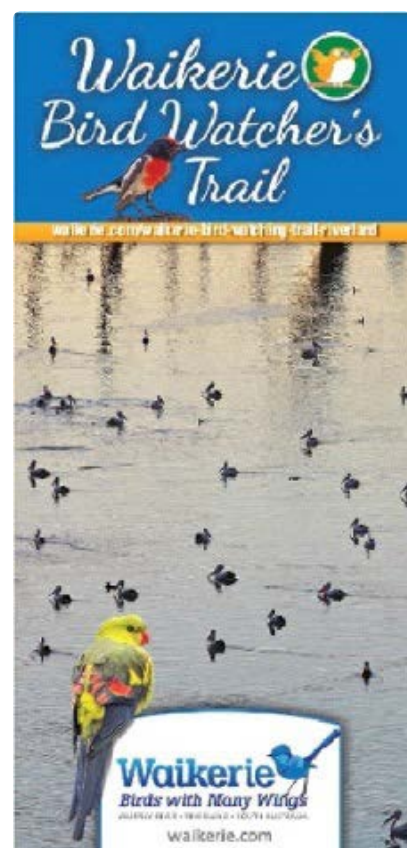
Printed and distributed. 21 businesses chose to advertise around the borders of the map, proving a cost effective marketing and information tool.

Waikerie Bird Watcher's Trail

The new Waikerie Bird Watcher's Trail was created to compliment the Waikerie website and to capitalise on an existing target market of avid bird watchers travelling locally,

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nationally and internationally to visit the world renowned Gluepot Reserve. The trail links with the Coorong Bird Trail which should entice interested bird watchers from the Coorong to discover and explore Waikerie and the Riverland.

www.waikerie.com

The Waikerie website was implemented last year & continues to be updated & improved wherever possible.

2014/2015 advertisements:

- Riverland Visitor Guide – 2/3 of a page in 2014 & 2015 editions
- Due South – HWR Promotion – Advert with “website popup”

- Touring Australia – ¼ page advert with ¼ page editorial for Waikerie
- Mildura Weekly – Participated in a Riverland Promotion in 2014
- Data Trax Tourism Touchscreen – National Information Available 24/7
- “Discover River Murray” website as a joint promotion along the whole River Murray. Waikerie Information, Trails, Accommodation & History are included on the website

INDUSTRY AND EVENT INVOLVEMENT

Destination Riverland:

- DR is supported with editorial proofing, meetings and requests for assistance wherever possible
- A sign with DR logo/branding is displayed outside
- VIC emails have DR website & winter brand on signatures
- Statistics for the DR quarterly survey were collated
- A direct link to DR website is on the homepage of the Waikerie website.



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Waikerie Visitor Information Centre

Community Services Program

The VIC participated in the Waikerie High School “Community Services Program” by having students every Thursday morning until end of June to learn about Tourism & Retail.

Local Producers, Suppliers and Industry Support:

- A selection of local produce, souvenirs, products and images are available for sale and display at the VIC
- Brochure packs, guides, maps, ticket sales, etc were provided for Riverland Field Days, Waikerie Enduro, Morgan Dirt Kart Championships, Speed Kart Rally, Hog Rally and Waikerie Lions Club Convention
- The VIC continues to support, market and promote local events including Rock n Roll Festival and Santa’s Cave

Meetings

Are attended and correspondence with Riverland VIC managers, Waikerie Tourism Group, SA Tourism Industry Council, SA AVIC network and DR.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOXTON WAIKERIE

General Purpose Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2015

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DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOXTON WAIKERIE

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2015

CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have been authorised by the Council to certify the financial statements in their final form. In our opinion:

- the accompanying financial statements comply with the *Local Government Act 1999, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* and Australian Accounting Standards.
- the financial statements present a true and fair view of the Council's financial position at 30 June 2015 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.
- internal controls implemented by the Council provide a reasonable assurance that the Council's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year.
- the financial statements accurately reflect the Council's accounting and other records.


Peter Ackland
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER


Leon Stasinowsky
MAYOR

Date: 20th Day of November 2015

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOXTON WAIKERIE
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the year ended 30 June 2015

	Notes	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
INCOME			
Rates	2	11,316	11,007
Statutory charges	2	301	280
User charges	2	1,581	937
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	7,177	5,371
Investment income	2	188	193
Reimbursements	2	127	181
Other income	2	1,435	872
Total Income		22,125	18,841
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	3	5,952	5,952
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	7,323	6,460
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	6,405	6,416
Finance costs	3	106	107
Total Expenses		19,786	18,935
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		2,339	(94)
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	(1,130)	44
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2	397	1,636
NET SURPLUS		1,606	1,586
transferred to Equity Statement			
Other Comprehensive Income			
Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result			
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	9	2,488	21,829
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		4,094	23,415

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes.

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOXTON WAIKERIE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
as at 30 June 2015

	Notes	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	9,116	7,079
Trade & other receivables	5	1,479	1,022
Inventories	5	79	67
Total Current Assets		10,674	8,168
Non-current Assets			
Financial assets	6	11	90
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	7	207,731	207,299
Other non-current assets	6	330	74
Total Non-current Assets		208,072	207,463
Total Assets		218,746	215,631
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & other payables	8	10,784	11,150
Borrowings	8	189	152
Provisions	8	1,654	2,099
Total Current Liabilities		12,627	13,401
Non-current Liabilities			
Borrowings	8	457	644
Provisions	8	217	235
Total Non-current Liabilities		674	879
Total Liabilities		13,301	14,280
NET ASSETS		205,445	201,351
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		67,890	66,039
Asset Revaluation Reserves	9	135,233	132,745
Other Reserves	9	2,322	2,567
TOTAL EQUITY		205,445	201,351

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes.

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOXTON WAIKERIE

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the year ended 30 June 2015

	Notes	Accumulated Surplus \$'000	Asset Revaluation Reserve \$'000	Other Reserves \$'000	TOTAL EQUITY \$'000
2015					
Balance at end of previous reporting period		66,039	132,745	2,567	201,351
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		1,606	-	-	1,606
Other Comprehensive Income					
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		-	2,488	-	2,488
Transfers between reserves		245	-	(245)	-
Balance at end of period		67,890	135,233	2,322	205,445
2014					
Balance at end of previous reporting period		64,023	110,916	2,997	177,936
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		1,586	-	-	1,586
Other Comprehensive Income					
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		-	21,829	-	21,829
Transfers between reserves		430	-	(430)	-
Balance at end of period		66,039	132,745	2,567	201,351

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOXTON WAIKERIE

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS for the year ended 30 June 2015

	Notes	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Rates - general & other		11,245	10,913
Fees & other charges		301	302
User charges		1,150	1,325
Investment receipts		176	230
Grants utilised for operating purposes		7,177	3,338
Reimbursements		127	199
Other revenues		1,216	1,884
<u>Payments</u>			
Employee costs		(6,006)	(5,823)
Materials, contracts & other expenses		(7,707)	(8,403)
Finance payments		(82)	(51)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities		7,597	3,914
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		397	1,636
Sale of replaced assets		458	333
Sale of surplus assets		39	-
Repayments of loans by community groups		26	125
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(3,740)	(2,793)
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		(2,359)	(3,187)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(5,179)	(3,886)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from aged care facility deposits		438	1,151
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of borrowings		(150)	(191)
Repayment of finance lease liabilities		-	(12)
Repayment of aged care facility deposits		(669)	(597)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		(381)	351
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		2,037	379
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	11	7,079	6,700
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	11	9,116	7,079

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOXTON WAIKERIE

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2015

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial report are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

1 Basis of Preparation

1.1 Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards

This general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards as they apply to not-for-profit entities, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Interpretations and relevant South Australian legislation.

The financial report was authorised for issue by certificate under regulation 14 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.

1.2 Historical Cost Convention

Except as stated below, these financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

1.3 Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates, and requires management to exercise its judgement in applying Council's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are specifically referred to in the relevant sections of this Note.

1.4 Rounding

All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$'000).

2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

District Council of Loxton Waikerie is incorporated under the SA Local Government Act 1999 and has its principal place of business at 29 East Terrace, Loxton. These financial statements include the Council's direct operations and all entities through which Council controls resources to carry on its functions. In the process of reporting on the Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between activity areas and controlled entities have been eliminated.

3 Income recognition

Income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Income is recognised when the Council obtains control over the assets comprising the income, or when the amount due constitutes an enforceable debt, whichever first occurs.

Where grants, contributions and donations recognised as incomes during the reporting period were obtained on the condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period, and those conditions were undischarged as at the reporting date, the amounts subject to those undischarged conditions are disclosed in these notes. Also disclosed is the amount of grants, contributions and receivables recognised as incomes in a previous reporting period which were obtained in respect of the Council's operations for the current reporting period.

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2015

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT)

In the month of June 2015 the Federal Government has paid an amount of untied financial assistance grants, equal to \$2.226 million. This amount being two quarters of advance grant payments that would otherwise have been payable in 2015/16. In accordance with AASB 1004 this brought forward payment has been recognised on receipt, in advance of the year of allocation. Accordingly, the operating result of this period has been distorted by this amount.

The actual amount of untied grants received during the reporting periods (including the advance allocations) are disclosed in Note 2.

3.1 Construction Contracts

Construction works undertaken by Council for third parties are generally on an agency basis where the third party reimburses Council for actual costs incurred, and usually do not extend beyond the reporting period. As there is no profit component, such works are treated as 100% completed. Reimbursements not received are recognised as receivables and reimbursements received in advance are recognised as "payments received in advance".

4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

Cash Assets include all amounts readily convertible to cash on hand at Council's option with an insignificant risk of changes in value with a maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Receivables for rates and annual charges are secured over the subject land, and bear interest at rates determined in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999. Other receivables are generally unsecured and do not bear interest.

All receivables are reviewed as at the reporting date and adequate allowance made for amounts the receipt of which is considered doubtful.

All financial instruments are recognised at fair value at the date of recognition. A detailed statement of the accounting policies applied to financial instruments forms part of Note 13.

5 Inventories

Inventories held in respect of stores have been valued by using the weighted average cost on a continual basis, after adjustment for loss of service potential. Inventories held in respect of business undertakings have been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

6 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

6.1 Land under roads

Council has elected not to recognise land under roads acquired prior to 1 July 2008 as an asset in accordance with AASB 1051 Land under Roads. Land under roads acquired after 30 June 2008 has not been recognised as in the opinion of Council it is not possible to reliably attribute a fair value, and further that such value if determined would be immaterial.

6.2 Initial Recognition

All assets are initially recognised at cost. For assets acquired at no cost or for nominal consideration, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition.

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2015

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT)

All non-current assets purchased or constructed are capitalised as the expenditure is incurred and depreciated as soon as the asset is held "ready for use". Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition, including architects' fees and engineering design fees and all other costs incurred. The cost of non-current assets constructed by the Council includes the cost of all materials used in construction, direct labour on the project and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overhead.

Capital works still in progress at balance date are recognised as other non-current assets and transferred to *infrastructure, property, plant & equipment* when completed ready for use.

6.3 Materiality

Assets with an economic life in excess of one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds established by Council for each type of asset. In determining (and in annually reviewing) such thresholds, regard is had to the nature of the asset and its estimated service life. Examples of capitalisation thresholds applied during the year are given in Note 7. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

Office furniture and equipment	\$2,000
Other plant and equipment	\$2,000
Structures – park, playground equipment	\$5,000
Paving and footpaths, kerb and gutter	\$5,000
Drains and culverts	\$5,000
Buildings – new construction / extensions	\$10,000
Road construction and reconstruction	\$10,000

6.4 Subsequent Recognition

All material asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. For infrastructure and other asset classes where no active market exists, fair value is determined to be the current replacement cost of an asset less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation calculated on the basis of such cost to reflect the already consumed or expired future economic benefits of the asset. Further detail of existing valuations, methods and valuers are provided at Note 7.

6.5 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

Other than land, all infrastructure, property, plant and equipment assets recognised are systematically depreciated over their useful lives on a straight-line basis which, in the opinion of Council, best reflects the consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets.

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values of classes of assets are reviewed annually.

Major depreciation periods for each class of asset are shown in Note 7. Depreciation periods for infrastructure assets have been estimated based on the best information available to Council, but appropriate records covering the entire life cycle of these assets are not available, and extreme care should be used in interpreting financial information based on these estimates.

6.6 Impairment

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to depreciation and are reviewed annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to depreciation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount (which is the higher of the present value of future cash outflows or value in use).

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Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT)

For assets whose future economic benefits are not dependent on the ability to generate cash flows, and where the future economic benefits would be replaced if Council were deprived thereof, the value in use is the depreciated replacement cost. In assessing impairment for these assets, a rebuttable assumption is made that the current replacement cost exceeds the original cost of acquisition.

Where an asset that has been revalued is subsequently impaired, the impairment is first offset against such amount as stands to the credit of that class of assets in Asset Revaluation Reserve, any excess being recognised as an expense.

6.7 Borrowing Costs

Borrowing costs in relation to qualifying assets (net of offsetting investment revenue) have been capitalised in accordance with AASB 123 "Borrowing Costs". The amounts of borrowing costs recognised as an expense or as part of the carrying amount of qualifying assets are disclosed in Note 3, and the amount (if any) of interest revenue offset against borrowing costs in Note 2.

7 Payables

7.1 Goods & Services

Creditors are amounts due to external parties for the supply of goods and services and are recognised as liabilities when the goods and services are received. Creditors are normally paid 30 days after the month of invoice. No interest is payable on these amounts.

7.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

Amounts received from external parties in advance of service delivery, and security deposits held against possible damage to Council assets, are recognised as liabilities until the service is delivered or damage reinstated, or the amount is refunded as the case may be.

8 Borrowings

Loans are carried at their principal amounts which represent the present value of future cash flows associated with servicing the debt. Interest is accrued over the period to which it relates, and is recorded as part of "Payables". Interest free loans are carried at their nominal amounts; interest revenues foregone by the lender effectively being a reduction of interest expense in the period to which it relates.

9 Employee Benefits

9.1 Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences

Liabilities for employees' entitlements to salaries, wages and compensated absences expected to be paid or settled within 12 months of reporting date are accrued at nominal amounts (including payroll based oncosts) measured in accordance with AASB 119.

Liabilities for employee benefits not expected to be paid or settled within 12 months are measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows (including payroll based oncosts) to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Present values are calculated using government guaranteed securities rates with similar maturity terms.

No accrual is made for sick leave as Council experience indicates that, on average, sick leave taken in each reporting period is less than the entitlement accruing in that period, and this experience is expected to recur in future reporting periods. Council does not make payment for untaken sick leave.

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Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT)

9.2 Superannuation

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme. The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. No changes in accounting policy have occurred during either the current or previous reporting periods. Details of the accounting policies applied and Council's involvement with the schemes are reported in Note 17.

10 Leases

Lease arrangements have been accounted for in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 117.

In respect of finance leases, where Council substantially carries all of the risks incident to ownership, the leased items are initially recognised as assets and liabilities equal in amount to the present value of the minimum lease payments. The assets are disclosed within the appropriate asset class, and are amortised to expense over the period during which the Council is expected to benefit from the use of the leased assets. Lease payments are allocated between interest expense and reduction of the lease liability, according to the interest rate implicit in the lease.

In respect of operating leases, where the lessor substantially retains all of the risks and benefits incident to ownership of the leased items, lease payments are charged to expense over the lease term.

11 GST Implications

In accordance with UIG Abstract 1031 "Accounting for the Goods & Services Tax"

- Receivables and Creditors include GST receivable and payable.
- Except in relation to input taxed activities, revenues and operating expenditures exclude GST receivable and payable.
- Non-current assets and capital expenditures include GST net of any recoupment.
- Amounts included in the Statement of Cash Flows are disclosed on a gross basis.

12 Pending Accounting Standards

Certain new accounting standards and UIG interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2015 reporting period and have not been used in preparing these reports.

AASB 7	Financial Instruments – Disclosures
AASB 9	Financial Instruments
AASB 15	Revenue from Contracts with Customers
AASB 124	Related Party Disclosures

Standards containing consequential amendments to other Standards and Interpretations arising from the above - AASB 2010-7, AASB 2014-1, AASB 2014-3, AASB 2014-4, AASB 2014-5, AASB 2014-6, AASB 2014-7, AASB 2014-8, AASB 2014-9, AASB 14-10, AASB 15-1, AASB 15-2, AASB 15-3, AASB 15-4, AASB 15-5 and AASB 2015-6.

(Standards not affecting local government have been excluded from the above list.)

Council is of the view that none of the above new standards or interpretations will affect any of the amounts recognised in the financial statements, but that they may impact certain information otherwise disclosed.

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2015

Note 2 - INCOME

	Notes	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
RATES REVENUES			
<u>General Rates</u>		8,713	8,478
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs		(304)	(296)
		<u>8,409</u>	<u>8,182</u>
<u>Other Rates</u> (including service charges)			
Natural Resource Management levy		178	176
Waste collection		1,189	1,117
Community wastewater management systems		1,549	1,542
		<u>2,916</u>	<u>2,835</u>
<u>Other Charges</u>			
Penalties for late payment		56	52
		<u>56</u>	<u>52</u>
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs		(65)	(62)
		<u>11,316</u>	<u>11,007</u>
STATUTORY CHARGES			
Development Act fees		102	118
Town planning fees		91	63
Health & Septic Tank Inspection fees		20	24
Animal registration fees & fines		85	73
Parking fines / expiation fees		1	2
Other licences, fees, & fines		2	-
		<u>301</u>	<u>280</u>
USER CHARGES			
Cemetery/crematoria fees		36	37
Marina Fees		75	68
Retirement Village		1,145	467
Waste Management		76	154
Subsidies received on behalf of users		249	211
		<u>1,581</u>	<u>937</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Interest on investments			
Local Government Finance Authority		180	174
Banks & other		1	8
Loans to community groups		7	11
		<u>188</u>	<u>193</u>

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NOTE 2 - INCOME (continued)

	Notes	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
REIMBURSEMENTS			
- fuel rebate		65	68
- for private works		30	70
- other		32	43
		<u>127</u>	<u>181</u>
OTHER INCOME			
Holiday Park		646	472
Tourist Office		96	108
Temporary Water Licence Sales		58	-
Write back of under utilised Provision for remediation		271	-
Workers Compensation bonus		165	135
Sundry		199	157
		<u>1,435</u>	<u>872</u>
GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS			
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets		397	1,636
Other grants, subsidies and contributions		7,177	5,371
		<u>7,574</u>	<u>7,007</u>

The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 12.

Sources of grants

Commonwealth government	397	914
State government (1)	7,173	6,033
Other	4	60
	<u>7,574</u>	<u>7,007</u>

(1) Refer to Note 1 - 2,265 was received in advance.

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Note 3 - EXPENSES

	Notes	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Salaries and Wages		4,992	5,034
Employee leave expense		657	628
Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions	17	354	336
Superannuation - defined benefit plan contributions	17	162	159
Workers' Compensation Insurance		270	248
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		(483)	(453)
Total Operating Employee Costs		<u>5,952</u>	<u>5,952</u>
Total Number of Employees		81	83
(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)			
MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES			
<u>Prescribed Expenses</u>			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the financial reports		13	12
Bad and Doubtful Debts		-	32
Elected members' expenses		182	216
Election expenses		37	3
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		<u>232</u>	<u>263</u>
<u>Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses</u>			
Cleaning		71	60
Contractors		2,351	2,186
Energy		524	519
Fringe benefits taxation		67	74
Fuel		458	538
Insurance		375	414
Legal Expenses		95	60
Levies paid to government - NRM levy		170	168
- Other Levies		112	103
Management Fees		437	370
Parts, accessories & consumables		803	900
Professional services		311	219
Registration		63	65
Retirement village premium payments		670	-
Subscriptions		115	97
Sundry		152	101
Telecommunications		92	99
Water		225	224
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		<u>7,091</u>	<u>6,197</u>
		<u>7,323</u>	<u>6,460</u>

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Note 3 - EXPENSES (cont)

	Notes	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT			
Depreciation			
Land - Remediation		-	131
Buildings & Other Structures		1,931	1,875
Infrastructure		3,164	3,212
Irrigation		99	24
Stormwater		96	96
CWMS		434	435
Plant, Machinery & Equipment		581	572
Office Equipment, Furniture & Fittings		72	64
Book Stocks		28	7
		<u>6,405</u>	<u>6,416</u>
FINANCE COSTS			
Interest on Loans		82	59
Premiums & discounts recognised		-	4
Unwinding of present value discounts		24	44
		<u>106</u>	<u>107</u>

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Note 4 - ASSET DISPOSAL & FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

	Notes	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT			
Assets renewed or directly replaced			
Proceeds from disposal		458	333
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		<u>1,407</u>	<u>289</u>
Gain (Loss) on disposal		<u>(949)</u>	<u>44</u>
Assets surplus to requirements			
Proceeds from disposal		39	-
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		<u>220</u>	<u>-</u>
Gain (Loss) on disposal		<u>(181)</u>	<u>-</u>
NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION OF ASSETS		<u>(1,130)</u>	<u>44</u>

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Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS

	Notes	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS			
Cash on Hand and at Bank		150	1,079
Deposits at Call		8,966	6,000
		<u>9,116</u>	<u>7,079</u>
TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES			
Rates - General & Other		608	537
Accrued Revenues		60	48
Debtors - general		612	281
GST Recoupment		-	52
Prepayments		148	105
Loans to community organisations		79	26
Total		<u>1,507</u>	<u>1,049</u>
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts		<u>28</u>	<u>27</u>
		<u>1,479</u>	<u>1,022</u>
INVENTORIES			
Stores & Materials		<u>79</u>	<u>67</u>
		<u>79</u>	<u>67</u>

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Note 6 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS

	Notes	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
FINANCIAL ASSETS			
Receivables			
Loans to community organisations		11	90
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS		<u>11</u>	<u>90</u>
OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Capital Works-in-Progress		330	74
		<u>330</u>	<u>74</u>

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	2014 \$'000	CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR \$'000						2015 \$'000
		Additions		Disposals	Depreciation	Adjustment	Net Revaluation	
		New/Upgrade	Renewals					
Land - community	10,250	191	-	(108)	-	-	-	10,333
Land - other	5,536	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,536
Buildings & Other Structures	35,454	1,775	88	(112)	(1,592)	-	3,560	39,173
Buildings & Other Structures	11,037	-	-	-	(339)	-	(1,072)	9,626
Infrastructure	117,265	205	2,477	(599)	(3,164)	(328)	-	115,856
Irrigation	1,670	36	9	(8)	(99)	-	-	1,608
Stormwater	6,654	-	-	(72)	(96)	-	-	6,486
CWMS	12,324	27	36	(82)	(434)	-	-	11,871
Plant, Machinery & Equipment	6,154	-	1,119	(316)	(581)	-	-	6,376
Office Equipment, Furniture & Fittings	241	-	11	-	(72)	-	-	180
Book Stocks	714	-	-	-	(28)	-	-	686
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	207,299	2,234	3,740	(1,297)	(6,405)	(328)	2,488	207,731
Comparatives	186,552	2,991	2,632	(289)	(6,416)	-	21,829	207,299

This Note continues on the following pages.

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2015

Note 7 (cont) – INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Valuation of Assets

General Valuation Principles

Accounting procedure: Upon revaluation, the current new replacement cost and accumulated depreciation are re-stated such that the difference represents the fair value of the asset determined in accordance with AASB 13

Fair Value Measurement: accumulated depreciation is taken to be the difference between current new replacement cost and fair value. In the case of land, fair value is taken to be the current replacement cost.

Highest and best use: For land which Council has an unfettered right to sell, the "highest and best use" recognises the possibility of the demolition or substantial modification of some or all of the existing buildings and structures affixed to the land.

Much of the land under Council's care and control is Crown land or has been declared as community land under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999. Other types of restrictions also exist.

For land subject to these restrictions, the highest and best use is taken to be the "highest and best use" available to Council, with a rebuttable presumption that the current use is the "highest and best use". The reason for the current use of a large proportion of Council's assets being other than the "highest and best use" relates to Council's principal role as the provider of services to the community, rather than the use of those assets for the generation of revenue.

For buildings and other structures on and in the land, including infrastructure, "highest and best use" is determined in accordance with the land on and in which they are situated.

Fair value hierarchy level 2 valuations: Certain land, and the buildings and structures thereon, are shown above as being based on fair value hierarchy level 2 valuation inputs. They are based on prices for similar assets in an active market, with directly or indirectly observable adjustments for specific advantages or disadvantages attaching to the particular asset.

Fair value hierarchy level 3 valuations of land: Valuations of Crown land, community land and land subject to other restrictions on use or disposal, shown above as being based on fair value hierarchy level 3 valuation inputs, are based on prices for similar assets in an active market, but include adjustments for specific advantages or disadvantages attaching to the particular asset that are not directly or indirectly observable in that market, or the number and / or amount of observable adjustments of which are so great that the valuation is more fairly described as being based on level 3 valuation inputs.

Fair value hierarchy level 3 valuations of buildings, infrastructure and other assets: There is no known market for these assets and they are valued at depreciated current replacement cost. This method involves:

The determination of the cost to construct the asset (or its modern engineering equivalent) using current prices for materials and labour, the quantities of each being estimated based on recent experience of this or similar Councils, or on industry construction guides where these are more appropriate.

The calculation of the depreciation that would have accumulated since original construction using current estimates of residual value and useful life under the prime cost depreciation method adopted by Council.

This method has significant inherent uncertainties, relying on estimates of quantities of materials and labour, residual values and useful lives, and the possibility of changes in prices for materials and labour, and the potential for development of more efficient construction techniques.

Capitalisation thresholds used by Council for a representative range of assets are shown below. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

Office furniture and equipment	\$2,000
Other plant and equipment	\$2,000
Structures – park, playground equipment	\$5,000
Paving and footpaths, kerb and gutter	\$5,000
Drains and culverts	\$5,000
Buildings - new construction/extensions	\$10,000
Road construction and reconstruction	\$10,000

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Note 7 – Property, Plant & Equipment (cont)

Estimated Useful Lives: Useful lives are estimated for each individual asset. In estimating useful lives, regard is had to technical and commercial obsolescence, as well as legal and other limitations on continued use. The range of useful lives for a representative range of assets is shown below, although individual assets may have an estimated total useful life of greater or lesser amount:

Plant, Furniture & Equipment	
Office Equipment	4 to 10 years
Office Furniture	10 to 20 years
Vehicles and Road-making Equip	5 to 8 years
Other Plant & Equipment	5 to 15 years
Building & Other Structures	
Buildings – masonry	50 to 100 years
Buildings – other construction	20 to 40 years
Park Structures – masonry	50 to 100 years
Park Structures – other construction	20 to 40 years
Playground equipment	5 to 15 years
Benches, seats, etc	10 to 20 years
Infrastructure	
Sealed Roads – Surface	15 to 25 years
Sealed Roads – Structure	20 to 50 years
Unsealed Roads	10 to 20 years
Bridges – Concrete	80 to 100 years
Paving & Footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	80 to 100 years
Drains	80 to 100 years
Culverts	50 to 75 years
Flood Control Structures	80 to 100 years
Dams and Reservoirs	80 to 100 years
Bores	20 to 40 years
Reticulation Pipes – PVC	70 to 80 years
Reticulation Pipes – other	25 to 75 years
Pumps & Telemetry	15 to 25 years
Other Assets	
Library Books	10 to 15 years
Artworks	indefinite

Land & Land Improvements

Council being of the opinion that it is not possible to attribute a value sufficiently reliably to qualify for recognition, land under roads has not been recognised in these reports. Land acquired for road purposes during the year is initially recognised at cost, but transferred to fair value at reporting date, effectively writing off the expenditure.

Freehold land and land over which Council has control, but does not have title, is recognised on the cost basis. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

Land improvements, including bulk earthworks with an assessed unlimited useful life, are recognised on the cost basis, originally deriving from a valuation at 30 June 2014 at current replacement cost. Additions are recognised at cost.

Estimated future costs of reinstatement of land, capitalised in accordance with AASB 116.16(c), are reviewed annually (see Note 1) and depreciated over the estimated remaining life of the relevant asset.

Buildings & Other Structures

Buildings and other structures were revalued as at 30 June 2014 by Maloney Field Services. Council is of the opinion that there are a number of buildings and other structures that may not be replaced with the same type of facility in the future. A review and identification of these assets will be completed in the coming year with a potential saving in depreciation on these buildings and structures, contingent upon further Council consideration and direction.

Infrastructure

Transportation assets were valued by Tonkin Consulting at depreciated current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June 2011, based on actual costs incurred during the reporting periods ended 30 June 2011. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

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Note 7 – Property, Plant & Equipment (cont)

Stormwater drainage infrastructure was valued by Tokin Consulting as at 30 June 2011 at depreciated current replacement cost, based on actual costs incurred during the reporting period ended 30 June 2011. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Community wastewater management system infrastructure was valued at depreciated current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June 2012 by Tonkin Consulting. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Irrigation infrastructure was valued at depreciated current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June 2010 by Tonkin Consulting. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Plant, Furniture & Equipment

These assets are recognised on the cost basis.

All other assets

These assets are recognised on the cost basis. Library books and other lending materials are capitalised in bulk, and written out when fully depreciated.

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Note 8 - LIABILITIES

		2015		2014	
		\$'000		\$'000	
	Notes	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES					
Goods & Services		605		685	
Payments received in advance		18	-	35	-
Accrued expenses - other		76	-	32	-
Aged Care Facility Deposits		10,085	-	10,398	-
		<u>10,784</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,150</u>	<u>-</u>
BORROWINGS					
Loans		<u>189</u>	<u>457</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>644</u>
		189	457	152	644

All interest bearing liabilities are secured over the future revenues of the Council.

PROVISIONS

Employee entitlements (including oncosts)	1,654	217	1,667	235
Future reinstatement / restoration, etc	-	-	432	-
	1,654	217	2,099	235

Amounts included in provisions that are not expected to be settled within 12 months of reporting date.

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Movements in Provisions - 2015 year only (current & non-current)

	Future Reinstatement
Opening Balance	432
Add Unwinding of present value discounts	
Additional amounts recognised	
(Less) Payments	(161)
Unused amounts reversed	(271)
Add (Less) Remeasurement Adjustments	
Closing Balance	-

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Note 9 - RESERVES

ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	1/7/2014	Net Increments (Decrements)	Transfers, Impairments	30/6/2015
Notes	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Land - community	5,311	-	-	5,311
Buildings & Other Structures	30,725	2,488	-	33,213
Road Infrastructure	90,982	-	-	90,982
CMWS	3,576	-	-	3,576
Plant & Equipment	1,685	-	-	1,685
Furniture & Fittings	111	-	-	111
Book Stocks	355	-	-	355
TOTAL	132,745	2,488	-	135,233
<i>Comparatives</i>	<i>110,916</i>	<i>21,829</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>132,745</i>

OTHER RESERVES	1/7/2014	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/6/2015
Asset Replacement	512	89	(112)	489
Future Directions	140	6	(146)	0
Retirement Village - Maintenance	580	16	(46)	550
Retirement Village - Capital	1,335	206	(258)	1,283
TOTAL OTHER RESERVES	2,567	317	(562)	2,322
<i>Comparatives</i>	<i>2,997</i>	<i>527</i>	<i>(957)</i>	<i>2,567</i>

PURPOSES OF RESERVES

Asset Revaluation Reserve

The asset revaluation reserve is used to record increments and decrements arising from changes in fair value of non-current assets (less any subsequent impairment losses, where applicable).

Future Directions Reserve

The future directions reserve is used for future projects / outlays as deemed and resolved appropriate by Council

Retirement Village Maintenance Reserve

The Retirement Village Maintenance reserve is used to account for the annual surplus / (deficit) of Aged Care Accommodation provided, in particular relating to the general running of the units.

Retirement Village Capital Reserve

The Retirement Village Capital reserve is used to account for the annual surplus / (deficit) of Aged Care Accommodation provided, in particular relating to the annual changeover of units occurring.

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Note 10 - ASSETS SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS

The uses of the following assets are restricted, wholly or partially, by legislation or other externally imposed requirements. The assets are required to be utilised for the purposes for which control was transferred to Council, or for which the revenues were originally obtained.

		2015	2014
CASH & FINANCIAL ASSETS	Notes	\$'000	\$'000
Unexpended amounts received from Federal Government			
Dept Planning (Loxton Playground Grant)		-	100
Dept Planning (East Terrace)		100	100
Dept Planning (Waikerie Sporting Precinct)		-	438
TOTAL ASSETS SUBJECT TO EXTERNALLY IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS		100	638

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Note 11 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

Cash Assets comprise highly liquid investments with short periods to maturity subject to insignificant risk of changes of value. Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the Cash Flow Statement is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:

	Notes	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Total cash & equivalent assets	5	9,116	7,079
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		9,116	7,079

(b) Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Cash
from Operating Activities

Net Surplus (Deficit)	1,606	1,586
Non-cash items in Income Statement		
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	6,405	6,416
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits	(54)	129
Premiums & discounts recognised & unwound	-	45
Change in allowances for under-recovery	1	27
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity	(397)	(1,636)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals	1,130	(44)
	8,691	6,523
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets		
Net (increase) decrease in receivables	(404)	(565)
Net (increase) decrease in inventories	(12)	7
Net (increase) decrease in other current assets	-	-
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables	(268)	(1,842)
Net increase (decrease) in other provisions	(410)	(209)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations	7,597	3,914
(c) Non-Cash Financing and Investing Activities		
- Estimated future reinstatement etc. costs	(432)	(342)
	(432)	(342)

(d) Financing Arrangements

Unrestricted access was available at balance date to the following lines of credit:

Bank Overdrafts	500	500
Corporate Credit Cards	15	15
LGFA Cash Advance Debenture facility	3,500	3,500

The bank overdraft facilities may be drawn at any time and may be terminated by the bank without notice.

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Note 12 - FUNCTIONS

INCOMES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES										
INCOME			EXPENSES		OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME		TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT & NON-CURRENT)	
ACTUAL	ACTUAL		ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	2015	2014	2015	2014
2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000		2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
14,299	12,113		403	499	13,896	11,614	5,580	3,664	18,466	16,188
-	-		75	101	(75)	(101)	-	-	-	-
34	44		171	148	(137)	(104)	-	-	-	-
1,148	474		1,575	823	(427)	(349)	-	-	19,848	19,765
3,179	2,961		4,449	4,584	(1,270)	(1,623)	15	303	38,380	38,219
503	423		3,506	3,310	(3,003)	(2,887)	371	981	32,937	32,799
279	262		926	756	(647)	(494)	-	50	-	-
1,608	1,579		6,094	6,248	(4,486)	(4,669)	1,604	1,949	100,438	100,017
768	586		1,097	997	(329)	(411)	-	-	-	-
307	399		1,490	1,469	(1,183)	(1,070)	-	-	8,677	8,643
22,125	18,841		19,786	18,935	2,339	(94)	7,570	6,947	218,746	215,631
TOTALS										

Revenues and expenses exclude net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets, net gain (loss) from joint ventures & associated entities, amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets and physical resources received free of charge.

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Note 12 (cont) - COMPONENTS OF FUNCTIONS

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

- Council Administration**
Governance, Administration n.e.c., Elected Members, Organisational, Support Services, Accounting/Finance, Payroll, Human Resources, Information Technology, Communication, Rates Administration, Records, Customer Service, Other Support Services.
- Public Order & Safety**
Supervision of various laws, fire prevention, road safety, bird and dog control.
- Health**
Health Act administration, immunisation services and pest and pest plant control.
- Social Security & Welfare**
Operation of senior citizens centre, aged care services, youth services and community information.
- Housing & Community Amenities**
Town planning, road sweeping, roadside rubbish collection, domestic refuse collection, operation of rubbish tips, stormwater drainage, street signs, tree management, cemetery operations.
- Recreation & Culture**
Maintenance & Operation of libraries, recreation centres, swimming pools, internet centre, parks, gardens and reserves, playgrounds, sports grounds, and halls.
- Economic Services**
Economic Initiatives, tourism, caravan parks.
- Transport**
Aerodrome, Footpaths and Kerbing, Roads – sealed, Roads – formed, Roads – natural formed, Roads – unformed, Traffic Management, and Other Transport.

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Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

All financial instruments are categorised as *loans and receivables*.

Accounting Policies - Recognised Financial Instruments		
Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits	Accounting Policy:	Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned.
	Terms & conditions:	Deposits are returning fixed interest rates of 2% (2014:2.5%/3.05%). Short term deposits have an average maturity of 0 days and an average interest rates of 2% (2014: 64 days, 2.6%).
	Carrying amount:	approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.
Receivables - Rates & Associated Charges (including legals & penalties for late payment)	Accounting Policy:	Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.
Note: These receivables do not meet the definition of "financial instruments" and have been excluded from the following disclosures.	Terms & conditions:	Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 2% (2014: 2%) Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the State.
	Carrying amount:	approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).
Receivables - Fees & other charges	Accounting Policy:	Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.
	Terms & conditions:	Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries.
	Carrying amount:	approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).
Receivables - other levels of government	Accounting Policy:	Carried at nominal value.
	Terms & conditions:	Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. All amounts are due by Departments and Agencies of State and Federal Governments.
	Carrying amount:	approximates fair value.
Receivables - Retirement Home Contributions	Accounting Policy:	Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.
	Terms & conditions:	Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective legislation.
	Carrying amount:	approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).
Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals	Accounting Policy:	Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Council.
	Terms & conditions:	Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.
	Carrying amount:	approximates fair value.
Liabilities - Retirement Home Contributions	Accounting Policy:	To avoid inconvenience when complying with the separate audit requirements imposed by the relevant legislation, amounts are carried at nominal values.
	Terms & conditions:	Pursuant to Commonwealth legislation certain intending residents are required to contribute amounts on an interest free basis. The amounts are subject to certain deductions as prescribed by the legislation, the balance being repaid on termination of tenancy.
	Carrying amount:	approximates fair value for short tenancies; may be non-materially over stated for longer tenancies.
Liabilities - Interest Bearing Borrowings	Accounting Policy:	Carried at the principal amounts. Interest is charged as an expense as it accrues.
	Terms & conditions:	secured over future revenues, borrowings are repayable (describe basis); interest is charged at fixed (or variable - describe) rates between 6.2% and 7.15% (2014: 6.2% and 7.5%)
	Carrying amount:	approximates fair value.
Liabilities - Finance Leases	Accounting Policy:	accounted for in accordance with AASB 117.

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Note 13 (cont) - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Liquidity Analysis

2015	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial Assets					
Cash & Equivalents	9,116			9,116	9,116
Receivables	911	-	-	911	910
Total	10,027	-	-	10,027	10,026
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	10,708	-	-	10,708	10,708
Current Borrowings	189	-	-	189	189
Non-Current Borrowings	77	380	-	457	457
Total	10,974	380	-	11,354	11,354

2014	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial Assets					
Cash & Equivalents	7,079			7,079	7,079
Receivables	602	-	-	602	602
Other Financial Assets	26	87	3	116	-
Total	7,707	87	3	7,797	7,681
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	11,118	-	-	11,118	11,118
Current Borrowings	206	-	-	206	152
Non-Current Borrowings	228	245	333	806	644
Total	11,552	245	333	12,130	11,914

The following interest rates were applicable to Council's borrowings at balance date:

	30 June 2015		30 June 2014	
	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value
	%	\$'000	%	\$'000
Fixed Interest Rates	6.42	646	6.57	796
		<u>646</u>		<u>796</u>

Net Fair Value

All carrying values approximate fair value for all recognised financial instruments. There is no recognised market for the financial assets of the Council.

Risk Exposures

Credit Risk represents the loss that would be recognised if counterparties fail to perform as contracted. The maximum credit risk on financial assets of the Council is the carrying amount, net of any allowance for doubtful debts. All Council investments are made with the SA Local Government Finance Authority and are guaranteed by the SA Government. Except as detailed in Notes 5 & 6 in relation to individual classes of receivables, exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries, and there is no material exposure to any individual debtor.

Market Risk is the risk that fair values of financial assets will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices. All of Council's financial assets are denominated in Australian dollars and are not traded on any market, and hence neither market risk nor currency risk apply.

Liquidity Risk is the risk that Council will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations with financial liabilities. In accordance with the model Treasury Management Policy (LGA Information Paper 15), liabilities have a range of maturity dates. Council also has available a range of bank overdraft and standby borrowing facilities that it can access.

Interest Rate Risk is the risk that future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Council has a balance of both fixed and variable interest rate borrowings and investments. Cash flow fluctuations are managed holistically in seeking to minimise interest costs over the longer term in a risk averse manner.

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Note 14 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Other Expenditure Commitments		
Other non-capital expenditure commitments in relation to investment properties:		
Audit Services	80	-
Employee Remuneration Contracts	2,009	1,956
Community Waste Water Management Systems Management Contracts	2404	2593

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Note 15 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

2015 2014 2013

These Financial Indicators have been calculated in accordance with *Information Paper 9 - Local Government Financial Indicators* prepared as part of the LGA Financial Sustainability Program for the Local Government Association of South Australia. Detailed methods of calculation are set out in the SA Model Statements.

Operating Surplus Ratio

Operating Surplus	21%	(1%)	(27%)
Rates - general & other less NRM levy			

This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of general and other rates, net of NRM levy.

Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio

1%	(1%)	(5%)
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In recent years the Federal Government has made advance payments prior to 30th June from future year allocations of financial assistance grants, as explained in Note 1. The Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio adjusts for the resulting distortion in the disclosed operating result for each year.

Net Financial Liabilities Ratio

Net Financial Liabilities	12%	32%	57%
Total Operating Revenue			

Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets (excluding equity accounted investments in Council businesses). These are expressed as a percentage of total operating revenue.

Asset Sustainability Ratio

Net Asset Renewals	103%	98%	40%
Infrastructure & Asset Management Plan required expenditure			*

Net asset renewals expenditure is defined as net capital expenditure on the renewal and replacement of existing assets, and excludes new capital expenditure on the acquisition of additional assets.

Amounts shown above an asterisk () indicate that depreciation expense has been used as a proxy, pending finalisation of the Infrastructure & Asset Management Plan.*

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Note 16 - UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

The following is a high level summary of both operating and capital investment activities of the Council prepared on a simplified Uniform Presentation Framework basis.

All Councils in South Australia have agreed to summarise annual budgets and long-term financial plans on the same basis.

The arrangements ensure that all Councils provide a common 'core' of financial information, which enables meaningful comparisons of each Council's finances

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Income	22,125	18,841
less Expenses	19,786	18,935
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	2,339	(94)
less Net Outlays on Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	4,098	2,793
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	(6,405)	(6,416)
Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	(419)	(333)
	(2,726)	(3,956)
less Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets (including investment property & real estate developments)	2,234	3,187
Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	(397)	(1,636)
	1,798	1,551
Net Lending for Financial Year	3,267	2,311

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Note 17 – SUPERANNUATION

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to Statewide Super (formerly Local Government Superannuation Scheme). There are two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. Permanent and contract employees of the South Australian Local Government sector with Salarylink benefits prior to 24 November 2009 have the option to contribute to the Accumulation section and/or Salarylink. All other employees (including casuals) have all contributions allocated to the Accumulation section.

Accumulation only Members

Accumulation only members receive both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are based on a fixed percentage of ordinary time earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation (9.50% in 2014/15; 9.25% in 2013/14). No further liability accrues to the Council as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the Fund.

Salarylink (Defined Benefit Fund) Members

Salarylink is a defined benefit scheme where the benefit payable is based on a formula determined by the member's contribution rate, number of years and level of contribution and final average salary. Council makes employer contributions to Salarylink as determined by the Fund's Trustee based on advice from the appointed Actuary. The rate is currently 6.3% (6.3% in 2013/14) of "superannuation" salary.

In addition, Council makes a separate contribution of 3% of ordinary time earnings for Salarylink members to their Accumulation account. Employees also make member contributions to the Salarylink section of the Fund. As such, assets accumulate in the Salarylink section of the Fund to meet the member's benefits, as defined in the Trust Deed, as they accrue.

The Salarylink section is a multi-employer sponsored plan. As the Salarylink section's assets and liabilities are pooled and are not allocated by each employer, and employees may transfer to another employer within the local government sector and retain membership of the Fund, the Actuary is unable to allocate benefit liabilities, assets and costs between employers. As provided by AASB 119.32(b), Council does not use defined benefit accounting for these contributions.

The most recent actuarial investigation was conducted by the Fund's actuary, A C Miller, FIAA, of Russell Employee Benefits Pty Ltd as at 30 June 2014. The Trustee has determined that the current funding arrangements are adequate for the expected Salarylink liabilities. However, future financial and economic circumstances may require changes to Council's contribution rates at some future time.

Contributions to Other Superannuation Schemes

Council also makes contributions to other superannuation schemes selected by employees under the "choice of fund" legislation. All such schemes are of the accumulation type, where the superannuation benefits accruing to the employee are represented by their share of the net assets of the scheme, and no further liability attaches to the Council.

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Note 18 - CONTINGENCIES & ASSETS & LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED IN THE BALANCE SHEET

The following assets and liabilities do not qualify for recognition in the Balance Sheet but knowledge of those items is considered relevant to user of the financial report in making and evaluating decisions about the allocation of scarce resources.

1. LAND UNDER ROADS

As reported elsewhere in these Statements, Council is of the opinion that it is not possible to attribute a value sufficiently reliably for these assets to qualify for recognition, and accordingly land under roads has not been recognised in these reports. Land acquired for road purposes during the year is initially recognised at cost, but transferred to fair value at reporting date, effectively writing off the expenditure.

At reporting date, Council controlled 2,485 km of road reserves of average width 20 metres.

2. POTENTIAL INSURANCE LOSSES

Council is a multi-purpose organisation providing a large range of building, parks infrastructure, playgrounds and other facilities accessible to the public. At any time, it is likely that claims will have been made against Council that remain unsettled.

Council insures against all known insurable risks using a range of insurance policies, each of which is subject to a deductible "insurance excess", the amount of which varies according to the class of insurance.

Council has recognised the potential losses arising from claims known at reporting date based on average historical net cost (including insurance excess) of similar types of claims. Other potential claims not reported to Council may have existed at reporting date.

3. LEGAL EXPENSES

Council is the planning consent authority for its area under the Development Act 1993 (as amended). Pursuant to that Act, certain persons aggrieved by a planning decision of the Council may appeal. It is normal practice that parties bear their own legal costs. At the date of these reports, Council had notice of nil appeals against planning decisions made prior to reporting date. All known costs have been recognised, but the amount of further costs cannot be known until the appeals are determined.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOXTON WAIKERIE

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of District Council of Loxton Waikerie, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2015, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Council Certificate of District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

Council's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations), the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 and for such internal control as the Council determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Council's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view 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 Council, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies, the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of District Council of Loxton Waikerie for the year ended 30 June 2015 is properly drawn up:

- (a) so as to give a true and fair view of:
- (i) the Council's state of affairs as at 30 June 2015 and its operating result and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and

- (ii) the other matters required by Division IV of the Local Government Act 1999 to be dealt with in the accounts;

- (b) in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011; and

- (c) in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

GALPINS ACCOUNTANTS, AUDITORS & BUSINESS CONSULTANTS

Tim Muhlhausler, CA Registered Company Auditor
Partner
26/11/2015

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2015

CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of District Council of Loxton Waikerie for the year ended 30 June 2015, the Council's Auditor, Galpins - Accountants, Auditors & Business Consultants, has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 22(3) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.

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STATEMENT BY AUDITOR

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of District Council of Loxton Waikerie for the year ended 30 June 2015, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Section 290, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

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Tim Muhlhausler
Galpins – Accountants, Auditors & Business Consultants

Dated this day 20th day of November 2015



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INTRODUCTION

This document is the Annual Report of the Murray & Mallee Local Government Association for the period 1st July 2014 to 30th June 2015. This report is prepared pursuant to the Local Government Act 1999 to report to Constituent Councils on the work and operation of the Association for the preceding financial year.

This Report details the activities of the Association to represent and serve our Constituent Councils and to advance the Murray and Mallee communities through effective advocacy, facilitation and innovation.

OUR ASSOCIATION

The Murray & Mallee Local Government Association (MMLGA) operated as a Regional Subsidiary under the transitional provisions of the Local Government Act 1999 until December, 2001 with a formal Charter, agreed to by Member Councils, becoming effective on the 13th December, 2001.

Further statutory reviews of the Charter have taken place with a new Charter gazetted on the 8th February, 2007.

As a Regional Subsidiary of the Member Councils, the Association has as its governing document, a Charter as provided for under the Local Government Act 1999. The purpose for which the Association has been established is to:

- Undertake coordinating, advocacy and representational roles for its constituent Councils at a regional level.
- Facilitate and coordinate activities of local government at a regional level related to environment, economic and social development with the object of achieving continual improvement for the benefit of the communities of its constituent Councils.
- Develop, encourage, promote, foster and maintain consultation and cooperation and to strengthen the representation and status of local government when dealing with other levels of government, private enterprise and the community.
- Develop further cooperation between its constituent Councils for the benefit of the communities in the region.
- Develop and manage policies which guide the conduct of programs and projects in the region with the objective of securing the best outcomes for the communities in the region.
- Undertake projects that benefit the region and its communities for the advancement of matters of common interest.

MMLGA CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

The Association is comprised of the following Constituent Councils:

- Berri Barmera Council
- Coorong District Council
- District Council of Karoonda East Murray
- District Council of Loxton Waikerie
- Mid Murray Council
- Rural City of Murray Bridge
- Renmark Paringa Council, and
- Southern Mallee District Council

PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15

This being my third term as President of the Murray and Mallee Association, I have the greatest of pleasure in providing the following President's Annual report for the period July 2014 to June 2015.

Local/State Government Reform

The LGA have been active in identifying areas to enhance State/Local Government relations and the capacity of the Local Government sector. The LGA Board authorised ongoing discussions with the Premier and Minister for Local Government to finalise a program of reform implementation over the next 12-24 months.

LGA Regions Work Plan

Councils and other stakeholders have been consulted on a draft LGA Regions Work Plan and the final Plan has been endorsed by the LGA Board. SAROC will receive regular progress reports on the Work Plan.

Pensioner Concessions

Following significant lobbying from LG regions such as the MMLGA over concerns that the State might remove pensioner concessions the Ordinary General Meeting authorised the inclusion of the following policy in the LGA Policy Manual 'To ensure equity between Council communities and generally within SA, State and Federal governments should fund concessions, for pensioners and concession card holders, on Council rates'.



On 14 May 2015 the State Government announced the proposed Cost of Living Concession (CLC) to replace the concession formerly available on Council rates to pensioners, low income earners and self-funded retirees holding a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card. It is important to note that the proposed CLC has not yet been introduced to parliament but it is anticipated to be part of the State Budget.

Supplementary Road Funding

The LGA President and Secretariat will continue to seek Federal Government reinstatement of the South Australian Supplementary Road Funding program and encourages all Councils to continue to inform Local Federal MPs of the importance of this funding to SA communities.

Planning Reform

A submission has been made to the State Government on the Expert Panel on Planning Reforms Final Report which was endorsed by the LGA Board in January 2015. The Ordinary Meeting authorised further activities proposed by the LGA to continue engaging with the State Government to represent the views of Councils regarding planning reform.

Reinstatement of Automatic Enrolments

Following submissions from the MMLGA per Rural City of Murray Bridge, the LGA will continue to lobby the State Government to reinstate automatic enrolment on Councils' voters roll under the Local Government (Elections) Act 1999 - Murray Bridge.

Regional Public Health Plan

Community is our great strength and nothing could be more important than the health, wellbeing and safety of our citizens. I believe our region is a great place to live and has enormous potential for growth. To achieve this we must ensure that people can live active, connected and productive lives so that we can achieve our economic and social goals for the future.

Our regional Local Government Association was established to strengthen the representation of our region when dealing with other levels of government, private enterprise and the community.

We coordinate and facilitate the activities of local government across the region to protect the environment, and promote economic and social development of the Murray and Mallee Region. Through the Regional Health Plan we will work together to implement strategies that will promote the health and wellbeing of our communities. We will continue to provide opportunities for citizens to be physically active and we will work with other agencies to prevent harm from alcohol, drugs and tobacco.

2015 Shandong Delegation

In late May 2015, a delegation of 256 representatives from businesses, state and local government, including the Premier, senior Ministers and Mayors from the MMLGA region, travelled to China on a South Australian trade and investment mission. They visited Shandong Province, Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou and Hong Kong to promote economic opportunities in South Australia:

- The Premier co-chaired the South Australia-Shandong Cooperation and Development Forum with the Shandong Governor, to showcase how businesses from both regions could support each other's plans for growth.
- In Qingdao, the State Government and the Adelaide City Council reached an agreement with the Qingdao Municipal Government to cooperate on our shared objectives of Adelaide and Qingdao becoming low carbon cities.

- In Shandong, the Premier announced the winner of the Study, Adelaide Qingdao Sister City Student Ambassador, Ms Wang Dan, who will travel to Adelaide for a four week study tour in July.

A total of thirty Memoranda of Understanding and a number of other commercial agreements were signed during the mission. These totalled millions of dollars worth of exports in hay, wine, tuna and other food.

Next year marks the 30th anniversary of our Sister-State relationship with Shandong. This provides a significant opportunity to further strengthen the relationship and will build on Shandong being South Australia's window to China and vice-versa.

Summary

As delegates would be aware 1st May 2015 saw me take the helm of the Local Government Association for the next two years.

I am proud and humbled to take up this new role and want to continue the good work done by previous Presidents in forging closer ties and consultation with the State Government. As President I will also be aiming for a higher profile for the Provincial Cities Association and the regions and will let State Government know the strength there is in the regions.

Also top of my agenda is to continue the campaign for the reinstatement, by the State Government in its forward estimates, of the rate concessions for pensioners, pension card holders and self-funded retirees who should not have to bear the brunt of an impasse between the State and Federal Governments.

LGA CEO Wendy Campana also said farewell to local government in 2015 after a long and esteemed career with the Association. I wish Wendy well in her new role as Commissioner to Kangaroo Island.

I thank our outgoing CEO Peter Campbell, Acting CEO, Russell Peate, Rose Sloper and incoming CEO, Peter Bond for their commitment and support provided to me and the Association over the past year. It is an opportune time to acknowledge Peter Campbell's service to the MMLGA over many years. He has provided continual effective services to the Association despite increased family health pressures over the last years. During the year the Association has undertaken actions, including:

- Collation of Member Councils' Special Local Roads Funding Applications with Association recommendations to the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel,
- Implementation of the Murray and Mallee Regional Public Health Plan.
- Implementation of the strategic 2030 Regional Transport Plan.
- Regional Collaboration.
- State Government commitment for planned River Murray Ferry replacements.

The Association continues to be vitally involved with:

- The Murray Darling Basin Plan and funding issues around the River Murray water flow operations,
- Regional submission for the Special Local Roads Program,
- Councils' facilitation of the NBN Co rollout and for the provision of Council land for fixed wireless towers.

During the year the Association resolved to undertake the following submissions to the SAROC Committee, being the regional Councils Advisory Committee to the Local Government Association of SA Board, as well as directly to the SA State Government:

- SAROC Submissions:
 - Rural Road Speed Limits Review
 - Retention of Pensioner Concessions by the State Government
 - Council Performance Improvement Program
 - Reinstatement of Automatic Enrolment

The Association has provided support for the following external Committees:

- The Murray and Mallee Integrated Vulnerability Assessment Committee
- The Murray and Mallee Zone Emergency Management Committee including provision of the Chair
- River Murray Ferries Working Party

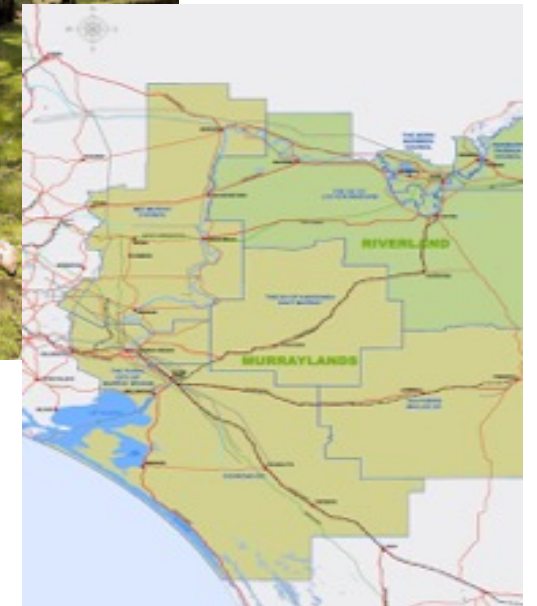
I again take this opportunity to sincerely thank Vice President Mayor Peter Hunt, Mayor Leon Stasinowsky and after December 2014 Mayor Neville Jaensch (as proxy) for being Delegates to the SAROC Committee and the LGA State Executive Committee (now termed the LGA Board) and all other Member Council Mayors, Delegates, both past and present, Member Council CEO's and staff, all of whom have provided local government representation to the Association, internal and external committees and working parties.

I have a growing sense of pride about the achievements and undertakings of the Association during this second term as President and thank all Member Councils and Delegates for the opportunity afforded to me being your President again for the past year.



Mayor David Burgess,
President 2014-2015
Murray and Mallee Local Government Association.

OVERVIEW OF THE REGION



The Region is located in the Murraylands Statistical Region in eastern South Australia and is dissected by the River Murray. It covers a large area in excess of 50,000 km² taking in the areas from the Riverland in the north, agriculture areas in the central, west, south and east along the Victorian border, and south westerly to the coast and lakes.

Rural based communities throughout the area share a common interest in agriculture/horticulture, with towns primarily servicing the farming and horticultural communities and supporting a growing tourism sector. The Region has a population base of approximately 68,000 (approx. 4.6% of the State population).

The Murray River, and its associated wetlands and wildlife, Lake Bonney and a number of National/Conservation Parks, support a range of rare and endangered plant and animal species, and are major tourist attractions throughout parts of the Riverland and Mallee. Towards the coast, the Coorong National Park, Lake Alexandrina and the shores of Lake Albert are all well known tourist attractions, particularly for recreational boating and fishing.

Murray Bridge provides regional services to the lower parts of the Region and supports both an industrial and commercial base.

The Murray River travels from the north, and passing through seven of the member Councils, flows into Lake Alexandrina in the south. It supports a number of tourist and recreation activities, with a number of tourism vessels operating from centres along the river.

The Region is serviced by the South Eastern Freeway, Princes, Dukes, Sturt and Mallee Highways, with the Berri (Loxton) to Murray Bridge Road providing a direct link diagonally across the Region.

The Association works closely with its major regional partners - the Murray and Mallee Regional Coordination Network, and the Regional Development Australia (RDA) Murraylands and Riverland Board.

ASSOCIATION PRESIDENCY

Mayor Dave Burgess, Mid Murray Council was re-elected President at the Annual General Meeting held at Berri Friday 5th December 2014 and Mayor Peter Hunt, Berri Barmera Council was re-elected Vice President both for a full annual term of office.

Mayor Neville Jaensch was elected to the position as proxy to the Vice President.

REPRESENTATION: LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF SA (LGA SA)

Mayor Dave Burgess and Mayor Peter Hunt served on the LGA Board (previously termed the State Executive of the Local Government Association of South Australia), with Mayor Leon Stasinowsky, District Council of Loxton Waikerie, as proxy up to December 2014. Mayor Neville Jaensch took up the role as a proxy member representing the Associations at the LGA Board and the SAROC Committee after December 2014.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SERVICES

The Chief Executive Officer services for the Association for the year were again provided by Peter Campbell up to his retirement on December 2014. Peter Bond took over the role from 1st January 2015 under a two year contract arrangement.

In accordance with a resolution of Member Council Delegates, the Chief Executive Officer will be subject to performance review following the conclusion of the Strategic Review process and 12 months of service with the Association.

The Review Panel consists of the President and Vice-President of the Association, and two CEO's appointed from member Councils within the Association.

CONSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association operated as a Regional Subsidiary under the transitional provisions of the Local Government Act 1999 until December, 2001 with a formal Charter, agreed to by Member Councils, becoming effective on the 13th December, 2001.

Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999, a review of the Association's Charter took place during the year. The revised Charter can be viewed on the Association's website at www.mmlga.sa.gov.au

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

During 2014-2015, the Association met on six occasions on:

1st August 2014 - General Meeting - at the Murray Bridge Town Hall, 13-17 Bridge Street, Murray Bridge - the Rural City of Murray Bridge as host.

2nd October, 2013 - General Meeting - at the Pinnaroo Institute, 21 Railway Terrace, Pinnaroo - the Southern Mallee District Council as host.

5th December, 2014 - General Meeting - at the Berri Barmera Council Chamber, 19 Wilson Street, Berri - the Berri Barmera Council as host.

6th February 2014 - General Meeting - at the Coorong Civic Centre, 95-101 Railway Terrace, Tailem Bend - the Coorong District Council as host.

27th March 2015 - General Meeting - District Council of Karoonda East Murray Council Offices, 11 Railway Terrace, Karoonda - the District Council of Karoonda East Murray as host.

26th June 2015 - Annual General Meeting - at the District Council of Loxton Waikerie Council Chamber, East Terrace, Loxton - the District Council of Loxton Waikerie as host.

All Association Meetings, including Committee Meetings Agendas and Minutes are available for viewing and or downloading from the Association's website at www.mmlga.sa.gov.au

A number of guest speakers and attendees have made presentations/addresses to the Association meetings throughout the year. They include:

- Mr Peter Mylius-Clark, Executive Director, Department of State Development
- Greg Lundstrom, SA MDB NRM.
- Dr Ann Herraman, Chaffey Learning Exchange.
- Kelliann Conway and Trudy Dickson, Davies Stewart Recruitment and HR.
- Ben Black, State Manager SA, Australian Government Department of Employment.
- Joseph Rostano and Rebecca Timmings, DPTI

Representatives of the LGA, RDA, SA MDB NRM and PIRSA attended each meeting and took the opportunity to brief the Association of the relevant matters being addressed by their respective bodies.

We acknowledge the support of outgoing CEO of the LGA, Wendy Campana, Brenton Lewis, CEO, RDA Murraylands and Riverland, Sharon Starick SA MDB NRM Board Presiding Member and Tim Smythe, PIRSA who have been ready to assist the region and ensure that the LGA SA and PIRSA have a presence at our meetings.

The Association has also enjoyed a close working relationship with its State and Federal Members of Parliament, a number of whom have been regular attendees at our meetings.

The President has continued the practice of giving each of our guests the opportunity to address our meetings briefly about matters and issues before them that may be of interest to the Association and Member Councils. The contribution from all of the speakers, presenters and guests has kept the Association and the Delegates abreast of a wide ranging number of issues that impact on Local Government and the communities in the Region.

MEMBER COUNCIL DELEGATES TO THE ASSOCIATION

The following are the current Delegates representing Member Councils as at the General Meeting of 5th December 2014;

Berri Barmera Council (BBC): Mayor Peter Hunt, Vice President, Deputy Mayor Andrew Kassebaum and David Beaton, CEO (proxy).

Coorong District Council (CDC): Mayor Neville Jaensch, Vincent Cammell, CEO, Deputy Mayor Sharon Bland (proxy) and Cr. Peter Wright (proxy).

District Council of Karoonda East Murray (DCKEM): Mayor Kevin Burdett, Peter Smithson, CEO and Deputy Mayor C.A. Phillips (proxy).

District Council of Loxton Waikerie (DCLW): Mayor Leon Stasinowsky, Peter Ackland, CEO and Deputy Mayor Michael Vowles (proxy).

Mid Murray Council (MMC): Mayor David Burgess, President, Cr. Mardi Jennings, Cr. Kevin Myers, (proxy) and Russell Peate, CEO (proxy).

The Rural City of Murray Bridge (RCMB): Mayor Brenton Lewis, Deputy Mayor Clem Schubert and Michael Sedgman, CEO (proxy).

Renmark Paringa Council (RPC): Mayor Neil Martinson, Deputy Mayor Peter Hunter, Tony Siviour, CEO (proxy) and Nathan Haynes, Director Corporate and Community Services (proxy).

Southern Mallee District Council (SMDC): Mayor Robert Sexton, Deputy Mayor Brian Toogood, Cr. Neville Pfeiffer (proxy) and Neville Gasmier, Acting CEO (proxy).

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

The following were the Association Committee Members up until the AGM of the 26th June, 2015, noting that some representatives came into their role in November 2014 as an outcome of the Local Government elections held in that month:

LGA Board (Formerly State Executive Committee):

- President, Mayor David Burgess, Mid Murray Council.
- Vice President, Mayor Peter Hunt, Berri Barmera Council.
- Mayor Neville Jaensch, Coorong District Council.
- Deputy Member for President or Vice President, Mayor Leon Stasinowsky, District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC):

- President, Mayor David Burgess, Mid Murray Council.
- Vice President, Mayor Peter Hunt, Berri Barmera Council.
- Mayor Neville Jaensch, Coorong District Council.
- Proxy for President and or Vice President, Mayor Leon Stasinowsky, District Council of Loxton Waikerie.
- CEO M&MLGA - Peter Bond.

SA MDB NRM Board.

- Cr. Andrew Kassebaum, Berri Barmera Council.

Murray and Mallee Local Government Association Regional Waste Management Strategy Committee:

- President M&MLGA as Chair, Mayor David Burgess.
- Deputy Mayor Clem Schubert, Rural City of Murray Bridge.
- Tony Siviour, CEO, Renmark Paringa Council.
- David Mosel, Asset Manager, Coorong District Council.
- Brenton Lewis, CEO Murraylands Regional Development Board.
- Mayor Neville Jaensch, Coorong District Council.
- Paul Day, Renmark Paringa Council.
- Greg Hill, Mid Murray Council.
- Peter Ackland, CEO, District Council of Loxton Waikerie.
- Matthew Sherman, Works Manager, Southern Mallee District Council.
- Peter Smithson, CEO, District Council of Karoonda East Murray.
- Greg Perry, Manager Infrastructure Services, Berri Barmera Council.
- David Beaton, CEO, Berri Barmera Council.
- Michael Sedgman, CEO, Rural City of Murray Bridge.
- Tim Tol, Infrastructure Director, District Council of Loxton Waikerie.
- Mayor Robert Sexton, Southern Mallee District Council.
- Cr. Trevor Kerley, District Council of Karoonda East Murray.
- A representative, Zero Waste SA. (external appointment)

Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Regional Transport Strategy Committee:

- Mayor Robert Sexton, Southern Mallee District Council, Chair
- Peter Bond, CEO, M&MLGA
- President, Mayor David Burgess, Mid Murray Council
- Paul Day - Renmark Paringa Council
- Greg Perry, Manager Infrastructure Services, Berri Barmera Council
- Greg Hill, Director, Infrastructure - Mid Murray Council.
- Tim Tol, Director of Infrastructure - District Council of Loxton Waikerie
- Peter Smithson - District Council of Karoonda East Murray (Peter Jones - proxy)
- Simon Bradley, GM Infrastructure and Environment, Rural City of Murray Bridge (Matt James - proxy)
- Matthew Sherman, Southern Mallee District Council
- David Mosel, Coorong District Council
- Brenton Lewis, Regional Development Australia Murraylands and Riverland
- DPTI - 2 nominees (external appointment)
- Harry Du - Berri Barmera Council

Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Transport Reference Group - Community Transport:

- Peter Smithson, CEO, District Council of Karoonda East Murray.
- Cr. Mike Fuller, Berri Barmera Council.

Murraylands and Riverland Regional Coordination Network:

- Peter Smithson, CEO, District Council of Karoonda East Murray.

Murray and Mallee Zone Emergency Management Committee:

- Deputy Mayor Kevin Myers, Mid Murray Council, Chair.
- Mayor Peter Hunt, Berri Barmera Council.
- Michael Sedgman, CEO, Rural City of Murray Bridge (Ros Kruger – Proxy).
- Tim Tol, Director Infrastructure Services, District Council of Loxton Waikerie.
- David Mosel, Asset Manager, Coorong District Council.
- Harc Wordsworth, Manager, Environment and Planning, Southern Mallee District Council.
- Matthew Sherman, Works Manager, Southern Mallee District Council.

River Murray Ferries Working Group:

- Russell Peate, CEO, Mid Murray Council,
- Tony Siviour, CEO, Renmark Paringa Council,
- Vincent Cammell, CEO, Coorong District Council,
- Dept. of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure representatives.

Murray and Mallee CEO Network Group:

- Peter Bond, CEO, MMLGA
- Tony Siviour, CEO, Renmark Paringa Council,
- Peter Bond, CEO, Rural City of Murray Bridge,
- Russell Peate, CEO, Mid Murray Council,
- Peter Ackland, CEO, District Council of Loxton Waikerie,
- Vince Cammell, CEO, Coorong District Council.
- David Beaton, CEO, Berri Barmera Council
- Neville Gasmier, Acting CEO, Southern Mallee District Council

Murray and Mallee Regional Public Health Plan Committee:

- Kelvin Goldstone, Mid Murray Council, Chair,
- Caroline Thomas, Mid Murray Council,
- Gary Brinkworth, Berri Barmera Council,
- Harc Wordsworth, Southern Mallee District Council and District Council of Karoonda East Murray,
- Jim Quinn, Coorong District Council,
- Katina Nikas, Renmark Paringa Council,
- Phil Eckert and Clarry Fisher, Rural City of Murray Bridge,
- Stephen Bateman, District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

Historically, both the President and Vice President and a further nominated proxy are appointed to the LGA State Executive, (now termed the LGA Board) and the SAROC Committee.

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

There were no Executive Meetings held during the year.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

The Association undertakes a coordinating role, in conjunction with Member Councils, on their issues and those raised by the Local Government Association of South Australia, the community, and other relevant parties' concerns and interests.

State and Federal Members of Parliament representing our Region have been briefed and support has been sought for issues raised.

Submissions and briefings undertaken include:

- Submission for Special Local Roads applications for 2014-2015 funding round.
- Association advocates for the retention of pensioner concessions
- Association advocates for the Reinstatement of Automatic Enrolment
- Association seeking urgent sign-off to the Federal Government's \$25m Murray Darling Basin Diversification Fund.
- Association advocates for the formation of the River Murray Ferries Working in association with the SA Government.
- Submission on the Draft Water Allocation Plan for the River Murray Prescribed Watercourses - NRMMDA
- SAROC Submissions as outlined in this report

The Association has provided support and representation on the following external Committees:

- The Murray and Mallee Integrated Vulnerability Assessment Committee
- The Murray and Mallee Zone Emergency Management Committee including provision of the Chair

The CEO has also attended Forums, Workshops and Briefings throughout the year regarding evolving issues and to make contribution on behalf of the Association.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (SAROC)

The President, Mayor David Burgess, Vice President Mayor Peter Hunt, (Mayor Leon Stasinowsky and Neville Jaensch as proxy's on occasions) and the Chief Executive Officer have attended SAROC meetings during the year.

The meetings are usually held bi-monthly on the day preceding the meeting of the LGA Board.

SAROC has a Memorandum of Understanding between Regional Local Government Associations and the Local Government Association of South Australia, which was completed in August, 2003.

The Association has provided our regional input into many topics that are relevant to all communities across the State, some of which includes:

- Native Vegetation and Biodiversity
- State Government Integrated Transport and Land Use Strategy for SA
- Risk Assessment and Reduction of Financial Impost on Councils
- Local Government Roads Hierarchy and Transport Strategy
- Public Health Act
- Proposed Regional Communities State Election Campaign
- SAROC Agenda and Report Procedures
- Native Vegetation SEB Review
- Regional Waste Management Investigations Report
- Works Rehabilitation Compensation (SAMFS Fire-fighters) Amendment Bill 2013
- Regional Tourism
- Consolidation of Major LGA Events
- Integrated Transport Land Use Plan
- 2014 State Election Making Regions Matter
- Rural Speed Limits Review
- Regional Health Plans Update
- Use of Council Resources in Emergency Response Operations
- Mining Resources Protocol
- Funding for Community Facilities
- Regional Health Plans Update
- Local Excellence Expert Panel Update
- Regional Waste Management Investigations Update

- Video Conferencing Update
- National Heavy Vehicle Regulations (NHVR)
- Inquiry into Regional Capitals contribution
- Assessment of Farm Buildings
- Emergency Services Levy and Reform
- Local Government Elections Voter Enrolments
- Black Spot Funding for Roads
- Crown Land Red Tape Reduction
- Pensioner Concessions
- Regional Collaboration Projects
- Regional Work Plan

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO 30TH JUNE, 2015

Regular financial reports are presented at each MMLGA General Meeting. The Audited Financial Statements for 2014-15 are included at the rear of this report.

Surplus cash flow funds have been deposited with the Local Government Finance Authority and drawn on when and as required.

REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING

The Association acknowledges and thanks the Local Government Research and Development Fund Scheme for their annual 2014-2015 grant of \$38,305 (excl. GST) to the Association.

This grant has ensured that the Association has been able to undertake regional enhancement and capacity building projects throughout the year.

INFORMING COUNCILS AND OTHER PARTIES

The Minutes of Association General Meetings are produced in an expanded and explanatory form, and includes the full Agenda Item, appendices, detail of deliberations and resolutions. This initiative has received wider and favourable comment.

The Association's website www.mmlga.sa.gov.au contains a wealth of information on the Association's activities, including all Agendas, Appendices, Minutes for General and Committee Meetings and past Newsletters.

BEYOND 2015

General Meetings of the Association will continue where possible to be held during 2015-2016 on the first Friday in the months of August, October, December, February, April with the Annual General Meeting to be held in June. They will be held throughout the Region, hosted alphabetically by the Member Councils.

At the Annual General Meeting held on the 26th June, 2015, the Association endorsed the interim Annual Business Plan 2015-2016 and the associated Annual Budget. These documents are available to be viewed and downloaded from the Association's website at www.mmlga.sa.gov.au

The status of the objectives and actions in the Association's Interim Annual Business Plan 2015-2016 will be reviewed half yearly at the December General Meeting and the June Annual General Meeting in accordance with the provisions of the Association's Charter.

A strategic review is in process commencing in March 2014 and running through to November 2015 where it is anticipated the outcomes of that review will be signed off by the MMLGA Board at the December meeting. The outcomes of that review are expected to be:

- a restatement of the purpose of MMLGA
- refinement of the regional model to be followed
- minor revisions to the Charter
- a new strategic plan 2016 -2020
- commencement of the Business Plan for 2016/17 as a derivative of the adopted strategic plan.

The review is taking place at a crucial time where significant changes are being proposed. These potential changes may focus on delivering the recommendations of the report "Strengthening South Australian Communities in a Changing World – The Council of the Future" completed for the LGA of South Australia in 2013 as well as;

- SA Government reforms which include a drive to reform the planning system
- changes to Local Government Act
- introduction of regional governance models
- taxation reform (including land tax)
- NRM funding and delivery.

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3rd October 2015

Nick Walker
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Dear Nick,

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial report of Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2015 for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in note 1 to the financial statements and the *Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985*.

We confirm that *(to the best of our knowledge and belief, having made such enquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves)*:

Financial report

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement dated 11 June 2014, for the preparation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, in particular the financial report presents fairly in accordance therewith.
2. Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
3. We have considered the requirements of AASB 136 *Impairment of Assets* and AASB 139 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* when assessing the possible impairment of assets and in ensuring that no assets are stated in excess of their recoverable amount.
4. The following have been properly recorded and/or disclosed in the financial report:
 - (a) related party transactions and related amounts receivable or payable, including sales, purchases, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements and guarantees (written or oral);
 - (b) arrangements involving restrictions on cash balances, compensating balances and line-of-credit or similar arrangements;
 - (c) agreements to repurchase assets previously sold;
 - (d) material liabilities or contingent liabilities or assets including those arising under derivative financial instruments;

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- (e) unasserted claims or assessments that our lawyer has advised us are probable of assertion; and
- (f) losses arising from the fulfilment of, or an inability to fulfil, any sale commitments or as a result of purchase commitments for inventory quantities in excess of normal requirements or at prices in excess of prevailing market prices.
- 5. We have no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying values, or classification, of assets and liabilities.
- 6. Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards.
- 7. All events subsequent to the date of the financial report and for which Australian Accounting Standards require adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
- 8. There are no violations or possible violations of laws or regulations whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial report or as a basis for recording an expense.
- 9. The entity has satisfactory title to all assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral. Allowances for depreciation have been adjusted for all important items of property, plant and equipment that have been abandoned or are otherwise unusable.
- 10. The entity has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial report in the event of non-compliance.
- 11. There were no material commitments for construction or acquisition of property, plant and equipment or to acquire other non-current assets, such as investments or intangibles, other than those disclosed in the financial report.
- 12. We have no plans to abandon lines of product or other plans or intentions that will result in any excess or obsolete inventory, and no inventory is stated at an amount in excess of net realisable value.
- 13. The application of the going concern assumption is appropriate in respect of the preparation of the financial statements and there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.
- 14. The effects of uncorrected misstatements are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial report as a whole. A list of the uncorrected misstatements is attached to the representation letter.

Information Provided

- 15. We have provided you with:
 - (a) Access to all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation of the financial report such as records, documentation and other matters;
 - (b) Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit; and

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- (c) Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- 16. All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial report.
- 17. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design and implementation of internal control to prevent and detect error. We have established and maintained adequate internal control to facilitate the preparation of a reliable financial report, and adequate financial records have been maintained. There are no material transactions that have not been properly recorded in the accounting records underlying the financial report.
- 18. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial report may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- 19. We have disclosed to you all information in relation to fraud or suspected fraud that we are aware of and that affects the entity and involves:
 - (a) Management;
 - (b) Employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
 - (c) Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial report.
- 20. We have disclosed to you all information in relation to allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the entity's financial report communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators or others.
- 21. We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial report.
- 22. We have disclosed to you all known actual or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial report; and accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985* and the Australian Accounting Standards.
- 23. We have disclosed to you the identity of the entity's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
- 24. We confirm that the Association is a not for profit entity and is exempt from income tax under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.
- 25. We have provided you with all requested information, explanations and assistance for the purposes of the audit
- 26. With respect to the publication of the financial report on our website, we:
 - o acknowledge we are responsible for the electronic presentation of the financial report;
 - o will ensure that the electronic version of the audited financial report and the audit report on the website will be the same as the final signed hard copy version;
 - o will clearly differentiate audited and unaudited information on the website and that the absence of appropriate controls to address this issue increases the risk of potential misrepresentation to users;
 - o have assessed the controls over the security and integrity of the data on the website and that adequate procedures are in place to ensure the integrity of the information published; and

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- will not present the audit report on the full financial report with extracts only of the full financial report.

We understand that your examination was made in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and was, therefore, designed primarily for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial report of the entity taken as a whole, and that your tests of the financial records and other auditing procedures were limited to those which you considered necessary for that purpose.

Yours faithfully,



Peter Bond
Chief Executive Officer

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Financial Statements

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Statement of Profit and Loss and Other Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
MBM LGA contributions	2	144,410	180,578
Regional enhancement fund grant	2	38,305	37,225
Interest received	2	5,262	3,717
Total revenue		<u>187,977</u>	<u>221,520</u>
Operating expenses	3	(148,456)	(208,808)
Surplus (deficit) for the year		<u>39,521</u>	<u>12,712</u>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income (loss)		<u><u>39,521</u></u>	<u><u>12,712</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	161,723	115,004
Trade and other receivables	5	7,872	3,599
Total current assets		<u>169,595</u>	<u>118,603</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>169,595</u>	<u>118,603</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	6	25,998	14,527
Total current liabilities		<u>25,998</u>	<u>14,527</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>25,998</u>	<u>14,527</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>143,597</u>	<u>104,076</u>
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Unspent funds reserve	7	60,854	50,548
Accumulated surplus	8	82,743	53,528
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		<u>143,597</u>	<u>104,076</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Statement of Changes in Members' Funds

for the year ended 30 June 2015

	Note	Accumulated surplus \$	Unspent funds reserve \$	Total \$
2015				
Balance at the beginning of the year		53,528	50,548	104,076
Surplus for the year		39,521	-	39,521
Transfers to/(from) accumulated surplus	7,8	(10,306)	10,306	-
Balance at the end of the year		<u>82,743</u>	<u>60,854</u>	<u>143,597</u>
2014				
Balance at the beginning of the year		53,184	38,180	91,364
Surplus for the year		12,712	-	12,712
Transfers to/(from) accumulated surplus	7,8	(12,368)	12,368	-
Balance at the end of the year		<u>53,528</u>	<u>50,548</u>	<u>104,076</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
Cash from operating activities			
Receipts from members		158,851	180,579
Receipts from grants		42,136	37,225
Interest received		5,262	3,717
Payments to suppliers		(159,530)	(196,681)
Net cash provided from operating activities	9	46,719	24,840
Net increase in cash held		46,719	24,840
Cash at beginning of financial year		115,004	90,164
Cash at end of financial year	4	161,723	115,004

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

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Structure

The financial report covers Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated (the "Association") as an individual entity. Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated is an association incorporated in South Australia under the *Associations Incorporations Act (SA) 1985*.

Note 1: Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985*. The association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions to which they apply. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on by the members of the committee.

Accounting Policies

(a) Comparatives

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

Where the association has retrospectively applied an accounting policy, made a retrospective restatement or reclassified items in its financial statements, an additional statement of financial position as at the beginning of the earliest comparative period will be disclosed.

(b) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

(c) Income taxes

The activities of the Association are exempt from taxation under the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

(d) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is

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Note 1: Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

(e) Financial Instruments

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is equivalent to the date that the association commits itself to either purchase or sell the asset (i.e. trade date accounting is adopted).

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs except where the instrument is classified "at fair value through profit or loss", in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, amortised cost using the effective interest method, or cost. Fair value represents the amount for which an asset could be exchanged or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties. Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value. In other circumstances, valuation techniques are adopted.

Amortised cost is calculated as the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition less principal repayments and any reduction for impairment, and adjusted for any cumulative amortisation of the difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount calculated using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is used to allocate interest income or interest expense over the relevant period and is equivalent to the rate that discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts (including fees, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) over the expected life (or when this cannot be reliably predicted, the contractual term) of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. Revisions to expected future net cash flows will necessitate an adjustment to the carrying amount with a consequential recognition of income or expense in profit or loss.

The association does not designate any interests in subsidiaries, associates or joint venture entities as being subject to the requirements of Accounting Standards specifically applicable to financial instruments.

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Note 1: Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(i) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial asset is derecognised.

(ii) Financial liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities other than financial guarantees are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial liability is derecognised.

Impairment

At the end of each reporting period, the association assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset has been impaired. A financial asset or a group of financial assets is deemed to be impaired if, and only if, there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events (a "loss event") that has occurred, which has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset(s).

In the case of available-for-sale financial assets, a significant or prolonged decline in the market value of the instrument is considered to constitute a loss event. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss immediately. Also, any cumulative decline in fair value previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified to profit or loss at this point.

In the case of financial assets carried at amortised cost, loss events may include indications that the debtors or a group of debtors is experiencing significant financial difficulty, default or delinquency in interest or principal payments, indications that they will enter bankruptcy or other financial re-organisation and changes in arrears or economic conditions that correlate with defaults.

For financial assets carried at amortised cost (including loans and receivables), a separate allowance account is used to reduce the carrying amount of financial assets impaired by credit losses. After having taken all possible measures of recovery, if the management establishes that the carrying amount cannot be recovered by any means, at that point the writing off amounts are charged to the allowance account or the carrying amount of impaired financial assets is reduced directly if no impairment amount was previously recognised in the allowance accounts.

When the terms of financial assets that would otherwise have been past due or impaired have been renegotiated, the association recognises the impairment for such financial assets by taking into account the original terms as if the terms have not been renegotiated so that the loss events that have occurred are duly considered.

Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognised where the contractual right to receipt of cash flows expires or the asset is transferred to another party, whereby the entity no longer has any significant continuing involvement in

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Note 1: Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised where the related obligations are discharged, cancelled or expire. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

(f) Impairment of assets

At the end of each reporting period, the association assesses whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. The assessment will consider both external and internal sources of information. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of that asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and its value-in-use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is immediately recognised in profit or loss.

Where the future economic benefits of the asset are not primarily dependent upon the asset's ability to generate net cash inflows and when the entity would, if deprived of the asset, replace its remaining future economic benefits, value in use is determined as the depreciated replacement cost of an asset.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the association estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Where an impairment loss on a revalued asset is identified, this is recognised against the revaluation surplus in respect of the same class of asset to the extent that the impairment loss does not exceed the amount in the revaluation surplus for that class of asset.

(g) Revenue

Non-reciprocal grant revenue is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when the association obtains control of the grant and it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the association and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before it is eligible to receive the contribution, the recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

When grant revenue is received whereby the association incurs an obligation to deliver economic value directly back to the contributor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction and the grant revenue is recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until the service has been delivered to the contributor, otherwise the grant is recognised as income on receipt.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customer.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(h) Trade and other payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The

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Note 1: Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

(i) Trade and other receivables

These include amounts due from ATO and accrued interest on deposits in financial institutions. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Accounts receivable are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any provision for impairment.

(j) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

Key estimates

(i) Impairment - general

The association assesses impairment at the end of each reporting period by evaluation of conditions and events specific to the association that may be indicative of impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value-in-use calculations which incorporate various key assumptions.

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Note 2: Revenue

	2015 \$	2014 \$
MBM LGA contributions:		
Berri Barmera Council	22,239	26,649
Coorong District Council	14,730	19,339
DC of Karoonda East Murray	7,798	12,591
DC of Loxton Waikerie	23,538	27,914
Mid Murray Council	17,618	22,150
The Rural City of Murray Bridge	29,459	33,678
DC of Renmark Paringa	19,784	24,259
Southern Mallee DC	9,244	13,998
	<u>144,410</u>	<u>180,578</u>
Other contributions:		
Regional Enhancement Fund Grant	-	37,225
Local Government Association of SA	38,305	-
	<u>38,305</u>	<u>37,225</u>
Interest revenue	5,262	3,717
Total revenue	<u>187,977</u>	<u>221,520</u>

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Note 3: Other operating expenses

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Accounting software	578	-
Audit fees	5,563	5,323
Bank charges	82	55
Consultancy and contractors	33,115	82,632
Executive officer contract services	96,235	105,672
Insurance	5,476	5,358
Meeting expenses	1,168	1,556
Postage	26	82
President's travelling allowance	3,750	2,500
Printing and stationery	58	781
Record sentencing/archiving	224	151
SAROC regional meeting costs	261	1,353
Sundry expenses	3	92
Telephone, fax and broadband	1,867	2,933
Website maintenance	50	320
	<u>148,456</u>	<u>208,808</u>

Note 4: Cash and cash equivalents

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Cash on hand	100	100
Cash at bank	994	22,537
LGFA Investment	160,629	92,367
	<u>161,723</u>	<u>115,004</u>

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Note 5: Trade and other receivables

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Current		
GST receivable (net)	<u>7,872</u>	<u>3,599</u>

Note 6: Trade and other payables

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Current		
Trade payables - unsecured	<u>25,998</u>	<u>14,527</u>

Note 7: Unspent funds reserves

The unexpended funds reserve represent funds set aside for future use on projects managed by the association.

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Shared Resource Cluster Project		
Balance brought forward	-	19,654
Transfer to Resource Sharing Projects		(19,654)
Project funds not expended at year end	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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	2015 \$	2014 \$
Discretionary Project		
Balance brought forward	226	226
Transfer from accumulated surplus	8,000	-
Project funds not expended at year end	<u>8,226</u>	<u>226</u>
Legal Charter Review		
Balance brought forward	4,768	7,000
Transfer from accumulated surplus	1,300	-
Professional fees	-	(2,232)
Fees and charges	(33)	-
Project funds not expended at year end	<u>6,035</u>	<u>4,768</u>
Council Improvement Project		
Balance brought forward	-	10,000
Transfer to Resource Sharing Projects		(10,000)
Project funds not expended at year end	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
2030 Transport Plan Project		
Balance brought forward	14,100	-
Transfer from accumulated surplus	-	55,000
Consultancy	-	(40,900)
Transfer to Review of Regional Transport Strategy Plan Project	(14,100)	-
Project funds not expended at year end	<u>-</u>	<u>14,100</u>
Regional Public Health Plan		
Balance brought forward	500	-
Transfer from accumulated surplus	-	40,000
Consultancy	-	(39,500)
Project funds not expended at year end	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>

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	2015	2014
	\$	\$

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Riverland Resource Sharing Project

Balance brought forward	13,500	-
Transfer from Shared Resource Cluster Project and Council Improvement Project	-	13,500
Project funds not expended at year end	13,500	13,500

Murraylands Resource Sharing Project

Balance brought forward	16,154	-
Transfer from Shared Resource Cluster Project and Council Improvement Project	-	16,154
Project funds not expended at year end	16,154	16,154

Annual Priorities Project

Balance brought forward	1,300	1,300
Project funds not expended at year end	1,300	1,300

Succession Planning Consultancy Project

Transfer from accumulated surplus	20,000	-
Consultancy	(6,210)	-
Project funds not expended at year end	13,790	-

Review of Regional Transport Strategy Project

Transfer from 2030 Transport Plan Project	14,100	-
Transfer from accumulated surplus	13,120	-
Consultancy	(21,646)	-
Project funds not expended at year end	5,574	-

Transport strategy project

Consultancy	(4,225)	-
Project funds not expended at year end	(4,225)	-

Total unspent funds reserves	60,854	50,548
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Note 8: Accumulated surplus

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	2015 \$	2014 \$
Opening balance	53,528	53,184
Surplus for the year	39,521	12,712
Net transfers (to)/from reserves:		
Discretionary Project	(8,000)	-
Legal Charter Review	(1,267)	2,232
2030 Transport Plan Project	-	(14,100)
Regional Public Health Plan	-	(500)
Succession Planning Consultancy Project	(13,790)	-
Review of Regional Transport Strategy Project	8,526	-
Transport strategy project	4,225	-
Net transfers (to)/from reserves	(10,306)	(12,368)
Balance at year end	82,743	53,528

Note 9: Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with surplus for the year

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Net surplus for the year	39,521	12,712
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(4,273)	1
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	11,471	12,127
	46,719	24,840

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Note 10: Financial risk management

The association's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with bank, receivables and payables.

The total for each category of financial instrument, measured as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

		2015 \$	2014 \$
Financial assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	161,723	115,004
Total financial assets		<u>161,723</u>	<u>115,004</u>
Financial liabilities			
Trade and other payables as amortised cost	6	25,998	14,527
Total financial liabilities		<u>25,998</u>	<u>14,527</u>

Specific Financial Risk Exposures and Management

The main risks the association is exposed to through its financial instruments are credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk relating to interest rate risk and other price risk. There have been no substantive changes in the types of risks the association is exposed to, how these risks arise, or the association's objectives, policies and processes for managing or measuring the risks from the previous period.

(a) Credit risk

Exposure to credit risk relating to financial assets arises from the potential non-performance by counterparties of contract obligations that could lead to a financial loss to the association.

Credit risk is managed through maintaining procedures (such as the utilisation of systems for the approval, granting and removal of credit limits, regular monitoring of exposure against such limits and monitoring of the financial stability of significant customers and counterparties) ensuring, to the extent possible, that members and counterparties to transactions are of sound credit worthiness.

Risk is also minimised through investing surplus funds in financial institutions that maintain a high credit rating or in entities that the committee has otherwise assessed as being financially sound.

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Credit risk exposures

The maximum exposure to credit risk by class of recognised financial assets at the end of the reporting period is equivalent to the carrying amount and classification of those financial assets (net of any provisions) as presented in the statement of financial position.

There is no collateral held by the association securing trade and other receivables.

Accounts receivable and other debtors that are neither past due nor impaired are considered to be of high credit quality. Aggregates of such amounts are detailed at Note 5.

The association has no significant concentrations of credit risk with any single counterparty or group of counterparties. Details with respect to credit risk of trade and other receivables are provided in Note 5.

(b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises from the possibility that the association might encounter difficulty in settling its debts or otherwise meeting its obligations related to financial liabilities. The association manages this risk through the following mechanisms:

- preparing forward-looking cash flow analysis in relation to its operational, investing and financing activities;
- only investing surplus cash with major financial institutions; and

The association does not hold directly any derivative financial liabilities.

Cash flows realised from financial assets reflect management's expectation as to the timing of realisation. Actual timing may therefore differ from that disclosed. The timing of cash flows presented in the table to settle financial liabilities reflects the earliest contractual settlement dates.

Financial assets pledged as collateral.

No financial assets have been pledged as security for any financial liability.

(c) Market risk

(i) Interest rate risk

Exposure to interest rate risk arises on financial assets and financial liabilities recognised at the end of the reporting period whereby a future change in interest rates will affect future cash flows or the fair value of fixed rate financial instruments. The association is exposed to earnings volatility on floating rate instruments. The financial instruments that expose the association to interest rate risk that are limited to cash and cash equivalents.

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(ii) Other price risk

Other price risk relates to the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk) of securities held.

The association is not exposed to other price risk.

Sensitivity analysis

The following table illustrates sensitivities to the association's exposures to changes in interest rates. The table indicates the impact on how surplus and equity values reported at the end of the reporting period would have been affected by changes in the relevant risk variable that management considers to be reasonably possible.

These sensitivities assume that the movement in a particular variable is independent of other variables.

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
+/- 1% in interest rates impact on surplus	1,616	1,149
+/- 1% in interest rates impact on equity	1,616	1,149

(d) Fair Values

Fair value estimation

Carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities as disclosed in the statement of financial position and this note approximate fair value.

Note 11: Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

At 30 June 2015, the association is unaware of any liability, contingent or otherwise, which has not already been recorded elsewhere in this financial report.

Note 12: Capital Commitments

At 30 June 2015, the association is unaware of any capital or leasing commitments which have not already been recorded elsewhere in this financial report.

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Note 13: Events after the end of the reporting period

Since the reporting date, there have been no events that would materially impact on the contents of this report.

Note 14: Economic Dependence

Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated is dependent on the Local Councils within its jurisdiction and other funding bodies for the majority of its revenue used to operate the business. At the date of this report, the Committee believe that the Local Councils and other bodies will continue to fund the association.

Note 15: Key Management Personnel Compensation

Any person(s) having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the association, directly or indirectly, including its committee members, is considered key management personnel.

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Short-term benefits	96,235	105,672

Note 16: Capital Management

The Committee controls the capital of the entity to ensure that adequate cash flows are generated to fund its programs and that returns from investments are maximised within tolerable risk parameters. The Committee ensures that the overall risk management strategy is in line with this objective.

The committee operates under policies approved by the board. Risk management policies are approved and reviewed by the board on a regular basis. These include credit risk policies and future cash flow requirements.

The entity's capital consists of financial liabilities, supported by financial assets.

There have been no changes to the strategy adopted by the Committee to control the capital of the entity since the previous year.

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Note 17: Going concern dependent on ongoing support from funding bodies

These financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis which contemplates the realisation and payments of liabilities in the ordinary course of business. The Association's ability to continue as a going concern is dependent upon its ability to attain profitable operations and generate funds there from and to maintain the ongoing support from the entity's funding bodies, sufficient to meet current and future obligations.

Note 18: Association details

The registered office of the association and principal place of business is;

Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Inc
PO Box 236
Victor Harbor SA 5211

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Statement by the Committee

In the opinion of the committee the financial statements comprising the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, statement of financial position, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements:

1. Present fairly the financial position of Murray & Mallee Local Government Association as at 30 June 2015 and the results of the Association for the year ended on that date in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Murray & Mallee Local Government Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:



MemberMayor Dave Burgess, President MMLGA.....



MemberPeter Bond CEO, MMLGA.....

Dated this 3rd day of October 2015

8	30/06/2015	Consultancy and Contractors	410			
8	30/06/2015	Creditors	810			
8	30/06/2015	GST (820)	820		1,138.00	
8	30/06/2015	Review of Regional Transport Strategy	833	104.00		
8	30/06/2015	Accumulated Surplus (961)	961	1,034.00		
		Recognition of omitted creditor -				
		Consultancy performed by HDS Australia re				
		Review of Regional Transport Strategy Plan				
		Project (833) - Invoice 14-214 dated				
		27/08/15				
				2,172.00	2,172.00	57,719.00
						(1,034.00)

	Auditor	Senior	Manager	Partner

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Number	Date	Name	Account No	Reference	Debit	Credit	Net Income (Loss) Amount	Chg	Recurrence	Misstatement
Net Income (Loss) Before Adjustments							82,062.00			

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Year End: 30 June 2015
Adjusting journal entries - normal adjusting
Date: 1/07/2014 To 30/06/2015

Auditor	Senior	Manager	Partner

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Number	Date	Name	Account No	Reference	Debit	Credit	Net Income (Loss)	Amount Chg	Recurrence	Misstatement
9	30/06/2015	GST (820)	820		2.00					
Recognition of omitted creditor - Document management services rendered by Recall - Invoice 1130011546 dated 22/05/15										
					20.00	20.00	57,701.00	(18.00)		
10	30/06/2015	Exec Officer Contract Services (415)	415		18,180.00					
10	30/06/2015	Creditors	810			20,000.00				
10	30/06/2015	GST (820)	820		1,820.00					
Recognition of omitted creditor - Executive services rendered by Peter Bond and Associates - Invoice 0002 dated 21/07/15 in respect of May 15 and June 15.										
					20,000.00	20,000.00	39,521.00	(18,180.00)		
					72,353.00	72,353.00	39,521.00	(42,541.00)		



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