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INTRODUCTION



MAYOR'S REPORT

Leon Stasinowsky



Council has again experienced a full year with the continuation of major projects being a heavy focus.

I had the pleasure of opening the Loxton West Dam in July, which is the final piece of a significant \$9.5m project to harvest and reuse storm water and treated water in Loxton. The project was initiated as a result of the shortage of water experienced by this region and the Murray Darling Basin during the Millennium Drought of the early 2000's and effectively provides for a network of 10 catchment dams together with a main treatment facility.

This has been a long term project for Council with the expectation being that together with newly installed subsurface irrigation and a transition to more sustainable plantings, the reuse network will harvest sufficient water in a "normal" year to meet the irrigation needs of the parks and gardens within the Loxton township.

We have also had an increased focus on the asset base that Council oversees and manages on behalf of the

community. Our aim is to ensure our building stock is well maintained, councils holding and maintenance costs are reduced and that over time usage rates are increased, where possible. An example of this is the Waikerie Community Sheds project which will see a new facility constructed for the recently formed Waikerie Men's Shed, but also deliver shedding capacity and a joint meeting room and amenities for the Rotary and Apex Clubs on the same site. These latter two clubs currently occupy separate structures on Council land. In this way the three community focussed clubs have new purpose built facilities, common areas are shared thereby reducing duplication and the opportunity for these groups to work together is enhanced due to their co-habitation of premises.

Ultimately from Councils perspective one of the existing facilities will be removed, opening up the vibrant Waikerie Riverfront and the other possibly on sold thereby reducing the financial impact to Council of these separate assets.

This will be a long term strategy of Council in an attempt to better manage the financial burden of our assets and infrastructure.

I never cease to be amazed at the number and diversity of events held within our communities, both to provide a social outlet for our residents but also to visitors alike. Over the course of the year I have

had the pleasure of attending the following major events in our district. In naming these particular events I acknowledge that there are many others that occur in in the district and Councils thanks and appreciation is extended to the vast number of volunteers that make these events possible and successful:

- State Kart Championships.
- Australian Gilding Championships.
- Waikerie Off Road Enduro.
- Loxton Pistol Club State Championships.
- True Grit.
- Loxton Nippy's Gift.
- Loxton Show.
- Mardi Gras.
- SALA event in Loxton.
- Australia Day Celebrations and particularly the significant Waikerie aspect of this.
- Loxton Historical Village 40th birthday celebrations
- Moorook Riverstock
- Inaugural Loxton Pedal Prix

I would also like to make special mention of the renovations and upgrading separately undertaken by the Loxton and Waikerie Hotels, under vastly different circumstances. The outcome of these has significantly added to the experiences available to visitors to our district and the region and on behalf of Council

MAYOR'S REPORT

Leon Stasinowsky

I offer our congratulations to you for your foresight and persistence to deliver the exceptional outcomes.

In terms of the business of Council there is still much to do, however in terms of recognition of the wealth of experience and knowledge that is within the community, Council has begun a process to invite community members to work along side Elected Members to assist in the scoping of projects prior to the normal consultation phase. In this way we hope to become more encompassing of the ideas from the community in the planning phase of projects with some examples of these being the Houseboat Mooring Management Plan Committee and also the Loxton Riverfront Advisory Panel. We are still

working through how this process can best be tailored to community needs and expectations and the outcomes required by Council but early indications point to more benefits than not.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Elected Members that give of their time and expertise in what is still essentially a volunteer position. We have had times this year when there has been robust discussion within the chamber but I am very confident that we are all here for the benefit of our community.

To the staff, I also record my appreciation for the way that you have gone about delivering the projects set by Council and for the advice provided to us in the decision making process.



COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

Elected Member Committee Representation



COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

Elected Member Committee Representation



MAYOR STASINOWSKY

Committees Established pursuant to Section 41

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

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
- Murray & Mallee LGA Regional Waste Management Strategy Committee
- Riverland Local Government Forum
- Audit Committee
- Community Award Programme Assessment Panel
- Local Government Finance Authority – AGM council representative
- Community Grants Assessment Reference Panel
- SA Regional Organisation of Councils



CR 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 (*Chairman-resigned*)
- Murray Darling Association General Council
- Loxton High School Council
- Innovative Community Action Networks (ICAN) Working 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
- Loxton Sport & Recreation Facilities Group of Councils

COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

Elected Member Committee Representation



CR DEB THIELE

Committees Established pursuant to Section 41

- Loxton Historical 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
- Innovative Community Action Networks (ICAN) Working Group
- East Terrace Revitalisation Working Group
- Loxton High School – Independent Learning Centre



CR ROSS COPELAND

Committees Established pursuant to Section 41

- Performance Review Committee
- Asset Committee
- Policy Review Committee

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

- Regional Bushfire 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
- Audit Committee

COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

Elected Member Committee Representation



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 Australia 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



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

- Loxton Centenary Feature Committee (dissolved 16/4/14)
- Loxton Retirement Village Committee (resigned 15/11/13)
- Pines Management Committee (Chairperson)
- Asset Committee
- Lease Committee

Representative and delegate on external committees

- Audit Committee
- Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee

CERTIFICATES

Outstanding Commitment



Cr Ward and the LGA President, Mayor David O'Loughlin

Cr Mark Ward received a Service certificate from the LGA for 25 years continuous service to Local Government, presented to Cr Ward at the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association meeting on 6 June 2014.



Mayor Leon Stasinowsky and Cr Flavel

Cr Flavel received a Service certificate from the Local Government Association for 30 years continuous service to Local Government, presented to Cr Flavel at the Mayoral Reception in December 2013. This included Cr Flavel's service to the former District Council Browns Well 1983-1997.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Peter Ackland



This year has again seen Council continue to focus on the maintenance of our assets but also to advance and in some cases deliver major projects.

Council commenced the year with the announcement that general rate revenue would increase by a responsible 3.0% over the previous year which is in line with the movement in the Consumer Price Index and also in the recognition that this year would see the first full 12 month service charge for the new 3 and 2 bin kerbside collection service.

We have finished the year with the significant majority of budgeted projects either well underway or completed resulting in an operating deficit of \$94,000. Whilst this result is approximately \$300,000 below our adopted budget forecast of a \$200,000 surplus, the difference is largely attributed to an increase in depreciation of \$365,000 in our Land, Buildings and Structures arising from a major revaluation of these

assets undertaken very late in the financial year, and also a \$132,000 amortisation expense which reflects the write off of the now closed Loxton Landfill Site.

Council will be reviewing our Long Term Financial Management Plan to develop strategies to address this increase in depreciation expense and to the reduction of grant funding of nearly \$420,000 that was announced by the Federal Government following the election that will impact the 14 / 15 financial year and onward.

We have continued to work with our community on key projects with several of note being:

- Waikerie Sporting Precinct upgrade – this project, in excess \$1.0m, has been a number of years in the planning with the Waikerie Combined Sports Group and has this year delivered new multi use court surfaces and lighting together with a realignment of existing courts. Further work will be undertaken in the coming year with internal upgrades to the stadium along with a new clubhouse adjacent the courts and a new playground which will pleasingly complete the precinct plan put forward by the community.
- Loxton Pioneer Playground – again a community initiated and led project to deliver a significant new playground experience adjacent the shopping precinct of Loxton.

Whilst the community's aim was to increase the social benefit from a new and exciting play area, Council also saw the opportunity for economic benefit to the districts retailers resulting from a destination attraction with free entry and themed equipment. The concept plan has been developed and agreed with the \$700,000+ facility set to be delivered prior to Christmas 2014. Through our volunteer program, the cost will be supplemented by targeted and general volunteer effort from the community and local businesses.

- Waikerie Community Sheds project will see purpose built sheds and common meeting facilities for the newly formed Men's Shed conjointly with the relocation of the Rotary and Apex clubs. This \$305,000 project will be completed early in the coming financial year and is an example of the shared facility approach Council is pursuing.

Council has continued its focus of working with small to medium sized businesses principally through the respective Chambers of Commerce as one way to stimulate economic development. Of note this year has been the E Business project jointly funded by Council, both the Riverland West and Loxton Chambers of Commerce, the State Government and Regional

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Peter Ackland

Development Australia (RDA) Murraylands and Riverland. This project was extremely successful with good numbers of Chamber members taking the opportunity for seminar and one on one based instruction in increased internet presence for their businesses. Council has worked with and supported the development of the Loxton Chamber of Commerce Strategic Plan which is the basis for an annual contribution by Council to the Chamber for the delivery of agreed projects.

On the theme of economic development, this year saw the inclusion of Loxton in the expanded Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) Super Series conducted by Australian International Pedal Prix Incorporated. The race, for human powered modified "cycles" which look more like miniature racing cars, was conducted around a street circuit that included Loxton's shopping district for the first time in the history of the Series. The 68 teams that competed and 3000 spectators exceeded expectations and were treated with high speed racing and a unique event that has been secured by Council for a further 3 years. The event was conducted in partnership with the Loxton Chamber of Commerce and was estimated to have contributed \$180,000 to the local economy and has provided significant social media exposure to the district which will have ongoing benefits.

In other initiatives to increase visitation to the area and ultimately provide opportunity to our local businesses, Council has:

- purchased the lease of the Loxton Riverfront Caravan Park with the aim of increasing occupancy through a development plan,
- undertaken a review of the Loxton Historical Village to reinvigorate this award winning tourist attraction,
- commenced a review of the future direction of the 100 unit Loxton Retirement Village that is owned and operated by Council, to not only preserve the largely social aims that were the basis for the creation of the Village almost 20 years ago, but to also increase the economic benefit from a well run and sustainable operation, and
- delivered a Recreational Vehicle short term parking area close to the business district of Waikerie where self contained vans do not have to unhitch to park and dewater, and through the free WiFi, search for opportunities to enjoy attractions and shopping available in Waikerie.

In a welcome boost, the State Government has secured Federal funding of \$7.5m to reinvigorate the Loxton Research Centre site with a focus on primary industry

innovation, education and collaboration. This focus on the continued importance of horticulture has also been timely as there were two outbreaks of fruit fly in areas around Loxton with the response coordinated from the Centre.

Council still faces challenges in terms of meeting greater community expectations in service delivery within a Federal and State environment of diminishing financial support. To that end Council has set aside funding to commence a review of all services we provide and the level of their provision, including opportunities for efficiency gains, to ensure what we deliver is what is required underpinned by a culture of continuous improvement. It is likely that this project will be substantially commenced in the coming financial year with a focus on the newly elected council post the general elections in November 2014 and beyond.

On behalf of our staff, I extend my thanks to the Elected Members and look forward to meeting the continuing challenges of serving our district and region.

To the staff, I acknowledge and thank you for your commitment and desire to provide quality services to our communities and encourage us all to continue to look at what we do with fresh eyes and in anticipation of the future.

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT



DESICION MAKING STRUCTURE

Local Government Act 1999
Section 41

<i>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.</i>	Reports and minutes containing recommendations from Section 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
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SECTION 41 COMMITTEES

Purpose of Committees

COMMITTEE	PURPOSE OF COMMITTEES
Alawoona Hall Committee	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.
Asset Committee	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 Committee	Consider local issues and any actions required to mitigate the risk of bushfire in the district and ensure legislative compliance. <i>(formerly known as Bushfire Prevention Advisory Committee)</i>
Houseboat Mooring Management Plan Advisory Committe	Identify current and future demand for houseboat mooring sites within the district undertake a review of other mooring areas within South Australia and propose a draft Houseboat Mooring Management Plan.
Lease Committee	Investigate consistency in treatment across all sporting organisations and their respective lease arrangements.

SECTION 41 COMMITTEES

Purpose of Committees

COMMITTEE	PURPOSE OF COMMITTEES
Loxton Centenary Feature Committee	An artistic feature recognising the centenary of proclamation in Loxton (2007) has been erected, the committee was disbanded on 16 April 2014.
Loxton Christmas Lights Committee	Beatification of Loxton at Christmas time.
Loxton Historical Village Committee	Management of the Loxton Historical Village and promote the facility as a regional tourist museum.
Loxton North Recreation Grounds Committee	Maintenance and administration of the Loxton North Recreation Grounds.
Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee	To assist Council in relation to recreation grounds and facilities under the care and management of Council within the Loxton township.
Loxton Retirement Village Committee	Construction and management of the Loxton Retirement Village
Performance Review Committee	Undertake the annual performance review of the Chief Executive Officer.
The Pines Management Committee	Maintenance of the character and attend to the up keep of The Pines Historic Home.
Policy Review Committee	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 Committee	Assist Council in relation to parks and community facilities under the care, control and management of Council within the Waikerie township and general surrounds.
Waste Management Committee	Management of the closure of landfill sites, management of the construction of transfer stations and implementation of the collection & disposal of waste post the closure of the landfill sites. This committee had fulfilled the terms of reference and was disbanded by Council at the general meeting of 13 December 2013.
Wunkar Recreation Grounds Committee	Maintenance and administration of the Wunkar Recreation Grounds, including the tennis courts and ex school grounds.

SECTION 41 COMMITTEES

Purpose of Committees

OTHER COMMITTEES	PURPOSE OF COMMITTEES
Audit Committee	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Building Fire Safety Committee (Regional)	Responsible, under the Development Act, 1993, for building fire safety matters.
Disability Access Action Plan Committee	Preparation of an action plan in accordance with section 60 of the Disability Discrimination Act 1992.
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.
OHS Committee	Pursuant to the OHS Act.
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. Advise Council in relation to.
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.

ALLOWANCE 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 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

As at 11 November 2013 the annual allowances were adjusted as follows:-

Principal Member
\$49,059.00
Council Deputy Mayor
\$15,325.00
Chairman of Standing Committees
\$15,325.00
Elected Members
\$12,265.00

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.

- The following will be payable to council members, excluding principal members, of non-metropolitan councils whose usual place of residence is within the relevant council area and is located 50km or more distance from that council's principal office, via the nearest route by road: \$500.00 per annum

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

The independent chair of Council's 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 of the committee are paid a sitting fee of \$200.00 per meeting, this cost is shared between the member councils.

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, personal assistance.

As from a resolution of Council from a meeting held 29 November 2010 the Mayor has been granted 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 only avail himself of the use of the vehicle provided and personal assistance.

Council resolved at a meeting of Council held 19 August 2011 that all Elected Members are provided, upon request, with an iPad, the use of which is managed under the Electronic Communication Facilities Policy and the Elected Member Facilities & User Support Agreement.

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

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 2013 - 2014 and attended the following as per the table below:

NAME	DATE	DETAILS
Mayor LE Stasinowsky	11 July 2013	Section 41 Chair & Committee Member Training
	22 & 23 August 2013	Road & Works Conference - Renmark
	14 October 2013	Code of Conduct Training for Elected Members
	23 October 2013	Regional Chief Executive Officers & Principal Members Symposium
	24 & 25 October 2013	Local Government Association of South Australia Annual General Meeting & Conference
Cr ML Ward	8 November 2013	Meeting Procedures
	11 July 2013	Section 41 Chair & Committee Member Training
	22 & 23 August 2013	Road & Works Conference - Renmark
Cr R Copeland	8 November 2013	Meeting Procedures
	11 July 2013	Section 41 Chair & Committee Member Training
Cr JF Flavel	8 November 2013	Meeting Procedures
	14 October 2013	Code of Conduct Training for Elected Members
Cr DG Kimber	22 & 23 August 2013	Road & Works Conference - Renmark
	11 July 2013	Section 41 Chair & Committee Member Training
	14 October 2013	Code of Conduct Training for Elected Members
Cr MJ Malthouse	8 November 2013	Meeting Procedures
	14 October 2013	Code of Conduct Training for Elected Members
Cr TJ Norton	8 November 2013	Meeting Procedures
	11 July 2013	Section 41 Chair & Committee Member Training
	14 October 2013	Code of Conduct Training for Elected Members*

(* In part)

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

Elected Members

NAME	DATE	DETAILS
Cr DA Thiele	11 July 2013	Section 41 Chair & Committee Member Training
	14 October 2013	Code of Conduct Training for Elected Members
	8 November 2013	Meeting Procedures
Cr MJ Vowles	11 July 2013	Section 41 Chair & Committee Member Training
	22 & 23 August 2013	Road & Works Conference - Renmark
	14 October 2013	Code of Conduct Training for Elected Members
Cr KA Webber	11 July 2013	Section 41 Chair & Committee Member Training
	8 November 2013	Meeting Procedures
Cr MA Zeppel	11 July 2013	Section 41 Chair & Committee Member Training
	22 & 23 August 2013	Road & Works Conference - Renmark
	14 October 2013	Code of Conduct Training for Elected Members
	8 November 2013	Meeting Procedures

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 2013 – 2014

Elected Members	Council	Special	Elected Members	Council	Special
Mayor LE Stasinowsky	12	8	Cr TJ Norton	12	7
Cr ML Ward	10	7	Cr DA Thiele	12	6
Cr R Copeland	10	2	Cr MJ Vowles	12	8

MEMBER INFORMATION

Attendance at Meetings

Elected Members	Council	Special	Elected Members	Council	Special
Cr JF Flavel	12	7	Cr KA Webber	11	3
Cr DG Kimber	12	6	Cr MA Zeppel	12	8
Cr MJ Malthouse	9	4	Number of meetings held	12	8
Total number of meetings held: 20					

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 20 July 2012.

The delegations register is able to be accessed via Council’s website:

www.loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au

Council documents

- Other documents
- Delegations 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.

The next Local Government Periodic Elections are to be conducted in November 2014.

POLICY MANUAL INDEX

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 Plan - Presentation and Review 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 and/or Materials by Community Groups Policy
- Confidentiality Guidelines
- Conflict of Interest - Guidelines
- Council Policy Framework
- Customer Service Policy
- Drug & Alcohol Management Policy
- Emergency Response Operations in Support of the Country Fire Service Policy
- Encroachments onto Council Land
- 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
- Immunisation Policy
- 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
- Periodic Review Process for Buildings and Structures 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 Guidelines
- Tree Management Policy
- Volunteer Policy
- Welcome to and 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 Councils website www.loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au or postal copies may be obtained from the Council offices, to be charged at the scheduled rate according to the Fees and Charges Register.

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT



CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS

Meetings and Documents

It is a requirement of the Local Government Act 1999 (The Act), schedule 4, clause1(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 a requirement of the Local Government Act 1999 (The Act), schedule 4, clause1(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 eight (8) special meetings during 2013 – 2014

On 32 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; (2)

Section 90 (3) (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; (7)

Section 90 (3) (h)

Legal advice (1)

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; (5)

Section 90 (3) (j)

- Information the disclosure of which -
- (i) would divulge information provided on a confidential basis by or to a Minister of the Crown, or another public authority or official (not being an employee of the council, or a person engaged by the council); and
 - (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest (1)

Section 90 (3) (k)

Tenders for the supply of goods, the provision of services or the carrying out of works; (7)

Section 90 (3) (b) and (h)

- 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; and
- Legal advice (4)

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 10 items released from confidentially provisions over the course of the year.

CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS

Meetings and Documents

Confidential motions

During the course of the financial year Council made a total of 530 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 3.6% 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

Period 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

GENERAL INFORMATION

Area	7,957km2
Population	12,101
Rateable Assessments	7,671
Electors	8,099
Road Length	2,235 kms

REPRESENTATION QUOTA

For Council

Derived from information provided by the Electoral Commission of SA, current as at last collection of elector figures statistics (28/02/2014) there were 8162 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 foods 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 neighbouring 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 Tender, Quotation and Procurement Policy are available for public inspection and/ or purchase. A copy is 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 the firm Creative Auditing (Ian G McDonald) as Council's external Auditors for a five (5) year term

from the 2011/12 financial year to the 2015/16 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:

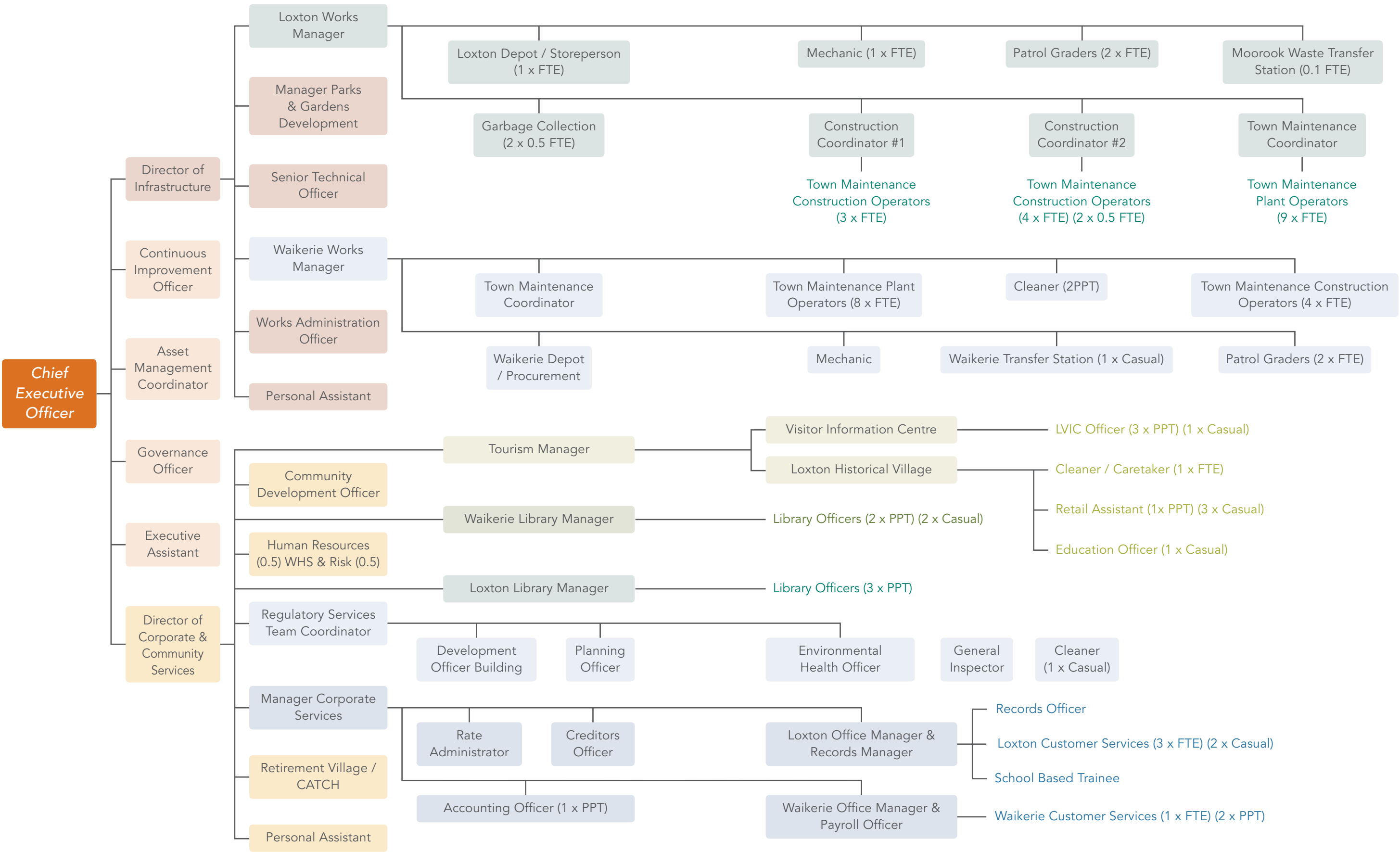
- the sum of \$12,000 (Exc GST) was paid for the balance of the 2013/14 annual audit of statutory financial records and related specific purpose statements.

LAND MANAGEMENT PLANS

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

- Aerodromes
- Cemeteries
- Council Buildings
- Caravan park
- Community buildings
- Playgrounds

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

The Register of Salaries is available in full on the Council website :- www.loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au

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 to residents/ratepayers 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, a denial was given as the information was available as a matter of public record. Further assistance was offered to ensure that access could be provided outside of the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

The offer was not taken up by the applicant.

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. There were no internal reviews for this reporting period.

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.

Two requests were received for a review of a decision of Council during the reporting period, in both instances the review recommended that the decision taken stand.

REGISTERS & CODES

Section 131 (2)

Local Government Act 1999

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

MANDATORY REGISTERS, CODES AND POLICIES

List of Registers:-

- By Law Register
- Community Management Plans
- 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

- Code of Conduct for Council Members (18 August 2013)
- Code of Conduct for Employees (12 February 2014)
- Code of Practice for Access to Council and Committee Meetings & Documents
- Code of Practice for Procedures at Meetings

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
 - Sale and 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 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

HR & WHS RISK OFFICER

Human Resources & Work, Health and Safety 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 programmes. Information sessions are made available to employees on a continuing basis.

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

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

- Further developing a Work Health Safety Plan
- Reviewing Council's Contractor Management processes
- Development of a Hazard Identification Register

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.

Workcover Partnership Program

As part of the licence requirements as a self-insurer under the Workers Rehabilitation

and Compensation Act 1986, the LGA (WCS) has to enter each into a partnership activity plan with WorkCover SA.

The partnership plan was centred on a value add process, involving getting representatives from small groups of Councils together, to workshop the requirements for specific elements from the Performance Standards. This process was intended to give the Councils involved, a greater clarity on what WorkCover are looking for, as well as the opportunity to interact with WorkCover directly.

Twelve SA Councils were nominated to participate in the partnership plan (four Councils in each of 3 groups). District Council of Loxton Waikerie were grouped with Mid Murray Council, Alexandrina Council and Coorong District Council. The plan consisted of three hands-on workshops that included;

Session 1

- (WHS) review of mechanisms to ensure legislative compliance (2.1.1)
- WHS & IM Training (Plans and Training needs) (2.3.1 and 2.3.2)
- WHS Hazard Management strategies (2.1.5)

Session 2

- (WHS) Hazard Management (Site implementation of defined strategies (3.8.1)
- (WHS) OHSW consideration at times of change/procurement (3.8.4 and 3.8.5)

HR & WHS RISK OFFICER

Human Resources & Work, Health and Safety Report

- (WHS) Duty of Care arrangements (3.8.6)
- (WHS) Incident Investigation (3.8.7)

Session 3

- Inspections and Testing
- (WHS) Document Control
- Responsibilities and Accountabilities
- (WHS) Training (implementation) (3.2.1)

Objective Appraisal

In November 2013 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 30 non conformances in standards 2 and 3. Council's WHS & Risk Officer implemented an action plan to close out all non conformances. Nine non conformances were closed out by 30th June 2014 with the remaining twenty one non conformances are expected to be completed by 31st August 2014.

WHS and 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 programmes) ensures Council can identify key deficiency areas and measure the success of systematic targets designed to improve performance. DCLW's 2014-2105 WHS & IM Plan was adopted by the WHS & Risk Committee on 17th June 2014.

Seven WHS Policies were reviewed and adopted by the WHS & Risk Committee.

- Work Health Safety and Injury Management
- Hazard Management
- Administration of the WHS Management System
- Consultation & Communication
- WHS Contractor Management
- WHS Emergency Management
- Hazardous Work

Twenty of the twenty six WHS procedures were adopted by the WHS & Risk Committee.

- Workplace Injury Management
- Incident Reporting and Investigation
- Plant
- Hazard Management
- Workplace Inspection
- WHS Document Management
- WHS Internal Audit
- WHS Induction and Training
- WHS Corrective and Preventative Action
- Planning and Program Development (including Management Review)
- WHS Consultation and Communication
- WHS Contractor Management
- WHS Emergency Management
- Confined Space Management
- Isolation Lock Out, Tag Out
- Hazardous Manual Tasks
- Prevention of Falls
- UVR Inclement Weather
- Remote and Isolated Work
- Hazardous Chemicals

As part of Council's commitment to ensure the health, safety and welfare of workers (including

volunteers, contractors and sub-contractors) a Fit for Work program was developed. This included the implementation of a;

- Fit for Work Policy
- Fit for Work Procedure
- Random drug and alcohol testing of its workers (implemented in January 2014).

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 for indoor and outdoor employees took effect;

- as of 3rd September 2012 - South Australian Municipal Salaried Officers Award employees
- as of 1st July 2012 – Local Government Employees Award employees

Council offers 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.

Other Human Resources activities include;


- A WHS survey of all staff was conducted with the results compiled for the Senior Management Team to assess and develop a Workforce Plan.
- Implementation of LGE software to streamline the processing of a more efficient Payroll system .

Council took a collaborative approach with educating employees in the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) holding a series of workshops.

Employees

As at 30th June 2014 Council employed

 63

 44

TOTAL 107

Full Time Equivalent: 83.1

Trainees

As at 30th June, 2014 Council had engaged School Based Trainees.

 2 Cert III Business Administration

Training and Development

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

- Corporate Induction
- Work Health and Safety Induction

In addition, staff are required to attend a number of training and awareness programs applicable to the position;

- Workplace Health and Safety
- Due Diligence
- ICAC training for Public Officers
- Code of Conduct for Employees
- Bullying, Discrimination and Sexual Harassment
- Child Mandatory Reporting

A number of Work Health and Safety training programs were also attended by staff.

These included;

- Accident, Incident and Investigation
- Rehabilitation and Return to Work
- First Aid
- Workzone Traffic Management
- Emergency Warden Training
- Health and Safety Representative Course

RATING & VALUATION SUMMARY

RATING COMPONENT		2012/13	2013/14
1	FIXED CHARGE	\$250	\$250
	Amount Total Collection	\$1,657,500	\$1,673,750
	% of Total Rates	20.1%	19.8%
2	DIFFERENTIAL RATES		
	1. In Town	\$2,164,231	\$2,206,374
	2. Out of Town	\$4,420,170	\$4,561,876
3	VALUATION		
	Rateable Land	\$1,652,072,594	\$1,685,680,875
	Non Rateable Land	\$ 49,005,166	\$ 44,936,505
	All Land	\$1,701,077,760	\$1,730,617,380
4	SEPARATE RATE		
	Catchment Board Contribution	n/a	n/a
	Catchment/NRM Levy	\$162,092	\$168,007

VALUATION COMPARISON		2012/13		2012/13		% INCREASE
		PROPERTIES	ASSESSED VALUE (\$)	PROPERTIES	ASSESSED VALUE (\$)	
1	Residential	4031	816,957,300	4055	825,249,900	1.01%
2	Commercial	271	89,240,640	269	86,547,820	-3.02%
3	Industry	99	24,647,000	101	26,653,400	8.14%
4	Primary Production	2193	681,961,700	2186	704,845,600	3.35%
5	Vacant Land	888	40,496,260	887	40,600,520	2.57%
6	Other	844	47,774,860	841	46,720,140	-2.21%
TOTALS		8326	1,701,077,760	8339	1,730,617,380	1.74%

COUNCIL FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Local Government Grants Commission Data

The South Australian Local Government Grants Commission is an independent statutory authority established under the South Australian Local Government Grants Commission Act 1992. The three members are appointed on a part-time basis by the Governor.	set by the Commonwealth Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995.	to provide a similar level of service to their communities.
The South Australian Local Government Grants Commission makes recommendations to the Minister for State/Local Government Relations for the distribution of Commonwealth financial assistance grants.	All funds allocated by the Commonwealth are distributed to Councils. All of the Commission's costs are met by the State Government.	The Grants are untied and may be spent according to community priorities.
Grants for local governing authorities in South Australia are distributed in accordance with National Principles	Grants distributed should compensate Councils for differences in the costs of providing services and in differences in their revenue raising capacity.	Pursuant to the Local Government Act all South Australian Councils are required to submit an annual information return along with their audited annual financial statements to the Commission.
	Equalisation refers to the financial capacity of the council it does not mean that the level of service must be equal.	From this information the South Australian Local Government Grants Commission prepares and distributes a range of comparative data on each Council, commonly referred to the Grants Commission "data base" reports. The following tables provide a range of financial comparative information drawn from the "data base" reports (the most recent being for the 2013/14 financial year.
	Council may choose to have higher or lower levels of service according to their own priorities.	
	The Commission aims to equalise their financial capacity	

COUNCIL FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Sustainability Target

Council has formally adopted the following five formal Financial Sustainability Targets i.e.		
Operating Surplus Council's target is to achieve an operating breakeven position, or better over a 5 year period	Net Financial Liabilities Council's limit is for Net Financial Liabilities be no greater than operating revenue and not less than 0 over a rolling 5 year period	Financial Liabilities be greater than 0% and less than 100%
Operating Surplus Ratio Council's target is to achieve an operating surplus ratio of no less than 0% over any 5 year period	Net Financial Liabilities Ratio Council's limit is for Net	Asset Sustainability Ratio Council's target is 90 - 110%. That is Council spending an amount each year roughly equivalent to that determined by the respective infrastructure asset management plans.

SCHOOL BASED TRAINEE PROGRAM

WAIKERIE SCHOOL BASED TRAINEE

Melanie Bakker nominated for Riverland Trainee of the Year.
Melanie was awarded runner up for the Australian School Based Trainees



School Based Trainee Melanie Bakker.



Peter Ackland, Melanie Bakker (our trainee) and Mayor Stasinowsky.



Janine Frost, Tyson Grieger and Mel - all from Waikerie.

STRATEGIC PLAN

COMMUNITY GOAL 1 - SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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	Business Charters - Loxton & Riverland West Chambers of Commerce	Ongoing - discussions completed - draft to be prepared
1.1.3	Ensure that land, infrastructure and services can meet demand	
1.1.3.2	Investigation into a joint facility for the LRV, Scouts and Guides	Council placed on hold pending outcome of the Village consultancy report
1.1.3.3	Investigation into the relocation of the Loxton Aquatic Club	Completed
1.1.3.4	Potential Loxton Visitor Information Centre Relocation	Awaiting approval for land dedication by the Crown to free up potential site prior to public consultation
1.1.4	Ensure Council's Development Plan is able to facilitate business opportunities	
1.1.4.1	Section 30 Review	Completed
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	Internal Signage at the Village	Completed
1.2.1.2	Public Charging Site Laptop / Mobiles	Completed

STRATEGIC PLAN

1.2.3 Promote and attract events and festivals that add value to the local economy

1.2.3.1	2014 National Daimler-Lanchester Car Group of Australia Rally	Completed
1.2.3.2	Loxton Event Proposal - Arts on the Terrace	Completed
1.2.3.3	Waikerie Event Proposal	True Grit Completed
1.2.3.4	Moorook/KOM Incorporated Association	Completed
1.2.3.5	Riverstock 2013	Completed
1.2.3.6	Loxton Pedal Prix	Completed

1.3 Create partnerships that provide economic opportunities

1.3.2 Work with local business associations to identify and address barriers to growth

1.3.2.1	Loxton Chamber of Commerce - Loxton Lights Up - Event Coordinator Support	Completed
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COMMUNITY GOAL 2 - COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

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	Develop and assist in the development of policies, codes of practice and codes of conduct to assist Council to set direction, guide decision making and inform the public about how Council will normally act	Ongoing program of review of existing policy with new policies developed as required
2.1.1.2	Fraud and Corruption Audit	Unable to source a training program
2.1.1.3	Delegations Review	Review Completed awaiting approval of the Senior Management Team
2.1.1.4	Authorisations	Ongoing program undertaken as required

2.1.2 Ensure there is no bias in the decisions of Council or the actions of staff

2.1.2.1	Elected Members Training Needs Analysis	To be undertaken with the election of the new council, November 2014
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2.1.5 Review policies and procedures to ensure compliance with legislation and that they are relevant to community needs

2.1.5.1	Records Management Plan	Ongoing
2.1.5.2	Dog Microchipping Devices	Completed
2.1.5.3	Internal Control Project - Review of Financial Policies and Procedures	Completed
2.1.5.4	Internal Control Project - Delegations Review	Completed

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2.2 Community Training

2.2.1 Implement a Professional Development program which incorporates provision of, and encourages attendance at, focused training for Elected Members to equip them to effectively discharge their responsibilities

2.2.1.1	Elected Members & S41 Committee Member Training	S41 committee member training Completed, elected member training ongoing
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2.3 Create partnerships that provide economic opportunities

2.3.2 Actively support community structures that promote and empower the community to determine its own requirements

2.3.2.1	Facilitate Loxton Dry Zone Consultation	Completed
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2.3.3 Use local media and Council's website to promote key decisions of Council

2.3.3.1	DCLW Website Redevelopment	E-Host engaged to commence redesign
2.3.3.2	Use Local Media and Councils Website to promote key decisions and actions of Council	Ongoing

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

3.1 Asset Management

3.1.1 Ensure long term management of infrastructure is based on asset management plans

3.1.1.1	Asbestos Register	Completed
3.1.1.2	Service road on Karoonda Highway	Completed
3.1.1.3	Asset Management Register Assistance	Completed
3.1.1.4	Asset Management Plan Updates - Ensure long term management of infrastructure is based on asset management plans	Completed
3.1.1.5	Digitise Categorise Asset Maps - Ensure long term management of infrastructure is based on asset management plans	Categorisation Completed - Digitisation awaiting funding
3.1.1.6	Irrigation and CWMS Integration of New Assets Data Pickup - Ensure long term management of infrastructure is based on asset management	Completed

3.1.3 Provide and manage the collection, retention, reuse or disposal of storm water in a manner that promotes sustainability of the water resource within the community, district and region

3.1.3.1	Waikerie Retention Dam	Waikerie Stormwater report yet to be Completed
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3.2 Public Spaces

3.2.1 Provide accessible & sustainable open space, parks & gardens for passive & active recreation

3.2.1.1	Alawoona Playground	No budget allocation made
3.2.1.2	Beautification of Loxton Cross of Sacrifice Area	Completed
3.2.1.3	Loxton Pioneer Playground Staged Upgrade	Yet to commence
3.2.1.4	Our Hub Our Pride East Terrace Loxton Stage Upgrade	Yet to commence
3.2.1.5	Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee - Heritage Park Section D	Redesigned the development to include tree sculpture
3.2.1.6	Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee - Water Feature East Terrace	Completed
3.2.1.7	Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee - Cemetery Gate	Completed
3.2.1.8	Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee - Rail Land - Final Concept Plan	Concept plan changed, will be Completed 2014/15
3.2.1.9	Corowa Estate Synthetic Turf	Completed
3.2.1.10	Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee - Street Tree Planing A	Completed
3.2.1.11	Loxton Apex Park Tree Removal	Completed
3.2.1.12	WDCC - Federation Park	Ongoing project
3.2.1.13	WDCC - Street Tree Program	Completed
3.2.1.14	Mobility Access	Completed

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

3.2.2.1	Gogel Road Footpath	Completed
3.2.2.2	Gogel Road Kerbing	Completed
3.2.2.3	Pyap Street Kerbing and Paving	Completed
3.2.2.4	Martha Street Kerbing & Paving	Completed
3.2.2.5	Briers roadside trees irrigation	Deferred to 2014/15

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	Waikerie Airport Fire Safety Services Upgrade	Limited interest in contractors to quote
3.3.1.2	Waikerie Pony Club - upgrade the fire safety egress and access to premises building standards	Contractors on site, near completion.

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3.3.1.3	LNRGC - Loxton North Oval Access Road	Completed
3.3.1.4	LNRGC - Loxton North Relocation of Existing Playground	Completed
3.3.1.5	Rilli / Qualco Boat Ramps	External funding secured, to be Completed 2014/15
3.3.1.6	Lions riverfront playground shelter upgrade	Completed
3.3.1.7	Upgrade to Stop and Shop Jetty at Waikerie Riverfront	Completed

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	Lease Management - Legal Fees	Completed
3.3.2.2	Loxton Swimming Pool	Completed
3.3.2.3	Waikerie Recreation Centre Various Compliances	Incomplete
3.3.2.3	Replacement of seats Waikerie Chamber	Completed
3.3.2.4	Waikerie Airport - Final Capping	Completed
3.3.2.5	Loxton West Storm Water Basin Revegetation	Completed
3.3.2.6	Loxton Wharf Retaining Wall	Deferred to 2014/15
3.3.2.7	Salt Water Drainage Loxton Apex Park	Deferred to 2014/15
3.3.2.8	Asset Management Plan Updates - 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	Completed - waiting on approval from the Financial Audit Committee
3.3.2.9	Retirement Village Review Brief	Completed

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

3.3.3.1	Develop Lease Management Policy	Draft policy developed awaiting public consultation
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3.3.4 Develop a long term community asset and facilities plans which addresses future needs, access, amenity and climate impacts

3.3.4.1	Lease and Licence Management	Ongoing
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3.5 Infrastructure

3.5.2 Support greater access to telecommunications and broadband networks

3.5.2.1	NBN Digial Economy	Ongoing
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COMMUNITY GOAL 4 - RECOGNITION AND PROTECTION OF A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

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	Kerbside Waste Collection Calendar 2014	Completed
4.2.1.2	Loxton Landfill Capping	Preliminary design approved, will be Completed in 2014/15
4.2.1.3	Kitchen Organic Bin Liners	Completed

4.4 Environmental Management

4.4.3 Develop a Heritage Plan which identifies those building and places of interest that contribute to the character of the District

4.4.3.1	WDCC - Historical Plaques (Waikerie)	Completed
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COMMUNITY GOAL 5 - STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH PROVISION OF CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

5.1 Community Well-being

5.1.2 Foster an increase in community capacity through a sense of ownership and pride, the celebration of the arts, community "can do" spirit, recognition of achievements and the value of volunteering

5.1.2.1	Volunteer Resource / Support	Ongoing
5.1.2.2	Local History	Waikerie Public library continues to work with the local history groups in preserving the history of Waikerie and surrounding districts through a number of programmes.
5.1.2.3	Management of Council Volunteers	Completed
5.1.2.4	Browns Well Heritage Collection volunteer project to scan material for upcoming centenary in 2014 induct volunteers	Scanning in progress - 2 x volunteers inducted
5.1.2.5	Management of Council Volunteers	Ongoing

5.1.3 Encourage life long learning through the provision of appropriate resources, services and facilities

5.1.3.1	Loxton Community Mens Shed	Completed
5.1.3.2	Waikerie Mens Shed Incorporate	Completed
5.1.3.3	Waikerie Mens Shed Incorporate Fitout Contribution	Completed

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5.1.4 Incorporate "Crime Prevention through Environmental Design" principles when developing public spaces and community facilities

5.1.4.1	Mobile CCTV Cameras	Council continues to utilise the use of mobile CCTV cameras in identified locations.
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5.2 Cultural Development

5.2.1 Provide opportunities for cultural expression and learning

5.2.1.1	Permits	Completed
5.2.1.2	Community Awards Assessment Panel	Completed
5.2.1.3	Community Grants	Completed

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	Development of Joint Regional Health Plan	Completed
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5.3.4 Ensure library facilities meet changing needs and demands

5.3.4.1	Loxton Library - Replace Disc Repair / Cleaning Machine	Completed
5.3.4.2	Waikerie & Loxton Library LMS	Completed
5.3.4.3	Waikerie Library - Refurbishment of Childrens Library	Deferred project
5.3.4.4	Waikerie Library - Replacement of Barcode Readers	Completed
5.3.4.7	Implementation of Library Management System	Completed

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	Waikerie Sports Precinct - Stage 2 Development	60% Completed
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5.4.2 Provide appropriate passive and active infrastructure to support recreational pursuits

5.4.2.1	Loxton Sporting Precinct	Ongoing
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COMMUNITY GOAL 6 - EFFECTIVE DELIVERY OF RELEVANT SERVICES THROUGH RESPONSIVE CORPORATE MANAGEMENT

6.1 Organisational Development

6.1.1	Continue to seek innovative methods of service delivery, including the use of shared service methodologies as appropriate	
6.1.1.1	Video Conferencing Units - Contingency for VIC pilot	Deferred
6.1.1.2	Human Resource Officer Administration Support (increased casual support to support HR)	Completed
6.1.1.3	IPADS	Completed
6.1.1.4	IT Infrastructure Upgrade/Replacement	Completed
6.1.1.5	IT Support Contract	Completed
6.1.1.6	Regional Procurement	Completed
6.1.1.7	Procurement Roadmap action plan	Completed
6.1.1.8	Procurement - Continue to seek innovative methods of service delivery, including the use of shared service methodologies as appropriate	Completed
6.1.2	Attract, retain and empower qualified, forward thinking staff to provide leadership	
6.1.2.1	Procurement Resource Development	Completed
6.1.3	Implement a workforce development plan that incorporates an appraisal system and performance system related to the Strategic and Departmental Corporate Management Plans	
6.1.3.1	Performance Management	Quote obtained - completed
6.1.4	Deliver necessary services in a cost effective and efficient manner	
6.1.4.1	Confidential Shredding of temporary records approved for destruction by State Records	Completed
6.1.4.2	Loxton Library - Computer Replacement	Completed
6.1.4.3	Waikerie Library - Tinting of Adult Library Windows	Completed
6.1.4.4	LGE Strategic Plan Actions	Completed
6.1.4.5	Work force planning - Delivery necessary services in a cost effective and efficient manner	Pending - synergy with service level
6.1.5	Encourage a continuous improvement culture throughout the organisation	
6.1.5.1	Establishment of Disability Access and Action Plans	Disability Access and Inclusion Plan currently being completed by EnvironArc for completion at end of 2014.

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6.1.6	Continue to review OH & S principles and systems for all staff, volunteers and contractors	
6.1.6.1	Chamber Application	Completed
6.1.7	Provide professional administration, structured to achieve Council's strategic plans	
6.1.7.1	Development Application Storage	Completed
6.1.7.2	Record Management Services - to provide for the management and archiving of Councils records	Completed
6.1.7.3	Design & Print Corporate Documentation	Completed
6.1.7.4	Council's Insurance Schedule	Ongoing
6.2	Customer Service	
6.2.1	Introduce, monitor and report on customer service standards	
6.2.1.1	Loxton Library - Extra Staffing Hours	Completed
6.2.1.2	Work Request Systems - Introduce, monitor and report on customer service standards	Completed
6.3	Long Term Planning	
6.3.3	Develop a Business Continuity Plan	
6.3.3.1	Assist with the development of an emergency customer service plan and procedures (prioritisation of services)	Completed
6.3.3.2	Review of the Business Continuity Plan	Completed / ongoing annual review required to be presented to the Audit Committee
6.4	Financial Sustainability	
6.4.2	Reduction in the reliance of rate revenue through actively seeking other revenue streams (external funds as a means of funding service) delivery	
6.4.2.1	Sustainability through cost management - Core service savings plan - Reduction in reliance of rate revenue through actively seeking other revenue streams	Pending - EM sign off
6.4.4	Adopt prudent risk management strategies to protect community assets	
6.4.4.1	Internal Audit Operations - Adopt prudent risk management strategies to protect community assets	Completed
6.4.4.2	Ensure effective reporting of any risk outcomes arising from Insurance Claims	Completed



INFRASTRUCTURE STATEMENT

MOOROOK CAMPING GROUNDS

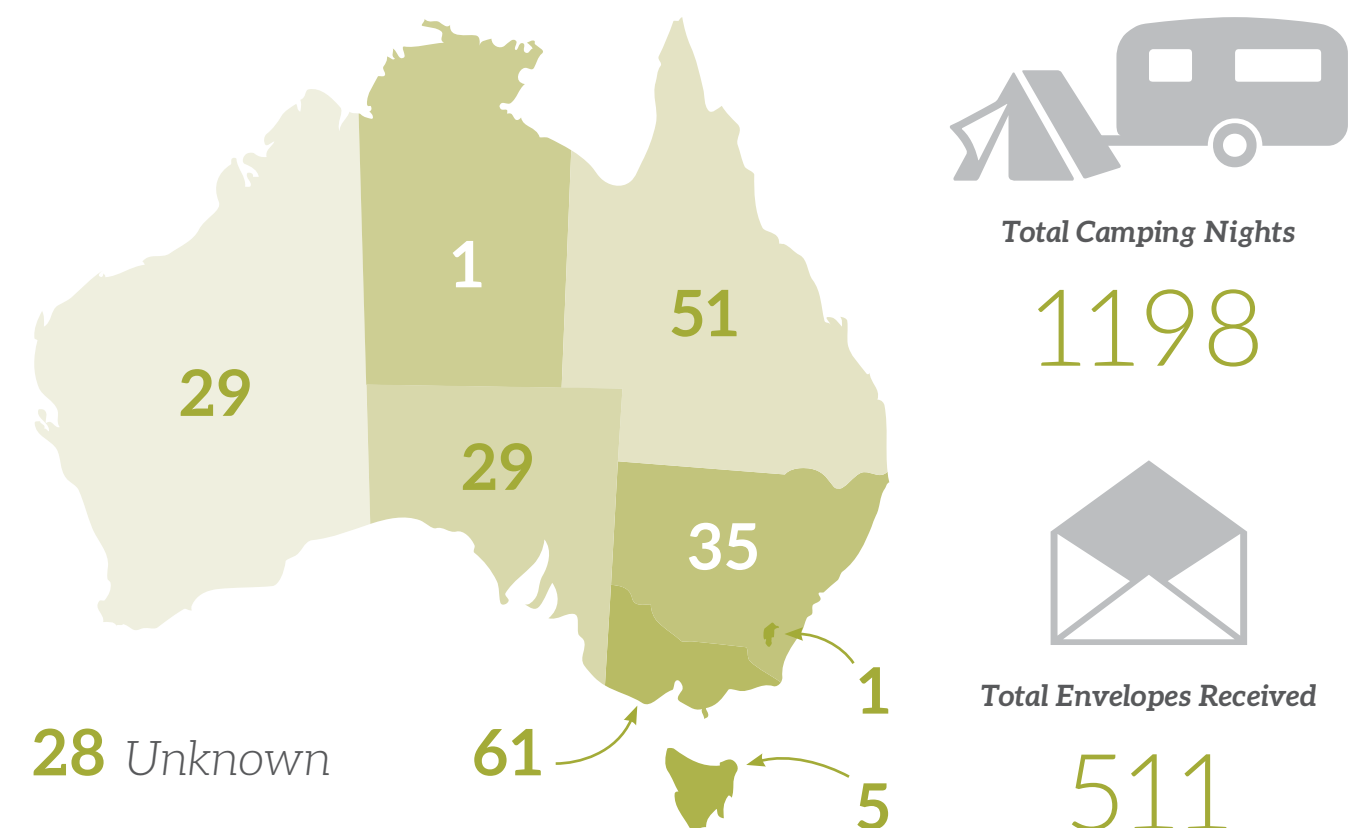
Collection of Fees

In November 2013 the Council introduced an Honesty Box to the Moorook Camping Grounds for the permanent collection of camping fees. The camping ground is a popular destination and heavily used during holiday periods and Council considered the honesty system, which is used by a range of councils that provide camping in remote areas, would be a cost effective and manageable solution for Moorook.

CAMPING FEES COMPARISON FOR 2012 - 2013 AND 2013 - 2014

FIN. YEAR	SITE FEES		FEES COLLECTED	COLLECTION FEES	INCOME TO COUNCIL
2012 - 2013	Unpowered	\$10.00	\$18,340	\$4,500	\$13,841
	Powered	\$15.00			
2013 - 2014	Unpowered	\$10.00	\$5,384 (Jul-Oct 2013)	\$1,300	\$4,084
	Powered	\$16.50	\$15,943 (Nov-Jun 2014)		\$15,943
TOTAL (2013 - 2014)					\$20,027 9.2% Increase on 2012/13

VISITATION



ROAD CONTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE



Zeigler Road Upgrade.



Karoonda Service Road.



Weat Boundary Road Re-sheet.

The 2013/2014 capital works program has seen the following completed:

Unsealed Roads

Taplan Road
Mindarie Road
West Boundary Road
Flowery Plains Road
Harvey Road
Wall Road
Markaranka Road
Loxton Aero club Access Road
Evans Road
Heinrich Road

Sealed Roads

Derrick Road shoulders
Ziegler Road
Karoonda Service Road

With the completion of the Heavy Vehicle upgrade of Ziegler Road, we have achieved the following objectives:

- 6km of smooth running surface – road has been constructed and sealed
- Road is now fit for purpose – has been widened for increased safety for freight and school bus routes.
- Has reduced conflict for all traffic - with the following traffic sharing the new facility - tourism, local and heavy freight
- Will reduce our ongoing road maintenance costs, especially wet weather
- Direct seeding of the batters with native seed will reduce scouring and assist with the revegetation of the site.

Reseals

Throughout the district \$400,000 was spent on resealing township streets in line with Council's 20 year construction and maintenance program from the Roads Asset Management Plan.



Ballantine Road Reseal

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



Coombe Terrace Paving

to the main street, hospital and health services and were therefore upgraded accordingly.

- Gogel Road footpath and kerbing - \$35,000
- Pyap Street kerbing - \$23,000
- Martha Street kerbing and paving - \$19,000
- Rowe Street/Peake Terrace - \$25,000



Anzac Crescent/Kokoda Terrace Paving

- Crush Terrace - \$10,000
- Strangman Road - \$24,000
- Coombe Terrace - \$42,000
- Matthews Street - \$90,000
- McCoy Street Crossing - \$10,000
- Kokoda Terrace to Anzac Crescent - \$70,000
- Anzac Crescent - \$19,000



Peake Terrace Paving

PARKS & GARDENS

This year as part of councils yearly maintenance program, which involves maintaining and developing parks and gardens within the district, upkeep of playgrounds and sporting facilities has seen the further development of Tobruk Terrace with tree plantings in the mulched median strips.

The Rotary and Apex sections of Heritage Park with the assistance of volunteers from the Loxton High School have pruned, weeded and re-planted with trees and shrubs.

The Loxton West Stormwater Basin was planted with native species indigenous to the riverfront to beautify this area with sustainable landscapes.

A section of the walking trail has been re-built and an arboretum created along the southern bank of the Loxton West Stormwater Basin.



Tobruk Terrace Mulching



Salt Bush Screens

MOOROOK & PAISLEY

Riverfront Development Moorook - Stage 1 & 2



Moorook Riverfront Before

Following on from works that commenced in the 2012/2013 financial year, the Council has completed major remedial works along the Moorook Riverfront by stabilising the river bank with geofabric bags and constructing a ski beach to improve access and provide safer ski facilities. A pontoon has also installed to improve the current launching and retrieval facilities.

The scope of the project also extended to traffic management with an all weather sealed car, car and trailer, and larger vehicle parking facility constructed,

focusing on a more formalized parking arrangement and clearways for the actual boat ramp. Safety aspects were also considered with the installation of solar lighting.

The Moorook Riverfront was officially opened by Hon Stephen Mullighan MP Minister for Transport and Infrastructure on 23rd June 2014.



Moorook Riverfront After

WORKS REQUEST SYSTEM

The works request system is a tool used to capture, program and complete identified infrastructure requests in a specified, agreed time frame.

The Infrastructure department completed 1,135 works requests, achieving an on time completion rate of 96%. This is a 1% increase in requests completed on time since last financial year.

Requests were a mixture of maintaining our infrastructure such as footpaths and roads,

seasonal – unsealed road grading, risk and extreme weather driven – tree trimming, branch removal and flooding, as well as specialised – event work, sign replacement and road closures, through to the expected – bin deliveries, new plantings and weed spraying.

OUR HUB OUR PRIDE

East Terrace Revitalization Project

Council applied for and was successful in receiving \$100,000 as part of the 2014 Local Government Stimulus Program and \$135,000 from the Open Space and Places for People grant funding.

Detailed concept designs have been developed by Oxygen, an Adelaide based architectural company. These designs place particular emphasis on the East Terrace entrance statement and paving, street furniture including the entertainment wall and stage area, landscaping and retaining walls around the library and

Drabsch Street crossover.

It is anticipated that the East Terrace project will commence in the 2014/15 financial year

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Waikerie District

The Committee was formed 2002 and during 2013/14 period the membership comprised of nine community members. The Committee met the first Tuesday of each month in the Waikerie Council Chambers and the meetings were open to the public.

Pioneer Park has been completed with a new walkway constructed, garden beds and plants installed, turf laid and the old pump sandblasted and painted with a new coat of paint. The last photo is the continuation of the walk with a new path and new plantings and mulched that links up with the cliff top walk.



The committee have also installed several more plaques at points of historical interest throughout the district. This is an ongoing project.

The Waikerie District Community Committee have been involved in planning the upgrades of Pioneer and Federation Parks in Waikerie.



Back from left to right - Anthony Fulwood (Chair) Liteisha Lochert, John Sylvia (Responsible Officer). Middle from left to right - Denise Ebert (minutes) Meredith Arnold, Wendy Hensel. Front from left to right - Margaret Thiel, Jan Heppner, Lucy Quintel. Absent - Allan Bennett and Henry Mortimer.

LOXTON RECREATION

Grounds Committee



This financial year the Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee, a Section 41 Committee of council commenced planning for the wetland proposed at the rail land precinct. This will include a stormwater detention basin. This plan will be put out for public consultation in the 2014/2015 financial year.

In partnership with the Rotary Club of Loxton the Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee beautified the lawned area below the hotel, which included an upgrade to the water feature, which consist of a creek bed and small waterfall.

The entrance gates to the Loxton Cemetery from Geraldton Street were replaced with new gates and gate pillars to match the existing fencing.

Street tree planting continued throughout the areas surrounding Mill, Aleppo, Coral Streets and Tobruk Terrace. Planting were also carried out in the median strips of Kokoda and Tobruk Terraces. The trees were planted with the assistance of volunteers including students from the Loxton High School and are being watered by the Loxton Tree Carers Group.



Water Feature Upgrade.



Doris Phelps - assisting with the revegetation planning of the Loxton West Dam.



LHS Duke of Ed award activity at Loxton west dam arboretum site. Loxton to Bookpurnong LAP and Council provided money and LRG co-ordinated the project.



Loxton High School year 9 students undertaking Duke of Edinburgh Award activity and one of our 18 volunteer tree carers undertaking LRG tree planting for Council.



LOXTON NORTH RECREATION

Grounds Committee



Completed Access Road Upgrade.

This small Section 41 Committee commenced the first stages of the Loxton North Sporting Precinct plan.

Which included the completion of the access road around the oval including, relocation of the ticket box and completion of the stormwater drains around the recently completed netball courts and the playground has been re-fenced.

WAIKERIE AERODROME

In February 2014 the University of SA, School of Engineering conducted tests on new aircraft collision avoidance systems.

The testing involved a car over which an unmanned aircraft was

mounted and driven around at a speed of 80-90km/hr. The intention is not to fly the aircraft, it will stay on top of the car. A light manned aircraft flies overhead. The aim was to get the car and the light aircraft to cross each other at different angles and speeds to test the performance of their systems.




ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS

Council has adopted Asset Management Plans for its roads, community waste water systems, buildings and structures, Irrigation Systems, Plant and Machinery and Playgrounds and Skate parks.


The plans include descriptions of various assets, levels of service, life cycle plan, projected maintenance performance measurement and future improvements and monitoring. The plans are available on the Council website and staff are now preparing asset management plans for their updates and reviews.

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Roads

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Community Wastewater Management System

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Buildings and Structures

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PLANT AND MACHINERY ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Playgrounds and Skate Parks

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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 2013/14 financial year: -

RISK CLASSIFICATION	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	TOTAL
No. of Businesses	56	100	6	162
No. of routine Inspections conducted	8	52	6	66
No. of follow up Inspections conducted	0	16	2	18
No. of Inspections resulting from complaints	0	2	0	2

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.

During the reporting period 9 warning letters and 2 improvement notices were issued to food businesses throughout the Council area for failing to comply with the National Food Safety Standards.

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 2013/2014 financial year, there were 6 Category 2 development applications assessed, 8 Category 3 developments assessed and 2 non-complying applications 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 2013/2014 year the Panel considered 13 development applications compared with 8 items for the previous financial year.

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

The Strategic Directions Report, commonly called a Section 30 review, is required under Section 30 of the Development Act and is important to actively promote, shape and encourage good development and quality economic, social and environmental outcomes for the Council. The report was commenced during the 2012-13 financial year and adopted by Council in November 2013. It was then approved by the Minister in January 2014.

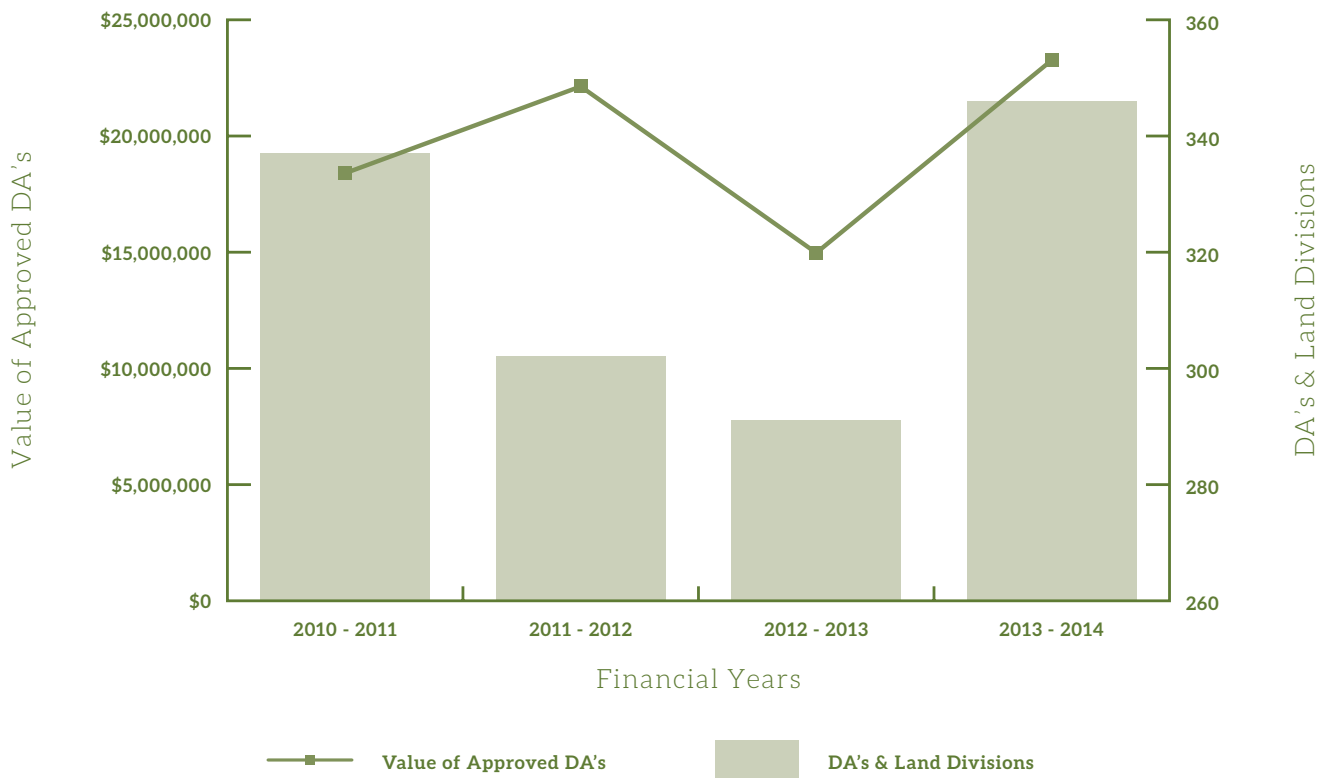
PLANNING DIVISION

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
Dwellings	52	32	27	57
Extensions to dwellings	18	38	10	13
Commercial / Industrial	25	35	12	31
Extensions to Commercial / Industrial	17	29	13	14
Garages, Carports, Verandas, Swimming Pools, Fences, Retaining Walls etc	204	142	209	211
Land Divisions	21	26	20	20
TOTAL	337	302	291	346

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 dwellings, dwelling additions, carports, verandahs, sheds, swimming pools and

safety barriers, retaining walls, commercial and industrial buildings. It also includes inspections of swimming pools and safety barriers.

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 4 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 and 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 an attempt to continue to educate residents, the Council worked collaboratively with Zero Waste SA to run the food organics and Hazardous waste campaign. This campaign was designed to educate residents about what can and can't be disposed of in your kitchen organics bin and how to dispose of hazardous waste correctly. These messages were communicated to residents through newspaper bulletins, flyers and the internet.

LOXTON WASTE TRANSFER STATION

Leading up to official closure of the Loxton landfill site, it was operating partially as a landfill site and partially as a waste transfer station, recycling and reusing waste where possible. Early in the 2013/2014 financial year Council staff completed the construction of a composting pad that will be used to deposit residential green organics waste on. As part of the EPA approved landfill closure plan, this composted material will be used to cover the closed landfill in years to come.

As of the 1st December 2013 the Loxton Landfill site was officially 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.

WIPE OUT WASTE (WOW) PROGRAM

As part of the State Government's Zero Waste SA program, the Wally and the Wipe Out Wizard presentation was performed to local Primary Schools within the region. The program consisted of two 40 minute performances covering a range of topics including reducing food packaging, recycling systems and the use of the two and three bin systems.

The WOW program supported a whole school community approach to waste management and learning. The integrated and interactive education program for schools aimed to:

- Improve systems to reduce waste and recover resources in schools
- Monitor progress and continually improve resource recovery (waste) outcomes in the schools
- Encourage and influence people to adopt more sustainable behavior

During the wipe out waste tour's five days in the region, the 'reduce, reuse, recycle' message was spread to over 2000 students from 34 different school and kindergartens from the Loxton, Barmera, Waikerie and Renmark districts.



Wipe Out Waste, KESAB and Zero Waste representatives were impressed with the already high level of recycling being performed by schools within the district

KESAB

Sustainable Communities Tidy Towns



The 2013 KESAB Sustainable Communities Award winners were announced on Wednesday 24 October.

This year's Awards were held at the Semaphore Palais, Semaphore. The Waikerie community was again prominent at the 2013 KESAB award presentations being recognised as the 2013 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 186 projects which have been completed by more than 227 organisations and community groups.

Rounds seventeen and eighteen of Council's Community Grants Program were advised and funded during the 2013/2014 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. Successful applications were:

ORGANISATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT (incl. GST)
Councils Community Grant Program Round 17		
Loxton Amateur Basketball Association	Replacement player singlets	\$2,500.00
Loxton Cricket Club	Redevelopment of Loxton cricket pitch	\$3,000.00
Loxton CWA	New storage cupboard	\$1,000.00
Loxton Lutheran School	Pedal Prix Program	\$2,000.00
Riverland West Chamber of Commerce	Storage trailer	\$2,500.00
Waikerie Toy Library	Changes to Library	\$1,500.00
Waikerie Rifle Club Incorp.	Bullet Scoop	\$500.00
Waikerie Scout Group	Kitchen Renovation	\$3,000.00
Hamish Peberdy	Secondary Schools Sports SA Team	\$100.00
TOTAL		\$16,100.00



COMMUNITY GRANTS

ORGANISATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT <small>(incl. GST)</small>
Councils Community Grant Program Round 18		
Loxton Ladies Probus Club	Probus Friendship Day 2014	\$1400.00
Loxton Neighbourhood Watch	Record Storage	\$380.00
Moorook Bowling Club	Let's Try Bowls	\$1500.00
Riverland Bridge Club	Dealing Machine	\$2200.00
St John Ambulance	Riverland Bicycle Emergency Response Team	\$2000.00
Riverland West Landcare	Hart Lagoon Walking Trail	\$2790.00
Waikerie Children's Centre	Waste & Recycling With animals	\$1500.00
Waikerie Men's Probus Club	Computer Projector	\$ 850.00
Waikerie RSL	Healthy eating & BBQ	\$1000.00
TOTAL		13,620.00
Youth Sport & Cultural Sponsorships		
James Smith		\$100.00
Lisa Redemski		\$100.00
Austin Hampel		\$125.00
Blake Hampel		\$125.00
Ebony Lange		\$125.00
Emily Ramos		\$125.00
TOTAL		\$700.00
OVERALL TOTAL		\$14,320.00

WAIKERIE SPORTING PRECINCT

Development

On 17 May 2013, the Government announced the approval of \$441,272 from Round three of the Regional Australia Development Fund. The fund is to support local infrastructure projects.

The funding requested for stage 2 of the Waikerie combined sports facilities proposals and priorities are to upgrade the existing Waikerie sports precinct facilities. To include the re-alignment of the current 2 netball and 2 basketball courts. To be run north/south and add an additional 2 netball courts

and relocate and include 6 tennis courts. Upgrade lighting complimented with tiered seating for viewing supporters. Centralised glass front clubhouse including toilets/showers, kitchen, office, storage area and treatment room which will be shared by six individual sporting groups year round.

Established of a playground adjacent to the clubhouse to cater for families.

This project will co-locate a range of sports in one locality and provide facilities for year round sporting and community events. It will provide a community asset for the Waikerie and surrounding districts residents.

The development commenced in September 2013 and is envisaged to be completed by early 2015.

Council was informed in December 2013 that Council was also successful in obtaining a grant from the Office for Recreation and Sport to complete elements of the Waikerie Sports precinct totalling \$350,000. The total project includes \$441,272 from Regional Australia Development Fund, \$350,000 Office Recreation for Sport, \$250,000 District Council Loxton Waikerie, \$15,000 Rotary Club of Waikerie, and \$8,000 from the Sporting user group totalling \$1,064,272 sports development for the Waikerie community.



Proposed Waikerie Sporting Precinct



Court Element Completed

WAIKERIE SPORTING PRECINCT

Development

Green light for community sports hub

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"It will mean tennis will have some great courts all located close together and it will end the troubles they've had over the years with flooding and cracking of the courts," she said.
"Sports like Little Athletics, softball and netball...will all get clubrooms out of it, which is just fantastic news for them."
"We'll also be able to put in a new entranceway for the sports centre which will give them some extra space that they badly need for office and storage area..."
Mrs Tscharke said the community would benefit from a new playground, located beside the netball courts.
Waikerie Sports Precinct sub-committee member and president of the Waikerie Little Athletics Club Naomi Campbell said the funding was huge news for the sports community.
"From a Little Athletics perspective, it gives us a clubroom, something we've never had before," she said.
"It gives us an opportunity to hold evening meets with dining facilities and also proudly display memorabilia from over the years."
"From a netball club point of view, it means that we can have all teams playing at home every week and gives us the ability to better cater for the finals, so it's just huge."
"I would be doing cartwheels



DAVID Gwynne (far left) and Naomi Campbell (far right) are over the moon following news that their funding bid for stage two of the Waikerie Sports Precinct Development was successful. They are pictured with Sarah and Joel Griffiths (centre).
PHOTO: Kyla Goodfellow

if I could."
Ms Campbell, outgoing treasurer for the Waikerie Netball Club, said having the teams play at the same location would create a great social environment.
"It means other teams can support the teams that are playing on the day," she said.
"Having everyone playing in one spot is just so precious to the club because it doesn't always happen."
Waikerie Tennis club committee member and coach Craig Griffiths said the creation of new courts would likely spark a rise in membership numbers.
"We've had a really successful junior program operating over many years, but the courts were having a bit of an impact on the numbers that we could have put out there," he said.
"With more courts and better facilities, I think all the sporting groups, the netball, the basketball and tennis particularly, will certainly benefit, which is just fantastic."
"We're also providing something for the future, for our kids. Sport in the country is a big part of country

kids' lives and if we can give them better facilities it's just going to encourage them even more to get-out and play some sport."
Meanwhile, Mrs Tscharke revealed that works on the redevelopment were scheduled to commence in September, following the completion of the netball season.
The project is expected to be finalised in April, 2014.
Mrs Tscharke said sporting clubs should remain largely unaffected by the works.
While the majority of works will be completed by council and private contractors, some work will be done in kind by members of various sporting groups.
Loxton Waikerie Council was among three Riverland and Mallee councils, which were successful in obtaining RDA funding through Round Three of the Regional Development Australia Fund.
The Southern Mallee Council received a \$110,000 boost for its Pinnaroo Wetlands walking trail, while Renmark Paringa Council's town centre revitalisation project will also get a grant of about \$375,000.
Round three of the fund was open to small towns with fewer than 30,000 people.
Stage one of the Waikerie Sports Precinct Development took place in late 2010.

LOXTON CENTENARY FEATURE



Loxton Centenary Feature Clock.

The Counterbalance sculpture was commissioned to acknowledge Loxton's 2007 Centenary and reflects the town's community spirit, celebrating the past and building optimism for the future.

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie initially called for volunteers from the community to further develop the concept and formed the Loxton Centenary Feature Committee. The committee undertook a community consultation

process with over 350 individuals involving interviews, written comments, and group discussions and used the results to draft their vision statement.
The Loxton Centenary Feature Committee and the Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee engaged Swanbury Penglase Architects to develop a landscape concept plan which included the Loxton Centenary Feature 'Counterbalance' sculpture. The concept plans were endorsed by the District Council of Loxton Waikerie in principal in 2010.
Construction commenced in May 2011 and was completed in March 2014.

TRUE GRIT

VOLUNTEERING



District Council of Loxton Waikerie Mayor Leon Stasinowsky (left) and community development officer Sue Schultz at the volunteer 'thank you' morning tea held at the Waikerie Bowling Club.

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.

2014 National Volunteer Week was celebrated from 13-19 May with more than 6 million Australian volunteers recognised for their contribution to their communities.
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.

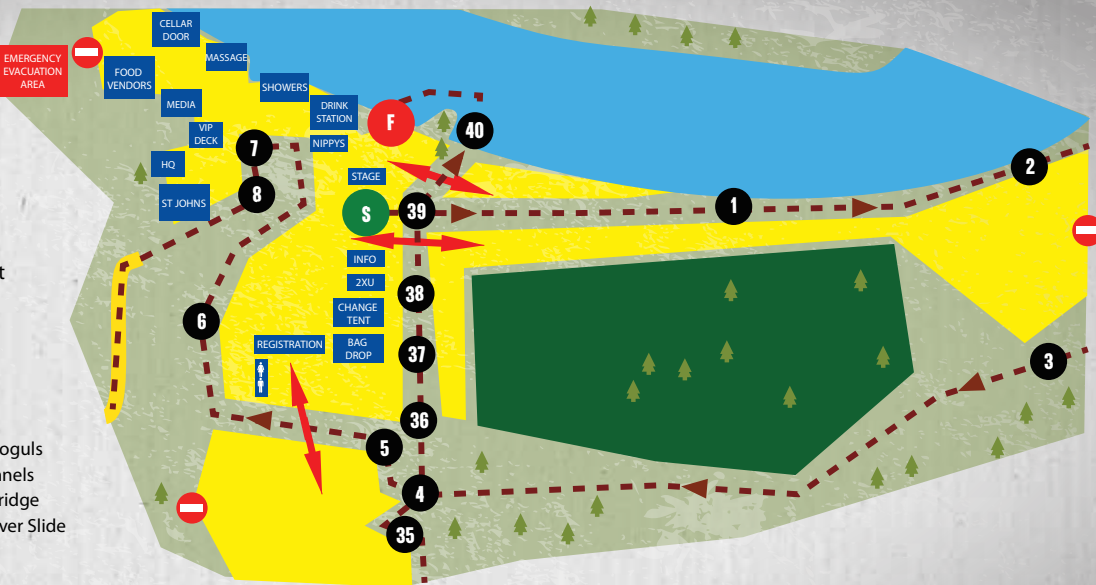
SPECTATOR MAP ADELAIDE (CAUDO VINEYARDS - CADELL) 26 + 27 APRIL 2014

KEY

- Start
- Finish
- Spectator Area
- Camping Area
- Race Route
- Points of interest
- Crossing Points
- No Entry

OBSTACLES

- 1. The Logs
- 2. The Ladder
- 3. Traverse Ropes
- 4. Cable Bridge
- 5. Big Dipper
- 6. Hay Bails
- 7. A Frame Cargo
- 8. The Walls
- 35. Monkey Bars
- 36. Aquaphobia
- 37. Muddy Moguls
- 38. Water Tunnels
- 39. Smokin Bridge
- 40. Murray River Slide



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 26th and 27th April 2014 at the Caudo Vineyards and whilst the event is to be staged with in the Mid Murray Council district the location will significantly benefit Waikerie businesses. 4,000 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 2014 True Grit Adelaide (Caudo Vineyards) Event.

No obstacle as race hits the big time

JAI BEDNALL

SOUTH Australia has been chosen to host the first Australian Obstacle Course Racing championships as the sport continues to grow in popularity.

The event, to be held at Caudo Vineyards near Cadell in the Riverland on April 26, will be broadcast on ESPN and feature 120 hand-picked elite athletes.

ESPN Australia program manager Gus Seebeck said his network jumped at the opportunity to broadcast the event.

"We love the sport and what it has become in such a short time and look forward to seeing it grow in the future," Seebeck said. The site was used to host a similar race named True Grit last year where more than 5000 people competed.

Competitors will negotiate about 40 obstacles along a 12km course.

Three South Australian athletes - Cristian Izzini, Lizzie Summers and Craig Wilson - have been offered wildcards into the event.

Izzini, 36, set the course record at a True Grit event held at Wayville last year and has begun training specifically for the national titles.

"I like to challenge myself,"

he said. "The more challenging and painful the better."

Summers, 35, used to run marathons but has been hooked on obstacle course racing since taking part in the MS Mud Run in December, 2012.

"It's good it's becoming more popular in SA now be-

cause previously I had to travel interstate for events," she said.

"A lot of it is about conquering my fears.

"I didn't realise I had a fear of heights until my first obstacle race. I got stuck on top of a cargo net and one of our team had to talk me down."

The popularity of these endurance events has seen the formation of a national governing body which aims to see obstacle racing formally recognised as a mainstream sport in Australia and be considered for inclusion in future Olympic Games.



WILDCARDS: Lizzie Summers and Cristian Izzini train for the championships. Photo: SAM WUNDKE

LOXTON PEDAL PRIX

Council negotiated to conduct stage 1 of the Uni SA HPV Super Series Pedal Prix around a street circuit in Loxton on Sunday 4 May 2014. Partnering with Australian International Pedal Prix Inc (AIPP) who is a proven professional organisation to undertake the conduct of the actual race, limiting the exposure to Council and ensuring the best possible outcome from a race participants perspective was a vital component of the event being such a success.

The event was undertaken by a partnership approach between Council and the Loxton Chamber of Commerce with the aim being to attract a new and unique event to the region, for the event to attract local and non local interest and to be conducted in a manner that provided opportunity for local traders to maximise business opportunities because of the event.

65 teams entered with an average team being estimated to consist of between 10 and 15 people (competitors/support people etc), meaning the participants alone accounted for between 650 to nearly a thousand people.

It has been reported that 3000 people attended the event, 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.

Feedback from the AIPP indicated that they were extremely impressed with the street circuit, that the working relationship between them, the Chamber and Council was very productive, the food provision and support of the businesses was very well received, the pit lane provided a fantastic atmosphere for participants and spectators, and overall they were very pleased with this as a first event.

Leading up to the event the Chamber identified an

opportunity to promote the event and particularly the trading opportunities to intending participants. To that end they developed an online application that was linked to the AIPP Facebook site which is where competitors go to gain race information. <http://m.twoppy.com/loxtonevents/>

To support this, Council extended the free WiFi service from the Visitor Information Centre to the Recreation Centre which is essentially covering the pit area to allow participants to access this information source on the race day in order to ensure traders received the maximum exposure. The Loxton Club also has provision of WiFi in that area.

The Chamber also posted information on their Facebook site with hits peaking at over 100 per day 2 days before the event and sustained at approximately 3 times the average in the week leading up to and including the event

The event cost Council approximately \$50,000 to arrange and conduct, the majority of the cost is attributed to the cost to hire, transport,



LOXTON PEDAL PRIX

setup, pack up and transport the barrier to and from Adelaide.

Based upon the estimate of 3000 people attending and assuming 1500 of these were non locals and the remainder were Riverland based, and using the Destination Riverland provided estimate of \$80 per day tripper for the non local and an estimate of \$40 per day for the Riverland based attendees, results in an estimated economic beneficial impact of approximately \$180,000 from the event. It is acknowledged that this estimate is based upon assumptions however it shows that the economic gain could reasonably be expected to outweigh the cost.



EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

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

Major events that continue to raise the profile and encourage visitation to the district include, (but not limited to):- Australia Day Celebrations in both Loxton and Waikerie, Waikerie Rotary Food Fair, Waikerie Rock & Roll Festival, Waikerie Enduro, Waikerie's Santa's Cave, Loxton's Annual Spring Show, Moorook Music Festival, Loxton's Annual Mardi Gras, Nippy's Loxton Gift, Loxton Christmas Lights Festival and pageants

Other 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
- Youth Week Celebrations

- Waikerie Christmas Pageant
- Loxton Mardi Gras
- Moorook Rivertstock Music Festival
- NAIDOC Celebrations
- Waikerie Senior of the Year Awards
- Operation Flinders
- Waikerie Mens Shed
- Loxton Mens Shed



SENIOR IPAD TRIALS

Council together with Murray Mallee Aged Care Group (MMACG) implemented to the region a new iPad learning group called Senior's Information Technology Trial (SITT).

MMACG was able to offer this opportunity 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 SITT classes will comprise of the free loan of an I Pad version 3 for the period of 6 weeks. This I Pad will remain the property of MMACG but will be available for the participant to take home for the period of the SITT classes.

The SITT classes will meet each Tuesday from 10.00pm to 12.00noon for a period of 6 weeks commencing 30 April, 2013 and concluding at a date to be determined. Training classes will involve five participants and will be held in the Loxton Public Library. The classes are facilitated by the Community

Development Officer and Council volunteer tutor. The initiative of this program is to link rural older people to the community through technology. As part of the six week training course our volunteer teaches seniors how to use the latest technology to reduce loneliness so they can stay better connected to their families and community and reduce their loneliness in their older years. The training program is relaxed, fun, entertaining and provides the important skills to use this new technology.

Councils Ipad training commenced on 30 April 2013 and due to community demand has been held continuously each week with no break. To date the training has seen 83 seniors take part in the training. Council currently has bookings estimated to the end of January 2015 including another 24 participants. Totalling two months short of two years, an amazing outcome.



LOXTON RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Jan Cass - Chairman

I am pleased to report on a successful year for the Loxton Retirement Village. The management committee which operates as a Section 41 committee of Council has met regularly and has applied the continuing financial and administrative management that is required.

Costs do not get any easier and the areas of increased expenditure are as always, insurances, water, electricity and council rates and these are expected to again be the biggest cost pressures

LOXTON RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Jan Cass - Chairman

facing the village. To cover our expenditure means an increase in the maintenance fee charged to the residents, but we believe that we provide a valued and excellent standard of accommodation.

From a modest turn over of 7 units during 2012-13, four of which were finalized in the early part of 2013-14 year, a further 9 units have been transitioned during the reporting period. There will be some minor carry over to

the new financial year. As ever we are mindful that some of these changes are as a result of residents passing away and we have offered our sincere condolences to the families. In some case there has been a transferring to higher care, and this is always carried out with understanding,, care and support to both residents and family. We take great pride that we have been able to provide residential accommodation for our elderly citizens. Our source of new residents comes

from an extensive waiting list but in some cases the still slow real estate market was not helpful in speedy change overs. We are encouraged that the village attracts potential residents from a far wider area than just the district. The Committee is reviewing the need for new additional units and has requested council to consider expanding the Village. The Council has undertaken a review of current operations and future directions and will release a report in the New Year.

We have continued with our unit refurbishment program and in some case we have been able to refresh a number of units during change over. Caretaker, Trevor Manual has continued to provide excellent maintenance services both to residents and the village surrounds. We continue to receive compliments on our style of residences and the spacious surrounds and the District Council has a significant investment that is a source of comfort to the Senior Citizens of the District.



NAIDOC WEEK

Flag Raising Ceremonies



LOXTON NAIDOC

Flag Raising Ceremony Wednesday 10 July 2013

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 in the

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

The 2013 National NAIDOC theme was aimed at "We value the vision: Yirrkala Bark Petitions 1963." This theme proudly celebrates the 50th anniversary of the presentation of the Yirrkala Bark Petitions to the federal parliament.

Mayor Leon Stasinowsky was present at the Loxton Flag Raising ceremony and was joined by Loxton elders Eric Cook and Michael Kropinyeri. Eric Cook acknowledged the traditional owners of our land with a Welcome to Country and was assisted by Michael Kropinyeri with flag raising ceremony.



WAIKERIE NAIDOC

Flag Raising ceremony Thursday 11 July 2013

Deputy Mayor Mark Ward was present at the Waikerie Flag raising ceremony and was joined by elder Kathleen Sansbury who facilitated the Welcome to Country with help from the youth of Waikerie who raised the Indigenous flag

WAIKERIE COMMUNITY SHED

From a public meeting to consider a community garden proposal in July 2012, grew the concept of a likely men's shed in Waikerie.

Council investigated the possibilities of creating a joint use facility to meet the needs of the newly formed Waikerie Men's

Shed, Rotary Club of Waikerie and the Waikerie Apex Club. The joint use facility would also be available as a meeting space for other community groups. Council, Waikerie Men's Shed, Waikerie Apex Club and the Rotary Club of Waikerie met regularly over the last two years investigating methods for a shared use facility, choice

of locations, shed space requirements, as well as ingress and egress of vehicles. Council formally indicated support for the joint use facility and assisted with land purchase, with the confirmed settlement of 101 Penaluna Crescent, Waikerie in August 2013. The successful tender was awarded in October 2014 for a two shed configuration and floor space for each group's specific requirements was included. Construction commenced in mid November 2013 and was completed in March 2014. Council has allocated a total cost of \$305,000 funds to the Community Shed development. Additionally the development has received much support from the men's shed, Rotary and Apex who have also contributed in-kind skill and labour to progressively complete the development.



Tony Pasin, Member for Barker, Mayor Leon Stasinowsky, Trevor Quast, Waikerie Rotary President, Jason Rayner Waikerie Apex President and Bob Kemp, Waikerie Men's Shed President

LOXTON COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED

"Men's Sheds" are community based, non-profit, non-commercial organisations that are accessible to all men and whose primary activity is the provision of safe, friendly and healing environment where men are able to work on meaningful projects at their own pace in their own time in the company of other men. A major objective is to advance the well-being and health of its members and to encourage social inclusion.

The objects of the Loxton Community Men's Shed, are to advance the health and well-being of our members by

providing a safe and happy environment where skilled and unskilled men can, in the company of other men,

- (a) Pursue hobbies, pastimes and interests
- (b) Learn new skills, practice and pass on old skills
- (c) Learn about their own and other men's health and well-being
- (d) By their efforts, contribute to their families, their friends, the Shed and their community
- (e) Mentor younger men

LOXTON COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED

The Loxton community Men's Shed relocated to two bays of the of the Loxton Historical Village restoration shed in June 2013. We are where we want to be; we, as a group, have always said that our preferred location was the "green" shed adjacent to the Village where we could provide a real opportunity to develop the next wave of volunteers supporting the Village..... an ideal partnership. We have achieved "great things" since receiving Councils financial contribution of \$40k toward the development of a 15m x 15m extension to the existing restoration shed. This area has provided space for 8 workstations, an area for larger restoration/building projects and material storage area. The shed framework is now complete, has been insulated and clad, with work commencing on the kitchen/office/learning facility and communal disabled ablution facilities. The "Shed" development will provide an excellent asset to Council and the community, providing a safe, friendly, welcoming place for men to

work on meaningful projects and to contribute to the wider community. It provides the opportunity to develop a cohesive and harmonious partnership with the Village volunteers and could, in time, become a volunteer hub for the Loxton community - a pretty good objective and outcome for our community. We are currently negotiating with Councils CEO, Peter Ackland, to develop a memorandum of understanding, whereby the "Men's Shed" will undertake the maintenance of specified community projects relieving time poor staff from menial tasks..... The "Men's Shed", working collaboratively with Council & Community to achieve better outcomes for our broader community. Projects that the "Shed" have already undertaken or given a commitment to, include the following:-

- Loxton Rotary Club - furniture restoration.
- Xmas Street Decorations.
- Assisted Garden Club - pruning of roses.
- Furniture Restoration - community members.
- Mr David Kimber - Bird & Bat Boxes
- Loxton Playground Development
- Loxton Retirement Village - Letter box installations

Whilst these projects are being undertaken, members are also progressing their own projects, sharing their skills and working side by side with fellow "shedders" – a truly rewarding social experience.



LOXTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Karen Rubarth, Manager Library Services



ONE CARD LIBRARY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

For Loxton Waikerie District Council Libraries

Both council libraries, Loxton Public Library and Waikerie Public Library joined the One

Card Library Management System network 24 October 2013 after a 12 month lead up of intense preparation. This preparation included 3 days of training at Public Library Services in Adelaide for key staff and ongoing online training for all staff. Preservation of current data was a high priority which had to

be manipulated and extracted into the correct format to be compatible for the new system. Weekly meetings between the two libraries occurred to keep the information flowing and the project on track which required high level planning and commitment from all library staff. It was extremely rewarding to see the tireless efforts of staff come into fruition.

Both libraries celebrated the launch of the new system with a morning tea and 'one card' cakes with demonstrations and informational resources on how to utilize the new service.



Waikerie Public Library staff (left to right) Dianne Taylor, Michael Cox and Katrina Webber during the morning tea celebrations



Loxton Public Library staff (left to right) Karen Flavel, Karen Rubarth and Kylie Smith on launch day of the new system



'One card' display at Loxton Public Library

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The positive feedback from community members has been very encouraging and an increase in patronage and loans has been recorded at both library services.

The new online catalogue provides access to all South Australian public libraries' items migrated to the new system, presently consisting of nearly 4 million items and almost 1 million borrowers. Borrowers are able to place a 'hold' on items held in other libraries and have that material sent to their 'home' library for collection. This service is being well utilized with an average of 280 items arriving per week for our borrowers, providing a more diverse range of materials. The community has benefited from this service and a rise in active borrowers has been noted along with an increase in visitors to the area borrowing supporting our tourists. Our borrowers are also taking up the advantage of borrowing materials from other libraries when they are away from home.

Benefits to the community

- 24/7 online access to the Enterprise catalogue and the ability to place a 'hold' on items from any library in South Australia
- Faster delivery of inter library loans
- Library card is able to be used in any South Australian public library to loan material
- Library material is able to be returned at any South Australian public library
- Access to over 4 million items at project completion

- More effective use of library materials between libraries which will provide financial benefits for procuring materials
- Automated SMS messaging, emailing and notices for notifications
- Ongoing cost savings in IT management due to a consortium based system
- Enhancements and technological advances will occur more expediently
- Country libraries will have the same level of access and service as metropolitan libraries
- Visitors are able to access library materials

It is an ongoing process to be part of the 140 library consortium and requires constant commitment to have input into plans, enhancements, best practice and procedures. Both library services will endeavour to participate in library management system working groups to enable our community to receive services and resources to meet their needs.

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The Loxton Public Library service became part of the One Card library network in late October 2013 which has been a significant focus for 2013/2014 – Refer One Card Project report. This has led to increased patronage of 11% by locals and visitors utilizing this state

wide, seamless service. 22% of library patrons live outside the council area due to all South Australians being able loan from each others libraries. Item loans have also increased by 6% as has digital loans as more technologies become available.

Programs and services have been increased due to demand with phenomenal increases in participation and usage. Participants in children's programs have increased by 64% to 3,850 people attending these programs.

The uptake and increase in digital technologies have continued to grow as more and more services and communication change to the online environment. This has been supported by the SITT iPad sessions which have been benefiting the community.

LIBRARY BUDGET

A new DVD / CD cleaner was purchased to maintain the collection of 2,800 DVDs, CDs, CD-ROMs and audio discs which is used by a library volunteer to clean and repair these discs to keep them in loanable condition. Technology hardware was upgraded to ensure the library management system would not be compromised with the purchase of a catalogue computer, 2 receipt printers and 2 monitors. Extra staffing hours of 4 hours per week have been well utilized to ensure the new management system had the necessary preparation and ongoing management. This has also enabled the commitment to programs to be met.

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LIBRARY SERVICES

Home Service Delivery

Home Service Delivery is provided for home bound members of the community who are unable to visit the library due to illness or mobility difficulties. Staff, select and pack library materials which are delivered by library volunteers who also collect items ready for returning. Volunteers contributed 183 hours to delivering this service throughout the year. This service provides independence and social interaction for these clients as well as benefiting family and carers.

Internet access

The use of the public access computers and library Wi-Fi continues to increase each year with this year realizing a 30% increase to 9,543 sessions being provided. Library staff continually provide assistance for digital technology queries as more people take up these technologies.

Print Disability Services

Loaning of audio navigators and DAISY players is a vital service for our vision impaired patrons with some of these

people also utilizing the Home Service Delivery to access these services. Library staff selects audio content and load on devices for up to 12 patrons at any one time.

Book Discussion Groups

Due to interest by patrons another adult Book Discussion Group was formed bringing the number of groups to 3 with 12 members in each group. Library staff support the groups by providing rosters, meeting invitations and ordering books.

OverDrive Audio & E-Books

Through the online audio and e-book catalogue provided through Public Library Services patrons have borrowed 836 digital items. Library staff have actively encouraged and assisted patrons in utilizing this technology.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS & PROMOTIONS

Children's Book Week

Due to the impending inception of the new library management system sessions were only offered to regular visiting school and pre-school classes with 142 participants engaging in the planned story and craft sessions.

Children's Holiday Program

373 children participated in the 20 story and craft sessions offered during the school holidays. A library volunteer helps to prepare these crafts.



A class from the Loxton Primary School listening to the story during their CBW visit.



Children's Holiday Program - A busy craft time.



Children's Holiday Program - Story time.

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Get Reading

The Get Reading event was promoted through a display of the '50 books you can't put down' all written by Australian authors in the library highlighting new authors for our readers to try and generating interest in our home grown authors.



Library Lover's Day

Valentine's Day has also become known as Library Lover's Day with most libraries participating in celebrating the significance of libraries in our communities. This was celebrated by rewarding our valued patrons with a chocolate for borrowing from our 'under wraps' display stand.

Loxton Lights Up Christmas Activity & Story

The 'Lights Up' story and craft session held annually at the library continues to attract many



Parents and children enjoying the craft activity.

children and adults who are visiting for the celebrations. The successful partnership with the Loxton Chamber of Commerce continues to benefit both parties.

Loxton Show Display

The 'Dads Read' campaign which highlights the importance of dads in developing the literacy skills of their children by spending valuable time reading stories to them was displayed at the Loxton Show this year. Some colourful artwork created by children attending the 8+ craft session at the library during the

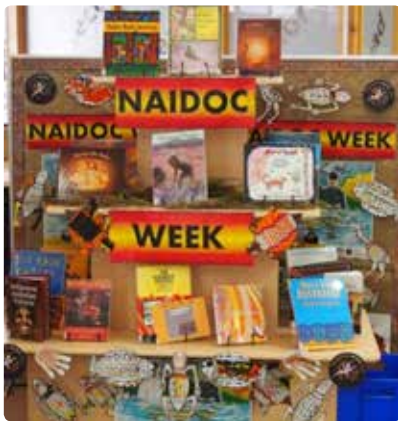


Promotion of the 'Dads Read' at the Loxton Show, displaying Children's Holiday Program participant's work.

school holidays was used to hold the books and also displayed as a back drop to the display.

NAIDOC Week

Cultural history and diversity was acknowledged with Children's Holiday Program participants attending a flag raising ceremony at the rotunda and listening to an aboriginal story about the outback and the animal inhabitants. An activity followed creating a dot painted lizard which was attended by 31 children.



The library display for NAIDOC week, highlighting indigenous resources and artwork.



Participants of the story and craft session with their dot painted lizards

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Children with the elephants made during the session with Karen Rubarth.

National Simultaneous Story time

An important event to promote libraries & reading to young children is through reading the same children's story nationally in libraries on a set day is the National Simultaneous Story time event. This year a school class from the Loxton Primary School participated in the 'Too many elephants in this house' by Australian author Ursula Dubosarsky story & activity session.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier in 2004. The aim of the program is to encourage students to read more books, enjoy reading and improve literacy levels. The library supports this program by cataloguing books so that they are easy to find for the 3 reading levels and providing the registration forms.

Pre-School Sessions

An ongoing partnership with the Loxton Pre-School Centre to encourage early literacy skills

benefits 70 children visiting the library 24 times a year. These sessions include a story, book borrowing and an activity related to the story.

Rhyme Time Sessions

The partnership with Child & Youth Health Services continues to flourish with the new parent's information sessions led by staff member Kylie Smith seeing 40 parents and their children introduced to the library and the Rhyme Time Sessions. These sessions are held 2 mornings a week for parent's and their children aged 0-4 and are proving very popular with 1,446 participants attending the 80 sessions. Due to overcrowding impacting access to the library entrance when these sessions are in progress another session will be offered in term 4 with the aim of making the groups smaller and alleviating access issues. A vital need is being serviced by this program by keeping new parents and their children connected and meeting social and emotional needs in a welcoming, comfortable environment and location.



Rhyme Time sessions in progress with Kylie.



Library display for SA History Festival.

SA History Festival

Celebrating local history through a historical display for the South Australian History Festival highlighted the Loxton Primary School and Brown's Well area which are both having centenary celebrations later this year.

School Class Visits

30 school classes visited with their teachers during the year to utilize the library resources.

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Maddy with her winning Ransom Note.

Seniors Information Technology Trials (SITT)

These iPad information sessions utilize the library facilities to implement the sessions and provide support to library staff by educating the community on the use and benefits of this technology. We will miss the vital input this service has had on library resources when it nears completion at the end of 2014.

South Australian Living Artist (SALA) Festival

A partnership with the Terrace Gallery has realized artwork being on display in the library throughout the year. The Arts on Terrace weekend promoted by the Loxton Chamber of Commerce as part of the SALA Festival utilized the library as a venue to hold a Junk Art Dreamscape Workshop. These



Layla being presented with her gift voucher by Kylie for her winning colouring in entry.

promotions encourage art enthusiasts to visit the library and utilize library resources.

Summer Reading Club

The Summer Reading Club was held mid December to February with 100 participants collecting the individual, holiday fun-filled packs to encourage reading and literacy skill levels being maintained during the school holidays. This years theme was 'Investigation' with the library holding holiday programs to coincide with the theme. 100 children participated in the program and the competitions which were on offer.

Library Management System (LMS)

The implementation of the new LMS has provided our patrons with an up to date system and central IT knowledge and

support provided by Public Library Services (PLS) which would have been prohibitive for a country library service to achieve singularly. This service will be able to cope with emerging technologies and set us in good stead for the future.

Technology

Advances in technology are developing rapidly which is becoming increasingly difficult to keep up with in the areas of expertise and funding available for our community. As changes in how people access information continually migrate to digital technologies it is even more important that our libraries are relevant and on the cutting edge of these technologies and resources. Library staff are a first point of call for a lot of people wanting to know how to access information on their device (Ipad, laptop, tablet, phone etc.)

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Library Facilities

The Loxton Public Library is a well utilized council service with 60,000 people entering this building each year. It is a service which has wide appeal and attracts all age groups and demographics. To put it succinctly the library space is struggling to cope with the amount of patrons utilizing the space which indirectly impacts staff and behaviours of patrons.

The children’s area is not large enough to safely accommodate the amount of children and parents using this space and impedes access and egress to the library which is a WH&S concern. In the short term to allay these concerns the library will be offering another Rhyme Time session which will see 3 sessions a week being offered.

The technology area of the library is also under stress with not enough computer access available for patrons at different times and not enough comfortable space for patrons with their own technology accessing the Wi-fi. Not being able to provide a power source is a constant complaint from our patrons as battery power on devices doesn’t last very long.

There are constant requests for meeting rooms from various roving organisations who require an area that is discreet to have confidential meetings whilst utilizing library resources. Library staff are constantly juggling library space to meet patron requirements.

It is difficult to advance and actively participate in the area of local history as it is located in two other council buildings. It would be beneficial to have them under the library roof but due to space restrictions and not having a work room this is presently not possible.

Future Direction

Presently the library management system is in a progressive position to take us into the future but a thoughtful direction needs to be considered for the library facilities and services.

Libraries can be community learning centres and have the ability to encompass many council services, technology training opportunities and meeting places for the entire community. Library staff would welcome the opportunity to liaise with council to explore and evaluate feasible options for providing a progressive venue which would meet the requirements of the local community whilst improving the environment for staff and our digital technology users.

Conclusion

Whilst it is challenging to meet patron expectations and requirements with our current resources it is a rewarding environment to work in serving our community.

Dedicated and proficient library staff (Karen Flavel, Kylie Smith and Jessica Main) ensure that patrons have a wonderful experience when visiting the library. Our staff need to be congratulated in the increase in program attendees and keeping up with these demands which in tandem with the new LMS has created a very busy 12 months.

Library volunteers contributed 511 hours to the home delivery service, book covering, collection maintenance, local history and program preparation which assists in being able to deliver these services to our community.

Strong working relationships have continued with the Waikerie Library staff with guidance and support from Ruth Firstbrook and Stephen Bateman which has ensured quality services and programs have been delivered throughout the year.

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Michael Cox, Manager Library Services

With the installation of the One LMS system in October 2013 the customer service in our library has vastly been improved both in house as well as on-line. We have already undergone one upgrade recently and no doubt each new improvement will result in a more clever use of the technologies now available to us as a State wide system. The library will soon be undergoing changes in its technology infrastructure with the replacement of the Network Access Control (NAC) enabling faster Internet access. Other changes to the system will enable WI-FI users to be registered as library borrowers reducing double handling registrations. Presently Wi-Fi users are registered separately from borrower registration.

STATISTICS SNAPSHOT

PERIOD 7/13 – 6/14		
Door count		46505
Wireless registered users		3849
Public access	Hours booked	2730.15
	Internet usage	Broadband for Seniors 1003.35

ONLINE LMS STATISTICS	
Loans	46,710
Number of holds placed	3351
Number of outgoing transits	4803
Active borrowers including visitors	2146
% of visitors borrowing	5.4%
E book number of downloads	892
Google analytics - number of website hits	349 sessions
	139 users



Rhyme Time.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMMES

Rhyme time

Rhyme time has once again been very popular this year with regular groups of up to 10 Mums coming every week and also during school holidays when it is held at a later time. We have given out 60 baby rhyme time bags to parents and are providing a venue where young Mums can network with other Mums.

School Holiday Programmes

School holiday programmes have continued to be popular and well attended. My thanks to Katrina Webber for her



School Holiday Programme.

excellent preparation and execution of these programmes. I am still building a rapport with the community centre and hope to acquire funding for author or entertainer visits for children. I’m hoping to network with other Riverland libraries to minimise costs in this endeavour.

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Book Week.



Summer Reading.

Children's Book Week – August

Children's Book week is a yearly celebration of the best of new Children's Australian literature. It is a great opportunity to showcase the library to all primary schools in Waikerie as well as the surrounding district and promote our children's services to those children who have not joined the library before. Every year there is a different theme. In 2013 this was "Read across the universe"

Naidoc Week

This year the library provided an Aboriginal story in the oral tradition which worked really well. My thanks to the Community Centre and Sue Schultz for their support with this programme.

National Simultaneous Storytime - May

My thanks to Katrina Webber for running this programme in my absence. The book this year was "Too many elephants in the house" by Ursula

Dubosarsky. The Kindergarten and Child Care Centre participated and were turned into noisy little elephants.

Summer Reading Club 2013

A literary based activity for the Summer for children. The programme encourages children to read books of their choice with prizes for the most books read in each category. A special afternoon tea for all children and their parents was put on for all involved.

ADULT PROGRAMMES

Broadband for Seniors

Broadband for Seniors programme has continued under the excellent volunteer tutoring of Sandra Lambert. We have been successful in acquiring a grant for the library in conjunction with the Loxton Catch Centre for the purchase of two ipads and a touch screen computer as well as payment of internet communication costs. Broadband for Seniors

computers are also used by the general public which is an added bonus to the library, as it allows us to offer more free Internet time to locals and backpackers.

Waikerie Public Library Book Club

We have had a few new members join the book club this year and this group provides a good venue for intellectual stimulation. One of our members who is very up with technology has put the book club on Facebook which is a good way of promoting our club and seeing what other clubs are reading and doing. We are also looking at meeting outside the library in a more informal way from time to time.

Talking River News

Once again I'd like to convey my heart felt thanks to all our dedicated volunteers who keep this service going for the sight impaired in Waikerie particularly Sandra Lambert who is our chief

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Talking River News.

editor. One comment I'd like to make is that the digital audio navigators have not been taken up by all our clientele for a number of reasons the main one being the difficulty with using these gadgets.

The use of tapes is okay at present but obviously in the future we will need to think of an alternative. Digital downloading is faster and more efficient but we have to keep in mind the needs of our clientele. A lot of the elderly who are sight impaired are also a bit overwhelmed by new technology.

Future direction

Our library was very successful in gaining critical budget bids which will enable us to improve the appearance of the library and better meet the needs of what is now a mixed floating clientele. Power has been made available to backpackers and visitors outside the library and we will soon be converting the reference area with tables and



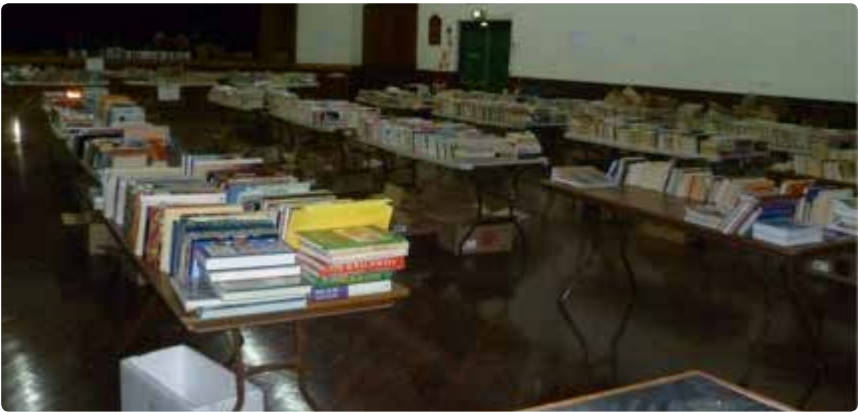
Waikerie Public Library staff during the morning tea celebrations.

chairs for laptop users. The issue of funding cuts has partly been addressed with a very successful book sale at the Institute and the lobbying of different agencies such as Intercare that has come to the party with financial aid.

Conclusion

I would like to thank all of my staff Katrina, Dianne and Pythia for their hard work in making the change over to the LMS. Their valuable input, suggestions and innovations make my job as the manager a lot easier. Also the continued and valuable input of Ruth

Firstbrook my manager who has the ability to clarify issues find workable solutions and to keep me on track. I would also like to thank all of my colleagues at the Loxton Public Library in particular Karen Rubarth whose continued expertise and advice is much valued. Their customer service award that they received speaks volumes about their professionalism and dedication to their work. I believe our library service has a good name in the community and look forward to the challenges of the future.



YOUTH SERVICES



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.

Waikerie Youth Advisory Committee 4 Youth - WACY

WACY is a group of young people aged 12-25 years who work in partnership with the District Council of Loxton Waikerie to provide advice on decisions that affect their lives.

WACY also plan activities and projects that encourage young people's active engagement in their local communities.

The Waikerie Youth Week Pool Party was aimed to provide young people and families with a drug and alcohol free event which promotes healthy lifestyles. It was also to provide a collaborative event with WACY, Council and the community. Other aims of the event included;

- To provide a local event for young people to promote a local youth place and space.
- To promote the Waikerie Swimming Pool as the hub for recreation in the Waikerie region.

- To build a sense of community for young people in Waikerie.
- To promote YAC initiatives including disco nights and youth week.
- To promote a drug and alcohol free event.
- To provide a range or recreation activities to promote an active lifestyle and to act as an event that established preventative health measures.

Excellent media coverage and feedback was given to WACY with 250 people attending. Waikerie Rotary Club kept the children fed with a continuous sausage sizzle and random prizes were distributed throughout the evening.

DJ's ramped up the atmosphere providing great music for the afternoon, treasure hunts, dance off competitions and the high-light each year is the pool inflatable obstacle course that boasts a huge line-up due to it popularity, but also this year we added two new activities to the pool party such as a jumping castle and mechanical surfboard ride which were hailed a great success.

FIRST RESPONSE BICYCLES

St John's first response bicycles were unveiled by Ruth Firstbrook after receiving a community grant from District Council of Loxton Waikerie for \$2000.

The bicycles are designed to move through large crowds with ease and will be on trial at events such as the Riverland Field Days and Loxton Lights Up.

The first response bicycles are a

first for St John in South Australia and are fitted with a range of first aid equipment. The bikes have been painted a bright yellow to stand out in a crowd and include Council's logo on the framework.



NIPPY'S LOXTON GIFT

Rates Highly with Denis Hahn

The Nippy's Loxton Gift athletics meeting was instigated by the Loxton Development Committee whose members believed an event of that type would help lift the profile of Loxton outside the Riverland.

The committee also felt that a successful athletics event would be a significant addition to the annual Loxton Mardi Gras.

The Loxton committee approached the SA Athletics in South Australia Athletic League, which controls professional athletics in South Australia, and received an enthusiastic response. At that time all SAAL meetings were held in Adelaide and the chance to establish a meeting in a country centre was welcomed. The SAAL was also happy with the proposed date of the last Saturday in February.

Obtaining sponsors was the first priority for the Loxton Committee, with the ready response by businesses prepared to back the concept enabling the proposal to become a reality. Nippy's Fruit Juices was the first major sponsor to support

the proposed Loxton Gift athletics meeting and become the naming rights sponsor has maintained its support each year since the initial event, with the company's generous sponsorship enabling the Nippy's Loxton Gift to achieve a high status.

Other local businesses backed the concept by sponsoring events on the program. Many of those sponsors are, like Nippy's, still supporting the Gift meeting which has become a very popular annual Riverland event.

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie has been very supportive, with the oval and track preparations for the athletics carried out by its parks and gardens staff. The council also provides secretarial support for the Loxton Gift Committee which emerged from the now defunct Loxton Development Committee.

The athletics meeting was initially held on Saturday afternoon, but the move to an evening event beginning at 5pm has proved very successful, with the events providing non-stop action under the Loxton oval lights, climaxing in the Nippy's Gift final at 10pm.

The Loxton event has become a popular fixture on the SAAL

calendar. The officials and athletes praise the venue, the excellent track preparations and the large number of spectators who attend to enjoy the events. The Nippy's Gift is a prestige event that SA and interstate printers want to win.

The Loxton meeting is regarded as being second only to the Adelaide Bay Sheffield in SA and is rated among the top ten professional athletics meetings in Australia.

In addition to the professional events, Riverland football and netball clubs are invited to participate in relay events for which Nippy's provide substantial prize money. Those relays, plus a Little Athletics display provide added local interest for spectators. Additionally, local athletes are always welcome to compete in events on the Nippy's Gift program.

The Loxton Committee believes the aim of lifting the town's profile has been achieved, which brings benefits to the district.

It is a source of pride that the Nippy's Loxton Fit meeting has been recognized as the winner of a national award for professional athletics.



HISTORY AIN'T BORING

Council in conjunction with the SA History Festival “about time” again staged “Loxton’s History Sure Ain’t boring” event on Tuesday 6 May 2014.

The night included four intriguing speakers who reminisced about history in front of a crowd of 200 locals.

- Margaret Hampel kicked the night off with the background to - and her memories of the northern Mallee Country Women’s Association. Her suggestion of baking a rabbit within a large pumpkin caused a laugh.
 - 88 year old Allan Hucks told some amazing stories of hardship and dedication in olden ETSA days, before OH&S was recognised as necessary.
 - Chip Mawby gave his account of the old Media irrigation settlement, the Nettlefold family that established it and how it was gradually taken over by private growers.
 - Genevieve Lehman raised a few eyebrows with her memories of tough times as a young mallee mum
- It was again a real success with 200 enjoying this year’s new venue, the Loxton Sporting Club.

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 22nd 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 – Pat West

- Outstanding Service to the Community - Theo & Delphine Kaesler
- Community Event of the Year - Loxton Agricultural & Horticultural Society - Loxton Show

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS



WAIKERIE AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

The 18th 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 2014 celebrations also featured Australia Day Ambassador Peter Goers 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 – Jan Centofanti
- Young Citizen of the Year - Zachary (Zac) Caudo
- Community Event of the Year – Waikerie Primary School Centenary

LOXTON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Pat West, Secretary

The committee was formed in 1992 and during 2013/14 membership comprised of eighteen community members. The committee met on a monthly basis in the Masonic Lodge Loxton and the meetings were open to the public.

During 2013/14 the Committee introduced a number of initiatives to ensure that the magic of Christmas was kept alive and that a consistent level of interest in Loxton's Christmas Lights was maintained for locals and visitors alike. Some of these include:

- Celebrated 22nd Anniversary of the Christmas Lights Festival.
- Renewed Accreditation under the National Tourism Accreditation Program.
- Introduced 10 new scenes into Santa's Walk, including several Father Christmas and Nativity scenes and repainted a further 28.
- New scenes were installed by Peter Mangelsdorf at his Christmas Wonderland display.
- With assistance from Loxton Rotary Club members, installed 10 sets of 'Snow-fall' lights in Heritage Park.
- Set up an 'Out-door' raffle to provide additional funds required to upgrade existing decorations and install new ones.
- Updated our brochure and distributed 8,000 copies throughout South Australia and western Victoria and New South Wales.
- Together with volunteers from the Historical Village, set up a joint display at the Riverland Field days, distributed 2013 Christmas Lights brochures and launched our annual raffle.
- One member volunteered to spend time at Destination Riverland's stand at the Adelaide show and to hand out copies of our 2013 brochure.
- Updated our web site loxtonlights.com and included a 'Media Page' to enable media and other publishers to select from a bank of images.
- Attached a copy of our Environmental Management Plan to the website.
- Established a facebook page and developed an App for the festival.
- Achieved a Silver Medal at the 2013 SA Tourism Awards.
- 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.

- Undertook a survey of visitors to the festival to assist with future marketing activities.
- 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 'Christmas Stars' in the annual Mardi Gras procession.
- Volunteers contributed a total of 1809 hours of labour throughout 2013/2014.
- Our partners – the Loxton Chamber of Commerce re-vamped the opening festival 'Loxton Lights Up'. New features included 'The Shrek and Fiona' Show; 'Water 2013' which was staged in conjunction with Riverland Youth Theatre and Kneehigh; Performance by the Renmark Dance Academy and craft activities for children.

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.

THE PINES

Management Committee



THE PINES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Committee was formed in 2003 and during 2013/14 membership comprised of six 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 & GARDEN

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.

Achievements in 2013/2014

- Major review and installation of garden irrigation system.
- Data base purchased of tour operators.
- Massive clean up of the garden area.



- Section 41 Committee Training provided to volunteers.
- Garage, Seed Room & Scullery painted.
- Steps replaced in sunken garden.
- Storm Damage – repairs and maintenance undertaken.
- Events such as weddings, birthdays and fundraisers.
- Ford Capri on loan to the Loxton Historical Village for Alive Days.
- Full building and construction inspection carried out.
- Electrical items tagged & tested.
- Sale of the marquee & trailer.

THE PINES HOUSE & GARDEN

COACHES: 284
CAR CLUB: 48
SUNDAY: 140

2013-14
TOURS

HOUSEBOAT MOORING

Management Plan Committee

The Committee was formed in 2014. During the 2014/14 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.



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



THE VILLAGE



THE VILLAGE TURNED 40

1st September 2013 the Village hosted its 40th birthday – a milestone as a popular regional tourist attraction and museum, and the opportunity to pay homage to the many hundreds of volunteers who have been involved over the years, playing such an important role in the development and maintenance of The Village as we see it today.

The return of the popular Village Mayor Elections with humorous pledges, old style politicking and shenanigans undertaken to get votes with the winning candidate, Sharee Cameron adorned with The Village's unique symbols of office as she was appointed "Village Mayor 2013". Over 600 people participated in the days activities.

THE VILLAGE

PETER GOERS

The Village played host to Australia Day Ambassador Peter Goers and District Council of Loxton Waikerie Councillor for an Evening at the Village prior to the 2014 Australia Day Celebrations. Peter was impressed by the variety of items and buildings on display and spent time speaking with Village Volunteers about their involvement and projects.



Table setting, Peter Goers dinner.

THE VILLAGE HANDBOOK REVIEW AND VINTAGE VEHICLE GUIDELINES

The handbook provides an overview of the roles and objectives of the Historical Village Management Committee and Village operations. Included in this review was the establishment of guidelines for the use of vintage vehicle's owned by the District Council of Loxton Waikerie and object acceptance guidelines.

FRIENDS OF THE VILLAGE (VILLAGE VOLUNTEER GROUP)

- Restorations, renovations and repairs continue to be undertaken to machinery, vehicles, buildings and equipment. Projects undertaken during 2013/14 totalled \$12,400 with major renovations undertaken to the Settlers Hut and restoration work on a Case Buckboard and Fordson Tractor.
- Catering to visiting groups and on working days remains a major source of income. Through hard work and dedication The Friends of the Village Committee boast an income of \$14,000 for 2013/14 with funds utilised for restoration projects.

- Manpower, experience, knowledge and skills are provided to assist in hosting successful and interesting alive days and education program activities.
- Representations and involvement in promotions such as 2013 Riverland Field days, Loxton Show, 'About Time' SA History Month and rides on The Village Carousel at Loxton Lights Up assist in promoting the Village
- 49 volunteers provided over 6,000 volunteer hours during 2013/14

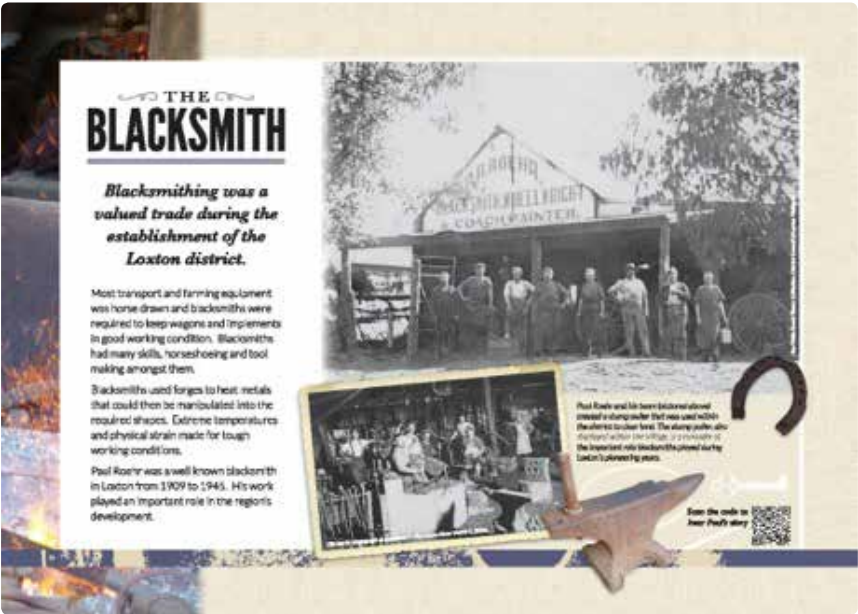
2013/14 THE VILLAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Committee was formed in 2006 and during the 2013/14 membership comprised of ten community members and one Council representative. Meetings were held on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Loxton Office meeting room. Meetings were open to the public.



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).

THE VILLAGE



Blacksmith sign with QR Code.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The Village has worked in partnership with a number of community groups during 2013/14:

- Loxton Agricultural Bureau: pruning The Village fruit block with Village staff and volunteers
- The Country Bakehouse: commercially operating The Village Bakery during Village Alive Days with their proceeds from the April Alive Day totalling over \$1,700.00 donated to Life FM.
- Providing fund raising opportunities by catering to crowds at Alive Days and the 40th Birthday Celebrations: Loxton Men's Shed , Loxton Mardi Gras entrants, Loxton Bowling Club, Loxton CWA, Loxton Preschool, St Alberts, Loxton Lutheran and the Loxton North Primary.

STATISTICS



visited during 2013/14, including 116 complementary entries (education support staff, coach drivers, etc)



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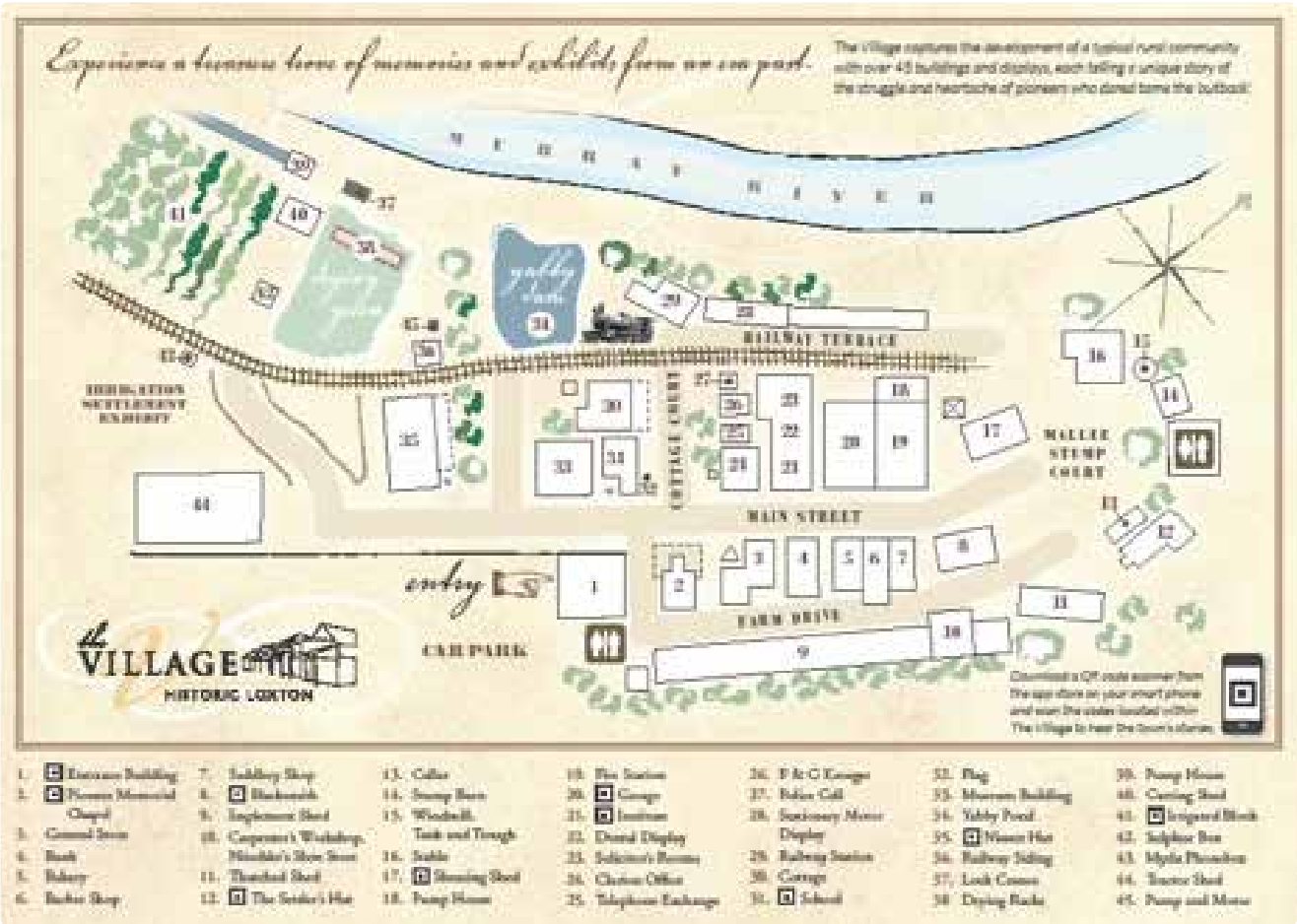
INTERPRETIVE PROJECT AND WEB SITE REVITALISATION

Jointly funded by council and History SA the interpretative project has provided the opportunity to showcase 10 sites within The Village. Historical content research, creation of editorials, image collation, design of the signs and guide, scripts written for audio and QR code creation were all undertaken during this extensive project.

QR codes have been included on the signs to direct visitors to The Village website where professionally produced audio can be heard.

Upgrades to the web site have provided opportunities to include motivational text and images, downloadable education resources and audios for 10 sites. Much of the research and documentation undertaken during the interpretation project has been included in the website.

THE VILLAGE



These projects provided the opportunity to upgrade the design and text on the Village Handout, which will be professionally printed during 2014/15.

BUSINESS CASE STUDY

The Village Advisory Group, consisting of two council staff, two councilors and representative input from

Destination Riverland and History SA was established to review The Village Feasibility Study. A Business Case Study was presented to council to assist in The Village future direction.

LOXTON DRY ZONE EVALUATION

It is a condition of approval for the continuance of the Loxton Dry Zone that Council undertakes an evaluation of the effectiveness of the dry area which includes consultation with members of the local community.

The current regulation prohibits the consumption of liquor and possession of liquor in unsealed containers in certain parts of Loxton.

This prohibition is due to expire on the 9 August 2014. At 15 November 2013 Council meeting, Council

endorsed an additional fourth zone area to the Loxton Dry Areas to include Kokoda Terrace Southern boundary carriageway to then the Western boarder of Anzac Crescent to then the Eastern carriageway of Tobruk Terrace. (New Pioneer Playground area)

LOXTON DRY ZONE EVALUATION

Council received in writing on Thursday 3 July, 2014 from Consumer and Business Services acknowledgement of all four dry areas that the Loxton Dry area regulation has now been made as ongoing and that the Department has removed the requirement for Council to reapply to renew the dry area regulation. Should Council intend to amend any area of the prohibition in the future, Council will have to undergo another evaluation process.



ARTS ON TERRACE EVENT



Arts on Terrace was initially developed to enhance an annual event for Loxton and to devise an event to increases economic growth for businesses and acknowledge a distinct point of difference from the many other festival/ event 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.

ARTS ON TERRACE EVENT



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

In addition too and complimenting the junk art competition, art workshops were organised with Tim Boulderstone 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 2013 event was that Arts on Terrace was best Sunday trading outside of the Sunday Light Up-day.

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

SENIORS MONTH

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 is proud to present a program of events during October for Seniors Month. Seniors month activities and

events are aimed at encouraging older people to have a healthy lifestyle, become involved in a new activity and connect to the community and to create opportunities for continued involvement in activities.

The month long program is kicked off with a much loved event, Mayoral morning teas held at the Waikerie Bowling Club and Loxton at the Loxton Bowling Club, card days, Waikerie & District

Flower Show, BBQ luncheon & entertainment held at the Loxton Senior Citizens Club, Entertainment afternoon held at the Waikerie Seniors Citizens, strength for life and senior circuits held at the Waikerie Community Sports Centre and an old favourite includes the announcement of the 2013 Waikerie Senior of the Year Award and morning tea held at the Waikerie Seniors Citizens Club on Tuesday 22 October 2013.

Loxton Seniors Month Event



Waikerie Senior of the Year

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie together with Warrawee Lodge announced the winner of the 2013 Waikerie Senior of the Year Award. Mayor Leon Stasinowsky announced and publicly recognised Jan Francis for her achievements at the Waikerie Senior of the Year Awards luncheon at the Waikerie Senior Citizen's Hall on Tuesday 22 October 2013.



ECONOMIC AND REGIONAL STATEMENT



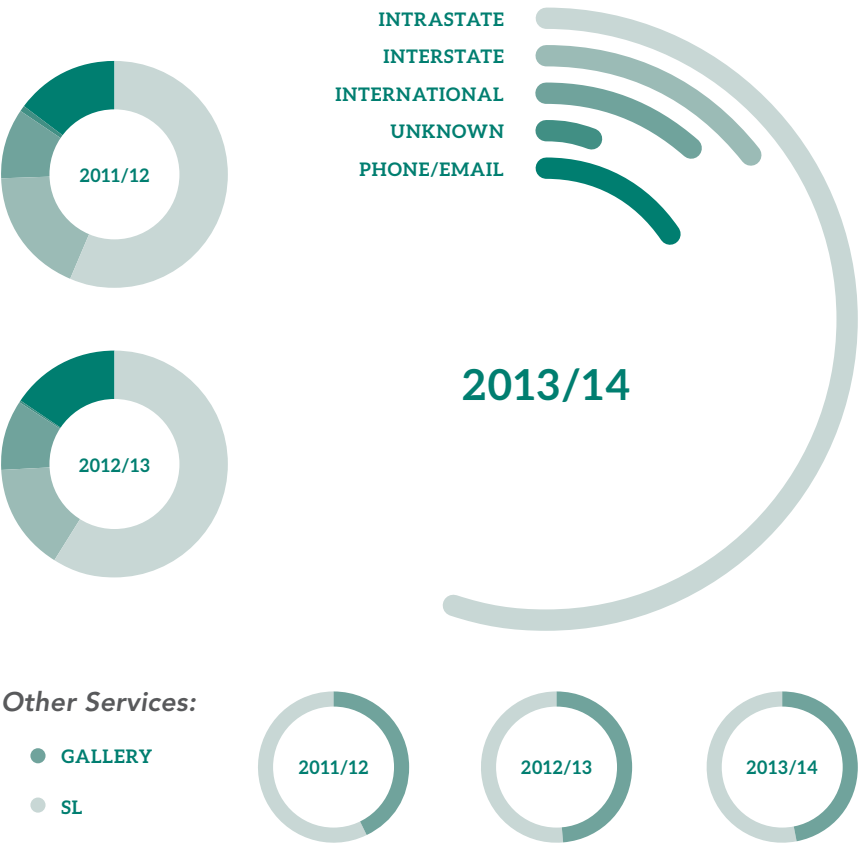
TOURISM

Loxton Visitor Information Centre

STATISTICS

15,539 people were serviced by staff and volunteers at the Loxton VIC during 2013/14 which is a slight decrease of 2.8% when compared to 2012/13. Lower visitation numbers were experienced in February 2014 and this can be attributed to the extreme heat experience in the region.

WHERE ARE OUR VISITORS FROM?



VOLUNTEER HOURS

596 hours of volunteer time was given to the LVIC during 2013/14, a decline of 86 hours (or 21 shifts) when compared to 2012/13. Unfortunately due to a decline in volunteer numbers on occasions the VIC has closed to ensure staff is receiving break entitlements

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Volunteer Hours	909	667	596
Decrease in Hours		-242	-71
% decrease		-36%	-12%

LOXTON DISTRICT TOURISM CLUB

Support for the 2013/14 Tourism Club increased by 3%, when compared to 2012/13, to \$13,340 with involvement from 44 local businesses and tourism operators. All marketing and promotional activities undertaken by Loxton VIC are funded by monies raised from membership to the Loxton District Tourism Club.

MARKETING & PROMOTIONS

Campaigns undertaken during 2013/14 included:

- 2014 Loxton Moorook and Kingston on Murray Visitor Guide: 18,000 copies produced and distributed across the Riverland, 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.



2014 Loxton District Visitor Guide.

TOURISM

Loxton Visitor Information Centre



2014 Loxton Website.

- www.visitloxton.com.au: home page utilised to assist in the promotion of events and festivals such as the Pedal Prix, Arts of Terrace, Spills 'n Still photo competition for the Pedal Prix, etc. The site received 38,968 page views by 10,581 visitors meaning most of our users are repeat visitors
- 1/3 page advert in the Riverland Visitor Guide with a distribution of 80,000 copies.
- Images sourced for our photo library.
- Participation in various advertising opportunities.

Other marketing activities undertaken during 2013/14 included:

- Production and distribution of themed tours and guides.
- Management & distribution of events calendars (across a multitude of platforms).
- Annual updates to tourism maps.



Riverland Visitor Guide Advert.

- Media releases distributed in support of community activates, festivals and events.
- Committee assistance with design of posters, flyers and surveys and access to the photo library.
- Distribution of local operator's tourism brochures and event posters across the Riverland.
- Collation of information packs for after hour's collection, visiting rallies, groups and sporting carnivals. Over 1,800 packs were distributed in 2013/14.
- Quotes and the creation of tour itineraries for visiting groups and rallies.

INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

- Attendance at forums, meetings and workshops hosted by DR
- Proof reading collateral for both DR and SATC
- Substantial investment of time for the development of criteria for online bookings and event systems.
- Assistance in the creation of trails and tours.

TOURISM

Waikeri Visitor Information Centre

THE OBJECTIVES:

- Promote Waikeri, Loxton & the Riverland region.
- Encourage visitor diversion into the Waikeri Central Business District and attractions
- Increase visitor numbers, length of stay and visitor spend in Waikeri and the region
- Provide, promote and display quality informative information, maps and brochures
- Work towards/within the District Council of Loxton Waikeri, Destination Riverland and SA Tourism Commission's Strategic Plans

OPENING HOURS:

Monday to Friday: 9am - 5pm

Sat, Sun & Pub Hols: 10am - 4pm

Riverland brochures, SA Tourist Committee Regional Guides and Regional National brochures displayed were free of charge.

Paul White's photography and CD's were displayed in the café area were available for sale promoting the region and interested buyers. Jay G Images were included in the local photographs on display.

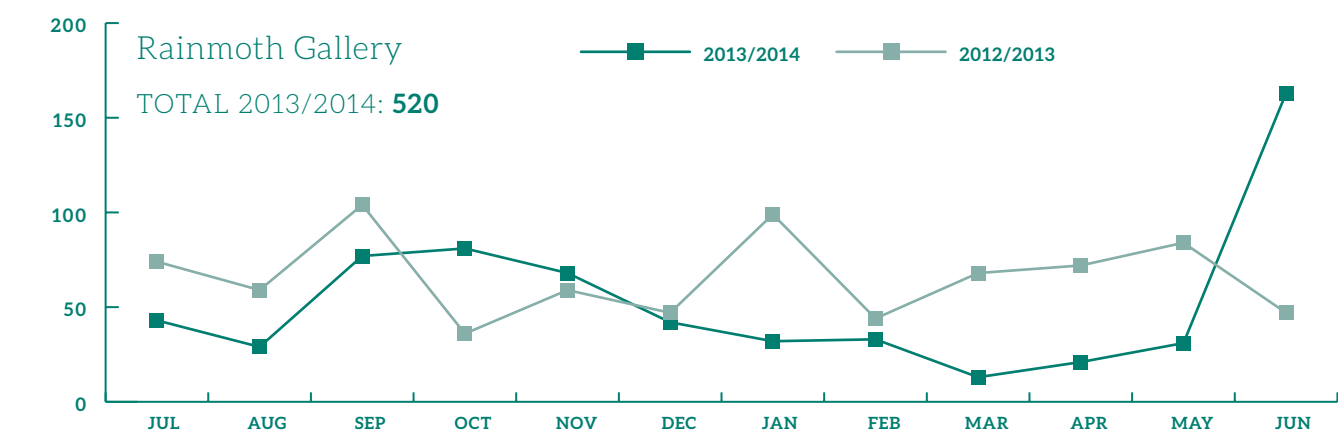
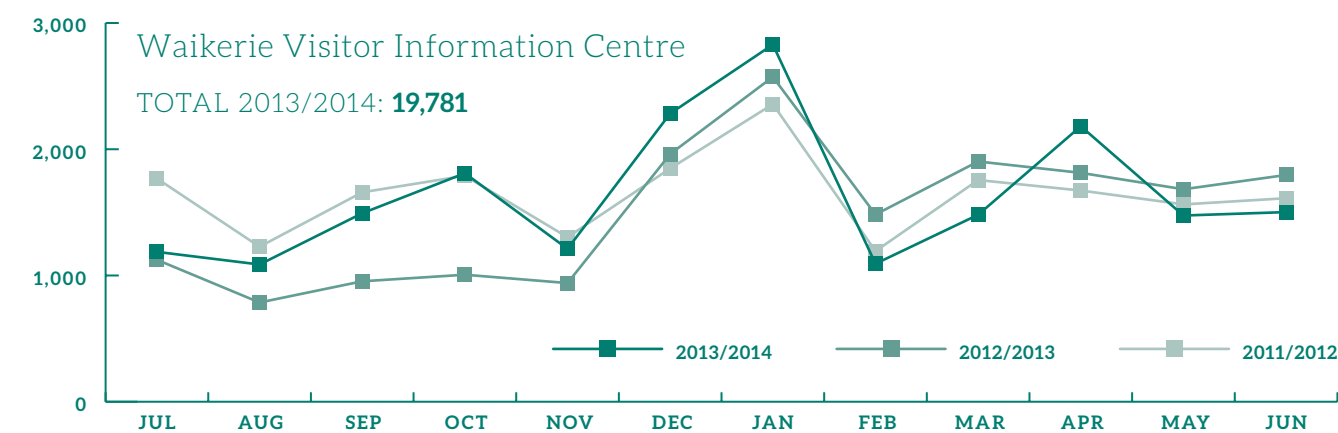
Local produce was for sale which ensured a "local experience" and assisted the local economy.

The VIC continued to support, market & promote local events - Including:

- Rock n Roll Festival
- Santa's Cave - Phone Contact & Bus Bookings.
- Riverland Field Days - Ticket Sales
- The Waikeri Enduro - Supplied with 100 Tear off Maps & Riverland VG
- The Hit'n'Miss Rally - 100 Information Packs
- Morgan Dirt Kart Championships - 150 Waikeri Carry Bags as Information Packs

STATISTICS

Total Enquiries & Services supplied, including telephone/fax/email for 2013/2014



TOURISM

Waikeri Visitor Information Centre



Waikeri, Loxton & Riverland Brochures are available 24/7.



Event Flyers & Datatrax Machine are on Display 24/7.



TOURISM

Waikerie Visitor Information Centre



WAIKERIE AND ON THE MURRAY

It's down in Waikerie and the Murray River is coming to life. While the pelicans begin their slow circles, looking for an easy feed, the young men and women on board the Murray River Queen - Australia's only floating backpackers' hostel - are preparing for another hard day in the orchards. It's tough, hot work, but the travellers are loving every minute they spend in the unassuming Riverland town.

"We bloody love it," says 25-year-old Landon Aaron Blackman. "The best just has such a great atmosphere."

Homegrown Katie Rask and Sigrid Thomassen agree. "The people here are so open," Miss Rask said. "I think it has something to do with the sunny weather. At home we are much more shut in."

Most of the backpackers in Waikerie are "doing their regionals" - working manual labour in a regional area in order to earn a second year working visa.

They add some year-round life to a town that explodes over summer with water-skiers, houseboats and holidaymakers.

For Dean Kelly, moving his young family from Adelaide to his wife's hometown of Waikerie was an easy choice.

"We just love it here," Mr Kelly said as he picked up the riverbank with his children. There are no traffic lights, no traffic jams, the people are nice - and just look at this scenery."

The lure of the river also proved strong for Scott Jones, owner/baker at the Waikerie Bakery, surely the best named bakery in Australia. "We always had a shack in Blanchetown, and that attraction of the Murray just led me back," Mr Jones said.

Lucy Quintal runs the visitor information centre on the outskirts of town. Ms Quintal moved to Waikerie 42 years ago from the state's South-East to work as a telephone receptionist, and she has been

BEST RIVER GETAWAY

IDYLIC: Dean Kelly with son Cameron, 10, and daughter Georgia, 7, watch the sunset at Waikerie.

there ever since. "The river is the main attraction, but the food and wine businesses are improving every day," she said.

"And it's a great place to raise kids. They can ride their bikes around, and everyone knows each other so if they're doing something they're not supposed to be doing you'll hear about it."

MUST SEE: The river, naturally. Whether you're into watching birds at the world-famous Gluepot Reserve or testing your skills on a pair of waterfalls, most things in Waikerie revolve around the water. Away from the mighty Murray you can check out some incredible photography at Paul White's Gallery in McCulloch St.

MUST EAT: Heavenhand Chocolates and Café offers Riverland fruit chocolates, while Malangi does excellent gourmet products in a bush garden setting. Waikerie Bakery's egg and bacon pie is the perfect way to start the day. Head to the newly renovated Waikerie Hotel for pub grub and a cold beer.

MUST STAY: On a houseboat, where else? Green and Gold Houseboats offer a range of craft to suit any family and budget, and operate from the Waikerie riverfront. If you'd prefer to stay on

land, the Waikerie Caravan Park has a range of accommodation options.

VALUE: 9/10
There's plenty to do in Waikerie that's not going to break the bank. From watching for rare birds to casting a line in the river. It's definitely a budget-friendly option.

FRIENDLINESS: 9/10
A true country town where everyone drives with courtesy and is more than happy to suggest the perfect campsite or fishing spot. Old-fashioned hospitality.

SCENERY: 7/10
Like anywhere in the Riverland, stray too far from the water and you'll find yourself in some pretty hot, flat, dusty country.

ACCESSIBILITY: 9/10
Just 175km up the road from Adelaide, Waikerie is one of the more accessible Riverland towns.

ENTERTAINMENT: 7/10
You might catch a live band at the pub, but Waikerie is more about relaxing by the river with a cool drink than partying.

TOTAL: 41/50



LOXTON CARAVAN PARK



Park Managers Bob & Nash Furbow.



New Camp Kitchen.

NEW PARK MANAGERS

Robert and Nashwa Furbow (Bob & Nash) were appointed as the new managers of the Loxton Riverfront Caravan Park in November 2013.

CAMP KITCHEN

Early 2014 the Loxton Riverfront Caravan Park management installed a new camp kitchen which proved popular with the

guests. The kitchen is complete with a four burner hot plate, microwave, double sink, oven, television and barbeque.

STREET NAMING COMPETITION

In January 2014 the Loxton Riverfront Caravan Park management embarked on a Caravan Park road naming competition with the prize consisting of two free nights in a cabin. Thirteen entries were received and directed to Council

for the Community Award Program Assessment Panel to consider.

The panel were cautious to evenly spread the names to celebrate Loxton's fish, birds, plant and animal species. The winning names that the panel recommended for Councils endorsement were

- Callop Crescent
- Kookaburra Drive
- Yabby Loop
- Kangaroo Hop
- Lizard Lane
- Wren Way
- Red Gum Road
- Packard Bend Road

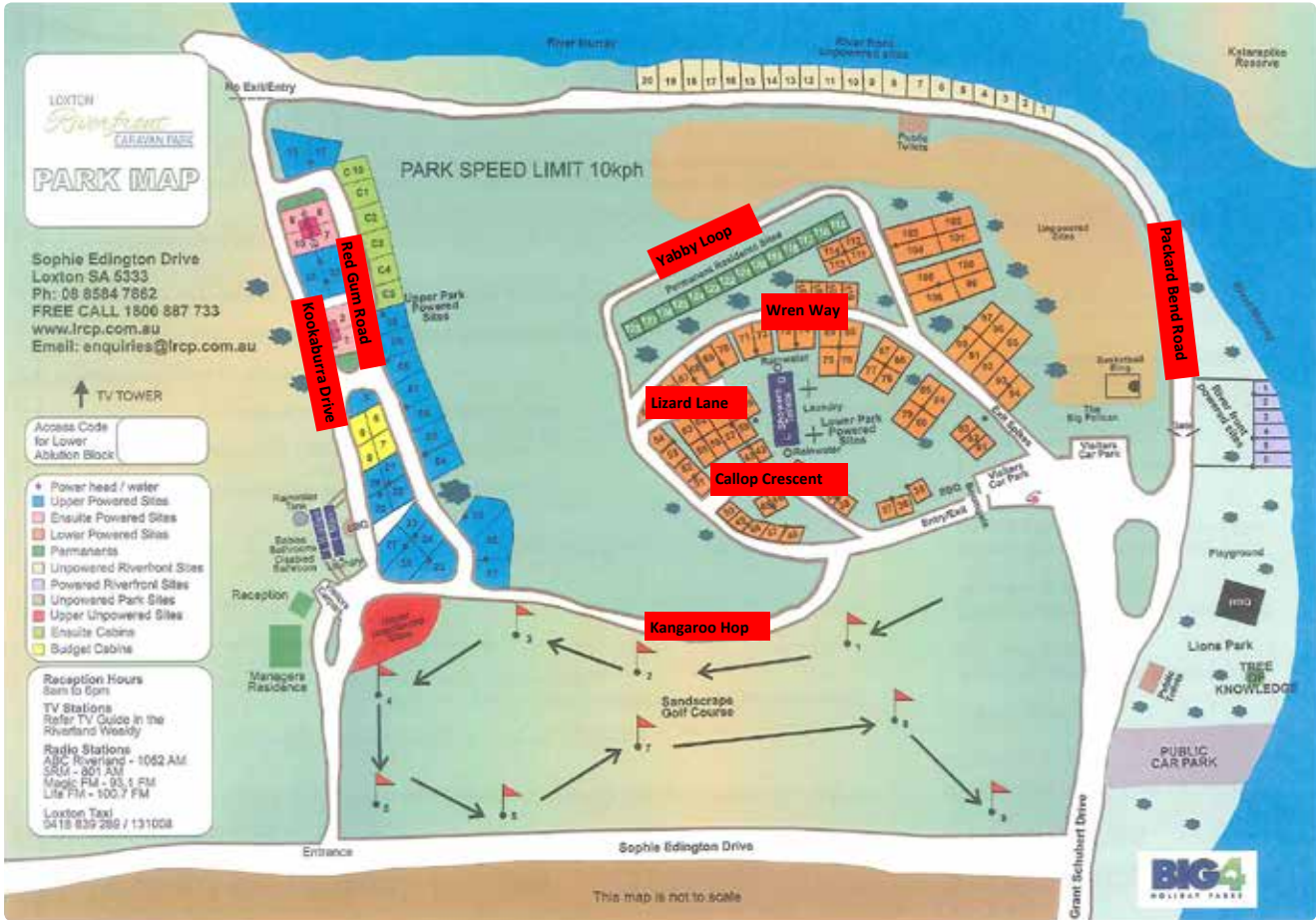
NEW CABINS

A proposal to construct four new cabins was adopted by Council in 2014 together with the refurbishment of six existing ensuite cabins. The new cabins are expected to be placed on the western side of the park with river views.



New Cabins, construction to be completed by October 2014.

LOXTON CARAVAN PARK



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOXTON WAIKERIE

General Purpose Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2014

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DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOXTON WAIKERIE


ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2014

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 2014 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: 5 NOVEMBER 2014

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOXTON WAIKERIE
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the year ended 30 June 2014

	Notes	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000
INCOME			
Rates	2	11,007	10,067
Statutory charges	2	280	213
User charges	2	937	1,381
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	5,371	2,850
Investment income	2	193	177
Reimbursements	2	181	147
Other income	2	872	477
Total Income		18,841	15,312
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	3	5,952	5,598
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	6,460	6,309
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	6,416	5,936
Finance costs	3	107	143
Total Expenses		18,935	17,986
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(94)	(2,674)
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	44	145
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2	1,636	834
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		1,586	(1,695)
transferred to Equity Statement			
Other Comprehensive Income			
<i>Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result</i>			
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	9	21,829	2,865
Impairment (expense) / recoupments offset to asset revaluation reserve	9	-	(1,383)
<i>Amounts which will be reclassified subsequently to operating result</i>			
Total Other Comprehensive Income		21,829	1,482
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		23,415	(213)

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 2014

	Notes	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	7,079	6,700
Trade & other receivables	5	1,022	1,684
Inventories	5	67	74
Total Current Assets		8,168	8,458
Non-current Assets			
Financial assets	6	90	166
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	7	207,299	186,552
Other non-current assets	6	74	-
Total Non-current Assets		207,463	186,718
Total Assets		215,631	195,176
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & other payables	8	11,150	13,739
Borrowings	8	152	203
Provisions	8	2,099	2,094
Total Current Liabilities		13,401	16,036
Non-current Liabilities			
Borrowings	8	644	796
Provisions	8	235	408
Total Non-current Liabilities		879	1,204
Total Liabilities		14,280	17,240
NET ASSETS		201,351	177,936
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		66,039	64,023
Asset Revaluation Reserves	9	132,745	110,916
Other Reserves	9	2,567	2,997
TOTAL EQUITY		201,351	177,936

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 2014

	Notes	Accumulated Surplus \$'000	Asset Revaluation Reserve \$'000	Other Reserves \$'000	TOTAL EQUITY \$'000
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					
Gain on revaluation of 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
2013					
Balance at end of previous reporting period		65,594	109,434	3,121	178,149
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(1,695)			(1,695)
Other Comprehensive Income					
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment			2,865		2,865
Impairment (expense) / recoupments offset to asset revaluation reserve			(1,383)		(1,383)
Transfers between reserves		124		(124)	-
Balance at end of period		64,023	110,916	2,997	177,936

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 2014

	Notes	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Rates - general & other		10,913	9,909
Fees & other charges		302	230
User charges		(1,111)	3,183
Investment receipts		230	177
Grants utilised for operating purposes		5,774	3,064
Reimbursements		199	265
Other revenues		1,884	1,388
<u>Payments</u>			
Employee costs		(5,823)	(5,475)
Materials, contracts & other expenses		(8,403)	(7,510)
Finance payments		(51)	(275)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities		3,914	4,956
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		1,636	834
Sale of replaced assets		333	353
Repayments of loans by community groups		125	39
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(2,793)	(2,731)
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		(3,187)	(2,146)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(3,886)	(3,651)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from aged care facility deposits		1,151	960
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of borrowings		(191)	(162)
Repayment of finance lease liabilities		(12)	(5)
Repayment of aged care facility deposits		(597)	(686)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		351	107
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		379	1,412
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	11	6,700	5,288
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	11	7,079	6,700

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 2014

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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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

In the month of June in recent years the Federal Government has paid amounts of untied financial assistance grants, which are recognised on receipt, in advance of the year of allocation. In June 2011, one quarter of the 2011/12 allocation amounting to \$977k was paid in advance; in June 2012, two quarters of the 2012/13 allocation: \$2,106k; and in June 2013, again two quarters of the 2013/14 allocation: \$2,198k. The payment made in June 2013 was accounted for as revenue received in advance and subsequently recognised as revenue within the 2013/14 annual financial statements.

The actual amounts 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.

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.

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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

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).

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.

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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

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.

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 Provision for Carbon Taxation

Council operates a number of small landfill facilities, each of which, and in aggregate, are substantially below the taxation threshold of 25,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) gas emissions.

Council considers that it has no current or likely future liability for this tax.

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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

11 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.

12 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.

13 Pending Accounting Standards

Certain new accounting standards and UIG interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2014 reporting period and have not been used in preparing these reports.

AASB 7	Financial Instruments – Disclosures
AASB 9	Financial Instruments
AASB 10	Consolidated Financial Statements
AASB 11	Joint Arrangements
AASB 12	Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities
AASB 127	Separate Financial Statements
AASB 128	Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures
AASB 132	Financial Instruments: Presentation

Standards containing consequential amendments to other Standards and Interpretations arising from the above - AASB 2010-7, AASB 2011-7, AASB 2012-2, AASB 2012-3, AASB 2012-5, AASB 2012-6, AASB 2012-10, AASB 2013-3, AASB 2013-8 and AASB 2013-9.

(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.

The Australian Accounting Standards Board is currently reviewing AASB 1004 *Contributions*. It is anticipated that the changes resulting from this review may have a material effect on the timing of the recognition of grants and contributions, but the financial consequences cannot be estimated until a revised accounting standard is issued.

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Note 2 - INCOME

	Notes	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000
RATES REVENUES			
<u>General Rates</u>		8,478	8,242
Less: Mandatory rebates		-	(89)
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs		(338)	(187)
		8,140	7,966
<u>Other Rates</u> (including service charges)			
Natural Resource Management levy		176	166
Waste collection		1,117	450
Community wastewater management systems		1,542	1,480
		2,835	2,096
<u>Other Charges</u>			
Penalties for late payment		52	50
		52	50
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs		(20)	(45)
		11,007	10,067
STATUTORY CHARGES			
Development Act fees		118	59
Town planning fees		63	60
Health & Septic Tank Inspection fees		24	16
Animal registration fees & fines		73	77
Parking fines / expiation fees		2	1
		280	213
USER CHARGES			
Cemetery/crematoria fees		37	38
Marina Fees		68	65
Retirement Village		467	754
Waste Management		154	267
Subsidies received on behalf of users		211	130
Sundry		-	127
		937	1,381
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Interest on investments			
Local Government Finance Authority		174	156
Banks & other		8	8
Loans to community groups		11	13
		193	177

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NOTE 2 - INCOME (continued)

	Notes	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000
REIMBURSEMENTS			
- fuel rebate		68	76
- for private works		70	34
- other		43	37
		<u>181</u>	<u>147</u>
OTHER INCOME			
Caravan Park		472	89
Tourist Office		108	114
Workers compensation bonus		135	94
Sundry		157	180
		<u>872</u>	<u>477</u>
GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS			
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets		1,636	834
Other grants, subsidies and contributions		5,371	2,850
		<u>7,007</u>	<u>3,684</u>
<i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 2.</i>			
Sources of grants			
Commonwealth government		914	1,254
State government		6,033	2,426
Other		60	4
		<u>7,007</u>	<u>3,684</u>

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Note 3 - EXPENSES

	Notes	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Salaries and Wages		5,456	5,213
Employee leave expense		206	165
Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions	17	336	314
Superannuation - defined benefit plan contributions	17	159	151
Workers' Compensation Insurance		248	252
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		(453)	(497)
Total Operating Employee Costs		<u>5,952</u>	<u>5,598</u>
Total Number of Employees		83	83
<i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i>			
MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES			
<u>Prescribed Expenses</u>			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the financial reports		12	13
Bad and Doubtful Debts		32	9
Elected members' expenses		216	185
Election expenses		3	1
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		<u>263</u>	<u>208</u>
<u>Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses</u>			
Contractors		2,410	2,143
Energy		519	461
Insurance		414	451
Legal Expenses		60	26
Levies paid to government - NRM levy		168	166
Parts, accessories & consumables		900	1,374
Professional services		219	70
Sundry		1,507	1,410
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		<u>6,197</u>	<u>6,101</u>
		<u>6,460</u>	<u>6,309</u>

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Note 3 - EXPENSES (cont)

	Notes	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000
DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT			
Depreciation			
Land - remediation		131	-
Buildings & Other Structures		1,406	1,529
Infrastructure		4,116	3,727
Stormwater		96	566
Irrigation		24	49
Book Stocks		572	65
Other Assets		71	-
Impairment			
Infrastructure - Roads		-	1,383
		<u>6,416</u>	<u>7,319</u>
Less: Impairment expense offset to asset revaluation reserve	9	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,383)</u>
		<u>6,416</u>	<u>5,936</u>
FINANCE COSTS			
Interest on Loans		59	96
Charges on Finance Leases		-	1
Premiums & discounts recognised		4	-
Unwinding of present value discounts		<u>44</u>	<u>46</u>
		<u>107</u>	<u>143</u>

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Note 4 - ASSET DISPOSAL & FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

	Notes	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000
INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT			
Assets renewed or directly replaced			
Proceeds from disposal		333	353
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		<u>289</u>	<u>208</u>
Gain (Loss) on disposal		<u>44</u>	<u>145</u>

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Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS

	Notes	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS			
Cash on Hand and at Bank		1,079	34
Deposits at Call		6,000	6,666
		<u>7,079</u>	<u>6,700</u>
TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES			
Rates - General & Other		537	443
Accrued Revenues		48	85
Debtors - general		281	888
GST Recoupment		52	92
Prepayments		105	101
Loans to community organisations		26	75
Total		<u>1,049</u>	<u>1,684</u>
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts		<u>27</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>1,022</u>	<u>1,684</u>
INVENTORIES			
Stores & Materials		67	74

Aggregate write-downs and other losses recognised as an expense, and reversals of these, were not material in amount in either year. All such reversals occurred principally as a result of clerical inaccuracies during stores operations.

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Note 6 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS

	Notes	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000
FINANCIAL ASSETS			
Receivables			
Loans to community organisations		90	166
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS		<u>90</u>	<u>166</u>
Capital Works-in-Progress		<u>74</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>74</u>	<u>-</u>

	CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR								2014
	2013 \$'000	CARRYING AMOUNT		Disposals	Depreciation	Impairment	Transfers	Net Revaluation	CARRYING AMOUNT
		New/Upgrade	Renewals						
Land - community	13,412	-	-	-	-	-	(5,536)	2,374	10,250
Land - other	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,536	-	5,536
Land - remediation	131	-	-	-	(131)	-	-	-	-
Buildings & Other Structures	27,825	1,086	-	-	(1,406)	-	(11,506)	19,455	35,454
Buildings & Other Structures	-	-	-	-	(469)	-	11,506	-	11,037
Infrastructure	117,247	1,733	1,497	-	(3,212)	-	-	-	117,265
CWMS	12,679	80	-	-	(435)	-	-	-	12,324
Stormwater	6,678	72	-	-	(96)	-	-	-	6,654
Irrigation	1,694	-	-	-	(24)	-	-	-	1,670
Plant & Equipment	5,954	20	1,041	(289)	(572)	-	-	-	6,154
Furniture & Fittings	211	-	94	-	(64)	-	-	-	241
Library books	721	-	-	-	(7)	-	-	-	714
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	186,552	2,991	2,632	(289)	(6,416)	-	-	21,829	207,299
Comparatives	186,280	2,158	2,775	(208)	(5,936)	(1,383)		2,866	186,552

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NOTE 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

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Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	2013 \$'000					2014 \$'000				
	Fair Value Level	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT	
Land - community	3	13,412	-	-	13,412	10,250	-	-	10,250	
Land - other	2	-	-	-	-	5,536	-	-	5,536	
Land - remediation	3	845	-	(714)	131	131	-	(131)	-	
Buildings & Other Structures	3	80,476	-	(52,651)	27,825	64,506	-	(29,052)	35,454	
Buildings & Other Structures	2	-	-	-	-	28,892	-	(17,855)	11,037	
Infrastructure	3	155,524	-	(38,277)	117,247	158,755	-	(41,490)	117,265	
CWMS	3	20,770	-	(8,091)	12,679	20,850	-	(8,526)	12,324	
Stormwater	3	9,418	-	(2,740)	6,678	9,491	-	(2,837)	6,654	
Irrigation	3	2,548	-	(854)	1,694	2,548	-	(878)	1,670	
Plant & Equipment		-	8,129	(2,175)	5,954	-	8,324	(2,170)	6,154	
Furniture & Fittings		-	1,264	(1,053)	211	-	1,357	(1,116)	241	
Library books		834	-	(113)	721	834	-	(120)	714	
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		283,827	9,393	(106,668)	186,552	301,793	9,681	(104,175)	207,299	
Comparatives		280,718	9,149	(103,587)	186,280	283,827	9,393	(106,668)	186,552	

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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.

Transition to AASB 13: The requirements of AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement* have been applied to all valuations undertaken since 1 July 2013 as shown by the valuation dates by individual asset classes below.

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

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Note 7 – Property, Plant & Equipment (cont)

Road construction and reconstruction	\$10,000
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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 1997 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.

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.

Stormwater drainage infrastructure was valued by Tonkin Consulting as at 30 June 2010 at depreciated current replacement cost, based on actual costs incurred during the reporting period ended 30 June 2010. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

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Note 7 – Property, Plant & Equipment (cont)

Community wastewater management system infrastructure was valued by Tonkin Consulting as at 30 June 2012 at depreciated current replacement cost, based on actual costs incurred during the reporting period ended 30 June 2012. 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

		2014		2013	
		\$'000		\$'000	
	Notes	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES					
Goods & Services		685		1,103	
Payments received in advance		35	-	2,471	-
Accrued expenses - other		32	-	20	-
Aged Care Facility Deposits		10,398	-	10,145	-
		11,150	-	13,739	-
BORROWINGS					
Loans		152	644	191	796
Finance Leases	14	-	-	12	-
		152	644	203	796
<i>All interest bearing liabilities are secured over the future revenues of the Council.</i>					
PROVISIONS					
Employee entitlements (including oncosts)		1,667	235	1,494	253
Future reinstatement / restoration, etc		432	-	600	155
		2,099	235	2,094	408
<i>Amounts included in provisions that are not expected to be settled within 12 months of reporting date.</i>		235		408	
Movements in Provisions - 2014 year only (current & non-current)					
		Carbon Tax	Insurance Losses	Future Reinstatement	Other Provision
Opening Balance				755	
Add	Unwinding of present value discounts			19	
	Additional amounts recognised				
(Less)	Payments			(209)	
	Unused amounts reversed				
Add (Less)	Remeasurement Adjustments			(133)	
Closing Balance				432	

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Note 9 - RESERVES

ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	1/7/2013	Net Increments (Decrements)	Transfers, Impairments	30/6/2014
Notes	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Land - community	2,937	2,374	-	5,311
Buildings & Other Structures	11,270	19,455	-	30,725
Road Infrastructure	90,982	-	-	90,982
CWMS	3,576	-	-	3,576
Plant & Equipment	1,685	-	-	1,685
Furniture & Fittings	111	-	-	111
Book Stocks	355	-	-	355
TOTAL	110,916	21,829		132,745
<i>Comparatives</i>	<i>109,434</i>	<i>2,865</i>	<i>(1,383)</i>	<i>110,916</i>

OTHER RESERVES	1/7/2013	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/6/2014
Asset Replacement	1,039	22	(549)	512
Future Directions	439	9	(308)	140
Retirement Village - Maintenance	582	58	(60)	580
Retirement Village - Capital	937	438	(40)	1,335
TOTAL OTHER RESERVES	2,997	527	(957)	2,567
<i>Comparatives</i>	<i>3,121</i>	<i>1,730</i>	<i>(1,854)</i>	<i>2,997</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.

	2014	2013
CASH & FINANCIAL ASSETS	Notes	\$'000
Unexpended amounts received from Federal Government		
Dept Planning (Loxton Playground Grant)	100	235
Dept Planning (East Terrace)	100	-
Dept Planning (Waikerie Sporting Precinct)	438	-
TOTAL ASSETS SUBJECT TO EXTERNALLY IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS	638	235

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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	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000
Total cash & equivalent assets	5	7,079	6,700
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		7,079	6,700

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)	1,586	(1,695)
Non-cash items in Income Statement		
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	6,416	5,936
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits	129	123
Premiums & discounts recognised & unwound	45	49
Change in allowances for under-recovery	27	-
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity	(1,636)	(834)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals	(44)	(145)
	6,523	3,434
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets		
Net (increase) decrease in receivables	(565)	(1,517)
Net (increase) decrease in inventories	7	(14)
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables	(1,842)	3,053
Net increase (decrease) in other provisions	(209)	-
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations	3,914	4,956

(c) Non-Cash Financing and Investing Activities

- Estimated future reinstatement etc. costs	(342)	-
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(d) Financing Arrangements

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

Bank Overdrafts	500	500
Corporate Credit Cards	12	12
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 2014 \$'000	ACTUAL 2013 \$'000	ACTUAL 2014 \$'000	ACTUAL 2013 \$'000	ACTUAL 2014 \$'000	ACTUAL 2013 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000	
Council Administration	12,113	9,971	836	660	11,277	9,311	3,664	1,754	14,251
Public Order and Safety	-	-	101	65	(101)	(65)	-	-	-
Health	44	34	148	174	(104)	(140)	-	-	-
Social Security and Welfare	474	756	823	928	(349)	(172)	-	3	19,765
Housing and Comm Amenities	2,961	2,281	4,584	4,768	(1,623)	(2,487)	303	795	38,219
Recreation	423	404	3,310	3,415	(2,887)	(3,011)	981	41	32,799
Regulatory Services	262	208	756	643	(494)	(435)	50	-	-
Transport & Communication	1,579	1,096	6,248	5,177	(4,669)	(4,081)	1,949	1,087	100,017
Economic Services	586	209	997	532	(411)	(323)	-	-	93,395
Unclassified Activities	399	353	1,132	1,624	(733)	(1,271)	-	-	-
TOTALS	18,841	15,312	18,935	17,986	(94)	(2,674)	6,947	3,680	215,631
									195,176

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 between 2.50% and 3.05% (2013: 2.75%). Short term deposits have an average maturity of 64 days and an average interest rates of 2.60% (2013: 1 day, 2.75%). Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.
Receivables - Rates & Associated Charges (including legals & penalties for late payment) Note: These receivables do not meet the definition of "financial instruments" and have been excluded from the following disclosures.	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: Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 2% (2013: 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 6.20% and 7.50% (2013: 6.20% and 7.50%) 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

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	116
Total	7,707	87	3	7,797	7,797
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

2013	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	6,700	-	-	6,700	6,700
Receivables	1,407	-	-	1,407	1,407
Other Financial Assets	75	142	24	241	241
Total	8,182	142	24	8,348	8,348
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	11,118	-	-	11,118	11,118
Current Borrowings	253	-	-	253	203
Non-Current Borrowings	206	418	388	1,012	796
Total	11,577	418	388	12,383	12,117

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

	30 June 2014		30 June 2013	
	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value
	%	\$'000	%	\$'000
Fixed Interest Rates	6.51	796	6.57	999
		<u>796</u>		<u>999</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

	2014	2013
Notes	\$'000	\$'000

Other Expenditure Commitments

Other non-capital expenditure commitments in relation to investment properties:

Audit Services	-	13
Employee Remuneration Contracts	1,956	1,334
Community Waste Water Management Systems Management Contracts	2,593	2,780

Finance Lease Commitments

Council leases various plant and equipment with a carrying amount of \$24,000 (2013 - \$21,000) under finance leases expiring within 1 to 4 years. At expiry, Council may re-lease, or return or acquire the leased assets.

Some leases provide for the payment of contingent rentals depending on actual use of the equipment. Contingent rental payments made are disclosed in Note 3.

Commitments under finance leases at the reporting date are as follows:

Not later than one year	-	12
Net Lease Liability	<u>-</u>	<u>12</u>

Representing lease liabilities:

Current	9	-	12
		<u>-</u>	<u>12</u>

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Note 15 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

2014 2013 2012

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	(1%)	(27%)	22%
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%)	(5%)	10%
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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	33%	57%	46%
Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy			

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 (excluding NRM levy).

Asset Sustainability Ratio

Net Asset Renewals	98%	40%	60%
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

	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000
Income	18,841	15,312
less Expenses	18,935	17,986
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(94)	(2,674)
less Net Outlays on Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	2,793	2,731
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	(6,416)	(5,936)
Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	(333)	(353)
	(3,956)	(3,558)
less Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets (including investment property & real estate developments)	3,187	2,146
Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	(1,636)	(834)
	1,551	1,312
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	2,311	(428)

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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 Marketlink and/or Salarylink. All other employees (including casuals) have all contributions allocated to Marketlink.

Marketlink (Accumulation Fund) Members

Marketlink receives both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are based on a fixed percentage of employee earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation (9.25% in 2013/14; 9% in 2012/13). 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 Trustee based on advice from the appointed Actuary. The rate is currently 6.3% (6.3% in 2012/13) of "superannuation" salary.

In addition, Council makes a separate contribution of 3% of salary for Salarylink members to their Marketlink account. Employees also make member contributions to the Fund. As such, assets accumulate in 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 Fund'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 Scheme's actuary, A C Miller, FIAA, of Russell Employee Benefits Pty Ltd as at 30 June 2011. 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 2,383 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.

4. "CARBON" TAX

From 1 July 2012 a new tax on emissions of certain "greenhouse" gases commenced operation. Council has a number of garbage landfill facilities which emit, and will continue for many years to emit, gases of this type.

Using current calculation methods, emissions from Council's landfill facilities are substantially below current taxable thresholds. This situation is expected to continue while thresholds remain at current levels.

Information currently available provides assurances that "legacy emissions" from garbage placed in landfills prior to commencement of the tax will not subsequently become liable to the tax. However, should taxable thresholds be substantially reduced Council may be subject to taxation on landfill deposits made after 1 July 2013. No liability has been recognised in these reports.

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOXTON WAIKERIE

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the District Council of the Loxton Waikerie which comprises the statement of financial position, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows, summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the certification of financial statement for the year ended 30 June 2014.

Chief Executive Officer's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Local Government Act 1999 together with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted the audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial 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 entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report 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 Board of Management, 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 the audit we have followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional and ethical pronouncements and the Local Government Act 1999.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the District Council of the Loxton Waikerie as of 30 June 2014, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Local Government Act 1999 together with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.

Ian G McDonald FCA
Chartered Accountant
Registered Company Auditor

Signed 11th day of November 2014, at Adelaide, South Australia

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DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOXTON WAIKERIE

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2014

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 2014, the Council's Auditor, Ian G McDonald FCA, has maintained his 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*.

Peter Ackland
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
John Comrie
PRESIDING MEMBER
AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: 5 November 2014

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOXTON WAIKERIE**ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014****STATEMENT BY AUDITOR**

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of the District Council of Loxton Waikerie for the year ended 30 June 2014, 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.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 22 (5) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.



Ian G McDonald FCA

Dated this 14 day of October 2014



MMLGA ANNUAL REPORT

THE MURRAY AND MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014



Comprising:

Berri Barmera Council

District Council of Karoonda East Murray

Mid Murray Council

Renmark Paringa Council, and the

Coorong District Council

District Council of Loxton Waikerie:

Rural City of Murray Bridge

Southern Mallee District Council

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT



President, Mayor David Burgess.

This being my second term as President of the Association, I have the greatest of pleasure in providing the following President's Annual report for the period 2013 to 2014.

This Report focuses on the activities undertaken, and as outlined in the Association's Annual Business Plan 2013-2014.

I am continually proud of the Association's achievements and increase in public awareness and profile over the past year, especially addressing the number of new and emerging issues that affect local government and the community.

The Association has focused on the fostering of partnership approaches to regional issues and projects and the lobbying for the benefit of our regional communities.

The following provides a snapshot of the key activities undertaken:

- Completion of the Murray and Mallee Regional Public Health Plan.
- Completion of the strategic 2030 Regional Transport Plan.
- Finalisation of the Murray and Mallee region chapter of the "Making Regions Matter" Election Platform document.
- Achievement of the review of the Association's Charter for a Regional Subsidiary.
- Undertaking community consultation and subsequent preparation on the region's Annual Priorities Report document seeking partnership arrangements to further the aims of the Report.

During the year the Association has undertaken actions, including:

- Lifting of the ban on fishing for catfish in the River Murray,

- Provision of assistance and local government representation with the NRM Board on the Integrated Vulnerability Assessment project, with the completion of Phase 2 of the project and distribution of the draft Sector Agreement,
- Commencement of the pilot Murraylands Councils Video Conferencing Project,
- Collation of Member Councils' Special Local Roads Funding Applications with Association recommendations to the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel,
- Ensuring that a review of Community Transport arrangements was included in the State Government's Integrated Transport and Land Use Plan,
- Furthering of Resource Sharing Initiatives between Member Councils,
- Gained State Government commitment for planned River Murray Ferry replacements,
- Facilitated Member Councils' direct representational input into planned changes to offset planting costs under the Native Vegetation Act,
- Facilitation of changes to Council memberships to the Murray Darling Association.

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, this year providing \$1.897m in funding availability,
- 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:

- Association response to the "Statement for Regional SA" – Minister Gail Gago, MLC.
- Dept. of Premier and Cabinet requesting equity provisions for Cabinet submissions for Recreation and Sport funding.
- SAROC Submissions:

Employee Sick Leave
Council requirements for financial contribution for street lighting on State Government controlled roads
Governmental and economic funding support for regional SA
Councils' Risk Assessment and the Financial Impost on Councils
Recycling of used tyres
Work load imposed on Councils due to changes in the Public Health Act
Rural Road Speed Limits

Maintenance of Murray River Markers and navigable channels
ICAC submission re Elected Members Code of Conduct
CFS requirements for Large Farm Sheds
State Government's contravention of the SA Government/LGA Memorandum of Understanding
Regional Mobile Phone Coverage

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
- The Catfish Project Committee

I again take this opportunity to sincerely thank Vice President Mayor Peter Hunt, Mayor Leon Stasinowsky (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.

Timely information has again been provided to the Association from the Local Government Association of SA. I especially recognise the efforts of both Wendy Campana and Chris Russell. These efforts have been mirrored by the PIRSA by the regular reports provided by both Bengy Paolo and Tim Smythe. I recognise their support, advice and well researched information provided.

I thank our CEO Peter Campbell for his continued commitment and support provided to me and the Association over the past year. He has provided continual effective services to the Association despite increased family health pressures.

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 2013-2014
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 David Burgess, Mid Murray Council was elected President at the Annual General Meeting held at Tailem Bend on the 1st June, 2012 and Mayor Peter Hunt, Berri Barmera Council was elected Vice President both for a full annual term of office. In accordance with the provisions of the Association's Charter for a Regional Subsidiary, the office holders retain their positions until the first meeting of the Association following the November, 2014 Local Government Elections.

REPRESENTATION: LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA (LGA SA).

Mayor David 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.

ASSOCIATION: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SERVICES.

The Chief Executive Officer services for the Association for the year were again provided by Peter Campbell.

In accordance with a resolution of Member Council Delegates, the Chief Executive Officer underwent performance review process in April, 2014, coinciding with the production of the Association's draft 2014-2015 Annual Business Plan and draft 2014-2015 Budget.

The Review Panel consists of the President and Vice-President of the Association, Russell Peate, CEO, Mid Murray Council and Peter Bond, CEO of the Rural City of Murray Bridge. The Association has noted that satisfactory Chief Executive Officer service has been provided and extended the Contract of Service to December, 2014.

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

THE PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION.

As a Regional Subsidiary of the Member Councils, the Association has as its governing document, the Charter gazetted on the 8th February, 2007 (reviewed 2011) as provided for under the Local Government Act 1999. The purpose for which the Association has been established is to:

- work with the Local Government Association of South Australia in achieving its aims and objectives;
- assist in the coordination of resource sharing between Constituent Councils, other Councils, State Government Departments and Agencies to reduce costs and increase operational efficiencies;
- associate, collaborate and work in conjunction with other local government bodies for the advancement of matters of common interest;
- undertake coordination, advocacy and representation roles for its Constituent Councils at a regional level;
- facilitate and coordinate activities of local government at a regional level related to community and economic development with the object of achieving continual improvement for the benefit of the communities of the Constituent Councils;
- develop, encourage, promote, foster and maintain consultation and cooperation with other levels of government, private enterprise and the community;
- strengthen the representation and status of local government when dealing with other levels of government, private enterprise and the community;
- develop further cooperation between the 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 of the region; and
- undertake projects that benefit the region and its communities.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

During 2013-2014, the Association has met bi-monthly General Meetings, convened on:

7th June, 2013 - Annual General Meeting - at the Berri Barmera Council Chamber, 19 Wilson Street, Berri - the Berri Barmera Council as host.

2nd August, 2013 - General Meeting - at the Tailem Bend Town Hall, 93A Railway Terrace, Tailem Bend - the Coorong District Council as host.

4th October, 2013 - General Meeting - at the District Council of Karoonda East Murray Council Chamber - the District Council of Karoonda East Murray as host.

6th December, 2013 - General Meeting - at the District Council of Loxton Waikerie Council Chamber, East Terrace, Loxton - the District Council of Loxton Waikerie as host.

7th February, 2014 - General Meeting - at the Mid Murray Council Meeting Room, 49 Adelaide Road, Mannum - the Mid Murray Council as host.

4th April, 2014 - General Meeting - at the District Council of Karoonda East Murray Council Chamber - the District Council of Karoonda East Murray and the Karoonda Farm Fair as hosts.

6th June 2014 – Annual General Meeting – at the Renmark Paringa Community and Civic Centre, 61 Eighteenth Street, Renmark 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:

- Senator Simon Birmingham,
- Hon. Bruce Lander, QC, Independent Commissioner against Corruption,
- Sue Filby, General Manager Customer Relations and Alexandra Lewis, SA Power Networks,
- Chris Gregory, NBN Co.,
- Ray Najer, now past General Manager, Murray Darling Association,
- Sharon Starick, Presiding Member and Rod Ralph, Board Member, SA MDB NRM Board,
- Danny Broderick, SA Dept. Of Health,
- Glen Jones, General Manager, Boating Industry of SA, and
- Rob Edwards, Local Government Workers Compensation Scheme.

Representatives of both the LGA 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 Wendy Campana, Executive Director, and Chris Russell, LGA SA 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 AGM of the 6th June, 2014:

Berri Barmera Council (BBC): Mayor Peter Hunt, Vice President, Deputy Mayor Vicki Beech and David Beaton, CEO (proxy).

Coorong District Council (CDC): Mayor Roger Strother, Cr. Sharon Bland (proxy) and Deputy Mayor Peter Wright (proxy).

District Council of Karoonda East Murray (DCKEM): Mayor Kevin Burdett, Peter Smithson, CEO and Deputy Mayor Colin Zadow (proxy).

District Council of Loxton Waikerie (DCLW): Mayor Leon Stasinowsky, Peter Ackland, CEO and Deputy Mayor Mark Ward (proxy).

Mid Murray Council (MMC): Mayor David Burgess, President, Deputy Mayor Kevin Myers, Cr. Inez Bormann (proxy), Russell Peate, CEO (proxy) and Robin Bourne, Deputy CEO, (proxy).

The Rural City of Murray Bridge (RCMB): Mayor Allan Arbon, OAM, Deputy Mayor Barry Laubsch, Cr. Jerry Wilson, (proxy) and Peter Bond, CEO (proxy).

District Council of Renmark Paringa (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 and Anthony Renshaw, CEO (proxy).

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS.

The following were the Association Committee Members up until the AGM of the 6th June, 2014:

LGA Board:

President, Mayor David Burgess, Mid Murray Council *(by virtue of position held)*.

Vice President, Mayor Peter Hunt, Berri Barmera Council *(by virtue of position held)*.

Proxy 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 *(by virtue of position held)*.

Vice President, Mayor Peter Hunt, Berri Barmera Council *(by virtue of position held)*.

Proxy for President and or Vice President, Mayor Leon Stasinowsky, District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

CEO M&MLGA - Peter Campbell *(by virtue of position held)*.

Regional Development Australia (Murraylands and Riverland) Board.

Deputy Mayor Barry Laubsch - Rural City of Murray Bridge.

President, Mayor David Burgess - Mid Murray Council.

Mayor Neil Martinson - Renmark Paringa Council.

Cr. Trevor Norton, District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

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 Barry Laubsch, Rural City of Murray Bridge.

Tony Siviour, CEO, Renmark Paringa Council. *(by virtue of position held)*

David Mosel, Asset Manager, Coorong District Council.

Brenton Lewis, CEO Murraylands Regional Development Board.

Mayor Roger Strother, Coorong District Council.

Paul Day, Renmark Paringa Council. *(by virtue of position held)*

Greg Hill, Mid Murray Council. *(by virtue of position held)*

Peter Ackland, CEO, District Council of Loxton Waikerie. *(by virtue of position held)*

Matthew Sherman, Works Manager, Southern Mallee District Council. *(by virtue of position held)*

Peter Smithson, CEO, District Council of Karoonda East Murray - proxy to be advised. *(both by virtue of positions held)*

Greg Perry, Manager Infrastructure Services, Berri Barmera Council. *(by virtue of position held)*

David Beaton, CEO, Berri Barmera Council. *(by virtue of position held)*

Peter Bond, CEO, Rural City of Murray Bridge. *(by virtue of position held)*

Tim Tol, Infrastructure Director, District Council of Loxton Waikerie. *(by virtue of position held)*

Cr. Gordon Hancock, Southern Mallee District Council.

Cr. Trevor Kerley, District Council of Karoonda East Murray.

A representative, Zero Waste SA. (external appointment)

Murray and Mallee Local Government Association Regional Transport Strategy Committee:

Mayor Roger Strother, Coorong District Council, Chair

Peter Campbell, 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. *(by virtue of position held)*

Tim Tol, Director of Infrastructure - District Council of Loxton Waikerie

Peter Smithson - District Council of Karoonda East Murray (Ron Palm - proxy)

Peter Bond, CEO, Rural City of Murray Bridge (David Allen - proxy)

Matthew Sherman, Southern Mallee District Council

David Mosel, Coorong District Council

Brenton Lewis, Regional Development Australia (Murraylands and Riverland) Board

DTEI (Transport SA) - 2 nominees (external appointment)

M&MLGA Transport Reference Group. - Community Transport:

Peter Smithson, CEO, District Council of Karoonda East Murray. *(by virtue of position held)*

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.

Peter Bond, CEO, Rural City of Murray Bridge.

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 Annual Priority Working Party:

Tony Siviour, CEO, Renmark Paringa Council,

Peter Bond, CEO, Rural City of Murray Bridge,

Russell Peate, CEO, Mid Murray Council,

Tony Renshaw, CEO, Southern Mallee District Council,

Mayor Leon Stasinowsky, District Council of Loxton Waikerie,

Tim Smythe, Regional Manager Murray Mallee, PIRSA.

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.

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 response to the "Statement for Regional SA" – Minister Gail Gago, MLC.

- Dept. of Premier and Cabinet requesting equity provisions for Cabinet submissions for Recreation and Sport funding.
- SAROC Submissions:
 - Employee Sick Leave
 - Council requirements for financial contribution for street lighting on State Government controlled roads
 - Governmental and economic funding support for regional SA Councils' Risk Assessment and the Financial Impost on Councils
 - Recycling of used tyres
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 - Rural Road Speed Limits
 - Maintenance of Murray River Markers and navigable channels
 - ICAC submission re Elected Members Code of Conduct
 - CFS requirements for Large Farm Sheds
 - State Government's contravention of the SA Government/LGA Memorandum of Understanding
 - Regional Mobile Phone Coverage

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 Catfish Project Committee

The CEO has also attended Forums, Workshops and Briefings throughout the year regarding evolving issues and to make contribution on behalf of the Association. These have included:

- Regional LGA CEO's Briefings (6).
- Native Vegetation Council briefings and consultative workshops (X4)
- I-Vision – Telstra Video Conferencing briefing and demonstration.
- NBN Briefing – Murray Bridge..
- Integrated Vulnerability Assessment Project Workshop.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (SAROC).

The President, Mayor David Burgess, Vice President Mayor Peter Hunt, (Mayor Leon Stasinowsky as proxy 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
- Rural Property Addressing
- Local Excellence Expert Panel
- Recycling Used Tyres, Used CCA Posts and Irrigation Dripper Lines
- Funding Sport and Recreation
- Risk Assessment and Reduction of Financial Impost on Councils
- Video Conferencing Pilot Project
- Local Government Roads Hierarchy and Transport Strategy
- Public Health Act
- SAROC Federal Election Platform
- 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 Visitor Information Centres
- 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 Round Table EP
- Bushfire Summary - January 2014

- SA Regional Statement
- State Election Update - Making Regions Matter
- Funding for Community Facilities
- Regional Health Plans Update
- Video Conferencing Pilot - Update
- Local Excellence Expert Panel Update
- Regional Waste Management Investigations Update
- Video Conferencing Update
- National Heavy Vehicle Regulations (NHVR)
- Native Vegetation Council
- Local Excellence Expert Panel
- Bushfire Survey Results
- Native Vegetation - SEB Review
- Proposed Change to the Behavioural Code of Conduct Clause 2.25

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO 30TH JUNE, 2014.

The audited Financial Statements 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 2013-2014 grant of \$37,225 (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 2014.

General Meetings of the Association will continue to be held during 2014-2015 on the first Friday in the months of August, 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 6th June, 2014, the Association endorsed the Annual Business Plan 2014-2015 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 Annual Business Plan 2014-2015 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.



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Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

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Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Statement of Profit and Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
MBM LGA contributions	2	180,578	102,914
Regional enhancement fund grant	2	37,225	36,424
Interest received	2	3,717	4,556
Other income	2	-	4,728
		<u>221,520</u>	<u>148,622</u>
Other operating expenses	3	(208,808)	(132,853)
Surplus (deficit) for the year		12,712	15,769
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income (loss)		<u>12,712</u>	<u>15,769</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	115,004	90,164
Trade and other receivables	5	3,599	3,600
Total current assets		<u>118,603</u>	<u>93,764</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>118,603</u>	<u>93,764</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	6	14,527	2,400
Total current liabilities		<u>14,527</u>	<u>2,400</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>14,527</u>	<u>2,400</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>104,076</u>	<u>91,364</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus		53,528	53,184
Unspent funds reserve	7	50,548	38,180
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>104,076</u>	<u>91,364</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

		2014		
			Unspent Funds Reserve	Accumulated Surplus
	Note		\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2013			38,180	53,184
Surplus for the year			-	12,712
Transfers to/from accumulated surplus	7		12,368	(12,368)
Balance at 30 June 2014			50,548	53,528
				104,076

		2013		
			Unspent Funds Reserve	Accumulated Surplus
	Note		\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2012			27,946	47,649
Surplus for the year			-	15,769
Transfers to/from accumulated surplus	7		10,234	(10,234)
Balance at 30 June 2013			38,180	53,184
				91,364

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Cash from operating activities:			
Receipts from members		180,579	102,914
Receipts from grants		37,225	36,424
Other income		-	4,728
Interest received		3,717	4,568
Payments to suppliers		(196,681)	(132,553)
Net cash provided from operating activities	8	24,840	16,081
Net increase in cash held		24,840	16,081
Cash at beginning of financial year		90,164	74,083
Cash at end of financial year	4	115,004	90,164

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

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.

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.

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(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 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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(e) Financial Instruments (continued)

(i) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets are classified at "fair value through profit or loss" when they are held for trading for the purpose of short-term profit taking, where they are derivatives not held for hedging purposes, or when they are designated as such to avoid an accounting mismatch or to enable performance evaluation where a group of financial assets is managed by key management personnel on a fair value basis in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy. Such assets are subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value (i.e. gains or losses) being recognised in profit or loss.

(ii) 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.

(iii) Held-to-maturity investments

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets that have fixed maturities and fixed or determinable payments, and it is the association's intention to hold these investments to maturity. They 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.

(iv) Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale investments are non-derivative financial assets that are either not capable of being classified into other categories of financial assets due to their nature or they are designated as such by management. They comprise investments in the equity of other entities where there is neither a fixed maturity nor fixed or determinable payments.

They are subsequently measured at fair value with any re-measurements other than impairment losses and foreign exchange gains and losses recognised in other comprehensive income. When the financial asset is derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss pertaining to that asset previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified into profit or loss.

Available-for-sale financial assets are classified as non-current assets when they are expected to be sold within 12 months after the end of the reporting period. All other available-for-sale financial assets are classified as current assets.

(v) 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.

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(e) Financial Instruments (continued)

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 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.

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(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 balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

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(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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2 Revenue

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Interest received	3,717	4,556
MBM LGA contributions		
Berri Barmera Council	26,649	15,849
Coorong District Council	19,339	10,497
DC of Karoonda East Murray	12,591	5,557
DC of Loxton Waikerie	27,914	16,775
Mid Murray Council	22,150	12,556
The Rural City of Murray Bridge	33,678	20,994
DC of Renmark Paringa	24,259	14,099
Southern Mallee DC	13,998	6,587
Total MBM LGA contributions	180,578	102,914
Regional Enhancement Fund Grant	37,225	36,424
Income from RISE economic model and other		4,728
Total Revenue	221,520	148,622

3 Other operating expenses

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Audit fees	5,323	2,400
Bank charges	55	93
Consultancy and contractors	82,632	9,766
Executive officer contract services	105,672	102,594
Insurance	5,358	5,212
Meeting expenses	1,556	4,470
Postage	82	110
President's travelling allowance	2,500	2,500
Printing and stationery	781	710
Record sentencing/archiving	151	193
SAROC regional meeting costs	1,353	1,143
Sundry expenses	92	412
Telephone, fax and broadband	2,933	3,200
Website maintenance	320	50
Total expenses	208,808	132,853

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4 Cash and cash equivalents

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Cash on hand	100	100
Cash at bank	22,537	11,200
LGFA Investment	92,367	78,864
Total	115,004	90,164

5 Trade and other receivables

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Current	-	786
Accrued interest	-	-
GST receivable (net)	3,599	2,814
Total	3,599	3,600

6 Trade and other payables

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Current - unsecured	-	-
Trade payables	14,527	2,400

7 Unspent funds reserves

The unexpended funds reserve represent funds set aside for future use on projects managed by the association.

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Shared Resource Cluster Project Income		
Balance brought forward	19,654	-
Transfer from accumulated surplus	-	19,000
Transfer from Discretionary Projects	-	6,000
Total income	19,654	25,000
Less Expenses		
Transfer to Resource Sharing Projects	(19,654)	-
Transfer to Annual Priorities Project	-	(5,000)
Facility of video conferencing expense	-	(346)
Total expenses	(19,654)	(5,346)
Project funds not expended at 30 June	-	19,654

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7 Unspent funds reserves (continued)

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Discretionary Project Income		
Balance brought forward	226	21,946
Transfer to Council Improvement Project	-	(10,000)
Transfer to Shared Resource Cluster Project	-	(6,000)
Total income	226	5,946
Less Expenses		
Delivery of RISE workshop	-	(4,620)
Other expenses	-	(1,100)
Total expenses	-	(5,720)
Project funds not expended at 30 June	226	226
Legal Charter Review Income		
Balance brought forward	7,000	6,000
Transfer from accumulated surplus	-	1,000
Total income	7,000	7,000
Less Expenses		
Professional fees	(2,232)	-
Total expenses	(2,232)	-
Project funds not expended at 30 June	4,768	7,000

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7 Unspent funds reserves (continued)

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Council Improvement Project Income		
Balance brought forward	10,000	-
Transfer from Discretionary Project	-	10,000
Transfer to Resource Sharing Projects	(10,000)	-
Total income	-	10,000
Project funds not expended at 30 June	-	10,000
2030 Transport Plan Project Income		
Transfer from accumulated surplus	55,000	-
Total income	55,000	-
Less Expenses		
Consultancy	(40,900)	-
Total expenses	(40,900)	-
Project funds not expended at 30 June	14,100	-
Regional Public Health Plan Income		
Transfer from accumulated surplus	40,000	-
Total income	40,000	-
Less Expenses		
Consultancy	(39,500)	-
Total expenses	(39,500)	-
Project funds not expended at 30 June	500	-

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7 Unspent funds reserves (continued)

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Riverland Resource Sharing Project Income		
Transfer from Shared Resource Cluster Project and Council Improvement Project	-	-
	13,500	-
Total income	13,500	-
Project funds not expended at 30 June	13,500	-

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Murraylands Resource Sharing Project Income		
Transfer from Shared Resource Cluster Project and Council Improvement Project	-	-
	16,154	-
Total income	16,154	-
Project funds not expended at 30 June	16,154	-

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Annual Priorities Project Income		
Balance brought forward	1,300	-
Transfer from Shared Resource Cluster Project	-	5,000
Total income	1,300	5,000
Less Expenses		
Facilitation fee	-	(3,700)
Total expenses	-	(3,700)
Project funds not expended at 30 June	1,300	1,300
Total unspent funds reserve	50,548	38,180

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8 Cash Flow information

(a) Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Surplus for the year

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Net surplus for the year	12,712	15,769
Changes in assets and liabilities,		
Decrease in trade and other receivables	1	12
Increase in trade and other payables	12,127	300
	24,840	16,081

9 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 in accordance with AASB 139, as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Financial Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	115,004	90,164
Trade and other receivables	5	3,599	3,600
Total financial assets		118,603	93,764
Financial liabilities			
Financial liabilities at amortised cost			
Trade and other payables		14,527	2,400
Total financial liabilities		14,527	2,400

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9 Financial Risk Management (continued)

Financial Risk Management Policies

The association's Treasurer is responsible for, among other issues, monitoring and managing financial risk exposures of the association. The Treasurer monitors the association's transactions and reviews the effectiveness of controls relating to credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk. Discussions on monitoring and managing financial risk exposures are held bi-monthly and minuted by the committee of management.

The Treasurer's overall risk management strategy seeks to ensure that the association meets its financial targets, while minimising potential adverse effects of cash flow shortfalls.

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.

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.

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9 Financial Risk Management (continued)

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.

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.

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9 Financial Risk Management (continued)

These sensitivities assume that the movement in a particular variable is independent of other variables.

	Surplus	Equity
Year ended 30 June 2014	\$	\$
+/- 2% in interest rates	+/-1,649	+/-1,649
	Surplus	Equity
Year ended 30 June 2013	\$	\$
+/- 2% in interest rates	+/-1,801	+/-1,801

There have been no changes in any of the assumptions used to prepare the above sensitivity analysis from the prior year.

Fair Values

Fair value estimation

The fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities are presented in the following table and can be compared to their carrying amounts as presented in the statement of financial position. Fair value is the amount at which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction.

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9 Financial Risk Management (continued)

Fair value may be based on information that is estimated or subject to judgment, where changes in assumptions may have a material impact on the amounts estimated. Areas of judgment and the assumptions have been detailed below. Where possible, valuation information used to calculate fair value is extracted from the market, with more reliable information available from markets that are actively traded. In this regard, fair values for listed securities are obtained from quoted market bid prices.

	2014		2013	
	Carrying amount \$	Fair value \$	Carrying amount \$	Fair value \$
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	115,004	115,004	90,164	90,164
Trade and other receivables	3,599	3,599	3,600	3,600
Total financial assets	118,603	118,603	93,764	93,764
Financial liabilities				
Trade and other payables	14,527	14,527	2,400	2,400
Total financial liabilities	14,527	14,527	2,400	2,400

The fair values disclosed in the above table have been determined based on the following methodologies:

- (i) Cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and other debtors and accounts payable and other payables are short-term instruments in nature whose carrying amount is equivalent to fair value.

10 Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

At 30 June 2014, the association is unaware of any liability, contingent or otherwise, which has not already been recorded elsewhere in this financial report.

11 Capital Commitments

At 30 June 2014, 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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12 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.

13 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.

14 Key Management Personnel Compensation

(a) 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.

	Short term benefits	Total
2014		
Total compensation	108,172	108,172
2013		
Total compensation	105,094	105,094

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15 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.

16 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.

17 Association Details

The registered office of the association is;

Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Inc
65 Underwood Avenue
Goolwa Beach SA 5214

The principal place of business is:

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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 2014 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:

Member 

Member 

Dated this 14th day of September, 2014



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Members of Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Murray & Mallee Government Association Incorporated (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2014, the statement of profit and loss and comprehensive income, statement of changes equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes, report by members of the committee and the statement by members of the committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the Association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985 and for such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's 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 relating to audit engagements 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 judgment, 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 entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report 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 Committee, 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 Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial report of Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated is in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985, including:

- i. presenting fairly, in all material respects the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2014 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1.

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Nick Walker

Partner

14 September 2014

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