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INTRODUCTION



MAYOR'S REPORT

Leon Stasinowsky



In looking back over the last 12 months I realised that this past year has been one of celebrating milestones of one form or another, some of note being:

- Year of the Farmer – celebrating the valuable contribution of our past and present farming communities by a very successful and well attended parade through the streets of Loxton showcasing farm machinery dating back to early European settlement all the way through to the huge machinery that is part of the modern farming enterprise. We were honoured to host Premier Jay Weatherill and his family at this event and an evening community meal and concert.
- Opening of “Counterbalance” by the Premier Jay Weatherill which was the result of much dedication and hard work by a dedicated committee of community people to celebrate the centenary of Loxton. Councils contribution was just under \$50,000 with the balance of approximately \$80,000 raised by the committee principally from community donations – a wonderful show of support.
- The Library Service in Loxton celebrated 100 years since its inception as a “Institute Library” and 30 years in its current location as a “Public Library” and remains one of the most popular services provided by Council.
- Council acknowledged 10 years since The Pines Historic House and Garden was bequeathed to the people of Loxton under the care of Council, and particularly the outstanding service of three of the original volunteers to the The Pines, being Bert Haslam, Rod Hondow and Marian Woodberry who had recently announced their joint retirement.
- Opening of the final stage of the \$9.5m Loxton Stormwater Capture and Reuse Scheme, being the Loxton West dam – it is expected that the Scheme will produce sufficient water in a “normal” year to allow Council not to have to draw from the river to irrigate parks and gardens in Loxton.

In terms of other milestones, February saw the commencement of the long awaited Kerbside Recyclables Waste collection service, where serviced areas are provided with either a 3 bin (recyclables, food / green waste and domestic waste) service or a 2 bin (recyclables and domestic waste) service. This has been many years in the planning and it is pleasing to see that

there has generally been a high level of acceptance and use of the service once the expected teething problems were worked through.

Progression was also achieved with community generated proposals to establish Men’s Sheds in both Loxton and Waikerie. Loxton’s Shed will be relocated to the existing “Restoration Shed” at the Loxton Historical Village where it is hoped that a strong partnership between the two groups will evolve, and in Waikerie plans are well advanced for a shared facility for the Men’s Shed, Rotary and Apex Clubs with storage also for the Riverland West Chamber of Commerce. These two projects are in line with Councils policy to try to facilitate and encourage multiple occupancy of shared facilities.

Council has continued to operate well, both at Elected Member and staff levels resulting in us delivering the vast majority of its budgeted projects this year and remaining in a positive financial position.

I recognise and thank my fellow Elected Members for their efforts, constructive but good natured debate and collective desire to see our Council continue to improve and our region work together and prosper. To our staff I thank you for your advice and implementation of Councils decisions and commend this Annual Report to you to gain detailed information on Council’s performance this year.

MEMBER INFORMATION

Attendance at Meetings

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

MEETING ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE 2012 – 2013

Elected Members	Council	Special
Mayor LE Stasinowsky	12	11
Cr ML Ward	12	10
Cr R Copeland	12	9
Cr JF Flavel	10	6
Cr DG Kimber	11	11
Cr MJ Malthouse	11	7
Cr TJ Norton	12	8
Cr DA Thiele	12	9
Cr MJ Vowles	12	9
Cr KA Webber	12	2
Cr MA Zeppel	12	11
Number of meetings held	12	11

Total number of meetings held: 23

COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

Elected Member Committee Representation
as of 30th June, 2013



COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

Elected Member Committee Representation
as of 30th June, 2013



MAYOR STASINOWSKY

Committees Established pursuant to Section 41

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

Representative and delegate on external committees

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



CR MARK WARD

Committees Established pursuant to Section 41

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

Representative and delegate on external committees

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

COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

Elected Member Committee Representation
as of 30th June, 2013



CR DEB THIELE

Committees Established pursuant to Section 41

- Loxton Historical Village Management Committee
- Policy Review Committee (Deputy Chair)

Representative and delegate on external committees

- Murray & Mallee LGA Broadband & Steering Committee
- Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee
- Loxton Neighbourhood Watch
- Loxton Playground Working Group
- Innovative Community Action Networks (ICAN) Working Group
- East Terrace Revitalisation Working Group
- Loxton High School – Independent Learning Centre



CR ROSS COPELAND

Committees Established pursuant to Section 41

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

Representative and delegate on external committees

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



CR JODY FLAVEL

Committees Established pursuant to Section 41

- Performance Review Committee
- Asset Committee
- Lease Committee
- District Bushfire Prevention Reference Committee (Chairperson)
- Waste Management Committee (Chairperson)

Representative and delegate on external committees

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

COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

Elected Member Committee Representation
as of 30th June, 2013



CR DAVID KIMBER

Committees Established pursuant to Section 41

- Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee

Representative and delegate on external committees

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



CR TREVOR NORTON

Committees Established pursuant to Section 41

- Lease Committee
- Policy Review Committee
- Asset Committee
- Waste Management Committee

Representative and delegate on external committees

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



CR MICHAEL VOWLES

Committees Established pursuant to Section 41

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

Representative and delegate on external committees

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

COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

Elected Member Committee Representation as of 30th June, 2013



CR KYM WEBBER

Committees Established pursuant to Section 41

- Lease Committee
- Asset Committee

Representative and delegate on external committees

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



CR MARGARET MALTHOUSE

Committees Established pursuant to Section 41

- Policy Review Committee
- Disability Access Action Plan Committee
- Performance Review Committee
- Waikerie District Community Committee (resigned August 2012)

Representative and delegate on external committees

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



CR MICHAEL ZEPPEL

Committees Established pursuant to Section 41

- Loxton Centenary Feature Committee
- Loxton Retirement Village Committee
- Pines Management Committee (Chairperson from June 2013)
- Waste Management Committee
- Lease Committee
- Asset Committee

Representative and delegate on external committees

- Audit Committee
- Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Peter Ackland



This financial year saw Council reaffirm its primary direction of maintenance of existing infrastructure based upon our suite of Asset Management Plans.

The adopted budget included an overall increase in general rates raised of 2% with Council being acutely aware that as the new kerbside recyclable collection service was scheduled to commence in February 2013, ratepayers would also be required to pay the applicable service charge in addition.

Even with this relatively modest increase, Council has been able to adopt a budget that predicts an underlying operating surplus of \$100,000 which whilst minor in terms of the overall budget, still equates to prudent financial management, given our commitment to maintain existing service standards. It is pleasing to report that the unaudited underlying operating result at the end of the year predicts an operating surplus of \$175,000.

Our commitment to mutually beneficial partnerships and

recognition that together we can achieve much more than individually, saw Council increase our financial commitment to Regional Development Australia Murraylands and Riverland and also Destination Riverland as key partners in economic development of our region.

This partnership approach is further confirmed as Council has formalised increased resource sharing opportunities with the Berri Barmora and Renmark Paringa Councils under the banner of the Riverland G3 Alliance, which is based on assessments of our individual and collective expenditure patterns to identify a number of opportunities for increased collaboration with the aim of either increased services or savings or a combination of both. The initial projects underway include an aggregated multi year sealing tender and also a similar process for fuel requirements with other opportunities identified.

Expenditure assessments have also identified potential to source more of our products from within the region that are now sourced externally. The potential impact of this diversion is to be independently assessed to determine our collective impact on the regional economy, pre and post diversion to assist Councils with our "buy local" preferences in our procurement policies. Armed with this information we can then have constructive conversations with our trader associations.

Council recognises that small to medium sized enterprises are one of the key factors in the vitality of our regional economy and we have continued our commitment to support both the Riverland West Chamber of Commerce and the Loxton Chamber of Commerce with allocations of \$10,000 for each district for agreed projects. This year's allocations have been committed to the following projects:

- Loxton - a Print media Campaign and development of an Online Business Directory
- Waikerie - towards administration support and an increased online presence
- Council also sponsored representatives from both Chambers to attend the Main Street SA Conference

Council has also continued to pursue a range of initiatives including:

- Progression of the Our Hub Our Pride East Terrace Revitalisation project jointly developed by the Loxton Chamber of Commerce, Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee and Council to a point where through two successful grant applications in this financial year, community contributions and projected budget allocations, in excess of \$600,000 is to be expended in 2013 / 14 in a significant start to this project

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Peter Ackland

- Lead by the Waikerie District Community Committee who in taking a more strategic view of amenity requirements, have proposed a major upgrade to Pioneer Park at the southern entrance to town
- Agreeing to sell Council land to support an inland saline aquaculture project to use water from a Salt Interception Scheme to grow prawns in a new and exciting opportunity not only for Waikerie but also for the region. The sale is subject to development approval
- Negotiation to purchase the remaining lease term of the Loxton Caravan Park with the aim of the park contributing to increased retail trade opportunities as it increases occupancy
- Provision of support for the continued expansion of tourism based opportunities by the new owner of the Murray River Queen as a backpacker accommodation facility which is permanently moored at the Waikerie riverfront
- Successful negotiation to stage a fourth leg of the highly popular UniSA HPV Pedal Prix around a street circuit in Loxton scheduled for May 2014
- In conjunction with the Loxton Playground Working party a concept plan for the development of a major new playground themed on our Pioneering History has been developed and is currently undergoing public consultation. The aim is to have the playground provide

increased social benefit, but also because of its size and location be a destination attractor in its own right and have a positive impact on our retail businesses

As you read this annual report you may notice a change in format and presentation which is our attempt to better inform our constituents on Councils directions, activities and programs. Where we can we have included information to begin to provide a trend analysis and this will continue to be developed each year

I record the staff and my thanks to the Elected Members for their direction and unqualified support and also to our staff, appreciation for the extra efforts and care factor that infuse your approach to your work.

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT



DESICION MAKING STRUCTURE

Local Government Act 1999 Section 41

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

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

SECTION 41 COMMITTEES

Purpose of Committees

COMMITTEE	PURPOSE OF COMMITTEES
Alawoona Hall Committee	Management, operation, improvement and maintenance of the Alawoona Hall, toilets and surrounding precincts to improve the quality of life for the community and visitors to Alawoona.
Asset Committee	Review Council's asset portfolio to identify opportunities and develop policies to reduce the financial impact on Council's operating position and strengthen it's financial sustainability.
District Bushfire Prevention Reference Committee	Consider local issues and any actions required to mitigate the risk of bushfire in the district formerly known as Bushfire Prevention Advisory Committee and ensure legislative compliance.
Lease Committee	Investigate consistency in treatment across all sporting organisations and their respective lease arrangements.
Loxton Centenary Feature Committee	An artistic feature recognising the centenary of proclamation in Loxton (2007) has been erected, the committee is due to be disbanded
Loxton Christmas Lights Committee	Beatification of Loxton at Christmas time.

SECTION 41 COMMITTEES

Purpose of Committees

COMMITTEE	PURPOSE OF COMMITTEES
Loxton Historical Village Committee	Management of the Loxton Historical Village and promote the facility as a regional tourist museum.
Loxton North Recreation Grounds Committee	Maintenance and administration of the Loxton North Recreation Grounds.
Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee	To assist Council in relation to recreation grounds and facilities under the care and management of Council within the Loxton township
Loxton Retirement Village Committee	Construction and management of the Loxton Retirement Village
Performance Review Committee	Undertake the annual performance review of the Chief Executive Officer.
The Pines Management Committee	Maintenance of the character and attend to the up keep of The Pines Historic Home.
Policy Review Committee	Review and recommend to Council, policy, procedure, codes of practice, bylaws and delegations and report to Council regarding implementation of requirements of the Local Government Act, 1999
Waikerie District Community Committee	Assist Council in relation to parks and community facilities under the care, control and management of Council within the Waikerie township and general surrounds.
Waste Management Committee	Management of the closure of landfill sites, management of the construction of transfer station and implementation of the collection & disposal of waste post the closure of the landfill sites.
Wunkar Recreation Grounds Committee	Maintenance and administration of the Wunkar Recreation Grounds, including the tennis courts and ex school grounds.

SECTION 41 COMMITTEES

Purpose of Committees

OTHER COMMITTEES	PURPOSE OF COMMITTEES
Audit Committee	Pursuant to Section 126 (1) of the Local Government Act, 1999:-Enquire into and report to Council in respect of all matters that the Council confers on it. The functions of an audit committee include, but are not limited to—the review of annual financial statement, strategic management plans or annual business plan, liaising with Council’s auditor and reviewing internal controls.
Building Fire Safety Committee (Regional)	Responsible, under the Development Act, 1993, for building fire safety matters.
Disability Access Action Plan Committee	Preparation of an action plan in accordance with section 60 of the Disability Discrimination Act 1992.
Riverland Regional Development Assessment Panel	Pursuant to Section 34 of the Development Act, 1993. In accordance with the authority delegated to it by the Council assess all development applications that are referred to it by an Authorised Council Officer.
Standing Drug Orders Endorsement Committee	Controlled Substances Act 1994
OHS Committee	Pursuant to the OHS Act
Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee	Pursuant to Section 101A of the Development Act 1993. Advise Council in relation to the extent to which the Council’s strategic planning and development policies accord with the Planning Strategy. Advise Council in relation to
Community Grants Assessment Panel	To advise Council staff regarding assessment of grant applications from community groups.
Community Award Programme Assessment Panel	To advise Council staff regarding assessment of applications/ nominations for Community Awards.

ALLOWANCE PAID

To Elected Members of Council or a Committee

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

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

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

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

ALLOWANCES

As at 12 November 2012 the annual allowances were adjusted as follows:-

Principal Member
\$49,059.00
Council Deputy Mayor
\$15,330.00
Chairman of Standing Committees
\$15,330.00
Elected Members
\$12,265.00

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

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

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

The independent chair of Council’s Audit Committee is paid \$4000.00 per annum for the role. The independent

chair of the Riverland Regional Development Panel is paid a sitting fee of \$770.00 per meeting, independent member and council representative members of the committee are paid a sitting fee of \$200.00 per meeting, this cost is shared between the member councils.

FACILITIES & SUPPORT

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

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

As from a resolution of Council from a meeting held 29 November 2010 the Mayor has been granted limited private use of a Council vehicle within South Australia, subject to him keeping and presenting as required, a vehicle log book.

The Mayor has elected to only avail himself of the use of the vehicle provided and personal assistance.

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

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

During 2012-2013 for Elected Members

In accordance with the District Council of Loxton Waikerie’s Training and Development for Elected Members Policy, Council members were provided with opportunities to undertake training and development activities during 2011- 2012 and attended the following as per the table below:

NAME	DATE	DETAILS
Mayor LE Stasinowsky	25 – 26 October 2012	LGA Conference & AGM LGA of SA
	12 March 2013	Elected Member training – finance & governance. John Comrie – JAC Comrie Pty Ltd.
	3 June 2013	ICAC Riverland training Norman Waterhouse Lawyers
Cr ML Ward	22- 24 August 2012	Murray Darling Association National Conference & AGM Murray Darling Association
	12 March 2013	Elected Member training – finance & governance John Comrie – JAC Comrie Pty Ltd.
	3 June 2013	ICAC Riverland training Norman Waterhouse Lawyers
Cr R Copeland	12 March 2013	Elected Member training – finance & governance John Comrie – JAC Comrie Pty Ltd.
	3 June 2013	ICAC Riverland training Norman Waterhouse Lawyers
Cr JF Flavel	3 June 2013	ICAC Riverland training Norman Waterhouse Lawyers
Cr DG Kimber	12 March 2013	Elected Member training – finance & governance John Comrie – JAC Comrie Pty Ltd.
	3 June 2013	ICAC Riverland training Norman Waterhouse Lawyers
Cr MJ Malthouse	12 March 2013	Elected Member training – finance & governance John Comrie – JAC Comrie Pty Ltd.
	3 June 2013	ICAC Riverland training Norman Waterhouse Lawyers
Cr TJ Norton	20 November 2012	Enforcement & Compliance under the Development Act & Liquor Licencing Act: What you need to know seminar. Wallmans Lawyers
	12 March 2013	Elected Member training – finance & governance John Comrie – JAC Comrie Pty Ltd.
	3 June 2013	ICAC Riverland training Norman Waterhouse Lawyers

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

During 2012-2013 for Elected Members

NAME	DATE	DETAILS
Cr DA Thiele	April 2013	Main Street Conference LGA of SA
	April 2013	Event Management SA Tourism Commission/ Destination Riverland
Cr MJ Vowles	12 March 2013	Elected Member training – finance & governance John Comrie – JAC Comrie Pty Ltd.
	3 June 2013	ICAC Riverland training Norman Waterhouse Lawyers
Cr KA Webber	N/A	
Cr MA Zeppel	12 March 2013	Elected Member training – finance & governance John Comrie – JAC Comrie Pty Ltd.
	2 May 2013	Responsible Service of Alcohol
	3 June 2013	ICAC Riverland training Norman Waterhouse Lawyers



DELEGATION REGISTER

Acts of Parliament Local Government Act 1999

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

allowing decisions to be made by the staff who carry out day to day operations.

Section 44 (6) of the Act requires council to review delegations at least once in every financial year, a review of all delegations was adopted by Council at the meeting of 20 July 2012.

Section 44 of the Local Government Act 1999 allows a Council to delegate many of it's 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

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

www.loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au

Council documents

- Other documents
- Delegations register

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Local Government (Elections) Act 1999



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

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

POLICY MANUAL INDEX

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.

- Access and Equity Policy
- Advice/ Information to Elected Members Policy
- Alterations and Business Use of a Public Road
- Appointment to External Organisations Policy
- Building Inspection Policy
- Caretaker Policy
- Child Safe Environments Policy
- Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Policy
- Community Award Policy
- Community Development and Support Grant Policy
- Community Donations Policy
- Community Event Funding Policy
- Community Land Policy
- Community Support – Use of Council Plant, Equipment and /or Materials by Community Groups Policy
- Complaints Management Policy
- Control of Election Signs Guidelines for Federal, State & Local Government Elections, Referenda & Polls
- Council Policy Framework
- Customer Service Policy
- Drug and Alcohol Management Policy
- Elected Member Allowances and Benefits Policy
- Elected Member Conduct Complaint Handling Policy
- Electronic Communication Facilities Policy
- Encroachments onto Council Land Policy
- Fee Waiver for Non-Profit Community Based Organisations Policy
- Financial Hardship Policy
- General Permit Policy
- Immunisation Policy
- Induction Policy for Elected Members
- Library Policy
- Light Vehicle Crossover Policy
- Media Policy
- Policy for the Mayor Seeking Legal Advice
- Postponement of Rates – Seniors Policy
- Privacy 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
- Social Media Policy
- Supplementary Elections Policy
- Tourism Policy
- Tree Maintenance Policy
- Volunteer Policy
- Welcome to and Acknowledgement of Country 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

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT



CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS

Meetings and Documents

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

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

Council held twelve (12) ordinary meetings and eleven (11) special meetings during 2012 - 2013.

On nineteen (19) separate occasions during the course of the Council meetings, Council met in confidence to discuss issues in relation to:

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; (6)

Section 90 (3) (h)

Legal advice (2)

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; (4)

Section 90 (3) (k)

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

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

Information the disclosure of which—

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

- (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest; and

Legal advice (2)

Review of items held in confidence

Review of items discussed in confidence is undertaken on a regular basis, quarterly or as required and this process has seen 10 items released from confidentially provisions over the course of the year.

Confidential motions

During the course of the financial year Council made a total of 530 resolutions that were not procedural, ie motions to break for lunch or defer a speaker to a later time during the course of a meeting were not counted within this total, but rather reflect the decisions made by Council. Council resolved to enter into confidence in 3.6% of instances.

SUBSIDIARIES OF THE COUNCIL

Reports

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

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

ELECTOR REPRESENTATION

Period Review



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

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

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

REGIONAL MAP

Loxton Waikerie and General Information



Regional Map highlighting the District Council of Loxton Waikerie

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

REPRESENTATION QUOTA

For Council

Derived from information provided by the Electoral Commission of SA, current as at last collection of elector figures statistics (28/02/2013) there were 8100 electors represented by 11 Elected Members including the Mayor. The representation quota was 736.

Local Government authorities throughout the state are placed in groups of similar size and type. The District Council of Loxton Waikerie is classed a "Rural Agricultural Very Large" (RAV) Council and is grouped with ten (10) other Councils in this category in South Australia.

The statewide average representation quota for the reporting period was 1636.

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

TENDERING ARRANGEMENTS

Competitive

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

USE OF LOCAL GOODS AND SERVICES

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 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 available on Council's website at www.loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au

EXTERNAL AUDITOR

South Australian Local Government Act 1999 Remuneration Paid

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

The external auditor is also required to report to Council on particular matters arising

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

Following a competitive tendering process Council appointed the firm Creative Auditing (Ian G McDonald) as Council's external Auditors for a five (5) year term from the 2011/12 financial year to the

2015/16 financial year.

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

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

- the sum of \$12,000 (Exc GST) was paid for the balance of the 2012/13 annual audit of statutory financial records and related specific purpose statements.

LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN

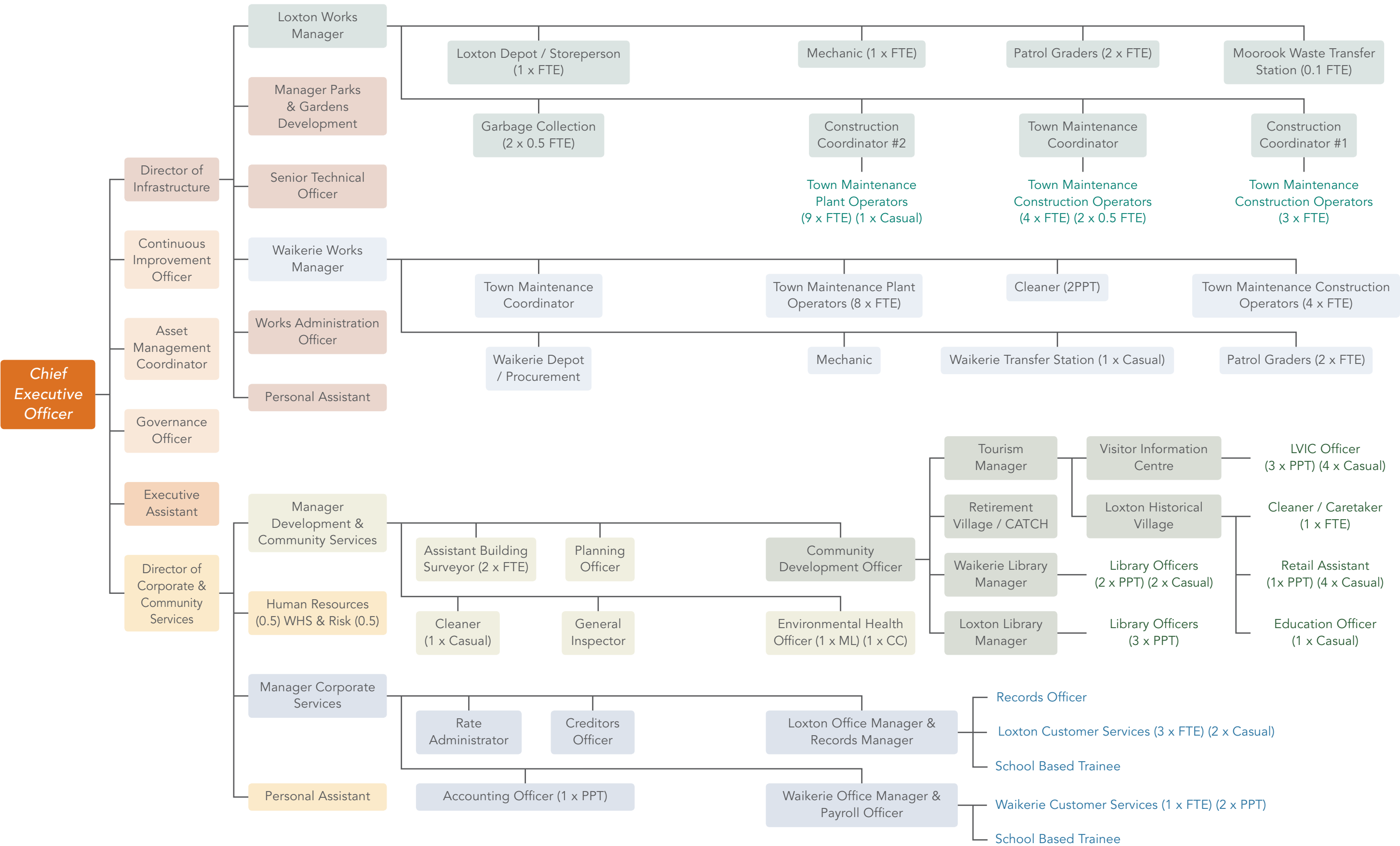
For the Community District Council of Loxton Waikerie

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



ORGANISATION CHART



SENIOR OFFICER OFFICERS

Allowance, Bonuses and Benefits

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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

DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

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

DIRECTOR CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

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

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT

Environment Free from Discrimination

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

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

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

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Applications

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

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

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

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

Two (2) Freedom of Information Applications were received during the reporting period, full release was granted on both applications, within the scope of

the applications.

Pursuant to Section 38 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 1999 a person who is aggrieved by a determination made by the council is entitled to an internal review of the determination. There were no internal reviews for this reporting period.

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

INTERNAL REVIEW

of Council Decisions

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

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

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

REGISTERS & CODES

Section 131 (2)

Local Government Act 1999

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

MANDATORY REGISTERS, CODES AND POLICIES

List of Registers:-

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

CODES

- Code of Conduct – Elected Members
- Code of Conduct – Employees and Volunteers
- Code of Practice – Public Access to Council and

Committee Meetings and to Associated documents

- Code of Practice for Meeting Procedures

STATUTORY POLICIES

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

ADDITIONAL REGISTERS

Are maintained and include the following:-

- Assessment Record
- Approval Register

- Asset Register
- Certificate of Title Register
- Common Seal Register
- Confidential Minute Register
- Contracts, Licences and Agreements Register
- Register of Campaign Donation Returns
- Delegations Register
- Gift Register
- Internal Review Register Policy Register
- Lease Register
- Training Register – Elected Members and Employees

ADDITIONAL CODES

Of conduct have been adopted by Council and include:-

- Code of Conduct - Child Safe Environments

GUIDELINES

- 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 1999.



CORPORATE STATEMENT

HUMAN RESOURCES

Allowance, Bonuses and Benefits

Completion and acceptance of the new enterprise agreements for both indoor and outdoor employees took effect;

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

processing of Superannuation contributions.

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

Council has developed a Business Continuity Plan (BCP) in conjunction with Local Government Risk Services. The BCP will improve Council's resilience if confronted with a business interruption event.

EMPLOYEES

As at 30th June 2012 Council employed

 **66**
Full Time Equivalent: 58.4

 **45**
Full Time Equivalent: 24.33

TOTAL 111

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

Other Human Resources activities include;

- A survey of all staff was conducted with the results compiled to commence the development of a Workforce Plan with the goal of identifying strategies to attract and retain quality staff.
- Implementation of iLocal in conjunction with Local Super to streamline the



RATING & VALUATION SUMMARY

RATING COMPONENT		2011/12	2012/13
1	FIXED CHARGE	\$225	\$250
	Amount Total Collection	1,493,100	\$1,657,500
	% of Total Rates	18.48%	20.1%
2	DIFFERENTIAL RATES		
	1. In Town	\$2,231,295	\$2,164,231
	2. Out of Town	\$4,351,694	\$4,420,170
3	VALUATION		
	Rateable Land	\$1,621,580,014	\$1,652,072,594
	Non Rateable Land	\$ 48,472,446	\$ 49,005,166
	All Land	\$1,670,052,460	\$1,701,077,760
4	SEPARATE RATE		
	Catchment Board Contribution	n/a	n/a
	Catchment/NRM Levy	\$159,674	\$162,092

VALUATION COMPARISON		2011/12		2012/13		% INCREASE
		PROPERTIES	ASSESSED VALUE (\$)	PROPERTIES	ASSESSED VALUE (\$)	
1	Residential	3993	806,152,400	4031	816,957,300	1.3%
2	Commercial	272	88,565,640	271	89,240,640	1.0%
3	Industry	100	24,422,000	99	24,647,000	1.0%
4	Primary Production	2199	663,863,300	2193	681,961,700	1.03%
5	Vacant Land	900	40,656,460	888	40,496,260	-0.004%
6	Other	837	46,392,660	844	47,774,860	0.97%
TOTALS		8301	1,670,052,460	8326	1,701,077,760	0.98%

COUNCIL FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Sustainability Target

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

SCHOOL BASED TRAINEE



School Based Trainee Tahlia Jones - Year 11 Loxton High School Student

As at 30th June, 2013 had Council engaged School Based Trainees



1

Certificate III Horticulture



School Based Trainee Melanie Bakker - Year 12 Waikerie High School Students



2

Certificate III Business Administration

STRATEGIC PLAN 2012 - 2013

COMMUNITY GOAL 1 - SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

1a. Develop a Business Charter to establish a framework for engagement with key sectors of the economy

- P: Development of Business Charters with both chambers of commerce - Develop a formal agreement or understanding with the Chamber of Commerce to guide how the Chamber and Council will work cooperatively on agreed projects to strengthen and grow the business community
- S: Held over until coming financial year given other priorities of the respective chambers

1b. Be open and committed to the attraction of new business and identification of economic opportunities

- P: Development of a regional digital strategy and readiness for NBN Network in 2015 – Participate in a regional digital strategy. Commence the process to ready Loxton for the rollout of the NBN network in 2015

- S: Working with the local government representative from NBN Co in preparing for commencing of roll out and we are participating with Regional Development Australia in their digital cluster group for presentation for Digital Economy Plan for the Region. Council was further advised the inclusion of Waikerie in the roll out work to commence in 2015

1c. Ensure that land, infrastructure and services can meet demand

- P: Installation of kerbing fronting industrial buildings located at Mill Corner
- S: Complete

- P: Rilli Reserve Boat Ramp / Carpark Upgrade - To remove and construct new boat ramp and upgrade carpark
- S: Still to submit SAGFAL funding application

- P: Signage for Waikerie & Ramco Cemeteries – Roadway signs for visitors to the cemeteries
- S: Complete

- P: White Street Carpark / Paving McCoy Laneway - Upgrade lane way with pavers to beautify the connection with McCoy Street shopping centre
- S: Complete

- P: Realignment Loxton Airport Boundaries – To realign eastern and southern property boundaries
- S: Survey complete, with LTO for completion

- P: Investigation into bulk freight by rail alternative – Further the investigation into the option for supplementary bulk freight movement by rail
- S: Regional Development Australia in discussions with the licence holder of the track to determine possible interest in offering a service

- P: Rail Land Concept Plan – Develop a concept plan for Allotment 100 in DP 84679 Hundred of Bookpurnong
- S: Complete

- P: Continue investigation regarding relocation of Loxton Aquatic Club
- S: Preferred site identified, design for reformation of the bank under consideration

* P: Program
S: Status

STRATEGIC PLAN 2012 - 2013

- P: Continue investigation regarding the provision of additional Houseboat moorings
- S: Further to a meeting of the Houseboat Working Party in March 2013 Council determined that the urgency for a Riverfront Plan including houseboat for Loxton be developed

1d. Ensure Council's Development Plan is able to facilitate business opportunities

- P: Development Plan Amendment – Undertake a review of Councils development plan
- S: Complete

2. Encourage a vibrant tourism industry

2a. Foster tourism opportunities at a local, district and regional level by building upon existing tourism and business icons

- P: Paisley Riverfront Stabilisation - Bank stabilisation of 150m in length using Geofabric and bags to allow safe access to the river for tourism
- S: Complete
- P: Roadside signage promoting the Loxton Historical Village – 3 main entrances
- S: Scheduled for completion in December due to unavailability of graphic artist

- P: Loxton Historical Village Feasibility Study to identify ways to reinvigorate the Village to increase its contribution to the regional economy and reduce the net funding impact

S: Complete

- P: Installation of counter / workstation at Loxton Historical Village - 3 main entrances

S: Complete

- P: Loxton Tourist Drive and Walk Guide – Production of up to 15,000 copies of a motivational guide promoting self-drive tours and walks around the Loxton district including Loxton North, Lock 4, Moorook and Kingston on Murray

S: Complete

- P: Potential Loxton Visitor Centre Relocation – subject to the outcome of a feasibility study seek expressions of interest to construct a new facility for the VIC and also an eatery

- S: Feasibility assessment held over pending the outcome of the land division process to create the parcel of land which is the site of the proposed relocation

- P: Loxton Riverfront – Finalise division of land process
- S: Plan of Division finalised and lodged, recommended dedicated uses for newly created parcels of land identified

- P: Construction of a caravan / recreational vehicle temporary parking and dump station in Waikerie

- S: Preferred site and design identified following consultation with the Waikerie Community Consultative Committee, application lodged with SAPOL for legal access to a small section of land under its control that is required

- P: Explore digitisation of displays and visitor experiences to Loxton Historical Village through use of MP3 guides, QR codes and audio visual displays

- S: Work has commenced on installation of QR Codes for displays

- P: Maintain Loxton Visitor Information Centre accreditation with the National Tourism Accreditation Program

S: Complete

- P: Waikerie Visitor Information Centre

S: Ongoing

STRATEGIC PLAN 2012 - 2013

2b. Lift the economic and financial profile of the region through targeted promotion and marketing, event coordination and publicising of business success

- P: Undertake annual campaign to raise revenue for marketing and promotion of the Loxton district

S: Complete

2c. Promote and attract events and festivals that add value to the local economy

- P: Riverland Food & Wine Festival - support for bus transport from this district to and from the event

S: Complete

- P: 2012 Loxton Lights Up Day – financial support for business manager

S: Complete

- P: Riverstock Rockfest 2012 – Three day music festival on the riverfront at Moorook in November 2012

S: Ongoing

- P: History Festival Week - Council support for events during History Week

S: Complete

- P: Identify and develop proposal for one major event to be held in Loxton annually

S: Complete

- P: Identify and develop proposal for one major event to be held in Waikerie annually

- S: Council determined not to pursue recommended event, Community Development Officer continuing to investigate option however with the establishment of True Grit Waikerie has an additional annual event for the economic benefit of the town

- P: Explore an alternative Alive Day which focussed on children during school holidays

S: Complete

- P: Production of the Annual Loxton District Visitor Guide

S: Complete

- P: Maintain and distribute a calendar of events, festivals and activities of interest to visitors to the district

S: Complete

- P: Loxton Historical Village Kids Day Out - 3 October 2012

S: Complete

2d. Use social networking tools to market and promote the region

- P: Progress establishment of DLWC Facebook page in consultation with Dept Premier Social

- Media Unit, and prepare report for Council

- S: Continuing to provide information to Elected Members regarding the benefits of Social Media training workshop scheduled in the near future

- P: Maintenance of the official Loxton district tourism web site www.visitloxton.com.au

S: Ongoing

3. Create partnerships that provide economic opportunities

3a. Work with local business associations to identify and address barriers to growth

- P: Joint projects with the two chambers of commerce - support for joint agreed projects that enhances profitability and market exposure for existing businesses

- S: Supported representatives from both Chambers attending the Mainstreet SA Conference, Loxton Chamber of Commerce \$4758 for Print media Campaign and \$4000 for development of an Online Business Directory, Riverland West Chamber of Commerce \$4000 towards administration support and balance towards increased online presence

STRATEGIC PLAN 2012 - 2013

P: Continue provision of financial support to Regional Development Australia for the establishment and support of new and existing business
S: Complete

4. Economic Wealth

4a. Adopt an Economic Development Strategy

P: Economic Development Strategy – Loxton and Waikerie – Development of a township specific Economic Development Strategy for Loxton and Waikerie
S: Not required

COMMUNITY GOAL 2 - COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

1. Governance

1a. Undertake decision making that is transparent, timely and responsive to community needs, whilst maintaining a clear focus on the long term goals of the community

P: Formalise lease and licences for third party occupation of Council land - provision of legal fees to support the updating / formalising of third part occupation of Council land
S: Complete

P: Fraud and Corruption Audit
S: N/A

P: Delegations Review
S: Complete

P: Authorisations
S: Complete

1b. Ensure there is no bias in the decisions of Council or the {Enter Action}s of staff

P: Elected Members Training Needs Analysis
S: Training needs identified and training provided

1c. Review governance and meeting structures to ensure they are consistent with good industry practice and meet community expectations

P: Ensure that Section 41 committees are compliant with legislation and practice
S: Provision of S41 Training to Committees by Kellady Jones

1d. Review policies and procedures to ensure compliance with legislation and that they are relevant to community needs

P: Investigate the process of a legislative compliance review
S: Developed an annual schedule of review for all policies and implemented

P: Records Management Plan
S: Implemented

2. Community Training

2a. Implement a Professional Development program which incorporates provision of, and encourages attendance at, focussed training for Elected Members to equip them to effectively discharge their responsibilities

P: Elected Member Training - Develop an Elected Member Training Plan
S: All Elected Members surveyed on training needs and training provided

3. Create partnerships that provide economic opportunities

3a. Identify appropriate opportunities to engage the community in decision making

P: Implement the use of electronic media tools for community engagement
S: Refer to item GOAL 1 - 2d

3b. Actively support community structures that promote and empower the community to determine its own requirements

P: Investigate alternate governance structures for Section 41 committees
S: Successful transition of a Section 41 to incorporated body was taken place further work continuing with other identified S41 Committees

STRATEGIC PLAN 2012 - 2013

P: Develop alternate funding and support structures that empowers and engages recipients
S: Complete

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

1. Asset Management

1a. Ensure long term management of infrastructure is based on asset management plans

P: Sealed road construction including resealing of various roads across the network
- Taplan Road Shoulders
- Loxton High School Carpark
- Ziegler Road Shoulders (1km)
- Reseals (\$400,000)
S: Complete

P: Resheeting of 41.9 kilometres of unsealed road network
- Mindarie Road (6km)
- Snodgrass Road (3km)
- Taplan Road (3km)
- Flowery Plains Road (2km)
- Gibbs Road (4km)
- Lowbank Road (16.9km)
- Notts Well Road (6km)
- Dearman Road (1km)
S: Complete

P: Replacement of plant, equipment and minor machinery (net of trade)
S: Complete

P: Rehabilitation of landing strips at the Loxton Aerodrome
S: Complete

P: Painting of pools surfaces located at Loxton
S: Complete

P: Community Wastewater Management Scheme – Independent periodic valuation of CWMS infrastructure assets as required by legislation
S: Complete

P: Repair of toilets at the Waikerie Civic Centre – Replace cistern, bowls and pipes to all of the toilets including the Library, Waikerie Office and outside toilets
S: Complete

P: Kingston On Murray Hall – Rear corner of hall badly cracked – requires underpinning
S: Complete

P: Kingston On Murray Hall Toilets – Install doors to toilets to prevent unauthorised use and damage
S: Complete

P: Capital Works
S: Complete

P: MapInfo / Conquest Data Management
S: Training scheduled throughout the year

P: Budget Planning and Condition Rating
S: Complete

1b. Implement a long term priority based road maintenance program

P: RSM Modelling and 10 Year Planning
S: Complete

P: Develop a Road Counter schedule for identified roads and implement
S: Complete

P: Community satisfaction with local roads with review of B Double and commodity freight routes
S: Commenced

1c. Provide and manage the collection, retention, reuse or disposal of storm water in a manner that promotes sustainability of the water resource within the community, district and region

P: Increased provision made available for damage to infrastructure resulting from anticipation of high intensity rainfall events and resultant storm damage
S: Complete

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P: Installation of drainage infrastructure at the Paruna Netball / tennis Court to prevent inundation of nearby buildings
S: Complete

P: Enlarge the catchment basin in Eyre Street inclusive of upgrade to the service road and drainage on the Paruna Road - Catchment basin will be linked to the stormwater network to be utilised for irrigation purposes and for future storm proofing of the Loxton south area
S: Complete

P: 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 upgrading to a size and standard necessary to cater for the disposal of increased volumes of stormwater
S: Complete

P: Develop and implement sub surface irrigation schedules utilising harvested stormwater and treated effluent on township green areas, sporting facilities and reserves
S: Complete

P: Continue with sustainable plantings throughout the district, in consultation with Section 41 committees
S: Complete

P: Utilise wireless technology for the disposal of water from catchment basins/other infrastructure during extreme rain events
S: Complete

P: Continuation of identified Master Plan Riverfront developments incorporating sustainable water resource management
S: Commenced

2. Public Spaces

2a. *Provide accessible and sustainable open space, parks and gardens for passive and active recreation*

P: Our Hub, Our Pride East Terrace Loxton revitalisation - partial funding to advance this project and to assist in seeking grant funding
S: Concept developed and open to public consultation, grants application submitted

P: Waikerie pioneer park - Develop pioneer park to create more aesthetically pleasing environment for tourists and locals
S: Complete

P: Waikerie community garden – Investigate and establish a community garden in Waikerie
S: Community Garden established with Waikerie High School and White Lion Inc utilising students undertaking Flexible Learning Options

P: Enhancement/ beautification of river front developments
S: Complete

P: Continued work on identified projects within the Moorook and Kingston on Murray riverfront areas including bank stabilisation and installation of new pontoon. Funds to be leveraged to attract grant funding
S: Commenced - only outstanding matter is installation of pontoon

P: Riverfront stabilisations at the KOM riverfront
S: Complete

P: Renewal of fencing at Ramco Point
S: Complete

2b. *Provide attractive entrances and streetscapes to enhance the character of the townships*

P: Median Strips Upgrade Sturt Highway Waikerie
S: Awaiting advice from DPTI

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P: Loxton Visitor Information Centre / Cross of Sacrifice Gardens - replant these gardens and reconfigure irrigation systems
S: Contractor appointed and works to be completed in early July

P: Programmed upgrade of footpath network to aid mobility access
S: Complete

P: Street Tree Planting Program Loxton – To improve street-scapes in and around the township by planting street trees to enhance the environment to provide shade
S: Complete

P: Street Tree Planting Program Waikerie – To improve street-scapes in and around the township by planting street trees to enhance the environment to provide shade and colour to the town's main entrance
S: Complete

P: Seating Harvest Lodge – Provide park seating on the lawn opposite Harvest Lodge
S: Complete

P: Federation Park – To develop a final plan for the further development of Federation Park and implementation

S: WDCC have endorsed plan. To be presented to Council and released for public consultation

P: Erect prepared signage at entrance to Waikerie
S: Complete

P: Continued development and maintenance of memorial gardens at Waikerie
S: Ongoing

P: Landscaping at Federation Park Waikerie
S: Complete

P: Sustainable plantings to be planted at Tobruk Tce
S: Complete

3. Community Assets and Facilities

3a. *Identify opportunities and partnerships for joint use / multi purpose facilities to increase community use and viability of current and any, new infrastructure*

P: Alawoona Hall – Public Liability Insurance
S: Alawoona Hall Committee agreed to incorporate and working through development of constitution

P: Insurance / Public Liability Insurance - provision to support the insurance requirements of up to two section 41 committees in the event that they incorporate

S: Established for one committee which is now incorporate work will continue on other identified committees

P: Management agreement / fee - provision to develop management agreements for council owned facilities with up to two organisations
S: Complete

P: Kingston On Murray Hall - provision for the development of a Management Agreement for the Hall
S: Complete

P: Alawoona Hall - provision for the development of a Management Agreement for the Hall
S: Complete

P: Loxton Mens Shed Inc – Provision of support
S: Complete

3b. *Examine opportunities to develop, maintain or rationalise Council owned assets and facilities based primarily on strategic objectives, assessment of risk (if any), usage, spread of potential benefit and community well being*

P: Waikerie Combined Community Facility - provision to develop a concept plan for a new combined community facility

* P: Program
S: Status

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S: Developed a design and identified preferred location. Negotiating purchase of site

P: Motor Home Dump Point (Moorook) - Install Motor home Dump Point at the Moorook River front

S: Complete

P: Public meeting of interested residents to establish network of interested individuals scheduled for July 2012, presentation by experienced guest speaker

S: Complete

3c. Establish and implement a policy for rights of use on community assets and facilities

P: Develop Lease Management Policy

S: Developed and presented to Council for adoption in principal prior to undertaking extensive public consultation

3d. Develop a long term community asset and facilities plans which addresses future needs, access, amenity and climate impacts

P: Lease and Licence Management

S: Complete

P: Loxton Council Depot Design

S: Commencement to be determined

4. Municipal Facilities

4a. Review long term requirements for libraries and office accommodation to meet current and projected community demand and operational requirements

P: Waikerie Library – upgrade computers for circulation desk

S: Complete

5. Infrastructure

5a. Support greater access to telecommunications and broadband networks

P: Upgrade to Corowa Estates TV Reception junction boxes including the sealing of these boxes

S: Complete

5b. Establish and implement a policy which provides access to all community facilities and infrastructure

P: Develop DLWC Disability Access, Inclusion and Plan pursuant to federal Disability Discrimination Act 1992

S: Environ Arc to be contracted to provide disability awareness training and prepare Council's Disability Action Plan

5c. Implement a directional signage program that enables increased usage of infrastructure and facilities

P: Welcome to Town Signage (Moorook, Kingston, Ramco) Part 1, Stage 2

S: Yet to commence

P: Loxton Walking Trail Signs – Repair Signs

S: Complete

COMMUNITY GOAL 4 - RECOGNITION AND PROTECTION OF A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

1. Water Resource Management

1a. Identify and pursue opportunities for the development and upgrading of sustainable methods of water and waste water management and disposal

P: Construction of stormwater capture basin to provide for runoff at the Loxton North Netball / Tennis Courts

S: Deferred to 2013/14

2. Waste Management

2a. Encourage waste minimisation and resource conservation through the promotion of regional best practices in recycling, reuse and minimisation

P: Establish a collaborative waste minimisation and recycling education program incorporating environmental and community development personnel

S: Complete

2b. Seek to avoid or minimise waste in Council operations

P: Remediation of the Loxton landfill site including capping and construction of waste transfer station

and composting pad at the Waikerie Waste Transfer Station

S: Commenced - Tonkins awarded contract to install phyto cap

3. Sustainability

3a. Adopt practices in the management of Council's assets and operations that support the sustainable use of energy and natural resources

P: Assess carbon emissions across Council operations and develop and implement mitigation programs

S: Ongoing

3b. Work constructively to ensure the community is informed and can respond to the impact of climate change

P: Continued participation in the Adelaide University led study on Human Dimensions of Climate Change focusing on Waikerie

S: Complete

4. Environmental Management

4a. Implement the Public and Environment Health Plan

P: Inspect all premises where food is prepared for sale or sold to ensure compliance with the Food Act

S: Ongoing

P: Provide food handling training for persons responsible for food

handling in the community and promote training and instructive material via Council website and notices

S: Ongoing

P: Maintain a regular program of enforcement to protect the community and promote high standards of public health

S: Ongoing

4b. Protect, enhance and actively manage the natural and built environment

P: Provision made available for high river flood maintenance in the anticipation of further follow up high river event

S: Yet to commence

P: Remediate the effluent ponds adjacent to Ramco Road in Waikerie and create a landscaped stormwater catchment treatment and reuse wetland and that location

S: Yet to commence

P: Remediate the Waikerie landfill site located adjacent to the Waikerie aerodrome

S: Complete

4c. Maintain regional alignment with the Development Plan that incorporates State, Regional and local requirements, including the management of conflicting land uses, identification of sufficient opportunities to promote for the expansion

of the economic base of the district in a sustainable manner

P: Ensure assessment of Development Applications are undertaken in a timely manner

S: Complete

P: Ensure the enforcement of provisions of the Development Act

S: Ongoing

P: Ensure public safety by maintaining compliance with swimming pool legislation and inspection of 20% of existing installed swimming pools

S: Yet to commence. The envisaged legislative requirements required to trigger inspections and swimming pool upgrades to meet appropriate standards is still being written

P: Inspect 70% of all new building work including footings, frames, wet areas and on completion

S: Complete

P: Establish a regularised program to ensure that roof trusses are installed in accordance with new legislation to the following levels; 68% for builders 95% for owner/builders

S: Complete

* P: Program
S: Status

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P: Ensure consistence between all regional councils regarding Development and Environmental Services

S: Ongoing

P: Completion of DCLW Animal Management Plan

S: Complete

P: Provide effective dog management practices through provision of information and education via Council website and printed material

S: Complete

P: Establish dog off leash exercise areas in both Loxton and Waikerie

S: N/A

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

1. Community Well-being

1a. Foster an increase in community capacity through a sense of ownership and pride, the celebration of the arts, community "can do" spirit, recognition of achievements and the value of volunteering

P: Volunteer Resource Centre - Stage 1 - Creation of a Volunteer Support Program designed to encourage and support increased volunteering

S: Final stage of process, currently actioning recommendations from Public Consultation with Volunteering SA/NT.

P: Historical Plaques – a staged program to record the history of sites within Waikerie

S: Complete

P: Establishment of a collaborative, community based Volunteer Resource Centre in Loxton and Waikerie

S: Complete

P: Continued utilisation of the Volunteer Squared data program for comprehensive volunteer management

S: Commenced audit of volunteers. Ongoing.

P: Local History

S: Commenced. Initial collation of information for development of strategic plan for management of local history by Community Development Officer, Tourism Officer and Library Managers. Work to continue following implementation of One Library Management System.

P: Manager volunteer programs at the Loxton Visitor Information Centre and Loxton Historical Village

S: Complete

P: Browns Well Heritage Collection volunteer project to scan material for upcoming centenary in 2014 induct volunteers

S: Project established. Ongoing until 2014.

1b. Encourage life long learning through the provision of appropriate resources, services and facilities

P: Provide OverDrive eBook & audiobook catalogue resource

S: Complete

2. Cultural Development

2a. Provide opportunities for cultural expression and learning

P: Loxton's Annual Entry in SA Living Artists Festival – Exhibit Riverland Artists work in multiple venues in Loxton during the month long SALA Festival - August 2013

S: Complete

P: Citizen of the Year

S: Complete

P: Australia Day Events (Kingston on Murray)

S: Complete

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P: Australia Day Events (Loxton)

S: Complete

P: Australia Day Event (Waikerie)

S: Complete

P: Browns Well Town Centenary Committee

S: Complete

P: General/event permits (approx. 300 permits annually)

S: Complete

P: Community Event permit audit

S: Complete

P: Create Venue Hire Application

S: Complete

P: Liquor Licences

S: Complete

P: KESAB (Loxton Submissions)

S: Complete

P: KESAB (Waikerie Submission)

S: Complete

P: Farmers Parade

S: Complete

P: Loxton Centenary Feature

S: Complete

P: Community Awards Assessment Panel

S: Complete

P: Youth Advisory committees (Loxton and Waikerie)

S: Complete

P: Seniors month Activities (Loxton and Waikerie)

S: Complete

P: Community Grants

S: Complete

P: Mens Shed - Waikerie

S: Multi-use facility to be established in Waikerie including the Mens Shed in a purpose built facility utilising funding from Waikerie Caravan Park Reserve.

P: Responsible Officer to the Loxton Christmas Lights committee

S: Complete

P: NAIDOC Week (Loxton and Waikerie)

S: Complete

3. Community Services

3a. Facilitate community needs in areas such as aged services and accommodation, childcare and preschool support, public transport, access to services and health care

P: Aerodrome Solar Lighting - The purchase of Solar Lights for the Loxton

Aerodrome to replace the ageing infrastructure already in place

S: Complete

P: Community Support - provision to support ad hoc requests from community organisations for support

S: Complete

P: Community Development - Include items subscriptions, training, discretionary budget for community related project in community development

S: Complete

3b. Ensure library facilities meet changing needs and demands

P: Refurbishment Initiatives - Loxton Public Library

S: Complete

P: Computer Replacement - Loxton Public Library

S: Complete

P: Signage for adult library to increase visibility of building / Computer Replacement - Waikerie Public Library - Internet PC utilised by public and visitors, Ebook purchase

S: Complete

P: Annual software licensing for Library Management System

S: Complete

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P: Preparation for Library Management System
S: Project plan completed. Joint meeting of Waikerie and Loxton library staff to establish common understanding and practices for 1 LMS

3c. Develop appropriate programs and facilities that respond to the needs of youth and the contribution that they make to the community

P: Operation Flinders – one thirds share to be combined with the other Riverland Councils to support local at risk youth involvement in Operation Flinders Riverland Chapter
S: Complete

4. Recreation and Sport

4a. Actively support local sport and recreation organisations that contribute to a diverse range of activities

P: Waikerie Combined Sports Board – provision of lease fee for the operation of the Waikerie Sports Centre
S: Governance arrangements altered. Waikerie Combined Sports Board no longer operates Waikerie Sports Centre

P: Loxton Triathlon – support for the Incorporation and insurance fees
S: Complete

P: Loxton North Cricket Nets - provision to upgrade the practice net surface
S: No longer proceeding

4b. Provide appropriate passive and active infrastructure to support recreational pursuits

P: Waikerie Sporting Precinct Part 1, Stage 2 of the development plan - funded from caravan park reserve (50%), grant funding (50%)
S: Complete

4c. Develop a recreational plan to meet future recreation, sport and open space needs

P: Loxton Sporting Precinct Concept Development - further development of this concept
S: Complete

P: Retirement Village / Scout / Guides Joint Use Facility - to develop concept plans for this proposal
S: Concept plan developed but put on hold pending outcome of a review of the Loxton Retirement Village

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

1. Organisational Development

1a. Continue to seek innovative methods of service delivery, including the use of shared

service methodologies as appropriate

P: Year of Procurement - Continue to seek innovative methods of service delivery, including the use of shared service methodologies as appropriate
S: Spend Analysis complete, opportunities for joint procurement and potential savings / increase in service identified, MOU between Riverland Councils proposed

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P: Asset Management Plan Updates
S: Complete

P: Asset Management Procedure and Data Capture Review
S: Complete

P: Asset Management Plan Updates
S: Complete

1b. Attract, retain and empower qualified, forward thinking staff to provide leadership

P: Review and amend position descriptions in conjunction with recruitment
S: All position descriptions under review, all new employees engaged using amended position descriptions

1c. Implement a workforce development plan that incorporates an appraisal system and performance

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system related to the Strategic and Departmental Corporate Management Plans

P: Review of Employment Contracts and Performance Assessments - Council staff
S: Held Over

P: Workforce Planning Assessment - to conduct a succession / planning assessment to ensure the skill needs of Council are recognised and any gaps identified in advance of need
S: Complete

1d. Deliver necessary services in a cost effective and efficient manner

P: Confidential Shredding of temporary records approved for destruction by State Records
S: Complete

P: Work Force Planning - Delivery necessary services in a cost effective and efficient manner
S: Not commenced

1e. Encourage a continuous improvement culture throughout the organisation

P: Training and Consulting Services for Asset Management Coordinator to reduce the ongoing need for consultant input to the Asset Management process
S: Training scheduled throughout the year

P: Implement an annual delivery plan that incorporates an appraisal system and performance system related to the strategic and departmental corporate management plans
S: Complete

1f. Continue to review OH&S principles and systems for all staff, volunteers and contractors

P: Provide amplification in the Loxton Chambers specifically for the purpose of meetings
S: Complete

P: Training initiatives for outside workforce to provide multiskilling advantages and pride of work. Training to focus on Occupational health and safety and long term succession planning of work force
S: Ongoing. Training provided to all staff regarding move to the Work Health and Safety Act, cultural/succession planning in progress.

P: Schedule of training requirements as indicated by Training Needs Gap Analysis
S: Complete

P: Develop Risk Management Plan pursuant to employees
S: Complete

1g. Provide professional administration, structured to achieve Council's strategic plans

P: Telephone system replacement - upgrading of Councils outdated system
S: Complete. Replacement scheduled for October 2013

P: Development Application Storage
S: Budget not allocated, re-budget in forthcoming year

P: Record Management Services - to provide for the management and archiving of Councils records
S: Complete

P: Office Lap Top Computer – Waikerie Office – replacement
S: Complete

P: Printer for HR Payroll - Waikerie Office
S: No longer required

P: Administration Trainees - provision for two trainees positions from January 2013
S: Complete. Trainees appointed July 2013.

P: OHS Office – Mobile Phone Allowance / Reimbursement
S: Complete

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P: Finalise Memorandum of Understanding with Berri Barmera Council regarding resource sharing and regional pound facilities

S: Draft proposed to Berri Barmera and Renmark Paringa for a range of resource sharing initiatives and regional pound

P: Continue discussion regarding securing of a regional RSPCA Officer

S: Complete

P: Finalise discussions and establish MOU for dog and cat desexing and micro chipping with local veterinarians

S: Ongoing, for completion December 2013

P: Improve Insurance Claims Administration

S: Complete

2. Customer Service

2a. Introduce, monitor and report on customer service standards

P: Works Request Systems - monitor and report on customer service standards

S: Completed and outcome that 95% of requests attended to within the applicable service standard

3. Long Term Planning

3a. Implement and review Strategic and Annual Business Plans each year

P: Long term financial management plan review - Complete review of Councils long term financial management plan

S: Complete

P: Annual business plan - complete councils annual business plan and budget in accordance with legislative requirements and time frames. Service delivery objectives included within annual business plan

S: Complete

3b. Develop a Business Continuity Plan

P: Develop an emergency customer service plan and procedures (prioritisation of services)

S: To be implemented

P: Assist with the development of an emergency customer service plan and procedures (prioritisation of services)

S: Draft prepared

P: Review of the Business Continuity Plan

S: Underway

4. Financial Sustainability

4a. Provide a fair and equitable rating system

P: Provide a fair and equitable rating system - consider legislative

requirements in the setting and raising of rates for the financial year. In particular issues concerning equity within the community and the impact of rates across the area

S: Complete

P: Financial Statements - complete annual financial statements of council as required by legislation

S: Complete

P: Budget review - complete budget reviews of council as required by legislation

S: Complete

4b. Reduction in the reliance of rate revenue through actively seeking other revenue streams (external funds as a means of funding service) delivery

P: Sustainability through Cost Management – Reduction in reliance on rate revenue through actively seeking other revenue streams

S: See GOAL 6 - 1g for proposed regional resource sharing initiatives for possible cost savings

P: CWMS Updates and Valuations

S: Valuation undertaken and plan updated

4c. Adopt prudent risk management strategies to protect community assets

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P: Develop a risk management plan, review, update and ensure annual reviews are held to cover business wide risks and ensure annual reviews are held to cover business wide risks and ensure that the Audit Committee receives regular reports

S: Ongoing. Draft Business Continuity Plan under review

P: Internal Audit Operations - Adopt prudent risk management strategies to protect community assets

S: Complete

P: Conduct regular review of internal controls

S: Complete

P: Audit committee - continue operation of councils audit committee providing oversight and monitoring of corporate and financial governance, legal compliance and business risks. Also to assist Council with issues of strategic context

S: Complete

P: Internal control review - continue to review internal financial control procedures and implement changes to controls as recommended by the deloitte report into the review of Councils internal financial controls

S: Ongoing. Staged review on risk management basis

P: Ensure effective reporting of any risk outcomes arising from Insurance claims

S: Not commenced

P: Management of the Insurance Portfolio

S: Complete

P: Management of Public Liability

S: Effective management undertaken, informal reporting to CEO and DIS, formal reporting to SMT yet to commence

* P: Program
S: Status

WORK HEALTH & SAFETY

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

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

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

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

Council continues to increase workplace efficiency by:

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

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

The Work Health Safety and Risk Committee meets quarterly to address work health safety issues. Together with the Regional Risk Coordinator, the

committee has an ongoing commitment to Work Health and Safety to achieve the best policies, procedures and practices for the safety of all employees, contractors and volunteers.

Council participated in the Local Government Association Workers' Compensation Scheme's Healthy Lifestyle projects and continues to provide screenings for employees.

- Healthy Lifestyle Program Health Assessments
- Skin Screen checks
- Flu vaccinations
- Hearing tests
- Vision checks

In accordance with Council's commitment to preventative actions, Work Health and Safety training and information sessions are made available to employees on a continuing basis.



INFRASTRUCTURE STATEMENT

ROAD CONTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE

The 2012/2013 capital works program has resulted in the following being completed:

Unsealed Roads

Mindarie Road - 6kms
Snodgrass Road - 3kms
Taplan Road - 3kms
Flowery Plains Road - 2kms
Gibbs Road - 4kms
Lowbank Road - 6.1kms
Notts Well Road - 6kms
Dearman Road - 1km

Sealed Roads

Taplan Road shoulders
Loxton High School car park
Ziegler Road shoulders

District Council of Loxton Waikerie was successful in its application to the Federal Government Round 3 Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program, with Ziegler Road receiving dollar for dollar funding to a total of \$742,000. This 6.5km of increasingly busy road, serving irrigation and industrial business between Sturt Highway and Cadell Valley Road will make B double transport operations much safer. Work has commenced with shoulders and expected completion will be by mid next financial year.

Reseals

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



Gibbs Road

MOBILITY ACCESS

Council has allocated funds to support Council's Mobility Access Plan. Under the plan footpaths have been identified to be upgraded to create easier access for gopher, pram and other users. The areas being upgraded are those that link major footpaths to the central business district and health services.

Areas that now allow such access include:

- Cliff Top Walk, linking to Pioneer Park
- Bookpurnong Terrace from View Street to Pyap Street
- Pram ramps have been installed at Anzac Crescent, Acacia Avenue, Geraldton Street/ Bookpurnong Terrace and Geraldton Street/school Laneway into the street.



Bookpurnong Terrace Footpath

PARKS & GARDENS

Each year, council sets out a maintenance program to maintain and develop parks and gardens throughout the district, focusing on maintaining sustainable landscapes, upkeep of playgrounds, sporting grounds, swimming pools and parks/gardens and reserves.

This year attention has been given to the median strips along Tobruk Terrace with laying of mulch to enhance the southern entrance into the Loxton township, which also included installation of recycled crushed red brick to the median strips opposite the Loxton Cemetery and at Mill Corner.

The removal of salt affected trees has been completed to beautify

the Apex Park area along the Loxton Riverfront and to allow for future development of this area.

Street beautification with tree planting has continued throughout the district. Planting of Jacarandas along the major approaches into the Waikerie township has been completed.

Scoria was installed to the western approach in Waikerie to enhance the look of the median strips in this area.

Salt bush and bottle brush were planted on the approach on West Road, Waikerie to screen properties from the road.

The Waikerie District Community Committee and the Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee are supported by the council throughout the year by identifying potential projects that continue the beautification of the Waikerie and Loxton townships.



Tobruk Terrace Mulching



Salt Bush Screens

MOOROOK & PAISLEY

Riverfront Development Moorook - Stage 1 & 2

Council applied for and were successful in receiving funding from SA Boating Facilities Advisory Committee (SABFAC) for the upgrade of the Moorook Riverfront. The project cost is \$240,000 with \$120,000 of this being funded through SABFAC.

Work commenced in May 2013 with the installation of an RV dump point and removal of existing tyres along the riverfront completed. Stabilisation of the bank, construction of a ski beach, installation of a pontoon

and houseboat wharf, car park, lighting, and minor landscaping all programmed for completion in the 2013/2014 financial year.

The remediation of the existing Moorook river bank will improve access to provide for safe, fit for purpose ski facilities and improved launching and retrieval facilities.

The Paisley riverfront was upgraded due to severe bank erosion and safety concerns with the riverfront bank. Work was carried out to reshape the bank, install geofabric bags/matting and lay new turf to prevent further erosion and improve access to the waters edge.



Moorook Riverfront



Paisley Riverfront

WORKS REQUEST SYSTEM

The works request system has continued to be a strong tool for the programming of, capture of and successful completion, in a specified, agreed time frame of our districts' identified infrastructure requests.

Our team completed 1,021 works requests, achieving an on time completion rate of 95.2%.

Requests were a mixture of maintaining our infrastructure such as footpaths and roads, seasonal – unsealed road grading, risk and extreme weather driven – tree trimming, branch removal and flooding, as well as specialised – event

work, sign replacement and road closures, through to the expected – bin deliveries, new plantings and weed spraying.

The community have embraced the on line webpage request form as well as the after hours on call number in addition to the traditional method of phoning the council offices.

REGISTER OF PUBLIC ROADS

The Register of Public Roads was developed and implemented in May 2012. The Register includes Loxton and Waikerie township maps as well surrounding districts with public toilets, recreation centres, emergency services, hospitals etc identified for customer service queries.

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WAIKERIE DISTRICT

Community Committee

The Waikerie District Community Committee (WDCC) is a Section 41 Committee of council and advises council on various areas such as Parks & Gardens, Walking Trails, Tree Planting, Sustainable Communities coordination, plus many other community projects.

The Committee is comprised of interested members of the community who feel they have something to give in their knowledge and interest in the district. While only small we always welcome new members with their enthusiasm and input.

A major project for the committee this year has been the upgrading

of Pioneer Park. Having been neglected during and following the drought members of the committee decided that it was due for refurbishment. A small group met and presented a concept idea to the main committee, this then was worked on with a landscape designer who after further consultation a final design was accepted. A staged project was planned but thanks to Council a budget was provided to complete the project in one year.

Some other projects discussed or commenced this year have been the updating of plans for Federation Park, replacement of town clock, planting of Jacaranda trees along various road entrances to the town, updating the Waikerie Historic Walk brochure.

As always there are many other items and projects discussed as there will be in future years"



Pioneer Park - Before



Pioneer Park - After

RECREATION GROUNDS

Loxton Committee

The Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee (LRGC), a Section 41 Committee of council, represented by 10 community members has the primary focus of continuing development of recreation ground facilities under the care and control and management of council within the Loxton Township and surrounds.



Heritage Park

The committee has been the driving force for the East Terrace Revitalisation Project with the aim to improve the streetscape and create a "village style" to invigorate the commercial and entertainment precinct.



VIC Garden Beds

Each year the committee identifies areas for new street tree plantings. Plantings for the year 2012/2013 included the roads surrounding the Loxton Cemetery, the roads between Martha Street and Railway Terrace and Keith Payne Court.

New plantings are looked after by the Loxton Tree Carers who are a volunteer group for the first two years before being managed by council.

Throughout the year the committee have continued to be involved in continuing the beautification of Loxton Heritage Park with the assistance of Service Clubs/Community Groups and Schools, the upgrade to garden beds surrounding the Visitor Information Centre and Cross of Sacrifice and installation of street furniture.

The LRGC are continually developing ways to improve the streetscapes/parks and gardens for the Loxton Township.

HERITAGE PARK

(Section D)

The Council through the Loxton Recreation Ground Committee developed a draft concept plan for the extension and completion of Heritage Park (section D).

Council sought comment for the extension and completion of Heritage Park along Bookpurnong Terrace from Fifth Street to McIntosh Street, which required the removal of 19 mature pine trees. Section D of Heritage Park will complete

the walk to East Terrace by connecting the nature walking trail to the newly installed mobility access footpath.

At the close of the consultation period 5 written responses were received, 4 being in favour of the proposed removal of the trees and development of the area and 1 seeking the installation of a seat agreed to by the Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee in 2002 in memory of a past citizen.

Continuation of the Heritage Park project is programmed for the 2013/2014 financial year.

LOXTON NORTH RECREATION

Grounds Committee

The Loxton North Recreation Grounds Committee (LNRGC) is a small Section 41 Committee comprising of six members.

Their major project has been to produce the Loxton North Sporting Precinct Development Plan including consultation with all user groups and council. The plan sets guidelines for the future staged development of the

Loxton North Sporting Precinct to include upgrades to drainage, roads, playground and plantings.

The development and implementation of the plan will be the LNRGC primary focus for future years.

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.



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

FOOD ACT 2001

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

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

Council updated the Food Act and Premises Inspection Policy to reflect amendments to the Food Regulations 2002. The following inspections were undertaken for the 2012/13 financial year: -

RISK CLASSIFICATION	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	TOTAL
No. of Businesses	34	25	16	75
No. of routine Inspections conducted	18	22	16	56
No of follow up Inspections conducted	1	8	12	21
No. of Inspections resulting from complaints	2	0	0	2

Food business operators have a legal and moral responsibility to ensure that not only are their premises in a clean and hygienic state, but also to ensure that the food they serve is safe and suitable for human consumption. Council continues to take food safety enforcement as well as business and public education very seriously and will take enforcement action when required to do so.

During the reporting period 44 warning letters was sent to food businesses throughout the Council area for failing to comply with the National Food Safety Standards.

PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACT AND REGULATIONS

Council continued to administer the Public and Environmental Health Act, 1987 and Regulations to ensure that Council maintains and further improves ongoing regulatory compliance whilst promoting, public health concerns.

The new Public Health Act 2011 replaces the Public and Environmental Health Act 1987, and requires the implementation of a Council Public Health Plan in the next 12 to 18 months. This will be a key priority for the 2012/13 financial year.

Public Health and Safety Promotion

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

Complaints and Offensive Activities

During the reporting period a varied number of public health complaints and concerns were received and investigated by Council; these included effluent leakage onto public property as well as rats and other vermin and odour related issues from high intensive animal facilities.

Hairdressers

The majority of hairdressers and beauty salons were inspected during the reporting period and no adverse conditions were noted.

Indeed the attention to good hygiene practices maintained by the respective operators was of a very high standard much to the benefit of cliental.

PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

Vector Control

Council continues to provide advice to residents regarding the control of mosquitoes and midges; as well as vector surveillance throughout the region. Monitoring of breeding sites and control works were undertaken by the University of South Australia.

Pool and Spa Inspections

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

PLANNING DIVISION

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

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

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

During the 2012/2013 financial year, there were 7 Category 2 development applications assessed, 6 Category 3 developments assessed and 2 non-complying applications processed as well as 2 minor non-complying development applications that were not required to undergo public notification.

Riverland Regional Development Assessment Panel

The Riverland Regional Development Assessment Panel (RRDAP) is charged with the responsibility of considering development applications on behalf of Council in circumstances where the nature of development is deemed non-complying or where a particular proposal generates significant public interest through the public notification process. The Panel also deal with the majority of Council's own applications.

Such proposals are usually outside of the staff's delegated authority decision making powers. During the 2012/2013 year the Panel considered 8 development applications compared with 13 items for the previous financial year.

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

Environment Resources and Development Court Appeal Proceedings

As provided for by the legislation, should a person be aggrieved by a decision of

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

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

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

Strategic Directions Report

The Strategic Directions Report, commonly called a Section 30 review, is required under Section 30 of the Development Act and is important to actively promote, shape and encourage good development and quality economic, social and environmental outcomes for the Council. A Strategic Directions Report must be undertaken within 12 months of an alteration to the Planning Strategy or within 5 years of the last report. Due to the Better Development and Alignment DPA undertaken in 2010-11 Council were given an extension to December 2013 to complete the report. The report was commenced during the year with public consultation planned for August-September 2013 and completion by December 2013.

PLANNING DIVISION

DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Dwellings	54	52	32	27
Extensions to dwellings	12	18	38	10
Commercial / Industrial	33	25	35	12
Extensions to Commercial / Industrial	4	17	29	13
Garages, Carports, Verandas, Swimming Pools, Fences, Retaining Walls etc	117	246	164	208
Land Divisions	27	21	26	20

Generally when development applications have been adequately documents, approvals have been issued well within statutory timeframes. Council will continue to review

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

BUILDING DIVISION

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

Assessments are interesting and challenging. The structural components assessed include

the footing design for the soil conditions, tie-down requirements for the design wind speed, structural steel work, timber and steel roof trusses, traditional timber framed roof, timber and steel wall framing, brickwork and other similar type workload.

Once the design and specifications of the proposed development has been assessed for compliance with the National Construction Code, Building Code of Australia, relevant

codes and standards then the building surveyor issues development approval on Council's behalf.

Inspections are also undertaken of work in progress in accordance with Council's Building Inspection Policy and may involve the inspection of dwellings, dwelling additions, carports, verandahs, sheds, offices or industrial buildings. It also includes inspections of swimming pools and safety barriers.

BUILDING DIVISION

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

Roof Truss Inspection Regulations

From 1 July 2012 the new roof truss inspection policy came into law. The new legislation requires Council to perform mandatory levels of inspections for roof framing which include 66% for work undertaken by licensed builders and 90% for unlicensed builders which include owner-builders. During the 2012/13

period consideration was given on equipping the department with all necessary protocols, procedures and tools to carry out the legislation.

Insofar as equipment necessary to carry out this new regime, the department has had to review its standard inspection kits, vehicles and their appropriateness or otherwise, access to inspect roof framing.

REGIONAL BUILDING FIRE SAFETY

Committee

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

A Regional Building Fire Safety Committee was formed and has operated for the three Riverland Councils for the past 3 years, the committee includes an independent Building Surveyor as presiding member, a Building officer from each Council, an officer from the Metropolitan Fire Service and Country Fire Service.

The Committee is charged with the responsibility for all matters

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

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

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

The Committee continues to inspect a number of premises including industry and large businesses. All property owners have been cooperative and it is pleasing to note that compliance is beginning to be achieved.

STORMWATER CATCHMENT

Community Waste Water Catchment and Re-use

Our original network of storm water collection basins comprised unlined soakage dams and 3 irrigation ponds. Water could be pumped from the River Murray and stored in the irrigation ponds to be used for the town's gardens, sporting fields and median strips. There was no linkage to move water between basins, and minimal storm water or rain water was captured for reuse.

During extreme weather events, although not common, the infrastructure struggled to manage increased water volumes, and was unable to capture and re use the resultant storm water. Most general storm water run off was not captured or stored adequately due to older infrastructure with little capacity and was uncontrolled, running directly into the River Murray.

The final network now has 10 storm water capture basins, and unusually, the integration of the Community Waste Management System. The basins and CWMS holding basin have interconnecting pipework to facilitate the

movement of water from one storage area to the next and allows for the irrigation of collected water to green open space. It also offers a unique opportunity to flood proof low lying areas within the township that do not drain naturally to a water course.

A comprehensive sub surface irrigation system has been installed to water most precincts of the townships with B Class water, with only restrictions along the river front (storm water only). This area is irrigated by the recently completed river front mushroom storm water basin.

The overall project cost is in excess of \$9.5 million dollars. The District Council of Loxton Waikerie is grateful to the many funding partners during the many phases of the project.

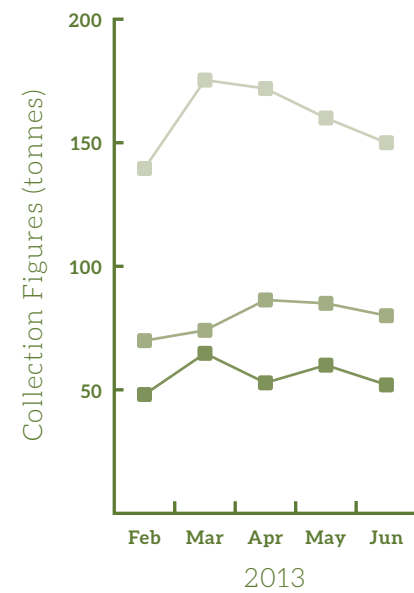
In addition to reducing our reliance on water extractions from the River Murray, the project has resulted in improved waterway health and enabled better sustainable irrigation of Loxton with the ability to irrigate all sporting and IPOS even during extreme drought years. Furthermore, the improved basin capacity has been planned around future residential and industry growth.

The Loxton riverfront area will be revegetated and the captured storm water can be used to irrigate and improve the current quality of the native vegetation through either environmental watering or irrigation, in addition to the town's IPOS community areas.



Loxton West Dam (Riverfront)

WASTE MANAGEMENT



- Residual:
Feb: 139.57, Mar: 175.33, Apr: 171.92, May: 160, Jun: 150
- Recycling:
Feb: 69.91, Mar: 74.07, Apr: 86.38, May: 85, Jun: 80
- Green
Feb: 48.12, Mar: 64.78, Apr: 52.84, May: 60, Jun: 52

Council began its new kerbside waste collection service on the 4th of February 2013. Council provides a service to approximately 5,139 residents within the Loxton and Waikerie townships and surrounding areas, and to approximately 80 businesses within the district.

Since introducing the new kerbside waste collection service residents/businesses have reduced their landfill waste by 46% or 673 tonnes. For the period of February-June 2013,

19% of waste went to green, 27% went to recycling and 54% to refuse, previously 100% percent of this waste went to landfill.

Council applied for funding through Zero Waste SA for the 2012-2013 food organics incentives program and was successful in receiving \$45,000. This money will be utilized in the 2013/2014 financial year for educational material such as flyers and dedicated press advertising. Council is working together with Zero Waste SA in producing a range of resources such as advertising and publication material to continually educate residents about reduce, re-use and recycling techniques.

KESAB

Sustainable Communities Tidy Towns

The following awards were also presented to our district projects

- Water Category
- Changes to infrastructure
- District Council of Loxton Waikerie
- Community Engagement Category - Appearance
- District Council of Loxton Waikerie
- Community Engagement Category
- Local Government partnerships
- District Council of Loxton Waikerie
- Waste Infrastructure Category
- Waikerie transfer station
- District Council of Loxton Waikerie

- Clean each Award for South Australia - Waikerie
- NRM Education Award
- Waikerie Primary School
- NRM joint runner up State Finalist
- Waikerie Primary School
- Water For Good Commendation Award
- Waikerie Primary School
- Education and Innovation Category
- Waikerie Primary School
- Waste Education Award
- Loxton Primary School
- Commendation Awarded
- Helen Smyth

- Recyclers Award
- Waikerie Recyclers
- Commerce and Industry Award
- Illalangi



*Waikerie Awards
Pictured from left Jan Heppner, Margaret Thiel, Cr Margaret Malthouse and Toby Terlet, Chair of KESAB Board*

KESAB

Sustainable Communities Tidy Towns



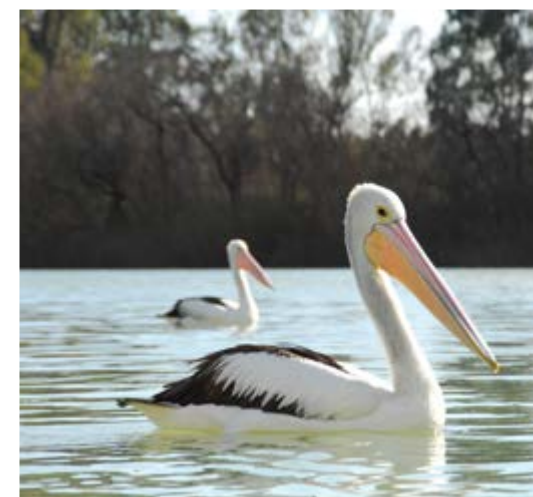
*Loxton Awards
Pictured Cr Margaret Malthouse, Sue Schultz and Hon Paul Caica*

The 2012 KESAB Sustainable Communities Award winners were announced on Wednesday 24 October. This year's Awards were held at the Semaphore Palais, Semaphore, where Minister for Sustainability, Environment & Conservation, Hon Paul Caica presented the overall Sustainable Communities Winner.

The Loxton and Waikerie communities were again prominent at the 2012 KESAB award presentations held at the Semaphore Palais.

Loxton was once again recognised as being the 2012 Best Murray Regional Town winner.

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN



In November 2012 Council adopted the 2012-2017 Animal Management Plan after public consultation.

The plan states Council will take a strategic approach to managing domestic pets that will provide a strong base and a clear direction to guide the council in the management of

domestic animals over the next five years.

The final plan was approved by the Dog and Cat Management Board.

COMMUNITY STATEMENT



COMMUNITY GRANTS

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie Community Grants Program has been in place since 2004. To date, the council has approved more than 169 projects which have been completed by more than 110 organisations and community groups

Rounds fifteen and sixteen of Council's Community Grants Program were advised and funded during the 2012/2013 financial year. These grants supported local community initiatives, met community needs and improved the provision of services, facilities and resources to the communities of the Loxton Waikerie district. Successful applications were:

ORGANISATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT <i>(incl. GST)</i>
Rotary Club of Waikerie	Rotary Continental Food Fair	\$1500.00
Moorook Kingston On Murray Community Ass	Public Engagement Campaign	\$1000.00
Lifestyle Assistance & Accommodation	Wheelchair Access and handrail	\$1250.00
Cooper Powardy	U15 National Hockey Championships	\$50.00
Stephanie Arnold	2012 Soccer Championships	\$100.00
Gemma Tuhoro	2012 Soccer Championships	\$100.00
Paige Knight	2013 Aust. Girl Guide Jamboree	\$75.00
Kaitlin Napolitano	2013 Aust. Girl Guide Jamboree	\$75.00
Melissa Richards	2013 Aust. Girl Guide Jamboree	\$75.00
Sarah Faehrmann	2013 Aust. Girl Guide Jamboree	\$75.00
Flinders University Rural Clinical School	CPR 4 Kids	\$2890.00
LoxcareInc.	Disabled Toilet	\$3000.00
Loxton Community Shed Inc.	Retainer Wall	\$3000.00
The Terrace Gallery	Art Trail Brochure	\$590.00
Ramco Community Association	Paving Project	\$3000.00
Waikerie Football Club	Event infrastructure	\$1500.00
Waikerie Lutheran Parish	Mainly Music	\$1460.00
Waikerie Mens Shed Association	Recycled Wood Program	\$3000.00
Waikerie RSL	Air Conditioner replacement	\$1964.70
TOTAL		\$24704.70

COMMUNITY GRANTS

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
- Riverland ICAN
- Waikerie KESAB Group
- Operations Flinders

WAIKERIE SPORTING PRECINCT

Stage 2 Development

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

The funding requested for stage 2 of the Waikerie combined sports facilities proposals and priorities are to upgrade the existing Waikerie sports precinct facilities. To include the re-alignment of the current 2 netball and 2 basketball courts. To be run north/south and add an additional 2 netball courts and relocate and include 6

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

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

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

It is envisaged that the development will commence in September 2013 and will take eight to nine months for completion.

Proposed Waikerie Sporting Precinct



NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK

(NBM) and Digitisation

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie was advised of the inclusion of Loxton in the initial roll out of the National Broadband Network in April 2012, with the fibre work for Loxton to commence in March 2015, making this the first town in the Riverland region to come online.

The addition of a further 1.35 million premises to the rollout in May 2013 included Waikerie, with work forecast to commence in December 2015.

The NBN rollout in the District Council of Loxton Waikerie will be a combination of fibre to the premises, fixed wireless and satellite in providing the district with high-speed connectivity.

Council has seen the need to prepare residents, businesses in adopting the opportunities

provided by the NBN, and is working collaboratively with Regional Development Australia on the development and implementation of a regional Digital Strategy, and has been proactive in supporting both Loxton and Waikerie Chambers of Commerce in progressing toward operating in a digital economy.

Council is also keen to promote the use of technology as a tourist attraction, and investigate digitisation of existing tourist facilities.

LOXTON CENTENARY

Feature Opening

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. This Section 41 Committee which is directly responsible to Council undertook a community consultation process with over 350 individuals involving interviews, written comments and group discussions. It then used the results to draft their vision statement.

The site chosen was an undeveloped parcel of land created through the realignment of Bookpurnong road to eliminate a dangerous bend



Loxton Centenary Plaque

LOXTON CENTENARY

Feature Opening



Loxton Centenary Plaque Unveiling

known locally as “Mill Corner”. This site marks the northern entry to Loxton and ensured that the Centenary Feature would be highly visible.

Just five years after planning and an expenditure of \$122,000, the District Council of Loxton Waikerie proudly announce the official opening of ‘Counterbalance’, the Loxton Centenary Feature on Saturday 1 September 2012 at 12.00noon.

Council was delighted to announce that the formal opening will be officiated by the Hon Jay Weatherill MP, Premier of South Australia.

The official opening was the final milestone in the tireless efforts of the Committee which started from scratch in this community project of significance. It has again demonstrated the spirit and generosity within our community and their willingness to unite behind a common goal.

WAIKERIE COMMUNITY GARDENS

Council invited interested persons to attend a public meeting in the Waikerie Council Chambers on Thursday 19 July 2012.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the development

of a network group of local gardeners, farmers, community gardeners, schools, kindergartens, childcare educators, business and agencies to develop and support a community garden in Waikerie. The working committee have been meeting monthly to work hard to form the Waikerie.

Community Garden Inc. Notification was received from Consumer and Business Services on Monday 24 June verifying their incorporation has been established.

The committee have also visited established metro gardens to gain a better perspective on our community needs. To compliment the visit a community design workshop was held in the Waikerie Council Chambers on Tuesday 9 April with 17 people attending.

The suggested location is on the end of Marks Terrace next to the car park and Waikerie Apex playground (please see map). Water is located on site but would need a line established. Toilet amenities are attached to the back of the Apex playground.



Proposed Waikerie Community Garden Site

BROWN’S WELL CENTENARY

Formation of the Brown’s Well Towns Centenary Committee

An request was received in January 2012 from interested Paruna persons for Council to consider the possibilities for a Paruna Centenary. Council assisted in facilitating a public meeting which was held on Monday 20 February 2012.

Due to extended interest another public meeting was

held on Tuesday 6 March 2012 inviting interested persons to consider a working committee to organise and promote activities for a Brown’s Well District 2014 centenary celebration/s.

This group has grown from strength to strength and on 18 September 2013 the Brown’s Well Towns Centenary Committee was formally incorporated.

The committee has already had some success in securing

financial support with confirmed pledges from the community totaling \$5,600. In addition the committee’s bid for grant funding of \$25,000 from the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities – Your Community Heritage Program was successful in their endeavors to facilitate a publication of a history book entitled, ‘Rail, Post and Water. A Century of Progress in Loxton and the Browns Well Areas 1914 - 2014.’

EVENTS & FESTIVALS

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

Major events that continue to raise the profile and encourage visitation to the district include, (but not limited to):- Australia Day Celebrations in both Loxton and Waikerie, Waikerie

Rotary Food Fair, Waikerie Rock & Roll Festival, Waikerie Enduro, Waikerie’s Santa’s Cave, Loxton’s Annual Spring Show, Moorook Music Festival, Loxton’s Annual Mardi Gras, Nippy’s Loxton Gift, Loxton Christmas Lights Festival.

Other Annual Community Events and projects supported by Council include:

- Australia Day celebrations (Loxton, Waikerie, Kingston on Murray)
- KESAB Sustainable Communities Awards
- Loxton Annual Show
- Loxton Light Up Celebrations

- Loxton Nippy’s Gift
- Loxton Triathlon
- Youth Week Celebrations
- Waikerie Christmas Pageant
- Loxton Mardi Gras
- Moorook Rivertstock Music Festival
- NAIDOC Celebrations
- Waikerie Senior of the Year Awards
- Loxton’s Old Machinery Group “Ag Machinery through the Ages” parade
- Operation Flinders
- Waikerie Mens Shed
- Loxton Mens Shed

SENIOR IPAD TRIALS

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

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

The SITT classes will comprise of the free loan of an I Pad version 3 for the period of 6 weeks. This I Pad will remain the property of MMACG but will be available for

the participant to take home for the period of the SITT classes.

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

classes will be facilitated initially by the Community Development Officer and two Council volunteer tutors.

The initiative of this program is to link rural older people to the community through technology. The demand of this program has without a doubt been fantastic, with the classes now being booked out until August 2014.



Senior iPad Training

LOXTON RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Annual Report 2012-13 Financial Year
Jan Cass, Chairman



Loxton Retirement Village Street View

I am pleased to report on a successful year for the Loxton Retirement Village.

The management committee which operates as a Section 41 committee of Council has met regularly and has applied the continuing financial and administrative management that is required. Costs do not get any

easier and the areas of increased expenditure are as always, insurances, water, electricity and council rates and these are expected to again be the biggest cost pressures facing the village. To cover our expenditure means an increase in the maintenance fee charged to the residents, but we believe that we provide a valued and excellent standard of accommodation.

LOXTON RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Annual Report 2012-23 Financial Year
Jan Cass, Chairman

From a modest turn over of 7 units during 2011-12, four of which were finalized in the early part of 2012-13 year, a further 9 units have been or are being transitioned during this current financial year. Some of this activity will also carry over to the new financial year. We are mindful that these changes are as a result of residents passing away or transferring to higher care, and it is with understanding and a great deal of pride that we have been able to provide residential accommodation for our elderly citizens. Our extensive list has continued to be the source of new residents but the slow real

estate market is still not conducive to speedy change overs. The Committee is reviewing the need for new additional units. We are encouraged that the village attracts potential residents from a far wider area than just the district.

There was a significant carry over of unit refurbishment from last year and we have continued with that program to refresh and up date units as required. We have made a bulk purchase of cook tops and ovens and we will progressively replace these older white goods. A Gazebo in Frank Petch Court is nearing completion. Caretaker, Trevor



House in the Loxton Retirement Village

Manual has continued to provide excellent maintenance services both to residents and the village surrounds. We continue to receive compliments on our style of residences and the spacious surrounds and the District Council has a significant investment that is a source of comfort of the Senior Citizens of the District.

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.



Raising the Indigenous Flag Waikerie

The week is celebrated not just in the Indigenous community, but also in increasing numbers of government agencies, schools, local councils and workplaces.

The 2012 National NAIDOC theme was aimed at the celebrations of the 40th anniversary of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy and acknowledging the key contributors to its long history.

Deputy Mayor Mark Ward was present at the Waikerie Flag raising ceremony to facilitate the



Raising the Indigenous Flag Loxton

Acknowledgement to Country with help from the youth of Waikerie who raised the Indigenous flag.

Mayor Leon Stasinowsky was present at the Loxton Flag Raising ceremony to facilitate the Acknowledgement to Country and raise the Indigenous flag with assistance from Loxton elder Michael Kropinyeri.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK



Waikerie volunteer appreciation morning tea.



Loxton volunteer appreciation morning tea.

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

2013 National Volunteer Week was celebrated from 13-19 May with more than 6 million Australian volunteers recognised for their contribution to their communities.

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

VOLUNTEER RESOURCE CENTRE

Community Consultations



To ensure that our districts volunteers needs and services are met, Council embarked on community consultations in Loxton on Monday 18 February at the Loxton Bowling Club and at Waikerie on Tuesday 19 February the Waikerie Bowling Club.

VOLUNTEER RESOURCE CENTRE

Community Consultations

The forums were facilitated by an independent facilitator from Volunteering SA&NT and attended favorably in both Loxton and Waikerie. The purpose of the forums was to discuss and seek community input into the needs of volunteers and the services of that the community would like provided by a VRC.

There are currently twelve Volunteer Resource Centres (VRC's) in South Australia with seven located in regional areas. These VRC's use a range of models to provide services to their community based on community need and available resources.

Four key recommendations were indicated from this consultation and will be staged in the next financial year.

RECOMMENDATION 1 - REGIONAL VOLUNTEER FORUM

Council to consider facilitating a 1 or 2 day network forum to develop a common vision for volunteering and receive training on topics of interest such a grant writing, OH&S, volunteer management and managing red tape.

RECOMMENDATION 2 - REGIONAL VOLUNTEER NETWORK GROUP

Following from the forum that council consider establishing a regional volunteer network group to meet bi-monthly to discuss issues related to volunteering.

RECOMMENDATION 3 - SUPPORT BY COUNCIL STAFF

At least one qualified council staff member in volunteer management to coordinate regional network groups and support volunteers and volunteer organisations.

RECOMMENDATION 4 - RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

Recommended space for volunteers and community groups to access information and promote relevant volunteer opportunities

LOXTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Karen Rubarth, Manager Library Services

The Loxton Public Library service has been well patronized in the last 12 months by 3,670 members with over 60,000 people visiting the library and visible increases in the utilization of services provided.

Programmes for children continue to be popular having an increase in participants of 13% totaling 2,350 which is a phenomenal effort for our 2.2 FTE staff. Technology use continues to grow as 7,300 people accessed the public access computers and the wireless network, an increase of 21%.

A strong visibility within the community has been maintained with participation and partnerships in community and cultural events along with providing a venue for technology training programmes.

LOXTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Karen Rubarth, Manager Library Services

BUDGET

The tables in the study area of the library were refurbished with new table tops in golden beech laminate to match the end capping of nearby shelving and the promotional book display stand. Very old, worn arm chairs were also replaced with aesthetically appealing chairs to enhance the décor creating a more inviting environment. The budget has allowed for a digital camera to be purchased for recording our programs, events and services and the staff administration computer was replaced to ensure continuity of library operations.

LIBRARY SERVICES

Services for vision impaired

For people with a print disability and vision impairment the library makes available audio navigators and DAISY players to enable these members of the community to have access to digital books which are read out loud. Library staff load the content on these devices and volunteers of our Home Service Delivery help by collecting the devices from patrons to enable this service to be offered. This service is highly valued by the end users giving them independence and a connection with their community.

Home Service Delivery

This service is available for people unable to access the library due to ill health or disability and is made available with the help of library staff and 5 volunteers each Friday morning. Library items are delivered and collected

to and from 15 individuals and the Loxton District Hospital and Riverview Rest Home.

Internet access

Public Access Computers - 3,283 people accessed the 3 computers providing internet access through the PLAIN (Public Library and Information Network).

Wireless/Wi-fi access—4,016 people accessed the wireless network provided through the PLAIN network in the past 12 months. This service continues to be well utilized by our local community and tourists and visitors to our area.

Photocopying

Photocopying facilities are provided for patrons and utilized daily.

Printing and scanning

The public access internet computers have a printer/scanner available for patrons to use.

SMS Messaging

This cost effective service continues to be beneficial to patrons and staff by providing notification almost instantaneously and saving postage, printing and handling on 1,900 notices.

Borrowing

The Library continually purchases items for the collection for community members to loan. These include DVDs, CDs, CD-ROMs, fiction books, non-fiction books, large print books, magazines and audio books.

OverDrive eBooks & Audiobooks

March 2013 saw the arrival of a free online catalogue [www.libraries.sa.gov.au] for our patrons to access and loan ebooks and audiobooks onto their ipads, computers, phones and e readers. This service provides digital content for the community who are actively engaging in technology and has reached some non-library users.

Staff had to be skilled in learning this technology and imparting their knowledge to patrons which has seen 83 people accessing this technology since its inception. With the emergence of ebooks it was a natural progression for South Australian Public Libraries to offer this service.



New eBooks & Audiobook Catalogue

LIBRARY PROMOTIONS & PARTNERSHIPS

30 Year Celebrations for Loxton Public Library

The Loxton Public Library was officially opened by Honorary E.R. Goldsworthy MP, Deputy Premier on 27th August, 1982 and the first library in Loxton started in 1912 as the Institute

LOXTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Karen Rubarth, Manager Library Services

Library in the current Council offices. 100 years of libraries in Loxton was celebrated with a morning tea and cake and was attended by councilors, council staff and the local community.



30 Year Library Celebrations

The Advertiser: The Little Big Book Club book bags for babies

The Advertiser continues to support libraries by providing library bags filled with a 'My first numbers book', 'It's play time' book, It's story time growth chart, It's rhyme time booklet & DVD, It's play time activity book plus promotional pamphlets which we distribute to parents of newborns to welcome them to the library.

Book Discussion Groups

The library continues to engage with patrons by providing access to book discussion groups which are held on a monthly basis and are important to foster and develop an appreciation of literature and reading.

Get Reading - 50 books you can't put down

During the month of September we promoted the 50 top reads for the past 12 months which were reviewed in a handout booklet. These are all Australian titles and range from children through to adults and this is an important promotion to highlight 'good reads' for our patrons.

Kids Day Out at the Village

This year we partnered with the tourism sector of council with their first ever Kids Day Out at the Village in the October school holidays and implemented the craft and story sessions in the institute building. This proved to be a very popular day with local and visiting families attending and helped to promote libraries to the wider community.



Kids day out at the Village craft session

Local History

We have started to work with Riverland public libraries on how to best manage our local history as a region and are in the process of developing a regional collection policy. This collaboration has temporarily been put on hold as we focus

our attention on migrating to the One Card library management system with the intention of picking it up in 2014.

Volunteers from the Brown's Well Centenary Committee are embarking on a scanning project of the Brown's Well Heritage Collection to compile information to be used in publications for the 2014 centenary. The objectives of this project are to preserve and document our local history and to provide more access to the Brown's Well Heritage Collection for our community via the library and publications.

Loxton Lights Up Day craft session

In collaboration with the Loxton Lights Up Day the library supported the event by holding a Christmas story and craft session on the Saturday morning which was patronized by 40 attendees.

Loxton Show Display

As part of our community participation this year as part of National Year of Reading we promoted the book 'The rainbow fish' by Marcus Pfister and had children making underwater animals in our story and craft sessions to suit the theme.

MS Readathon

Each year the library supports the MS Readathon to highlight the importance of reading and how reading can help others less fortunate by raising necessary funds.

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Karen Rubarth, Manager Library Services

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier of South Australia challenges students to take up the challenge of reading 10 books in their year level which our library supports by identifying books in the challenge and providing information sheets and record sheets.

Seniors Information Technology Trials (SITT)

The library has been the venue for iPad training for seniors which Sue Schultz Community Development Officer has organized in conjunction with Murray Mallee Aged Care Group who accessed a grant to provide this vital training. This partnership has enabled members of the community to trial this technology and access the services that the library provides.

Video Postcard sessions ABC Open

During May Daniel Schmidt from ABC Open delivered Video Postcard workshop sessions in the library teaching participants how to make a video postcard utilizing digital technology.



NAIDOC Craft Session

NAIDOC week

As part of embracing cultural diversity we celebrated NAIDOC week during the children's holiday program by attending the NAIDOC flag raising ceremony and meeting back at the library for theme related storytelling and crafts. Another session for our older children 8+ was successfully attended by 12 children who made woven NAIDOC week book.

Seniors Month Morning Tea

During Seniors month the library hosted an afternoon tea and discussed services and parts of the collection that may be of interest.

Riverland Field Days

During the two days of the annual Riverland Field Days the Riverland public libraries partner together to coordinate and implement story and craft sessions in the Kids Korner marquis. Library Managers from Loxton and Waikerie libraries implemented the morning session on the Wednesday and were kept busy engaging with children and promoting library services.



Library Staff at Riverland Field Days



Library Staff at Riverland Field Days

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Children's Book Week

Children's Book Week had the theme 'champions read' and followed the London Olympics in August which our library incorporated into the creative display in the children's area of an athletics track which drew many comments from our young people. A week long program of promoting Australian author's and their books which had been nominated for the prestigious Children's Book Week awards. Throughout the week 12 classes ranging from Pre-School to year 5 attended information, story, craft & borrowing sessions.

Children's Holiday Program

Story and craft sessions are held each school holidays and continue to be well attended with staff catering for 19 sessions and 400 attendees. The inclusion of an afternoon themed craft session for children 8 and over in each holiday break has proved to be a popular addition.

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Karen Rubarth, Manager Library Services

School Class visits

Classes regularly visit the library for information and borrowing sessions.

Summer Reading Program

This programme for children is held during the end of year holidays to encourage children to keep reading during the break as it has been proven that literacy skills drop quite dramatically if children aren't encouraged to read before school starts again. Staff make up activity packs with reading record sheets which were given out to 120 children. There were prizes given in two age for a colouring in and a storyboard competition and every participant had the chance to win an iPad in a state wide competition. The theme this year was Untangled Tales which was incorporated into the Children's Holiday Program.



Rhyme Time Session



Children's Holiday Session at capacity

National simultaneous story time

During May each year our library joins a national celebration of reading by reading the chosen book 'The wrong book' by Nicholas and having activities to support it. This year we were fortunate to have a class from the Loxton Primary School participate in this event.

Pre-School sessions

As part of our outreach programming we have the Loxton Pre-School come in 6 times a term for library visits which include borrowing, stories and an activity. It is wonderful to see the children develop and become confident using the library.

Rhyme time

The partnership with Child & Youth Health Services to encourage new parents to join the library & attend Rhyme Time sessions continues to provide a vital service to our youngest library members. Staff member Kylie Smith welcomes new mother's to the library with an information session each term and coordinates and implements the weekly Rhyme Time sessions.



School Class Visits



FUTURE DIRECTION

LMS project

The universal state wide One Card Library Management System for public libraries has rolled out to over half of the state and the Loxton and Waikerie libraries will be on this system 24 October 2013. The staff of the Loxton Public Library have been undertaking preparations for this transition for the last six months and have started online training for the new system. The next few months will be extremely busy as staff juggle their regular tasks with the project tasks required to implement the new system.

The benefits for our community remain our focus of being able to use one library card within South Australia to access all public libraries and the millions of items they hold with 24/7 access via the online catalogue.

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Digital Technologies

With the emergence of digital technologies providing quality digital content will continue to be a priority to provide equity of access to the local community. The newly released online ebook and audiobook catalogue will continue to increase it's holdings and the online joint library catalogue will enhance the community's access to a state wide collections by providing personal access.

Library facilities

The library facilities continue to be well utilized by our local community and visitors to the region. Use of technology continually increases each year as more organizations expect people to access their resources and services via technology. Pressure is being placed on staff resources as they are being engaged by people new to technology requiring assistance to navigate the internet and access required information.

Not being able to provide power for our wireless technology users continues to be an issue with a partial solution not being implemented until the revitalization of the main street when an outside power source is expected to be installed for the public. This will suit some of our technology users but we will still experience some issues in the library with people wanting access to power particularly when the weather is inclement.

Library space continues to be an issue especially when children's holiday programs are being implemented and managing the logistics of providing access to the collection and services. This is particularly challenging with the diversity of patrons ranging from babies in prams to the elderly with walking frames and gophers. Libraries are community learning centres which have the ability to encompass many council services, technology training opportunities and meeting places for the entire community. Library staff would welcome the opportunity to liaise with council to explore and evaluate feasible options for providing a progressive venue which would meet the requirements of the local community whilst improving the environment for staff and our digital technology users.

State government budget cuts

The State government budget cuts of \$1 million to the Libraries Board come into fruition in 2013/14 financial year with little information to date regarding how the cuts are going to be apportioned across the library budget. This will require Council to contribute more financially to the operating and resources costs of the library as discussed at a 2012 council meeting.

CONCLUSION

During the last year our focus has been on preparing to migrate to the new library

management system which is quickly coming to fruition. A lot of staff resources have been utilized in maintenance tasks of our current collection and catalogue records. Staff have keenly taken on these tasks to ensure that our new system will have a well maintained database. This new direction that South Australian public libraries are embracing is very exciting on the customer level and staff are buoyed by the opportunity to offer more efficient and direct services for our patrons.

Volunteers are crucial to be able to offer and provide library services. The delivery of home service materials every Friday morning by 5 volunteers, local history being documented by 2 volunteers, preparation of children's crafts by 1 volunteer and covering of new books by 1 volunteer contributes to 400 volunteer hours this year.

The increases in people actively engaging in the library through programmes and services is a tribute to the dedication of our staff team (Karen Flavel, Kylie Smith and Jessica Main) who work diligently and professionally to ensure high standards are maintained.

The support from Ruth Firstbrook, Stephen Bateman and our Waikerie library colleagues is greatly appreciated ensuring library services are continually accessible to our community.

WAIKERIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Michael Cox, Library Manager

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We are also eagerly awaiting our inclusion with the One LMS group of libraries which will result in providing all borrowers access to a wider range of databases as well as the entire resources of 135 other South Australian Public Libraries. The One LMS will also have economies of scale when libraries of our size decide to renew their technical infrastructure which would otherwise cost a lot more. We will shortly be having meetings with the One LMS team that will give us a project overview and keep us on track with the necessary tasks required for the One L.M.S. change over.

In terms of improvements to the service we have replaced both circulation computers and the receipt printers as well as purchasing another label printer for the workroom in readiness for the One LMS system. We have also replaced one of the Internet PC's.

STATISTICS SNAPSHOT	
Door count	45,790
Wireless users	3,094 (7/12 to 6/13)
Wireless Registered users	745
Public Access Internet usage Users	2609
Hours booked	5679
Total Wireless and internet usage	5703
Loans	44,797
Active borrowers includes 366 visitors	3979
SMS notifications texts and messages	1,642

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES

Rhyme time

Rhyme time has been very popular this year with a group of 15 regular mothers taking part in the children's library. We have extended the Rhyme time programme to be run after the school holiday programmes and am also running the programme at the child care centre.

Little big book bags were once again given to parents and Katrina and I did a two day workshop on the importance of early childhood literacy which we have found very worthwhile.

School Holiday Programmes

These programmes continue to be very popular and provide children with the opportunity to explore our collection on a



Rhyme Time

first hand basis. It also gives a great opportunity for parents to join in the craft activities making the library a family friendly environment. We have endeavoured to try and get some children's authors to visit the library but have found this to be cost prohibitive, however liaising with other Riverland libraries could be a way of reducing these costs. I have continued to promote the School holiday programmes via the media and also through School and Kindergarten newsletters.

WAIKERIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Michael Cox, Library Manager



School Holiday Program

Children's Book Week

Children's Book Week is still the library's busiest week with children from Waikerie and the surrounding areas invited to attend. It is a great opportunity for the library to showcase the best of Australian children's literature as well as an opportunity for children to join our library.

Each year the children's Book Council of Australia nominates books that go on a short list and the prize winners are announced during Children's Book week. The theme in 2012 was "Champions Read".

Premier's Reading Challenge

The library has continued to support the Premier's reading challenge by tagging the children's and teenage collection for easy identification. and also providing reader guidance to school students and home schooled students.

NAIDOC week

The library has once again provided storytelling and craft activities to children to celebrate NAIDOC week. This will be part of an all day festival which involves the community

centre and schools who display Aboriginal art work in our foyer area. It is also a good way of focussing on the importance of storytelling as an important cultural aspect of the Aboriginal way of life.

National simultaneous Storytime – 22nd May

This event is held each year through the support of ALIA (Australian Library and Information Association) It highlights the importance of storytelling in librarianship and each year a particular title is chosen for this event. This year I read "The wrong book " by Nick Bland to the kindergarten and child care after which they received a special sticker and made their own pop-up book.



Summer Reading Programme 2012

Summer Reading Programme 2012

The library I once again provided Summer time activities for children to do as well as books to read culminating in a special afternoon tea with prize presentations for the most books read. My special thanks to the Dean's toys and Woody's for their continued sponsorship of this event.



ADULT PROGRAMMES

Broadband for Seniors programme

This programme has continued to attract Seniors who wish to learn about the Internet and other technologies in a hands on way. Our wonderful volunteer tutor Sandra Lambert is to be commended for the wonderful job that she does and she is always keen to keep up with the latest developments though the on-line webinars provided by the Broadband for Seniors team. It's great to see people of this age group have the confidence to have a go and often purchase their own PC's after being taught by Sandra. In total Sandra has taught about 200 people over the length of this programme which continues to flourish.

Waikerie Public Library Book Club

Our book club remains popular although very static. Members have enjoyed discussing different titles and genres of books and I have tried to arrange some author visits although these can be cost prohibitive as they are no longer funded by the Big Book Club.

WAIKERIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Michael Cox, Library Manager



Talking River News Volunteers enjoying afternoon tea after a training session from the Royal Society for the Blind

Talking River News

This service to the sight impaired continues to be completely self-funded by the community and the work entirely done by volunteers. The library now offers two different formats tapes as well as digital and both are being used. My thanks to the Inter Care shop as well as the Royal Society for the Blind for their continuing support.



Get Reading 2013

This is Australia's largest book promotion involving bookshops and public libraries and is heavily promoted through T.V. and radio.

It showcases the best in Australian books in both the adult and children's books and we have been involved in this programme for a number of years. Borrowers are given free booklets highlighting all of the books, and the library endeavours to buy all of the titles.

MORGAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Morgan Public Library continues to thrive under the very professional guidance of Lisa Walker. The library has succeeded in increasing it's opening hours to include Saturday mornings so as to better meet the needs of the Morgan community. In the future we will have more meetings with Morgan regarding the budget and the impact of the One LMS system with the aim of it becoming a fully independent library by October 2013.

OVERDRIVE E-BOOK/ AUDIOBOOK SERVICE

This new database provided free to library users allows patrons to download e-books and audio books to a range of devices such as I pads, tablets and phones .Borrowers can borrow up to 6 books for a period of 7,14 or 21 days, at which time they are automatically returned by the system. A great service for those who are sight impaired. We have had a few people try this service and they have been very impressed with it.

ONE LMS SYSTEM UPGRADE 2013

Karen Rubarth and I highlighted the benefits of this system at a council meeting during the year at which the system was endorsed. There is no doubt that the system will deliver excellent services to compliment an already well functioning centralized infrastructure. The system will also capture the techno savvy generation through the use of modern technologies as well as streamlining the collection. There will be changes in work practices and routines particularly in the area of inter-library-loans, but with good preparation we will be able to adopt the system without too many problems.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

The library requires a great deal of refurbishment work and extension so that it can accommodate what is now a floating population. The days of the library just being about books is well and truly over with more and more time being devoted to technology and the management of the Internet and other associated databases. The outside of the library also needs some serious signage highlighting all of our services.



eBook/Audiobook Service

WAIKERIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Michael Cox, Library Manager

In the near future we would like to get rid of the entire reference section and replace this with modern furniture to better meet the needs of wireless users, as well as students. The provision of power points as well as a new study areas will make the library a more desirable to an ever widening clientele, and particularly the large numbers of backpackers that now use us as their communication hub.

Local history at both Loxton and Waikerie requires a great deal of work and we will be putting in a joint submission with the Loxton library to create a position for a local history officer to catalogue this material and also create a

web page that will enable all local history resources to come under one web page. Presently different organizations have gone on their own tangents which makes this material harder to manage. Loxton has done an excellent job so far using the Noarlunga database and we would like to adopt this system at Waikerie. At Waikerie we have a number of volunteers who are putting newspapers on disc as well as the memories of early pioneers and citizens of the year.

The issue of funding cuts remains a challenge for next year, however the one LMS system may come to our aid

in providing books which we would otherwise purchase and I'm certain that the 10 year agreement with the State government will far outweigh the disadvantages of these cuts. We will have a State of the Art system that will give borrowers access to more than 4 million items from any of the State's 135 public libraries.

In conclusion I would like to thank the my staff and the staff at both the Loxton and Morgan Public Libraries who have tirelessly worked to promote the good image of the library service and I feel privileged to work with such a great team of dedicated professionals.

AGED & 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.



WAIKERIE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE 4 YOUTH - WACY

WACY is a group of young people aged 12-25 years who work in partnership with the District Council of Loxton

Waikerie to provide advice on decisions that affect their lives. WACY also plan activities and projects that encourage young people's active engagement in their local communities. One of the highlights in 2012/2013 was the WACY Pool Party and underage disco.



Waikerie
Youth
Week
Article

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

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

Final evaluation of the event saw over 220 people attend. Excellent media coverage and feedback was given to WACY. Although the annual pool party is normally scheduled in the traditional summer months, the weather was still pleasantly warm for the pool related activities. Participants were treated to Crusta fruit drinks, ice blocks and the Waikerie Rotary Club kept the children fed with a continuous sausage sizzle. Random prizes were distributed throughout the afternoon.

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

LOXTON YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Loxton Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is an informal committee that works for the benefit of youth in the town of Loxton, and is comprised of voluntary members aged between 12 and 25. The Loxton YAC seeks to provide for the youth community through a number of key aims. One of these aims is to provide opportunities for training and personal development for the youth of the town.

Over the last 12 months the Loxton Youth Advisory Committee conducted a Youth Week event in partnership with Council and the Blue Light Committee on Friday 12 April night drawing a crowd of just over 80 children.

Participants were treated to random prizes throughout the evening.

DJ's Cambell Lawrence and Christian Biele ramped up the atmosphere providing great music, dance competitions and the highlight being the Bungee run and Henna Tattoos that boasted huge line-ups due to there popularity.

The theme for National Youth Week was "Be Active Be Happy Be You". The Loxton Youth Advisory Committee felt that a disco was a great event which promoted to our young people providing them with a drug and alcohol free event which promotes healthy and active lifestyles.

Loxton Youth Advisory Committee managed to raise \$548.00 and instead of recouping costs, youth members felt the importance to consider

AGED & YOUTH SERVICES



Money raised donated to Loxton High School

donating to a local cause being the High School Breakfast program. A presentation was made at the Loxton High mid year assembly to School Chaplin Stephen Albrecht.

SENIORS MONTH

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

Council is proud to present a program of events during October for Seniors Month. Seniors month activities and events are aimed at encouraging older people to have a healthy lifestyle, become involved in a new activity and connect to



Loxton Youth Week Article

the community and to create opportunities for continued involvement in activities.

The month long program is kicked off with a much loved event, Mayoral morning teas held at the Waikerie Council Chambers and Loxton at the Loxton Senior Citizens Club, card days, Waikerie & District Flower Show, BBQ luncheon & entertainment held at



Seniors Week Ladies

the Loxton Senior Citizens Club, Entertainment afternoon held at the Waikerie Seniors Citizens, strength for life and senior circuits held at the Waikerie Community Sports Centre and an old favourite includes the announcement of the 2012 Waikerie Senior of the Year Award and morning tea held at the Waikerie Seniors Citizens Club on Tuesday 30 October.



Seniors Week Cake Cutting

LOXTON HISTORICAL VILLAGE

VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers: The Village boasts a dedicated team of 60 volunteers and around a dozen of these people have been involved since its establishment 40 years ago.

Number of hours:

6,592 hours of volunteering have been undertaken at The Village this year. In addition to this is, around 215 hours has been provided attending meetings by the section 41 committee representatives. Total 6,807 hours.

Volunteer activities:

The very active volunteers undertook the following during 2012/2013:

- Hosting two annual Village Alive Days
- Hosting the inaugural Kids Day Out
- Numerous catering activities at The Village for visiting car clubs, river vessels and coach groups
- Participation in community events such as the Loxton Mardi Gras, Farmer's Parade, Loxton Show, SA's About Time and the Riverland Field Days
- Restoration and renovations to buildings, machinery and equipment (including the installation of a new counter in the shop)
- Assisting with the presentation of the education program
- Fund raising through various means including hosting a Bridal Fashion Parade, bingo nights and raffles.



Volunteering

Volunteer acknowledgements

Mr Alec Pocock and Mrs Eva Harvey retired from active volunteering at The Village, as they reached the age of 90 years and a celebratory morning tea was held in their honour.

Mrs Shirley Gibbs was recognised for her many years of dedicated service to The Village and was awarded Life Membership by the Friends of the Village.

OHS:

Council's OH&S Officer and Tourism Manager have worked tirelessly to ensure best practices are met by volunteers. Volunteers had 'self-managed' restoration projects for many years and we have now invested time and resources to ensure people are working safely with increased staff involvement in the management of projects. Volunteers play a very important role at The village, their work is highly valued and Council recognises the importance of their welfare.

Inductions:

Over the past 12 months approximately 95% of The Village volunteers have been inducted through Council's process.

Audit & Inspection:

An independent volunteer auditor, with an international background in volunteer management and OH&S experience undertook an inspection of the grounds/buildings and maintenance practices. Independent inspections now form part of the ongoing village maintenance schedule.

Restoration Shed:

Discussions commenced with The Village and Loxton Community Men's Shed Inc. late 2012 regarding the Men's Shed relocating to a portion of The Village Restoration Shed.

A lease was established by DCLW in February 2013 providing the Men's Shed Inc. with 2 bays from the existing Restoration Shed. Conditions of the arrangement are that the Men's Shed Inc. are to investigate and bid for funds for the establishment of a communal kitchen and toilet facilities, available to all who may use the venue.

The Village side of the shed has been tidied, restacked, three bays of concrete laid, a wall/partition erected between the two areas and power/water requirements are being organised for Village volunteer use.

LOXTON HISTORICAL VILLAGE



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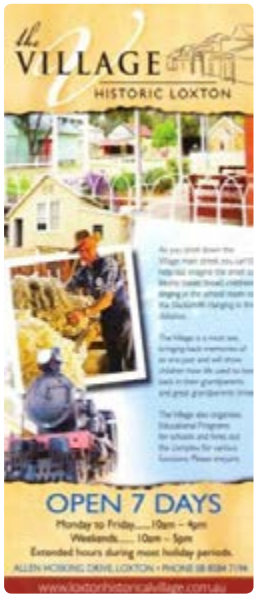
BRANDING & MARKETING

Branding:

New branding has been implemented in print, television and radio advertising to appeal to a wider, more contemporary market with the word ‘historical’ being slowly faded out.

Web site:

Upgrades have commenced and are due for completion around August-September 2013. These upgrades will include education program downloadable resources, QR Code data, event details, information on selected buildings, links to the Loxton tourism web site, editorial on the village for media use and a comprehensive photo library with access for image ordering online.



Village Brochure

Roadside Signage:

This project has been postponed until early 2013/2014 to ensure the most cost effective, visual location for the signs is utilised. Funds to the value of \$3,400.00 for this project have been reallocated to the 2013/2014 budget.

Kids Day Out:

It was recognised that the family market was one area where visitation had declined and a one day school holiday program was hosted during the October 2012 school holidays.

The aim of the Kids Day Out was to utilise selected activities from the Village Education Program, combined with working exhibits, old fashioned games, storytelling, competitions and crafts to appeal to children from 5-13 years.

193 children, or 77% increase in the KPI was achieved, proving this to be very successful promotion.

Village Alive Days:

These days continue to be reasonably successful, although no new features or activities have been included, due current volunteer requirements already at a premium.



2013 Riverland Visitor Guide 1/3 Page Advert

After researching visitor trends over the 2013 June long weekend there is no apparent reason for the decline in visitation. The activities and marketing for the Alive Days is constantly being reviewed working towards continuous improvement.

EDUCATION PROGRAM

The program: Research has been undertaken to ensure our program of activities covers the current education curriculum for junior schools and includes activities at every year level to encourage repeat visitation.

Workshop: During 2012, 65 teachers, representing all seven schools within our district attended a workshop to review the program and hands-on activities. Their feedback was



Kids Day Out

LOXTON HISTORICAL VILLAGE

EDUCATION PROGRAM	GROUPS	STUDENTS	SETTLERS PASS	FOC	INCOME
2010-2011	12	266	N/A	included with students	\$ 1,425.00
2011-2012	15	465	N/A	included with students	\$ 2,307.00
2012-2013	15	671	37	105	\$ 3,778.00

greatly appreciated and has been included, where possible, in our activities.

Education pack: A combination of research, teacher feedback and curriculum matching has resulted in the re-development of our program and activities, with a comprehensive resource pack collated. These documents are emailed to schools and interested groups and will be available to download from the website, once this has been redeveloped. Additional work will be undertaken to include senior school activities when time permits.

Visiting students: An increase in the Education Program participation (students and support staff) of 43% was experienced in 2012-2013 when compared to 2011-2012. A notable increase in the number of students per group has also been experienced.

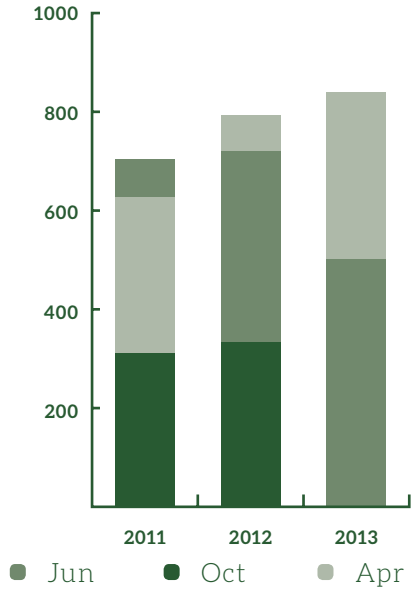
VISITATION

An increase in visitation of 8.6% was achieved when compared to 2011/2012.

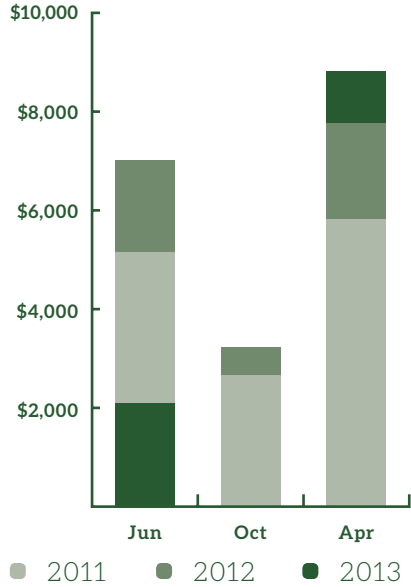
- 8647 people visited the Village during 2012/2013 compared to 7737 during 2011/2012.
- Disappointingly our budgeted gate takings was not achieved by 13% :
- Budget \$72,000.00; actual \$62,452.00 or a shortfall of \$9,548.00.
- Low attendance figures at the June 2013 Alive Day largely contributed to this by nearly \$5,000.00 when compared to the 2012 June Alive Day. Research has shown numbers down at many venues across the region over this long weekend.



ALIVE DAY VISITATION



ALIVE DAY INCOME (GATE & SHOP)



LOXTON HISTORICAL VILLAGE

FEASIBILITY STUDY

Consultants Aurecon were appointed in April 2013 to develop:

- A master plan and feasibility study to guide the future development of The Village for the next ten years as a commercial operation
- The Village to be a premier attraction for both Loxton and the Riverland having wide economic input into the district and region.

Onsite meetings were held with the consultants in May and June 2013, with the study to be completed during July 2013. \$34,500 from a \$35,000 budget was allocated to this project

SHOP UPGRADES

Upgrades to the counter, a new office desk and second

workstation have been undertaken in the shop at The Village, providing better working conditions and a fresh, clean look to the shop.

HISTORY SA: COMMUNITY MUSEUMS PROGRAM

The Village has been successful in bidding for funds to the value of \$9,500 towards the development of interpretation for selected sites around the precinct. This project will be undertaken during 2013/2014 and completed by 30th June 2014.

NEW ARRIVAL: JENNA - THE KANGAROO

We are proud to announce the arrival of Jenna, the new Village kangaroo. The village's former

resident kangaroo 'Skippy' sadly had to be put down earlier this year after battling a short illness. Local couple Trevor and Jan Smith kindly donated 'Jenna' to the village.

ADMINISTRATION

Document reviews and updates: The Village is now online and can access the council server. Administration activities are now computerised. Previous data, including statistics and income etc. is being collated and entered on spread sheets and data bases to assist with record keeping (old data is in books, folders, etc. and was manually collated).

Many new business practices have been implemented and documentation introduced which we will continue to review. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Maintenance schedules
- Operations/working instructions
- Hazard reports
- The Village Handbook
- Volunteer management, inductions and project reports
- The issuing of keys
- Education program, teacher notes and risk assessments
- Use of Village vehicles (continuing)

Point of sale: The installation of MYOB has modernised sales, visitor statistics and provides very quick access to monitor income and visitor numbers.



LOXTON GIFT

First held in 2002, the Loxton Gift athletics meeting was instigated by the Loxton Development Committee who members believed an event of that type would bring a lot of people to the town, helping to raise more awareness of Loxton outside the Riverland.

That has proved to be the case as athletes, their families and officials look forward to the Loxton event each year. Athletes from interstate have also travelled here to compete.

The SA Athletic League, which controls professional athletics in South Australia, welcomed the Loxton proposal.

The SAAL conducts the Loxton Gift meeting, with the local committee responsible for security the sponsorship and attending to all other details involved, including preparation of the running tracks.

Nippy's Frist Juices was the first major sponsor to support the proposed Loxton Gift athletics meeting and became the naming rights sponsor. Nippy's has maintained its support each year

since the initial event, with the company's generous sponsorship enabling the Nippy's Loxton Gift to achieve a high status.

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

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

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie has also been very supportive, with the oval and track preparations for the athletics meeting carried out by its parks and gardens staff.

The track always draws praise from the athletes and officials. The council also provide secretarial support for the Loxton Gift Committee which has emerged from the now defunct Loxton Development Committee.

The athletics meeting was initially held on Saturday afternoon, but a move to an evening event beginning at 5pm has proved very successful, with the events providing non-stop action under the Loxton oval



Place getters in the 2013 Nippy's Loxton Gift with principal sponsor Jeff Kinsip

lights climaxing in the Nippy's Loxton Gift final at 10pm.

The Riverland football and netball club relay events and a Little Athletics display provided added local interest for spectators while local teenage athletes also have the opportunity to compete in the various events on the SA Athletic League program.

Staging a Loxton Triathlon was also suggested by the Loxton Development Committee and that too has been a very successful event since its inception.

Both these annual events have achieved the objective of bringing people from outside the Riverland to Loxton and helping to raise the town's profile.



An overall view of the scene at the Loxton oval during the 2013 Nippy's Loxton Gift meeting

HISTORY AIN'T BORING

Following the popular and successful speakers' night in May 2012, convenor Cr Kimber, Council and in conjunction with the SA History Festival "about time" again staged "Loxton's Sure Ain't boring" event on Tuesday 7 May 2013.

The night included five intriguing speakers who reminisced about history in front of a crowd of over 270 locals.

Doris Phelps a spritely 90 year old with wide ranging interests – "From Soldier Settler to Legacy Widow"

Leon Bradtke a well known active 80 year old local businessman and grandson of

a pioneer builder – "How OE Bradtke and Sons all began."

Don Viney and Bill Ebert well known identities who trapped rabbits in the Alawoona region years ago – "Underground Mutton: Bloody Rabbits."

Johnny Gurr a retired fruit grower, media person and

keen river buff – "History is an Industry."

The attendance of 270 surpassed organiser's expectations and thanks must go to Cr David Kimber and Loxton Visitor Information Centre who facilitated the successful event.



The five speakers (from left) Johnny Gurr, Doris Phelps, Leon Bradtke, Bill Ebert and Don Viney each gave a 20-minute presentation on an aspect of their life. (photos courtesy of Loxton News)

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS



Loxton Australia Day Breakfast

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.

LOXTON AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Australia day celebrations were held throughout the district with two Australia day breakfasts one held at Kingston on Murray riverfront facilitated by the Moorook Kingston In Murray Community Association and the other in the main street of Loxton which marked the 21st year of the Loxton Australia Day Breakfast held adjacent to the Loxton Rotunda. Loxton service clubs,

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

elected members and council staff served breakfast to over 800 community members and visitors.

Awards for 2013 in Loxton were presented to:

- Citizen of the Year
- Richard Fogden
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Callie Nickolai
- Community Event of the Year
- Loxton Old Machinery Group

WAIKERIE AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

The 17th Waikerie's Australia Day Extravaganza and fireworks evening continues to be a significant event, not only on Waikerie's calendar but the Riverland region and state, with over 3000 visitors attending.

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

The Australia day community event is emphasized as a family event including entertainment for kids, party show band

Record-breaking Extravaganza



Waikerie Australia Day Celebrations Newspaper Article



Loxton Australia Day Awards Newspaper Article

"Jungle Jooce", sideshow alley, combined church service, Council Australia day awards, huge array of food and wine stalls and an outstanding display of fireworks.

The 2013 celebrations also featured Australia Day Ambassador Dr Lynn Arnold who attended as special guest and assisted Mayor Leon Stasinowsky with the formal proceedings.

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

Waikerie Senior of the Year

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie together with Warrawee Lodge announced the winner of the 2012 Waikerie

Senior of the Year Award on Tuesday 30 October. Mayor Leon Stasinowsky announced and publicly recognised Kevin Morgan for his achievements at the Waikerie Senior of the Year Awards morning tea at Waikerie Senior Citizen hall on Tuesday.

Kevin's community involvement and volunteering commenced in the late 1940's and continues today resulting in contributing countless hours to the Waikerie community.

Awards for 2013 in Waikerie were presented to:

- Citizen of the Year
- Sid Copeland
- Community Event of the Year
- Waikerie Australia Day Event



Mayor Leon Stasinowsky presenting Waikerie Australia Day Committee chairman David Gwynne with the Best Community Event Award

LOXTON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Achievements for 2012-13
Pat West, Secretary

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

- Officially Opened the Extension to Santa's Workshop.
- Celebrated 21st Anniversary of the Christmas Lights Festival.
- Prepared required documentation and received Accreditation under the National Tourism Accreditation Program.
- Introduced 10 new scenes into Santa's Walk, including several Father Christmas and Nativity scenes and repainted a further 28.
- Prepared 60 brightly coloured baubles and attached these to the bin-houses in East Terrace.
- Installed a new 'tree-like' display at the lower end of East Terrace.
- Together with volunteers from the Historical Village, set up a display at the Riverland Field days and distributed 2012 Christmas Lights brochures.
- New scenes were set up by Peter Mangelsdorf at his Christmas Wonderland display which included several sets of 'snow-fall' lights and a huge polar bear and associated display.
- Achieved a Silver Medal at the 2012 SA Tourism Awards.
- Set up an 'Out-door' raffle to provide additional funds required to upgrade existing decorations and install new ones.
- Updated our web site www.loxtonlights.com/
- Updated our brochure and distributed 8,000 copies throughout South Australia and western Victoria and New South Wales.
- Undertook a survey of visitors to the festival to assist with future marketing activities.
- Successfully negotiated with SA Power Networks to continue to assist with the staging of decorations on their poles, as a means of 'in-kind' support.
- A total of 18 volunteers were involved with the distribution and collection of paintings to residents in Santa's Walk. Many others assisted a retired fruitgrower (Peter Mangelsdorf) to set up his Christmas Wonderland display at Loxton East.
- Volunteers contributed a total of 1292 hours of voluntary labour throughout 2012/2103.
- Our partners – the Loxton Chamber of Commerce



Loxton Christmas Display



Loxton Christmas Display

LOXTON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Achievements for 2012-13
Pat West, Secretary

- re-vamped the opening festival 'Loxton Lights Up' and included several new features including a Lantern Workshop and Parade, a Reindeer Road' where visitors to Santa's Cave were given a bag and map to collect a lot of great giveaways (including stickers, lollies, activity pad and a reindeer hat) from various shops in East Terrace.
- Return of the popular performer 'Peter Combe' with his 'Quirky Berserky Bellyflop in a Pizza Band'.

In addition, all existing features were retained, eg. Light Up Night; Santa's Walk; Christmas Wonderland; Singing Christmas Tree (which incorporated a live Nativity scene featuring children from local schools); Christmas Tree Festival; Craft Fair, Santa's Cave and Community Carols.

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



Loxton Roundabout Christmas Tree Display

THE VILLAGE SECTION 41

Management Committee

Solar Power

Investigation of capital cost and cost analysis of solar power.

ICAN

Discussions with Loxton High School regarding the hosting and mentoring of selected students by volunteers.

Keys

Review of how keys are issued to volunteers and implementation of new policy.

Term of Reference

Currently under review. This also includes the donation and loan of items to The Village.

Council Meeting

Hosted the District Council of Loxton Waikerie councillors to a luncheon at The Village.

Fruit Block

Investigating options for the future of the Village fruit block which includes cost saving measures, involvement of other community groups for pruning, recognition of importance of the block to our display.

Restoration Shed

Allocation of space for the use of the Loxton Men's Shed Inc.

Friends of the Village (Village volunteer group)

- Restorations, renovations and repairs continue to be undertaken to equipment, buildings, vehicles and machinery.
- Catering to visiting groups remains a major source of income and has proven, once again, very popular.
- Provision of volunteer manpower to host activities included in the Education Program.

THE VILLAGE SECTION 41

Management Committee

- Hosting of bingo evenings, a bridal fashion Parade and raffles.
 - Involvement with visiting film crews and journalists.

Promotions

Representation and involvement in the following activities during 2012/2013:-

 - Riverland Field Day - display area and representation with the Loxton Lights Committee and Dennis Truck on display.
- Loxton Show - Dennis Truck and assorted items on display.
 - Farmers Parade - numerous vehicles and pieces of equipment in the parade.
 - Loxton Primary School - Carousel at their Big Night Out.
 - Alive Days - hosted over the Easter and June long weekend.
 - Kids Day Out - inaugural event hosted in October.
- History Week - displays and catering at the Rotunda weekly during May.
 - Catering - numerous catering opportunities to visiting car clubs, busses and groups.

Sub Committees

The following sub-committees have been active during 2012/2013:-

 - Restoration Shed
 - 40th Birthday Celebrations
 - Vintage Power Rally (2014)

THE PINES

Management Committee 10 Year Milestone

The Pines Historical House and Gardens Estate was bequeathed to the people of Loxton in 2002 for display and entertainment purposes by the late Ella Kingdon. The sandstone villa was built in 1909.

The Kingdon Estate Sub Committee met for the first time in September 2002 and The Pines Management Committee was formed shortly afterwards. Bert Haslam, Marian Woodberry and Rod Hondow were appointed as committee members and were inaugural Management Committee members for the past ten years. Bert, Marian and Rod retired as members of the management committee early 2013 however continue to volunteer their services. Bert Haslam, Marian Woodberry and Rod Hondow certainly played a significant role in the success and the careful restoration of this beautiful time piece.

During the past ten years and under the direction and careful guidance of the Management

Committee a large number of compassionate volunteers have worked timelessly to assist with activities such as cleaning, catering and tasks involved in the immaculate presentation of the house.



The Pines Management Committee

THE PINES

Management Committee 10 Year Milestone

Volunteers include a number of gardeners who spend many hours each week lovingly tending and restoring the 2000m2 garden to its former glory. The presentation of a welcoming entrance with the wide driveway lined with mature pine trees, spacious gardens of roses, hibiscus and other assorted plants, as well as an immaculate lawned area are all thanks to the hard work and dedication of a team of committee members and volunteers.

The house is constantly on public display with regular tours run by members of the Management Committee, volunteers and local people acting as tour guides providing a detailed commentary providing an insight into the benefactor's lifestyle and generosity of this local pioneering family.

The dedication and commitment from the members of the Management Committee and volunteers is clearly demonstrated when the house is transformed by these wonderful people so community members can enjoy this exceptional venue to celebrate special occasions like weddings, receptions, birthday parties, corporate vents, cocktail parties, breakfasts, and fundraisers.

The spirit of the community has been maintained to a high standard and the wishes of the late Ella Amelia Kingdon has been well respected and accommodated by these three unique and dedicated individuals.



The Pines Historical House

Achievements in 2012/2013:

- Building marquee trailer
- Family Fun Day at The Pines (Fundraiser)
- Assembling and dismantling marquee with Apex Club support for community events (Fundraiser)
- Underpinning, filling and plastering garage, seed shed, laundry walls and foundations
- Exterior security lighting
- Underground poly pipe and irrigation sprinkler repairs
- Tours
- Catering
- Working with volunteers
- Pathway and around the fountain



Marquee Trailer

THE PINES HOUSE & GARDEN

COACHES: 397
CAR CLUB: 35
SUNDAY TOURS
FAMILY FUN DAY: 70



Young Loxton Author Nathan Ramos speaking at the Family Fun Day

THE PINES

Management Committee 10 Year Milestone



Family Fun Day

FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE PINES

In August 2012 The Pines showcased the house and garden to locals and visitors at a successful Family Fun Day. The open day marked the second year of the event organised by The Pines Management Committee members and volunteers. The tours of the home were popular

on the day with a number of people taking the opportunity to walk through the rooms of The Pines and hear about its history. A young author, Nathan Ramos conducted the official opening giving a speech about the history of The Pines and its late owner Ella Kingdon. The Family Fun Day included stallholders, a CWA afternoon tea, a popular barbeque and a vintage display.

CCTV CAMERAS

Incidents of vandalism during the past 12 months has increased within the Loxton and Waikerie townships, and whilst many did not require police intervention, significant Council resources were required for repairs and clean up. Causative factors are difficult to determine, however there appeared to be a correlation with school holidays, and an increased influx of international backpackers in Waikerie.

Council investigated cost effective options for the management of vandalism and graffiti and elected to trial mobile CCTV cameras. Council chose mobile CCTV cameras as they can be moved and utilised at particular 'hot spots' and during specific events where vandalism may occur. Images are then provided to police for their action.

The use of mobile CCTV with appropriate signage to manage vandalism throughout the district has been a cost effective strategy which has noticeably reduced incidents since the implementation of mobile CCTV.

ECONOMIC AND REGIONAL STATEMENT



TOURISM

Loxton Visitor Information Centre 2012-13 Overview

The Loxton Visitor Information Centre is a Level One, Accredited Visitor Information Centre with the National Tourism Accreditation program and provides unbiased customer service seven days a week.

Loxton VIC's vision is for tourism to be recognised as one of the highest contributors to the economic growth of the district. This will be achieved through the development and implementation of cost effective, innovative marketing campaigns and targeted activities.

ACCREDITATION

A successful online renewal was undertaken during 2013 with no outstanding compliances. Our accreditation certificate was issued.

INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT & OPERATOR SUPPORT

Waikerie Visitor Information Centre

Regular meetings and contact with Lucy Quantrill, Manager of the Waikerie VIC

Riverland Visitor Information Centres

Regular meetings are hosted with the five VIC managers across the Riverland.

Destination Riverland (D/R).

- Attended forums and workshops hosted by D/R.
- D/R has attended the Riverland VIC meetings, providing updates of activities.
- Assistance and advice has been provided, or offered, to D/R in areas such as, but not limited to:-
 - Proof reading of editorial and maps including the 2013 Riverland Visitor Guide.
 - Calendar of events listings, events data bases, event editorial, feedback on event categories.
 - Self drive tour itineraries (themed tours).
 - The use of our 1800 phone number for their external promotions.
 - Expressed interested in a buy-in opportunity to assist with costs for professional tourism photographer that D/R was considering.

SA Accredited Visitor Information Centre Conference

Attended the 3-day SA ACIV conference (accreditation requirement), hosted by the Adelaide Hills. This forum presents a multitude of opportunities for networking and discussions on latest industry trends and updates including SATC marketing, customer service updates, online marketing activities, product development, ongoing changes to the tourism industry and role of AVIC's.

Event Ticket and Voucher Sales

- Loxton Chamber of Commerce: Loxton VIC is an outlet for the Loxton Gift Voucher.
 - 2012/13 Loxton VIC serviced an increase in sales of 16% when compared to 2011/12.
 - Loxton VIC receives 2% commission on sales.
- Event/Ticket Sales: Support for community events continued through a combination of contra, non-commission and commissionable sales. Events included:-
 - The Riverland Field Days
 - Time Machine (New Years Eve Party, Renmark)
 - History Sure Ain't Boring
 - Pontius
 - The Farmers Parade Dinner
 - The Riverland Country Music Festival.

- Total commissionable income for consignment stock, event/tickets sales and coach travel including Greyhound and Stateliner was \$91,414.35, an increase of 10.5% when compared to 2011/12.

- Commission values vary from 2% to 10%.

Information Bags

- In excess of 1,000 bags are provided annually in support of regional conferences and groups e.g. convention, visiting car clubs and school reunions.

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- Information bags are also available for collection outside the centre for after hours visitors with around 1,000 bags collected annually.

ADMINISTRATION

Accreditation

Maintained National Tourism Accreditation status, Level 1.

Document Reviews

- Loxton VIC Procedures.
- Loxton VIC Operations Guide.
- Loxton VIC Accreditation.
- Loxton VIC Marketing Plan.
- Loxton VIC Business Plan.
- Loxton Accommodation Audit.

Saleable Goods

- A selection of souvenir lines and local produce e.g. Viva Olives, Ausnat Fruits, Almondco, Riverglen View Glass Studio, etc. are sold at LVIC.
- Profit on sales of 33.5% was achieved in 2012/13.
- Stock on hand as of 30th June 2013 was valued at \$4,326.00 (inc GST).

The Terrace Gallery

- We boast a harmonious relationship with The Terrace Gallery Committee and continue to work together to ensure the smooth running of the centre's operations to meet the requirements of both parties.

- Sales on behalf of The Gallery are processed through the LVIC point of sales system on a non-commissionable basis.

- Sales increased by 58.6% for 2012/13 when compared to 2011/12.
- Administration support has also increased inline with their sales.

LOXTON TOURISM CLUB 2012-2013

Budgets were exceeded by 15.8% for 2012/13 by 'up-selling' the benefits of the Tourism Club, with funds totalling \$12,885 raised.

The LVIC Tourism Officers are to be commended for their efforts in this campaign.

The Loxton Hotel and Loxton Club Inc. continue to be major supporters, both financially and with participation in local tourism activities and marketing opportunities.

LOXTON MOTOR HOME RESERVE

- Due to increasing number of issues surrounding the motorhome site LVIC ceased issuing permits late 2012 and a self registration scheme was implemented.
- This has assisted, but not resolved the problems.
- LVIC staff and volunteers still receive complaints regarding the exclusion of self

contained vehicles that are not motor homes from using the site.

LOXTON WEBSITE

Loxton Visitor Information Centre continues to upgrade and manage Loxton's very popular website www.visitloxton.com.au. This is achieved through funding raised by membership for the Loxton District Tourism Club.

Having an informative and motivational website is an essential marketing tool and our website is a major segment of our ongoing tourism marketing of Loxton, Moorook and Kingston on Murray. Our goal is to continue to provide people with an easy to access site, full of motivational editorial, great images, information about places to visit, things to do, places to stay, where to dine, as well as a comprehensive list of events and festivals.

The layout ensures visitors can access all areas of the site with minimal searching and there are also facilities to request additional information including postal requests if required.

The inclusion of QR codes on future produced printed marketing material will assist in directing people to our website, providing additional opportunities to increase visitor length of stay and spend.

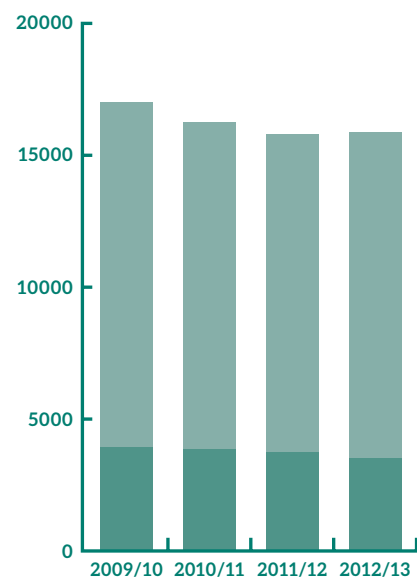
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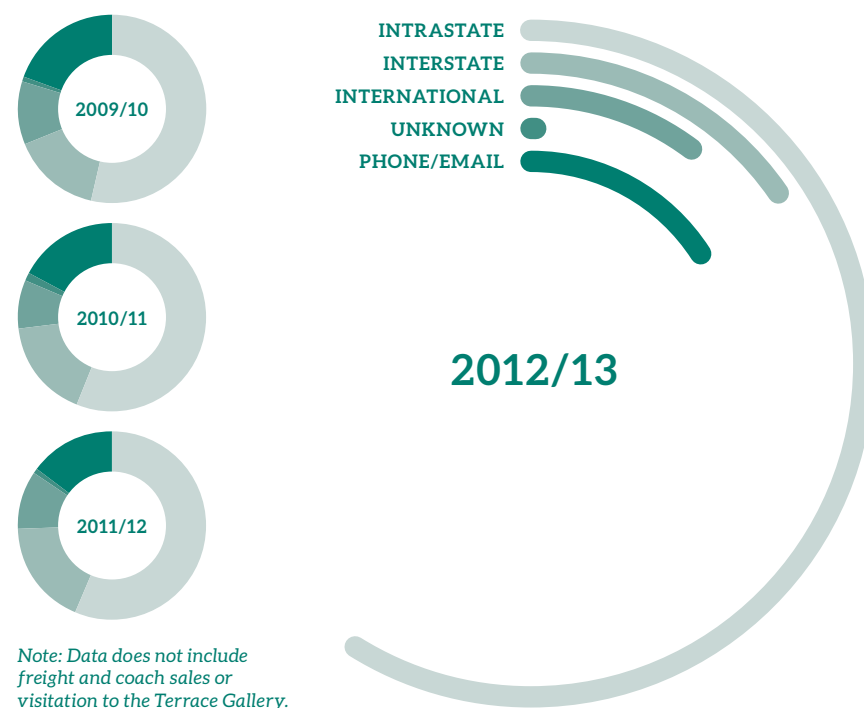
LOXTON VIC STATISTICS

5,879 people were serviced by staff and volunteers at LVIC during 2012/13, an increase of 1.1% (175 people) when compared to 2011/12.

TOURISM VS OTHER



WHERE ARE OUR VISITORS FROM?



STAFF TRAINING AND VOLUNTEER HOURS

- Loxton VIC staff includes 11 volunteers, 3 permanent part time staff and a .5 manager.
- During 2012/13 two volunteers retired and unfortunately have not been able to be replaced. This has resulted in insufficient volunteer to cover our requirements.

- On occasions we have needed to close for short periods to ensure staffs is receiving break entitlements. This is unfortunate, but unavailable due to a lack of volunteers, especially on weekends.
- 667.25 hours of volunteer time was given to the centre during 2012/13, a decrease of 242 hours when compared to 2011/12.
- A Volunteer Christmas Party was hosted in December 2012

and we celebrated the 2013 National Volunteer Week with DCLW in May.

- Familiarisation Tour: Loxton VIC staff and volunteers visited Santa's Cave and other businesses in the Waikerie area.

EDITORIAL AND MEDIA RELEASES

Editorial, media releases and images were distributed in support of events, festivals and prior to holiday periods.

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MARKETING AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

All marketing and promotional activities undertaken by Loxton VIC are funded from monies raised from membership to the Loxton District Tourism Club.

Loxton has been invited to quote to host:

- The CMCA Solo Motorhome Rally in 2014 for approx. 300 vehicles
- The National Auswide Motorhome Rally in 2015 for approx. 70 vehicles

2013 Loxton District Visitor Guide

18,000 copies printed and distributed.

Recognised as one of the regions top tourism publications, the Loxton District Visitor Guide is packed with information on attractions, maps, accommodation, discounts and offers, driving distances, weather and serves to ensure our visitors have all the information they require in one user - friendly brochure. Distributed throughout the Riverland, S.A. and neighbouring districts in Victoria.

Official Loxton District Tourism Web Site

www.loxtontourism.com.au
www.visitloxton.com.au

The primary role of our web site is to attract visitors to select Loxton as their preferred Riverland destination, promoting local businesses and attractions.

The site boasts enticing photos, creative text, local weather, downloadable brochures and voucher offers, links to operator web sites and a comprehensive array of information to assist visitors in planning their travel.

This site is updated annually to include financial Loxton Tourism Club members, non-commercial attractions and events.

Maps

Annual updates undertaken for the Loxton and Loxton district maps.

Murray River Guide

1/3 page advert placed in the 2013 Murray River Visitor Guide.

Holidays With Kids

Brochure produced by Loxton listed suggested activities for children to do whilst in the Loxton district.

Distributed from Riverland VIC's, Loxton Riverfront Caravan Park, The Village and selected local accommodation venues.

Calendar of Events

Calendars are printed and distributed each month to SATC, Riverland VIC's, Destination Riverland, Loxton district Accommodation venues, selected Riverland operators, etc.

Web listings: events, meeting set criteria are listed on The Australian Tourism Data Warehouse which feeds into www.australia.com, www.southaustralia.com.au and www.riverland.info. Other sites utilised to promote events and festivals include www.murrayriver.com and visitloxton.com.au

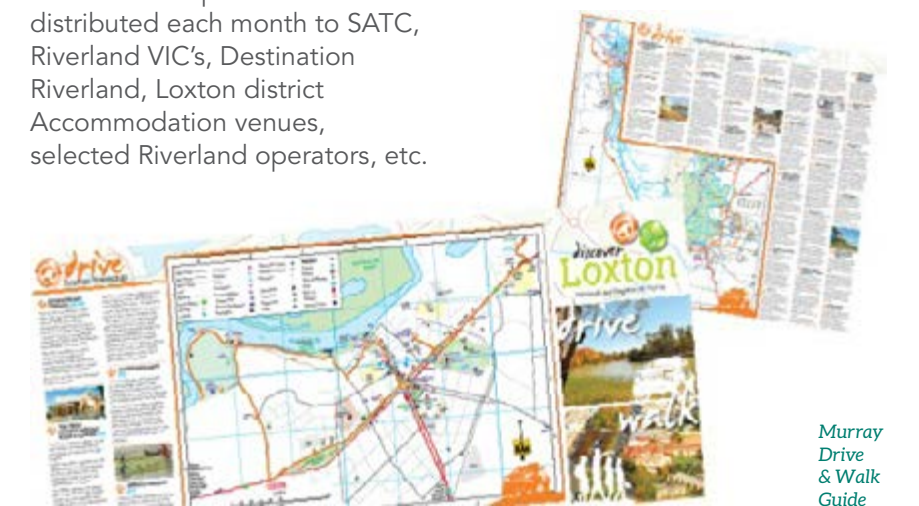
Images

Quality promotional images have been sourced from talented local photographers including Jane Wilson and Paul White, as well as the SA Tourism Commission photo library.

Images are supplied throughout the year for inclusion in advertising, editorial, web sites, etc.

Tourist Drives and Walks

New for 2013 is the 'Discover Loxton, Moorook & Kingston on Murray Drive & Walk' guide. Distributed to attractions, VIC's, accommodation venues and businesses across the Riverland. Funded by successful 2012/13 DCLW Project Bid.



Murray
Drive
& Walk
Guide

EAST TERRACE

Revitalisation Plan

'Our Hub, Our Pride.. East Terrace Revitalisation' concept plans were endorsed by Council for public consultation in August 2012.

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie together with the Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee and the Loxton District Chamber of Commerce formed a working party to work collaboratively on the project.

The objectives are to build upon the intimate row shopping experience through reinventing the Village Square notion by revitalising East Terrace with:

- East Terrace gateway
- Outdoor Cinema screen / performance area
- Drabsch Street crossover converted into community space
- Bus and taxi parking
- Pedestrian linkages
- Redesign of Allen Hoskin Rest
- Improved seating and gardens

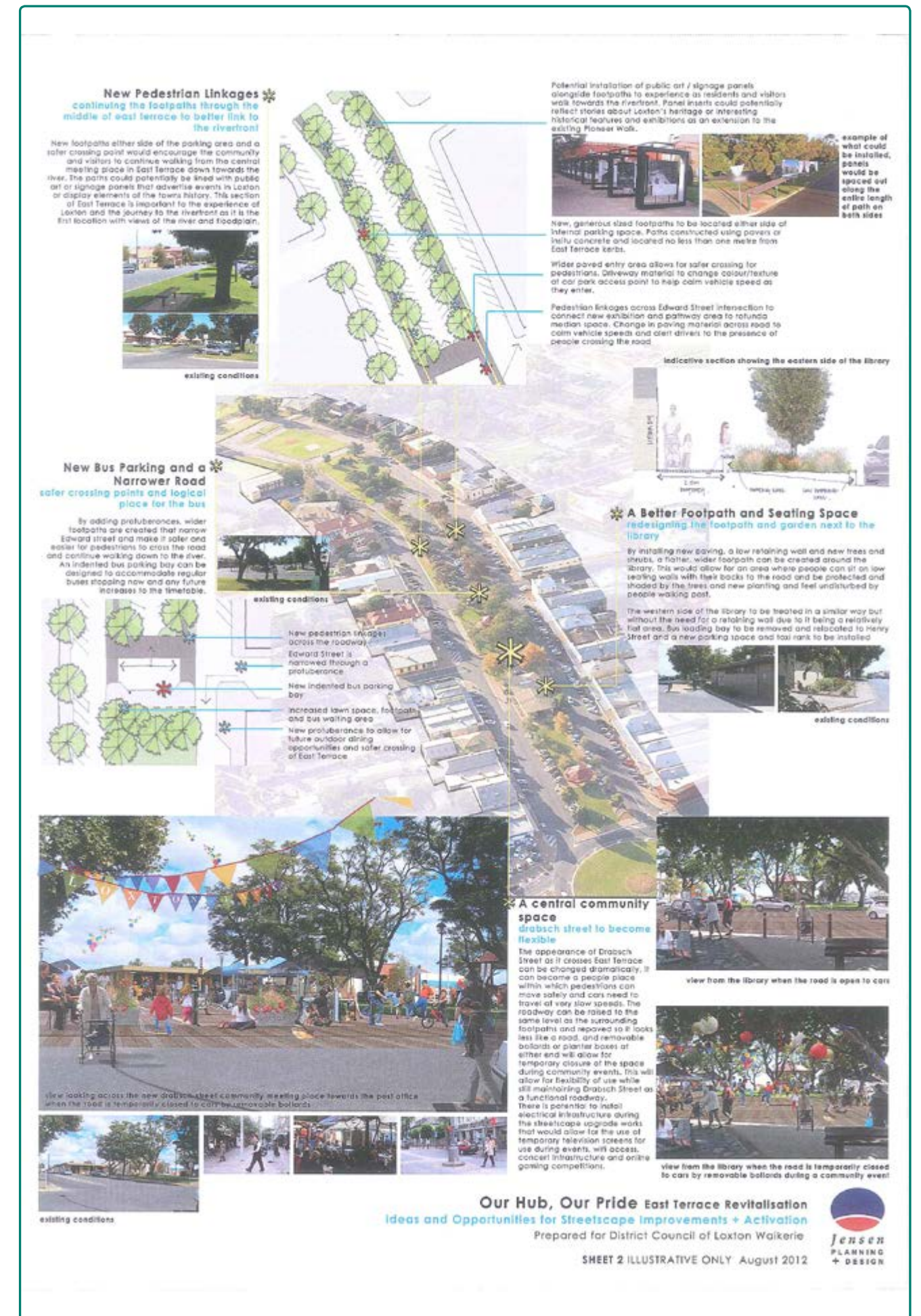
Council has allocated \$125,000 in its current budget and together with generous financial support from the Loxton Rotary Club, application has been made to the State Governments Places for People fund for support to implement stage 1

The outcome will enhanced visitor experience and provision of positive impact to our retailers, resulting in a stronger business community and increased employment opportunities.

Representatives from the Loxton Chamber of Commerce and District Council of Loxton Waikerie attended the inaugural Mainstreet SA State Conference 2013 where other regions shared their experiences in revitalizing their main streets.



Attending the first Mainstreet SA State Conference 2013 in Port Adelaide on were (from left Cr Deb Thiele, Kathy Elliott, Annette Winter, Gill McInnes, Sonya Altschwager and Chief Executive Officer, Peter Ackland)



Our Hub Our Pride East Terrace revitalisation project | Loxton main street revitalisation |



Loxton District
Chamber of Commerce Inc



Our Hub Our Pride...East Terrace Revitalisation

Imagine a vibrant, lively, attractive street where people come to soak up the ambiance. Imagine a 'people's place' with activity for all age groups and an inviting area to commune with your neighbour.

Envision beautiful gardens that, by their design, encourage you to wander through, discovering new and fascinating features.

Imagine an area where you can be entertained or provide entertainment. Add exciting street art and historical story boards nestled between a strip of diverse shops including vibrant cafes and eateries spilling onto the area.

What a welcoming and lively vista; one which boasts prosperity and pride and entices visitors and tourists to come, stay and return.

Just imagine this is YOUR mainstreet

Public Consultation
29th August - 28th September 2012

The Loxton and District Chamber of Commerce, Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee and the District Council of Loxton Waikerie jointly present a proposal to revitalise East Terrace Loxton .

The aims of the proposal are to:

- Refresh East Terrace by building upon the strengths of Loxton's existing row shops and village style atmosphere
- Recreate a place that supports extended use of the precinct by the modern community
- Provide the opportunity for increased trade and the provision of a 'Village Square' experience
- Soften the existing landscape with more appropriate plantings and infrastructure designed to attract and retain people
- Provide an attractive experience to visitors and non local shoppers
- Create a linkage to a new playground to the south and the river precinct to the north through integration of existing walking trails and public art

The proposal includes seven main elements being:

- A new East Terrace Gateway
- An outdoor cinema / performance area
- A new Allen Hosking Rest
- Improved Seating and Gardens
- New Pedestrian Linkages
- New Bus and Taxi Parking
- The Drabsch Street Crossover - a central community space

We invite your comments on the proposal by no later than 5.00pm Friday 28 September 2012 either by letter to District Council of Loxton Waikerie, P.O. Box 409 Loxton SA 533 or by email to council@loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au

We will also be providing a stand in East Terrace between 10.00am and 2.00pm each Thursday and Friday of the consultation period to provide an opportunity for one on one discussion with representatives of the Grounds Committee, Chamber of Commerce and Council

Please view the proposal in the files below or at the Council office.

A joint initiative of

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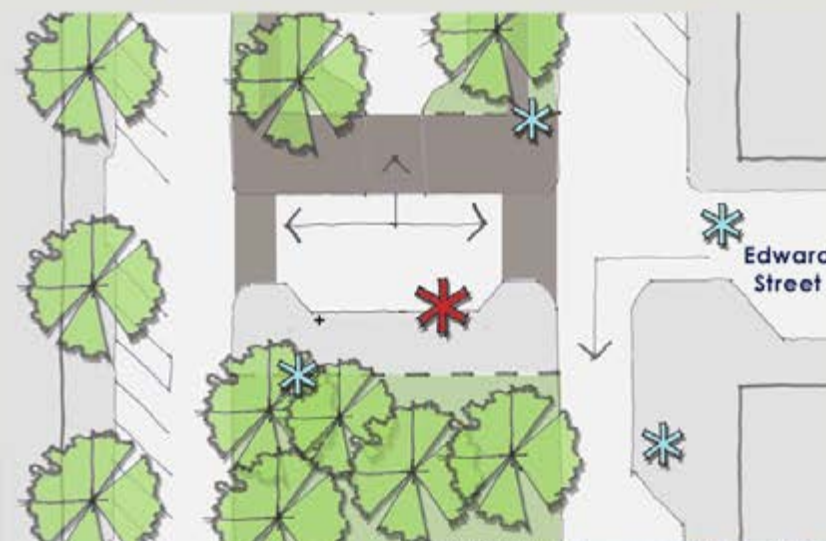
MEMBER AREA

BUY Gift Vouchers


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New Bus and Taxi Parking


Safer Bus Parking and Crossing Points



Concept Plan
Illustrative Only




Existing Conditions




Proposed Taxi Rank Location

The design changes will:

- * Provide a dedicated drive through bus bay on the southern side of the Edwards Street crossover
- * Allow for passengers to access the bus from the safety of the footpath
- * Bus bay to be raised to the height of the kerb for increased accessibility
- * Edwards Street crossover to remain a two way thoroughfare
- * New paved paths through Edwards Street crossover to calm traffic and define pedestrian connections
- * Dedicated Taxi rank on the south-western side of the library on East Terrace to allow safe access to both sides of the taxi



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Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee
District Council of Loxton Waikerie
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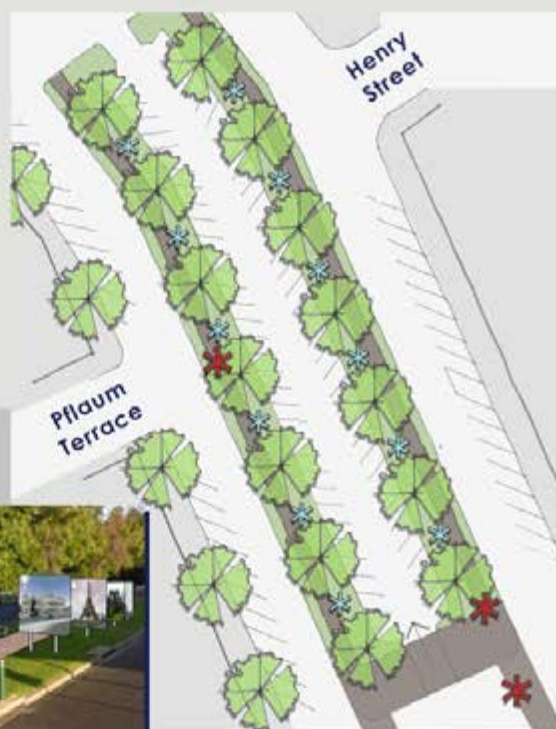
Our Hub, Our Pride... East Terrace Revitalisation

New Pedestrian Linkages

Continuing the Footpaths through East Terrace to better link with the Riverfront

Concept Plan
Illustrative Only

Ideas and
Opportunities
Suggestion Only



The design changes will:

- * Define clear pedestrian linkages from the top to the bottom of East Terrace, through each section of median (and across side streets), drawing people through the whole street
- * Each path will be generous in width and paved or have high quality surface for safety
- * New paved paths through Edwards Street crossover to calm traffic and define pedestrian connections
- * Inclusion of "walker friendly" elements such as drinking fountains and rest areas
- * New paths in median strip between Edwards Street and "Hotel" crossovers to be lined with public art or picture panels depicting district history
- * New paths to link to the existing network of walking trails



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Our Hub, Our Pride... East Terrace Revitalisation

Seating and Gardens

New Plantings and Opportunities to Enjoy



Artist's Impression
Illustrative Only



Ideas and Opportunities
Images are Suggestions Only

The design changes will:

- * Improve seating and garden design particularly around the perimeter of the Library and gazebo areas
- * Transform existing "no parking" lined areas into kerbed gardens, with some paving and seating
- * Include new street tree plantings along East Terrace for shade and to enhance appeal
- * Provide pedestrian level and feature lighting for safety and effect as part of an integrated electrical upgrade
- * Include provision for laptop and smart phone charging points
- * Use placement of seating and gardens as encouragement to use the area for lunches, discussions and as meeting places
- * Make provision for periodic use of large games such as chess
- * Enhance laneway access to Woolworths (to be discussed with adjoining property owners)

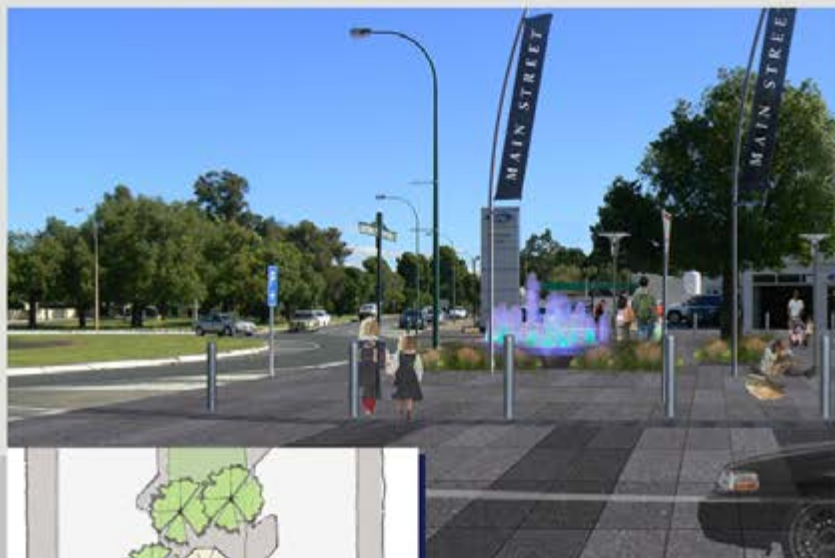


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Our Hub, Our Pride... East Terrace Revitalisation

A New East Terrace Gateway

Building a Connection with the River



Artist's Impression
Illustrative Only

View looking across East Terrace from 'Evolve on Terrace' towards the roundabout and Ford dealership



Concept Plan Illustrative Only

The design changes will:

- * Announce East Terrace as a special shopping and community place
- * Slow traffic down promoting pedestrian safety
- * Reference and connect with the river through a water feature
- * Include vibrant new plantings, colour and shade
- * Provide paved road crossings and protuberances for safer crossing of East Terrace
- * Upgrade the gazebo (recognising current use by Santa's Cave)

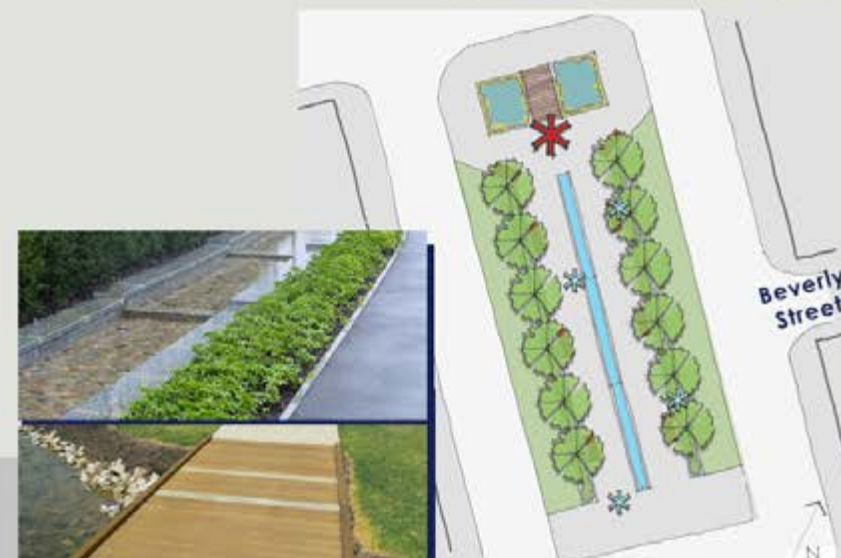


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Our Hub, Our Pride... East Terrace Revitalisation

Allen Hosking Rest

A Place for Reflection



Concept Plan
Illustrative Only



Ideas and Opportunities
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The design changes will:

- * Perpetuate and continue to recognise the contribution of Allen Hosking
- * Provide a place of relaxation, rest and contemplation
- * Open up the view of the river, framed between plantings of new shade trees shadowing well placed seating
- * Interpret Loxton's connection to the River and riverine environment through recirculating water culminating in a shallow wetlands
- * Showcase Loxton's sustainable reuse of water and selected plantings
- * Connect people to the river via continuation of pedestrian pathways



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Drabsch Street Crossover A Central Community Space

Retains Traffic Movement and Increased Flexibility



Artist's Impression
Illustrative Only

View looking across Drabsch Street towards the Post Office



Artist's Impressions
Illustrative Only

View looking from the library when the road is closed (above) and open to cars (left)



The design changes will:

- * Retain Drabsch Street crossover primarily as a functional roadway
- * Provide an option for a central plaza and community place when temporarily closed by removable bollards
- * Designate the community place by raising the level of the crossover to be the same height as the median strip kerb and pave the entire crossover
- * Install provision for removable bollards, power, planter boxes and other infrastructure in the crossover
- * Increase flexible use of the crossover for events to attract visitors such as markets, gourmet food festivals, large screen interactive gaming etc
- * Make better use of the central shopping area when special events are conducted
- * Calm traffic movements through use of pavers



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Our Hub, Our Pride... East Terrace Revitalisation

Our Hub, Our Pride... East Terrace Revitalisation An Overview

"Imagine a vibrant, lively, attractive street where people come to soak up the ambiance. Imagine a 'people's place' with activity for all age groups and an inviting area to commune with your neighbour. Envision beautiful gardens that, by their design, encourage you to wander through, discovering new and fascinating features. Imagine an area where you can be entertained or provide entertainment. Add exciting street art and historical story boards, nestled between a strip of diverse shops including vibrant cafes and eateries spilling onto the area. What a welcoming and lively vista; one which boasts prosperity and pride and entices visitors and tourists to come, stay and return."

Just imagine this is **your** mainstreet"

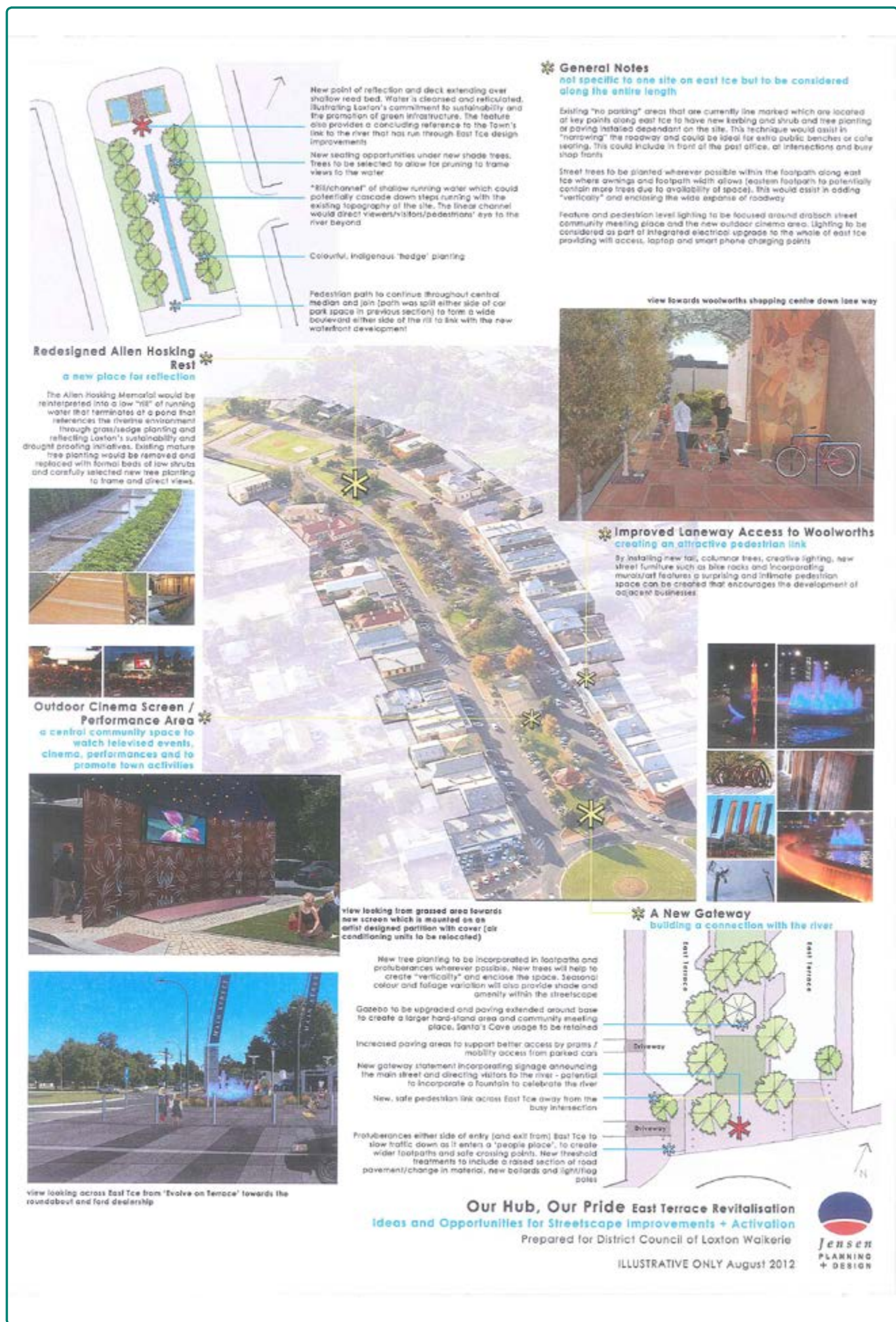
Our Hub, Our Pride... East Terrace Loxton Revitalisation is a collective proposal designed to:

- * Refresh East Terrace by building upon the strengths of Loxton's existing row shops and village style atmosphere
- * Recreate a place that supports extended use of the precinct by the modern community
- * Provide the opportunity for increased trade and the provision of a "Village Square" experience
- * Soften the existing landscape with more appropriate plantings and infrastructure designed to attract and retain people
- * Provide an attractive experience to visitors and non local shoppers
- * Create a linkage to a new playground to the south and the river precinct to the north through integration of existing walking trails and public art



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LOXTON PIONEER PLAYGROUND

In November 2010 the Loxton Playground Working Group comprising of members of the Loxton Community was established to develop and plan a new play area for the township of Loxton.

The Working Group made a comprehensive presentation to Council in November 2011. Council endorsed the Working Party's recommendation, including the preferred site at the rear of Pioneer Gardens, for the purpose of public consultation.

In January 2012 Council received overwhelming support and resolved to allocate the preferred site be allocated for a public playground and sought concurrence from the relevant government agencies.

Council appointed Jensen Planning and Design to prepare a design concept plan in June 2012 for the Loxton Pioneer Playground with the following aims:

- To build upon the work already undertaken by the Playground Working Party



The concepts featured in the design were arrived at by establishing the guiding principles of being distinctive, vibrant, iconic, a place to play and relax to present aspects past, present and future, to challenge, have adventures, connect, be inclusive, and to be a place to gather and enjoy.

and develop it further with a detailed knowledge of play and spatial design theory, manufacturing practicalities, budget allowances, construction constraints and opportunities

- To create a multi functional space that is accessible, usable and inviting to a broad demographic of local users and visitors
- To work with the existing landscape context and introduce a new pallet of

sustainable soft and hard landscape features

- To provide an attractor to visitors passing through or by Loxton, invite them to stay longer and experience East Tce and the Riverbank Precinct
- To ensure a safe environment is maintained for children using the play elements and spaces, pedestrians walking to and from the site from East Tce and other trails and for the elderly and disability impaired during the day and at night
- To celebrate Loxton's pioneer past and strong historical ties to the land and water

Preliminary designs were received late 2012.

A final concept will be prepared for presentation to Council and subject to in principle support, information provided to the community.



Members of the Loxton Pioneer Playground Working Group. From left: Jennifer McCullough, Rosemary French, Sheree Cameron, Jodie Williams, Sharon Edwards, Kerrie-anne Hughes (absent)

MMLGA ANNUAL REPORT



The Murray and Mallee
Local Government Association

THE MURRAY AND MALLEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2012-2013



Comprising:

Berri Barmera Council

District Council of Karoonda East Murray

Mid Murray Council

Renmark Paringa Council, and the

Coorong District Council

District Council of Loxton Waikerie:

Rural City of Murray Bridge

Southern Mallee District Council

- Promotion of the LGA's Local Government Stimulus package,
- Ministerial approach to improve local government access to the Waste to Resources fund to assist with regional waste infrastructure to ensure that State Government Waste Targets are achieved,
- Consideration of internal human resource matters including employee sick leave provisions,
- Through the SAROC Committee, requested the State Government to reconsider the costs to Councils for the installation, powering and maintenance of street traffic lighting,
- Provision of a detailed response to the Minister on the draft Statement for Regional SA,
- Currently and actively promoting the concept and benefits of video conferencing, not only assisting Councils' cost base, but potentially making local training initiatives a reality,
- Commencement of the production of a Regional Public Health Plan.

The Association continues to be vitally involved with:

- The Murray Darling Basin Plan and funding issues around the River Murray water flow operations,
- Regional submission for the Special Local Roads Program, this year providing \$2.05m in funding availability,
- Councils' facilitation of the NBN Co rollout and for the provision of Council land for fixed wireless towers,
- Climate Change issues,
- Trail Bike access to Road Reserves,
- The downgrading of the Broomrape Eradication Program,
- And the State Government's reduction of funding for regional Sport and Recreation facilities.

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank Vice President Mayor Peter Hunt, Mayor Leon Stasinowsky (as proxy) for being Delegates to the SAROC Committee and the LGA State Executive Committee and all other Member Council Mayors, Delegates, both past and present, Member Council CEO's and staff, all of whom have provided local government representation to the Association, internal and external committees and working parties.

Timely information has again been provided to the Association from the Local Government Association of SA. I especially recognise the efforts of both Wendy Campana and Chris Russell. These efforts have been mirrored by the Office of State/Local Government Relations by the regular reports provided by both Mick Petrovski and Alex Hart. I recognise their support, advice and well researched information provided.

I thank our CEO Peter Campbell for his continued commitment and support provided to me and the Association over the past year.

I have a sense of pride about the achievements and undertakings of the Association during my term as President and thank all Member Councils and Delegates for the opportunity afforded to me being your President for the past year.



Mayor David Burgess,
President 2012-2013
Murray and Mallee Local Government Association.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT



President, Mayor David Burgess.

In my first term as President of the Association, I have the greatest of pleasure in providing the following President's Annual report for the period 2012 to 2013.

This Report focuses on the activities undertaken, and as outlined in the Association's Annual Business Plan 2012-2013.

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

Sometimes it is necessary for us to revisit the purpose and mission of the Association that is to provide an effective and efficient regional organization, facilitating the coordination of Local Government resources, the fostering of partnership approaches to regional issues and projects and the lobbying for the benefit of our regional communities.

With this in mind, the following provides a snapshot of the key activities undertaken:

- Completion of the Ensuring Local Government services Provision Project, with the provision of the RISE economic modelling tools for the Riverland and Murraylands sub-regions and as the region as a whole. A presentation of the project at the October 2012 LGA General Meeting and completion of a regional training program.
- Ministerial exemption from the necessity for the Association to install an external audit committee.
- Provision of support and provision of input into the LGA's Strategy for Regional SA.
- Review of the Zero Waste SA Regional Implementation program.

The Association has more recently undertaken actions, including:

- Lifting of the ban on fishing for catfish in the River Murray,
- Potato Imports from New Zealand,
- Direct participation and financial assistance to the Dream Australia Project to attract overseas migrants to work in local government and private enterprise in the region,
- Promoted and facilitated the LGA's Council Performance Improvement Program including the Business Partner Program and Resource Sharing initiatives,
- Addressed the issue of Carbon Pricing for off-road vehicles as it affects local government,
- Facilitation of the region's Annual Priority Planning Day and the subsequent formation of the Association's Working Party and professional facilitation to forward the aims of the region's priorities,
- Tackled the matter of the closure of River Murray Ferries service and conducted a deputation to the Minister to obtain clarity and undertaking for the continuance of services and asset upgrades,
- Provision of assistance and local government representation with the NRM Board on the Integrated Vulnerability Assessment project, with the commencement of Phase 2 of the project.

ASSOCIATION PRESIDENCY.

Mayor David Burgess, Mid Murray Council was elected President at the Annual General Meeting held at Tailem Bend on the 1st June, 2012 and Mayor Peter Hunt, Berri Barmera Council was elected Vice President both for a full annual term of office.

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

Mayor David Burgess and Mayor Peter Hunt served on the LGA Board (previously termed the State Executive of the Local Government Association of South Australia), with Mayor Leon Stasinowsky, District Council of Loxton Waikerie, as proxy.

ASSOCIATION: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SERVICES.

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

In accordance with a resolution of Member Council Delegates, the Chief Executive Officer underwent performance review process in June, 2013, coinciding with the production of the Association's draft 2013-2014 Annual Business Plan and draft 2013-2014 Budget.

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

CONSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Association operated as a Regional Subsidiary under the transitional provisions of the Local Government Act 1999 until December, 2001 with a formal Charter, agreed to by Member Councils, becoming effective on the 13th December, 2001.

Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999, a review of the Association's Charter for a Regional Subsidiary is not due until 2014. The current Charter can be viewed on the Association's website at www.mmlga.sa.gov.au

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.

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 2012 – 2013, the Association has met bi-monthly General Meetings, convened on:

3rd August, 2012 - General Meeting - at the District Council of Loxton Waikerie Council Chamber, East Terrace, Loxton - the District Council of Loxton Waikerie as host.

5th October, 2012 - General Meeting - at the Mid Murray Council Meeting Room, 47 Adelaide Road, Mannum - the Mid Murray Council as host.

7th December, 2012 - General Meeting - at the Renmark Paringa Community and Civic Centre, 61 Eighteenth Street, Renmark - the Renmark Paringa Council as host.

1st February, 2013 - General Meeting - at the Rural City of Murray Bridge Council Chamber, 2 Seventh Street, Murray Bridge - the Rural City of Murray Bridge as host.

5th April, 2013 - General Meeting - at the Lameroo Memorial Hall, 63 Railway Terrace South, Lameroo - the Southern Mallee District Council as host.

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

- Andrew Milazzo, Executive Director, DPTI, Paul Gelston, Director Road and Traffic Management, DPTI, and Jon Whelan, Regional Manager, Eastern, DPTI.
- Greg Lundstrom, SA MDB NRM Board.
- Richard Bingham – SA Ombudsman and Martha Savva,
- Robyn Daly, LGA Mutual Liability Scheme,
- Noel Mensforth, Dept. of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI),
- Rosalie Day, Connecting-Up,
- Dr. John Virtue, BioSecurity SA,
- Rod Ralph SA MDB NRM Board,
- Lincoln Size, CEO, Country South SA Medicare Local, and
- Ms. Christine Trenorden and Professor Graham Sanson, Local Excellence Expert Panel.

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, and Chris Russell, 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 7th June, 2013:

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

Coorong District Council (CDC): Mayor Roger Strother, Michael Boyd, CEO, Cr. Sharon Bland (proxy), Deputy Mayor Peter Wright (proxy) and Tim Tol, Director Sustainable Development (proxy).

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

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

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

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

District Council of Renmark Paringa (RPC): Mayor Neil Martinson, Deputy Mayor Peter Hunter, Tony Siviour, CEO (proxy) and Nathan Haynes, Director Corporate and Community Services (proxy).

Southern Mallee District Council (SMDC): Mayor Gordon Hancock, Deputy Mayor Jeff Nickolls and Anthony Renshaw, CEO (proxy).

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS.

The following were the Association Committee Members up until the AGM of the 7th June, 2013:

LGA Board:

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

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

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

South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC):

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

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

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

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

Regional Development Australia (Murraylands and Riverland) Board.

Deputy Mayor Barry Laubsch - Rural City of Murray Bridge.

President, Mayor David Burgess - Mid Murray Council.

Mayor Neil Martinson - Renmark Paringa Council.

Cr. Trevor Norton, District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

SA MDB NRM Board.

Deputy Mayor Andrew Kassebaum, Berri Barmera Council.

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

President M&MLGA as Chair, Mayor David Burgess.

Deputy Mayor Barry Laubsch, Rural City of Murray Bridge.

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

David Mosel, Asset Manager, Coorong District Council.

Brenton Lewis, CEO Murraylands Regional Development Board.

Mayor Roger Strother, Coorong District Council.

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

Works Manager, Mid Murray Council. *(by virtue of position held)*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mayor Gordon Hancock, Southern Mallee District Council.

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

A representative, Zero Waste SA. (external appointment).

Murray and Mallee Local Government Association Regional Transport Strategy Committee:

Mayor Roger Strother, Coorong District Council, Chair

Peter Campbell, CEO, M&MLGA

President, Mayor David Burgess, Mid Murray Council

Paul Day - Renmark Paringa Council

Barry Fletcher - private citizen representing Berri Barmera Council

Director of Infrastructure - District Council of Loxton Waikerie

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

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

Works Manager - Southern Mallee District Council

David Mosel, Coorong District Council

A representative - Regional Development Australia (Murraylands and Riverland) Board

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

M&MLGA Transport Reference Group. - Community Transport:

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

Cr. Mike Fuller, Berri Barmera Council.

Murraylands and Riverland Regional Coordination Network:

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

LGA Land Access Working Group:

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

Murray and Mallee Zone Emergency Management Committee:

Mayor Neil Martinson, Renmark Paringa Council, Chair.

Mayor Peter Hunt, Berri Barmera Council.

Peter Bond, 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.

Works Manager, Southern Mallee District Council.

River Murray Ferries Working Group:

Russell Peate, CEO, Mid Murray Council,

Tony Siviour, CEO, Renmark Paringa Council,

Michael Boyd, CEO, Coorong District Council,

Dept. of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure representatives.

Murray and Mallee Annual Priority Working Party:

Tony Siviour, CEO, Renmark Paringa Council,

Peter Bond, CEO, Rural City of Murray Bridge,

Russell Peate, CEO, Mid Murray Council,

Tony Renshaw, CEO, Southern Mallee District Council,

Mayor Leon Stasinowsky, District Council of Loxton Waikerie,

Alex Hart, Office of State/Local Government Relations.

Regional Public Health Plan Steering Committee:

Garry Brinkworth, Berri Barmera Council,

Harc Wordsworth, Southern Mallee District Council and the District Council of Karoonda East Murray,

Jim Quinn, Coorong District Council,

Katina Nikas, Renmark Paringa Council,

Kelvin Goldstone, Mid Murray Council,

Phil Eckert, Rural City of Murray Bridge,

Stephen Bateman, District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS.

There were no Executive Meetings held during the year.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES.

The Association undertakes a coordinating role, in conjunction with Member Councils, on their issues and those raised by the Local Government Association of South Australia, the community, and other relevant parties' concerns and interests.

State and Federal Members of Parliament representing our Region have been briefed and support has been sought for issues raised.

Submissions and briefings undertaken include:

- Submission for Special Local Roads applications for 2013-2014 funding round.
- Submissions to the SAROC Committee, including:
 - Regional Development Discussion Paper
 - Shared Use of School Recreation and Sport Facilities
 - Development (Trusses) Variation Regulations
 - Funding for Regional Development Australia (RDA) Committees Post June 2013
 - LGRF Business Partner Program 2012-13
 - Natural Resources Management (NRM)
 - Planning Reform
 - Importation of Whole Fresh Potatoes from Countries Afflicted with "Zebra Chip Prone" Potato Products
 - Recreational Boating Facilities
 - Regional Planning Days
 - Regional Statement for South Australia
 - Solid Waste Levy – Waste to Resources Fund
 - Public Lighting Costs
 - Video Conferencing Pilot Project
- Submission to the Minister for Primary Industries re continuation of the Broomrape Eradication Program.
- Submission to Zero Waste SA for Regional Implementation funding applications for the 2013-2014 funding round.
- In partnership with the SA MDB NRM Board, provided a submission for funding to undertake Phase 2 of the Integrated Vulnerability Assessment Project.
- Further submission to the Murray Darling Basin Authority re the Draft Basin Plan.
- Submission to the LGA re the Strategy for Regional SA.
- Submission to the State Government re closure of the Cadell River Murray Ferry Service.
- Submission to OS/LGR re Statutory Closure of Ferry Services Procedures.

- Submission to the LGA re Trail Bike Access to Road Reserves.
- Submission to the LGA re Video Conferencing Pilot Project.
- Submission to the Minister for Primary Industries re Potato Imports from New Zealand.
- Submission to Primary Industries re Statement for Regional SA.
- Ministerial request for improved access to the Waste to Resources Fund.
- Improved funding support initiatives for Rural SA request to OS/LGR.
- Ministerial submission re funding availability for River Murray Water Operations.
- Submission to Primary Industries re funding support for Lifting the Ban on Fishing for Catfish in the River Murray Project.
- Submission to Federal Government re state-wide Murray Darling Basin Agreements.
- Funding support request to the Federal Government for the Mindarie Connect Project.

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

- Regional LGA CEO's Briefings (6).
- Regional Strategy for SA Workshop.
- Regional Annual Strategic Planning Day workshops X4 of.
- RISE Economic Modelling Tool Training Workshop.
- LGA Teleconference re Economic Stimulus Package Program briefing.
- I-Vision – Telstra Video Conferencing briefing and demonstration.
- NBN Briefing.
- Dream Australia LG briefing and filming.
- Deputation with Minister Kousantonis.
- Integrated Vulnerability Assessment Project Workshop.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (SAROC).

The President, Mayor David Burgess, Vice President Mayor Peter Hunt, (Mayor Leon Stasinowsky as proxy on occasions) and the Chief Executive Officer have attended SAROC meetings during the year.

The meetings are usually held bi-monthly on the day preceding the meeting of the LGA Board.

SAROC has a Memorandum of Understanding between Regional Local Government Associations and the Local Government Association of South Australia, which was completed in August, 2003.

The Association has provided our regional input into many topics that are relevant to all communities across the State, some of which include:

- Regional Heritage Advisory Service
- The Impact of the Graduated Licensing System on Rural Communities
- Bushfire Management Area Planning
- Regional Development Discussion Paper
- Shared Use of School Recreation and Sport Facilities
- Development (Trusses) Variation Regulations
- Funding for Regional Development Australia (RDA) Committees Post June 2013
- Regulation of Water Industry
- LGRF Business Partner Program 2012-13
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- Regional Development Australia (RDA) Committee Elections
- Fire and Emergency Services Act (FESA) Review
- ESCOSA Pricing for CWMS

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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 2012-2013 grant of \$36,424 (excl GST) to the Association.

This grant has ensured that the Association has been able to undertake regional enhancement and capacity building projects throughout the year.

INFORMING COUNCILS AND OTHER PARTIES.

The Association recognises the importance of providing both topical and detailed information on its activities to Member Councils, the LGA SA, the Dept. of Planning Transport and Infrastructure, Politicians, other key stakeholders and the general public within and outside the Region.

Over past years, and after each General Meeting or Annual General Meeting, the Association produced a Newsletter, the "Murray Mallee Briefs".

This publication explained the activities of the Association during the period and highlights issues of importance to the region.

The Newsletter was widely distributed to media outlets, Governmental Departments, Politicians and interested parties.

Now that the Minutes of Association General Meetings are produced in an expanded and explanatory form, the President and the CEO suspended the production of the Newsletter in October 2012 in favour of wide Minutes distribution. This initiative has received wider and favourable comment.

The Association's website www.mmlga.sa.gov.au contains a wealth of information on the Association's activities, including all Agendas, Appendices, Minutes for General and Committee Meetings and past Newsletters.

BEYOND 2013.

General Meetings of the Association will continue to be held during 2013-2014 on the first Friday in the months of August, December, February, April with the Annual General Meeting to be held in June. They will be held throughout the Region, hosted alphabetically by the Member Councils.

At the Annual General Meeting held on the 1st June, 2013, the Association endorsed the Annual Business Plan 2013-2014 and the Associated Annual Budget. These documents are available to be viewed and downloaded from the Association's website at www.mmlga.sa.gov.au

The status of the objectives and actions in the Association's Annual Business Plan 2013-2014 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 2013

Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

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Statement of Profit and Loss and Other Comprehensive Income
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	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
Regional Enhancement Fund Grant	2	36,424	35,780
Interest received	2	4,556	5,702
MMB LGA contributions	2	102,914	90,560
Other income		4,728	-
		<hr/> 148,622	<hr/> 132,042
Other operating expenses	3	(132,853)	(140,910)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		<hr/> 15,769	<hr/> (8,868)
Other comprehensive income		<hr/> -	<hr/> -
Total comprehensive Income/(loss)		<hr/> 15,769	<hr/> (8,868)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated


Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2013

		2013 \$	2012 \$
	Note		
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	90,164	74,083
Trade and other receivables	5	3,600	3,612
Total current assets		93,764	77,695
TOTAL ASSETS		93,764	77,695
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	6	2,400	2,100
Total current liabilities		2,400	2,100
TOTAL LIABILITIES		2,400	2,100
NET ASSETS		91,364	75,595
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus		53,184	47,649
Unspent funds reserve	7	38,180	27,946
TOTAL EQUITY		91,364	75,595

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

These financial statements are approved and signed for and on behalf of the Committee by on **6 2 AUG 2013**


President


CEO

Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 30 June 2013

	2013		
		Unspent Funds Reserve	Accumulated Surplus
		\$	\$
	Note		Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2012		27,946	47,649
Surplus for the year		-	15,769
Other movement			
Transfers to/from accumulated surplus	7	10,234	(10,234)
Balance at 30 June 2013		38,180	53,184
		Unspent Funds Reserve	Retained Surplus
		\$	\$
	Note		Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2011		42,946	41,517
Deficit for the year		-	(8,868)
Other movement			
Transfers to/from accumulated surplus	7	(15,000)	15,000
Balance at 30 June 2012		27,946	47,649

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 30 June 2013

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
Cash from operating activities:			
Receipts from members		102,914	90,560
Receipts from grants		38,424	35,780
Other income		4,728	-
Interest received		4,568	6,059
Payments to suppliers		(122,787)	(114,971)
Project payments		(9,766)	(25,000)
Net cash provided by/ (used in) operating activities	8	16,081	(7,572)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		16,081	(7,572)
Cash at beginning of financial year		74,083	81,655
Cash at end of financial year	4	90,164	74,083

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

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

1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985*. The association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions to which they apply. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on **8² AUG 2013** by the members of the committee.

Accounting Policies

(a) Comparatives

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

Where the association has retrospectively applied an accounting policy, made a retrospective restatement or reclassified items in its financial statements, an additional statement of financial position as at the beginning of the earliest comparative period will be disclosed.

(b) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

(c) Income taxes

The activities of the Association are exempt from taxation under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

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(d) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

(e) Financial Instruments

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is equivalent to the date that the association commits itself to either purchase or sell the asset (ie trade date accounting is adopted).

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs except where the instrument is classified "at fair value through profit or loss", in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, amortised cost using the effective interest method, or cost. Fair value represents the amount for which an asset could be exchanged or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties. Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value. In other circumstances, valuation techniques are adopted.

Amortised cost is calculated as the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition less principal repayments and any reduction for impairment, and adjusted for any cumulative amortisation of the difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount calculated using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is used to allocate interest income or interest expense over the relevant period and is equivalent to the rate that discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts (including fees, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) over the expected life (or when this cannot be reliably predicted, the contractual term) of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. Revisions to expected future net cash flows will necessitate an adjustment to the carrying amount with a consequential recognition of income or expense in profit or loss.

The association does not designate any interests in subsidiaries, associates or joint venture entities as being subject to the requirements of Accounting Standards specifically applicable to financial instruments.

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(e) Financial Instruments (continued)

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

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

(ii) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial asset is derecognised.

(iii) Held-to-maturity investments

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets that have fixed maturities and fixed or determinable payments, and it is the association's intention to hold these investments to maturity. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial asset is derecognised.

(iv) Available-for-sale financial assets

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

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

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

(v) Financial liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities other than financial guarantees are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial liability is derecognised.

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(e) Financial Instruments (continued)

Impairment

At the end of each reporting period, the association **assesses** whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset has been impaired. A financial asset or a group of financial assets is deemed to be impaired if, and only if, there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events (a "loss event") that has occurred, which has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset(s).

In the case of available-for-sale financial assets, a significant or prolonged decline in the market value of the instrument is considered to constitute a loss event. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss immediately. Also, any cumulative decline in fair value previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified to profit or loss at this point.

In the case of financial assets carried at amortised cost, loss events may include indications that the debtors or a group of debtors is experiencing significant financial difficulty, default or delinquency in interest or principal payments, indications that they will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation and changes in arrears or economic conditions that correlate with defaults.

For financial assets carried at amortised cost (including loans and receivables), a separate allowance account is used to reduce the carrying amount of financial assets impaired by credit losses. After having taken all possible measures of recovery, if the management establishes that the carrying amount cannot be recovered by any means, at that point the writing off amounts are charged to the allowance account or the carrying amount of impaired financial assets is reduced directly if no impairment amount was previously recognised in the allowance accounts.

When the terms of financial assets that would otherwise have been past due or impaired have been renegotiated, the association recognises the impairment for such financial assets by taking into account the original terms as if the terms have not been renegotiated so that the loss events that have occurred are duly considered.

Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognised where the contractual right to receipt of cash flows expires or the asset is transferred to another party, whereby the entity no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised where the related obligations are discharged, cancelled or expire. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash **assets** or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

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(f) Impairment of assets

At the end of each reporting period, the association **assesses** whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. The assessment will consider both external and internal sources of information. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of that asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and its value-in-use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is immediately recognised in profit or loss.

Where the future economic benefits of the asset are not primarily dependent upon the asset's ability to generate net cash inflows and when the entity would, if deprived of the asset, replace its remaining future economic benefits, value in use is determined as the depreciated replacement cost of an **asset**.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the association estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Where an impairment loss on a revalued asset is identified, this is recognised against the revaluation surplus in respect of the same class of asset to the extent that the impairment loss does not exceed the amount in the revaluation surplus for that class of asset.

(g) Revenue

Non-reciprocal grant revenue is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when the association obtains control of the grant and it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the association and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before it is eligible to receive the contribution, the recognition of the grant **as** revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

When grant revenue is received whereby the association incurs an obligation to deliver economic value directly back to the contributor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction and the grant revenue is recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until the service has been delivered to the contributor, otherwise the grant is recognised as income on receipt.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customer.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and **services tax** (GST).

(h) Trade and Other Payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

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(i) Trade and other receivables

These include amounts due from ATO and accrued interest on deposits in financial institutions. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Accounts receivable are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any provision for impairment.

(j) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

Key estimates

(i) Impairment - general

The association assesses impairment at the end of each reporting period by evaluation of conditions and events specific to the association that may be indicative of impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value-in-use calculations which incorporate various key assumptions.

(k) New Accounting Standards for Application in Future Periods

The AASB has issued a number of new and amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods, some of which are relevant to the association. The association has decided not to early adopt any of the new and amended pronouncements. The association's assessment of the new and amended pronouncements that are relevant to the association but applicable in future reporting periods is set out below:

- AASB 9: Financial Instruments (December 2010) and AASB 2010-7: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 (December 2010) (applicable for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2015).

These Standards are applicable retrospectively and include revised requirements for the classification and measurement of financial instruments, as well as recognition and derecognition requirements for financial instruments.

The key changes made to accounting requirements that may impact the association are:

(i) simplifying the classifications of financial assets into those carried at amortised cost and those carried at fair value; and that a return on investment can be recognised in profit or loss and there is no impairment or recycling on disposal of the instrument.

(ii) allowing an irrevocable election on initial recognition to present gains and losses on investments in equity instruments that are not held for trading in other comprehensive income. Dividends in respect of these investments that are a return on investment can be recognised in profit or loss and there is no impairment or recycling on disposal of the instrument.

The association has not yet estimated the impact of these pronouncements on its financial statements.

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(k) New Accounting Standards for Application in Future Periods (continued)

- AASB 1053: Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards and AASB 2010-2: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Reduced Disclosure Requirements (applicable for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 July 2013).

AASB 1053 establishes a revised differential financial reporting framework consisting of two tiers of financial reporting requirements for those entities preparing general purpose financial statements:

Tier 1: Australian Accounting Standards; and
Tier 2: Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements.
Tier 2 of the framework comprises the recognition, measurement and presentation requirements of Tier 1, but contains significantly fewer disclosure requirements.

Since the association is a not-for-profit private sector entity, it qualifies for the reduced disclosure requirements for Tier 2 entities. The association is yet to decide whether it will take advantage of Tier 2 reporting.

- AASB 13: Fair Value Measurement and AASB 2011-8: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 13 (applicable for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2013).

AASB 13 defines fair value, sets out in a single Standard a framework for measuring fair value, and requires disclosures about fair value measurement.

AASB 13 requires:

- inputs to all fair value measurements to be categorised in accordance with a fair value hierarchy; and

- enhanced disclosures regarding all assets and liabilities (including, but not limited to, financial assets and financial liabilities) to be measured at fair value.

These Standards are expected to result in more detailed fair value disclosures, but are not expected to significantly impact the amounts recognised in the association's financial statements.

- AASB 2012-3: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities (applicable for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2014).

This Standard adds application guidance to AASB 132: Financial Instruments: Presentation to address potential inconsistencies identified in applying some of the offsetting criteria of AASB 132, including clarifying the meaning of "currently has a legally enforceable right of set-off" and that some gross settlement systems may be considered equivalent to net settlement.

This Standard is not expected to significantly impact the association's financial statements.

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2 Revenue

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
Interest received	4,556	5,702
MBM LGA contributions		
- Bern Baramba Council	15,849	13,946
- Coorong District Council	10,487	9,237
- DC of Karoonda East Murray	5,557	4,890
- DC of Loxton Waikerie	18,775	14,761
- Mid Murray Council	12,556	11,048
- The Rural City of Murray Bridge	20,994	18,474
- DC of Renmark Paranga	14,099	12,406
- Southern Mallee DC	6,587	5,796
Total MBM LGA contributions	102,914	90,560
Regional Enhancement Fund Grant	36,424	35,780
Income from RISE economic model and others	4,728	
Total Revenue	148,622	132,042

3 Other Operating Expenses

Expenses	2013	2012
	\$	\$
Audit fees	2,400	2,133
Bank charges	93	60
Consultancy and contractors	9,766	25,000
Executive Officer Contract Services	102,594	99,523
Insurance	5,212	4,993
Meeting Expenses	4,470	1,511
Postage	110	56
President's Travelling Allowance	2,500	2,500
Printing and stationery	710	512
Record sentencing/Archiving	193	163
SAROC Regional Meeting costs	1,143	131
Sundry expenses	412	1,018
Telephone, fax and broadband	3,200	3,200
Website maintenance	50	100
Total expenses	132,853	140,910

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4 Cash and cash equivalents

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
Cash on hand	100	100
Cash at bank	11,200	7,758
LGFA Investment	78,864	66,215
	90,164	74,083

5 Trade and other receivables

CURRENT		
Accrued Interest	786	877
GST receivable(net)	2,814	2,735
	3,600	3,612

6 Trade and other payables

CURRENT		
Unsecured		
Trade payables	2,400	2,100

7 Unspent Funds Reserve

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

Shared Resource Cluster Project

Income		
Balance brought forward	-	-
Transfer from accumulated surplus	19,000	-
Transfer from Discretionary Projects	6,000	-
Total Income	25,000	-
Less Expenses		
Transfer to Annual Priorities Project	(5,000)	-
Facility of video conferencing expense	(346)	-
Total Expenses	(5,346)	-
Project Funds not expended at 30 June	19,654	-

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7 Unexpended Funds Reserve (continued)

	2013 \$	2012 \$
Discretionary Projects		
Income		
Balance brought forward	21,946	1,073
Transfer from Water Management Project	-	4,373
Transfer from Provision of LG Services Project	-	7,500
Transfer to Council Improvement Project	(10,000)	-
Transfer to Shared Resource Cluster Project	(6,000)	-
Transfer from accumulated surplus	-	9,000
Total Income	5,946	21,946
Less Expenses		
Delivery of RISE workshop	(4,620)	-
Other expense	(1,100)	-
Total Expenses	(5,720)	-
Project funds not expended at 30 June	226	21,946
Provision LG Services Project		
Income		
Balance brought forward	-	32,500
Total Income	-	32,500
Less Expenses		
Consultancy	-	25,000
Transfer to Discretionary Projects	-	7,500
Total Expenses	-	32,500
Project funds not expended at 30 June	-	-

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7 Unexpended Funds Reserve (continued)

	2013 \$	2012 \$
Legal Charter Review		
Income		
Balance brought forward	6,000	5,000
Transfer from accumulated surplus	1,000	1,000
Total Income	7,000	6,000
Less Expenses		
Project Funds not expended at 30 June	7,000	5,000
Council Improvement project		
Income		
Transfer from Discretionary Project	10,000	-
Total Income	10,000	-
Less Expenses		
Total Expenses	-	-
Project Funds not expended at 30 June	10,000	-
Annual Priorities project		
Income		
Transfer from Shared Resource Cluster Project	5,000	-
Total Income	5,000	-
Less Expenses		
Facilitation fee	(3,700)	-
Total Expenses	(3,700)	-
Project Funds not expended at 30 June	1,300	-
Total unspent funds reserve	38,180	27,946

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8 Cash Flow Information

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

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	15,769	(8,868)
Cash flows excluded from deficit for the year		
Non-cash flows in surplus(deficit)		
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Decrease in trade receivables	12	996
Increase in trade and other payables	300	300
	<u>16,081</u>	<u>(7,572)</u>

9 Financial Risk Management

The association's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, receivables and payables.

The totals for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 139, as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

	Note	2013	2012
		\$	\$
Financial Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	90,164	74,083
Trade and other receivables	5	3,800	3,612
Total financial assets		<u>93,964</u>	<u>77,695</u>
Financial liabilities			
Financial liabilities at amortised cost			
- Trade and other payables	6	2,400	2,100
Total financial liabilities		<u>2,400</u>	<u>2,100</u>

Financial Risk Management Policies

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

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

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9 Financial Risk Management (continued)

Specific Financial Risk Exposures and Management

The main risks the association is exposed to through its financial instruments are credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk relating to interest rate risk and other price risk. There have been no substantive changes in the types of risks the association is exposed to, how these risks arise, or the Committee's objectives, policies and processes for managing or measuring the risks from the previous period.

a. Credit risk

Exposure to credit risk relating to financial assets arises from the potential non-performance by counterparties of contract obligations that could lead to a financial loss to the association.

Credit risk is managed through maintaining procedures (such as the utilisation of systems for the approval, granting and removal of credit limits, regular monitoring of exposure against such limits and monitoring of the financial stability of significant customers and counterparties) ensuring, to the extent possible, that members and counterparties to transactions are of sound credit worthiness.

Risk is also minimised through investing surplus funds in financial institutions that maintain a high credit rating or in entities that the committee has otherwise assessed as being financially sound.

Credit risk exposures

The maximum exposure to credit risk by class of recognised financial assets at the end of the reporting period is equivalent to the carrying amount and classification of those financial assets (net of any provisions) as presented in the statement of financial position.

There is no collateral held by the association securing trade and other receivables.

Accounts receivable and other debtors that are neither past due nor impaired are considered to be of high credit quality. Aggregates of such amounts are detailed at Note 5.

The association has no significant concentrations of credit risk with any single counterparty or group of counterparties. Details with respect to credit risk of trade and other receivables are provided in Note 5.

b. Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises from the possibility that the association might encounter difficulty in settling its debts or otherwise meeting its obligations related to financial liabilities. The association manages this risk through the following mechanisms:

- preparing forward-looking cash flow analysis in relation to its operational, investing and financing activities;
- only investing surplus cash with major financial institutions; and

The association does not hold directly any derivative financial liabilities.

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9 Financial Risk Management (continued)

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

Fair Values

Fair value estimation

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

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

	2013		2012	
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair Value
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	90,164	90,164	74,083	74,083
Trade and other receivables	3,600	3,600	3,612	3,612
Total financial assets	93,764	93,764	77,695	77,695
Financial liabilities				
Trade and other payables	2,400	2,400	2,100	2,100
Total financial liabilities	2,400	2,400	2,100	2,100

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

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

10 Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

At 30 June 2013, the Committee is unaware of any liability, contingent or otherwise, which has not already been recorded elsewhere in this financial report.

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9 Financial Risk Management (continued)

Cash flows realised from financial assets reflect management's expectation as to the timing of realisation. Actual timing may therefore differ from that disclosed. The timing of cash flows presented in the table to settle financial liabilities reflects the earliest contractual settlement dates.

Financial assets pledged as collateral

No financial assets have been pledged as security for any financial liability.

c. Market risk

i. Interest rate risk

Exposure to interest rate risk arises on financial assets and financial liabilities recognised at the end of the reporting period whereby a future change in interest rates will affect future cash flows or the fair value of fixed rate financial instruments. The association is exposed to earnings volatility on floating rate instruments. The financial instruments that expose the association to interest rate risk that are limited to cash and cash equivalents.

ii. Other price risk

Other price risk relates to the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk) of securities held.

The association is not exposed to other price risk.

Sensitivity analysis

The following table illustrates sensitivities to the association's exposures to changes in interest rates. The table indicates the impact on how surplus and equity values reported at the end of the reporting period would have been affected by changes in the relevant risk variable that management considers to be reasonably possible.

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

	Surplus	Equity
Year ended 30 June 2013	\$	\$
+/- 2% in interest rates	+/- 1,801	+/- 1,801
	Surplus	Equity
Year ended 30 June 2012	\$	\$
+/- 2% in interest rates	+/- 1,480	+/- 1,480

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15 Capital Management

The Committee controls the capital of the entity to ensure that adequate cash flows are generated to fund its programs and that returns from investments are maximised within tolerable risk parameters. The Committee ensures that the overall risk management strategy is in line with this objective.

The committee operates under policies approved by the board. Risk management policies are approved and reviewed by the board on a regular basis. These include credit risk policies and future cash flow requirements.

The entity's capital consists of financial liabilities, supported by financial assets.

There have been no changes to the strategy adopted by the Committee to control the capital of the entity since the previous year.

16 Association Details

The registered office of the association is;

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

The principal place of business is:

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

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11 Capital Commitments

At 30 June 2013, 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 Key Management Personnel Compensation

(a) Key Management Personnel Compensation

Any person(s) having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the association, directly or indirectly, including its committee members, is considered key management personnel.

	Short term Benefits	Total
2013		
Total compensation	105,094	105,094
2012		
Total compensation	102,023	102,023

Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated


Statement by the Committee

In accordance with a resolution of the Committee, the Committee declares that in the opinion of the committee, the financial report and notes as set out on pages 1 to 21:

1. Present fairly the financial position of Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated as at 30 June 2013 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

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 this 2nd day of August 2013

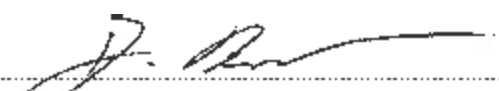
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President


CEO

Dated this 2nd day of August 2013

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian Professional Ethical Pronouncements.

Opinion

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

- (a) presenting fairly, in all material respects the association's financial position as at 30 June 2013 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards as disclosed in Note 1.



Crowe Horwath Murray Darling



Nick Walker
Partner

2 August 2013
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Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Independent Auditor's Report to the members of Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Murray & Mallee Local Government Association Incorporated, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2013, and the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by the members of the committee:

Committee Responsibility for the Financial Report

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the 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.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-
AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

I, Peter Smithson, the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive of the W. Kaitake 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.

[Signature] 5.7.2013
(Signed) (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 Waikerie 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.

[Signature] 2 August 2013
(Signed) (Dated)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-
AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

I, Russell Town Centre, 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.

[Signature] 2nd August 2013
(Signed) (Dated)

PRESIDENT'S CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE –
AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE.

I, David Burgess, the person for the time being occupying the position of President of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation 16A (2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999) 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.

[Signature] 5th July, 2013.
(Signed) (Dated)

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 Bass Strait 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.

[Signature] 5/7/13
(Signed) (Dated)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE –
AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE.

I, JOHN HAYDEN COOPER, the person for the time being occupying the position of acting chief executive officer of the Coorong District Council, being a constituent council of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association subsidiary do hereby certify (for the purposes of Regulation 16A (2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999) 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.

[Signature] 2-8-2013
(Signed) (Dated)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-

AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

I, Tony Sivaour, the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive of the Kenmare Parish C.A. 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)

(Dated)

30/7/13

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-

AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

I, Peter Andrew Bond, the person for the time being occupying the position of chief executive of the Ben-Craig-Murray River 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)

(Dated)

5/7/2013

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-

AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

I, Anthony John Renshaw, the person for the time being occupying the position of 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.

(Signed)

(Dated)

5.7.13



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