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Leon Stasinowsky

Mayor

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I am privileged to be able to present this first report as Mayor of the District Council of Loxton Waikerie

During this year Local Government Elections were held in November 2010, which pleasingly saw contests for both the positions of Elected Member and the Mayor, demonstrating that local democracy is alive and well in our district.

The election drew 49.55% of our 8168 residents enrolled to cast their votes resulting in existing Councillors Mark Ward, Jody Flavel, Ross Copeland, Michael Vowles, Margaret Malthouse and Kym Webber retaining their seats and four new Members, being Councillors Debbie Thiele, Michael Zeppel, David Kimber and Trevor Norton elected. Councillor Ward was subsequently successful in being appointed as Councils Deputy Mayor.

I extend my congratulations to those elected and together I am confident that we can represent our district and our region well during our term

To those former Members that did not seek re-election, former Mayor Dean Maywald, and Councillor Frances Simes, and former Councillor Bert Haslam who was not successful in retaining his position, I extend my thanks to you all on behalf of Council and the community that we serve for your strong passion, innovation and belief in our district and region during your term(s), having lead us through some of the more difficult times in recent history.

This election saw the implementation of a "Caretaker Period" for the first time and whilst the premise behind this is sound, its application to the business of Local Government requires review and adjustment before the next election process in four years time.

Our region continues to face issues requiring us to collectively continue to assess what has sustained us in the past and whether it will continue to do so to the required degree in the future in a world and economy that is constantly changing and impacting regional areas like never before

Council has reassessed its strategic direction and is confident that our district and the Riverland Region has a sound future, however we cannot just rely upon our well heralded resilience to carry us through, but more so in united effort, a series of common goals and a willingness to embrace change where change is needed but not at the expense of what makes the Riverland a wonderful place to live, raise a family, do business and retire.

We look forward to the release of the Murray Darling Basin Plan in late 2011 hoping that the feedback provided by this region and others to the initial Guide to the Plan seeking balance between the environmental, social and economic imperatives has been heard acted upon. A balanced Plan will go a long way to providing surety and security of investment to our region.

Whilst our Council has continued to perform well from a financial perspective we recognise the continuing demand for services and the impact that the resulting rates have upon our community and will be addressing this in a targeted and innovative way during the coming financial year.

Mayors Report

We have continued to act upon our desire for a unified and cohesive region by fostering and strengthening relationships with the other Councils in the Riverland and have worked closely with them on such projects as Riverland Futures, regional alignment of our Development Plans and a regional solution to waste

This year has also seen a significant change in the senior management of our staff with the retirement of long serving and experienced members Des Schliebs and Neil Martinson and the resignation of Peter Sellar and Tom Avery. Whilst thanking these men for their dedicated service it also provides Council with the opportunity to restructure its senior management.

To this end I welcome Ruth Firstbrook as the Director Corporate and Community Service who comes to us with fresh ideas and experience from the community services sector, balanced with Chris Fels as Director Infrastructure Services and Stephen Bateman as Manager Development and Community Services who both have long and distinguished experience in Local Government.

Our staff is lead by Peter Ackland who returns to us from an eighteen month secondment to the Riverland Futures initiative and together as an elected member group and dedicated staff we have a strong working relationship ready to serve and lead our community.

There is much to do I am confident that our district has a group of Elected Members that are committed to advance our district through the provision of required service, strong and consistent representation and advocacy and sound proactive governance.

Mayor Leon Stasinowsky

2010/11 COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 41

- Performance Review Committee
- Car Fleet Management Committee (to 29/11/10)
- Wunkar Recreation Grounds Committee (Chairperson)

2010/11 REPRESENTATIVE AND DELEGATE ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

- Local Government Association of South Australia State Executive Committee
- Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Regional Community Wastewater Management Scheme Committee (CWMS)
- Murray & Mallee Local Government Association (MMLGA) (President)
- Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Regional Transport Strategy Committee
- Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Regional Waste Management Strategy Committee
- Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Broadband Steering Committee
- Riverland Futures Taskforce—Development Plan Alignment Project Reference Group
- Riverland Mallee Locust Community Reference Group
- Riverland Drought Taskforce (Chairperson)
- Development Assessment Panel
- Audit Committee
- Riverland Regional Development Assessment Panel (RRDAP)
- Riverland/Mallee Locust Community Reference Group
- Riverland Local Government Forum
- Local Government finance authority—AGM Council representative
- Development Assessment Panel Sub Committee
- Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee
- Community Grants Assessment Reference Panel



Cr Mark Ward

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2010/11 COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 41

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

2010/11 REPRESENTATIVE AND DELEGATE ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

- Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Regional Community Wastewater Management Scheme Committee (CWMS)
- Murray Darling Association Region 5 Committee
- Loxton High School Council
- Riverland Local Government NRM Advisory Group of the SA Murray Darling Basin NRM Board
- Riverland Passenger Transport Scheme
- Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee
- Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Regional Transport Strategy Committee
- Murray Darling Association General Council
- Riverland Recreation and Sport beActive Committee
- Riverland Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy
- Loxton Health Advisory Council (HAC)
- Loxton Sport & Recreation Facilities Group



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- Loxton Historical Village Committee
- Policy Review Committee

2010/11 REPRESENTATIVE AND DELEGATE ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

- Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Broadband and Steering Committee
- Loxton Neighbourhood Watch
- Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee
- Loxton Playground Working Group Commit



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- Policy Review Committee
- Waste Management Committee
- Performance Review Committee

2010/11 REPRESENTATIVE AND DELEGATE ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

- Murray Darling Association General Council
- Murray Darling Association Region 5 Committee
- Waikerie Senior Citizens Home Board
- Waikerie Community Arts Centre
- Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee
- Community Grants Assessment Reference Panel
- SA's Country Health Plan Working Group
- Waikerie Cemetery Committee
- Development Assessment Panel
- Riverland Futures Taskforce—Development Plan Alignment Project Reference Group
- Waikerie Senior Citizen Club



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- Lease Committee
- Bushfire Prevention Advisory Committee
- Car Fleet Management Committee (to 29/11/10)
- Performance Review Committee
- Waste Management Committee

2010/11 REPRESENTATIVE AND DELEGATE ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

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



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- Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee

2010/11 REPRESENTATIVE AND DELEGATE ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

- Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Regional Waste Management Strategy Committee
- Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee
- Riverland Local Government NRM Advisory Group of the SA Murray Darling Basin NRM Board
- Loxton Senior Citizen Club



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- Lease Committee
- Policy Review Committee
- Moorook Recreation Grounds Committee
- Waste Management Committee

2010/11 REPRESENTATIVE AND DELEGATE ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

- Riverland Local Government NRM Advisory Group of the SA Murray Darling Basin NRM Board
- Community Grants Assessment Reference Panel
- Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee
- Loxton Sport & Recreation Facilities Group
- Loxton to Bookpurnong LAP



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2010/11 COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 41

- Policy Review Committee
- Performance Review Committee
- Disability Access Action Plan Committee
- Waikerie District Community Committee

2010/11 REPRESENTATIVE AND DELEGATE ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

- SA's Country Health Plan Working Group
- Ramco Primary School Committee
- Riverland Futures Taskforce—Development Plan Alignment Project Reference Group
- Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee
- Development Assessment Panel Committee
- Waikerie Health Advisory Council (HAC)
- Audit Committee



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2010/11 COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 41

- Loxton Centenary Feature Committee
- Pines Management Committee
- Lease Committee
- Loxton Retirement Village Committee
- Waste Management Committee
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2010/11 REPRESENTATIVE AND DELEGATE ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

- Audit Committee
- Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee



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2010/11 COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 41

- Performance Review Committee
- Waste Management Committee
- Bushfire Prevention Committee (to 29/11/2010)
- Loxton Historical Village Committee (to 29/11/10)
- Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee
- Lease Committee
- Loxton Centenary Feature Committee (to 29/11/10)

2010/11 REPRESENTATIVE AND DELEGATE ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

- Loxton Community Centre
- Riverland Futures Project (Group 2)
- Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee
- Loxton Sport and Recreation Facilities Group
- Loxton Chamber of Commerce
- Riverland Regional Waste Management Committee
- **CORES 0 Community Response to Eliminating Suicide**



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2010/11 COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 41

- Lease Committee
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2010/11 REPRESENTATIVE AND DELEGATE ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

- Waikerie Community Sports Centre
- Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee

District Council of Loxton Waikarie

Corporate Members

Elected November 2010



Back row: Cr Trevor Norton, Chris Fels, Director Infrastructure Services, Cr John Flavel, Cr Ross Copeland and Cr Michael Vowles

Middle row: Cr Deborah Thiele, Cr Kym Webber, Cr David Kimber, Cr Margaret Malthouse, Tanya Cregan, Executive Assistant

Front row: Peter Ackland, Chief Executive Officer, Mayor Leon Stasinowsky, Deputy Mayor Mark Ward, Cr Michael Zeppel



Former Elected Members (Prior to 2010 elections)



Dean Maywald

Mayor
2003 - 2010

2010 COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 41

- Car Fleet Management Committee
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2010 REPRESENTATIVE AND DELEGATE ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

- Murray Darling Association General Council
- Murray Darling Association Region 5 Committee
- Waikerie Senior Citizens Home Board
- Waikerie Community Arts Centre
- SA's Country Health Plan Working Group
- Waikerie Cemetery Committee
- Development Assessment Panel
- Riverland Futures Taskforce—Development Plan Alignment Project Reference Group



Cr Frances Simes

Councillor
2000 - 2010

2010 COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 41

- Car Fleet Management Committee (Chairperson)
- Bushfire Prevention Committee
- Performance Review Committee

2010 REPRESENTATIVE AND DELEGATE ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

- Regional Bushfire Committee
- Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Regional Waste Management Strategy Committee
- Browns Well Complex Committee
- Riverland Regional Waste Management Committee



Cr Bert Haslam
Councillor
2003 - 2010

2010 COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 41

- Car Fleet Management Committee
- Loxton Christmas Lights Committee
- Loxton Centenary Feature Committee

2010 REPRESENTATIVE AND DELEGATE ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

- Regional Bushfire Committee
- Murray & Mallee Local Government Association
- Regional Waste Management Strategy Committee
- Browns Well Complex Committee
- Riverland Regional Waste Management Committee

District Council of Loxton Waikerie Corporate members Prior to 2010 Elections



Back row: Cr Ross Copeland, Cr Bert Haslam, Tom Avery, Director Infrastructure Services, Cr Mark Ward, Des Schliebs, Director Community Services, Cr Jody Flavel and Cr Michael Vowles
Cr Ross Copeland and Cr Michael Vowles

Middle row: Tanya Cregan, Executive Assistant, Cr Frances Simes and Cr Margaret Malthouse

Front row: Peter Ackland, Chief Executive Officer, Mayor Dean Maywald, Cr Leon Stasinowsky, Peter Sellar, Director Corporate Services, Cr Kym Webber (absent)



Peter Ackland

Chief Executive Officer

This year has seen been one of consolidation for Council involving an election process, review of our Strategic Plan and direction and recruitment of an entire new senior management team within a regional economic setting that is rejoicing in the sustained increased flows in the river, yet still very much in recovery from the prolonged drought like conditions experienced over the last 10 years.

Council was able to deliver a significant portion of the projects within our annual business plan, however two severe storm events over the Christmas / New Year period required a reallocation of approximately \$300,000 from our adopted budget to manage the response and clean up from these events, one of which was categorised as 1:250 year event.

As a result of the first storm event prior to Christmas, we were able to modify our practices to include closer monitoring of weather warnings, complete infrastructure works and in consultation with those affected by the storm event, develop a more comprehensive policy of response and escalating interventions

During the year the Murray Darling Basin Authority released the "Guide to the Murray Darling Basin Plan" and conducted regionally based consultation meetings. The Guide discussed three possible intervention levels targeting a transition of water to the environment from other extractive uses. This proposal galvanised rural communities the length of the river concerned that their voices had not been heard and their perception of the imbalance in the report between environmental, social and economic drivers. Council joined with the other Riverland Councils in making a submission along these lines.

Council has been active at a regional level with the culmination of the Riverland Futures Taskforce of which we were represented along with the other Councils of the region and State Government. The major outcomes of the Taskforce were:

- the development and launch of the Riverland Prospectus, a document setting down targeted growth in 5 key areas culminating in an increase in population of +7000 people and growth in the regions economic base in excess of \$500M over the next 20 years
- the State Governments announcement of a \$20 Riverland Sustainable Futures Fund over 4 years to advance the goals of the Prospectus
- the alignment of the 3 Riverland Councils Development Plans to ensure consistency of development control on a whole of Riverland basis, and also underpinning the economic initiatives contained in the Prospectus. Given the forward looking nature of this alignment process, the public consultation process provided significant feedback predominately around the issue of right to farm and preservation of the region's horticultural base versus the ability of a land owner to alter the use of their land to residential use.

Regionally, Council has also worked closely with the Berri Barmera and Renmark Paringa Councils to develop a 7 Point Plan, a vision for tourism in the Riverland, as a response to the changes to regional tourism by the SA Tourism Commission and incorporating initiatives from a report by Advance Tourism which was commissioned by the three Councils. A presentation of the 7 Point Plan was provided at a community meeting in the Berri Town Hall in May from which came the formulation of the industry lead Destination Riverland Incorporated, a committee to guide and grow tourism in the Riverland

Waste Management has also consumed significant time from a Council and regional perspective, the aim being to develop a regional solution to waste minimisation and disposal.

Chief Executive Officers Report

From a regional perspective a preferred site was identified and initial planning undertaken, prior to the proposal being abandoned following sustained representation by elements of the community. The three Councils are continuing to pursue a regional disposal option, however this Council has advised that whilst we will continue to be involved in these discussions, we will ensure that our residents have a viable disposal path, including kerbside recycling prior to the closure of our remaining landfill site in Loxton at the end of 2012.

To that end Council has begun the conversion of our landfill sites in Waikerie and Moorook to Waste Transfer Stations and are in the planning phase for a kerbside recycling collection trail to be undertaken with approximately 120 households early in the 2011 / 12 year to gather information on volumes of recyclable material and green waste, the resulting information to be used to plan a district wide service as part of Council waste collection services.

This year saw the continuation of the first stage of Councils main environmental sustainability initiative, being the design and installation of infrastructure to harvest stormwater and combine it with treated waste water to irrigate playing fields, open spaces and selected reserves. This is a significant project for a regional council and we anticipate collecting and treating approximately 330 mega litres of water per annum, which when combined with subsurface irrigation and the planting of more water tolerant species, is anticipated to negate our need to draw water from the River Murray to irrigate those areas in Loxton. This has been a whole of community effort with a community based committee of Council also leading the concurrent change of plantings and the amount of lawned areas, yet striving to maintain the attractiveness and amenity of the "Garden City of the Riverland". Upon the completion of this project a similar project will be instigated in Waikerie.

Other notable initiatives undertaken this year include:

- Continued development of Councils suite of Asset Management Plan, with Irrigation Systems and Stormwater Drainage Plans released for consultation and adopted
- Conducting Solar Expos in Waikerie and Loxton to provide our communities with exposure to a range of solar energy providers in an effort to maximise the uptake of home generation of renewable energy in the Riverland
- Sponsoring and accompanying the Chairs of the Loxton and District Chamber of Commerce and the Riverland West Chamber of Commerce to attend the three day National Mainstreet Conference in Adelaide as part of a renewed initiatives to support and grow existing small business.
- The review of Councils service levels in regards works requests

I would like to record my appreciation of the support of those Elected Members that either did not contest the election or were not successful in retaining their seat, particularly former Mayor Dean Maywald, and also recognise the efforts of the past senior management team.

Peter Ackland
Chief Executive Officer

Governance

ALLOWANCES PAID TO ELECTED MEMBERS

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 levels 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. The Remuneration Tribunal was established in 1990 and determines the allowances of parliamentarians, judges and other statutory office holders.

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.

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:

Principal Member	\$ 45,200
Council Deputy Mayor	\$ 14,125
Chairman of Standing Committees	\$ 14,125
Elected Members	\$ 11,300

The allowances were set by the Remuneration Tribunal in the Report and Determination no. 6 of 2010: Members of Local Government Councils.

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

FACILITIES AND 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.

TRAINING, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

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 2010/ 2011 as per the table below:

NB: the Elected Member Training Register was developed in November 2010 some training and attendances at conferences and seminars undertaken prior to this date may not have been recorded.

Name	Date	Details
Mayor LE Stasinowsky	29 November 2010 3 March 2011	Elected Member Induction - Loxton Strategic Planning Workshop - Loxton
Cr ML Ward	18 December 2010 1 February 2011 3 March 2011 27,28 & 29 April 2011 22 June 2011	Post election training for elected members - LGA - Loxton District tour - Loxton Strategic Planning Workshop - Loxton LGA State Conference & AGM - Adelaide ALGA Conference & AGM - Canberra National Board meeting of The Murray Darling Association Inc
Cr R Copeland	18 December 2010 1 February 2011 3 February 2011 18 February 2011 3 March 2011	Post election training for elected members - LGA - Loxton District tour - Loxton District tour - Waikerie iPad training Strategic Planning Workshop - Loxton
Cr JF Flavel	1 February 2011 3 February 2011 4 March 2011 3 March 2011	District tour - Loxton District tour - Waikerie iPad training Strategic Planning Workshop - Loxton
Cr DG Kimber	29 November 2010 18 December 2010 1 February 2011 3 February 2011 25 February 2011 3 March 2011	Elected Member Induction Post election training for elected members - LGA - Loxton District tour - Loxton District tour - Waikerie iPad training Strategic Planning Workshop - Loxton
Cr MJ Malthouse	18 December 2010 1 February 2011 3 February 2011 16, 17 & 18 April 2011	Post election training for elected members - LGA - Loxton District tour - Loxton District tour - Waikerie Keep Australia Beautiful Awards - Sustainable Communities 2011

TRAINING, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

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Cr TJ Norton	29 November 2010 18 December 2010 1 February 2011 3 February 2011 3 March 2011	Elected Member Induction Post election training for elected members - LGA - Loxton District tour - Loxton District tour - Waikerie Strategic Planning Workshop - Loxton
Cr DA Thiele	29 November 2010 18 December 2010 1 February 2011 3 February 2011 25/26 February 2011 3 March 2011	Elected Member Induction Post election training for elected members - LGA - Loxton District tour - Loxton District tour - Waikerie New Council Members' Residential Program - LGA Strategic Planning Workshop - Loxton
Cr MJ Vowles	1 February 2011 3 February 2011 3 March 2011	District tour - Loxton District tour - Waikerie Strategic Planning Workshop - Loxton
Cr KA Webber	1 February 2011	District tour - Loxton
Cr MA Zeppel	29 November 2010 18 December 2010 1 February 2011 3 February 2011 18 February 2011 25/26 February 2011 3 March 2011	Elected Member Induction Post election training for elected members - LGA - Loxton District tour - Loxton District tour - Waikerie iPad training New Council Members' Residential Program - LGA Strategic Planning Workshop - Loxton

COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATION QUOTA

Derived from information provided by the Electoral Commission of SA, current as at last collection of elector figures statistics (28/02/2011) there were 8142 electors represented by 11 Elected Members including the Mayor. The representation quota was 740.

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 eight (8) other Councils in this category in South Australia.

The statewide average representation quota for the reporting period was 1636

Note:- 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.

If any electors of the area wish to make a submission in regard to representation on Council they may do so in writing addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 409, Loxton, 5333.

PERIODICAL REVIEW OF ELECTOR REPRESENTATION

The Local Government Act 1999 (S12) 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 at least once in every eight years.

The purpose of undertaking a Representation Review was to determine whether the community would benefit from an alteration to it's composition or ward structure of the Council.

The last representation review for the District Council of Loxton Waikerie had been undertaken in 2002.

The Representation Review was presented to Council on the 17 July 2009.

Council adopted the following structure and composition, which was implemented at the next general election of Council, held 13 November 2010:-

- That the Principal Member of Council be appointed or elected as a representative of the area as a whole
- The number of councillors proposed to be 10
- That the election of councillors be as Area Councillors
- That the name of the council remain as the *District Council of Loxton Waikerie*

Formal advice was received from the Electoral Commissioner of South Australia that the Periodic review of Elector Representation was complete and satisfied the requirements of Section 12 of the Local Government Act 1999.

The next representational review for the District Council of Loxton Waikerie is planned for 2017, in compliance with the requirements under the Local Government Act 1999.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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.

In November 2010 the Local Government Periodic Elections were conducted.

There was considerable interest in the elections, with 14 nominations received for positions of Councillor and 2 nominations received for the position of Mayor. A statewide campaign was developed to encourage the participation rates of women in local government, three women nominated in the election for Council.

Two nominations were received from current Councillors Bert Haslam and Leon Stasinowsky for the position of Mayor. Councillor Frances Simes chose not to stand for re-election. From the 14 nominations, 6 existing Councillors elected to stand and 8 new nominations were received.

In regard to the Mayoral contest, Leon Stasinowsky was declared elected. 6 current Councillors were returned to office and a total of 4 new candidates were successful, they were David Kimber, Trevor Norton, Debbie Thiele and Michael Zeppel.

The successful candidates in order of Election are as follows:-

Michael Vowles
Ross Copeland
Mark Ward
Debbie Thiele
Jody Flavel
Kym Webber
Michael Zeppel
Margaret Malthouse
David Kimber
Trevor Norton

A comprehensive induction program and Elected Member resource pack were developed for Elected Members and presented after the first meeting of Council.

CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS - MEETINGS & DOCUMENTS

It is a requirement of Council to include in the Annual Report, information in relation to any orders of the Council or Council Committee that 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 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 four (4) special meetings during 2010 - 2011.

CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS - MEETINGS & DOCUMENTS **- Continued**

On all occasions during the course of the Council meetings a confidential order pursuant to Section 91 (7)(b) and 91 (9)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999 was evoked.

On seventeen (17) 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); (1)

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; (4)

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; (2)

Section 90 (3) (k)

Tenders for the supply of goods, the provision of services or the carrying out of works; (2)

COUNCILS DECISION MAKING STRUCTURE

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

SECTION 41 COMMITTEES

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. Minutes of the committee meetings are also available on the Council website - www.loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au

SECTION 41 COMMITTEES (Internal)

Audit Committee

Car Fleet Management Committee - disbanded at the first meeting of Council, 29 November 2010

Disability Access Action Plan Committee

Lease Committee- appointed at the first meeting of council held 29 November 2010

Performance Review Committee

Policy Review Committee

Standing Drug Orders Endorsement Committee

Waste Management Committee - appointed at the first meeting of council held 29 November 2010

SECTION 41 COMMITTEES (External)

Alawoona Hall Committee

Bushfire Prevention Committee

Loxton Centenary Feature Committee

Loxton Christmas Lights Committee

Loxton Historical Village Committee

Loxton North Recreation Grounds Committee

Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee

Loxton Retirement Village Committee

Loxton Retirement Village Project Development Committee - disbanded at the first meeting of Council held 29 November 2010

Loxton Show and Recreation Centre Committee

Moorook Kingston Recreation Grounds Committee

The Pines Management Committee

Waikerie District Community Committee

Waikerie SK8/ BMX Park Committee

Wunkar Recreation Grounds Committee

Governance

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 2010/ 2011 prior to Local Government Elections held
13 November 2010

MEETING ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE JULY 2010-OCTOBER 2010		
Elected Members	Council	Special
Mayor DR Maywald	3	0
Cr LE Stasinowsky	4	0
Cr R Copeland	2	0
Cr JF Flavel	4	0
Cr BA Haslam	4	0
Cr MJ Malthouse	4	0
Cr F Simes	4	0
Cr MJ Vowles	4	0
Cr ML Ward	4	0
Cr KA Webber	3	0
Number of Meetings held	4	0

Meeting Attendance Schedule 2010/ 2011 following Local Government Elections held
13 November 2010

MEETING ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 2010-JUNE 2011		
Elected Members	Council	Special
Mayor LE Stasinowsky	8	4
Cr ML Ward	6	4
Cr R Copeland	8	3
Cr JF Flavel	8	4
Cr DG Kimber	8	2
Cr MJ Malthouse	7	3
Cr TJ Norton	8	4
Cr DA Thiele	7	3
Cr MJ Vowles	8	4
Cr KA Webber	7	2
Cr MA Zeppel	8	2
Number of Meetings held	8	4

Governance

GOOD GOVERNANCE AUDIT

The Local Government Association of South Australia has established a Good Governance Assessment Program (GGAP). The program provides an independent assessment of the governance practices of Councils.

The primary purpose of the program is to assist Councils to review and improve governance policies and practices by adopting consistent evaluation criteria and rigorous monitoring and measurement procedures.

A report was submitted to Council in July 2010, by Mr Tony Lawson, independent validator, which provided information resulting from an independent validation of a self assessment of Councils governance performance.

Recommendations made by the auditor for any improvements that can be made in governance practice are reviewed during policy and procedure review and implemented wherever possible.

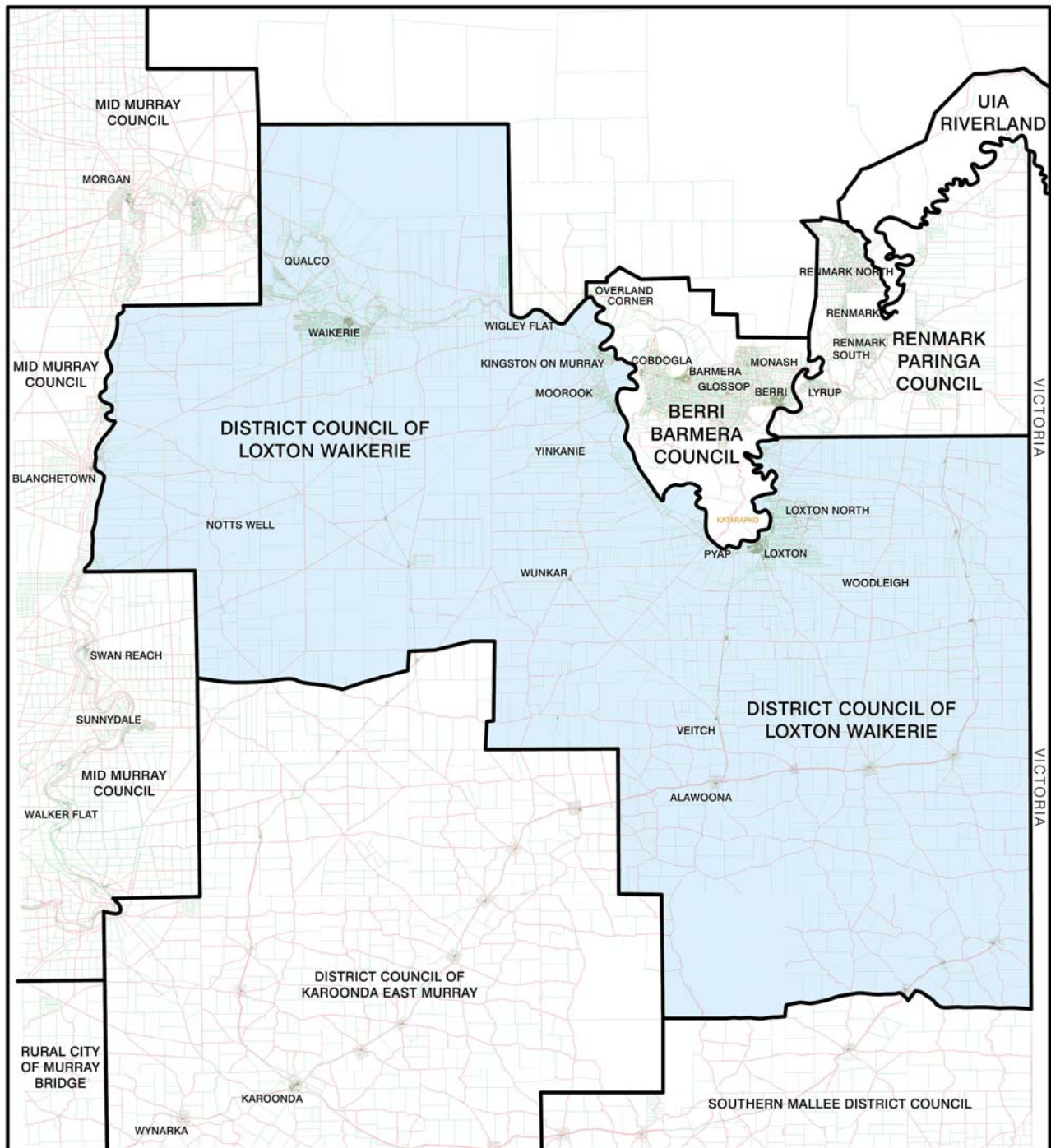
DELEGATION REGISTER

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 May 2011.

Loxton Waikerie Regional Map



GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Objective 1 - Sustainable Economic Development

To positively contribute to the economic environment of the District, in order to promote the sustainable growth and development of new and existing business and economic opportunities

Annual Business Plan Actions		Performance Measures	Performance Outcomes
1.3	Recognise the value of and foster tourism opportunities, at a local, district and regional level		
	In conjunction with the Berri Barmera and Renmark Paringa Councils and the South Australian Tourism Commission, fund the services of a tourism product development officer	Officer engaged	Not pursued given the changes to regional tourism funding / structure by the SA Tourism Commission
	Promotion to the South Australian Tourism Commission the development of the Waikarie Visitor Information Centre as the western gateway to the Riverland Region	Recognition of Waikarie as the Gateway to the Riverland	Held over pending outcome of changes to regional tourism funding / structure by the SA Tourism Commission
	Development of regional tourism plan amendment report in conjunction with Berri Barmera and Renmark Paringa Councils	Tourism initiatives included in Councils Development Plan	Tourism initiatives identified in the Riverland Prospectus and included in the Development Plan Alignment Project covering the 3 Riverland Councils
	Continued facilitation of the development of the Waikarie Visitor Information Centre as the western gateway to the Riverland	Waikarie VIC upgraded	Agreement struck with Waikarie VIC contractor to revitalize and upgrade the facility over a 4 year period
1.5	Build upon existing tourism, business and industry icons as a focal point for value added opportunities		
	Development of district wide product / attractions trail	Product and attractions trail identified and developed	Not pursued given the changes to regional tourism funding / structure by the
	Establishment of Visitor Information Outlet criteria, seek registrations of interest from business / community organisations and develop signed agreements with those satisfying criteria	Criteria developed Expressions sought Outlets identified and commenced	Criteria were developed and expressions of interest sought. Limited expressions received and not pursued further
	In partnership with the Berri Barmera and Renmark Paringa Councils contribute to the regional development of the Riverland Tourism Association	Funding provided in accordance with agreement	Funding provided in accordance with agreement
	Support of the Regional Development Australia - Murraylands & Riverland board in accordance with 5 year agreement	Funding provided in accordance with agreement	Funding provided in accordance with agreement

Objective 2 - Community Leadership and Vision

To provide decisive, accountable and visionary leadership to encourage initiative, self belief and confidence in the community

Annual Business Plan Actions		Performance Measures	Performance Outcomes
2.1	Decision making that is transparent, timely and responsive to community needs, whilst maintaining a clear focus on the long term goals of the community		
	Continued support for Council Audit Committee, in line with legislative requirement including continued appointment of independent presiding officer	Council Audit Committee meets quarterly to ensure legislative compliance, Chaired by independent presiding officer.	Audit Committee meeting according to schedule
	Bi-annual participation in Roy Morgan Community Survey to gauge level of community satisfaction	Roy Morgan Community Survey undertaken.	Roy Morgan Community Survey completed
2.4	Regular review of the Strategic Plan that reflects the needs and aspirations of the community, the requirements of Federal and State Governments matched against the financial and resource capacity of the community, underpinned by management plans focusing on specific needs of the community		
	Regular review of Council Strategic Plan.	Plan reviewed to reflect current requirements of the community	Public consultation undertaken and Plan revised
2.6	Review and determine effective and innovative methods of communication channels between the Council and the community and vice versa, including use of electronic means of communication		
	Continued maintenance of Council internet / intranet sites resulting in greater information access and sharing for elected members, community and staff	Consideration of the use of iPads for Elected members to facilitate electronic documentation exchange and storage.	Council website and intranet maintained. Provision of iPads and training for electronic transfer of documentation for Elected Members completed.

Objective 3 - Provision and Maintenance of Infrastructure

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

Annual Business Plan Actions		Performance Measures	Performance Outcomes
3.1	Establish a long term priority based road construction program to direct the allocation of resources to achieve strategic objectives of the community, particularly those relating to heavy transport and primary industry movements, tourism potential, economic growth and well designed local traffic routes		
	Continued development of priority based road construction program in line with Councils Long Term Asset and Financial Management Plans. Review of condition rating of road network in accordance with agreed priorities	Undertake condition rating review of all road and hierarchies every three years	Completed condition rating

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Annual Business Plan Actions		Performance Measures	Performance Outcomes													
3.3	Provide quality infrastructure in a timely and required manner at a cost that is affordable to the community, through the optimal use of assets in a manner that meets strategic objectives whilst managing the exposure to risk and loss															
	<p>Provision and maintenance of district road networks to manage the long term life, standard and quality of Council infrastructure assets in an efficient and sustainable manner meeting community needs</p> <p>Unsealed Road Works</p> <p>Planned unsealed road sheeting is to be undertaken in accordance with Long Term Asset Management Plan directions and agreed priorities in 2010/11 including:</p> <table><tr><td>Bruce Road (3.0kms)</td><td>Moonah Bore Road (3.0kms)</td></tr><tr><td>Curtis Road (3.0kms)</td><td>New Centre Road (2.5kms)</td></tr><tr><td>English Road (3.0kms)</td><td>Notts Well Road (3.0kms)</td></tr><tr><td>Gibbs Road (3.0kms)</td><td>Obst Road (3.0kms)</td></tr><tr><td>Koch Road (3.0kms)</td><td>Olive Tree Road (3.0kms)</td></tr><tr><td>Lowbank Road (3.0kms)</td><td>Wall Road (3.0kms)</td></tr><tr><td>Mindarie Road (3.0kms)</td><td></td></tr></table>	Bruce Road (3.0kms)	Moonah Bore Road (3.0kms)	Curtis Road (3.0kms)	New Centre Road (2.5kms)	English Road (3.0kms)	Notts Well Road (3.0kms)	Gibbs Road (3.0kms)	Obst Road (3.0kms)	Koch Road (3.0kms)	Olive Tree Road (3.0kms)	Lowbank Road (3.0kms)	Wall Road (3.0kms)	Mindarie Road (3.0kms)		<p>Upgrade existing road network to desired service level</p>
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Annual Business Plan Actions	Performance Measures	Performance Outcomes												
3.3 Provide quality infrastructure in a timely and required manner at a cost that is affordable to the community, through the optimal use of assets in a manner that meets strategic objectives whilst managing the exposure to risk and loss														
<p>Sealed Road Works</p> <p>Planned sealed road works to be undertaken in accordance with Long Term Asset Management Plan directions and agreed priorities (in addition to irrigation shoulder and reseal works) in 2010/11 include:</p> <table><tr><td>Maggea Road (9.0kms)</td><td>Pine Avenue</td></tr></table> <p>Maggea Road construction of a further 9 kilometres of road sealing (3rd year of 5 year project) in partnership with South Australian Local Government Grants Commission Special Local Roads. Two thirds funding (\$766,000). \$1,149,000 project cost – 2010/11 year</p> <p>Planned parking, kerbing and other traffic management device works to be undertaken in 2010/11 include:</p> <p>Footpath</p> <table><tr><td>Gogel Road</td><td>Mcewen Subdivision</td></tr><tr><td>Kirby Street</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>Car Parking</p> <table><tr><td>Loxton High</td><td>Waikerie Football Oval</td></tr><tr><td>Loxton Oval Entrance</td><td>Road Reversal - Waikerie Riverfront (Leonard Norman Drv)</td></tr><tr><td>Slip Lane - Waikerie Riverfront (Leonard Norman Drv)</td><td></td></tr></table>	Maggea Road (9.0kms)	Pine Avenue	Gogel Road	Mcewen Subdivision	Kirby Street		Loxton High	Waikerie Football Oval	Loxton Oval Entrance	Road Reversal - Waikerie Riverfront (Leonard Norman Drv)	Slip Lane - Waikerie Riverfront (Leonard Norman Drv)		<p>Upgrade existing road network to desired service level</p> <p>Upgrade existing parking, kerbing and other traffic devices to desired level or regulatory standard</p>	<p>Complete road indicated in annual capital works program</p> <p>Complete planned parking, kerbing and other as indicated in annual capital works program</p>
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To provide and maintain community infrastructure that is responsive to the changing needs of the community and its visitors

Annual Business Plan Actions		Performance Measures	Performance Outcomes
3.3	Provide quality infrastructure in a timely and required manner at a cost that is affordable to the community, through the optimal use of assets in a manner that meets strategic objectives whilst managing the exposure to risk and loss		
	Continued redevelopment of the Waikerie riverfront in accord with the Waikerie riverfront development plan	Construction new toilet facilities and road reversal	Completed plan
	Continued redevelopment of the Loxton riverfront in accord with the Loxton riverfront development plan	Construction two new BBQ facilities	Completed plan
	Development of the Moorook Kingston riverfronts in accord with the respective riverfront	Stabilization of river bank and ski club	Completed plan
	Upgrade to Waikerie bypass median strips	Centre island beds	Approved traffic delineation
	Small Plant Purchases	Purchase of small plant as required	Purchase of small plant
	Plant & Machinery Purchases (net of trade)		
	Vehicle Fleet Purchases (net of trade)		
	To ensure that the various toilet facilities managed by Council are kept clean and are hygienically maintained	Council employees and contractors engaged to clean and maintain toilet facilities, on a timely basis.	Toilet facilities have been cleaned and maintained to a satisfactory standard.
	Installation of public waterless composting toilet facilities along the Waikerie and Loxton River	Under investigation	No outcome at this stage.

Objective 3 - Provision and Maintenance of Infrastructure To provide and maintain community infrastructure that is responsive to the changing needs of the community and its visitors			
Annual Business Plan Actions		Performance Measures	Performance Outcomes
3.3	Provide quality infrastructure in a timely and required manner at a cost that is affordable to the community, through the optimal use of assets in a manner that meets strategic objectives whilst managing the exposure to risk and loss To manage and maintain Council's cemeteries across the District Continued development of Loxton Cemetery with the installation of an additional concrete	Create cemetery maintenance schedule and standards Build concrete plynth	Cemeteries maintained Completion of plynth
3.4	Recognise the importance of proactive and programmed maintenance of required infrastructure to ensure their sustainability and thereby encourage their safe access and use by the community Continued maintenance of identified significant built assets in conjunction with scheduled programmed maintenance services Installation of playground fencing at Alawoona Renewal of pipework at the Loxton CWA	Buildings maintained as per schedule Fencing installed Replace pipework	Buildings maintained as per schedule Fencing installed Project reviewed, pipework being moni-
3.5	Identify opportunities and partnerships for joint use / multi-purpose facilities to increase community use and therefore potential Development of Waikerie Recreation Precinct Masterplan	Feasibility study currently being undertaken.	Study completed and stage 1 delivered
3.1	Provide opportunities for increased usage of infrastructure through appropriate directional and informational signage, and other means Provision of "Welcome To" district signage (4 signs) Provision of Loxton business street signage	Purchase and erect welcome signs Investigate business signage	Signs erected Implement investigation outcomes

Objective 4 - Recognition and Protection of the Environment To ensure the importance of the natural environment and open spaces are both recognised and protected for the enjoyment of future generations		
Annual Business Plan Actions	Performance Measures	Performance Outcomes
4.1 Provide systems of management for the collection, retention, reuse or disposal of stormwater in a manner that promotes sustainability of the water resource To ensure that Council's stormwater infrastructure operates efficiently and effectively by protecting the community from flooding and environmental pollution To work toward increased re-use of stormwater in the District To further develop Council's suite of Long Term Asset Management Plans (in addition to Irrigation and Plant assets) preparing stormwater plans for applicable asset holdings of the Construction of Loxton West Stormwater catchment and reuse project. Due to increased development South of Hayward Terrace in Loxton the existing Loxton West underground stormwater infrastructure requires up-grading to a size and standard necessary to cater for the disposal of increased volumes of stormwater Purchase of suitable stormwater retention land to facilitate future residential development in the Luther Road precinct	Continued implementation of Loxton West Water Saving Initiative program Stage two subsurface irrigation plans Creation of relevant, accurate asset plans Continued construction and design of river front basin, Luther Road basin and Railway Terrace basin and linkages Purchase and land division of Railway Terrace land	Ongoing commitment and milestone completion Installation of sub surface irrigation Accurate, timely asset plans Completion of project Land purchased and transferred

Objective 4 - Recognition and Protection of the Environment To ensure the importance of the natural environment and open spaces are both recognised and protected for the enjoyment of future generations		
Annual Business Plan Actions	Performance Measures	Performance Outcomes
4.2 Provide systems of management for the collection, disposal or recycling of domestic and industrial waste in a manner that promotes sustainability of the environment Continued implementation of decommissioning plans as required by the Environment Protection Authority, for all landfill sites inclusive of the remediation of such sites and the construction of waste transfer stations In conjunction with neighbouring Councils complete the development of the sub-regional waste management plan Provision of domestic waste collection service, waste depot site operations, drum muster, street sweeping, chemical disposal and street bin maintenance Additional funding required to transfer waste from Waikerie and Moorook Landfill sites to Provision of monetary contributions by way of waste management levy to the Environmental Protection Authority	Infra - construction Moorook Waste Transfer Site Investigate Loxton Waste Transfer Site Waste Management Plan completed and initiatives delivered Collection of domestic waste collection service, provision of waste depot site operations, annual drum muster, regular street sweeping, chemical disposal and street bin maintenance. In progress Formula based waste management levy paid to the Environmental Protection Authority.	Complete Moorook Waste Transfer Site Begin work Loxton Waste Transfer Site Preferred disposal site identified, planning commenced then abandoned due to community objection and potential legislative issues Identified measures completed to a satisfactory standard. Not completed at this stage. Levies paid monthly.

Objective 4 - Recognition and Protection of the Environment To ensure the importance of the natural environment and open spaces are both recognised and protected for the enjoyment of future generations		
Annual Business Plan Actions	Performance Measures	Performance Outcomes
4.3 In conjunction with State agencies and the community, identify and pursue opportunities for the development or upgrading of sustainable methods of effluent management and disposal, based primarily upon identified potential risk to the environment To operate and maintain the four Community Wastewater Management Schemes within the district servicing the Loxton, Waikerie, Moorook and Kingston on Murray townships (operational costs shown are exclusive of depreciation and finance costs) To increase reuse of treated wastewater resulting in improved environmental, social and	Investigate and implement Community Wastewater Management Schemes service and maintenance agreements Ongoing utilisation of B class water for irrigation purposes Investigate opportunities for remediation and water re-use	Completed agreements Less reliance on River Murray, reduction in water usage Completed plans for consideration

Objective 4 - Recognition and Protection of the Environment To ensure the importance of the natural environment and open spaces are both recognised and protected for the enjoyment of future generations		
Annual Business Plan Actions	Performance Measures	Performance Outcomes
4.7 Be recognised as a leader in the community through the promotion and incorporation of examples of the environmentally conscious use of natural resources in Council operations, in a manner that is affordable by the community Redevelopment and landscaping of various parks, gardens and reserves with sustainable plantings within the Loxton township as follows: Fountain Area Loxton Library Corner Gratwick & Bookpurnong Rds Kingdon Place – landscaping of existing lawned area Hedleys Corner – landscaping of existing lawned area Mill Corner Median Strips East Terrace Revegetation Bookpurnong Terrace Mulching Median Strips	In partnership with Loxton Recreation and Grounds Trust implement redevelopment projects	Landscaping and identified projects completed

Objective 4 - Recognition and Protection of the Environment

To ensure the importance of the natural environment and open spaces are both recognised and protected for the enjoyment of future generations

Annual Business Plan Actions		Performance Measures	Performance Outcomes
4.1 Incorporation of mechanisms to encourage the community compliance with legislation and bylaws under the responsibility of Council			
Continued delivery of a range of services including:	Undertake inspections of land to identify fire risks	Notices served to responsible owners to abate fire risk	
Fire Prevention and bushfire risk prevention	Carry out food hygiene education to clubs and organisations.		
Food premises assessment and hygiene education			
Annual inspection of cooling towers, swimming pools and spas including public pools and spas so as to ensure these are safely operated to prevent spread of disease within the community	Undertaken inspections to ensure compliance with relevant legislation	Completed	
Proactive monitoring changes to food legislation and implications on Council and local business	Ensure legislative compliance is current	Completed	
Provision of high quality immunisation services to the community	Immunisation services offered to relevant sections of the community	Provided satisfactorily	
Attendance and reduction in incidence of pest related incidences within the District including control and monitoring of insects including bees, wasps and mosquito's	Undertake surveillance programs and monitor same	Surveillance and monitoring program completed	
Ensuring all waste control systems in the District are installed and operated in such a manner as to prevent the spread of disease within the community including informing community of any such changes applicable to innovative waste control solutions	Desktop assessment and onsite inspections to ensure that waste control systems are installed and operated consistent with relevant legislation	Completed	
Animal management is effectively undertaken including the control of dogs and birds	Dog control under provisions of the Dog & Cat Management Act, and introduce measures to control birds	Completed	

Objective 4 - Recognition and Protection of the Environment To ensure the importance of the natural environment and open spaces are both recognised and protected for the enjoyment of future generations			
Annual Business Plan Actions		Performance Measures	Performance Outcomes
4.11	Incorporation of mechanisms to encourage the community compliance with legislation and bylaws under the responsibility of Council		
	Ongoing assessment of buildings accessible to the general public by the Building Fire Safety Committee	Regular meetings and onsite inspections within the District by the Building Fire Safety Committee	Completed
	Continued review of current District bushfire prevention plan	Continuing review of the bushfire prevention plan in accordance with current legislation	Completed
	In partnership with neighbouring Local Government authorities, continue the provision of a regional Development Assessment Panel	Council continues to support the Regional Development Assessment Panel in partnership with neighbouring councils	Completed

Objective 5 - Provision of Cultural and Community Services Develop, enhance and maintain cultural and community services that improve the quality of life for the community			
Annual Business Plan Actions		Performance Measures	Performance Outcomes
5.1	Promote awareness, understanding and acceptance of the different cultures and ethnic backgrounds that constitute the district population, build upon the strengths and endeavour to diminish any identified issues		
	Provision of support of annual celebrations (Harmony Day, NAIDOC Week)	Planning of events to celebrate Harmony Day and NAIDOC week.	Harmony Day was recognised within the District and NAIDOC week celebrated in collaboration with local indigenous groups
5.2	Recognise the importance of sporting and recreational pursuits, both active and passive, to the well being and prosperity of the		
	Maintenance of various sporting grounds, play-grounds and other recreational facilities throughout the district inclusive of swimming pool maintenance	Develop, maintain and implement maintenance programs	Continued maintenance of sporting facilities
	Upgrade of facilities within the Waikie Recreation Centre	Upgrade facilities as per plan	Completion of upgrade
	Paruna Sporting Facilities	Upgrade facilities as per plan	Completion of upgrade
	Waikie Institute Annex Rooms		
	Contribute to construction of additional net-ball / tennis courts at Loxton North Oval (Contingent upon matching funding being received)	Ongoing Council assistance with project	Completion of project
	Contribute to construction of additional net-ball / tennis courts at Waikie (Contingent upon matching funding being received)	Ongoing Council assistance with project	Completion of project

Objective 5 - Provision of Cultural and Community Services Develop, enhance and maintain cultural and community services that improve the quality of life for the community			
	Annual Business Plan Actions	Performance Measures	Performance Outcomes
5.2	Recognise the importance of sporting and recreational pursuits, both active and passive, to the well being and prosperity of the community through the timely provision and maintenance of infrastructure to support these activities In conjunction with neighbouring Council's, Riverland Regional Health Services and the Office of Recreation and Sport continue funding the Riverland Be Active field officer	Council continues to support the role of the Riverland Be Active field officer.	Completed
5.3	Recognise, advocate, and where appropriate provide for the needs of the community, in areas such as aged services and accommodation, childcare and preschool support, public transport, access to services and healthcare Construction of bus shelter for the inter-town bus service Development of a District Disability Access Action Plan Installation of splitter box covers at Corowa Estates telecommunication hub	Site identified and shelter instructed Re-establishment of Council Disability Access Committee to review direction of Council in relation to disability access. Boxes installed, service to an acceptable level	Completed Continuing. Continuing
5.5	Foster an increase in community capacity through a sense of ownership and pride, the celebration of the arts, community "can Recognise contribution of various volunteers throughout the community through the provision of Mayoral receptions Provide for official functions and receptions	Mayoral receptions held in each community recognising the contributions of volunteers in a diverse range of activities. Established calendar of events that includes representation by the Mayor and Elected members.	Completed Completed.
5.6	Ensure Council provided or funded community facilities such as libraries remain accessible and relevant, and pursue opportunities / partnerships for joint venture facilities where they may be able to provide a broader or more far reaching service Provision of two library services to the district inclusive of capital renewal and replacement provisions for the respective libraries Continued provision to the community of the District wide on-line history collection	Provision for two library services is reflected in operational budget and long term financial planning, services remain relevant through joint planning and partnering. District wide on line history collection is maintained	Continuing Continuing

Objective 5 - Provision of Cultural and Community Services

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

Annual Business Plan Actions		Performance Measures	Performance Outcomes
5.7	Preserve and celebrate the history of the district in a manner that is sustainable and encourages community awareness, pride and where possible, economic benefit		
	Provision of financial assistance to the Pines Committee to enable the operation of The Pines	Close connections and regular liaison with the Pines Committee to ensure effective operation and budgetary management of The Pines.	Ongoing
	Installation of universal toilet facilities to comply with applicable licencing regulations	Installation of male, female and disabled toilets Riverfront Kingston on the Murray	Complete
	Provision of assistance to the Loxton Centenary Feature Committee in their efforts to establish a suitable Centenary memorial.	Provided financial and administrative assistance to the Centenary Feature Committee.	Nearing completion
5.8	Foster, encourage and where possible support community events and festivals that are sustainable and align with strategic objectives		
	Provision of support for key community initiatives including:		
	Waikie Australia Day Spectacular Loxton Lights Up Waikie Christmas Pageant Riverland Youth Theatre Riverland Renaissance Festival Life Educ. Mobile Classr'm Community Cancer Vehicle Riverland Paramedic Program Lifeline Central Nippy's Gift Loxton Triathlon Loxton Australia Day Celebrations	Noted key community initiatives are supported through budget allocations and operational assistance provided via Community Development Officer	Evaluation of key community initiatives reflect successful events with positive community feedback

Objective 5 - Provision of Cultural and Community Services Develop, enhance and maintain cultural and community services that improve the quality of life for the community			
Annual Business Plan Actions		Performance Measures	Performance Outcomes
5.10	Through appropriate programs and facilities recognise the needs of youth and the contribution that they make to the community		
	Fund the continuation of the Community Grants Scheme supporting local projects of a community, cultural, environmental or sporting nature, providing broad-based benefit	Community Grants Scheme application and assessment process was reconfigured in 2011 demonstrating a transparent evaluation system resulting in clear community benefit.	Community Grants Scheme continues to receive more applications than funds available and community feedback and benefits is positive.
	Recognise and encourage sporting excellence within the community	Funding available through Council sport and Recreation grants.	Grant funding for individual attendance at sporting events. Elite athletes recognised via street naming
	Provide funding for various community initiatives regarding community development inclusive of: Community Capacity Assessment Be Active Community Challenge 2010 World Cycle Challenge Trails / Walks / Historical Plaques	Funding provided for; Community Capacity Assessment Be Active Community Challenge Trails/Walks/Historical Plaques	Identified initiatives completed. 2010 World Cycle Challenge did not proceed
	Support initiatives of both the Loxton and Waikerie High School Chaplaincy programs	Budget allocation for Chaplaincy programs	Financial contributions allocated.
	National Youth Week / Youth Advisory Committee	Budgetary provision for National Youth Week and continued funding of Youth Advisory Committees via office of Youth.	Waikerie Advisory Council for Youth (WACY) provided regular events for Youth in Waikerie. Loxton Youth Advisory Committee re-established in 2011

Objective 6 - Effective Delivery of Relevant Services Through Responsive Corporate Management Ensure the delivery of Council services is undertaken in an accountable and efficient manner			
Annual Business Plan Actions		Performance Measures	Performance Outcomes
6.2	Foster service delivery based on the principal of quality customer service at a cost that is affordable to the community		
	Continued maintenance of after hours contact centre via Link Q outsourcing solution provider, resulting in improved service delivery and reduction in costs	Continuous assessment of after hours service	Accurate collection of after hours requests
	Provision for reduction in rate revenue given anticipated property valuation fluctuations as a result of the current regional economic climate	Provision made in the annual business plan	Provision made in the annual business plan
	Maintenance of the provision for rate capping relief and the continued delivery of single farm enterprise rebate	Rate capping support provided	Rate capping support provided
	Continued sentencing of Council records in accordance with General Disposal Schedule requirements. Development of schedule of permanent records continued	Continued sentencing of records and investigation into alternate means of storage and disposal. (Iron Mountain).	Continuing project utilising external consultants.
6.3	Endeavour to provide and maintain up to date resources responsive to the changing needs of the community and to a degree that provides a safe and healthy working environment		
	Continued review of fleet management options for Council passenger and light commercial fleet	Accurate fleet purchase and investigation	Purchase of vehicles as per procedure and budget

Objective 6 - Effective Delivery of Relevant Services Through Responsive Corporate Management Ensure the delivery of Council services is undertaken in an accountable and efficient manner

Annual Business Plan Actions		Performance Measures	Performance Outcomes
6.6	Build upon the current investment in information technology across relevant service delivery areas		
	To ensure information and communications technology hardware, software applications and processes meet the needs of the Council with efficiency and security being major priorities	Monitoring and evaluation of current system and software applications with current IT service provider, to ensure IT systems that are responsive, effective and stable for Council staff and other users.	Comprehensive audit of IT systems due for completion in 2011.
	Planned upgrade of existing hardware inclusive of server replacement and maintenance of existing software assurance agreement	Investigation into virtualisation of two servers to improve stability and efficiency.	Investigation continuing.
	Provision and access to information technology for elected members	Implemented trial of iPads for 3 Elected Members to enhance communication and records	iPads and training provided for all Elected members in 2011.
	Sundry Office Equipment including replacement of chairs at Waikerie Council Chamber and installation of ceiling fans at NRM building	New chairs purchase Ceiling fans installed	Chairs repaired and no need to replace Budget for fans appropriated to other projects
	Continued maintenance of Councils wide area network (WAN) and associated two way radio network inclusive of upgrade works to existing network links, switches and uninterruptible	Maintenance undertaken	Completed
	Finalise the formulation of Council Disaster recovery plan	Identification of need and investigation into consultants for development of DCLW Business Continuity Plan.	Investigations continuing.

Human Resources

SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS ALLOWANCES, BONUSES AND BENEFITS

The Senior Management Team consists of the Chief Executive Officer and 2 Directors.

TITLE OF POSITION

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CLASSIFICATION

Other Benefits Provided

- Full unrestricted private use of motor vehicle.
- Mobile phone & reasonable private calls.
- Home phone reimbursement up to \$1,000 limit per annum.
- Reimbursement of professional fees up to \$400.
- Provision of Ipad - \$1000.

Contract (5 years)

DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE

CLASSIFICATION

Other Benefits Provided

- Full unrestricted private use of motor vehicle.
- Membership Fees & Subscriptions as approved By the CEO.
- Mobile Phone & cost of reasonable private calls.
- Provision of Ipad—\$1000.

Contract (1 year)

DIRECTOR CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

CLASSIFICATION

Other Benefits Provided

- Full unrestricted private use of motor vehicle.
- Membership Fees & Subscriptions as approved By the CEO.
- Mobile Phone & cost of reasonable private calls.
- Provision of Ipad—\$1000.

Contract (5 years)

Human Resources

STAFF NUMBERS

According to the latest salary survey return of Council, the total number of employees excluding casuals is 92. The number of casuals currently employed is 23, for a total of all employees of 115. This figure is broken up by the following:-

- Employees covered by the SA Municipal Salaried Officers Award which are all administration staff, the Chief Executive Officer and all Senior Officers, Supervisors and staff covered under the Environmental Services function.

Total Permanent	43
Casual	4
Trainees	3

- Employees covered by the Local Government Employees Award which predominantly covers staff employed under the Infrastructure Services function.

Total Permanent	44
Casual	9
Trainees	3

- For all employees not covered by the MOA or LGE Awards.

Total Permanent	1
Casual	8

INSIDE STAFF CHANGES

On behalf of Council I would like to thank the following staff, who have left to pursue other opportunities:-

Neil Martinson	Director Environmental Services
Des Schliebs	Director Community Services
Tom Avery	Director Infrastructure
Peter Sellar	Director Corporate Services
Warren Couzens	OHS & Risk Management Officer

Also during the 2010/11 year the following commenced employment with Council:-

Ruth Firstbrook	Director corporate & Community Services
Stephen Bateman	Manager Development & Community Services
Ian Crambrook	Trainee - Environmental Officer
Megan Schultz	School Based Trainee - Certificate III in Business Administration
Sarah Gorman	School Based Trainee - Certificate III in Business Administration

ENTERPRISE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS

The current Enterprise Bargaining Agreements for staff covered by the Municipal Officers Award and the Local Government Employees Award were due to expire on 30 June 2009. Negotiations continued with employee, union and management representatives through to the 2010/2011 financial year. The existing Enterprise Bargaining Agreements were agreed upon with each expiring 30 June 2012.

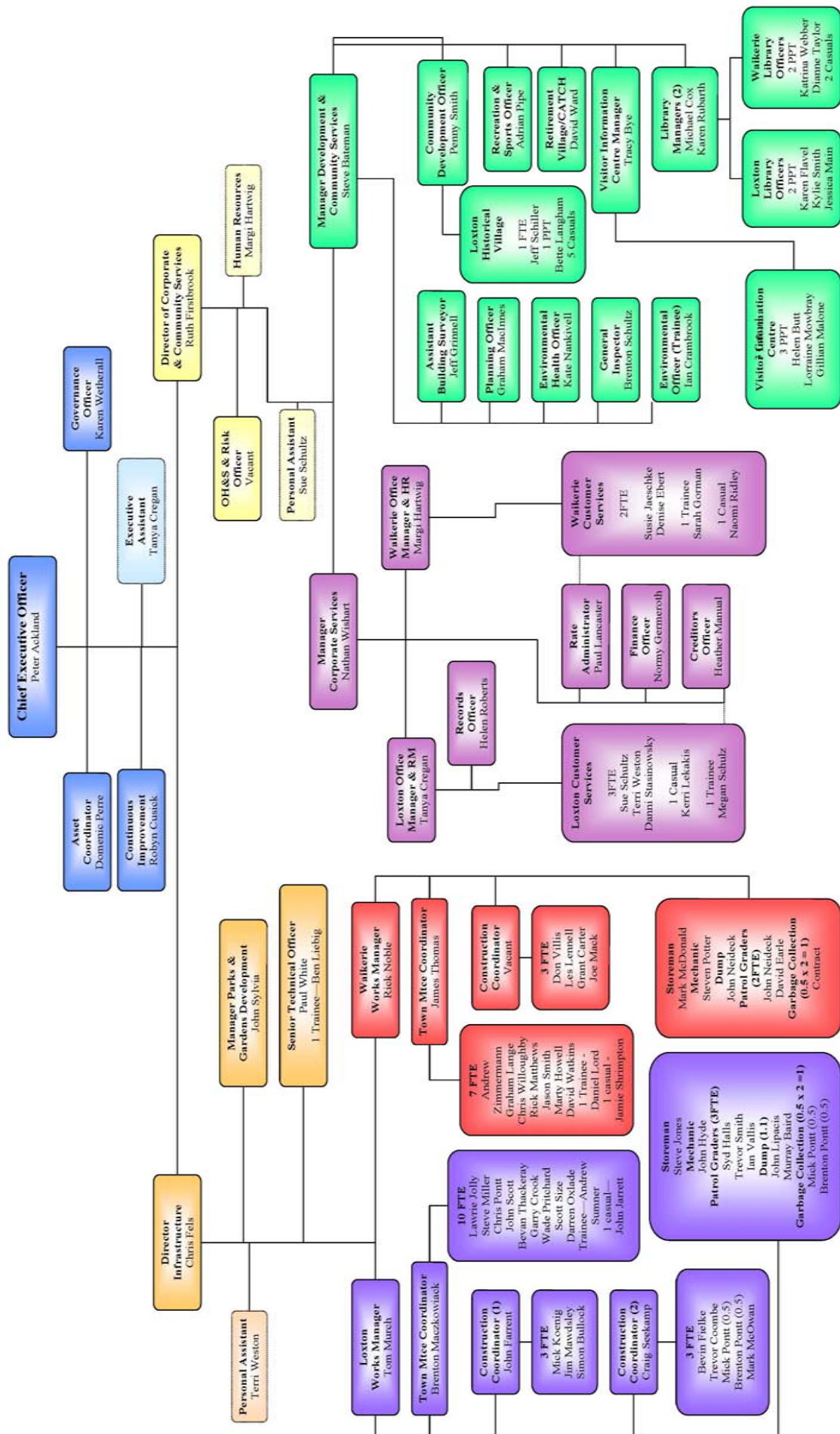
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ALLOCATION OF COUNCILS HUMAN RESOURCES ACROSS FUNCTIONAL AREAS

Council employed 89.54 full time equivalent (FTE) employees effective 30 June 2011. These employees are dispersed across many functions and areas of discipline, broadly categorised as follows:

DIRECTORATE & TOTALS	Male No.	Female No.	Total	Male No.	Female No.	Total
	(Actual)	(Actual)	(Actual)	(FTE)	(FTE)	(FTE)
Chief Executive Officer	1		1	1		1
Continuous Improvement Officer		1	1		1	1
DIRECTORATE TOTAL	1	1	2	1	1	2
Corporate Services						
Director	0.5	0.2	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.7
Finance Manager	1		1	1		1
Governance Officer		1	1		1	1
OHS & Risk Coordinator	1		1	1		1
Records		2	2		1.6	1.6
Rate Administrator	1		1	1		1
Finance	1		1	1		1
Human Resources/Payroll		1	1		1	1
Administration		8	8		5.5	5.5
Creditors		1	1		0.9	0.9
DIRECTORATE TOTAL	4.5	13.2	17.7	4.5	10.2	14.7
Infrastructure Services						
Director	1		1	1		1
Management	2		2	2		2
Asset Coordinator	1		1	1		1
Administration		1	1		0.7	0.7
Technical Officers	2		2	1.2		1.2
Works/Construction						
Construction	20		20	19.5		19.5
Maintenance	12		12	10.7		10.7
Waste Depot/Garbage Collection	3		3	3.2		3.2
Cleaners	3	1	4	1.5	.2	1.7
Storeman	2		2	2		2
Mechanical Support	2		2	2		2
Parks & Gardens						
Supervision	1		1	1		1
Maintenance	10		10	8.9		8.9
DIRECTORATE TOTAL	59	2	61	54	.9	54.9
Community Services						
Director	1	.4	1.4	1	.4	1.4
Libraries	1	8	9	1	3.6	4.6
Community Development		1	1		1	1
Tourism Centre		4	4		1.6	1.6
Be Active Field Officer	1		1	1		1
Other Community Services	2	5	7	0.5	1.4	1.9
Swimming Pools		2	2		0.5	0.5
DIRECTORATE TOTAL	5	20.4	25.4	3.5	8.5	12
Environmental Services						
Management	0.5	0.4	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.9
Development Control	2.5		2.5	2.5		2.5
Environmental Health	0.25	4	4.25	.25	1.04	1.29
General Inspector	1.25		1.25	1.25		1.25
DIRECTORATE TOTAL	4.5	4.4	8.9	4.5	1.44	5.94
OVERALL TOTAL	7472	41	115	67.5	22.04	89.54

District Council of Loxton Waikerie Organisational Chart





Ruth Firstbrook

Director Corporate & Community Services

KEY DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Administration

- Administration
- Risk Management
- Performance Measurements
- Records Management
- Human Resources
- Occupational Health & Safety
- Freedom of Information
- Section 41 Committees

Finance

- Finance
- Rates
- Information Technology
- Website
- Workers Compensation
- Budgets
- Payroll
- Purchasing
- Caravan Park Management

Community Services

- Tourism
- Sport and Recreation
- Heritage
- Volunteers
- Community Development
- Playgrounds
- Libraries
- Aged and Youth Services
- Special Events and Event Management
- CATCH Centre Management
- Cultural / Art
- Workers Compensation Rehabilitation

Environmental Services

- Development Services (Building, Planning and Health)
- Asset Management - Land & Buildings
- Animal Management (Dog Control)
- By-Laws
- Cemeteries
- Waste Management

2010/2011 ANNUAL BUDGET & BUSINESS PLAN

The 2010/2011 year was adopted by Council on 16 July 2010. The document produced this year, whilst still retaining the financial aspects of the budget, also contained a great deal more information including such topics and items as Significant Influences, Continuing services, a reference to the Impact on Council's Financial Position, a detailed section of what it Means for Rates and information regarding community Consultation.

The information was quite extensive and required a great deal of research and staff commitment. A draft plan was produced in the first instance to be presented and available for public comment. Two special public meetings were called to discuss the Plan and receive feedback. The plan was then adopted at a meeting of council.

A summary of this plan was also required to be produced as an insert of the first quarter rate notice. This document along with a council information brochure containing rate remission details were developed and included in the rate pack.

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2010/2011 ANNUAL BUDGET & BUSINESS PLAN

The General Rates section of the Plan showed that an expected 4.0% increase in general rates was raised. This increase was calculated on the net increase of rates from that raised in the 2010/2011 year with the amount allocated to be rebated back to landowners who apply successfully for a rebate under the provision of a single farm enterprise excluded.

This increase was once again quite low in comparison to the rise in costs anticipated but with the region in continued economic downturn, Council has for the fifth year in a row held the net increase in general rates to approximately 4% or under.

A rate cap was once again applied to assessments that experienced a rise in their rates payable compared to their rates that were due to be paid in the 2008/2009 year. The cap percentage was 12.5%.

COUNCIL LOAN BORROWINGS

Council's outstanding loan liability as at 30 June 2011 totalled \$1.444 million.

Internal loan borrowings were made during the year in relation to the construction of the Loxton and Waikerie Community Wastewater Management Schemes respectively.

RATE REBATE APPLICATIONS FOR RETIREMENT VILLAGES

Section 23 (4) of the Local Government Act 1999 sets out the requirements for reporting the rebate of rates provided under Sections 161 and 166 (1)(h) of the Local Government Act 1999. In regard to the 2009/2010 rating period, the following rebates were allowed:

Organisation	Rebate %
Waikerie Community Senior Citizens Homes	75%
Riversgate Housing Association	75%
Peter Jackson Retirement Village	75%
Frank Petch Retirement village	75%
Leatrice Pfitzner Retirement Village	75%
Riverview Rest Home	75%
Kimbo Investments Pty Ltd	75%
Adelaide Aid Community Housing Association	75%
Anglican Community Care Housing Association	75%
Red Shield Housing Association	75%
The Womens Housing Association	75%

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APPLICATION OF THE NATIONAL COMPETITION POLICY

Part 4 of the Government Business Enterprises (Competition) Act 1996 requires that an annual report be provided in regard to competitive neutrality in regard to any Council operations.

The Loxton Caravan Park is leased to a private operator with their charges being similar to rates charged within the region by private operators.

SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

Category One: Nil

Category Two: Nil

In-House Tenders: Nil

Competitive Neutrality Complaints: Nil

Council engages in no other relevant business activities

RATING STRUCTURE

After the successful completion of a full rate review prior to the 2007/2008 rating year, rates were adopted and processed again according to this rating structure.

As part of the review and with the new structure in place Council is achieving its stated objectives with an approach to rating that is fair and equitable across the District. The rating solution adopted has provided greater predictability to ratepayers and has smoothed peaks and trough in rate movements, thus allowing Council to plan for the future with more certainty.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SAFETY & WELFARE / RISK MANAGEMENT

The District council of Loxton Waikerie continues to promote a safe working environment through its management of Occupational Health Safety and Welfare.

Local Government is an industry that must achieve a very high standard in this area to maintain its Workcover Exempt Employer status. Council has maintained its partnership with the Mid Murray Council with the employment of Mr Warren Couzens as the OHS and Risk Coordinator, to ensure we maintain our responsibility to the Local Government Workers compensation Scheme and to the safety of our staff.

During the past 12 months the Council's management and HHS committee have developed an OHS and Injury Management Plan with scheduled actions, and implementation dates to achieve conformance with the Scheme's criteria developed for Local government. The identified areas of improvement are monitored and prioritised and assessed against the standards of compliance.

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LONG TERM FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

In accordance with Section 122 of the Local Government Act 1999, Council is required to adopt a Strategic Management Plan. The Strategic Management Plan consists of many documents and one of those is a Long Term Financial Management Plan. In accordance with the Regulations this Plan must be adopted by Council before 20 November 2008.

Council's Long Term financial Management Plan was adopted in November 2008 and is currently being reviewed in line with recommendations made.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Section 126 of the Local Government Act 1999 states that Council must have appointed an Audit committee prior to 30 June 2001. The Committee must consist of between 3 and 5 members with at least 1 person who is not a member of Council.

An Audit Committee was appointed in June 2007 and held meetings in October, April and June during the Current reporting period. Mr John Comrie holds the position of the Audit Committee's Presiding Officer and has extensive experience in Local Government and financial management.

The appointed elected Member representatives as at 30 June 2011 were:

Mayor L E Stasinowsky
Cr M J Malthouse
Cr J Flavel
Cr M Zeppel

All appointments were made for a period up to the next general election of Council unless otherwise determined by Council or upon a resignation of a member of the Committee.

EXTERNAL AUDIT APPOINTMENT

In accordance with Section 128 of the Local Government Act 1999, Council is required to appoint an external auditor for a five year term.

Audits must be carried out in accordance with Auditing Standards and Auditing Guidance Statements published by the Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

Council is required under the Local Government Act 1999 to appoint a registered company auditor for a term of five years by written agreement. Ian McDonald Chartered Accountant has been appointed for a five year term expiring at the completion of the 2013/2014 financial audit.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION—COUNCIL WEBSITE AND INTRANET

Communicating via electronic means is an integral aspect of day to day business that must be maintained at a high standard.

Council's website has become a valuable and key method of providing information to the public and one that is utilized far more frequently than in the past. Hits or visits to Council's website are monitored with the results showing hits over the twelve month period averaging 10,100 with peak visits of just over 13,000 logged in August 2010.

As an extension to the website, Council continued to maintain its intranet site. The Intranet is based on Council's website for internal use of Council staff. It contained information from the publicly accessible website as well as other material such as administration policies and procedures, staff consultation matters, training dates and other various information required by staff.

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PROVISIONS

The requirements for the appointment of an auditor by Council are contained in Chapter 8, Division 4 of the 1999 Act.

In accordance with legislation Council's audit committee was consulted on the tender document produced and the six (6) firms that were to be chosen for the tender.

Council's tender quotation and procurement policy was followed in this regard with two (2) firms submitting a tender. Both firms' submissions were deemed worthy of consideration with each tender considered against the set criteria and ranked upon the responses given.

Council's audit committee chairman, Mr John Comrie was consulted upon receipt of the two (2) tender submissions with senior management's decision that Ian McDonald Chartered Accountant be awarded the tender with value for service and his extensive South Australian Local Government experience the deciding factors.

As such Council endorsed the actions of the appointment of Ian McDonald Chartered Accountant for five years ending 30 June 2014 as the external auditor.

COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE AGAINST ITS ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN

The 2010/2011 Annual Business Plan was adopted by Council at a meeting held on 16 July 2010.

Included in the report were a summary of the Financial Indicators with Proposed Targets which measure Council Performance in the area of financial Sustainability.

A total of seven indicators are tracked which also form part of Council's Financial Statements.

For each indicator a proposed target has been set with Council achieving its target for the 2010/2011 for four of the seven indicators.

All indicators and their proposed targets as stated in the Annual Business Plan and results are listed below.

As a qualification for Council's operating deficit result it is important for users to focus its vision on the underlying result. It is the underlying result which removes any abnormal expenditure (or income) which gives users of the financial statements a clearer picture of the real result achieved.

After removing abnormal expenditure from the deficit result an underlying surplus of \$538 000 would have been realised.

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.

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Key Financial Indicators and Definition	Long Term Financial Management Plan Target	2010/2011 Actual Result (\$'000's)
Operating Surplus		
Being the operating surplus (deficit) before capital amounts	Break even or greater over 5 year period	(\$346)
Operating Surplus Ratio		
Operating Surplus / (Deficit) as a percentage of general and other rates, net or NRM levy	Between 0 and 15% over any 5 year period	4%
Net Financial Liabilities		
Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets	No greater than operating revenue and not less than 0 over a rolling 5 year period	\$10,374
Net Financial Liabilities Ratio		
Net financial liabilities as a percentage of operating revenue less NRM levy	Greater than 0% and less than 100%	65%
Interest Cover Ratio		
Net interest expense as a percentage of total operating revenue less NRM levy less investment income	Less than 5%	(0.6%)
Asset Sustainability Ratio		
Net Asset Renewals (defined as net capital expenditure on the renewal and replacement of existing assets and excludes new capital expenditure on the acquisition of additional assets) as a percentage of depreciation expense.	Net Asset Renewal expenditure to be equal to 100% of depreciation expenditure	39%
Asset Consumption Ratio		
Total carrying value of depreciable assets divided by total reported value of depreciable assets before accumulated depreciation	Between 40% and 80%	68%

A summary of some of the major projects/initiatives that were planned and completed within this financial year were as follows:

- Provision of rate relief options
- Continued provision of resources to appoint a OHS risk Coordinator (shared position)
- Continued provision of Audit committee under legislative requirement.
- Continuation of the Community Grants Program
- Continuation of programmed maintenance for identified significant building assets
- Continued road construction in accordance with sealed and unsealed roads program
- Completion of Loxton community wastewater treatment plant
- Construction of parking, kerbing and other traffic control devices
- Replacement of inefficient irrigation systems throughout the district
- Construction of stormwater reuse facilities
- Continued remediation of existing landfill sites in line with EPA requirements
- Continued progress of projects identified in both Waikerie and Loxton Riverfront Plans

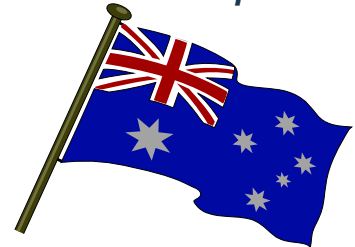
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CULTURAL SERVICES

"Develop, enhance and maintain cultural and community services that improve the quality of life for the community"

Celebrating Achievements

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 at Kingston on Murray riverfront and in the main street of Loxton. Loxton served breakfast to over 900 community and visitors.

Awards for 2011 in Loxton were presented to:

- Citizen of the Year – Shirley Gibbs
- Young Citizen of the Year – Pamela Perre
- Community Event of the Year – Rock by the River Concert

and in Waikerie were presented to

- Citizen of the Year – Anthony Noll
- Young Citizen of the Year – Henry Crawford
- Community Event of the Year – Down Memory Lane—Waikerie lions Club

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

NAIDOC

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 2011 National NAIDOC celebrations were based on a **theme about taking responsibility for our future. To control the change we need to plan and take action to make it happen. It's our future - change the next step is ours.**



Council celebrated three events for NAIDOC week, the first was a fishing competition on the River Bank at the Loxton Aquatic Club and flag raising ceremony on East Terrace, Loxton. Waikerie conducted a flag raising ceremony and morning tea.

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CULTURAL SERVICES

Library Services

The Loxton Waikerie Library services includes the Loxton Public Library, Rex Coates Memorial Library and the Morgan Public Library service, a branch service provided on behalf of the Mid Murray Council.

Our Library service continues to be one of our most utilised and appreciated services that we provide our communities, with over 4,440 active borrowers accessing over 126,445 loan items from over 42,366 items held. These figures are proven with new door counters that have been installed measuring the amount of people visiting the libraries. For the 2010/2011 financial year both Libraries had a combined total of approx 90,000 patrons through their doors.

Libraries provide a broad range of services today for the enjoyment of our community including:

- Home service delivery to those who lack the mobility to visit the library to collect their books, DVD's, magazines or audio navigators.
- Wireless access was established three years ago providing 24/7 access to patrons with laptops, ipads, mobile phones and e-readers. This service continues to grow at an amazing rate with the Public Libraries Branch having to enforce a 30 megabyte download per client per day.
- SMS messaging, whilst relatively new, has become an important service providing efficient notification of reserved and overdue items. Over 2000 texts were sent out in the last year resulting in a huge saving on paper, postage and staff time.
- Audio Navigators enable our sight impaired clients to access audio books via the internet as sound files providing the freedom to hear books via a portable hand held device.
- The Riverland public libraries who were again jointly involved at the Riverland Field Days— Kids Korner to provide story telling and crafts for young children and to promote libraries to the wider community which proved to be a success.
- Press Display gives access to national newspapers and newspapers from all over the world—great for overseas travelers to catch up with the news from home
- Broadband for Seniors at the Waikerie Library has continued strongly, We have been notified that we will received further funding from the federal government to enable toe presentation of more advanced lessons dealing with facebook, twitter etc.

Other services enjoyed by our communities include book club, school holiday programs, library lovers week, NAIDOC week activities, children's book week, Baby Rhyme Time, Talking River News and Reading Programs e.g. The Premiers Reading Challenge, MS Readathon, The Little Big Book Club, The Advertiser Little Big Book Club, Summer Reading program and Vegemite Little Aussie Reader.



- Children's Book Week

Highlights for the 2010/2011

- Visit by the Royal Society for the Blind library officers.
- Visit by former Waikerie resident and now author Ross Isaacson,
- National simultaneous story time, with the Woodleigh Child Care Centre reading the book *Feathers for Phoebe* by Rod Clement at the same time as a thousand other venues in Australia.

Libraries are places of change and are evolving all the time which makes them an exciting place to work and visit, they no longer just a quiet haven for the studious reader, they are an activity hub catering to all sectors of the community.

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CULTURAL SERVICES

Section 41 Committees

Loxton Historical Village

The Loxton Historical Village continues to be recognized as one of the Riverland's best tourist attractions.

2010-11 saw a slight increase of 2.2% in visitation to the Loxton Historical Village with the Village alive Days continuing to be a popular draw card.

Volunteer numbers have remained similar to 2009-10 with the Friends of the Village undertaking many restoration projects and fund raising activities.

'The Pines' Loxton's Historic House and Garden

The Pines has experienced an increase of around 50% in visitor numbers during 2010-11 compared to 2009/10. This can be attributed to the hosting of wedding ceremonies, use of the facilities for family celebrations, visiting coach groups and staging events such as a Jazz Festival and a Sunday Fun-day.

Approximately 60 volunteers donated around 3,000 hours during this period and undertake a wide variety of activities including gardening, tour guides, catering and function coordination.

Loxton Centenary Celebrations

In 2007 Loxton celebrated the Centenary of the Proclamation of the town and in that year the community expressed a desire to develop a permanent feature to commemorate the Centenary.


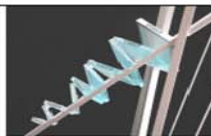




The District Council of Loxton Waikerie called for volunteers from the community to further develop the concept and formed the Loxton Centenary Feature Committee of 11 people from varying backgrounds.

This section 41 Committee, directly responsible to Council, has, during the past year dedicated countless hours of voluntary service to raise funds through pledges for the Centenary Feature. The commitment of the Committee is to be commended as the funding target is reached, and the Feature is due to be installed before the end of the year.

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Centenary Feature Interpretation

"Counterbalance" by Paul D Johnson & Gail Mason 2009
Artists' Response to Vision Statement

<i>Significant artistic feature</i>	<p>The sculptural form expresses a balance between opposing forces: light and dark strong and vulnerable earth and water culture and nature</p> <p>The visual weight and stability of the dark triangle is counterbalanced by the glass plates. The complex of diagonal planes and lines collectively express energy and strength.</p> <p>The work owes nothing to sculptural history – it is a very contemporary design for the 21st century</p>	
<i>Recognising the Centenary of Loxton</i>	<p>10 plates of glass represent each decade, increasing in scale as they unfold towards the future.</p> <p>The irregular placement of these suggests fluctuations in growth as the social and natural history of the 20th century impacts on Loxton.</p>	
<i>Inclusive and of interest, interactive</i>	<p>The sculpture acclaims all achievement and excludes no groups or individuals in that celebration.</p> <p>The rocks and planting around the work, the subtle sundial, will engage visitors to walk around [and through] the work, and contemplate both the past and present of Loxton.</p>	
<i>Loxton's Community spirit</i>	<p>This process of balance and counterbalance expresses the strength of the human spirit and the developing town in the face of isolation, drought, war and prejudice.</p> <p>The industrial beams emphasise the constructive energy and achievement of the settlers over 10 decades.</p>	
<i>Celebrating the past</i>	<p>The glass triangle in the dark red earth represents Loxton's Hut set against the pale grey green of the river.</p> <p>It is the pivotal point from which the area is defined and from which the township is declared in 1907.</p>	
<i>Building optimism for the future</i>	<p>The expanding decades rising from the triangle of Loxton's Hut, demonstrate continuous growth and achievement, despite serious difficulties, and serve as a beacon for future continuing growth.</p> <p>Local ownership of this work will be greatly enhanced by having the greater part of the sculpture built by Loxton fabricators.</p> <p>As an entry marker to Loxton, the work will cause visitors to stop. Because the meaning of the work is not instantly available, it will demand revisiting and reflection.</p> <p>This action, stopping and thinking, is a powerful tool for delivering further information about Loxton and its capacity to provide visitors with a unique and rewarding experience.</p>	

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development Officer

Council employs a Community Development Officer in specific target areas of grants, youth, multicultural, aged, disability services and social planning. This person provides advice to Council and is responsible for the coordination of initiatives and projects in the Loxton Waikerie district. The Community Development Officer also provides support for various committees of Council (formulated under Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1999) to help develop and maintain these networks and liaise with community groups, individuals, agencies and Council.

The Community Development Officer, Ms Sue Schultz is also responsible for coordinating special events in the district and organising special projects in consultation with Council, Community Services staff and community groups.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

KESAB Sustainable Communities (tidy towns)

The Loxton Waikerie communities were again prominent at the 2010 KESAB Sustainable Communities Award presentations.

2010 saw Waikerie once again excel with being awarded the overall 2010 KESAB Sustainable Communities Town winner, Best Murraylands Regional Town winner and Medium Town winner. Waikerie went on to represent South Australia in the Keep Australia Beautiful, Australian Tidy Towns Awards in April 2011 and won the Energy Innovation category award



Photo – Kirsty Richards Keep Australia Beautiful Board Member, Margaret Thiele, Cr Margaret Malthouse, Alex Hammett KESAB Sustainable Communities Programs Manager

The Waikerie Tidy Towns community was also commended for their outstanding efforts in the Environmental Innovation & Protection and Young Legends categories. According to the Australian Tidy Towns National Judge, Dick Olesinski, the Waikerie Tidy Towns Committee is a well-established group that has gained a high profile due to the dedication and hard work of its member who have embraced a number of conservation programs with enthusiasm.

Highlights earning Waikerie the Energy Innovation category award include a number of proactive measures to reduce greenhouse gases and promote renewable energy sources, as well as the Waikerie education programs designed to inform children about energy and climate change issues and encourage them to participate in power saving projects.

Waikerie's passion to promote sustainable practices is further demonstrated by their focus on educating the youth of the community. Schools are strongly focused on environmental programs with innovative approaches to education and developing community partnerships for positive environmental outcomes.

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie was again recognised in the Water Conservation category award for Water Infrastructure. This award recognises the significant reduction in water use and storm water reuse.

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
- Drug and Alcohol Working Group
- Riverland NAIDOC Group
- Local Government Volunteer Managers' Forum
- Local Government Youth Services

Solar Fair

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie and Renmark Paringa Council conducted Solar Fairs in Waikerie, Loxton and Renmark on 27, 28 and 29 June respectively.



Council was keen to promote the use of sustainable energy and felt that conducting these Solar Fairs would help create interest throughout our district aimed at solar energy generation. The Solar Fairs brought together a range of providers to make it easier for interested people to access information about home based solar generation at one time.

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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 134 projects which have been completed by more than 85 organisations and community groups.

The rounds eleven and twelve of Council's Community Grants Program were advised and funded during the 2010/2011 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:

Organisaion	Project	Amount Inc GST
Riverland West chamber of Commerce	Electrical goods for coffee trailer	\$1000.00
Waikerie Tennis Club	Refurbishment of club rooms	\$1500.00
Waikerie Lutheran Primary School	Recycle Frames	\$110.00
Waikerie Neighbourhood Watch	Riverfront Recycle Bins	\$1000.00
Waikerie Softball Club	Come and try days/BBQ	\$800.00
Waikerie RSL	Refurbishment on clubrooms	\$1000.00
Waikerie Little Athletics	Shade and Equipment	\$855.00
Waikerie Community Sports Centre	Community Room	\$2000.00
Loxton Show Society	Upgrade computer program	\$2000.00
Loxton Kinder Gym	Upgrade equipment	\$3000.00
Loxton CWA	Computer & Internet for Loxton CWA	\$1195.00
Little Albee's Playgroup	Little things for little Albee's	\$500.00
Loxton North Primary School	Pedal Prix	\$1000.00
Loxton District Children's Centre	Outdoor environmental upgrade	\$685.33
Youth & Cultural sponsorship	Brianna Seabrook	\$100.00
Loxton Art Group	Art Group Workshop	\$500.00
Loxton Apex Club	Apex SA/NT State convention	\$765.00
The Terrace Gallery Arts Council	Repaint Terrace Gallery area	\$800.00
Loxton North Kindergarten	Sand play storage, seating & toys	\$600.00
Lifestyle Assistance & Accommodation	Handrails - mobility = independence	\$1500.00
Loxton High School Pedal Prix	Purchase new pedal prix bike	\$3000.00
Loxton Youth Advisory Committee	Promotion	\$1000.00
Waikerie & District Garden Club	Purchase a microphone	\$500.00
Waikerie District Historical Society	Archival storage system	\$600.00
Waikerie Bowling club (Juniors)	Junior bowls development	\$750.00
1st Waikerie Scout Group	First aid course for youth	\$1000.00
Ramco Community Association	Netball Shelter	\$2000.00
Waikerie Hockey Club	Upgrade clubrooms	\$1500.00
Total		\$34860.33

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AGED AND 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. Council acknowledges the contribution made by youth towards the community's vitality as local residents, visitors, workers, consumers, tourist seekers and seekers of culture.

Council is aware that it is important to evaluate and monitor its approaches to create a healthy and collaborative relationship with young people. It does so through regular meetings with the Waikerie and Loxton Advisory Committees, and holds regular informal meetings with Riverland youth who are committed to providing opportunities for young people to become active citizen and community leaders.

Waikerie Youth Advisory Committee 4 Youth - WACY

Young people aged between 12 and 25 are encouraged to be involved in a Youth advisory committee (YAC) that meets monthly. This group represents local youth issues, provides advice and consults with other local young people. The YAC drives National Youth Week and other events for young people in the region as well as promoting a positive image of young people. Current chair of the WACY group Kaisha Wyld has been very proactive in events and activities during the year. A notable achievement is that over 900 young people attended the following events which included movie nights, the youth week WACY Fair, the popular WACY Pool Party and Waikerie Gets Down.



Waikerie SK8/BMX Park

The Waikerie Sk8 BMX Park has certainly shown to be successful since the opening in May 2005, not only to many local children and adults but also to many visitors from other Riverland Towns, Interstate and Overseas.

The committee has continued to work tirelessly in promoting and enhancing the area with a great BBQ, Shelter and lighting of the Park. A partnership with the Waikerie High School students has seen continued work on the Park which includes paving which has now been laid from the BBQ Shelter to the street crossover and further paving around the drinking fountain.

Seniors

In October 2010 Council celebrated Seniors month with Norma Modista named as Waikerie's Senior of the Year. This popular Seniors Event saw the Mayor and councilors and over 120 people joining in the festivities at Warrawee.



Volunteering

Volunteers with the Council include the Loxton Historic Village, the Loxton Visitor Information Centre, The Pines Historic House and Garden, Loxton Christmas Lights, the Catch Centre and Libraries in Loxton and Waikerie. This year a thank you to council volunteers was held at the Loxton Public Library, the Loxton Visitor Information Centre and the Loxton Historical Village.

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Loxton Retirement Village

The Loxton Retirement Village of 100 units in duplex configuration is now a significant capital investment for Council. With the completion of the new development of 20 units all are now occupied. The Loxton Retirement Village Management Committee (a Section 41 Committee of Council) meets regularly each monthly to manage the affairs of the village, with agendas and minutes posted on the Council web site.

During the course of the year, 8 units changed residents. This of course means that we have lost some of our senior residents due to their moving to higher care or becoming deceased. This is always a sad time but we move on and welcome new people to this great lifestyle. Our waiting list is still extensive and is not confined to locals. Our website has attracted applicants and there are often enquiries to the Administration Officer.

Financially the Village this year has met its obligations and continues to pay its own way through the residents maintenance funds. The refurbishment reserve has seen a modest rise with investments and the surplus from the maintenance account. Slow real estate activity sometimes means a longer change over period than we have experienced in the past which can effect the surplus to the reserve. The capital reserve is in a healthy situation and the management committee are pleased that this fund has recovered well from the developmental outlay of the new units. As is normal there are always items of plant that require replacement and these have been handled satisfactorily by the maintenance funds.

The village gardens and surrounds have recovered after years of reduced availability of water. Replacement lawns and undergrounding of dripper installations across Leatrice Pfitzner Court will reduce our water reliance further. This is planned to be extended to Peter Jackson and Frank Petch Courts at a later stage. Our contract caretaker Barrie Muller has as always maintained the gardens as a show piece. The latest Tidy Towns award in 2010 for Frank Petch Crescent is again a result of combined efforts of Barrie and residents.



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Riverland be active



In May 2010, further two (2) year funding was received from the Office for Recreation and Sport (ORS) and the 3 Riverland Councils for continuation of the Riverland be active program. Although initially intended to be three (3) year funding, this was reduced by ORS to enable them to conduct a comprehensive review of their entire grants program.

With the confirmation of continued funding, the incumbent Riverland be active Field Officer was offered, an accepted, a two (2) year extension of his contract until June 2012.

The DCLW continues to auspice the program on behalf of all stakeholders and currently provides project and financial management as well as managing the employment of the Riverland be active Field Officer.

Riverland *be active* works with local sport and active recreation providers, regional and State Sporting Associations, various Government agencies and interested community members to increase the participation of the broad Riverland community in sport and physical activity. This is achieved through;

- Supporting and promoting new and existing physical activity opportunities
- Training and development to improve the skills of local service providers to deliver physical activity opportunities for more of the community
- Training, development and support to assist key stakeholders to meet their legislative requirements
- Encouraging the best use of all sporting and active recreation facilities

The Riverland *be active* Field Officer continues to assist numerous sporting clubs and associations across the region with developing and submitting grant applications, promotion of major events and providing members of the public with club contact details. The role also helps in the provision of relevant training workshops and seminars, and support to change club management practices.

Over the past 12 months, DCLW residents have been provided with an array of sporting and active recreation opportunities (both within the District and in neighbouring towns) including the "Active Community Team Challenge", various Fun Runs and Walks, a Pedometer Challenge, and new sporting pursuits including Dragon Boating and Touch Football.

Key highlights for 2010/11 include;

- The "Active Community Team Challenge" (ACTC) was held in the region again this year and continues to receive strong local support in Loxton. Following significant requests, the ACTC was expanded to Waikerie and attracted great interest and high participation numbers. The introduction of Waikerie to the ACTC program saw an increase in participant number of over 35% across the region.



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Riverland be active



- Involved in the planning and delivery of the Active After School Program - "Winter Sign Up Day" held in Waikerie. This day provided local sporting clubs with an opportunity to showcase their sport, give participants an opportunity to try a new activity and to recruit new members.
- Support, assistance and provision of be active merchandise for the 2010 Waikerie Sports Awards
- Significant support and advice for local sporting clubs with grant applications including the successful Loxton North Netball Club (Court Upgrade) and Loxton Tennis Club (Pergola and Paved area) and other applications from Ramco Football and Netball Club (lighting), Waikerie Tennis Club (courts), Loxton High School (upgrade Pedal Prix vehicle), Loxton United Soccer Club (line marker) and Loxton Golf Club (irrigation upgrade).



- Supported the expansion of "Riverland Touch", Touch Football competition to Waikerie. 5 teams regularly participated in the weekly competition and culminated in an Intertown Challenge against the Berri division. Waikerie won that encounter and were crowned Riverland Champions. The management model pioneered in the Riverland used by "Riverland Touch" was also recognised at the 2010 be active Recreation and Sports Awards including winning the most prestigious honour, "The Minister's Award for Excellence".
- Chair of the Loxton Sporting Precinct Working Party and assisted with the successful DCLW Budget Bid to secure funding for a Recreation Precinct Master Plan and Feasibility Study.
- Provision and/or promotion of various training and capacity building workshops including Grant Writing Workshop, Emergency Asthma Management for Sports Clubs and Child Safe Officers courses.
- Support, assistance and promotion for the "24 Hour Ride to Nowhere". This event was conducted on stationery bikes with teams required to pedal for 24 hours in order to raise funds to charity and to assist with upgrades to the Waikerie Sports and Recreation Centre.



- Significant involvement and support provided to Loxton United Soccer Club for the relocation of home games back to Loxton. Home matches hadn't been played in Loxton in over 5 years and it was deemed imperative to the clubs future to have games in Loxton in order to attract more players, more volunteers and more sponsors. Feedback from the local community and across the Riverland soccer community has been positive and culminated in Loxton hosting the Grand Final of the Top 4 Cup.

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TOURISM—PROMOTION AND MARKETING

“Lift the profile of the area and region through targeted promotion and marketing, event coordination and publicising of success”



Both the Loxton and Waikerie Visitor Information Centers strive to maintain their Level 1 accreditation with the National Tourism Accreditation Program, permitting the use of the well recognized and trusted blue and yellow 'i' logo.

The VIC's are best practice visitor information centres where visitors are given a warm welcome and introduced to the Loxton and Waikerie districts and Riverland region. The knowledgeable staff and volunteers are skilled at responding to and anticipating visitors' information needs, providing an unexpected level of outstanding, friendly service.

The VIC's are recognised by operators, traders and the broader communities as vital to the economic well-being of the district and as providing a valuable service for all residents.

2010-11 saw the introduction of the a Visitor Information Outlet (VIO) at the Rainmoth Gallery in Waikerie. This services is to compliment the fully accredited centre on the Sturt Highway and to service the needs of visitors in the town centre.

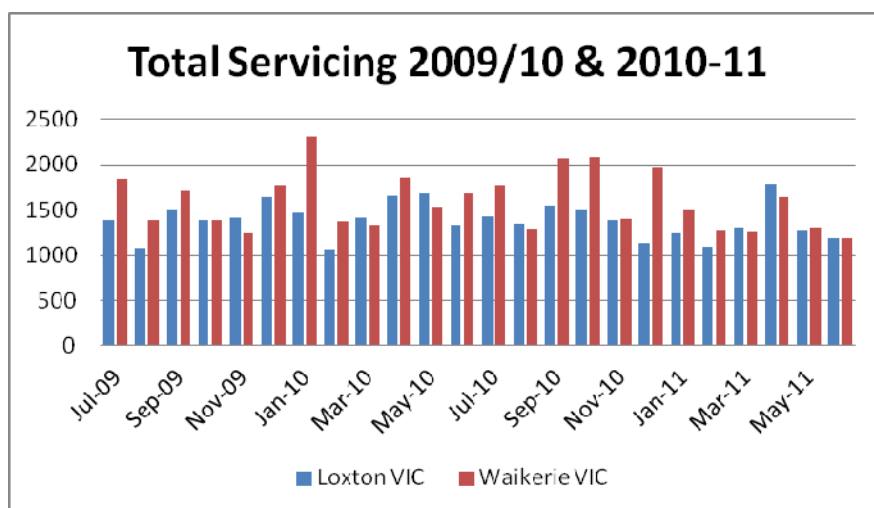


The contract with Mrs Lucy Quintel for the Waikerie Visitor Information Centre has been extended for a further 2 years, with an option for an additional extension of 4 years on the proviso that the Visitor Information Centre is upgraded to reflect the direction of Council with regard to tourism, and Waikerie as the gateway to the Riverland.

VIC VISITOR SERVICING AND STATISTICS

So many external factors are influencing holiday trends, such as natural disasters including the Queensland floods and cyclones, the changing of household consumption patterns, low cost air carriers and the perception that the Murray River was dry due to the drought; then in flood during the latter past of this financial year. Due to a number of these factors, it has been noticed that people are taking fewer trips and reducing their nights away.

Loxton VIC serviced 16,247 people during 2010-11, a decrease of 4.6% (776 people) compared to 2009-10. Waikerie VIVC serviced



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EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

“Foster, encourage and where possible support community events and festivals that are sustainable and align with strategic objectives”

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.

Other Annual Community Events supported by Council include

- Australia Day celebrations
- KESAB Tidy Towns
- Loxton Annual Show
- Loxton Light Up Celebrations
- Loxton Nippy's Gift
- Loxton Triathlon
- Active Riverland Community Challenge
- Youth Week Celebrations
- Waikerie Christmas Pageant
- Loxton Mardi Gras
- Moorook Rivertstock Music Festival
- NAIDOC Celebrations
- Waikerie Senior of the Year Awards

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ENVIRONMENT

Develop a program aimed at implementing sustainable development which will preserve and enhance the natural environment within the Loxton Waikerie community as outlined in the objectives of the Strategic Management Plan.

Goal:

RECOGNITION AND PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT ACTIONS

- Maintain recycling at dump sites with the separation and resale of waste occurring onsite
- Ensuring that all Council operations are compliant with relevant environmental legislation
- Maximise staff productivity by improving the work environment
- Council promoting a caring environmental image
- Council setting an environmental example at all times
- Thinking globally, acting locally and developing community involvement in the resolution of sustainable development issues
- Investigate options for the Loxton CWMS
- Commissioning of the Waikerie Wastewater Treatment Plant

*"Preserving and
enhancing the
natural environment"*

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Council's domestic kerbside waste collection includes Loxton and Waikerie as well settlements between the two townships. Each residential property on the collection route is provided with a 240 litre MGB for domestic waste. In addition to this and due to the closure of the small landfill sites, bin banks have been installed at many areas including Paruna, Meribah and the contents of approximately 5500, 240ltr Mobil Garbage Bins are collected and disposed of on a weekly basis.

Council is committed to reducing the amount of waste to landfill and considered it prudent to undertake trials to gather crucial information for the implementation of a 2 or 3 bin collection system during the 2011/2012 reporting period.

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WASTE MANAGEMENT- Continued

Waste Facilities

In accordance with EPA requirements, Closure and Post Closure plans were submitted and approved for Council owned landfills at Waikerie and Moorook. The sites were closed for disposal of waste from 30th June 2011. All waste collected from the Kerbside collections will, in future, be disposed of at Council's remaining landfill site at Loxton.

Council was successful in obtaining grant funding from Zero Waste SA to facilitate the construction costs associated with the development of specifically designed transfer stations at the Waikerie and Moorook landfill sites to allow acceptance of general waste usually associated with back yard clean ups.

Environmental Management Plans have been submitted and approved for the operation of the sites and It is envisaged that Council will operate a "sort and save" system for recovery of recyclable materials. All materials not able to be recycled at the transfer stations will be transported to the Loxton Landfill for disposal.

The waste collection tonnage statistics for the reporting period are provided below:

Year 2010/2011		
Waste	10,850	Tonnes
Recycling	280	Tonnes
Total	11,130	Tonnes

Council is committed to reducing waste to landfill and is responsible for the collection and disposal of all waste, including resource recovery programs.

Regional Waste Disposal and Resource Recovery Facility

Council continues to work closely with Berri Barmera Council, Renmark Paringa Council and Environmental Protection Authority for the construction of a Regional Waste disposal site and the three Councils were successful in obtaining grant funding from Zero Waste SA to facilitate the construction of a specifically designed undercover Materials Recycling Facility to be located at the proposed site.

The sorting and diversion of the material is expected to significantly reduce the amount of waste to landfill.

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HEALTH

THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Environmental Health Management Plan (EHMP) development by Council staff in consultation with the local community was implemented in 2008. The overall aim of the EHMP is to adopt a pro-active, strategic and risk based approach to managing environmental health issues in the Council area. Currently work is being done to update this management plan for the next 3 years.

HEALTH INSPECTIONS

Waste Control Applications	Applications received	65
	Applications approved	63
	Applications pending processing	2
	Applications refused	0
Waste Control Inspections	Number of installation inspections conducted	53
	Number of enforcement inspections conducted	0

Risk Classification	No. of Businesses	No. of routine Inspections conducted	No. of follow up Inspections conducted	No. of Inspections resulting from complaints
Low	80	37	0	0
Medium	52	33	0	2
High * (please exclude businesses that service "Vulnerable Populations*")	14	8	2	0
TOTAL	146	78	2	2

IMMUNISATION

A free monthly immunisation clinic has been provided at both Loxton and Waikerie. Each being held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The Waikerie Clinic is held at the Council Chambers on Strangman Road between 9:30am and 11:30am. While the Loxton Clinic is held at the Child and Youth Health Centre on Tobruk Terrace.

We also visited Waikerie and Loxton High Schools three times throughout the year to run immunisation clinics for the Year 8s and 9s.

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HEALTH

MOSQUITO CONTROL AND HEALTH PROMOTION

The dramatic change in conditions such as the highest river levels seen in many years coinciding with significant rainfall events resulted in higher than average mosquito numbers in the Loxton Waikerie Council area. This in turn resulted in unprecedented rates of arbovirus notifications.

The mosquito and Public Health Research Group at the University of South Australia provided mosquito surveillance and spot control services to six local government areas, including Loxton Waikerie, along the River Murray from September 2010 to April 2011.

Regular reports are provided to Council along with regular newsletters and updates from the research group of UniSA.

In conjunction with Uni SA, a winter mosquito larvae surveillance program began in June 2011. This was a result of mosquito borne disease rates reaching unprecedented levels within South Australia during the 2010-11 mosquito season. The winter surveillance program is aimed at minimizing the risk of Murray Valley Encephalitis transmission to humans. The larval surveillance will be used to guide on-going larvicidal work with a view to reducing mosquito numbers through winter to minimize the biting threat in the following spring and summer.

Council's EHO investigates mosquito related complaints and refers these to the contractor when necessary for surveillance and/or treatment.

The three Riverland Councils, with the assistance of WIN TV, developed a TV advert which was aimed at promoting the personal protection measures to guard against mosquito borne disease to locals and tourists. The advert is a resource that will be available for use year after year as the need arises, particularly during years where there are high numbers of reported arbovirus cases or cases of Murray Valley Encephalitis. Acknowledgement has been received from Stephen Christley, Chief Public Health Officer, Department of Health, for the collaborative and innovative approach taken by the partnering Councils in developing the advertisement and the important role of the Environmental Health Officer in implementing and overseeing mosquito management activities.



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DEVELOPMENT

During the year council approved the following types of development;

Dwelling	52
Extensions to dwellings	18
Commercial/Industrial	25
Extensions to Commercial/Industrial	17
Garages, Carports, Verandas, Swimming pools, Fences, retaining walls, etc.	246
Land Division	21

Generally when development applications have been adequately documented, 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.

REGIONAL BUILDING FIRE SAFETY COMMITTEE

A Regional Building Fire Safety Committee now operates over the three Riverland Councils to ensure minimum standards are maintained for fire safety in existing buildings in the Riverland.

PLANNING

BETTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONVERSION & ALIGNMENT DPA

The Better Development Plan conversion and Alignment Development Plan Amendment was put on public consultation in October/November 2010. At the closure of the consultation process, public meetings were held in Loxton and Waikerie to hear the views of those ratepayers that made submissions.

Over 70 submissions and 13 agency replies were received as a result of the public consultation. Following these meetings, Council made some amendments to the plan and adopted the final plan for authorisation on 20 May 2011.

The Plan was submitted to the Minister in June 2011. It is anticipated the plan will be approved by the Minister and gazette before the end of 2011.

DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

The Riverland Regional Development Assessment Panel entered its second year of operation. Council appointed Mr David Kanizay as its Independent Member and Cr Leon Stasinowsky (now Mayor as at November 2010) as Councils Elected Member to the panel. Both members will continue their role until January 2012.

The Minister for Planning and Urban Development appointed Mr Bruce Ballantyne to the position of Presiding Member of the Riverland Regional Development Assessment Panel for a period of 2 years from 1 January 2010 until 1 January 2012.

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RIVERLAND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL

Mr Peter Ackland, Council's Chief Executive Officer as appointed as Public Officer from January 2011 to January 2012. He replaced Mr David Beaton, CEO Berri Barmera Council.

Council also took over the administrative role of the panel from Berri Barmera for the 2011 calendar year.

The Panel met on 7 occasions and considered 35 applications, 13 were from the District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

Member	Meetings conducted	Meetings attended
Mr Bruce Ballantyne (presiding member)	7	7
Mr Leon Stasinowsky (Loxton Waikerie)	7	4
Mr David Kanizay (Independent—Loxton Waikerie)	7	6
Mrs Rhonda Centofanti (Berri Barmera)	7	7
Mr Ken Stokes (Independent—Berri Barmera)	7	5
Mr Neville Nattrass (Renmark Paringa) - (retired from panel)	2	2
Mr Mark Chown (Renmark Paringa) - (replaced Neville Nattrass)	5	4
Mr Geoff Parson (Independent—Renmark Paringa)	7	6

INSPECTORIAL

The following infringements and notices were issued throughout the Council area during the year:

Dog Control	57
Parking (permit zone, expiation time)	6
Abandoned Vehicles	2
EPA Burning	1
CFS Burning	Nil
Littering	1
Court enforcements on unpaid expiations	43
Fire 105F Notices	278
Schedule 9 Fire Permits	69
Schedule 10 Fire Permits	15

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ENVIRONMENTAL

REGIONAL AND LOCAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

During November 2008, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd made the announcement as part of the Economic Stimulus Package that Council had received an amount of \$474,000 which was allocated in Round 1, Council also received \$185,000 in Round 2 and \$193,000 in Round 3 funding.

Round 2 projects were completed in 2010/2011 with Round 3 projects either completed or near completion.

Council allocated the funding to the following Round 2 Projects

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| • Upgrade to Paruna Netball/Tennis Courts | \$80,000 |
| • Refurbishment of Cobweb Art and Craft Shop | \$13,500 |
| • Pilot Rest and Debriefing Room Loxton Aerodrome | \$20,000 |
| • Waikerie Federation Park Walking Track | \$71,500 |

Council allocated the funding to the following Round 3 Projects

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| • Loxton North Netball/Tennis Courts project | \$60,000 |
| • Waikerie Recreation Centre Netball/Tennis Courts | \$80,000 |
| • Loxton Skate & BMX Park BBQ & Shelter | \$20,000 |
| • Wunkar Netball & Tennis Courts | \$21,000 |
| • Loxton Christmas Lights Shed Extension | \$12,000 |

WELCOME TO WAIKERIE SIGNS

Council received a formal request from the Waikerie District Development Committee Inc for Council to fund the proposed "Welcome to Waikerie" sign approx 10 km on the Adelaide side of Waikerie adjacent the Speedway on private land approx 10m in from the fence line.

Council accepted the proposed 'Welcome to Waikerie' sign and funded the proposal from proceeds of the sale of the Waikerie Caravan Park. Soil tests have been carried out, footing & frame designs completed, council infrastructure department are due install the sign on the property near the junction of Ziegler Road and Sturt Highway in Waikerie.



REVIEW OF EXISTING BY LAWS

Council has the authority to create by-laws in accordance with section 246 of the Local Government Act 1999. Council by-laws were endorsed at council meeting held 21 May 2010. Council's newly adopted by-laws come into operation on 2 January 2011 and expire in 2018.

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| • By-law No.1 Permits and Penalties By-law 2010 | • By-law No. 4 Moveable Signs By-law 2010 |
| • By-law No. 2 Local Government Land By-law 2010 | • By-law No. 5 Dogs By-law 2010 |
| • By-law No. 3 Roads By-law 2010 | • By-law No. 6 Cats By-law 2010 |

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INSPECTORIAL

DOG REGISTRATIONS

The control of dogs throughout the district is administered by the General Inspector and currently there are 2661 dogs registered in the Council area.

Concessions apply for guide dogs, disability dogs, working dogs & greyhounds and discounts apply for dogs that are desexed, trained & micro chipped, however documentary evidence is required in all cases to determine eligibility.

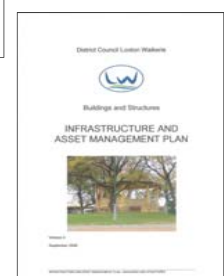
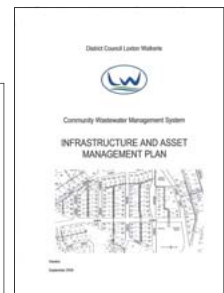


ENVIRONMENTAL

A preferred site for a Regional Waste Facility has been identified, and Council is working with the other Riverland Councils in developing plans, operational strategies and costings for the regional site.

ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS

Council has adopted Asset Management Plans for its roads, community waste water systems buildings and structures. 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 land, stormwater and irrigation assets. Council will have an additional Irrigation and Stormwater Management Plan by December 2011.





Chris Fels

Director Infrastructure Services

KEY DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Road Construction and Maintenance
- Infrastructure Asset Management
- Stormwater Management
- Road Closures
- Fleet Management
- Parks and Gardens
- Waste Collection and Management
- Traffic Control
- Contracts (Works)
- Survey and Design
- Assets (Roads)

In accordance with Council's Strategic Plan, the Infrastructure Services Department remains committed to maintaining appropriate and sustainable community infrastructure and also ensuring the provision of a comprehensive range of quality services.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

The Infrastructure Services team has re visited and re-condition rated all of council's large sheeted and sealed road network, to give an updated value and determination of both capital construction and maintenance works required.

This information has been placed into our current road asset plan to produce a new 20 year programme. The result has indicated that greater emphasis needs to be placed in the maintenance area of our road network; in particular the re-sealing of our sealed road network.

The 2010-2011 Capital Works programme has seen the following completed:

Unsealed Roads

Curtis Road
Bruce Road
Gibbs Road
Koch Road
May Road
Moonah Bore Road
Obst Road
Olive Tree Road
Wall Road
Mindarie Road
English Road
Lowbank Road
New Well Centre Road
Notts Well Road



Bruce Road



Koch Road

Infrastructure Services

ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

Sealed Roads

- Maggea Road - with funding from Special Local Roads and Roads to Recovery
- Irrigation shoulders
- Loxton High School Car Park
- Pine Avenue (part completed)
- Gogel Road footpath
- Kirby Street footpath
- Reseals throughout the district as programmed



Maggea Road Sealing

Other

Loxton Cemetery - new plynth and lawn planted
Pflaum Terrace



Kirby Street, Waikerie

PARKS AND GARDENS

Council has continued to develop parks and gardens throughout the district based on long term sustainability with a focus on ensuring developed landscapes are aesthetically pleasing.

In consultation with the Loxton Recreation Grounds Trust, the following projects were completed:

Bookpurnong Terrace median strips mulched

Mitre 10 landscaping

Kingdon place landscaping

Hedley's Corner landscaping

Paving of main street fountain area

Stage 1 of the Loxton Irrigation Upgrade to sub surface irrigation has been completed to the main oval, warm up reserve behind the pavilion, parts of side show alley and sections of the hockey oval, at a cost of \$354, 000.

With the Department of Health approval, some areas adjacent to the areas mentioned above have received irrigation upgrades to allow for dripper and surface irrigation of waste water. Council has been advised that up to 1/3 of irrigated water can be saved from evaporation by installing sub surface irrigation.

Stage 2 programmed for the 2011-2012 financial year will see all of the remaining township irrigation areas apart from East Terrace and the river front completed.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Council continues to work closely on a regional waste strategy with Berri-Barmera and Renmark-Paringa councils.

Significant funds have been allocated to the closure and remediation of both Waikerie and Moorook landfill sites. Both sites are now fully operational as waste transfer facilities allowing for the majority of waste delivered to these sites to be removed from general waste and recycled with the assistance of local recycling companies.



Waikerie Waste Transfer Station

Infrastructure Services

MAJOR PROJECTS

Significant projects with the assistance of both State and Federal funding partners have seen the following projects completed, or near completion:

- Waikerie river front BBQ and shelter facilities - six in total
- Waikerie river front bank stabilisation
- Ramco Point bank stabilisation
- Road reversal Waikerie river front completed, with Peake Terrace intersection under construction
- ETSA lighting upgrade Peake Terrace completed
- Federation Park Waikerie walking trail upgrade and bridge completed
- Waikerie Oval entrance sealing upgrade completed
- Waikerie river front ferry road exit to river front completed
- Waikerie boat ramp and public car park completed
- New Waikerie river front toilet block under construction
- Waikerie netball and tennis court upgrades under construction
- Warawee internal roads to assist development
- Moorook river front irrigation upgrade completed
- New toilet block Kingston on Murray completed
- Wunkar tennis court upgrade completed
- Loxton skate/BMX park
- Loxton North netball courts and shade facility under construction
- Loxton boat ramps x 2 upgrade with pontoon system
- Loxton wharf
- Paruna tennis courts



Federation Park



Waikerie Netball/Tennis Courts upgrade under construction

STORMWATER AND COMMUNITY WASTE WATER CATCHMENT AND RE-USE

Significant stormwater catchment and reuse projects have been completed in the past year. The Fifth Street basin has been upgraded with new delivery pipe work and culverts installed to transfer storm water to the Tobruk Terrace retention basin.

The Tobruk Terrace basin has been enlarged from 5 ML to 12 ML with a geoclay liner installed. Total cost of this project was approximately \$1.8 million with Council successful in securing \$1, 280, 000 through the Regional Flood Mitigation Programme and the Storm Water Management Fund.

The completion of this project will not only serve as a water capture and re-use programme, but assist with storm proofing of the adjacent area. To further assist with storm proofing it is proposed to construct a 25 ML catchment basin at the bottom of Eyre Street in the Woodleigh Estate in the 2011-2012 financial year.

The Loxton West Stormwater Catchment and re-use programme at a cost of \$2, 400, 000, jointly funded by council and Federal Government's Strengthening Basin Communities has seen stage 1 completed with the upgrade to existing stormwater transfer pipes and culverts along Hilltop Drive in Loxton, to the flats and wetlands along the river front. Stage 2 programmed for 2011-2012 will see a new retention basin approximately 25 ML in size constructed adjacent to McMillan Street and the existing wetlands for the irrigation of the Loxton river front. Stage 2 will also include a secondary 5 ML basin constructed in the old railway yards on Railway Terrace, to assist with storm proofing and collection and re-use of stormwater from the Luther Road basin.

Infrastructure Services

LOXTON COMMUNITY WASTE WATER CATCHMENT AND RE-USE

At a cost of \$4.5 million, \$3, 648, 000 funded by council and \$859, 000 from the Local Government Statewide Wastewater Re-Use programme, Council has delivered a modern state of the art facility that will capture, treat and re-use all of Loxton's waste water and return it to the township for irrigation.

A 75 mega litre dam has been built on Taplan Road approximately 4 kilometres from Loxton, at the treatment plant. The Mill Corner and Kokoda Terrace dams have been excavated and lined with polyurethane liners. Mill Corner has increased capacity from 5 mega litres to 8, and the Kokoda Terrace basin has been increased from 3 to 6 mega litre capacity. All new PVC main delivery lines have been installed through out the Loxton township, meeting EPA and Department of Health guidelines and standards.

Mill Corner, Kokoda, Tobruk and Fifth Street basins are now all linked by pumping stations to the new Loxton Treatment Plant to allow, not only storm water capture and re-use, but to assist with the storm proofing of Loxton. All basins can be pumped empty to the Taplan Road storage facility in the event of predicted rain events, and then pumped back when irrigation is required.

The 2011-2012 financial year will see the remaining basins, being Starcevitch, Loxton West riverfront, Luther road, Railway Terrace and Eyre Street linked to the system. It is intended that these linkages will be automated and wirelessly controlled to facilitate a highly flexible and adaptive system.

In a normal rainfall average calendar year, along with waste water treatment, council believes the capture, treatment of its stormwater and treated water will see a significant reduction to council's dependence on water directly extracted from the River Murray. The target would be zero.



Loxton South Stormwater project - Fifth Street Basin

Infrastructure Services

WORKS REQUEST SYSTEM

Trialled in 2007, the Works Request System allows rate payers to lodge any concerns on line via our website, at any time of day or night. Residents can notify us of graffiti, concerns with playgrounds, footpaths or roads, at any time, in their own words, 24 hours a day. Work requests can still be lodged via traditional letters, faxes and phone calls.

The DCLW Works Request System was further refined in 2010/2011. A set of service standards was developed attributing associated risks and reasonable expected completion timeframes with all standard work requests. Each request is assessed and rated by staff, and the request completed within a programmed/scheduled time.

Requests not completed on time are captured in an 'exceptions report' and further investigated as to why we were unable to meet the service standard.

The works request system not only allows all complaints or requests to be documented, it is also a tool for programming of staff and machinery - which in situations where machinery is shared between Waikerie and Loxton is exceptionally valuable. Its list of requests and completions becomes a record of trends, allowing future planning and budgeting for events and Council equipment and infrastructure.

In 2010/2011 the DCLW received approximately 1900 requests (exclusive of the extreme weather requests during December and January), with over 95% completed within our service standard levels.

Currently, the works request system is used exclusively for the infrastructure department, but with the number of roles that overlap between departments, service standards are currently being developed for all Council services, including development, planning, environment, libraries and community services just to name a few.

STAFF TRAINING

As a service based industry local government require trained and responsive staff.

A major focus this year has been the multi skilling of staff, review and training of competencies, increased awareness of OHS principles and succession planning.

A multi skilled work force allows for increased rostering fluidity - with all staff trained and confident in working on any piece of machinery. This has allowed the infrastructure department to also reduce staff leave liabilities, manage all forms of leave including sick leave, and still achieve all required works requests and programmed projects.

With these increased skills and lines of communication, staff have become involved in setting maintenance standards and planned programming of works.

Staff succession planning and development of the council's future leaders has allowed many staff new opportunities and for council flexibility in supervision.

In addition to succession planning for supervisory roles, Council has identified the need to recruit local youth for our future workforce, and as an incentive for Riverland young persons to stay based in the region.

In 2011 council employed 5 school based apprentices from the Loxton and Waikerie High Schools. 3 are based in Infrastructure Services, studying Certificate III in Horticulture and Certificate III SIS (spatial information systems).

Schedule 4 Compliance Information

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

LIST OF REGISTERS

The following are the registers that Council is required to keep under the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government Elections Act 1999.

- Assessment Record
- By-Law Register
- Delegations Register
- Fees and Charges Register
- Policy 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
- Register of Campaign Donation Returns

Additional registers are maintained and include the following:

- Approval Register
- Asset Register
- Certificate of Title Register
- Common Seal Register
- Confidential Minute Register
- Contracts, Licences and Agreements Register
- Gift Register
- Internal Review Register
- Lease Register
- Training Register

CODES OF CONDUCT, PRACTICE AND GUIDELINES

The following is a list of the Codes of Conduct or Practice that Council is required to keep under the Local Government Act 1999.

- Code of Conduct - Elected Members
- Code of Conduct - Employees and Volunteers
- Code of Conduct - Public Access to Council and Committee Meetings and to Associated documents
- Code of Practice - Meeting Procedures

Schedule 4 Compliance Information

CODES OF CONDUCT, PRACTICE AND GUIDELINES - Continued

Additional Codes of Conduct have been adopted by Council and include:

- Code of Conduct—Child Safe Environments

Guidelines include:

- Conflict of Interest—Guidelines
- Control of Election signs—Guidelines

INFORMATION STATEMENT

The following information is provided in accordance with the Freedom of Information provisions of the Local Government Act 1999.

COUNCIL POLICIES

All policies listed are available for inspection at the Council Offices at Loxton or Waikerie during ordinary 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 Office, to be charged at the scheduled rate according to the Fees and Charges Register

- Alterations and Business Use of a Public Road
- Appointment to External Organisations Policy
- Bad Debt Policy
- Caretaker Policy
- Child Safe Environments Policy
- Christmas Closure Policy – Council Offices and Libraries
- Community Development and Support Grant Policy
- Community Donations Policy
- Community Event Funding Policy
- Community Land Policy
- Complaints Management Policy
- Council Policy Framework
- Credit Card Policy
- Elected Members Allowances and Benefits Policy
- Elected Member conduct Complaint Handling Policy
- Electronic Communication Facilities Policy
- Encroachments onto Council Land Policy
- Financial Hardship Policy
- Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy
- General Permit Policy
- Immunisation Policy

Schedule 4 Compliance Information

COUNCIL POLICIES - Continued

- Internal Review of council Decisions (Grievance) Policy
- Library Policy
- Media Policy
- Order Making Policy
- Postponement of Rates – Seniors Policy
- Privacy Policy
- Public Consultation Policy
- Public Water Donations Policy
- Rate Capping Rebate Policy
- Rate Rebate Policy
- Rate Relief Policy
- Records Management Policy
- Remission and Postponement of Fines and Interest Policy
- Risk Management Policy
- Road and Street Naming Policy
- Sale and Disposal of Land and Other Assets Policy
- Supplementary Elections Policy
- Tender, Quotation and Procurement Policy
- Tourism Policy
- Training and Development Policy for Elected Members
- Treasury Management Policy
- Volunteer Policy
- Whistleblowers Protection Policy

POLICY AND ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTS

- Contract and Tenders Policies and Procedures
- Strategic Plan: Roadmap to the Future 2010 - 2015
- Annual Business Plan/Annual Budget
- Audited Financial Statements
- Annual Report
- Management Plans for Community Land
- Internal Review of Council Decisions (Grievance) Procedure

Schedule 4 Compliance Information

COMPETITIVE TENDERING ARRANGEMENTS

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

Use of Local Goods & Services

Council recognises that local businesses are an integral part of the overall community and is committed to providing assistance that will support and encourage their success.

When seeking quotations and calling for tenders officers will be mindful of relevant local suppliers and the impact on the local community if the goods or services were purchased from outside the Council area. National Competition Policy guidelines and associated legislation will be observed at all times.

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 contained within Council's Web site at www.loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS, HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

Staff and volunteer equal opportunity, discrimination, harassment and bullying

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie has a firm commitment to equal opportunity principals and will ensure that no discriminatory policies, practices or procedures exist in any aspect of employment or its delivery of services.

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie is also committed to providing a workplace that is free from discrimination, harassment (including sexual harassment) and bullying.

Other programs and policies include:

- Child Safe Environments Policy and Code of Conduct, the program has been fully implemented into staff recruitment and selection process, including the advertisement of positions, interview, police checks for identified positions, procedures for review of police checks and records management, training in Child Safe Environments (Mandatory reporting) for identified positions and staff sign the Code of Conduct upon employment or review.
- Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy has been adopted in conjunction with Whistleblowers Protection Policy and a revised Code of Conduct for Staff and Volunteers which is signed by staff.
- A Comprehensive volunteer program has been developed and implemented which includes an application process, skills matching, induction, training and a centralized register of volunteers.

All Council staff and volunteers are expected to uphold equal opportunity and occupational health and safety principals.

Schedule 4 Compliance Information

COMMUNITY LAND MANAGEMENT PLANS

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

- Aerodromes
- Caravan Park
- Cemeteries
- Community buildings
- Council buildings
- Playgrounds
- Sporting grounds - multi occupiers
- Sporting grounds - single occupiers

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 Freedom of Information Application was received during the reporting period:

- Total valuation of land in the Council area, delineated by land use

The information requested was provided, in full, within the time period allowed.

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 inquires should be addressed to Council's FOI Officer, Ruth Firstbrook.

Conclusion

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie is pleased to be able to present this Annual Report for 2010/2011. The 2010/2011 Annual Report was adopted by Council at its meeting on the Friday 25 November, 2011

Copies are available for perusal on Councils website at www.loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au

Further enquiries can be made to the Chief Executive Officer as follows:

The Chief Executive Officer
District Council of Loxton Waikerie
PO Box 409
LOXTON SA 5333
Telephone (08) 8584 8000
Email - council@loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOXTON WAIKERIE

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2011

CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of the District Council of Loxton Waikerie for the year ended 30 June 2011, the Council's Auditor, Ian McDonald FCA Chartered Accountant, 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*.



Chris Fels

ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



John Corrie

**PRESIDING MEMBER
AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Date: 21 October 2011

District Council of Loxton Waikerie

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the year ended 30 June 2011

	Notes	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000
INCOME			
Rates	2	8,994	8,597
Statutory charges	2	221	187
User charges	2	1,221	1,057
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	4,723	4,167
Investment income	2	199	229
Reimbursements	2	131	398
Other income	2	482	1,005
Total Income		15,971	15,640
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	3	5,137	4,885
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	6,260	4,818
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	4,760	4,820
Finance costs	3	160	177
Total Expenses		16,317	14,700
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(346)	940
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	(135)	(401)
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2	2,137	2,441
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		1,656	2,980
transferred to Equity Statement			
Other Comprehensive Income			
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	9	(22,014)	10,014
Total Other Comprehensive Income		(22,014)	10,014
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		(20,358)	12,994

District Council of Loxton Waikerie

BALANCE SHEET as at 30 June 2011

	Notes	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	4,084	4,534
Trade & other receivables	5	1,304	1,403
Inventories	5	53	119
Total Current Assets		5,441	6,056
Non-current Assets			
Financial Assets	6	260	310
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	7	116,865	136,040
Total Non-current Assets		117,125	136,350
Total Assets		122,566	142,406
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	8	12,982	12,189
Borrowings	8	295	391
Provisions	8	684	796
Total Current Liabilities		13,961	13,376
Non-current Liabilities			
Borrowings	8	1,149	1,392
Provisions	8	912	736
Total Non-current Liabilities		2,061	2,128
Total Liabilities		16,022	15,504
NET ASSETS		106,544	126,902
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		62,461	61,599
Asset Revaluation Reserves	9	40,933	62,947
Other Reserves	9	3,150	2,356
TOTAL EQUITY		106,544	126,902

District Council of Loxton Waikerie

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the year ended 30 June 2011

		Accumulated Surplus	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Other Reserves	TOTAL EQUITY
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
2011					
Balance at end of previous reporting period		61,599	62,947	2,356	126,902
Restated opening balance		61,599	62,947	2,356	126,902
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		1,656			1,656
Other Comprehensive Income					
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		-	(22,014)	-	(22,014)
Transfers between reserves		(794)		794	-
Balance at end of period		62,461	40,933	3,150	106,544
2010					
Balance at end of previous reporting period		56,947	52,933	4,028	113,908
Restated opening balance		56,947	52,933	4,028	113,908
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		2,980			2,980
Other Comprehensive Income					
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		-	10,014	-	10,014
Transfers between reserves		1,672		(1,672)	-
Balance at end of period		61,599	62,947	2,356	126,902

District Council of Loxton Waikerie

CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 30 June 2011

	Notes	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Operating receipts		16,586	16,267
Investment receipts		283	165
<u>Payments</u>			
Operating payments to suppliers & employees		(12,708)	(11,551)
Finance payments		(76)	(147)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities		4,085	4,734
 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		2,137	2,441
Sale of replaced assets		311	594
Sale of surplus assets		-	448
Repayments of loans by community groups		77	48
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(2,122)	(3,508)
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		(5,364)	(8,501)
Loans made to community groups		(20)	(50)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(4,981)	(8,528)
 CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from Borrowings		20	50
Proceeds from Aged Care Facility deposits		1,828	2,281
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of Borrowings		(383)	(586)
Repayment of Finance Lease Liabilities		(4)	-
Repayment of Aged Care Facility deposits		(1,015)	-
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		446	1,745
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		(450)	(2,049)
 Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	11	4,534	6,583
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	11	4,084	4,534

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOXTON WAIKERIE

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2011

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

The 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 consolidated fund 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.

District Council of Loxton Waikerie

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2011

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

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.

5.1 Real Estate Assets Developments

Real Estate Assets developments have been classified as Inventory in accordance with AASB 102 and are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Cost includes the costs of acquisition, development, borrowing and other costs incurred on financing of that acquisition and up to the time of sale. Any amount by which cost exceeds the net realisable value has been recognised as an expense.

Revenues arising from the sale of property are recognised in the operating statement when settlement is completed.

5.2 Other Real Estate held for resale

Properties not acquired for development, but which Council has decided to sell as surplus to requirements, are recognised at the carrying value at the time of that decision.

Certain properties, auctioned for non-payment of rates in accordance with the Local Government Act but which failed to meet the reserve set by Council and are available for sale by private treaty, are recorded at the lower of the unpaid rates and charges at the time of auction or the reserve set by Council. Holding costs in relation to these properties are recognised as an expense when incurred.

6 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

6.1 Initial Recognition

All assets are initially recognised at cost.

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

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

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

District Council of Loxton Waikerie

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2011

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

6.2 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 as follows. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

<i>Office Furniture & Equipment</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>
<i>Other Plant & Equipment</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>
<i>Structures - park, playground equipment</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>
<i>Paving, footpaths, kerb & gutter</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>
<i>Drains & Culverts</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>
<i>Buildings - new construction / extensions</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
<i>Road construction & reconstruction</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>

6.3 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.

6.4 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.

Major depreciation periods for each class of asset are shown below. 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.

Plant, Furniture & Equipment

Office Equipment	4 to 10 years
Office Furniture	10 to 20 years
Light Vehicles	1 to 2 years
Heavy 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
Paving & Footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	80 to 100 years
Drains	80 to 100 years
Culverts	50 to 75 years

District Council of Loxton Waikerie

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2011

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

Flood Control Structures	80 to 100 years
<u>Infrastructure (Cont'd)</u>	

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

6.5 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.

6.6 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.

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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

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.

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 18.

10 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".

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.

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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (cont)

13 Pending Accounting Standards

Certain new accounting standards and UIG interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2011 reporting period and have not been used in preparing these reports.

- AASB 1 *First-time Adoption of Australian Accounting Standards*
- AASB 3 *Business Combinations*
- AASB 5 *Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations*
- AASB 7 *Financial Instruments: Disclosures*
- AASB 8 *Operating Segments*
- AASB 9 *Financial Instruments*
- AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*
- AASB 107 *Statement of Cash Flows*
- AASB 108 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors*
- AASB 110 *Events after the Reporting Period*
- AASB 118 *Revenue*
- AASB 119 *Employee Benefits*
- AASB 132 *Financial Instruments: Presentation*
- AASB 137 *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*
- AASB 139 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*
- AASB 140 *Investment Property*
- AASB 1031 *Materiality*
- AASB 2009-11 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 [AASB 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 101, 102, 108, 112, 118, 121, 127, 128, 131, 132, 136, 139, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 10 & 12]*
- AASB 2009-12 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards [AASBs 5, 8, 108, 110, 112, 119, 133, 137, 1023 & 1032 and Interpretations 2, 4, 16, 1039 & 1052]*
- AASB 2010-4 *Further Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Annual Improvements Project [AASBs 3, 7, 121, 128, 131, 132 & 139]*
- AASB 2010-5 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards [AASBs 1, 3, 4, 5, 101, 107, 112, 118, 119, 121, 132, 133, 134, 137, 139, 140, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 112, 115, 127, 132 & 1042]*
- AASB 2010-6 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards [AASBs 1 & 7]*
- AASB 2010-7 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 [AASBs 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 101, 102, 108, 112, 118, 120, 121, 127, 128, 131, 132, 136, 137, 139, 1023, & 1038 and Interpretations 2, 5, 10, 12, 19, & 127]*
- Interpretation 14 *AASB 119 – The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction*

(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	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000
RATES REVENUES			
<u>General Rates</u>		7,690	7,395
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs		(276)	(211)
		<u>7,414</u>	<u>7,184</u>
<u>Other Rates</u> (including service charges)			
Natural Resource Management levy		105	93
Community wastewater management systems		1,437	1,286
		<u>1,542</u>	<u>1,379</u>
<u>Other Charges</u>			
Penalties for late payment		38	34
		<u>38</u>	<u>34</u>
		<u>8,994</u>	<u>8,597</u>
STATUTORY CHARGES			
Development Act fees		66	53
Town planning fees		74	76
Animal registration fees & fines		80	57
Parking fines / expiation fees		1	1
		<u>221</u>	<u>187</u>
USER CHARGES			
Cemetery/crematoria fees		37	31
Marina Fees		49	50
Tourist Office		60	60
Hall & equipment hire		4	4
Caravan Park Income		99	89
Retirement Village Income		680	584
Subsidies received on behalf of users		190	143
Sundry		102	96
		<u>1,221</u>	<u>1,057</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Interest on investments			
Local Government Finance Authority		166	200
Banks & other		15	10
Loans to community groups		18	19
		<u>199</u>	<u>229</u>

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NOTE 2 - INCOME (continued)

	2011 Notes \$'000	2010 \$'000
REIMBURSEMENTS		
- for private works	42	40
- by joint undertakings	-	15
- other	89	343
	<u>131</u>	<u>398</u>
OTHER INCOME		
Rebates received	-	90
Sundry	482	915
	<u>482</u>	<u>1,005</u>
GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS		
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2,137	2,441
Other grants, subsidies and contributions	4,723	4,167
	<u>6,860</u>	<u>6,608</u>
<i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 2.</i>		
Sources of grants		
Commonwealth government	1,369	5,030
State government	5,491	1,578
	<u>6,860</u>	<u>6,608</u>

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NOTE 2 - INCOME (continued)

	Notes	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000
Conditions over grants & contributions			
<i>Grants and contributions which were obtained on the condition that they be expended for specified purposes or in a future period, but which are not yet expended in accordance with those conditions, are as follows:</i>			
<i>Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period</i>		333	1,350
<i>Less: expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods</i>			
<i>Heritage & Cultural Services</i>		<u>(333)</u>	<u>(1,350)</u>
<i>Subtotal</i>		<u>(333)</u>	<u>(1,350)</u>
<i>Plus: amounts recognised as revenues in this reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions</i>			
<i>Heritage & Cultural Services</i>		<u>-</u>	<u>333</u>
<i>Subtotal</i>		<u>-</u>	<u>333</u>
<i>Unexpended at the close of this reporting period</i>		<u>-</u>	<u>333</u>
<i>Net increase (decrease) in assets subject to conditions in the current reporting period</i>		<u>(333)</u>	<u>(1,017)</u>

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Note 3 - EXPENSES

	Notes	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Salaries and Wages		4,589	4,264
Employee leave expense		397	414
Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions	18	259	244
Superannuation - defined benefit plan contributions	18	186	176
Workers' Compensation Insurance		232	219
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		(526)	(432)
Total Operating Employee Costs		5,137	4,885
Total Number of Employees		112	110
<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		15	12
Elected members' expenses		126	95
Election expenses		24	3
Operating Lease Rentals - non-cancellable leases	18		
- minimum lease payments		-	6
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		165	116
<u>Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses</u>			
Contractors		2,039	1,841
Energy		292	310
Insurance		339	316
Individually Significant Items		707	-
Retirement Village Appreciation		270	-
Legal Expenses		16	11
Levies paid to government - NRM levy		119	93
Parts, accessories & consumables		852	837
Professional services		34	20
Sundry		1,427	1,274
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		6,095	4,702
		6,260	4,818
INDIVIDUALLY SIGNIFICANT ITEMS			
This individually significant item represents remediation expenditure at the Loxton landfill site. This site has been granted a useful life expiring in December 2012.		707	-

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Note 3 - EXPENSES (cont)

	Notes	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000
DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT			
Depreciation			
Landfill Remediation		23	19
Buildings & Other Structures		1,427	1,580
Infrastructure		2,715	2,667
Plant & Equipment		513	489
Furniture & Fittings		82	65
		<u>4,760</u>	<u>4,820</u>
FINANCE COSTS			
Interest on Loans		105	137
Charges on Finance Leases		1	-
Unwinding of present value discounts		54	40
		<u>160</u>	<u>177</u>

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2011

Note 4 - ASSET DISPOSAL & FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

	Notes	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000
INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT			
<i>Assets renewed or directly replaced</i>			
Proceeds from disposal		311	594
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		446	1,164
Gain (Loss) on disposal		(135)	(570)
<i>Assets surplus to requirements</i>			
Proceeds from disposal		-	448
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		-	279
Gain (Loss) on disposal		-	169
NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION OF ASSETS		(135)	(401)

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Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS

	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS		
Cash on Hand and at Bank	89	250
Deposits at Call	<u>3,995</u>	<u>4,284</u>
	<u>4,084</u>	<u>4,534</u>
 TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Rates - General & Other	305	337
Accrued Revenues	125	209
Debtors - general	682	556
GST Recoupment	55	147
Prepayments	87	99
Loans to community organisations	48	55
Sundry	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1,304</u>	<u>1,403</u>
 INVENTORIES		
Stores & Materials	<u>53</u>	<u>119</u>
	<u>53</u>	<u>119</u>

Note 6 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS

	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Receivables		
Loans to community organisations	<u>260</u>	<u>310</u>
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS	<u>260</u>	<u>310</u>

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Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	2010 \$'000				2011 \$'000			
	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT
Land	14,267	-	-	14,267	12,624	-	-	12,624
Landfill Remediation	858	-	(798)	60	751	-	(714)	37
Buildings & Other Structures	52,711	-	(8,467)	44,244	38,489	-	(9,894)	28,595
Infrastructure	103,022	-	(31,442)	71,580	105,092	-	(35,826)	69,266
Plant & Equipment	-	6,580	(1,761)	4,819	7,310	-	(2,118)	5,192
Furniture & Fittings	-	1,153	(863)	290	1,261	-	(944)	317
Book Stocks	780	-	-	780	834	-	-	834
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	171,638	7,733	(43,331)	136,040	166,361	-	(49,496)	116,865
Comparatives	152,270	9,594	(41,699)	120,165	171,638	7,733	(43,331)	136,040

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Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	2010	CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR						2011
	\$'000	\$'000						\$'000
	CARRYING AMOUNT	Additions		Disposals	Depreciation	Transfers	Net Revaluation	CARRYING AMOUNT
		New/Upgrade	Renewals					
Land	14,267	75	66	-	-	-	(1,784)	12,624
Landfill Remediation	60	-	-	-	(23)	-	-	37
Buildings & Other Structures	44,244	724	131	-	(1,427)	-	(15,077)	28,595
Infrastructure	71,580	3,811	1,797	-	(2,715)	-	(5,207)	69,266
Plant & Equipment	4,819	752	579	(445)	(513)	-	-	5,192
Furniture & Fittings	290	-	109	-	(82)	-	-	317
Book Stocks	780	-	-	-	-	-	54	834
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	136,040	5,362	2,682	(445)	(4,760)	-	(22,014)	116,865
Comparatives	120,165	8,501	3,502	(1,443)	(4,820)	121	10,014	136,040

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2011

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

Valuation of Assets

At 1 July 2004 upon the transition to AIFRS, Council elected pursuant to AASB 1.19 to retain a previously established deemed cost under GAAP as its deemed cost. With subsequent additions at cost, this remains as the basis of recognition of non-material asset classes.

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 fair value basis. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

Land improvements, including bulk earthworks were valued by Liquid Pacific as at 30 June 2011.

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. The weighted average depreciation period is 1.5 years (2010 – 2.5 years).

Buildings & Other Structures

Buildings and other structures were valued by Liquid Pacific as at 30 June 2011 at fair value. Additions since valuation are recognised at cost.

Infrastructure

Transportation assets were valued by Tonkin Consulting as at 30 June 2011 at written down current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June 2011, based on actual costs incurred during the reporting periods ended 30 June 2010 and 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 2011 at written down current replacement cost, based on actual costs incurred during the reporting period ended 30 June 2010 and 2011. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Community wastewater management system infrastructure was valued by Tonkin Consulting as at 30 June 2007 at written down current replacement cost. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost. Another valuation on the entire CWMS network and treatment plants is to occur in the next 12 month period.

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

		2011 \$'000		2010 \$'000	
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES	Notes	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Goods & Services		714		824	
Payments received in advance		190	-	244	-
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements		746	-	795	-
Accrued expenses - other		376	-	84	-
Aged Care Facility Deposits		10,956	-	10,242	-
		<u>12,982</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,189</u>	<u>-</u>

BORROWINGS

Loans		271	1,149	391	1,392
Finance Leases	15	24	-	-	-
		<u>295</u>	<u>1,149</u>	<u>391</u>	<u>1,392</u>

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

PROVISIONS

Employee entitlements (including oncosts)		684	177	796	182
Future reinstatement / restoration, etc		-	735	-	554
		<u>684</u>	<u>912</u>	<u>796</u>	<u>736</u>

Movements in Provisions - 2011 year only (current & non-current)

	<i>Future Reinstatement</i>
Opening Balance	554
Add Unwinding of present value discounts	25
Additional amounts recognised	707
(Less) Payments	<u>(551)</u>
Closing Balance	<u>735</u>

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Note 9 - RESERVES

ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	1/7/2010	Net Increments (Decrements)	Transfers, Impairments	30/6/2011
Notes	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Land	4,932	(1,784)	-	3,148
Buildings & Other Structures	25,562	(15,077)	-	10,485
Roads Infrastructure	30,356	(5,207)	-	25,149
Plant & Equipment	1,685	-	-	1,685
Furniture & Fittings	111	-	-	111
Book Stocks	301	54	-	355
TOTAL	62,947	(22,014)		40,933
<i>Comparatives</i>	<i>52,933</i>	<i>8,196</i>	<i>1,818</i>	<i>62,947</i>

OTHER RESERVES	1/7/2010	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/6/2011
Plant Replacement	13	1	-	14
Asset Replacement	1,232	2,369	(2,417)	1,184
Future Directions	511	725	(712)	524
Retirement Village Maintenance	511	140	(100)	551
Retirement Village Capital	50	1,172	(368)	854
Historical Society	17	-	(17)	0
Band Trust	22	1	-	23
TOTAL OTHER RESERVES	2,356	4,408	(3,614)	3,150
<i>Comparatives</i>	<i>4,028</i>	<i>102</i>	<i>(1,774)</i>	<i>2,356</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).

Plant Replacement Reserve

The plant replacement reserve is used for the purchase of items of major plant

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.

Historical Society Reserve

The Historical Society reserve is held in trust on behalf of the Waikerie Historical Society, to be used only in accordance with approval by the Society.

Waikerie Band Trust Reserve

The Waikerie Band Trust reserve is held in trust on behalf of the Waikerie Band Trust, to be used only in accordance with approval by the Trust.

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Note 10 - 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	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000
Total cash & equivalent assets	5	4,084	4,534
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		<u>4,084</u>	<u>4,534</u>

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)	1,656	2,980
Non-cash items in Income Statement		
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	4,760	4,820
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits	(195)	202
Premiums & discounts recognised & unwound	54	40
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity	(2,137)	(2,441)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals	135	401
	<u>4,273</u>	<u>6,002</u>
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets		
Net (increase) decrease in receivables	(1,736)	(246)
Net (increase) decrease in inventories	66	(1)
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables	1,297	(725)
Net increase (decrease) in other provisions	187	(296)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations	<u>4,087</u>	<u>4,734</u>

(c) Non-Cash Financing and Investing Activities

- Finance Leases	28	-
- Estimated future reinstatement etc. costs	156	-
	<u>184</u>	<u>-</u>

(d) Financing Arrangements

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

Bank overdraft (Banksa)	500	500
Cash advance debenture (LGFA)	3,500	3,500
Corporate Credit Cards	12	12

The bank overdraft facilities may be drawn at any time and may be terminated by the bank without notice. Council also has immediate access to a short-term draw-down facility, and variable interest rate borrowings under a cash advance facility, both from the Local Government Finance Authority of SA.

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Note 11 - FUNCTIONS

INCOMES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES									
INCOME		EXPENSES		OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME		TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT & NON-CURRENT)	
ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL				
2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000
12,255	11,998	3,134	3,482	9,121	8,516	3,108	2,617	8,899	10,242
-	-	39	31	(39)	(31)	-	-	-	-
36	33	115	101	(79)	(68)	-	-	-	-
683	594	895	273	(212)	321	3	4	10,908	12,585
220	216	2,640	2,276	(2,420)	(2,060)	1,177	1,066	21,348	24,567
389	591	2,013	2,107	(1,624)	(1,516)	100	647	18,101	20,830
200	195	339	325	(139)	(130)	-	-	-	-
1,545	1,348	4,793	3,845	(3,248)	(2,497)	2,460	2,268	58,540	68,729
198	190	311	293	(113)	(103)	12	6	-	-
445	475	2,038	1,967	(1,593)	(1,492)	-	-	4,770	5,453
15,971	15,640	16,317	14,700	(346)	940	6,860	6,608	122,566	142,406

Excludes 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 11 (cont) - COMPONENTS OF FUNCTIONS

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

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.

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.

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Note 12 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Recognised Financial Instruments

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 4.75% and 5.20% (2010: 4.30% and 4.50%). Short term deposits have an average maturity of 58 days and an average interest rate of 4.98% (2010: 30 days, 4.48%).</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.</p>
<p>Receivables - Rates & Associated Charges (including legals & penalties for late payment)</p> <p>Note: These receivables do not meet the definition of "financial instruments" and have been excluded from the following disclosures.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 2% (2010: 2%) Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the State.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
Receivables - Fees & other charges	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
Receivables - other levels of government	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal value.</p> <p>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 the Governments of the Commonwealth & State.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Receivables - Retirement Home Contributions	<p>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.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective legislation.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals	<p>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.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Retirement Home Contributions	<p>Accounting Policy: To avoid inconvenience when complying with the separate audit requirements imposed by the relevant legislation, amounts are carried at nominal values.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value for short tenancies; may be non-materially overstated for longer tenancies.</p>
Liabilities - Interest Bearing Borrowings	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at the principal amounts. Interest is charged as an expense as it accrues.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: secured over future revenues, borrowings are repayable by equal 6 monthly instalments of principal and interest; interest is charged at fixed (or variable - describe) rates between 6.20% and 7.50% (2010: 6.20% and 7.50%)</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Finance Leases	<p>Accounting Policy: accounted for in accordance with AASB 117.</p>

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Note 12 (cont) - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Liquidity Analysis

2011	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	4,122			4,122	4,084
Receivables	1,189	-	-	1,189	1,259
Other Financial Assets	-	232	35	267	260
Total	5,311	232	35	5,578	5,603
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	11,860	-	-	11,860	11,860
Current Borrowings	295	-	-	295	295
Non-Current Borrowings	-	407	742	1,149	1,149
Total	12,155	407	742	13,304	13,304

2010	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	4,534			4,534	4,534
Receivables	1,376	-	-	1,376	1,376
Other Financial Assets	310	-	-	310	310
Total	6,220	-	-	6,220	6,220
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	11,310	-	-	11,310	11,310
Current Borrowings	391	-	-	391	391
Non-Current Borrowings	-	758	634	1,392	1,392
Total	11,701	758	634	13,093	13,093

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

	30 June 2011		30 June 2010	
	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value
	%	\$'000	%	\$'000
Overdraft	6.25	10	-	-
Fixed Interest Rates	6.68	1,434	6.71	1,783
		1,444		1,783

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 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 13 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000
<u>Notes</u>		
Other Expenditure Commitments		
Other expenditure committed for (excluding inventories) at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:		
Audit Services	36	48
Employee Remuneration Contracts	2,208	1,385
Community Wastewater Management System Management Contracts	2,964	3,120
	<u>5,208</u>	<u>4,553</u>
These expenditures are payable:		
Not later than one year	870	780
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	2,154	1,432
Later than 5 years	2,184	2,341
	<u>5,208</u>	<u>4,553</u>

Finance Lease Commitments

Council leases various plant and equipment with a carrying amount of \$25,000 (2010 - \$0) 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 4.

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

Not later than one year	7	-
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	17	-
Net Lease Liability	<u>24</u>	<u>-</u>
Representing lease liabilities:		
Current	9 <u>24</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>24</u>	<u>-</u>

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Note 14 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

	2011	2010	2009
These Financial Indicators have been calculated in accordance with <i>Information Paper 9 - Local Government Financial Indicators</i> 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	\$'000 (346)	940	1,336
<i>Being the operating surplus (deficit) before capital amounts .</i>			
Adjusted Operating Surplus	(429)	940	516
<i>In each of June 2009, 2010 and 2011 the Commonwealth Government made an advance payment of one quarterly payment of the Financial Assistance Grant (see Note 2). Accordingly there were five "quarterly" payments in 2009, and four payments in each of 2010 and 2011. The Adjusted Operating Surplus and Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio adjust for this distortion.</i>			
Operating Surplus Ratio			
Operating Surplus	(4%)	11%	16%
Rates - general & other less NRM levy			
Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio	(5%)	11%	6%
<i>This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of general and other rates, net of NRM levy.</i>			
Net Financial Liabilities	\$'000 10,374	9,257	6,375
<i>Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets (excluding equity accounted investments in Council businesses).</i>			
Adjusted Net Financial Liabilities	\$'000 (582)	(985)	(1,836)
<i>Council operates a retirement village comprising 128 self contained units. Within net financial liabilities an amount exists as a current liability for Council to repay deposits owing to tenants. Whilst it is important to recognise the unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability an adjusted net financial liabilities ratio is shown as a comparison that is exclusive of this liability owing to tenants.</i>			
Net Financial Liabilities Ratio			
Net Financial Liabilities	65%	60%	43%
Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy			
Interest Cover Ratio			
Net Interest Expense	(0.6%)	(0.6%)	(0.5%)
Total Operating Revenue less NRM levy less Investment Income			
Asset Sustainability Ratio			
Net Asset Renewals	39%	60%	87%
Depreciation Expense			
<i>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.</i>			
Asset Consumption Ratio			
Carrying value of depreciable assets	68%	74%	74%
Gross value of depreciable assets			
<i>Total carrying value of depreciable assets divided by total reported value of depreciable assets before accumulated depreciation.</i>			

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Note 15 - 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

	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000
Income	15,971	15,640
less Expenses	<u>16,317</u>	<u>14,700</u>
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(346)	940
less Net Outlays on Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	2,152	3,508
less Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	4,760	4,820
less Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	<u>311</u>	<u>594</u>
	(2,919)	(1,906)
less Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets (including investment property & real estate developments)	5,364	8,501
less Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	2,137	2,441
less Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets (including investment property and real estate developments)	-	448
	<u>3,227</u>	<u>5,612</u>
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	<u>(654)</u>	<u>(2,766)</u>

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Note 16 – 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. Permanent and contract employees of the South Australian Local Government sector 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% in 2010/11 for Marketlink members and 3% for Salarylink members; 9% and 3% respectively in 2009/10). No further liability accrues to the employer as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the Fund.

Salarylink (Defined Benefit) 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 of contribution and final average salary. Council makes employer contributions to Salarylink as determined by the Scheme's Trustee based on advice from the Scheme's Actuary. The rate is currently 6.3% (6% in 2009/10) of "superannuation" salary. Given that Employer contributions are based on a fixed percentage of employee earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation, the remaining 3% for Salarylink members is allocated 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 Plan is a multi-employer sponsored plan. As the Fund's assets and liabilities are pooled and are not allocated by employer, 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 full actuarial investigation conducted by the Scheme's actuary, L C Brett, BSc., FIA, FIAA, of Brett and Watson Pty Ltd as at 30 June 2008, the Trustee has determined that the current funding arrangements are adequate for the expected Defined Benefit Plan liabilities. However, future financial and economic circumstances may require changes to Council's contribution rates at some future time.

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Note 17 - 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.



THE MURRAY AND MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2010-2011



Comprising:

Berri Barmera Council: (BBC)

Coorong District Council: (CDC)

District Council of Karoonda East Murray: (DCKEM)

District Council of Loxton Waikerie: (DCLW)

Mid Murray Council: (MMC)

Rural City of Murray Bridge: (RCMB)

Renmark Paringa Council: (RPC), and the

Southern Mallee District Council: (SMDC)

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT



President, Mayor Leon Stasinowsky.

Now in my fourth term as President of the Association, I have the greatest of pleasure in providing the following President's Annual Report for the period 2010 to 2011.

As has been historically evidenced, the activities of the Association have been many and varied, but underpinned by the general relevance to both the Association's Strategic and Annual Business Plans.

Increased impost on local government by State Government regulations and provisions, with associated cost shifts has again been experienced by Member Councils, ultimately affecting ratepayers in the region.

The Association has a continuing desire to ensure activities undertaken result in ultimate benefits to the community.

A snapshot of matters and issues addressed over the past year are summarized as follows: (*legend::*

► Strategic - General ► Environmental ► Economic ► Social ► Governance)

Projects and activities completed:

- Complete and wide ranging review of the Association's current Strategic Plan culminating in the newly adopted M&MLGA Strategic Plan 2011-2014.
- Facilitation of the Zero Waste SA Regional Implementation Assessment Panel Meeting for Councils' funding applications for the 2010-2011 funding round.
- In partnership with the LGA SA, successful submission to the SA State Government for removal of the Narrung Bund.
- Completion of the 2011-2012 SLRP Road Funding applications and provision of advices and recommendations to the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel.
- Arrangements made for Council financial contributions to the Southern Mallee Broadband Project.
- Completed the review of the Murray and Mallee Regional Transport Strategy Plan.
- Finalisation of the SA State Government's BDF financial contribution to the Southern Mallee Broadband Project with subsequent program completion and official opening.
- Provision of submission and subsequent support for a Regional Digital TV Community Liaison Manager for a short term contract.
- Change of General Meeting Agenda format to include I Pad version availability.

Projects and activities forwarded:

- ▶ Support provided to the RDA for the Carbon Forum.
- ▶ Facilitation of the Dept. of Premier and Cabinet's regional briefing on the Climate Change Adaptation Framework.
- ▶ Submission made to the State Government for continuation and commitment to the Branched Broomrape Eradication Program.
- ▶ Successful submission made to PIRSA for continuation of sub-regional Drought Support Offices.
- ▶ The forwarding of the Ensuring Local Government Services Provision Project.
- ▶ Facilitation of Riverland Council's support for the NexGen Regional Broadband Blackspots Program.
- ▶ With the support of the LGA, pursuing the State Government to provide primary producers with water pricing subsidy arrangements.
- ▶ Provision of continued representation on the Regional Coordination Network and the Murray and Mallee Zone Emergency Management Committees.
- ▶ Continuation of Member Council support and implementation of the Rural Property Addressing Standard.
- ▶ Liaison with Member Councils and the Local Government Mutual Liability Scheme in reference to rising River Murray water levels.

New Projects and activities:

- ▶ Arrangements made and representation provided for the SA State Government's review of the Murray and Mallee Chapter of the State's Regional Infrastructure Plan Forums.
- ▶ Participation in the "Strategy for Regional SA" Forum and provision of impetus and comment through the SAROC and LGA State Executive Committee.
- ▶ Provision of representation on the Zero Waste SA Regional Implementation Program Review Panel and provision of comment.
- ▶ Association provision of representation of riverine Councils on the DENR River Murray Review Response Team.
- ▶ Successful supportive submissions to the Federal Government for E Waste Disposal Program.
- ▶ African Boxthorn infestation addressed with provision of \$90k gained to assist the SA MDB NRM Board's eradication program.
- ▶ Raising of concerns with the integration of DENR and NRM Boards' operations.
- ▶ Facilitation of affected Council Locust control measures.
- ▶ Consideration and provision of comment on the SA State Government's proposed Water Bill.
- ▶ Submission made to the State Government for reinstatement of the Tourism Road Funding Grants Program.

- ▶ Provision of representation on the Dept. of Planning and Local Government's Regional Implementation Program addressing population, housing and employment targets.
- ▶ Liaison with the Dept. of Health to ensure adequate protection and funding of Council activities in reducing the mosquito population.
- ▶ Consideration of potential changes to the Association's Charter for a Regional Subsidiary.
- ▶ Provision of information and facilitation of Councils' consents to undertake the Council Performance Improvement Program and initial consideration of the draft regional report.
- ▶ Research undertaken on the State Government's budget cut impacts on Councils and the region.

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank the previous Vice President Mayor Ian Mann OAM (retired November 2010) and now Vice President Mayor David Burgess, Member Council Mayors, Delegates, both past and present and Member Council CEO's, all of whom have provided local government representation to the Association, internal and external committees and working parties.

I am grateful for their involvement in the Association's affairs and urge them to continue into the future.

Timely information has again been provided to the Association from the Local Government Association of SA. I especially recognize the efforts of Wendy Campana, LGA SA Executive Director, Chris Russell, Strategic Advisor, Policy & Communications and more recently David Hitchcock, Director, Environment and Infrastructure.

I recognise their support, advice and well researched recommendations provided.

I would again thank our CEO Peter Campbell for his continued commitment and support provided to me and the Association over the past year. Peter has sought continuation of his existing contract to provide executive services to the Association for a further two years, which will be granted subject to satisfactory performance reviews.

The Local Government Periodical Elections were conducted in November, 2010, following which, in accordance with the provisions of the Association's Charter for a Regional Subsidiary, I remained as President of the Association up until the June 3rd, 2011 Annual General Meeting.

This position, along with the position of Vice President, underwent the election process at that Meeting and I am pleased to say that the current office holders have been returned for the next annual term.

Over the past years I look back with satisfaction and pride on the achievements of the Association and thank all Delegates for the opportunity afforded to me by being your President.



Mayor Leon Stasinowsky.
President, 2010 – 2011.
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.

Cr. Leon Stasinowsky, now Mayor of the District Council of Loxton Waikerie was re-elected President at the Annual General Meeting held at Murray Bridge on the 4th June, 2010 and Mayor Ian Mann OAM, Mid Murray Council was re-elected Vice President. The term of these positions, as per the provisions of the Association's Charter for a Regional Subsidiary, was for the ensuing 6 months being to the first General Meeting following the Local Government periodical elections ie: 3rd December, 2010.

At the 3rd December, 2010 General Meeting, Mayor Leon Stasinowsky was re-elected President and Mayor David Burgess, Mid Murray Council, was elected Vice President for the term of office until the Association's Annual General Meeting held on the 3rd June, 2011.

Both office holders were re-elected to their respective positions at the 3rd June, 2011 Annual General Meeting for a full annual term of office.

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

Mayor Leon Stasinowsky, Mayor Ian Mann OAM (until December, 2011) and Mayor David Burgess continued to serve on the State Executive of the Local Government Association of South Australia, with Mayor Allan Arbon, Rural City of Murray Bridge, 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 June, 2011, coinciding with the production of the Association's draft 2011-2012 Annual Business Plan and draft 2011-2012 Budget.

The Review Panel consists of the President and Vice-President of the Association and Dean Gollan, CEO Mid Murray Council and Peter Ackland, CEO of the Loxton Waikerie District Council. The Association has noted that satisfactory Chief Executive Officer service has been provided.

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.

To ensure legal compliance with the Local Government Act 1999, a review of the Charter took place during the year, the outcome being that it was considered by Delegates that no changes were deemed necessary at that point in time.

The current 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:

- Undertake coordinating, advocacy and representational roles for its constituent Councils at a regional level.
- Facilitate and coordinate activities of local government at a regional level related to environment, economic and social development with the object of achieving continual improvement for the benefit of the communities of its constituent Councils.
- Develop, encourage, promote, foster and maintain consultation and cooperation and to strengthen the representation and status of local government when dealing with other levels of government, private enterprise and the community.
- Develop further cooperation between its constituent Councils for the benefit of the communities in the region.
- Develop and manage policies which guide the conduct of programs and projects in the region with the objective of securing the best outcomes for the communities in the region.
- Undertake projects that benefit the region and its communities.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

During 2010 – 2011, the Association has met bi-monthly for General Meetings.

Meetings of the Association were convened on:

4th June, 2010 - Annual General Meeting - at the Rural City of Murray Bridge Council Chamber, 2 Seventh Street, Murray Bridge - the Rural City of Murray Bridge as host.

6th August, 2010 - General Meeting - at the Pinnaroo Football Club Facility, Cnr. Homburg Terrace and Gilbert Avenue, Pinnaroo - the Southern Mallee District Council as host.

1st October, 2010 - General Meeting - at the Berri Barmera Council Chamber, 19 Wilson Street, Berri - the Berri Barmera Council as host.

3rd December, 2010 - General Meeting - at the Tailem Bend Town Hall, 95 Railway Terrace, Tailem Bend - The Coorong District Council as host.

4th February, 2011 - General Meeting - at the Karoonda Football Clubrooms, Adelaide Road, Karoonda - The District Council of Karoonda East Murray as host.

1st April, 2011 - General Meeting - at the District Council of Loxton Waikerie Council Chamber, East Terrace, Loxton - the District Council of Loxton Waikerie as host.

3rd June, 2011 - Annual General Meeting - at the Mid Murray Council Offices, 49 Adelaide Road, Mannum - the Mid Murray Council 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:

Mayor James Maitland, Acting President LGA SA.

Tony Piccolo MP, Member for Light.

Adrian Pederick MP, Member for Hammond.

John Dawkins, MLC.

Brenton Lewis, RDA 9Murraylands and Riverland) Board.

Terry Banks, SA MDB NRM Board.

Nick Petrovski, Director, DPLG.

Mark Bolton, General Manager Telstra SA South.

Emily White, Regional Development Officer, LGA SA.

John Berger – Primary Producer Broomrape Eradication campaigner.

Patrick Secker, MP, Member for Barker.

Hugh Longbottom, PIRSA.

Matthew Miles, Australia Day Council.

Bill Paterson, Presiding Member, SA MDB NRM Board.

Representatives of both the LGA and the Office of Local Government 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, LGA SA who has been ready to assist the Region and ensure that the LGA SA has had 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 3rd June, 2011:

Berri Barmera Council (BBC): Mayor Peter Hunt, Deputy Mayor Rhonda Centofanti and David Beaton, CEO (proxy).

Coorong District Council (CDC): Mayor Roger Strother, Michael Boyd, CEO, Cr. Sharon Bland (proxy), Cr. Neville Jeansch (proxy) and Tim Tol, Deputy CEO (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, (President), Peter Ackland, CEO and Deputy Mayor Mark Ward (proxy).

Mid Murray Council (MMC): Mayor David Burgess, Deputy Mayor Kevin Myers, Cr. Inez Bormann (proxy) and Dean Gollan, CEO (proxy).

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

District Council of Renmark Paringa (RPC): Mayor Neil Martinson, Deputy Mayor Maria Spano, Tony Siviour, CEO (proxy) and the Director Corporate and Community Services (proxy).

Southern Mallee District Council (SMDC): Mayor Gordon Hancock, Deputy Mayor Robert Sexton and Rod Ralph, CEO (proxy).

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS.

The following are the current Association Committee Members as at the AGM of the 3rd June, 2011.

Murray and Mallee Local Government Association Regional Waste Management Strategy Committee:

This Committee is currently in recess, to be recalled if required.

Murray and Mallee Local Government Association Regional Transport Strategy Committee:

Mayor Roger Strother, Coorong District Council, Chair

Peter Campbell, CEO, M&MLGA

Mayor David Burgess, Mid Murray Council

Paul Day - Renmark Paringa Council

Barry Fletcher (external appointment) - Berri Barmera Council

Chris Fels - District Council of Loxton Waikerie

Peter Smithson - District Council of Karoonda East Murray

Peter Bond, Executive Manager, Sustainable Development, Rural City of Murray Bridge (David Allen - proxy)

Peter Broughill - Southern Mallee District Council

David Mosel, Coorong District Council

Kate Daniels - Regional Development Australia (Murraylands and Riverland) Board

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

Murray and Mallee Local Government Association Broadband Steering Committee:

This Committee is currently in recess, to be recalled if required.

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.

M&MLGA "Ensuring Local Government Services Provision" Working Group:

Anthony McCabe - Southern Mallee District Council.

Damien Moloney, CEO - Rural City of Murray Bridge.

David Beaton, CEO - Berri Barmera Council.

John Claydon - District Council of Karoonda East Murray.

Peter Ackland, CEO - District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

Director Corporate and Community Services - Renmark Paringa Council.

Robin Bourne - Mid Murray Council.

Michael Boyd - Coorong District Council.

David Hitchcock - LGA (external appointment).

Jane Gascoigne - PIRSA - OS/LGR (external appointment).

Trevor Bennett - DTED (external appointment).

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATION – OTHER BODIES.

During the year the Association has made and or continued the following appointments to other bodies, as at the AGM of the 3rd June, 2011.

LGA State Executive Committee:

The President, *(by virtue of position held)*.

The Vice President, *(by virtue of position held)*.

Proxy for President or Vice President, Mayor Allan Arbon, Rural City of Murray Bridge.

South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC):

The President, *(by virtue of position held)*.

The Vice President, *(by virtue of position held)*.

Proxy for President and or Vice President, Mayor Allan Arbon, Rural City of Murray Bridge.

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

Murray and Mallee Zone Emergency Management Committee:

Mayor Neil Martinson, Renmark Paringa Council - Chair.

Mayor Peter Hunt - Berri Barmera Council.

Damian Moloney, CEO, Rural City of Murray Bridge.

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.

Peter Broughill, Works Manager, Southern Mallee District Council.

Regional Development Australia (Murraylands and Riverland) Board.

Mayor Allan Arbon - Rural City of Murray Bridge.

Mayor David Burgess - Mid Murray Council.

Mayor Neil Martinson - Renmark Paringa Council.

David Beaton - CEO, Berri Barmera Council.

SA MDB NRM Board.

Rod Ralph, CEO, Southern Mallee District Council.

Murraylands and Riverland Regional Coordination Network:

Peter Smithson, CEO, District Council of Karoonda East Murray.

State Strategic Plan Regionalisation Working Groups.

Murraylands sub-group:

Deputy Mayor Barry Laubsch and Mayor Allan Arbon (proxy), Rural City of Murray Bridge.

Riverland sub-group:

Mayor Peter Hunt, Berri Barmera Council.

LGA Land Access Working Group:

Peter Smithson, CEO, District Council of Karoonda East Murray.

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 2011-2012 funding round.
- Submissions to the SAROC Committee, including,
 - Community Passenger Network Transport.
 - Ensuring Local Government Services Provision Project.
 - Digital TV switchover.
 - Impounding Act Review.
 - Regional Tourism Road Funding.
 - External Audit Committees for Regional Subsidiaries.
 - Locust Infestation.
 - Relevance of LGA Research Projects to Rural Councils.
 - Ramifications of increased cost of water for primary producers.
 - Eradication of pest weeds on unallocated/alienated lands.
 - Native Vegetation Regulations.
 - Adelaide Rail Freight Bypass.
- Submission to the SA MDB NRM Board on Planning matters.
- Ministerial submission made in respect to the requirement for Audit Committees resulting from Amendment to clause 13(2) of Schedule 2 – Exemption of a regional subsidiary from the requirement to establish an audit committee.
- Submission to Zero Waste SA for Regional Implementation funding applications for the 2010-2011 funding round.
- In partnership with the LGA SA, successful submission to the SA State Government for removal of the Narrung Bund.

- Submission and subsequent support for a Regional Digital TV Community Liaison Manager for a short term contract.
- Submission made to the State Government for continuation and commitment to the Branched Broomrape Eradication Program.
- Successful submission made to PIRSA for continuation of sub-regional Drought Support Offices.
- Successful supportive submissions to the Federal Government for E Waste Disposal Program.
- Submission to DENR in reference to African Boxthorn infestation resulting in provision of \$90k to assist the SA MDB NRM Board's eradication program.
- Submission made to the State Government for reinstatement of the Tourism Road Funding Grants Program.

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

- Regional Development Australia Forum.
- SA MDB NRM Board's Mayoral and CEO Forum.
- SA MDB NRM Board "Strengthening Basin Communities" Planning Workshop.
- LGA State Election Platform Forum.
- Murray Darling Basin Authority Consultation Forum.
- Locust Infestation Forum.
- Telstra Regional Stakeholder Forum.
- Strategy for Regional SA Forum.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (SAROC).

The President, Mayor Leon Stasinowsky, Vice President Mayor Ian Mann, OAM (now retired), Mayor David Burgess, (Mayor Allan Arbon 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 State Executive.

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 include:

- Community Passenger Network Transport.
- NRM/LG Relationships.
- Ensuring Local Government Services Provision Project.
- Digital TV switchover.
- Impounding Act Review.
- Strategy for Regional SA.
- Regional Tourism Road Funding.
- External Audit Committees for Regional Subsidiaries.
- Locust Infestation.
- Relevance of LGA Research Projects to Rural Councils.
- Ramifications of increased cost of water for primary producers.
- Eradication of pest weeds on unallocated/alienated lands.
- Native Vegetation Regulations.
- Adelaide Rail Freight Bypass.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO 30TH JUNE, 2011.

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 2010-2011 grant of \$34,537 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 Association recognises the importance of providing both topical and detailed information on its activities to Member Councils, the LGA SA, the Dept. of Planning and Local Government, Politicians, other key stakeholders and the general public within and outside the Region.

The changed format Newsletter, the “Murray Mallee Briefs” has been prepared after each General Meeting and is electronically widely distributed. Numerous media interviews have been undertaken as a result of the Newsletter’s circulation.

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 Newsletters.

PARTNERSHIP/STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES 2010 – 2011.

The Association has continued to pursue a number of strategic issues with the support of partners and other key stakeholders in the Region. Without these partners and stakeholders, the Association would not have been able to singularly progress these initiatives.

Strategic Focus – Telecommunications.

The project partners are:

The Regional Development Australia (RDA) Murraylands and Riverland Board,
Dept. of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology (DFEEST),
Dept. of Broadband Communications and the Digital Economy (DBCDE),
Dept. Transport, Energy and Infrastructure (DTEI), and
Agile Communications.

The Broadband Development Project, which commenced in January 2008 with funding secured through the Australian Government as part of the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy's (DBCDE) Clever Networks Broadband Development Network Program, is now completed. This project covers both the Murraylands and Riverland sub-regions, concentrating more on the western portions of the region.

This year, the lower Loxton Waikerie and Southern Mallee council districts project has completed. The project was subsidized by contributions of \$310,000 from the State Government's Broadband Development (BDF) Fund, \$20,000 by the Association and \$15,000 by the District Council of Loxton Waikerie and a further \$15,000 from the Southern Mallee District Council of which \$10,000 was underwritten by the former Murraylands Regional Development Board.

The Project was officially opened at Lameroo on the 25th February, 2011.

Further to this project, as part of the National Broadband Network, Regional Blackspots Program, a new backbone fibre optic connection between Gawler and Mildura through the Riverland is virtually completed.

The Mildura connection route takes in Renmark, Berri, Waikerie, Kapunda, Nuriootpa, Tanunda, and Angaston terminating in Gawler.

Competitive DSLAM's are being installed in exchanges in Waikerie, Barmera, Berri and Renmark providing users more choice and potential more competitive pricing.

Project completion is scheduled for August, 2011.

Strategic Focus – Transport Infrastructure.

Our Project Partners are:

Dept. Transport, Energy and Infrastructure (DTEI),,

The Local Government Transport Advisory Panel (LGTAP),

The Regional Development Australia (RDA) Murraylands and Riverland Board, and

Parsons Brinkerhoff Australia Pty. Ltd.

For the period 2010-2011, Member Councils resolved to review the Murray and Mallee Regional Transport Strategy Plan.

This complete review, along with extensive community consultation, was undertaken by Parsons Brinkerhoff Australia Pty. Ltd. And the resultant Murray and Mallee Regional Transport Strategy Plan can be accessed from the Association's website at www.mmlga.sa.gov.au under the "Reports" tab.

The Plan provides the basis to enable the Association and its Member Councils, to determine and support applications for Special Local Roads and Auslink funding (when available) applications.

Applications for funding in the 2010-2011 funding round were lodged with the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel at the end of April, 2010 resulting in \$1.56m funding availability for identified road construction in the region.

Applications for funding in 2011-2012 were lodged with the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel on the 29th April, 2011, and the Association awaits the results of the Panel's recommendation for the Special Local Roads component to the Local Government Grants Commission.

Strategic Focus – Community Transport. – Riverland Community Passenger Network and the Murray Mallee Community Passenger Network Schemes.

Our partners are:

The South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC),

The Local Government Association of SA,

The Riverland and Murray Mallee Community Passenger Transport Networks and Advisory Committees, and

The Murray and Mallee Regional Coordination Network,

Dept. of Transport, Energy and Infrastructure (DTEI), and

Office of the Ageing.

As has been continually pursued over past years, The Association continues to forward the issue of the integration of Community Passenger Network (CPN) Schemes throughout the region.

Again, this proposed integration would allow for the use of agency managed government vehicles for the purposes of providing transport solutions to the disadvantaged.

This matter has been more recently addressed by the Regional Coordination Network, Murraylands and Riverland with the Dept. of Education and Children's Services (DECS) regional representative actively pursuing the issue with the Agency's head office.

However, more recently it would appear that State Government support for the RCN concept is waning and it could be considered that apparent gains made could well be lost.

It is clear that the general community continue to highly value the transport services currently provided within budgetary constraints. Despite being financially handicapped, the Transport Committees are constantly endeavouring to continually improve upon the current transport network.

The majority of services provided are highly patronized, especially the medical bus services, available to provide regionally or city based medical assistance to those who are geographically and socially disadvantaged.

The Association will continue to work towards equitable State Government funding for transport services for regional areas.

Strategic Focus – Natural Resource Management and Environmental Initiatives.

Our partners are:

The Regional Development Australia (RDA) Murraylands and Riverland Board,

Primary Industries and Resources SA,
Riverland Futures Project,
Murray and Mallee Regional Coordination Network,
Riverland Drought Taskforce,
Lower Murray Drought Collaboration Group,
Irrigation Authorities and Associations,
The SAROC Committee, and
The SA MDB NRM Board.

Agreement has been reached on the respective roles of the Association and the SA MDB NRM Board in relation to the Regional NRM/Local Government Protocol Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) document.

The Document was publically signed by the then SA MDB NRM Board Presiding Member, Bill Paterson and the Association's President, Mayor Leon Stasinowsky at the Association's 6th August, 2011 General Meeting.

It could be considered that the effects of the drought have passed. However, changed climatic and economic conditions over the past season have resulted in gluts of primary produce, resulting in similar affects as experienced through drought periods.

In order to quantify and plan for these effects, the Association again continues to pursue and utilize the \$70,000 grant from the LGR&DF in an attempt to provide a "plug-in type tool" that will allow Councils to determine the effect on Council and the Community, given these economic impacts.

It is expected that this project will be completed early in the ensuing financial year.

With results to be incorporated into the Federal Government funded "Sustaining Basin Communities – Planning Element" Program.

On other environmental matters, the Association and Member Councils have:

- Provided a Local Government non-voting Member to the SA MDB NRM Board.
- Provided information to Member Councils regarding Adaptation Actions for Local Government on Climate Change issues and promotion of Climate Change Forums.
- Lobbied State Government for extensions of the Drought Program funding into the year 2011-2012.
- In partnership with the LGA SA, successful submission to the SA State Government for removal of the Narrung Bund.
- Support provided to the RDA for the Carbon Forum.
- Facilitation of the Dept. of Premier and Cabinet's regional briefing on the Climate Change Adaptation Framework.
- Submission made to the State Government for continuation and commitment to the Branched Broomrape Eradication Program.
- Provision of representation on the Zero Waste SA Regional Implementation Program Review Panel and provision of comment.
- Association provision of representation of riverine Councils on the DENR River Murray Review Response Team.

- Successful supportive submissions to the Federal Government for E Waste Disposal Program.
- African Boxthorn infestation addressed with provision of \$90k gained to assist the SA MDB NRM Board's eradication program.
- Raising of concerns with the integration of DENR and NRM Boards' operations.

BEYOND 2011.

General Meetings of the Association will continue to be held during 2011-2012 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 General Meeting held on the 1st April, 2011, the Association endorsed the completely revised Strategic Plan, 2011-2014. The Annual Business Plan 2011-2012, extracted from the Strategic Plan 2011-2014 and associated Annual Budget were adopted at the Association's Annual General Meeting held on the 3rd June, 2011. 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 2011-2012 will be reviewed half yearly at the December General Meeting and the June Annual General Meeting as per 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 2011

Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

For the Year Ended 30 June 2011

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Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 30 June 2011

		2011	2010
	Note	\$	\$
Regional Enhancement Fund Grant	2	34,537	33,661
Interest received	2	8,135	6,693
MBM LGA contributions	2	99,849	76,240
		142,521	116,594
Other operating expenses	3	(115,432)	(109,309)
Profit attributable to members		27,089	7,285
Other comprehensive income			
Total comprehensive income		27,089	7,285

Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2011

		2011	2010
	Note	\$	\$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	81,655	136,932
Trade and other receivables	5	4,608	4,272
Total current assets		86,263	141,204
TOTAL ASSETS		86,263	141,204
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	6	1,800	1,530
Unexpended Project Funds	7	42,946	97,946
Total current liabilities		44,746	99,476
TOTAL LIABILITIES		44,746	99,476
NET ASSETS		41,517	41,728
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		41,517	41,728
TOTAL EQUITY		41,517	41,728

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Statement of Recognised Income and Expense

For the Year Ended 30 June 2011

2011

	Note	Retained Earnings \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2010		41,728	41,728
Profit attributable to members		27,089	27,089
Transfers from retained earnings	7	(27,300)	(27,300)
Sub-total		(211)	(211)
Balance at 30 June 2011		41,517	41,517

2010

	Note	Retained Earnings \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2009		36,193	36,193
Profit attributable to members		7,285	7,285
Transfer from retained earnings	7	(1,750)	(1,750)
Sub-total		5,535	5,535
Balance at 30 June 2010		41,728	41,728

Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Cash Flow Statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2011

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
Cash from operating activities:			
Receipts from members		99,849	76,240
Receipts from Grants		34,537	33,661
Interest received		8,648	6,693
Payments to suppliers		(116,011)	(107,104)
Project payments		(82,300)	
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	8	(55,277)	9,490
Net increase (decreases) in cash held		(55,277)	9,490
Cash at beginning of financial year		136,932	127,442
Cash at end of financial year	4	81,655	136,932

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2011

1 Accounting policies

(a) General information

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985.

The financial report covers Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated as an individual entity. Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated is an association incorporated in South Australia under the Associations Incorporations Act (SA) 1985.

The financial report of Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated as an individual entity complies with all Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AI FRS) in their entirety.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the association in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

(b) Basis of preparation

Reporting Basis and Conventions

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs modified by the revaluation of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied.

(c) Comparatives

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

(d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and deposits held at call with banks.

(e) Income taxes

The activities of the Association are exempt from taxation under the Income Tax Assessment Act.

(f) 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.

Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

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For the Year Ended 30 June 2011

1 Accounting policies continued

(g) Financial Instruments

Recognition and Initial Measurement

Financial instruments are initially measured at cost on trade date, which includes transaction costs, when the related contractual rights or obligations exist. Subsequent to initial recognition these instruments are measured as set out below.

Financial liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities are recognised at amortised cost, comprising original debt less principal payments and amortisation.

Impairment

At each reporting date, the association assess whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. In the case of available-for-sale financial instruments, a prolonged decline in the value of the instrument is considered to determine whether an impairment has arisen. Impairment losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

(h) Impairment of assets

At each reporting date, the association reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the statement of comprehensive income.

Critical accounting estimates and judgments

Key estimates - Impairment

The association assesses impairment at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the association that may lead to impairment of assets. Where an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. Value-in-use calculations performed in assessing recoverable amounts incorporate a number of key estimates.

Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2011

2 Revenue

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Interest received	8,135	6,693
M&MLGA contributions		
- Berri Barmera Council	15,377	11,741
- Coorong District Council	10,184	7,776
- DC of Karoonda East Murray	5,392	4,117
- DC of Loxton Waikerie	16,275	12,427
- Mid Murray Council	12,182	9,301
- The Rural City of Murray Bridge	20,370	15,553
- DC of Renmark Paringa	13,679	10,445
- Southern Mallee DC	6,390	4,880
Total M&MLGA contributions	99,849	76,240
Regional Enhancement Fund Grant	34,537	33,661
Total Revenue	142,521	116,594

3 Other Operating Expenses

Expenses

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Audit fees	2,190	1,395
Bank charges	85	136
Executive Officer Contract Services	96,966	94,410
Insurance	3,994	3,566
Meeting Expenses	1,528	1,851
Postage	94	53
President's Travelling Allowance	2,500	2,500
Printing and stationery	846	807
Record sentencing/Archiving	2,590	30
SAROC Regional Meeting costs	1,108	1,064
Sundry expenses	281	191
Telephone, fax and broadband	3,200	3,200
Website maintenance	50	106
Total expenses	115,432	109,309

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4 Cash and cash equivalents

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Cash on hand	100	100
Cash at bank	2,398	1,204
LGFA Investment	79,157	135,628
	81,655	136,932

5 Trade and other receivables

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Accrued Interest	1,234	1,747
GST Refund	3,374	2,525
	4,608	4,272

6 Trade and other payables

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade payables	1,800	1,530

7 Grant Funds Unexpended

Grant Funds Unexpended may be refundable and are reflected as liabilities at balance date. It is anticipated that the balance of funds unexpended will be fully utilised on the nominated project.

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Water Management Project		
Income		
Balance brought forward	4,373	4,373
Total Income	4,373	4,373
Project Funds not expended at 30 June 2011	4,373	4,373

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7 Grant Funds Unexpended (continued)

	2011	-2010
	\$	\$
Regional Broadband Project		
Income		
Balance brought forward		1,361
Transfer from Retained Earnings		1,750
Total Income		3,111
Less Expenses		
Transfer to Discretionary Projects		3,111
Total Expenses		3,111
Project Funds not expended at 30 June 2011		
Discretionary Projects		
Income		
Balance brought forward	21,073	15,000
Transfer from Regional Broadband Project		3,111
Transfer from Native Title Claim monies		2,962
Total Income	21,073	21,073
Less Expenses		
Contribution to Broadband Extension	20,000	
Total Expenses	20,000	
Project funds not expended at 30 June 2011	1,073	21,073
Provision LG Services Project		
Income		
Balance brought forward	72,500	72,500
Total Income	72,500	72,500
Less Expenses		
Consultancy	40,000	
Total Expenses	40,000	
Project funds not expended at 30 June 2011	32,500	72,500

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7 Grant Funds Unexpended (continued)

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Legal Charter Review		
Income		
Transfer from Retained Earnings	5,000	
Total Income	5,000	
Less Expenses		
Project Funds not expended at 30 June 2011	5,000	
Transport Strategy Stage 2		
Income		
Transfer from Retained Earnings	22,300	
Total Income	22,300	
Less Expenses		
Consultancy	22,300	
Total Expenses	22,300	
Project Funds not expended at 30 June 2011		
Total	42,946	97,946

8 Cash Flow Information

(a) Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Profit after Income Tax

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Net income/loss for the period	27,089	7,285
Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities		
Non-cash flows in profit		
changes in assets and liabilities,		
(Increase)/decrease in trade receivables	(336)	2,407
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	270	1,548
Increase/(decrease) in unexpended project funds	(55,000)	
Increase/(decrease) in retained earnings from transfers	(27,300)	(1,750)
	(55,277)	9,490

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9 Financial instruments

Credit risk

The maximum exposure to credit risk, excluding the value of any collateral or other security, at balance date to recognised financial assets, is the carrying amount, net of any provisions for impairment of those assets, as disclosed in the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements.

The association does not have any material credit risk exposure to any single receivable or group of receivables under financial instruments entered into by the association.

(i) Financial instrument composition and maturity analysis

The association's exposure to interest rate risk, which is the risk that a financial instruments value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates and the effective weighted average interest rates on classes of financial assets and financial liabilities, is as follows:

Weighted

	Average Effective Interest Rate		Floating Interest Rate		Non-interest Bearing		Total	
	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010
	%	%	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial Assets:								
LGFA Investment	4.75	4.50	79,157	135,628			79,157	135,628
Cash at bank	0.01	0.01	2,398	1,204			2,398	1,204
Cash					100	100	100	100
Trade and other receivables					4,608	4,272	4,608	4,272
Total Financial Assets			81,555	136,832	4,708	4,372	86,263	141,204
Financial Liabilities:								
Trade and other payables					1,800	1,530	1,800	1,530
Grant funds unexpended					42,946	97,946	42,946	97,946
Total Financial Liabilities					44,746	99,476	44,746	99,476

All financial assets and liabilities disclosed mature within 12 months.

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9 Financial instruments (continued)

(ii) Net fair values

The net fair values for other assets and other liabilities approximate their carrying values. No financial assets or financial liabilities are readily traded on organised markets in standardised form other than listed investments. Financial assets where the carrying amount exceeds net fair values *have* not been written down as the association intends to hold these assets to maturity.

The aggregate net fair values and carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities are disclosed in the balance sheet and in the notes to the financial statements.

Interest Rate Risk Sensitivity Analysis

At 30 June 2011, the committee considers that the only material risk arises in relation to interest rates. Should interest rates *have* increased / decreased by 2%, the associations profit would *have* increased / decreased by approximately \$1,583 (2010: \$2,738).

10 Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

At 30 June 2011, the Committee 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 2011, the Committee is unaware of any capital or leasing commitments which *have* not already been recorded elsewhere in this financial report.

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 Segment Reporting

The association operates predominantly in one business and two geographical segments, being in the local government sector, providing services to local councils in the Murray and Mallee districts of South Australia.

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15 Key Management Personnel Compensation

(a) Key Management Personnel Compensation

	Short term Benefits	Total
2011		
Total compensation	96,966	96,966
2010		
Total compensation	94,410	94,410

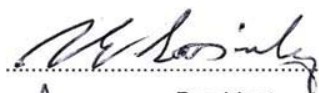
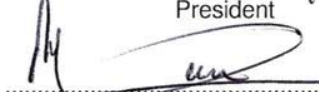
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Statement by the Committee

In the opinion of the members of the committee:

1.
 - (a) the accompanying Statement of Comprehensive Income is drawn up so as to present fairly the profit of Murray and Mallee Local Government Association for the financial year;
 - (b) the accompanying Statement of Financial Position is drawn up so as to present fairly the state of affairs of Murray and Mallee Local Government Association as at the end of the financial year;
 - (c) the accounts of the association have been made out in accordance with Accounting Standards
2. The committee has reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
3. No officer of the association, or a firm of which the officer is a member, or corporate in which the officer has a substantial financial interest, has received or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, firm of which the officer is a member or a corporate in which the officer has a substantial financial interest and the association.
4. No officer of the association has received directly or indirectly from the association any payment or other benefit of a pecuniary value, except for chairman allowances paid.

This statement is made in accordance with the resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:


.....
President

.....
CEO

Dated 5th August, 2011



Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Independent Audit Report to the members of Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2011, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of recognised income and expenditure and cash flow statement for the year ended that date a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement by the committee.

Committee Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the association are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporations Act (SA) 1985. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control 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 conducted our 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 association'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 directors, 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.

Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Independent Audit Report to the members of Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Auditor's Opinion

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

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 30 June 2011 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporations Act(SA) 1985.

WHK AUDIT SERVICES



Grant Martinella CA RCA

Signed at Berri SA

5 August 2011

M&MLGA PRESIDENT'S CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-

AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

I, Leon Evan Stasinowsky, the person for the time being occupying the position of President of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association, do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation Division 3 – 22 clause (3) (b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.



30th June, 2011

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-

AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

I, DAVID BEATON....., the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive of the BERRI BARMEEA.....Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation Division 3 – 22 clause (3) (b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.

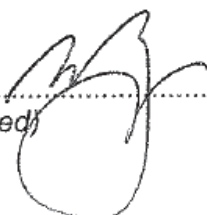

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(Signed)

30/6/2011
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(Dated)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-

AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

I, Michael Byns, the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive of the COOLANG DISTRICT Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation Division 3 – 22 clause (3) (b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.


(Signed)

24/06/2011
(Dated)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-

AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

I, Peter Smithson, the person for the time being occupying the position of Chief Executive Officer of the District Council of Karoonda East Murray, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation Division 3 – 22 clause (3) (b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.


(Signed)

28 June 2011
(Dated)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-

AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

I, Pete Ackland, the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive of the Loxton Mallee Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation Division 3 – 22 clause (3) (b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.


(Signed)

28 JUNE 2011
(Dated)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-

AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

I, Dean Hillary Gollan, the person for the time being occupying the position of Chief Executive of the Mid Murray Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation Division 3 – 22 clause (3) (b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.


(Signed)

26/6/11
(Dated)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-
AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE**

I, Anthony Andrew McCabe, the person for the time being occupying the position of acting chief executive of the Southern Mallee District Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation Division 3 – 22 clause (3) (b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.


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(Signed)

28th June 2011
(Dated)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-
AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE**


I, TONY SNIOR....., the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive of the BENMARK PARINGA COUNCIL.....Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation Division 3 – 22 clause (3) (b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.


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(Signed)

6/7/11
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(Dated)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-
AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE**

I, **DAMIEN MOLONEY**, the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive of the **RURAL CITY OF MURRAY BRIDGE** Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation Division 3 – 22 clause (3) (b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011) that the Auditor, WHK Thomsons, of the subsidiary has not been engaged by the subsidiary to provide services to the subsidiary outside the scope of the audit functions under the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.


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(Signed)


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(Dated)