

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF KIMBA

ANNUAL REPORT

2021 - 2022



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Halfway across Australia on Eyre Highway and home to Australia's first silo art on the Eyre Peninsula, Kimba is a friendly, picturesque town. It is the Eastern Gateway to the spectacular Gawler Ranges, which are a 100-kilometre drive to the north-west, and offers visitors the chance to experience the open spaces and solitude of the outback. Kimba is a thriving, beautiful rural community of residents, which have chosen to live, work, raise families and retire in a safe environment. Kimba is a community built on hard work, honesty and family values and always eager to help those in need.

We work on Barngarla Country!



The District Council of Kimba acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Australians and their continuing connection to land, sea, culture and community and pay our respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The 2021-22 year again came with a myriad of achievements and challenges. With the significant amount of funding provided post COVID through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and other funding sources, there have been significant inroads made to address infrastructure backlogs within the community, particularly within our road network. This has required the careful allocation of resources and the close monitoring of budgetary appropriations. In addition, the community was substantially impacted by the extreme flooding event in January 2022. With an estimated \$8.5 million damage to the Council Road network, significant strain was placed on both councils staffing and financial resources. However, with much appreciated support from the Local Government Association and the Local Government Functional Support Group Council, we were able to negotiate a return of 88% on expenditure through the Local Government Disaster Recovery Assistance Arrangements. With hard work and the commitment of staff, particularly the Works staff in the direct aftermath of the floods, and support of elected members emergency works has been completed and a strong plan is in place to restore the road network over the next 2 years.

Council has also been the recipient of funding through the Community Benefits Program, which has seen the long-awaited completion to the Upgrade of the Medical Centre. In addition, we have had the opportunity to develop a Future Workforce Training Plan to assist in addressing the future needs of the community. Economic Development Manager, Mel has also progressed in her role to securing a number of initiatives to the community including the rollout of the Business Recruitment and Retention Program, a University Placement Program and the development of a series of recruitment videos for the attraction of professionals in the Kimba Community. Kimba, as a community, has also secured a number of awards such as the 2021 SA Agricultural Town of the Year Award and the 2021-22 KESAB Sustainable Community/Tidy Town of the Year Awards. Recognition of an innovative, strong and collaborative community.

A large body of work has also been done in respect to the current and future Local Government Reforms in line with the assenting of the Statute Amendments (Local Government Review) Act 2021. Significant resources have been invested in implementing these reforms, as well as considerable time spent on providing feedback to proposed reforms in an effort to ensure they meet the needs of Kimba and the Community. In addition, Council members and staff have been actively engaging in the community to ensure a robust and accountable process for the upcoming Local Government Elections to be finalised in November of 2022. This will set the platform for representation over the next four years and the strategic planning of the Council Area.

Council ends the year once again in a strong financial position with an operating surplus of 20.9%, A Net Financial Liabilities Ratio of -39% and an Asset Renewal Funding Ratio of 108%. With adjustments made for the early Payment of Financial Assistance Grants Council is operating in a sustainable fiscal manner, is more than able to meet its liabilities and is replacing its assets appropriately ensuring Council is maintaining a strong financial position. This ensures Council has the capacity to sustain current levels of service with the ability to maximize funding options for future major projects.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

In 2021-22 we said farewell to Rodney Fiegert. We thank Rodney for his commitment to the organization in his role of Workshop Supervisor and wish him well in his future endeavours. Long Term employee Shylie Harris transitioned from a part-time role to a casual role, and we look forward to her continued involvement with Council. We welcome Stephen Humphries and Scott Earle to their new roles within the Works Department of Council. We look forward to working with them as an integral part of the organization. Staff play a vital role to the success of Council, and we are fortunate to have group of people who are not only hard working but participate actively in ensuring Council performs to an extremely high level.

As we near the 2022 Local Government Elections, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our current elected members for their ongoing support and commitment to the organisation. The past four years have been busy and challenging but their continuing strategic focus and innovative mind-set have allowed Council to traverse these time with positive outcomes and the needs of the community at the forefront. I wish them all the best for wherever their future paths may take them and look forward to working with the newly elected Council in navigating future successes with the same dedication we have seen from our current elected body. To Works Manager, Michael Inglis and all of the Council staff, I also extend my thanks.

This year has been one with many trials and the staff have not only stepped up in all areas but gone above and beyond whenever required. They are dedicated and committed, and that Council continues to deliver well beyond expectations is a testament to this. Leadership is not determined by a title but by behaviours, of seeing something that needs to be done and doing it, and everyone involved in Council from staff to elected members has exhibited such leadership.

Lastly, I would like to recognize our inspiring community. For their continued support and patience throughout the year and ongoing faith in Council to continue to deliver services when challenges present. Our community should be proud of its successes and its capacity to work together to achieve positive outcomes for all.

I look forward to being part of Council as we traverse the changes that 2022-23 will bring.

Thank you.



Debra Larwood



MESSAGE FROM THE WORKS MANAGER

The 2021-2022 financial year has certainly been an eventful one as far as Council's infrastructure and assets were concerned. Our small and dedicated workforce has successfully completed a number of projects as well as dealt with an emergency response following the significant rainfall event that caused flooding and widespread damage across our district in January 2022.

This emergency response and repairs has been Council's major focus from the time of the event up to the 30th June, and will continue for the an extended period to come. However; Council still had a number of other capital projects committed to as well as our ongoing maintenance program.

Significant projects underway in the 2021/22 Financial Year include:

Sealed Roads Resealing: - Buckleboo Road
- Balumbah-Kinnard Road
- Kimba-Cowell Road
- Park Terrace

Re-sheeting works completed on Pile Pudla Road and Buckleboo Road.

Major Projects include:

Medical Centre - Major Upgrade/Landscaping
Kimba Pioneer Memorial Village - New 2 Bedroom Unit
Kimba Aerodrome - Resealing of 03/21 Runway and Apron Area

Council continues to upgrade its fleet of plant with the purchase of a new Backhoe/Loader and Forklift as well as a secondhand Street Sweeper. These upgraded machines are part of Council ongoing machinery replacement program.

Council Staff continue to provide community services and maintain the overall amenity of the township. Over the last 12 months, we received many favorable comments on the township presentation and recognised by a number of awards.

On behalf of Council



Michael Inglis



VISION, MISSION & VALUES



Vision

Driving innovative and accountable leadership for a vibrant, sustainable Kimba.

Mission

The District Council of Kimba is committed to bettering the lives of residents and ratepayers through leadership, advocacy and the high-quality delivery of services and programs that improve the social and economic standing of our community.

Values

- Provide relevant and sustainable community services
- Provide relevant and sustainable asset services
 - Build local business capacity
- Be transparent, accountable & financially sustainable
 - Strive to increase population levels
- Develop and support sustainable environmental strategies

MEET OUR TEAM



DEBRA LARWOOD

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER



MICHAEL INGLIS

WORKS MANAGER



DEBRA KEMP

FINANCE
COORDINATOR



KATE FRANCIS

GOVERNANCE/WHS
COORDINATOR



JUSTIN PHILLIPS

TOWN SUPERVISOR



SHANE HARRIS

ROAD CONSTRUCTION
& MAINTENANCE
SUPERVISOR

MEET OUR PEOPLE

Legislation

Council

Community

Chief Executive Officer
Debra Larwood

Works Manager
Michael Inglis

Workshop
Vacant

Administration Officers
Debra Kemp - **Finance Coordinator**
Kate Francis - **Governance/WHS Coordinator**
Emily Maxwell
Keely Westhoff
Shylie Harris

Economic Development
Milena Garibaldi

Town Maintenance & Road Construction
Justin Phillips - **Town Supervisor**
Shane Harris - **Road Construction & Maintenance Supervisor**
Tony Larwood
Michael Kemp
Brenton O'Donohue (Contract)
Clarrie Hutchins (Casual)
Tyson Seal
Fabian McGilray
Peter Adler
Stephen Humphries

Contractors/Consultants (as needed basis)
Future Urban - Planning
Tecon Australia - Building
RMBAS - Financial
Elastian - Information Technology
Creative Auditing - Auditors
Kelledy Jones Lawyers - Legal

Cleaners
Lana Shadwell
Julianne Bradley

Environmental Health
Harc Wordsworth (Contract)

MEET OUR

KIMBA

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Dean Johnson



PO Box 209, KIMBA SA 5641
Tel: 08 8627 2442
Mobile: 0427 619 815
Email:
dean.johnson@members.kimba.sa.gov.au
Allowance & Reimbursements: \$27,932.00
Attended 12/12 Council meetings

Deputy Mayor Megan Lienert



PO Box 449, KIMBA SA 5641
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Mobile: 0428 274 042
Email:
megan.lienert@members.kimba.sa.gov.au
Allowance & Reimbursements: \$10,357.40
Attended 12/12 Council meetings

Councillor Graeme Baldock



PO Box 460, KIMBA SA 5641
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Email:
graeme.baldock@members.kimba.sa.gov.au
Allowance & Reimbursements: \$7,155.80
Attended 11/12 Council meetings

Councillor Brian Cant



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brian.cant@members.kimba.sa.gov.au
Allowance & Reimbursements: \$7,760.60
Attended 12/12 Council meetings

Councillor Tom Harris



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Mobile: 0428 272 266
Email:
tom.harris@members.kimba.sa.gov.au
Allowance & Reimbursements: \$6,983.00
Attended 10/12 Council meetings

Councillor Peter Rayson



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Allowance & Reimbursements: \$9,041.24
Attended 10/12 Council meetings

Councillor Peta Willmott



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Email:
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Allowance & Reimbursements: \$7,187.04
Attended 12/12 Council meetings

COUNCIL REPRESENTATION

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT FOR ELECTED MEMBERS

Elected Members were provided with the opportunity to undertake a number of training and development opportunities during the 2021-22 financial year. The majority of the training opportunities were provided through the Local Government Association of South Australia. Elected Members also had opportunities to attend conferences and other professional development, subject to approval by Council. This included: Caretaker Information Sessions, Council Workshops, EPLGA Conferences, ALGA Conferences and Workforce Training Sessions.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES

Local Government Association of South Australia

Mayor Dean Johnson, Deputy Mayor Megan Lienert (Proxy)

Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association

Mayor Dean Johnson, Deputy Mayor Megan Lienert (Proxy)

Kimba Area School Community Library Board

Mayor Dean Johnson, and Chief Executive Officer Debra Larwood

Kimba Area School Governing Council

Deputy Mayor Megan Lienert

Kimba Community Development Group

Councillor Peta Willmott, Chief Executive Officer Debra Larwood

REPRESENTATION ON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

The following Council Committee operated during the 2021-22 financial year, pursuant to Sections 41 and 126 of the Local Government Act 1999.

Audit Committee

Mr Rob Donaldson (Independent Chair), Mr Phil Channon (Independent Member), Deputy Mayor Megan Lienert, Councillor Peta Willmott, Councillor Brian Cant, Chief Executive Officer, Debra Larwood (Advisory Staff), Finance Coordinator, Debra Kemp (Advisory Staff). During the reporting year the Audit Chair Allowance was \$3,800.00 including travel and the Independent Member Allowance was \$2,500.00.

Kimba Tourism Committee

Mrs Heather Baldock, Mrs Carmen Rayner, Mr James Kerr, Mrs Barbara Schmidt, Councillor Peter Rayson (Chairperson), Councillor Peta Willmott, Chief Executive Officer, Debra Larwood (Advisory Staff), Executive Assistant/Governance Officer, Emily Maxwell (Advisory Staff), Milena Garibaldi (Advisory Staff)

Australia Day Awards Selection Committee

Councillor Tom Harris, Deputy Mayor Megan Lienert, Mrs Pat Beinke, Mr Clint Powell, Mrs Marilyn Stutley, Mr Wes Schmidt, Chief Executive Officer, Debra Larwood (Advisory Staff), Senior Administration Officer, Keely Westhoff (Advisory Staff)

Bushfire Prevention Advisory Committee

Councillor Brian Cant (Chairperson), Councillor Graeme Baldock, Mr Tristan Baldock (Caralue Deputy Group Officer), Mr Alex Cant (Waddikee Brigade Captain), Mr Andrew Murdock (Yalanda James Captain), Mr Trevor Clifford (Kimba Brigade Captain), Mr Adrian Parente (Regional Prevention Officer), Mr David Woolford (Buckleboo Brigade Captain), Works Manager, Michael Inglis (advisory Staff), Multi-Skilled Plant Operator, Michael Kemp (Advisory Staff, Fire Prevention Officer), WHS Coordinator, Kate Francis (Advisory Staff)

CORPORATE & WORKS FUNCTIONS

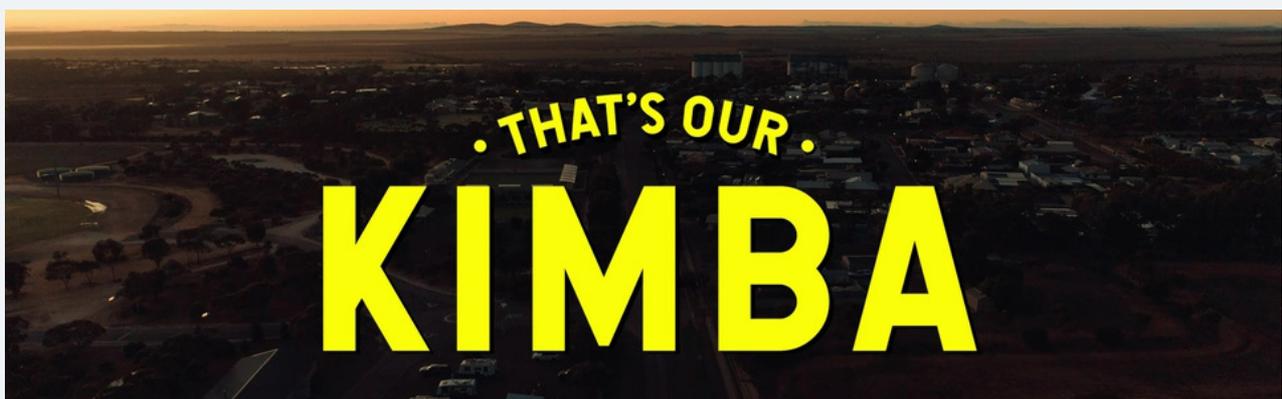
Council's Corporate Services and Works Departments are responsible for the management of a diverse range of operational functions to ensure that the organisation's statutory responsibilities are met, and that the Kimba Community has uninterrupted access to Council programs and services.

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Governance
- Elected Member Support
- Accounting
- Rates & Properties
- Policy & Decision Implementation
- Health Inspection & Public Health
- Work, Health & Safety
- Risk Management
- Legislation & Legal
- Research & Records Management
- Animal Management Registrations (via Cat & Dog Online)
- Economic Development
- Elections
- Aged Accommodation Rentals
- Public Relations
- Insurance
- Emergency Services
- Sport & Recreation
- Asset Management
- Payroll
- Cemetery
- Building & Planning Applications, Approvals & Inspections
- Customer Service Centre
- Tourism Information

WORKS DEPARTMENT

- Kerbside Recycling Program
- Kimba Waste Management Facility
- Aerodrome Management
- Cemetery Maintenance & Management
- Fire Protection & Prevention
- Sport & Recreation Maintenance
- Plant & Machinery Control
- Building Inspections
- Animal Control
- Road Construction & Maintenance
- Street Lighting
- Stormwater Drainage
- Common Effluent Drainage
- Parking & Traffic Control
- Parks & Reserves
- Refuse Collection
- Kimba Pioneer Memorial Village Maintenance



GOVERNANCE INFORMATION

STRATEGIC ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2021-22

Council's 2021-2025 Strategic Management Plan sets out five major goals that underpin the way forward for Council. being Infrastructure, Economy, Built & Natural Environment, Community & Culture, and Business Governance.

The goals in the plan contain several strategies, which have been kept deliberately broad so that Council can generally operate without regularly changing its five main goals. However; Council will, from time to time, change its focus for a specified period and still remain within its goals.

Pursuant to Section 122(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1999, Council is required to undertake a comprehensive review of the plan within two years after each general election/ The review was undertaken in 2019-2020 and Council formally adopted the plan at its Ordinary Meeting of Council held in June 2020.

In working towards its strategic goals, Council takes a longer-term view into its financial planning. Council is committed to ensuring its long-term financial sustainability, which is depended on ensuring that, on average over time, Council's expenses are at least matched by its revenue. In addition, Council sees to optimise both the timing and level of capital expenditure on existing infrastructure and other assets (in accordance with its Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan) so as to minimise whole-of-life-cycle costs of assets.

During the 2021-2022 financial year, Council achieved the following outcomes relating directly to the five thematic areas and objectives identified in the Strategic Management Plan for the period:

- **Investment in Waste Pickup, Recycling & Refuse Depot \$226,992**
- **Upgrade & Maintenance of Town Institute Hall \$24,907**
- **Maintenance of Recreation Reserve, Parks, Gardens & Playgrounds \$162,772**
- **Maintenance of Kimba Pioneer Memorial Village Units & Surrounding Grounds \$75,956**
- **Kerb & Water Table and Footways Maintenance \$15,175**
- **Road Maintenance \$488,260**
- **Road Re-sheeting and Road Resealing \$631,326**
- **Replacement of Vehicles & Plants \$649,367**
- **Cost of Maintaining Plants \$354,571**
- **Community Grant Funding \$18,433**
- **Economic Development Programs \$129,915**
- **GP & Trades Recruitment Campaign \$52,735**
- **Aerodrome Landing Strip \$413,049**
- **Storm Damage \$1,164,628**
- **Medical Centre Upgrades \$999,870**

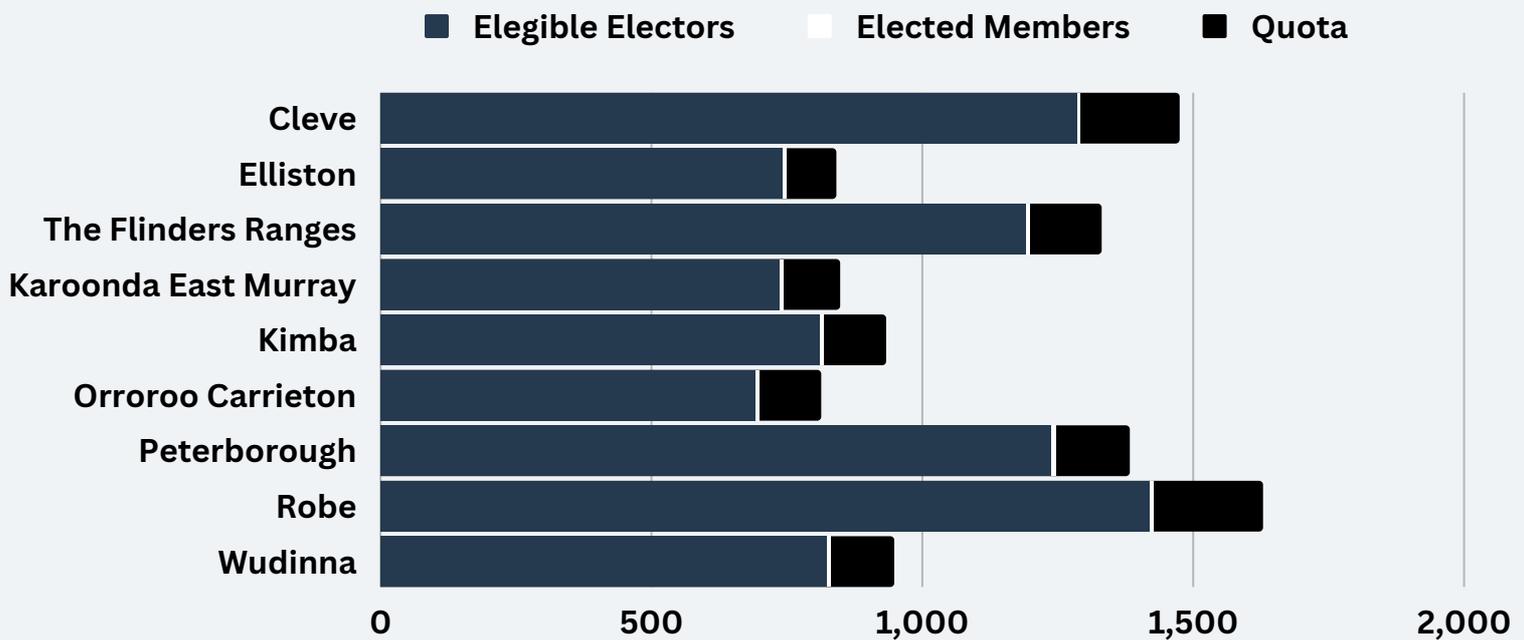
In line with Council's Strategic Management Plan, Staff have a focus on continuing to grow the district's Economic Development, improving the roads network and advocating for better medical assistance to the area.



GOVERNANCE INFORMATION

ELECTORAL REPRESENTATION

Council is a democratically elected body, comprising of seven Elected Members, with the Principal Member being the Mayor, who is elected by Council from within. As there are no wards within the Local Government Area, all Elected Members represent the interests of the whole community when making decisions as the corporate body of Council. Council has 810 electors on the House of Assembly and Voters Roll for 2021-2022. Elector representation quotas for the 2021-22 financial year, as supplied by the Local Government Association of South Australia, for comparative councils for the period are:



Pursuant to Section 12(4) of the Local Government Act 1999, a review of Council composition and wards will be undertaken during April 2024 - April 2025 as per the time determined by the Minister and published in South Australian Government Gazette on August 1, 2019. This information was sourced from LGA, July 2022.

COMPETITIVE TENDER ARRANGEMENTS

Pursuant to Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1999, Council has a Contracts, Tenders & Purchasing Policy, which is reviewed and adopted at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on May 11, 2022. This policy is available for viewing or purchase at the Council Office during business hours, and is scheduled for review in May 2023.

COUNCIL AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS

Council is provided with independent audit services by Creative Auditing, which has been appointed until the conclusion of the 2024-2025 financial year. Audit expenditure incurred by Council for the 2021-22 financial year was \$13,000.00.

GOVERNANCE INFORMATION

NATIONAL COMPETITION POLICY

Principles of competitive neutrality are designed to neutralize any net competitive advantage a government or local government agency engaged in significant business activities would otherwise have, by virtue of its control by the government or local government, over private businesses operating in the same market. **Council has a complaints mechanism in place and in 2021-22, received no complaints pertaining to competitive neutrality.**

There have been no changes in the significant business activities controlled by Council in the 12 months to June 30, 2022, and competitive neutrality principles relevant to each significant business activity continues to apply. Council has no Category 1 business activities (annual revenue in excess of \$2 million or employing assets with a value in excess of \$20m), but continues to undertake category 2 business activities (all other significant business activities) in the form of private works.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO COUNCIL REGISTERS

Clauses 1(b), (c) of Schedule 4 to the Local Government Act 1999 requires Council to provide in its Annual Report a list of registers to be kept, and codes of conduct or practice required, under this Act or the Local Government (Elections) Act 1999.

List of Registers

- Elected Members Register of Interests
- Elected Members Register of Allowances & Benefits
- Officers Register of Remuneration, Salaries & Benefits (Register of Salaries)
- Officers Register of Interest
- Elected Members & Officers Register of Gifts & Benefits
- Campaign Donations & Expenses Returns
- Schedule of Fees & Charges
- Register of Community Land
- Register of Public Roads
- Rates Assessment Book
- House of Assembly Roll

List of Codes of Conduct & Practices

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

COMPLAINT/SERVICE REQUEST LEVELS

During the 2021-22 financial year, Council received 172 complaints and service requests from the community, all of which had been actioned. While the overwhelming majority of these were service requests, 2 pertained to animal management complaints.

Council received nil complaints about local nuisance and litter control for the 12 months ending June 30, 2022.

GOVERNANCE INFORMATION

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Pursuant to clause 1(a) of Schedule 4 of the Local Government Act 1999, Council is required to publish in its Annual Report a copy of its Audited Financial Statements of the Council for the relevant financial year. As such, Council's Audited Financial Statements for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 is appended to this report as **Appendix 1**.

CORPORATE CARD EXPENDITURE

Pursuant to clause 2(f) of Schedule 4 of the Local Government Act 1999, Council is required to publish in its Annual Report a copy of its total expenditure for all corporate cards during the relevant financial year. During the 2021-22 Financial Year, a total of \$74,982.00 expenditure was paid via Council's corporate cards, this includes such uses as accommodation charges and subscriptions, e.g. video conference platforms and one-off creditors.

COUNCIL USE OF CONFIDENTIALITY ORDERS

Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 allows a meeting of Council or a committee to determine an order that the public be excluded from attendance at so much of a meeting as is necessary to receive and discuss, or consider in confidence, any information or matter as prescribed in section 90(3) of the Act. Clause 1(ga) of Schedule 4 to the act requires a report to be included in the Annual Report about Council's use of Section 90(2), 91(7), namely;

Report on the use of Sections 90(2), (3) of the Act:

- Total number of orders made under Section 90(2) of the Act in the financial year;
- The date and subject of each order within the ambit of Section 90(2); and
- In relation to Section 90(3) paragraphs (a) - (na), the number of times in the financial year that an order was made under section 92.

Report on the use of section 91(7) of the Act:

- The total number of orders made under the subsection in the financial year;
- The number of orders made in the financial year that expired, ceased to apply or were revoked during the financial year;
- The number of orders that remained operative at the end of the financial year (not including orders made before 15 November 2010); and
- Date and subject of each order with the ambit of the above under section 91(7)



GOVERNANCE INFORMATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER	RESOLUTION DATE	TOPIC/BASIS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY	DECISION STATUS
216.2018 217.2018	29/08/2018	Barngarla Aboriginal Determination Corporation v District Council of Kimba ss 90(3)(g), (h)	To be reviewed in October 2021 (12 months) and at least annually thereafter in accordance with the Act.
163.2019	09/10/2019	Council review and Support Arrangements ss 90(2),(3), (i), (j)	To be reviewed in October 2020 (12 months) and at least annually thereafter in accordance with the Act.
196.2019	11/12/2019	Council review and Support Arrangements ss 90(2)(3)	To be reviewed in October 2021 (12 months) and at least annually thereafter in accordance with the Act.
200.2019	11/12/2019	Eyre Hub Proposal ss 90(2), (3)(d), (i)	To be reviewed in October 2021(12 months) and at least annually thereafter in accordance with the Act. Released
84.2020	13/05/2020	Telecommunications Update ss 90 (2),(3)(d), (i)	To be reviewed in October 2021 (12 months) and at least annually thereafter in accordance with the Act.
A021.2020	25/05/2020	Audit— Tender for provision of external Audit Services ss 90(2),(3)(d), (i)	To be reviewed in October 2021 (12 months) and at least annually thereafter in accordance with the Act. Released
123.2020	10/06/2020	Tender for provision of external Audit Services ss 90(2)(3)(d), (i)	To be reviewed in October 2021 (12 months) and at least annually thereafter in accordance with the Act. Released
117.2020	10/06/2020	Medical Centre ss 90(2),(3)	To be reviewed in October 2021 (12 months) and at least annually thereafter in accordance with the Act.
121.2020	10/06/2020	Council review and Support Arrangements ss 90(2)(3)	To be reviewed in October 2021 (12 months) and at least annually thereafter in accordance with the Act.
119.2020	10/06/2020	Telecommunications Update ss 90(2),(3)	To be reviewed in October 2021 (12 months) and at least annually thereafter in accordance with the Act.

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AD008/20 AD009/20	24th November 2021	Australia Day Awards 2021 ss90(2), (3), (a)	To be reviewed in October 2021(12 months) and at least annually thereafter in accordance with the Act. Released
C036/21	10th February 2021	Audit Committee Expressions of Interest ss90(2),(3), (a)	To be reviewed in October 2021(12 months) and at least annually thereafter in accordance with the Act. Released
C055/21	10th March 2021	Truck Tenders ss90(2),(3), (d),(i)	To be reviewed in October 2021(12 months) and at least annually thereafter in accordance with the Act.
C056/21	10th March 2021	CEO Review ss90(2),(3),(a)	To be reviewed in October 2021(12 months) and at least annually thereafter in accordance with the Act. Released
C067/21	14th April 2021	KPMV Report ss90(2),(3), (d),(i)	To be reviewed in October 2021(12 months) and at least annually thereafter in accordance with the Act. Released
C068/21	14th April 2021	Plant Replacement ss90(2),(3), (d),(i)	To be reviewed in October 2021(12 months) and at least annually thereafter in accordance with the Act. Released
C069/21	14th April 2021	Land Purchase ss90(2),(3), (b),(i)	To be reviewed in October 2022(12 months) and at least annually thereafter in accordance with the Act.
C127/21	14 th July 2021	Legal Opinion ss90(2),(3),(h),(i)	To be reviewed in October 2022(12 months) and at least annually thereafter in accordance with the Act.
C128/21	14 th July 2021	Eyre Peninsula Regional Newspaper ss90(2),(3),(b),(i),(d),(i)	To be reviewed in October 2021(12 months) and at least annually thereafter in accordance with the Act. Released
C143/21	11 th August 2021	Front Line Services Best Practice Review ss90(2),(3),(d),(i)	To be reviewed in October 2022(12 months) and at least annually thereafter in accordance with the Act.
C162/21	8 th September 2021	Town Booster Program ss90(2),(3),(d),(i)	To be reviewed in October 2022(12 months) and at least annually thereafter in accordance with the Act.
C165/21	8 th September 2021	Resealing Tender ss90(2),(3),(d),(i)	To be reviewed in October 2022(12 months) and at least annually thereafter in accordance with the Act.

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C184/21	13 th October 2021	Legal Opinion ss90(2),(3),(h),(i),(i)	To be reviewed in October 2022(12 months) and at least annually thereafter in accordance with the Act.
C205/21	10 th November 2021	NBN Regional Co-Investment Fund ss90(2),(3),(d),(i)	To be reviewed in October 2022(12 months) and at least annually thereafter in accordance with the Act.
(C206/22/C207/22)	10 th November 2021	Proposed Highway Re-alignment ss90(2),(3),(j),(i)	To be reviewed for release on 12 October 2022
(C011/22/C012/22)	19 th January 2022	Land Purchase ss90(2),(3),(b),(i)	To be reviewed for release on 12 October 2022
C013/22	19 th January 2022	Local Government Electricity Contract ss90(2),(3),(b),(i)	To be reviewed for release on 12 October 2022
C030/22	9 th February 2022	Santos Tour Down Under ss90(2),(3),(d),(i)	To be reviewed for release on 12 October 2022
C044/22	9 th March 2022	Aerodrome Lighting ss90(2),(3),(k)	To be reviewed for release on 12 October 2022
C047/22	9 th March 2022	Confidential Report Legal Opinion ss90(2),(3),(d),(i),(i)	To be reviewed for release on 12 October 2022
C067/22	13 th April 2022	2022 CEO Performance & Remuneration Review ss90(2),(3),(a)	To be reviewed for release on 12 October 2022
C069/22	13 th April 2022	Kimba Landfill & Recycling Depot ss90(2),(3),(d),(i),(d),(ii),(k)	To be reviewed for release on 12 October 2022
C072/22	13 th April 2022	Acquisition of a Portion of Lot 236 Railway Terrace (Allotment 52) ss90(2),(3),(h)	To be reviewed for release on 12 October 2022

GOVERNANCE INFORMATION

C085/22	11 th May 2022	Local Government Rates Oversight Scheme Draft Framework & Approach ss90(2),(3),(b),(ii)	To be reviewed for release on 12 October 2022
C120/22	8 th June 2022	Festival of Small Halls ss90(2),(3),(d),(i)	To be reviewed for release on 12 October 2022
C123/22	8 th June 2022	Roller Tender ss90(2),(3),(d),(i)	To be reviewed for release on 12 October 2022
C126/22	8 th June 2022	KPMV Project ss90(2),(3),(k)	To be reviewed for release on 12 October 2022
C129/22	8 th June 2022	Tola Road Upgrades ss90(2),(3),(j),(i)	To be reviewed for release on 12 October 2022

COUNCIL LEGAL COSTS

Pursuant to section 131 of the Local Government Act 1999, Council must each year report on the legal expenditure and debt collection costs, for the relevant financial year. During the year ending June 30, 2022, Council expenditure was \$54,941.00. These costs, whilst down from the 2020-21 Financial Year have included an extensive review of Council's Land Management Plans and the cost of assisting with a property purchase. Council's Audited Financial Statements for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 is appended to this report as **Appendix 1**.

COUNCIL TRAVEL & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COSTS

Elected Members and Senior Management during the past 12 months have accrued costs associated with overseas and interstate travel for events such as professional development and conferences in the 2021-22 Annual Reporting year. Council believes that publishing the information promotes transparent, accountable leadership and open communication with ratepayers. For the 2021-22 financial year, this expenditure was \$5,818.72, which included nil overseas travel, 1 interstate trip for the Mayor and 1 interstate trip for the Chief Executive Officer.

Regulation 35(2),(3) requires Council to include all gifts provided to all, multiple or individual Council Members exceeding the prescribed amount. During the reporting year a combined \$1,500.00 worth of gifts were received including hospitality. From the reported figure, Council declined the value of \$750.00 of gifts including hospitality.

GOVERNANCE INFORMATION

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPLICATIONS

Pursuant to clause 1(gb) of Schedule 4 to the Local Government Act 1999, Council each year must provide a report on the applications made under the Freedom of Information Act 1991, for the relevant financial year.

During the financial year ending June 30, 2022, Council received nil applications.

Council's current Freedom of Information Statement (**Appendix 3**) was adopted in March 2022 and is available for inspection at the Council Office during business hours, or at www.kimba.sa.gov.au.

INTERNAL REVIEW OF ACTIONS APPLICATIONS

Section 270(8) of the Local Government Act 1999 specifies that Council each year must, on an annual basis, initiate and consider a report that relates to:

- (a) the number of applications for review made under this section;
- (b) the kinds of matters to which the applications relate;
- (c) the outcome of applications under this section; and
- (d) such other matters as may be prescribed by the regulations.

During the financial year ending June 30, 2022, Council received nil applications for an internal review of decisions.

COMMUNITY LAND MANAGEMENT PLANS

All land except roads held as at January, 1 2000, is classified as community land unless Council resolves to exclude it from that classification. The intention behind the legislation is that Council, in consultation with the community, should determine which land should or should not be classified as community land. Where the land is under the care, control and management of Council, but is not owned by Council, it cannot resolve to exclude the land from classification as community land without the approval of the relevant Minister.

A person must not use community land for a business purpose unless the use is approved by Council. Council cannot approve the use of community land for a business purpose contrary to the provisions of the management plan. Council's management plans for community land are constantly monitored for required changes, and during the reporting year, staff and Council's legal representatives completed a full review of Council's community land management plans and were adopted by Council at the end of 2021.



GOVERNANCE INFORMATION

MANAGEMENT & STAFFING

Clause 1(g) of Schedule 4 to the Local Government Act 1999 requires Council to provide in its Annual Report information on the number of senior executive officers and information on the kinds of allowances, bonuses and benefits that are made available to those officers as part of a salary package. For the purpose of this requirement, the relevant senior executive officers are the Chief Executive Officer and Works Manager.

Chief Executive Officer (Contract)

Salary: \$160,176.54 inc Superannuation

Telephone: Up to \$2,000 per annum

Annual clothing allowance: \$450

Use of motor vehicle: value \$15,000 per annum

Membership of professional body: \$300 per annum

Professional development: \$5,000 per annum

100% subsidised rental

Works Manager (Contract)

Salary: \$115,872.64 inc Superannuation

Telephone: Up to \$2,000 per annum

Annual clothing allowance: \$450

Use of motor vehicle: value \$15,000 per annum

Membership of professional body: \$300 per annum

Professional development: \$5,000 per annum

HUMAN RESOURCES & EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Council believes it has a responsibility to all staff to create an employment environment, which is free of discrimination and which reflects the diversity and needs of the community it serves. Council is firmly committed to the principle of equal opportunity for all employees and potential employees. As part of its acknowledgement of its legislation obligations, Council has:

- Incorporated an Equal Opportunity Program into the Strategic Management Plan;
- Consulted the CEO/relevant workplace representatives;
- Ensured that recruitment, selection, promotion, transfer and training are based solely on the merit principle. This means that selection is based on skills, knowledge, qualifications and experience (including community experience) relevant to the job or situation;
- Appointed Chief Executive Officer, Debra Larwood, in the position of Equal Employment Opportunity Officer;
- Reviewed existing training programs;
- Ensured that services provided to residents will be delivered in a fair and equitable manner;
- Provided all new and existing employees with equal employment opportunity awareness training and any other training relevant to their position or responsibilities; and
- Ensured that all employees have received copies of Council's Equal Employment Opportunities Policy

District Council of Kimba
General Purpose Financial Reports
for the year ended 30 June 2022

**District Council of Kimba
General Purpose Financial Reports
for the year ended 30 June 2022**

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**District Council of Kimba
Annual Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2022**

CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

- the accompanying financial statements comply with the *Local Government Act 1999, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* and Australian Accounting Standards.

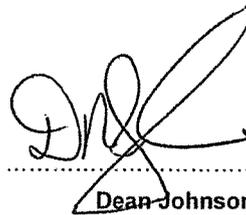
- the financial statements present a true and fair view of the Council's financial position at 30 June 2022 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.

- internal controls implemented by the Council provide a reasonable assurance that the Council's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year.

- the financial statements accurately reflect the Council's accounting and other records.



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Debra Larwood
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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Dean Johnson
MAYOR/COUNCILLOR

Date: 4th October 2022

District Council of Kimba
Statement of Comprehensive Income
for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
INCOME			
Rates	2	1,947,017	1,898,091
Statutory charges	2	21,070	12,398
User charges	2	113,126	132,242
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	4,129,045	1,804,823
Investment income	2	19,880	10,739
Reimbursements	2	194,911	271,027
Other income	2	107,658	84,373
Total Income		6,532,706	4,213,692
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	3	1,660,145	1,445,849
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	2,355,666	1,318,183
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	1,150,460	1,112,298
Total Expenses		5,166,271	3,876,330
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		1,366,435	337,362
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	(121,144)	(451,419)
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2	529,382	1,089,254
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) (transferred to Equity Statement)		1,774,673	975,198
Other Comprehensive Income			
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	9	1,470,243	956,025
Impairment (expense) / recoupments offset to asset revaluation reserve	9	(972,207)	-
Total Other Comprehensive Income		498,036	956,025
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		2,272,709	1,931,223
Share of Net Surplus / (Deficit)			
Council		1,774,673	975,198
		498,036	956,025
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		2,272,709	1,931,223

District Council of Kimba
Statement of Financial Position
as at 30 June 2022

ASSETS	Notes	2022	2021
		\$	\$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	2,230,720	3,230,602
Trade & other receivables	5	1,647,602	244,693
Inventories	5	57,133	95,056
Total Current Assets		3,935,454	3,570,351
Non-current Assets			
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	7	43,051,926	41,122,710
Other non-current assets	6	442,132	46,635
Total Non-current Assets		43,494,059	41,169,345
Total Assets		47,429,513	44,739,696
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & other payables	8	798,408	428,932
Provisions	8	484,445	447,913
Total Current Liabilities		1,282,853	876,845
Non-current Liabilities			
Provisions	8	35,515	24,415
Total Non-current Liabilities		35,515	24,415
Total Liabilities		1,318,368	901,260
NET ASSETS		46,111,145	43,838,436
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		17,846,625	16,181,511
Asset Revaluation Reserves	9	27,847,945	27,306,911
Other Reserves	9	416,575	350,013
TOTAL EQUITY		46,111,145	43,838,436

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

District Council of Kimba
Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 30 June 2022

		Acc'd Surplus	Asset Rev'n Reserve	Other Reserves	TOTAL EQUITY
2022	Notes	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at end of previous reporting period		16,181,511	27,306,911	350,013	43,838,436
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		1,774,673	-	-	1,774,673
Other Comprehensive Income					
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		-	1,470,243	-	1,470,243
Impairment (expense) / recoupments offset to asset revaluation reserve		-	(972,207)	-	(972,207)
Transfer to accumulated surplus on sale of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		(42,997)	42,997	-	-
Net assets transferred - Council restructure					-
Share of other comprehensive income - equity accounted Council businesses					-
Other equity adjustments - equity accounted Council businesses		-			-
Transfers between reserves		(66,562)		66,562	-
Balance at end of period	9	17,846,625	27,847,945	416,575	46,111,145
2021	Notes	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at end of previous reporting period		15,282,313	26,350,886	274,014	41,907,213
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		975,198	-	-	975,198
Other Comprehensive Income					
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		-	956,025	-	956,025
Transfers between reserves		(75,999)	-	75,999	-
Balance at end of period	9	16,181,511	27,306,911	350,013	43,838,436

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

District Council of Kimba
Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 30 June 2022

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	Notes	2022	2021
		\$	\$
Receipts:			
Rates - general & other		1,856,423	1,874,828
Fees & other charges		22,123	14,636
User charges		142,700	78,108
Investment receipts		19,880	11,108
Grants utilised for operating purposes		3,115,817	1,938,570
Reimbursements		214,402	315,831
Other revenues		618,504	239,581
Payments:			
Employee costs		(1,603,343)	(1,397,613)
Materials, contracts & other expenses		(2,817,489)	(1,629,417)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities		1,569,017	1,445,631
Receipts:			
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		529,382	1,089,254
Sale of replaced assets		90,455	250,865
Payments:			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(1,715,874)	(2,618,631)
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		(1,472,862)	(227,457)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(2,568,900)	(1,505,969)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		(999,882)	(60,338)
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	11	3,230,602	3,290,940
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	11	2,230,720	3,230,602

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

District Council of Kimba
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies

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

1 Basis of Preparation

1.1 Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards

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

The financial report was authorised for issue by certificate under regulation 14 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 dated 4th October 2022.

1.2 Historical Cost Convention

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

1.3 Critical Accounting Estimates

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

1.4 Rounding

All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

1.5 Covid-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the 2021/22 financial statements. The financial impacts are a direct result of either Council's response to the pandemic or due to mandatory shutdowns as directed by the Australian Government and the advice from the Australian Government Department of Health and SA Health. COVID-19 is not expected to have a significant financial impact on Council operations with the Council working to reduce discretionary expenditure in the short term to help mitigate the effect of the reduced revenue and increased costs. It is expected further financial impacts will flow into the 2022/23 financial year, but these have been largely taken into account during the development of the budget process for 2022/23. The budget assumptions for 2022/23 assume that no further harsher restrictions are put in place by the government. However, Council has determined that there is no material uncertainty that casts doubt on Council's ability to continue as a going concern.

2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

The District Council of Kimba is incorporated under the SA Local Government Act 1999 and has its principal place of business at the corner of Cross Street & West Terrace, Kimba SA 5641. These consolidated financial statements include the Council's direct operations and all entities through which Council controls resources to carry on its functions. In the process of reporting on the Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between activity areas and controlled entities have been eliminated.

District Council of Kimba
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies

3 Income recognition

3.1 Revenue

The Council recognises revenue under AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities (AASB 1058) or AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (AASB 15) when appropriate.

In cases where there is an 'enforceable' contract with a customer with 'sufficiently specific' performance obligations, the transaction is accounted for under AASB 15 where income is recognised when (or as) the performance obligations are satisfied (i.e. when it transfers control of a product or service to a customer). Revenue is measured based on the consideration to which the Council expects to be entitled in a contract with a customer.

In other cases, AASB 1058 applies when a not-for-profit (NFP) entity enters into transactions where the consideration to acquire an asset is significantly less than the fair value of the asset principally to enable the entity to further its objectives. The excess of the asset recognised (at fair value) over any 'related amounts' is recognised as income immediately, except in the case where a financial asset has been received to enable the council to acquire or construct a recognisable non-financial asset that is to be controlled by the council. In this case, the council recognises the excess as a liability that is recognised over time in profit and loss when (or as) the entity satisfies its obligations under the transfer.

In recent years, the payment of untied grants (financial assistance grants/ local roads/ supplementary grants) has varied from the annual allocation as shown in the table below:

	Cash Payment Received	Annual Allocation		Difference
2016-17	\$ 1,961,764	\$ 1,309,324	+	\$ 666,778
2017-18	\$ 1,310,165	\$ 1,288,173	+	\$ 21,992
2018-19	\$ 1,269,901	\$ 1,288,201	-	\$ 18,300
2019-20	\$ 1,332,596	\$ 1,291,557	+	\$ 41,039
2020-21	\$ 1,289,848	\$ 1,325,399	-	\$ 35,551
2021-22	\$ 1,761,351	\$ 1,389,143	+	\$ 363,208

Because these grants are untied, the Australian Accounting Standards require that payments be recognised upon receipt. Accordingly, the operating results of these periods have been distorted compared to those that would have been reported had the grants been paid in the year to which they were allocated.

The Operating Surplus Ratio disclosed in Note 15 has also been calculated after adjusting for the distortions resulting from the differences between the actual grants received and the grants entitlements allocated.

3.2 Construction Contracts

Construction works undertaken by Council for third parties are generally on an agency basis where the third party reimburses Council for actual costs incurred, and usually do not extend beyond the reporting period. Reimbursements not received are recognised as receivables and reimbursements received in advance are recognised as "payments received in advance".

For works undertaken on a fixed price contract basis, revenues are recognised over time using the input method, with costs incurred compared to total expected costs used as a measure of progress. When it is probable that total contract costs will exceed total contract revenue, the expected loss is recognised as an expense immediately.

4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and Other Financial Instruments

4.1 Cash, Cash Equivalent Assets

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

District Council of Kimba
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies

4.2 Other Financial Instruments

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

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

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

5 Inventories

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

6 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

6.1 Initial Recognition

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

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

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

6.2 Materiality

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

6.3 Subsequent Recognition

All material asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. Significant uncertainties exist in the estimation of fair value of a number of asset classes including land, buildings and associated structures and infrastructure. Further detail of these uncertainties, and of existing valuations, methods and valuers are provided at Note 7.

District Council of Kimba
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for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies

6.4 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

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

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

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

6.5 Impairment

Assets whose future economic benefits are not dependent on the ability to generate cash flows, and where the future economic benefits would be replaced if Council were deprived thereof, are not subject to impairment testing.

Other assets that are subject to depreciation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount (which is the higher of the present value of future cash inflows or value in use).

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

6.6 Borrowing Costs

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

7 Payables

7.1 Goods & Services

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

7.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

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

8 Borrowings

Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value net of transaction costs incurred and are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption amount is recognised in the income statement over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

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

District Council of Kimba
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
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Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies

9 Provisions

9.1 Employee Benefits

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

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

Weighted average discount rate	4.31% (2021, 0.79%)
Weighted average settlement period	1.60 years (2021, 1.69 years)

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

Superannuation:

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Statewide Superannuation Scheme. The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. Details of the accounting policies applied and Council's involvement with the schemes are reported in Note 17.

9.2 Provisions for reinstatement, restoration, rehabilitation.

Close down and restoration costs include the dismantling and demolition of infrastructure and the removal of residual materials and remediation and rehabilitation of disturbed areas. Estimated close down and restoration costs are provided for in the accounting period when the obligation arising from the related disturbance occurs and are carried at the net present value of estimated future costs.

Although estimated future costs are based on a closure plan, such plans are based on current environmental requirements which may change. Council's policy to maximise recycling is extending the operational life of these facilities, and significant uncertainty exists in the estimation of the future closure date.

District Council of Kimba
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for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies

10 GST Implications

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

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

13 New and amended standards and interpretations

The Council applied for the first-time certain standards and amendments, which are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021. New standards and amendments relevant to the Council are listed below. The Council has not early adopted any other standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective.

Amendments to AASB 16 Covid-19 Related Rent Concessions:

In 2020, the AASB issued AASB 2020-4, Amendments to AASs - Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions. The amendments provide relief to lessees from applying AASB 16 guidance on lease modification accounting for rent concessions arising as a direct consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic. As a practical expedient, a lessee may elect not to assess whether a Covid-19 related rent concession from a lessor is a lease modification. A lessee that makes this election accounts for any change in lease payments resulting from the Covid-19 related rent concession the same way it would account for the change under IFRS 16, if the change were not a lease modification. The amendment was intended to apply until 30 June 2021, but as the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic is continuing, in 2021 the AASB extended the period of application of the practical expedient to 30 June 2022. The amendment applies to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 April 2021. This amendment had no impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

District Council of Kimba
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 2 - INCOME

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
RATES REVENUES			
<u>General Rates</u>		1,706,324	1,691,528
Less: Mandatory rebates		(23,466)	(23,851)
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs		(15,443)	(14,545)
		1,667,415	1,653,132
<u>Other Rates</u> (including service charges)			
Landscape levy		71,471	70,284
Waste collection		77,285	69,970
Community wastewater management systems		110,970	102,500
		259,726	242,754
<u>Other Charges</u>			
Penalties for late payment		19,876	2,205
		19,876	2,205
		1,947,017	1,898,091
STATUTORY CHARGES			
Development Act fees		264	700
Town planning fees		9,978	4,000
Search Fees		3,949	1,886
Animal registration fees & fines		6,879	5,812
		21,070	12,398
USER CHARGES			
Cemetery/crematoria fees		3,732	10,828
Aged Care Cottages		46,625	43,785
Recreation Reserve		9,093	8,718
Hall & equipment hire		6,388	5,666
Section 224 (Alliance Village)		24,000	24,000
Health Centre		1,531	6,033
Waste Management		16,138	27,728
Sundry		5,619	5,484
		113,126	132,242

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Note 2 - INCOME (con't)

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Interest on investments:			
Local Government Finance Authority		19,880	10,739
		<u>19,880</u>	<u>10,739</u>
REIMBURSEMENTS			
Water Sales		21,158	42,018
Private Works		92,317	83,396
Building Officer costs		-	2,273
Waste Receival		-	30,625
Income Protection Re-imburements		45,398	50,400
Other		30,328	61,438
National Radioactive Waste Mgmt Facility		5,711	878
		<u>194,911</u>	<u>271,027</u>
OTHER INCOME			
Rec Reserve Donations		34,215	22,716
Other		73,443	61,657
		<u>107,658</u>	<u>84,373</u>
GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS			
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets		529,382	1,089,254
Other grants, subsidies and contributions			
Untied - Financial Assistance Grant		1,912,160	1,289,848
Roads to Recovery		206,026	460,377
Disaster Recovery Funding		863,023	-
Library & Communications		3,147	3,234
Community Benefits Fund operations		1,036,689	45,364
Sundry		108,000	6,000
		<u>4,129,045</u>	<u>1,804,823</u>
		<u>4,658,427</u>	<u>2,894,077</u>
<i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 12.</i>			
Sources of grants			
Commonwealth government		1,772,097	1,484,520
State government		2,886,330	1,299,082
Other		-	110,475
		<u>4,658,427</u>	<u>2,894,077</u>

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Note 2 - INCOME (con't)

2022 **2021**

Conditions over grants & contributions

Grants and contributions which were obtained on the condition that they be expended for specified purposes or in a future period, but which are not yet expended in accordance with those conditions, are as follows:

<i>Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period</i>	339,145	339,145
<i>Drought Communities Programme Extension</i>	(339,145)	-
<i>Subtotal</i>	(339,145)	-
<i>Unexpended at the close of this reporting period</i>	-	339,145
<i>Net increase / (decrease) in assets subject to conditions in the current reporting period</i>	(339,145)	-

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Note 3 - EXPENSE

	Notes	2022	2021
		\$	\$
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Salaries and Wages		1,264,193	1,293,201
Employee leave expense		274,614	58,949
Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions	17	71,641	67,119
Superannuation - defined benefit plan contributions	17	69,484	54,762
Workers' Compensation Insurance		38,708	50,593
Other		14,537	23,191
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		<u>(73,032)</u>	<u>(101,967)</u>
Total Operating Employee Costs		<u>1,660,145</u>	<u>1,445,849</u>
Total Number of Employees		17	17
<i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i>			
MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES			
<u>Prescribed Expenses</u>			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the financial reports		13,000	23,060
Elected members' expenses		92,191	95,762
Election expenses		335	328
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		<u>105,526</u>	<u>119,151</u>
<u>Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses</u>			
Contractors		3,301,782	2,585,032
Fuel & Oil		128,976	71,626
Materials		219,051	96,126
Legal Expenses		47,383	82,425
Landscape Levy		73,075	70,996
Plant & Equipment		122,661	115,527
Subscriptions		31,524	27,459
Library costs		15,237	15,316
Plant Registrations and Insurances		67,255	68,958
Insurances		26,277	24,658
Waste Collection		48,343	86,140
Fringe Benefits Tax		5,359	8,721
Work, Health and Safety		32,246	27,014
Communications		31,736	26,607
Street Lighting		18,649	19,033
Standpipe usage		41,638	28,171
Regional Development Australia		21,110	20,595
Donations		18,433	33,027
Roads & Footpaths		544,880	292,049

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Note 3 - EXPENSE con't

	2022	2021
Notes	\$	\$
Recreation & Parks	69,814	68,327
Information Technology	112,658	102,399
Aged Care Accommodation	25,062	27,108
CWMS	53,446	30,257
Office & Equipment	49,100	45,257
Tourism	21,390	29,958
Other	238,758	75,393
Less Capitalised and Distributed Costs	<u>(3,115,703)</u>	<u>(2,879,147)</u>
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses	<u>2,250,140</u>	<u>1,199,033</u>
	<u>2,355,666</u>	<u>1,318,183</u>

DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT

Depreciation

Plant & Equipment	268,372	301,772
Office Equipment & Furniture	7,402	7,402
Buildings & Other Structures	173,662	156,188
- Town Roads	93,628	26,477
- Rural Roads Unsealed	245,533	274,934
- Rural Roads Sealed	178,939	179,165
- Footpaths & Kerbing	60,340	51,301
Land	-	
CWMS	48,831	40,667
Stormwater & Drainage	25,971	25,995
Other	47,780	48,396
Impairment - Rural Roads Unsealed	<u>972,207</u>	
	<u>2,122,667</u>	<u>1,112,298</u>
Less: Impairment expense offset to asset revaluation reserve	9 <u>(972,207)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1,150,460</u>	<u>1,112,298</u>

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Note 4 - ASSET DISPOSALS AND FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT			
<i>Assets renewed or directly replaced</i>			
Proceeds from disposal		90,455	250,865
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		<u>211,599</u>	<u>702,284</u>
NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION OF ASSETS		<u>(121,144)</u>	<u>(451,419)</u>

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Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS			
Cash on Hand and at Bank		53,274	234,349
Deposits at Call		<u>2,177,446</u>	<u>2,996,253</u>
		<u>2,230,720</u>	<u>3,230,602</u>
TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES			
Rates - General & Other		223,830	133,237
Accrued Revenues		379,987	764
Debtors - general		931,739	23,918
Other levels of Government		1,206	1,615
GST Recoupment		59,741	38,596
Prepayments		<u>51,099</u>	<u>46,563</u>
		<u>1,647,602</u>	<u>244,693</u>
 <i>Amounts included in other financial assets that are not expected to be received within 12 months of reporting date are disclosed in Note 13.</i>			
INVENTORIES			
Stores & Materials		<u>57,133</u>	<u>95,056</u>
		<u>57,133</u>	<u>95,056</u>

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Note 6 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS

		2022	2021
FINANCIAL ASSETS	Notes	\$	\$
Capital Works-in-Progress		<u>442,132</u>	<u>46,635</u>
		<u>442,132</u>	<u>46,635</u>

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Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT (IPP&E)

	Fair Value Level	2021				2022			
		Fair Value	Cost	Acc' Dep'n	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Cost	Acc' Dep'n	Carrying Amount
		\$				\$			
Plant & Equipment		4,661,898	655,728	(2,544,626)	2,773,000	4,302,717	1,327,224	(2,435,799)	3,194,143
Office Equipment & Furniture		122,577	-	(80,115)	42,461	-	131,747	(87,518)	44,229
Buildings & Other Structures	3	10,177,531	873,720	(4,101,976)	6,949,275	11,177,401	873,720	(4,275,638)	7,775,482
- Town Roads	3	1,629,480	50,353	(447,263)	1,232,569	3,995,867	73,397	(1,938,650)	2,130,608
- Rural Roads Unsealed	3	15,272,357	490,783	(3,358,864)	12,404,276	15,211,737	743,723	(4,537,319)	11,418,141
- Rural Roads Sealed	3	10,093,841	686,580	(2,053,788)	8,726,633	10,543,256	718,039	(2,135,519)	9,125,777
- Footpaths & Kerbing	3	3,723,011	113,610	(1,036,307)	2,800,315	3,955,352	113,610	(1,576,098)	2,492,864
Land	2	1,785,650	-	-	1,785,650	1,785,650	-	-	1,785,650
CWMS	3	3,489,974	-	(1,482,534)	2,007,440	4,648,645	-	(1,890,952)	2,757,693
Stormwater & Drainage	3	2,079,552	-	(345,308)	1,734,244	2,079,553	-	(371,280)	1,708,273
Other		729,712	110,340	(173,207)	666,846	729,713	110,340	(220,987)	619,066
Total IPP&E		53,765,584	2,981,114	(15,623,988)	41,122,710	58,429,892	4,091,801	(19,469,760)	43,051,926
Comparatives		44,191,198	7,901,326	(13,093,088)	39,000,156	53,765,584	2,981,114	(15,623,988)	41,122,710

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Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	2021 \$	Carrying Amounts Movement During the Year \$						2022 \$
		Additions		Disposals	Dep'n	Net Reval'n	Carrying Amount	
		New / Upgrade	Renewals					
Plant & Equipment	2,773,000	68,325	671,497	(50,307)	(268,372)	-	3,194,143	
Office Equipment & Furniture	42,461	9,170	-	-	(7,402)	-	44,229	
Buildings & Other Structures	6,949,275	999,870	-	-	(173,662)	-	7,775,482	
- Town Roads	1,232,569	-	73,397	-	(93,628)	918,270	2,130,608	
- Rural Roads Unsealed	12,404,276	-	252,940	(21,335)	(245,533)	(972,207)	11,418,141	
- Rural Roads Sealed	8,726,633	-	718,039	(139,955)	(178,939)	-	9,125,777	
- Footpaths & Kerbing	2,800,315	-	-	-	(60,340)	(247,111)	2,492,864	
Land	1,785,650	-	-	-	-	-	1,785,650	
CWMS	2,007,440	-	-	-	(48,831)	799,084	2,757,693	
Stormwater & Drainage	1,734,244	-	-	-	(25,971)	-	1,708,273	
Other	666,846	-	-	-	(47,780)	-	619,066	
Total IPP&E	41,122,710	1,077,365	1,715,873	(211,598)	(1,150,460)	498,036	43,051,926	
Comparatives	39,000,156	227,457	2,753,657	(702,288)	(1,112,297)	956,025	41,122,710	

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Note 7 (con't) – INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Valuation of Assets

General Valuation Principles

Accounting procedure: Upon revaluation, the current new replacement cost and accumulated depreciation are re-stated such that the difference represents the fair value of the asset determined in accordance with AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement*: accumulated depreciation is taken to be the difference between current new replacement cost and fair value. In the case of land, fair value is taken to be the current replacement cost.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This method has significant inherent uncertainties, relying on estimates of quantities of materials and labour, residual values and useful lives, and the possibility of changes in prices for materials and labour, and the potential for development of more efficient construction techniques. Accordingly, formal sensitivity analysis does not provide useful information.

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Note 7 (con't) – INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Transfers between fair value hierarchy levels

In the course of revaluing (name the asset classes), the nature of the inputs applied was reviewed in detail for each asset and where necessary, the asset reassigned to the appropriate fair value hierarchy level. Such transfers take effect as at the date of the revaluation.

During the course of the year, a parcel of land previously held for operational purposes was designated as community land under the Local Government Act 1993. The change in designation introduced a new, unobservable input, being the restrictive processes involved in the future disposal of the land and necessitated the transfer of its valuation from fair value hierarchy level 2 to level 3, and the adjustment of the valuation. The transfer took effect at the date of designation as community land.

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

Office Furniture & Equipment	2,500
Other Plant & Equipment	2,500
Buildings - new construction/extensions	10,000
Park & Playground Furniture & Equipment	2,500
Road construction & reconstruction	10,000
Paving & footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	5,000
Drains & Culverts	5,000

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

Plant, Furniture & Equipment	
Office Equipment	5 to 10 years
Office Furniture	10 to 20 years
Vehicles and Road-making Equip	3 to 10 years
Other Plant & Equipment	5 to 10 years
Building & Other Structures	
Buildings – masonry	50 to 100 years
Buildings – other construction	20 to 40 years
Park Structures – masonry	50 to 100 years
Park Structures – other construction	20 to 40 years
Playground equipment	10 to 20 years
Benches, seats, etc	10 to 20 years
Infrastructure	
Sealed Roads – Surface	30 years
Sealed Roads – Structure	180 to 360 years

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Unsealed Roads	35 to 20 years
Bridges – Concrete	80 to 210 years
Paving & Footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	40 to 80 years
Drains	80 to 100 years
Culverts	50 to 75 years
Bores	20 to 40 years
Reticulation Pipes – other	25 to 75 years
Pumps & Telemetry	15 to 25 years
Other Assets	
Library Books	10 to 15 years
Artworks	indefinite

Land & Land Improvements

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

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

Land improvements, including bulk earthworks with an assessed unlimited useful life, are recognised on the cost basis, originally deriving from a valuation at 30 June 2018 at current replacement cost.

Additions are recognised at cost.

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

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Note 7 (con't) – INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Buildings & Other Structures

Buildings and other structures were revalued as at 1st July 2018 by Gayler Engineering.

Infrastructure

Transportation assets were valued by Council officers at depreciated current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 30 June 2021, based on actual costs incurred during the reporting periods ended 30 June 2020 and 2021. Town Roads Sealed were revalued by Gayler Engineering as at 1st July 2021. Rural Roads Sealed and Unsealed revaluations have been postponed as a result of flood damage sustained in January 2022. These assets will be revalued at the conclusion of restoration works anticipated to be completed by the conclusion of the 2023-24 financial year. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Stormwater drainage infrastructure was revalued at written down current replacement cost as at 1st July 2017 based on a condition assessment by external contractor, Gayler Engineering

Community wastewater management system infrastructure was valued at depreciated current replacement cost during the reporting period ended 1st July 2021 by Gayler Engineering. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Plant, Furniture & Equipment

These assets are recognised on the cost basis.

All other assets

These assets are recognised on the cost basis.

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Note 8 - LIABILITIES

	Notes	2022		2021	
		Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES					
Goods & Services		174,975		117,444	
Payments received in advance		556,748		259,423	
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements		34,168		24,998	
GST Payable		5,355		1,603	
Other levels of Government		27,162		25,464	
		798,408	-	428,932	-
PROVISIONS					
Employee entitlements (including oncosts)		484,445	35,515	447,913	24,415
		484,445	35,515	447,913	24,415
Movements in Provisions - 2022 year only <i>(current & non-current)</i>			<i>Insurance Losses</i>	<i>Future Reinstatement</i>	<i>Leave & Other Provision</i>
Opening Balance			-	-	472,328
Additional amounts recognised					47,633
Closing Balance			-	-	519,960

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Note 9 - RESERVES

ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	1/7/2021	Net Increments/ (Decrements)	Transfers, Impairments	30/6/2022
Notes	\$	\$	\$	\$
Plant & Equipment	1,125,642	-	33,676	1,159,318
Building & Other Structures	6,566,758	-	-	6,566,758
Transport	13,742,434	671,159	(962,886)	13,450,707
Footpaths & Kerbing	1,557,996	-	-	1,557,996
Land	1,159,157	-	-	1,159,157
CWMS	3,154,924	799,084	-	3,954,009
TOTAL	27,306,911	1,470,243	(929,210)	27,847,945
<i>Comparatives</i>	<i>26,350,886</i>	<i>956,025</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>27,306,911</i>

OTHER RESERVES	1/7/2021	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/6/2022
CWMS Reserve	350,013	66,562	-	416,575
TOTAL OTHER RESERVES	350,013	66,562	-	416,575
<i>Comparatives</i>	<i>274,014</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>274,014</i>

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Note 10 - ASSETS SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS

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

	2022	2021
CASH & FINANCIAL ASSETS	Notes	\$
Unexpended amounts received from Federal Government		\$
Community Wastewater Management Scheme		350,013
TOTAL ASSETS SUBJECT TO EXTERNALLY IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS		350,013
		416,575

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Note 11 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

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

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
Total cash & equivalent assets	5	2,230,720	3,230,602
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		<u>2,230,720</u>	<u>3,230,602</u>

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)		1,774,673	975,198
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment		1,150,460	1,112,298
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits		56,803	48,236
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity		(529,382)	(1,089,254)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals		121,144	451,419
		<u>2,573,697</u>	<u>1,497,896</u>
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (increase) decrease in receivables		(1,399,158)	(33,813)
Net (increase) decrease in inventories		37,923	47,045
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables		356,555	(65,497)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations		<u>1,569,017</u>	<u>1,445,631</u>

(d) Financing Arrangements

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

Bank Overdrafts	100,000	100,000
Corporate Credit Cards	25,000	25,000
LGFA Cash Advance Debenture facility	400,000	400,000

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

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Note 12 - FUNCTIONS

INCOMES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

	INCOME		EXPENSES		OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME		TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT & NON-CURRENT)	
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	2022	2021	2022	2021
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	\$	\$	\$	\$
Administration	4,850,985	3,128,957	1,663,769	1,248,350	3,187,216	1,880,607	2,454,491	1,524,868	3,747,340	3,560,122
Public Order & Safety	37,630	24,272	63,007	47,275	(25,377)	(23,003)	38,311	23,801	110,072	103,765
Health	5,885	3,796	87,571	65,706	(81,686)	(61,910)	15,655	9,726	367,689	346,624
Social Security & Welfare	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	90,871	85,665
Housing & Community Affairs	480,124	309,687	945,327	709,293	(465,203)	(399,606)	-	-	5,774,650	5,443,814
Recreation & Culture	68,434	44,141	305,917	229,534	(237,483)	(185,393)	5,771	3,585	4,155,657	3,917,575
Agriculture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55,409	52,235
Transport & Communication	803,961	518,567	1,735,764	1,302,370	(931,803)	(783,803)	880,513	547,024	30,024,282	28,304,159
Economic Affairs	105,536	68,072	177,116	132,893	(71,581)	(64,821)	342,746	212,933	2,065,336	1,947,011
Other Purposes	180,151	116,200	187,800	140,909	(7,649)	(24,709)	920,940	572,140	1,038,207	978,727
TOTALS	6,532,706	4,213,692	5,166,271	3,876,330	1,366,435	337,362	4,658,427	2,894,077	47,429,513	44,739,696

District Council of Kimba
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Note 12 (con't) - COMPONENTS OF FUNCTIONS

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

Business Undertakings

Abattoirs, Caravan Parks, Electricity Supply, Gravel Pits/Quarries, Development of Land for Resale, Marinas/Boat Havens, Markets/Saleyards, Off-street Car Parks – fee paying, Private Works, Property Portfolio, Sewerage/CWMS, Water Supply – Domestic, Town Bus Service, and Other – please specify.

Community Services

Public Order and Safety, Crime Prevention, Emergency Services, Other Fire Protection, Other Public Order and Safety, Health Services, Pest Control – Health, Immunisation, Nursing Homes, Preventive Health Services, Other Health Services, Community Support, Elderly Citizens Facilities, Home Assistance Scheme, Other Services for the Aged and Disabled, Child Care Centres, Children and Youth Services, community Assistance, Community Transport, Family and Neighbourhood Support, Other Community Support, Community Amenities, Bus Shelters, Cemeteries / Crematoria, Public Conveniences, Car Parking – non-fee-paying, Telecommunications Networks, and Other Community Amenities.

Culture

Library Services, Mobile Libraries and Housebound Services, Static Libraries, Other Library Services, Cultural Services, Cultural Venues, Heritage, Museums and Art Galleries, and Other Cultural Services.

Economic Development

Employment Creation Programs, Regional Development, Support to Local Businesses, Tourism, and Other Economic Development.

Environment

Agricultural Services, Agricultural Water, Animal/Plant Boards, Landcare, Other Agricultural Services, Waste Management, Domestic Waste, Green Waste, Recycling, Transfer Stations, Waste Disposal Facility, Other Waste Management, Other Environment, Coastal Protection, Stormwater and Drainage, Street Cleaning, Street Lighting, Streetscaping, Natural Resource Management Levy, and Other Environment.

Recreation

Jetties, Other Marine Facilities, Parks and Gardens, Sports Facilities – Indoor, Sports Facilities – Outdoor, Swimming Centres – Indoor, Swimming Centres – Outdoor, and Other Recreation.

Regulatory Services

Dog and Cat Control, Building Control, Town Planning, Clean Air/Pollution Control, Litter Control, Health Inspection, Parking Control, and Other Regulatory Services.

Transport

Aerodrome, Bridges, Bus Service, Footpaths and Kerbing, Roads – sealed, Roads – formed, Roads – natural formed, Roads – unformed, Traffic Management, LGGC – roads (formula funded), and Other Transport.

Plant Hire & Depot

Unclassified Activities

Council Administration

Governance, Administration n.e.c., Elected Members, Organisational, Support Services, Accounting/Finance, Payroll, Housing for Council Employees, Human Resources, Information Technology, Communication, Rates Administration, Records, Occupancy, Contract Management, Customer Service, Other Support Services, Revenues, LGGC – General Purpose, and Separate and Special Rates.

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Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

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

Accounting Policies - Recognised Financial Instruments

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits

Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, interest is recognised when earned

Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 0.30% and 0.55% (2021: 0.00% and 0.50%). Short term deposits have an average maturity of 24 hours and an average interest rates of 0.32% (2021: 0.36%).

Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.

Receivables - Rates & Associated

Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method

Terms & conditions: Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 5.05% p.a. (2021: 5.20% p.a.) Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the State.

Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

Receivables - Fees & other charges

Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method

Terms & conditions: Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries.

Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

Receivables - other levels of government

Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method.

Terms & conditions: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. All amounts are due by Departments and Agencies of State and Federal Governments.

Carrying amount: approximates fair value.

District Council of Kimba

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (con't)

Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals **Accounting Policy:** Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Council.

Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.

Carrying amount: approximates fair value.

Liabilities - Interest Bearing Borrowings

Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently at amortised cost, interest is charged as an expense using the effective interest rate

Terms & conditions: secured over future revenues, borrowings are repayable 6 monthly; interest is charged at fixed variable rates. Council at this time have no long term borrowings

Carrying amount: approximates fair value.

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Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (con't)

Liquidity Analysis

2022	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
<u>Financial Assets</u>					
Cash & Equivalents	2,230,720	-	-	2,230,720	2,230,720
Receivables	1,647,602	-	-	1,647,602	1,596,503
Total	3,878,321	-	-	3,878,321	3,827,222
<u>Financial Liabilities</u>					
Payables	798,408	-	-	798,408	764,240
Total	798,408	-	-	798,408	764,240
2021	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
<u>Financial Assets</u>					
Cash & Equivalents	3,230,602	-	-	3,230,602	3,230,602
Receivables	244,693	-	-	244,693	198,130
Total	3,475,295	-	-	3,475,295	3,428,732
<u>Financial Liabilities</u>					
Payables	428,932	-	-	428,932	403,934
Total	428,932	-	-	428,932	403,934

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Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (con't)

Net Fair Value

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

Risk Exposures:

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

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

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

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

District Council of Kimba
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Note 14 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

	2022	2021
Notes	\$	\$
Capital Commitments		
Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:		
Kimba Medical Centre Upgrade	-	715,914
Aerodrome Lighting Project	379,747	-
	379,747	715,914
These expenditures are payable:		
Not later than one year	379,747	715,914
	379,747	715,914

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Note 15 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

	2022	2021	2020
Operating Surplus Ratio			
<u>Operating Surplus</u>	20.9%	8.0%	7.0%
Total Operating Income			

This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of total operating revenue.

Net Financial Liabilities Ratio

<u>Net Financial Liabilities</u>	(-39%)	(-61%)	(-64%)
Total Operating Income			

Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets. These are expressed as a percentage of total operating revenue.

Adjustments to Ratios

In recent years the Federal Government has made advance payments prior to 30th June from future year allocations of financial assistance grants, as explained in Note 1. These ***Adjusted Ratios*** correct for the resulting distortion in key ratios for each year and provide a more accurate basis for comparison between years.

<i>Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio</i>	16.3%	8.4%	6.1%
<i>Adjusted Net Financial Liabilities Ratio</i>	(-24%)	(-44%)	(-48%)

Asset Renewal Funding Ratio

<u>Outlays on Existing Assets</u>	108%	95%	154%
Asset Renewals - IAMP			

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

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Note 16 - UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

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

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

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

	2022		2021
	\$		\$
Income	6,532,706		4,213,692
Expenses	(5,166,271)		(3,876,330)
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	1,366,435		337,362
Net Outlays on Existing Assets			
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	(1,715,874)		(2,618,631)
Add back Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	1,150,460		1,112,298
Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	90,455		250,865
	(474,960)		(1,255,468)
Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets			
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets <i>(including investment property & real estate developments)</i>	(1,472,862)		(227,457)
Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	529,382		1,089,254
	(943,480)		861,797
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	(52,005)		(56,309)

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Note 17 – SUPERANNUATION

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

Accumulation only Members

Accumulation only members receive both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are based on a fixed percentage of ordinary time earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation (9.5% in 2020-21; 10.0% in 2021-22). No further liability accrues to the Council as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the Fund.

Salarylink (Defined Benefit Fund) Members

Salarylink is a defined benefit scheme where the benefit payable is based on a formula determined by the member's contribution rate, number of years and level of contribution and final average salary. Council makes employer contributions to Salarylink as determined by the Fund's Trustee based on advice from the appointed Actuary. The rate is currently 6.3% (6.3% in 2020-21) of "superannuation" salary.

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

The Salarylink section is a multi-employer sponsored plan. As the Salarylink section's assets and liabilities are pooled and are not allocated by each employer, and employees may transfer to another employer within the local government sector and retain membership of the Fund, the Actuary is unable to allocate benefit liabilities, assets and costs between employers. As provided by AASB 119.34(a), Council does not use defined benefit accounting for these contributions.

The most recent actuarial investigation was conducted by the Fund's actuary, Louise Campbell, FIAA, of Willis Towers Watson as at 30 June 2022. The Trustee has determined that the current funding arrangements are adequate for the expected Salarylink liabilities. However, future financial and economic circumstances may require changes to Council's contribution rates at some future time.

Contributions to Other Superannuation Schemes

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

District Council of Kimba
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Note 18 - CONTINGENT ASSETS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

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

1. LAND UNDER ROADS

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

2. POTENTIAL INSURANCE LOSSES

Council is a multi-purpose organisation providing a large range of building, parks infrastructure, playgrounds and other facilities accessible to the public. At any time, it is likely that claims will have been made against Council that remain unsettled.

Council insures against all known insurable risks using a range of insurance policies, each of which is subject to a deductible "insurance excess", the amount of which varies according to the class of insurance.

Council has recognised the potential losses arising from claims known at reporting date based on average historical net cost (including insurance excess) of similar types of claims. Other potential claims not reported to Council may have existed at reporting date.

3. LEGAL EXPENSES

Council is the planning consent authority for its area under the Development Act 1993 (as amended). Pursuant to that Act, certain persons aggrieved by a planning decision of the Council may appeal. It is normal practice that parties bear their own legal costs. At the date of these reports, Council had notice of nil appeals against planning decisions made prior to reporting date. All known costs have been recognised, but the amount of further costs cannot be known until the appeals are determined.

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Note 19 - RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The Key Management Personnel of the Council include the Mayor, Councillors, CEO and certain prescribed officers under section 112 of the Local Government Act 1999. In all, 9 persons were paid the following total compensation:

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Salaries, allowances & other short term benefits	365,403	362,969
TOTAL	365,403	362,969

Other than amounts paid as ratepayers or residents (e.g. rates, swimming pool entry fees, etc.), Council received the following amounts in total:

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Cemetery Fees	-	573
Private Works	107	1,256
Waste Management	65	39
Conference Prize	397	-
Advertisement	137	-
TOTAL	705	1,868

PARTIES RELATED TO KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

KMP and relatives of KMPs own retail businesses from which various supplies were purchased as required either for cash or on 30 day account. Purchases from none of these individual businesses exceeded \$3,331.37 during the year.

Two close family members of key management personnel are employed by Council in accordance with the terms of the Award, and as recorded in the public Register of Salaries maintained in accordance with section 105 of the *Local Government Act* 1999.

Ian G McDonald FCA



District Council of Kimba Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the attached financial statements, being a general purpose financial report, of the District Council of Kimba (Council) for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of the Council are properly drawn up:

- a) to present fairly the financial position of the Council as at the 30 June 2022 and the results of its operations for the period then ended, and;
- b) according to Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

For the audit of the Council we have maintained our independence in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 Section 290. We believe that the audit evidence that we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Information – Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared to assist the council to meet the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 together with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the members.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Report

The Board of Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial report in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 together with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the schedule 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 in 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 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 association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Ian G McDonald'.

Ian G McDonald FCA
Registered Company Auditor 16458

Signed at Grange, 25 October 2022

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Ian G McDonald FCA

Independent Assurance Report on the Internal Controls of the District Council of Kimba

We have audited the compliance of the District Council of Kimba (Council) with the requirements of Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the Internal Controls established by the Council to ensure that financial transactions relating to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 have been conducted properly and in accordance with law.

Opinion

In our opinion, the Council has complied, in all material respects, with *Section 125* of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation to Internal Controls established by the Council in relation to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities so as to provide reasonable assurance that the financial transactions of the Council have been conducted properly and in accordance with law for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

Basis for Opinion

For the audit of the Council we have maintained our independence in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 Section 290. We believe that the audit evidence that we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Limitation on Use

This report has been prepared for the members of the Council in accordance with *Section 129* of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation to the Internal Controls specified above. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report to any persons or users other than the members of the Council, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Inherent Limitations

Due to the inherent limitations of any compliance procedure, it is possible that fraud, error or non-compliance may occur and not be detected. A reasonable assurance engagement is not designed to detect all instances of non-compliance with *Section 125* of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation to the Internal Controls specified above, as the engagement is not performed continuously throughout the period and the procedures performed in respect of compliance with *Section 125* of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation to the Internal Controls specified above are undertaken on a test basis.

The Council's Responsibility for the Internal Controls

The Council is responsible for implementing and maintaining an adequate system of internal controls, in accordance with *Section 125* of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation to Internal Controls to ensure that the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property, and incurring of liabilities have been conducted properly and in accordance with law.

Our Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Council's compliance with *Section 125* of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the Internal Controls established by the Council to ensure that financial transactions relating to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities, based on our procedures. Our engagement has been conducted in accordance with applicable *Australian Standards on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3100 Compliance Engagements*, issued by the *Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board*, in order to state whether, in all material respects, the Council has complied with *Section 125* of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the Internal Controls specified above for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022. *ASAE 3100* also requires us to comply with the relevant ethical requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

Our procedures included obtaining an understanding of controls in relation to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property and the incurring of liabilities, evaluating management's assessment of these controls, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and implementation of controls on a sample basis based on the assessed risks.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



Ian G McDonald FCA
Chartered Accountant
Registered Company Auditor 16458

Signed at Grange, 25 October 2022

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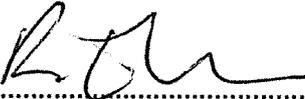
**District Council of Kimba
Annual Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2022
CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE**

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of District Council of Kimba for the year ended 30 June 2022, the Council's Auditor, Ian G McDonald FCA from Creative Auditing has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 22(3) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.


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**Debra Larwood
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**


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**Robert Donaldson
PRESIDING MEMBER AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Date: 4th October 2022

Ian G McDonald FCA



District Council of Kimba

Annual Financial Statement

For the year ended 30 June 2022

Audit Certificate of Audit Independence

We confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of the District Council of Kimba for the year ended 30 June 2022, we have maintained our independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Section 290, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ian G McDonald'.

Ian G McDonald FCA

Date: 21 September 2022

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Ian G McDonald FCA



25 October 2022

Mrs Debra Larwood
Chief Executive Officer
District Council of Kimba
PO Box 189
Kimba SA 5641

Dear Deb,

We are pleased to advise that the external audit of the District Council of Kimba has been completed for the financial year ended 30 June 2022. The signed audit reports have been provided to the Finance Coordinator.

Enclosed is a copy of the balance date audit management letter addressed to the Mayor of your Council.

If further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Ian McDonald'.

Ian McDonald

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Ian G McDonald FCA



25 October 2022

Copy

Mayor Dean Johnson
District Council of Kimba
PO Box 189
Kimba SA 5641

Dear Mayor Johnson,

We are pleased to advise that the external audit of your Council has been completed for the financial year ended 30 June 2022. The audit opinions have been signed without qualification.

1. Report on Matters Arising from the Audit

- There is no matter that requires a report to the Minister.
- We are satisfied with the action taken in relation to our audit communication during the year.
- The Auditor's Independence Declaration has been provided to the Chief Executive Officer.

2. Adequacy of the Internal Control Environment

- In our opinion, Council's internal control environment is adequate.
- A review of the internal control framework documentation should be undertaken annually.

3. Financial Statements

We have finalised our audit of the financial statements.

Based on the financial indicators, Council's sustainability is reported as follows:

- The operating surplus before capital amounts was \$1,366,435 (2021: \$337,362 surplus).
- Net financial liabilities increased by \$52,005. This is detailed in Note 16 – Uniform Presentation of Finances.

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This year the figures were again distorted as a further quarter of the full financial assistance grant from the Federal Government was prepaid. In 2017, one and half times the annual grant was received. This is explained in Note 1 – 3 Income Recognition under Significant Accounting Policies.

There were also additional grants of \$863,023 for Disaster Recovery Funding and \$1,036,689 for Community Benefits Fund operations.

In the Statement of Comprehensive income, a large asset disposal, fair value adjustment and impairment expense has been disclosed. This relates to the flood damage.

Council's Town Roads and CWMS assets were also revalued during the year. The Rural Roads revaluation has been deferred until the completion of the flood remediation works.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if further information is required.

Yours sincerely,



Ian McDonald

CC: *Audit Committee Chairperson*
Chief Executive Officer

EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



ANNUAL REPORT



The Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association is a regional subsidiary of eleven member councils.



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First nations acknowledgement

The Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land of the Eyre Peninsula, and their continuing connection to land, sea, culture and community. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging, and we extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our community.

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

This annual report details the last 12 months activity undertaken by the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association, its financial accounts, and operative regional collaborative partnerships.

2021/22 has been a time of incredible challenge, working through the ongoing social and financial effects of dealing with the COVID-19 global pandemic. Our eleven member councils and their communities have been endeavouring to work together to ensure the best outcomes possible and maximise opportunities which are arising from these challenges.

We said goodbye to Mayor Sam Telfer, past President of the EPLGA, in January 2022 as he successfully won the seat of Flinders in the State Government Election. Mayor Clare McLaughlin, City of Whyalla, took up the role as President from February 2022.

As well as these things, there will continue to be work on a range of other challenges, including native vegetation legislation, tourism, waste management, infrastructure funding, shared service opportunities, economic development, and many more.

The EPLGA is a vital conduit between its member councils and the LGA of SA, with the potential for close collaboration to help deliver outcomes for our communities. State Parliament has developed

new local government legislation which will mean a significant body of work will be necessary for our member councils, and we will need to be working together as councils to streamline that process. The communication with both State and Federal governments will also be very important, with the need to maximise funding and partnership opportunities.



This upcoming year will need the EPLGA Board and member Councils to show strong, responsive and accountable leadership, driving the opportunities for innovation while still respecting the characteristics which we all value in our communities and councils. This leadership and representation throughout our communities and with other levels of government will mean that the Eyre Peninsula will continue to add to its many strengths in the years to come.

The vision and goal of the EPLGA, to “**enable Eyre Peninsula councils to excel, innovate, and thrive**”, has never been more relevant for the region than now. We have been facing many challenges and opportunities, with the need for the councils of the EP to be working closely together.

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Eyre Peninsula Regional Profile

- provided by Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula

AREA

11 council areas

234,937 km²

POPULATION

Number of residents (ABS ERP 2019)

57,805

ECONOMY

Gross Regional Product (NIEIR 2019)

\$3.35 billion

JOBS

Local jobs (NIEIR 2019)

21,949 FTE

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT

Employed residents (NIEIR June 2019)

26,375

WELL-BEING

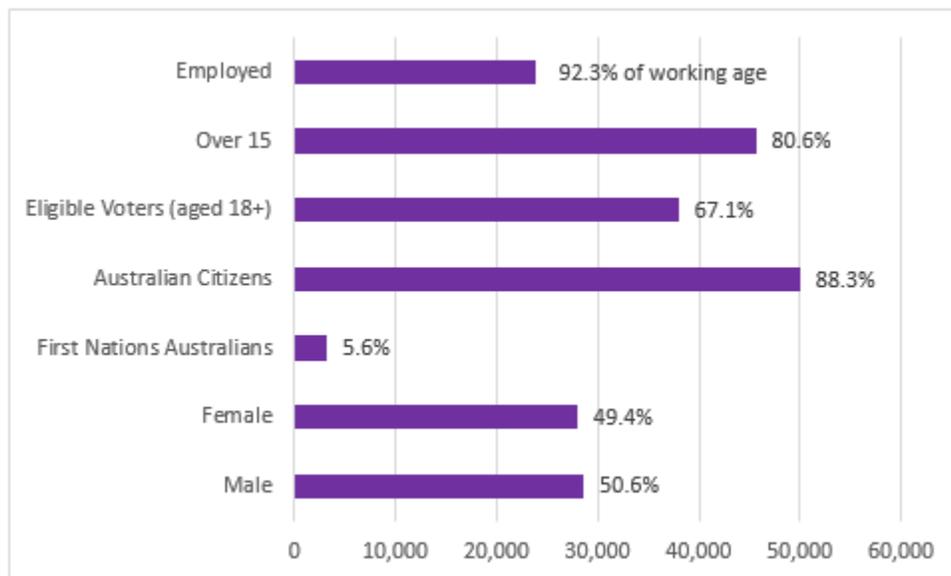
Median weekly household income (ABS 2016)

\$1,081

BUSINESS

Registered Businesses

5,134



Residential Population

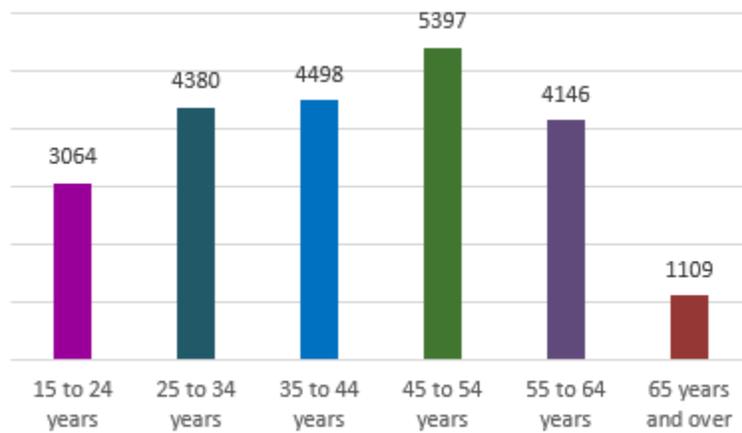
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	LAND AREA		POPULATION (2019 ABS ERP)	
	Km ²	% of Region	No.	% of Region
Whyalla	1,072	0.46	21,665	37.5
Port Lincoln	30	0.01	14,718	25.5
Ceduna	5,424	2.31	3,442	6.0
Cleve	5,018	2.14	1,792	3.1
Elliston	6,741	2.87	1,008	1.7
Franklin Harbour	2,755	1.17	1,304	2.3
Kimba	5,700	2.43	1,065	1.8
Lower Eyre Peninsula	4,715	2.01	5,780	10.0
Streaky Bay	6,226	2.65	2,192	3.8
Tumby Bay	2,671	1.14	2,702	4.7
Wudinna	5,079	2.16	1,300	2.2
Maralinga Tjarutja and Unincorporated SA	189,453	80.64	724	1.3
Collective Local Government Total	234,884	99.98	57,692	99.8
REGION TOTAL	234,937		57,805	

Population Summary

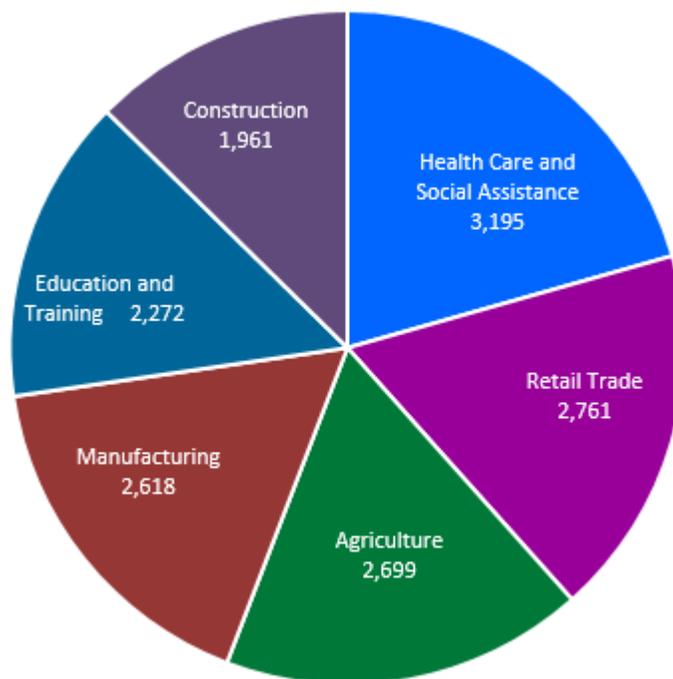
The Census usual resident population of the RDA Eyre Peninsula region in 2016 was 56,612 living in 30,441 dwellings with an average household size of 2.28. 2019 ABS ERP (Estimated Resident Population) shows marginal growth of 2.06% across the region to 57,805. Indications for the City of Whyalla and District Council of Elliston show population declines of .75% and 3.6% respectively.

The median age of Eyre Peninsula residents is 42, compared to 45 in regional SA, 40 in South Australia and a median age of 38 in Australia.

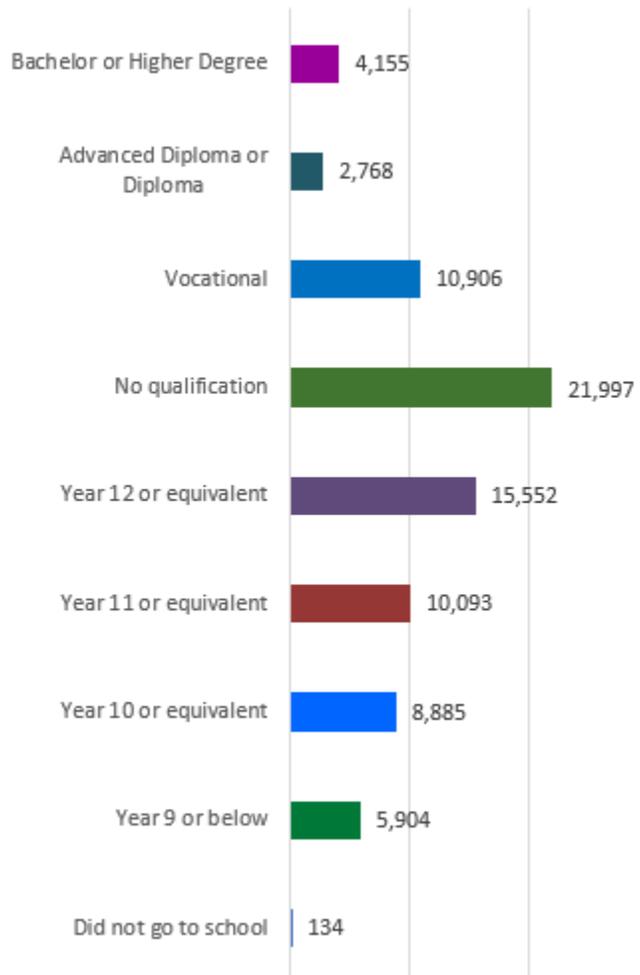
Local Workers Age Structure



Top 6 Employing Industries



Level of Qualification



In 2016 (ABS Census) 23,868 people living in the RDA Eyre Peninsula region were employed, of which 58% worked full-time and 40% part-time.

Most part-time employment occurred in the Health Care and Social Assistance, Accommodation and Food Services, Retail Trade, Fishing and Aquaculture industries. These industries typically rely on a high proportion of part-time workers, and the number of jobs provided markedly exceeds the total FTE hours being worked.

Employment continuity in the Fishing and Aquaculture industries is also impacted by the seasonal nature of some jobs.

A growing future workforce demand is set to provide a major challenge for the region and specific strategies are required to meet industry requirements.

The transformational economies such as space, renewable energy, advanced manufacturing and agricultural technologies will require a sustainable highly-skilled workforce.

Top 10 Exporting Industries in Region 2018-2019 (\$m)

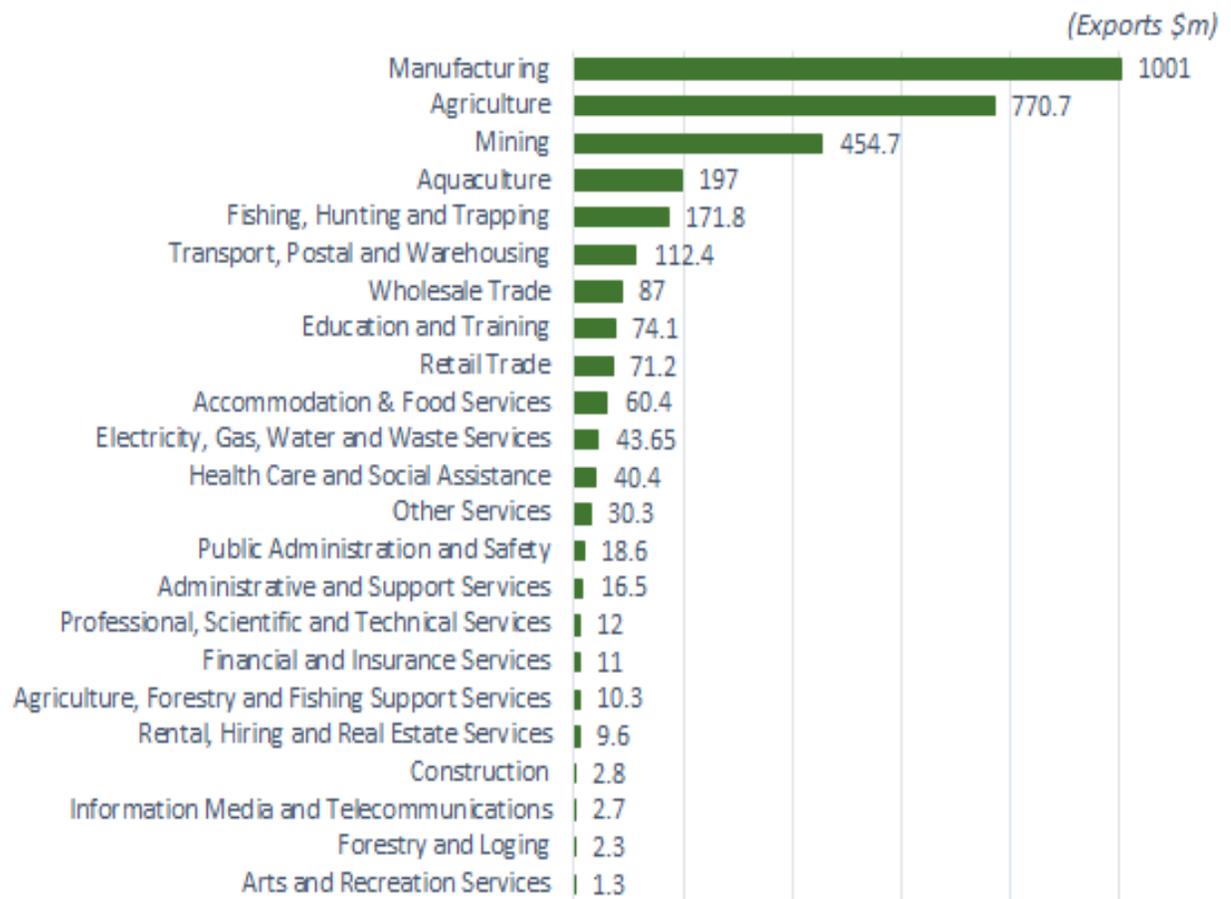
	Whyalla	Port Lincoln	Ceduna	Cleve	Elliston	Franklin Harbour	Kimba	Lower EP	Streaky Bay	Tumby Bay	Wudinna	LGA Totals	Region Totals
Manufacturing	897.9	76	3.1	4.7	1.1	1.2	0.2	5.3	7.4	1.9	1.5	1000.3	1,001
Agriculture	0.2	3.3	47.7	113	59.7	20.4	74.4	147.7	78.1	128.2	90.3	763	770.7
Mining	382.1	6.4	16.4	0	1.3	5.4	0	5.7	0.4	2.9	1	421.6	454.7
Aquaculture	1.3	95.6	17.6	8.6	1.7	6.2	1.9	56.9	7.1	0	0	196.9	197
Fishing, Hunting and Trapping	4.4	129	7.2	0.7	10.2	0.6	0	5.3	12.8	1.6	0	171.8	171.8
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	19.3	44	15.8	9	2.1	0.6	1.2	6.9	6.8	2.1	3.9	111.7	112.4
Wholesale Trade	14.5	36.6	15.9	0.9	0.2	1.4	0.8	5.3	0.9	6.2	4.2	86.9	87
Education and Training	28.6	26.1	7	2.3	1.4	1.2	0.8	0.5	2	0.4	3	73.3	74.1
Retail Trade	8.8	46.7	3.4	3.8	0.7	1	0.9	1.5	2	1	1.2	71	71.2
Accommodation & Food Services	10.4	27.1	7.2	2.6	1.6	0.7	1.3	2	3.3	2	1.2	59.4	60.4
Total (Top 10 Council Exports) (\$m)	1367.5	490.8	141.3	145.6	80	38.7	81.5	237.1	120.8	146.3	106.3	2955.9	3,000

In 2018-19, regional exports to intrastate, interstate and overseas markets were valued at \$3.201 billion. The region's main exporting industries were:

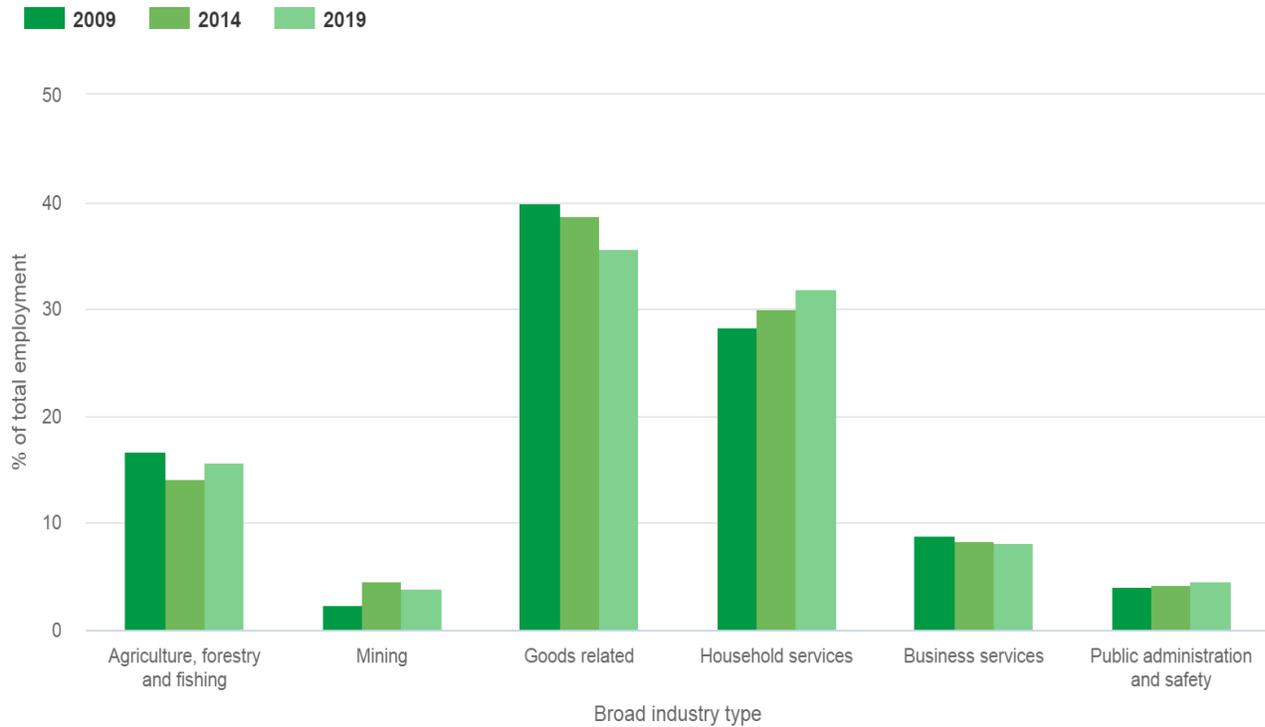
Manufacturing –\$1 billion.

Agriculture –\$770.7 million.

Mining –\$454.7 million.



Employment Composition



In 2019 the Goods related sector (Manufacturing; Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services; Construction; Wholesale Trade; Retail Trade; and Transport, Postal and Warehousing) accounted for 35.6% of employment in the RDAEP region. The importance of this sector has declined over the last 10 years (39.9% in 2009).

Small and medium size business enterprises (SMEs) are the backbone of the regional economy. Small business sustainability is directly related to the success of the region’s major industries – i.e. manufacturing, agriculture, mining, aquaculture, health care, and tourism.

In 2019, the region had 5,134 registered businesses. The Agriculture, Fishing and Forestry had the largest number, comprising 1,836 (35.8%) followed by Construction with 625 registered businesses (12.2%) and Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services 448 (8.7%).

From 2018 – 2019, the total number of registered businesses declined by 114 with the biggest declines in the Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services (-23%) and, Financial and Insurance Services industries (-20%). Increases in businesses services were mostly in the Mining (+12%), Manufacturing (+7%), and Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services and Education and Training industries (both +3%).

MEMBER COUNCILS

- City of Whyalla
- City of Port Lincoln
- DC Ceduna
- DC Cleve
- DC Elliston
- DC Franklin Harbour
- DC Kimba
- Lower Eyre Council
- DC Streaky Bay
- DC Tumby Bay
- Wudinna DC

EPLGA BOARD MEMBERS 2020/21

Under the terms of the EPLGA Charter, the following Board appointments were current as at 30 June 2022.

MEMBER COUNCIL	BOARD MEMBER	DEPUTY BOARD MEMBER
Ceduna	Perry Will (Mayor)	Ian Bergmann (D/Mayor)
Cleve	Phil Cameron (Mayor)	Robert Quinn (D/Mayor)
Elliston	Malcolm Hancock (Mayor)	Peter Hitchcock (D/Mayor)
Franklin Harbour	Robert Walsh (Mayor)	Daven Wagner (D/Mayor)
Kimba	Dean Johnson (Mayor)	Megan Lienert (D/Mayor)
Lower Eyre	Jo-Anne Quigley (Mayor)	Peter Mitchell (D/Mayor)
Port Lincoln	Brad Flaherty (Mayor)	Jack Ritchie (D/Mayor)
Streaky Bay	Travis Barber (Mayor)	Graham Gunn (D/Mayor)
Tumby Bay	Hannah Allen-Jordan (Mayor)	Julie Elliott (D/Mayor)
Whyalla	Clare McLaughlin (Mayor)	Phil Stone (D/Mayor)
Wudinna	Eleanor Scholz (Mayor)	Ned Luscombe (D/Mayor)

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES/ APPOINTMENTS

EPLGA Board Executive:

President	Mayor Clare McLaughlin	City of Whyalla
Immediate Past President	Mayor Travis Barber (In absence of Mayor Bruce Green – did not stand for election)	DC Streaky Bay
Deputy President	Mayor Dean Johnson	DC Kimba
Chief Executive Officer	Deb Larwood	DC Kimba

The President (LGA Board and SAROC), Deputy President (Proxy LGA Board), Mayor Jo-Anne Quigley (second SAROC Representative due to Mayor McLaughlin being an Upper Spencer Gulf LGA representative on SAROC) were the nominated representatives to the LGA.

Chief Executive Officers Committee:

All Chief Executive Officers of member Councils or nominee in their absence.

Other Regional Organisations:

Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula Inc:

Bryan Trigg AFSM, Chair

Ryan Viney, Chief Executive Officer

Zone Emergency Management Committee:

Mathew Morgan (Presiding Member)

- City of Port Lincoln

Peter Scott, Executive Officer

- EPLGA

Representatives from each Council

South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC) Executive Officers Committee:

Peter Scott, Executive Officer

- EPLGA

ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND BOARD MEETINGS SCHEDULE

A highlight on the EPLGA calendar is the Annual Conference, hosted each year by a member Council. To assist in host Council planning, the following conference and Board meeting schedule is included (including the past 12 months meeting and conference locations).

Friday, 2 July 2021	Wudinna
Friday, 3 September 2021	Port Lincoln
Friday, 3 December 2021	Kimba
Monday, 28 February 2021	online
Friday, 3 June 2022	Elliston
Friday, 2 September 2022	Tumby Bay
Conference, 22-23 September 2022 (delayed due to COVID)	Cleve
Friday, 2 December 2022	Whyalla
Conference Feb/ March 2023 (either last week of Feb & first week of March)	Franklin Harbour
Friday, 2 June 2023	Ceduna
Friday, 1 September 2023	DCLEP
Friday, 1 December 2023	Port Lincoln
Conference Feb/March 2024 (either last week of Feb & first week of March)	Streaky Bay
Friday, 7 June 2024	Wudinna
Friday, 6 September 2024	Kimba
Friday, 6 December 2024	Cleve
Conference Feb/March 2025 (either last week of Feb & first week of March)	Elliston
Friday, 6 June 2025	Whyalla
Friday, 5 September 2025	Franklin Harbour
Friday, 5 December 2025	Ceduna
Conference Feb/March 2026 (either last week of Feb & first week of March)	Tumby Bay
Friday, 5 June 2026	DCLEP
Friday, 4 September 2026	Streaky Bay
Friday, 4 December 2026	Wudinna
Conference Feb/March 2027 (either last week of Feb & first week of March)	Whyalla
Friday, 4 June 2027	Port Lincoln
Friday, 3 September 2027	Kimba
Friday, 3 December 2027	Cleve
Conference Feb/March 2028 (either last week of Feb & first week of March)	Ceduna
Friday, 2 June 2028	Elliston
Friday, 1 September 2028	Tumby Bay
Friday, 1 December 2028	Franklin Harbour

Our Partners

South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils

SA Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC) Committee is formally established through the LGA Constitution. Its role is regional advocacy, policy initiation and review, leadership engagement and capacity building in the regions.

South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC) Committee was formally established through the LGA Constitution in October 2018. Its Terms of Reference is an ancillary document to the LGA Constitution. SAROC Regional Groupings of Members are:

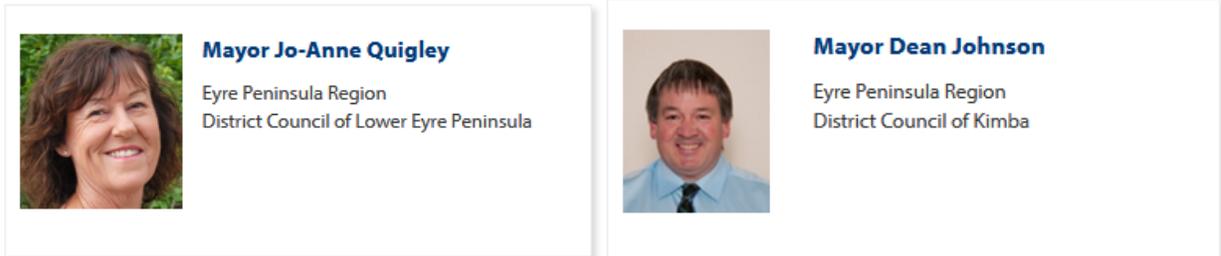
- Southern and Hills Councils
- Legatus Councils
- Eyre Peninsula
- Limestone Coast
- Murraylands and Riverland
- Spencer Gulf Cities

Each Regional Group can elect 2 Council elected members to SAROC biennially.



SAROC met nine times in 2021-2022 and agendas, minutes, the Strategic and Business Plans can be viewed here: <https://www.lga.sa.gov.au/about/lga-meetings/saroc>

EPLGA SAROC representatives:



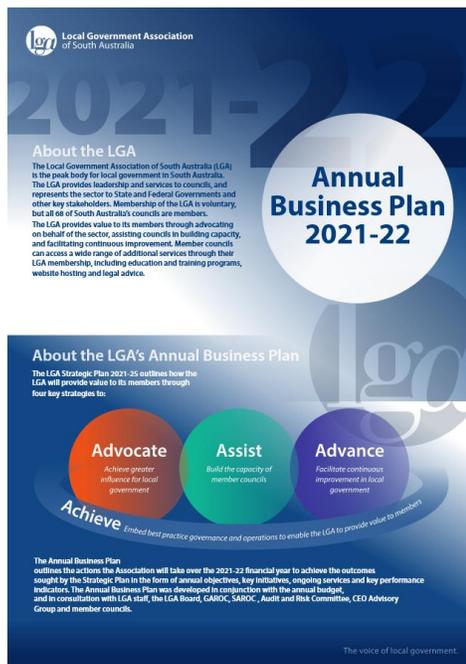
Local Government Association of South Australia

The Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA) is the peak body for local government in South Australia. The LGA provides leadership and services to councils and represents the sector to State and Federal Governments and other key stakeholders. Membership of the LGA is voluntary, but all 68 of South Australia's councils are members. The LGA provides value to its members through advocating on behalf of the sector, assisting councils in building capacity, and facilitating continuous improvement. Member councils can access a wide range of additional services through their LGA membership, including education and training programs, website hosting and legal advice.

The role of the Board of Directors is to manage the activities of the LGA in between General Meetings in accordance with policy and other decisions taken at Ordinary and Annual General Meetings and to report annually on those activities.

Members of the LGA Board of Directors include:

- President (elected by all Councils);
- Office of the Immediate Past President;
- SAROC Chair
- GAROC Chair
- 3 Board Directors (elected by SAROC); and
- 3 Board Directors (elected by GAROC).



LGA of SA minutes, agenda, Business and Strategic Plans can be downloaded <https://www.lga.sa.gov.au/>

EPLGA representatives on LGA Board or Directors are:





City of Whyalla Mayor Clare McLaughlin, EPLGA President, has been recognised for outstanding service to the local government sector in South Australia during the 2022 LGA’s Council Best Practice Showcase dinner.

Whyalla Mayor Clare McLaughlin was named the 2022 recipient of the prestigious Joy Baluch Award for her ability to build constructive relationships and develop trust and cohesion.

LGA President Mayor Angela Evans said the award, named after Mayor Joy Baluch AM, was presented

to honour the contribution of women serving as elected members in SA and Mayor McLaughlin was a worthy recipient.

“The assessment panel was impressed, not only by Mayor McLaughlin’s long list of achievements, but also by the empathetic and considered approach

she has taken to representing her community through challenging periods,” Mayor Evans said.

“As well as supporting her community through recent uncertainty surrounding the Whyalla steelworks and the impacts of COVID-19, Mayor McLaughlin has been instrumental in many projects to move Whyalla forward, including the foreshore masterplan, redevelopment of the airport and plans for a Regional Hydrogen Hub.

“The Joy Baluch award is unique in that it recognises an elected member who has not only made a significant contribution in her own right but has also actively encouraged and supported other women to get involved in the sector.

“Mayor McLaughlin has supported other women through her work with the Whyalla business network ‘Enterprising Women’ for over 20 years and has mentored many women to step into leadership positions.”

Youth Led Recovery project presentation at LGASA Showcase

The Department of Human Services (DHS) has partnered with the Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA SA) and provided South Australian councils with the opportunity to apply for a one-off competitive small grant.

Recognising the role of young people as innovators in their communities and their ability to be pioneers in addressing a range of local

community needs; the Youth-led Recovery Grants has enabled councils to undertake activities and initiatives, led by young people aged 12-24 years, that respond to the impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Young people are identified as one of the cohorts most impacted by the short and long-term effects of the global COVID-19 pandemic and through the Youth-led Recovery Grants, they are provided with the opportunity to be leaders in the recovery effort by addressing emerging community needs and improving resilience, for themselves and their local communities.

The EPLGA applied for and won a \$36,000 grant. The project was developed in partnership with Regional Development Australia EP and West Coast Youth and Community Support (WCYCS).

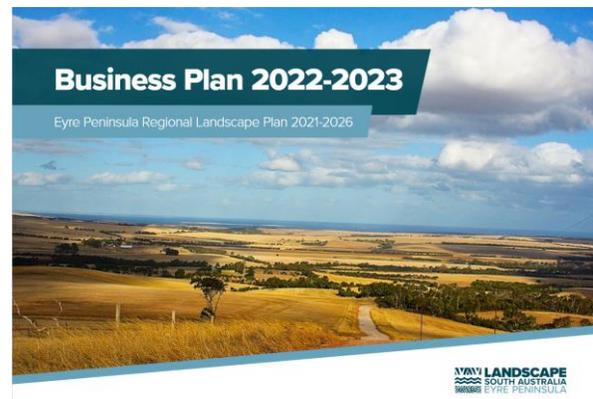
The EPLGA were invited to present at LGASA Council Best Practice Showcase at the Entertainment Centre on Thursday 7 April 2022 as part of the Youth Led Grants Showcase. The project identified and developed leadership skills in a traditional classroom setting graduating to camps with Indigenous Elders. The presentation was well received by the audience – especially the heart-warming stories by Alan “CJ” Dodd (WCYCS). The success of the project was reflected in DHS awarding a further 50% of the funding enabling the identified leaders to travel to Maralinga later in the year



Figure 1 Who do you think you are? - Aboriginal Youth Leaders trace back their history

Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board
 Mark Whitfield | Chair
 Jonathan Clark | General Manager

In alignment with feedback from the EPLGA, the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board carried out a simplified engagement process in the development of the new Landscape plan for Eyre Peninsula over February and March 2021. Only minor amendments were required as a result of feedback. Further information, including the completed plans, can be found at <https://www.landscape.sa.gov.au/ep/about-us/landscape-plan>.



The Landscape Priorities Fund is an initiative of the South Australian Government and is established under the Landscape South Australia Act 2019. The fund provides the opportunity for landscape boards, working in partnership with other organisations, groups and individuals, to invest in large-scale integrated landscape management projects that address sub-regional, cross-regional and state-wide priorities. It is funded from Landscape levies collected by Green Adelaide in the Adelaide metropolitan area and redistributed to South Australia’s regional landscape boards. The EPLGA were provided with updates on the Landscape Priority fund in the reports previous four meetings, including that our application submitted in the first round for the Eyes on Eyre project was unsuccessful. In late 2021 the Board submitted EOIs including:

Project	Funding sought	Total Value
Eyes on Eyre – restoring the health of Eyre Peninsula’s coastal environment	\$710,000	\$1,910,000

In early March 2022 the Board were advised that the Eyes on Eyre application titled “Eyes on Eyre – restoring the health of Eyre Peninsula’s coastal environment” requesting \$710,000 had been successful.

The existing Eyes on Eyre Working Group will provide high level oversight of the project, with a smaller steering group established to support day to day decision making. The Board have appointed a project manager, Andrew Freeman, to manage the project.

The project commenced in early April, with Expression of Interest guidelines and application forms sent to all coastal councils, for them to apply for funding at identified priority sites. Councils have been given five weeks to lodge their applications.

The Board have commissioned Mark Thomas Productions to produce a short video to raise the profile of the EoE initiative, demonstrate the need for the project, highlight the issues experienced during recent high visitation experiences and demonstrate the benefits of an online booking platform. The video can be found at <https://youtu.be/O3cOYye8kCE>

Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula
Byran Trigg | Chair
Ryan Viney | CEO

Ryan Viney took over as CEO of RDAEP from Dion Doward in December 2021.



RDAEP’s Key Theme for 2022-23 is **“Regional Liveability”** with the top 6 key priority areas focused on addressing workforce shortages:

1. **Healthcare** – attracting Doctors, and other healthcare professionals to the region to facilitate a quality healthcare service, thus attracting and retaining the workforce needed to support business growth.
2. **Housing and Accommodation** – development of strategies for the supply of “shovel ready” residential land; adaptive reuse of buildings; accessing finance and reducing the cost of

delivering infrastructure will be critical in providing a mix of housing choice across the region to meet demand.

3. **Population Attraction, Retention and Training** – attract, retain and train workers to facilitate greater workforce participation to meet workforce needs. Improved healthcare services, education/training, childcare and telecommunication connectivity will be vital in gaining and retaining workforce.
4. **Economic Diversification** - support the establishment of new and emerging industries

with a particular focus on “green” production to decarbonise the economy and to facilitate sustainable career opportunities (circular economies, renewable energy, mining, sustainable tourism, hydrogen production and Space Industry).

5. Infrastructure Provision - continue to advocate for nationally significant infrastructure including placemaking initiatives to improve regional amenity, as well as new and upgraded infrastructure to drive down costs of production and facilitate value adding opportunities.

6. Visitor Economy – improved visitor experience by increasing product offerings, promotion/marketing/branding and improved infrastructure.

Bookeasy Project:

The Eyes on Eyre Bookeasy Pilot launched 11 December with the DC of Elliston. The Department for Environment and Water (DEW) contract and funding has still not been received, so rather than miss an opportunity to run the pilot over summer, a pool of funding was secured between RDAEP, Landscapes SA and EPLGA. This allowed the project to proceed with two campgrounds: Walkers Rocks and Sheringa Beach. A third site at Port Gibbon in DC of Franklin Harbour was also selected for inclusion in the Pilot via the EOI process, however due to delays with the DEW funds and the amount of work required at that site we expect to bring them onboard in February 2022. EOI’s for the broader roll out is due to close 26 November, however this may be extended, as it won’t be possible to award funding for Phase 2 until the contract and funds are received from DEW.

Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (ATDW) - Workshops

In November the SATC digital team hosted two ATDW training sessions in Port Lincoln in collaboration with RDAEP. The first session attended by 17 tourism businesses centred around digital marketing, domestic and international travel and a trade workshop. The session outlined current campaign activity and trends in travel, as well as discussing the opportunities involved with being commissionable and 'trade ready' Having a well written, high quality ATDW listing is the gateway to working with SATC, helping promote business far and wide via a distribution network of over 250 websites.

As distance is an obstacle to attending workshops on the Eyre Peninsula a second workshop was held for local council representatives and tourism organisations. The Train the Trainer style workshop was attended by 16 people and focused on creating an in depth understanding of ATDW and empowering replication of the training by attendees across the region.

Tourism Australia -National Experience Content Initiative (NECI)

As part of its continued COVID-19 recovery efforts, Tourism Australia (TA) is launching a new visual content creation program aimed at supporting tourism operators, driving a product-led recovery, and attracting travellers back to Australia once borders re-open. TA is working with SATC and RDAEP to create a suite of new, contemporary, and relevant marketing assets (still imagery and video footage) for a variety of Tourism Operators. Nine EP tour operators were selected by TA for the initiative including Gawler Ranges Wilderness Safaris, Oyster Farm Tours, Australian Coastal Safaris, Rodney Fox Shark Expeditions, Untamed Escapes, Chinta Air Safaris, Swagabout Tours, Kata & Belle and Experience Coffin Bay. Two photo shoots took place in October with the remainder scheduled for December. The imagery from the photoshoot was published on the TA and SATC image and video galleries for all to access, including media and trade, enhancing the marketability of Eyre Peninsula experiences.

Regional Trails Strategy

The Regional Trails Strategy which is now completed has been developed. It provides an overarching framework for consistent and coordinated planning, development, management and marketing of quality trail experiences across the Eyre Peninsula.

Trails have been an important and valued feature of the Eyre Peninsula landscape for more than 60,000 years. Some of the region’s most-loved trails follow traditional pathways through country that have been used by Aboriginal people for generations. More recently, planning and development of recreational trails has been a significant pillar of strategic government and community thinking.

The project has been undertaken by trail planning specialists Tredwell Management with guidance from the project working group, as well as input

from a project reference group (local government representatives) and the broader community. The Strategy is aimed at achieving improved and sustainable outcomes for trail provision, experiences, community development, health and well-being, and the local, regional and state economies. It relates to recreational trails associated with walking, off-road cycling, horse riding, paddling and snorkelling/scuba diving. The Strategy provides a strategic framework for the region's trail network, with a focus on actionable items for Council managed trails, which have been identified for the potential to become trails of regional, state or national significance. The Strategy recognises the rapidly evolving recreation and tourism sectors, and the trends and benefits that impact trail development, management and usage into the future. It also builds upon a range of strategic planning that has been undertaken for South Australia, the Eyre Peninsula and each of the eleven local government areas across the region.

Eyre Peninsula Visitor Guide

RDAEP has been working with publisher HWR Media, in cooperation with Councils to revamp the Eyre Peninsula Visitor Guide. The revamp included an overhaul of the layout and content of the guide by respected travel journalist, Max Anderson, to improve readability and appeal to visitors. The suggestions were implemented by RDAEP in collaboration with Max Anderson to produce new content, with the intention of influencing travel behaviour, enjoyment, safety and spending. The guide is updated on an annual basis by RDAEP and provides advertising opportunities for local businesses and councils. With a circulation of 50,000 copies that are distributed via VIC/VIO outlets and participating businesses across SA and interstate, it is one of the key marketing materials for the region.

Eyre Peninsula exceeds 2025 Visitor Economy Target

As per the State Government's Regional Visitor Strategy, the Eyre Peninsula had a target of generating \$397 million by 2025, with the Region recently surpassing this target by \$91 million in 2021. The region's tourism industry is considered to now support over 600 tourism businesses employing 2,700 people. The regional South Australia visitor expenditure was \$3.6 billion in

2021, just shy of the State Government Target of \$4 billion by 2025. [More info.](#)

The Eyre Peninsula Destination Management Plan prepared by RDAEP mirrors the regional priorities of the SA RVS, with an overlaid framework of sustainable management of the tourism sector. The vision for the Eyre Peninsula is to facilitate sustainable development of the visitor economy, which is achieved via application of the following guiding principles:

- Adopt a sustainable approach across all tourism planning and management
- Attract high yield low impact visitors
- Drive balanced demand across the region
- Provide visitors with a quality and safe experience
- Strengthen the region's competitive advantage
- Provide equitable opportunities for participation in tourism
- Use data and insights to inform action.

Eyre Peninsula Regional Brand Review

Over the next 12 months RDAEP will be undertaking a review of the "*Seafood frontier*" Regional Brand, which was developed in 2006. The Eyre Peninsula food industry launched "Eyre Peninsula, Australia's Seafood Frontier", is a co-operative marketing brand designed to position Eyre Peninsula's food industry as a premium region showcasing its world-class strengths: environmental sustainability, innovation, pioneering spirit and premium food products.

The Eyre Peninsula Regional Brand Review Project aims to improve profitability and ensure Eyre Peninsula is at the forefront. The Eyre Peninsula Australia's Seafood Frontier brand and tagline was adopted by SA Tourism in 2013 and has been utilised for destination marketing purposes since including digital, signage and naming conventions on touring routes. While much of the Eyre Peninsula is located along the coast, not all districts and industries relate to the Seafood Frontier branding, particularly inland councils.

15 years since its inception, a review is required to assess the relevance of the Eyre Peninsula Australia's Seafood Frontier brand to ensure it encompasses the region's competitive strengths, supports regional priorities, resonates with past and prospective visitors, while also providing a holistic and inclusive regional identity.

To progress this initiative, RDAEP is in the process of establishing a Regional Brand Review Working Group to provide strategic oversight and to assist in the overall management of the project. It is proposed that the Regional Brand Review Working Group will comprise of Annabelle Hender (RDAEP - Regional Tourism Manager) as Chair, Karen Hollamby (PIRSA), 2 x Local Government Representatives (nominated by EPLGA CEO's Group) and a Tourism Industry Representative to be appointed by the Working Group following a call for expressions of interest.

Along with providing strategic oversight throughout the review process, brand development and stakeholder consultation processes, a key function of the working group will be to assess all tender proposals against an assessment-criteria (methodology, experience, cost, etc) to recommend a preferred brand agency.

Eyes on Eyre - Online Camping Project

Eyes on Eyre is a mechanism to facilitate a consistent and collaborative approach to tourism on the Eyre Peninsula. An online booking system (Bookeasy) was identified as an opportunity to improve visitor management of campgrounds, and \$500,000 in funding was subsequently obtained by RDAEP from the Department of Environment and Water (DEW) to develop campgrounds in line with the [Final Concept Design Report](#).

Phase 1: Pilot

The pilot phase engaged with the District Council of Elliston to facilitate online bookings across two campsites, Sheringa Beach and Walkers Rock. The pilot was scheduled to run across the peak summer season from December 2021 to 31 January 2022.

Phase 2: DEW Parks 2025 Funds

- Agreement signed with Ellison Council. The specified works were renegotiated to facilitate major ground works during this phase at Walkers Rock in April 2022. Elliston will apply for the EOI for the Landscapes Priority Fund for the next phase of works at Walkers Rock and Sheringa Beach, which will include campsite delineation.

- Agreement signed with DC Franklin Harbour for Point Gibbon. Work commenced May 2022.

Agreement signed with DC Lower Eyre Peninsula for Fishery Bay. Work included campsite delineation and signage for 3 of 8 campsites, with works for campsites 4 to 8 fulfilled via PIRSA fishing and recreation grant funding.

Phase 3: Landscape Priority Fund

Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board was successful in receiving \$710,000 of funding to help with conservation management at priority coastal campgrounds around the region as part of the Eyes on Eyre project. The EOI process has been shared with Councils, the due date is 26th of May 2022.

SATC Marketing Co-op

RDAEP has allocated \$20,000 and further secured \$30,000 from SATC Marketing Co-op (\$50,000 in total) for a regional tourism promotion.

Approved activity includes:

- Regional Marketing Audit & Plan – Submissions received from 2 agencies with an agency to be appointed shortly, to begin work in June.
 - Content creation for Eyre Peninsula website and Visitor Guide – near completion.
 - Social Media Marketing & Management – ongoing throughout the **Responsible Travel Project**

RDAEP has entered into a project partnership agreement with Tourism Australia for the Responsible Travel Project. The project involves a nation-wide survey assessing key regional stakeholder issues with tourism. The project undertakes to distil the key issues residents, businesses and visitors face with tourism in their region. The results of the survey were consolidated into a report, distributed to participating Regional Tourism Organisations (RDAEP) by 30 June 2022. The report provided valuable insight which can inform action and communication of the region's own initiative and choosing. For Eyre Peninsula it is the report informed Eyes on Eyre projects, marketing strategies and education of travellers to be responsible. The survey has been shared extensively by RDAEP and stakeholders across the region, with strong participation level expected.

Joint Projects

EPLGA | RDAEP | EP Landscape Board | PIRSA | LGA SA

Flood disaster recovery

Between 21 and 24 January 2022, a significant rainfall associated with ex-tropical cyclone Tiffany caused significant localised flooding across Eyre Peninsula, with the Kimba, Cleve and Franklin Harbour Districts being impacted most severely. Damage to road infrastructure and the secondary impacts on farm logistics are the greatest issues however a number of landholders have had localised flood damage including erosion, sediment deposition and pooling water. Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board staff are working with landholders, local government, industry groups and PIRSA to better understand the agricultural and landscape issues, identify recovery needs and provide support where appropriate. The Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board have undertaken the following actions to date:

- Appointment of a recovery coordinator for landscape board activities related to recovery efforts (Tim Breuer based in Whyalla). Tim was based in Kimba two days a week and subject to demand spent a day every alternating week in Cowell and Cleve.
- Making our Water Resources Assessment officer available to provide advice and fast track approvals for recovery related water affecting activities
- Subject to Board approval, allocation of \$100,000 for recovery initiatives.
- Seeking to leverage additional funding from Australian and State Governments and other industry groups.

Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board staff are working with landholders, local government, industry groups and PIRSA to better understand and address the agricultural and landscape issues, identify recovery needs and provide support where appropriate.

The Board have committed \$100,000 for recovery initiatives as well as appointing a recovery coordinator for landscape board activities related to recovery efforts (Tim Breuer based in Whyalla). Tim is based in Kimba two days a week and subject to demand spent time in Cowell and Cleve.

Landholder's priorities for the past few months have been focused around the more immediate on-

ground works needed and addressing farm infrastructure issues (e.g. repairing washed out roads etc.) to enable crops to be sown this season, however once the crops are in the ground, that focus changed to deal with the longer-term recovery efforts.

Over the next 12 months, many of these landholders will need soils and land management support, to assist them assess and plan the most suitable course of action for their individual properties. Some damage may be repairable, whilst others may, where the scale of degradation is too severe, need to be stabilised and alternative landscape options considered.

To address this, the Board and PIRSA are looking to provide a significant grant to a local farming group to provide community led soil and land management support to severe weather affected areas of eastern Eyre Peninsula. This will include extension activities, soil testing, provision of technical support and seeking additional partnerships and funding for trials.

The Board is looking to enter into a grant agreement for the delivery of the above works through to June 2023 and will be using this commitment to try and leverage additional funding from Australian Government and other industry groups

To support local businesses across the Eyre Peninsula impacted by the recent storm events, RDAEP conducted a survey, with businesses that suffered direct damage asked to complete a short questionnaire.

It is intended that all information obtained will be used to work with the SA Government to determine appropriate strategies to support businesses in our region as they recover from this natural disaster.

In addition, RDAEP has written to the Hon Rob Lucas MP suggesting that given the scale of the disaster and the size and capacity of impacted councils, they should be considered for extraordinary assistance. Noting that within the Local Government Disaster Recovery Assistance Arrangements, which is the major funding mechanism under which impacted councils can claim financial support from the State Government, a co-contribution payment by councils is required and that councils are not generally able

to claim ordinary staff or plant hours deployed in restoring or repairing damaged assets.

It is understood the under the provisions of the Local Government Disaster Recovery Assistance Arrangements, and in the event of a catastrophic natural disaster event and/or where council has limited financial capacity, the Treasurer can grant extraordinary assistance.

The control agency for the emergency was the State Emergency Services (SES). SES did not establish a recovery committee following the emergency. Regional Coordinator Eyre & Western, Karen Hollamby, has been appointed as PIRSA's Recovery Facilitator for South Australia.

Current work includes establishment of a local, representative, community lead group to enable appropriate recovery, in conjunction with the EP Landscape Board. Close working arrangements are in place with a number of representative organisations already.

PIRSA staff undertook several site assessments on the EP to understand the full extent of the damage, including a site visit undertaken (3 February) and a proposed aerial inspection. Technical experts are available, including soil scientist (soil health, erosion issues, management/future planning).

The Department of Treasury and Finance administers Disaster Recovery Assistance for local governments and agencies after an eligible natural disaster.

Housing and Accommodation Needs Analysis Project

A program has been developed to progress this Place Based Project due for completion in August 2022. Most work on this project will commence after SAROC and the Yorke and Mid North and Far North RDAs complete local government surveys and provide RDAEP with the results.

RDAEP will be using these survey results and will also be liaising with real estate agents and builders to complete a supply picture and liaising with employers and industry sectors to create a demand picture.

Coupled with land supply information it is hoped to develop some regional solutions for the Eyre Peninsula that satisfy demand for accommodation within the timeframes of the various industries during construction and operational phases of development.

SA Water Desal Plant

Following significant community concern the Eyre Peninsula Desalination Plant proposed at Billy Lights Point was put on hold by the State Government to enable SA Water to undertake further investigations.

Since this announcement the SA Water have now engaged an independent third-party organisation, TSA Management, to lead a stakeholder and community engagement process that will see a preferred site recommended to SA Water and the State Government.

Gary Neave has been appointed as the Project Director, and he will lead the SA Water project team with the support of Steve Dangerfield, as the independent engagement facilitator, to identify a suitable location for the desalination plant on the Eyre Peninsula.

Central to the engagement process envisaged by TSA is the formation of an Eyre Peninsula Desalination Project Site Selection Committee that will ultimately make recommendation to SA Water and the SA Government regarding a preferred site. This committee will initially shortlist sites for assessment, and then consider further information provided by SA Water, and data and studies from other third parties, in guiding their overall assessment and recommendation.

The Minister has appointed Peter Treloar as Independent Chair for this committee, who will guide the committee through the process. The committee comprises senior representatives from key industries and the Mayors and Chief Executives of a range of community-based organisations such as the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association (EPLGA), Councils and the Landscape Board and RDAEP.

Eyre and Western Recovery Exercise

The Zone Emergency Management Committee has identified the need to undertake a recovery exercise to be organised for have considered planning in place should an actual emergency response be required.

This exercise is the first of its kind to be run across South Australia, and was held Thursday 21 October 2021 at the Port Lincoln Hotel.

EPLGA Report of Activities

Eyre Peninsula Strategic Planning Day - Thursday July 1 2021, Wudinna.

EPLGA, RDAEP and Landscape South Australia Eyre Peninsula met in Wudinna for a Strategic Planning Day on Thursday July 1. Facilitated by Tony Wright, Executive Officer Limestone Coast LGA, the day will provide a spring board for shared projects for 2021/22.

Regional LGA Executive Officer Meetings

Regional LGA Executive Officers meet 6 times per year.

The 8 July 2021 meeting included Stephen Smith (Planning Reform Partner) and Lea Bacon at the Limestone Coast LGA Offices.

The following matters were discussed/considered:

1. The Regional Capacity Grant review and the aggregation of Rubble Royalty Payment refunds from our members in carryover were discussed. It was noted the importance of the Regional Capacity funding, which enabled meetings and connections with the LGASA.
2. There was a discussion on Joint Planning Boards and the lack of clarity on the benefits that can be derived from forming a Board. There appears there is more clarity emerging on the potential to run code amendment processes with the development of a Regional Plan. There was discussion regarding the opportunity to develop a Regional Plan under delegation from the department. This would alleviate the need to form a JPB and address the risk of the arbitrary delegation of state functions from the Minister to a JPB.
3. There was discussion around some of the teething issues with the new SLRP process and the lack of cross-checking regional priorities with actual submissions received.
4. Presentations from ESCOSA and the Energy and Water Ombudsman SA to Regional Councils were discussed, particularly in light of requiring Councils with CWWMS to join the Ombudsman and the regulatory attention they may attract. However, not all regions have been presented to yet.
5. Paul Chapman joined the meeting to discuss a proposed study into a northern regional MRF.

6. Legatus provided an update on the Rating Equity advocacy.
7. The fracturing of mental health services in regions was also discussed.

Following the meeting, there was a tour of Bio Gro's composting business with their Operations Manager and CFO on the opportunities of recycling organic waste into high-value compost.

This included the approach and success of Bio Gro in bringing organic waste from Victoria into SA for processing with VIC EPA approvals.



Figure 2 Regional LGA EOs standing on huge compost mound, BioGro Mt Gambier

The Regional Executive Officers met again on the 6th of September at the Murraylands & Riverland Local

Government Association. Lea Bacon, Michael Arman, Hannah Ellyard (DEW), Adam Gray (SACCA) and Paul Chapman (Legatus) attended the meeting via zoom at various stages.

The following matters were considered:

Regional Capacity Building Grants

We had several concerns with the report, particularly the impact and nature of Rubble Royalty Refunds to members through the capacity building grants process; and the lack of consideration of the value of programs (ongoing) versus projects (contained and limited duration).

Joint Planning Board

JPB's were discussed extensively with each region providing an update on their current position and future steps for the establishment (or not) of a Joint Planning Board. In particular, the following issues were discussed:

- Still uncertainty on the value proposition.
- A number of regions want to be actively involved in forming the Regional Plan but

- are not as keen to create a Joint Planning Board.
- There was a discussion on how a partnership model could operate.
- Noting there is no money on offer to assist in the development of the plan.
- The insurance issue remains unresolved.
- The Department and Minister have rejected a delegation model.

There was a presentation from DEW on the “Setting Our Future Urban Water Directions” strategy and consultation process. The consultation is looking to develop a strategy for urban water in SA which will also provide directions for SA Water as they head into their next regulatory pricing process. Issues around drought resilience, stormwater assets, and how to use various sources of water and recycling was discussed.

Community Wastewater Management Schemes

The Auditor General’s report in CWMS was discussed, and the future funding arrangements, asset management, and economics to replace and expand systems to cater for growth.

It was noted that Legatus has been undertaking research to support Councils in their operations of CWMS and is seeking an opportunity to present to the CWMS Committee.

Special Local Roads Program

For some regions, it was noted that there was a disconnect between the way that projects were prioritised for funding by LGTAP compared to the regional priorities submitted by the Regional LGA, as supported by their regional plans. There is a meeting being planned with LGTAP and Legatus to explore these inconsistencies further. The EPLGA process for SLRP was commended by the LGASA.

On the 27th of November 2021, there was a workshop with the Executive Officers and UniSA to explore research opportunities to leverage the Legatus (MoU) and take advantage of the UniSA campuses in Whyalla and Mount Gambier.

The workshop explored areas where there could be opportunities for regional collaboration in research (with a Local Government perspective), these include:

- liveability,
- water sensitive design,
- regional roads,
- waste management,
- CWMS,

- regional branding/image to attract workers,
- workforce (especially in areas like planning and engineering),
- housing and
- sources of research funding.

From the last meeting, there has been continued engagement in a range of issues, including:

- Rating Equity (In 1999, the State Government passed the *Electricity Corporations (Restructuring and Disposal) Act 1999* (ECRD Act), which amongst other things, limited the ability of councils to set council rates based on capital improvements to land or to increase rates on land used for electricity generation (the ‘rate cap’).
- Joint Planning Boards. There has been continued engagement with the LGASA, State Government and between the regions sharing information on the range of approaches to developing a Regional Plan.
- Roads Hierarchy – Legatus is working up a project to develop a state-wide perspective onroad
- priority setting.
- Special Local Roads funding, the new process needs some improvement in linking to regional priorities and feedback mechanisms as raised by a couple of regions.

Special Local Roads Program 2021-22

Region	Council name	Road	Primary Purpose	Project Details	Continuing project	Scope	Estimated project costs 2021-22	LGAP Recommendation	Councils contribution
Eyre Peninsula LGA	District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula	Bratten Way Upgrade	Freight	This application is for stage three of a proposed 10-year project that will ensure the ongoing fit-for-purpose capability of Bratten Way to operate as a gazetted GML Freight Route. Stage two of the works is currently being carried out.	Yes	Project is currently at stage three of a proposed 10-year project.	\$1,260,000.00	\$840,000.00	\$420,000.00
Eyre Peninsula LGA	District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula	Bratten Way Upgrade	Freight	This application is for stage four of a proposed 10-year project that will ensure the ongoing fit-for-purpose capability of Bratten Way to operate as a gazetted GML Freight Route.	Yes	Stage 4 of 10	\$2,966,000.00	\$1,136,950.00	\$988,000.00
Eyre Peninsula LGA	District Council of Franklin Harbour	Cowell Kimba	Freight	Shoulder construction with stabilized sub-grade and compacted 150mm thick PM1/20 pavement with 14/7 C130 spray seal to increase lane width to 3.6m with 400mm sealed shoulder.	Yes	Stage 1 of 3	\$926,000.00	\$617,000.00	\$309,000.00
Eyre Peninsula LGA	District Council of Franklin Harbour	Beach Road in the Hundred of Hawker, Franklin Harbour Council District SA	Tourism	Upgrading Beach Road from and unsealed road by construction of an 8 meter sealed pavement with 1m unsealed shoulder to Austroads standards, Installation of drainage culverts where required and application of a 14/7 C130 sprayed seal.	Yes	The Project is at Stage 3 of 3.	\$700,000.00	\$466,000.00	\$234,000.00
Eyre Peninsula LGA Recommendations							Recommended:	\$3,059,950.00	

Special Local Roads Program – 2021 Recommendations

The EPLGA has been successful in securing a large amount of funding for local roads for 2021-22. The LGASA are considering recommendations from the recent SLRP review by Hudson Howells. This October to December 2021 will be the time to update the action plan and road database from the Regional Strategic Plan and identify projects for 2022/23. This will be done with CEOs, works managers and SMEC in time for EPLGA Board approval in February 2022. By the time the Regional Transport Strategy is updated, new guidelines will be available to guide Councils on the process to apply for funds. We saw this begin in early 2021 with the move to an online system for funding applications.

Terms of Reference for Committees

The CEOs' committee is being consulted on TORs for EPLGA committees. A literature review of TORs from across regional South Australia has been completed. The Tourism Advisory Committee TOR review is well advanced. Updates will be provided by CEO Committee Chair at the Board meeting.

Eyre Peninsula Regional Strategic Waste Management Plan funding success

Conversations with Greening Industries SA are continuing with possible grant funding for a stage 1 of a Regional Waste Strategy – data collection. This would include things such as audits, volumes of food and organics available for diversion, mapping of resources and current contracts. Stage 2 would move towards procurement and actions.

Program applied for:

COUNCIL MODERNISATION GRANTS PROGRAM 2021-2022

Waste and Resource Recovery Modernisation and Council Transition Package

Greening Industries South Australia

Green Industries SA is an enabler and driver of change, supporting the development of the circular economy through diverse collaborations which improve productivity, resilience, resource efficiency and the environment.

The Council Modernisation Grants Program supports South Australia's Waste Strategy 2020-2025 which outlines actions that can contribute to the development of a circular economy – that is, an economy that realises the best of full value from products and materials produced, consumed and recovered in South Australia through:

- a clearly articulated policy and legislative framework that gives a solid platform for investment decisions and a stable and efficient market
- supporting innovation and commercialisation
- education, advocacy and awareness to support behavioural change in the way waste and resources are managed
- applying the waste management hierarchy consistently with the principles of ecologically sustainable development.

The South Australian Government's 2019-20 Budget provided \$10 million of new funding over four years to assist councils and the waste management industry transition and modernise following changes to international market conditions. This will lead to improved competitiveness, increased employment opportunities in the sector, reduction in waste to landfill and help maintain South Australia's leading position in resource recovery.

The purpose of the Council Modernisation Grants Program is to encourage South Australia's councils to improve waste management and recycling services through the introduction of innovative measures.

The modernisation measures should result in operational efficiencies, improved customer service and economic development benefits for the community.

EPLGA was successful in obtaining matching funding for a Regional Strategic Waste Management Plan. Total budget is \$26 000 with GISA contributing half of the total cost.

Relevant Eyre Peninsula waste documents considered:

- 2004 Eyre Peninsula Waste strategy
- 2006 Waste Forum proceedings
- 2008 Whyalla Kerbside audit
- 2017 Port Lincoln Kerbside audit
- 2020 rawtec Regional SA Waste and Resource Recovery Background Report.

The 2022 Eyre Peninsula Waste Strategy objectives:

- Audit of waste contracts and waste management
- Identify opportunities for industry cooperation in organic waste circular economy
- Identify opportunities for Councils work together
- Identify pathway for compliance with EPA regulations
- 2-year action list and recommendations (as part of a 10 year plan)

Marina Wagner has been engaged to do the work and will begin with a stocktake and Council interviews.

Sustainable Solutions have been engaged to develop an EP Regional Strategic Waste and Resources Strategy. A progress report has been submitted for consideration by the CEO Committee. In summary, 42 site visits and meetings have been undertaken and works in progress include:

- A summary of EP council data in waste & resources management
- Waste and recycling services matrix EP councils, including contracts
- Review and cross-reference Council's strategic plans, objectives and goals for service delivery, sustainability, and circular economy
- Comparison to best practice waste and recycling service options
- Progress on EPA compliance matters

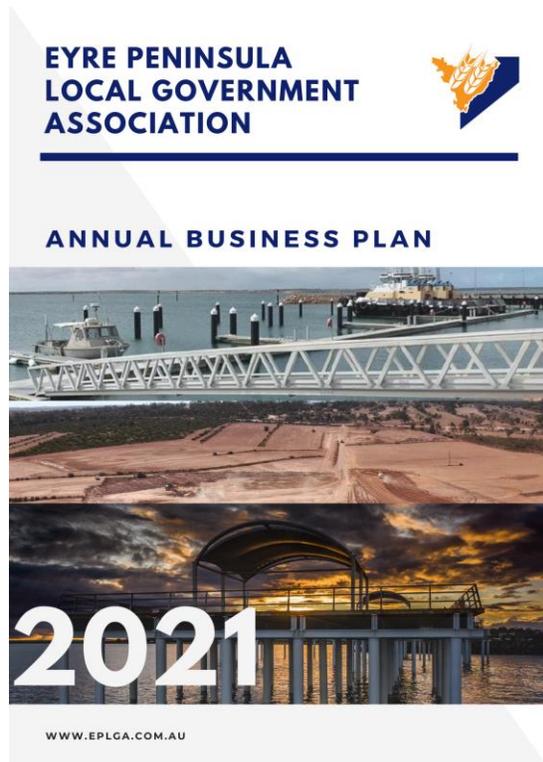
- Cross-reference above with relevant EPA and GISA documents

Initial findings, collaborative opportunities, and key opportunities for improvements, resource recovery and market developments on the EP, including business cases were discussed with Council CEOs on 2 June 2022.

EPLGA Submission to the Inquiry into the Review of the Native Vegetation Act 1991

The EPLGA has provided a submission to the Natural Resources Committee (membership Ms Paula Luethen, Presiding Member, Dr Susan Close, Hon John Darley, Hon Russell Wortley, Mr Nick McBride, Hon Nicola Centofanti and Mr Adrian Pederick). The 6-page submission provided details of previous collaboration success (EP Roadside Vegetation Management Plan and Eyes on Eyre Camping Nodes) before making the following recommendations:

1. Townships, as defined by a Council by notice in the SA Government Gazette, are granted exemption from the Native Vegetation Act (the Act) to bring them into line with metropolitan Adelaide councils.
2. Native Vegetation Council considers making the Native Vegetation Assessment Clearance Approvals valid for a period of 5 years.
3. The Australian Road Research Board (ARRB) is commissioned to review the NVC Guidelines for the Management of Roadside Native Vegetation and Regrowth Vegetation (Under Native Vegetation Regulation 11(23).
4. Establish and resource an expert group that Council Works Managers can access on an on-going basis to achieve best practice for management of roadside native vegetation.
5. Undertake trials for cost-effective management of roadside vegetation using wheeled machinery owned by Councils.
6. Update and endorse a specific Eyre Peninsula Roadside Vegetation Management Plan that includes practices tested through the trials, results of the regional risk assessment and mechanisms for targeting non-traditional sources of funding to manage high-risk areas.



The **2021-221 Annual Business Plan and Budget** has been consulted with Local Councils and was adopted by the EPLGA Board. The EPLGA Business Plan 22/23 has been updated to reflect the EPLGA Strategic Plan.

Joint Planning Board (JPB) – Response to the Minister

In 2017 to 2019, six groups of Councils participated in a pilot led by the Department to explore how Planning Agreements and Joint Planning Boards will work, and to prepare guidelines to assist Councils that are seeking to form a JPB.

Councils were invited to participate in the pilot and 40 Councils in eight groups initially participated. This reduced to 29 Councils in 6 groups early in 2018 when the project moved into stage two – preparation of a business case.

The 6 groups were Eyre Peninsula, Yorke Peninsula, Limestone Coast, Riverland, Barossa and neighbours and the Spencer Gulf Cities (the Murraylands and Eastern Region Alliance maintained a watching brief). The LGA and Office of Local Government were also involved, and Jeff Tate Consulting played a lead role.

In parallel with the pilot, Jeff Tate Consulting was also engaged to prepare a set of guidelines for the

preparation of Regional Plans by JPBs and a Regional Plan template.

The pilot has concluded, and the guideline documents have been prepared. It is worth noting that establishing JPBs is an entirely new approach in South Australia, essentially creating a new form of regional governance. As such the project was quite exploratory and required creation of new templates for undertaking a business case exercise and for a model Planning Agreement.

Outputs from the JPB pilot are:

- *Initiating and Establishing a Planning Agreement and Joint Planning Board Guidelines* – a local government ‘tool-kit’ based on the learnings and challenges faced during the pilot
- *Business Case Template for Joint Planning Boards* – developed to lead potential Council JPB groups through a process to understand what they seek to achieve and to set up the right governance framework
- *Planning Agreement Template* – developed with significant input legal input to ensure it satisfies legal considerations

Outputs from the Regional Plans project are:

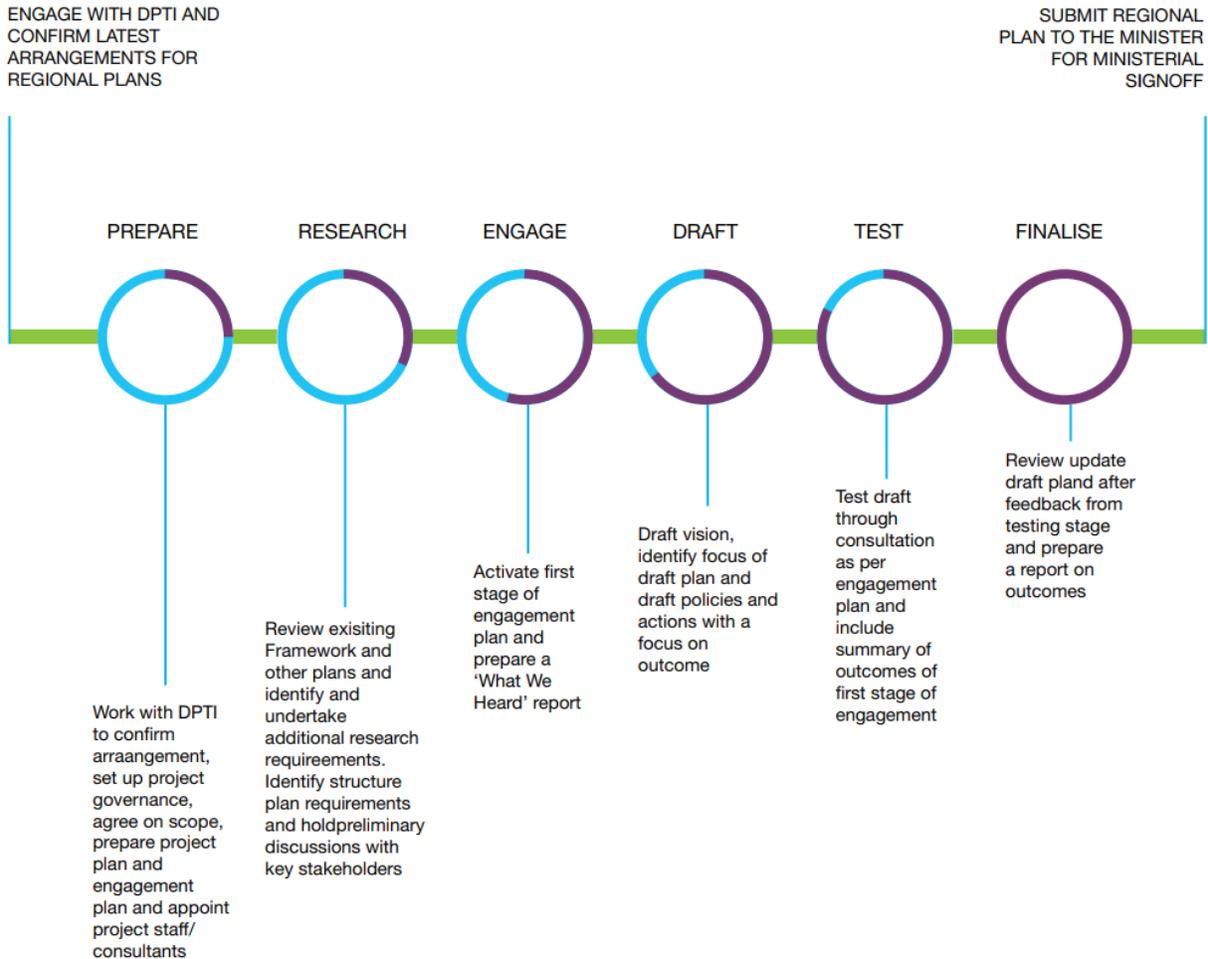
- *Regional Plans Guidelines* – to assist JPBs to prepare a Regional Plan
- *Regional Plan Template* – to allow regional policies and actions to be specified and to ensure consistency between Regional Plans prepared by various JPBs

In 2019 the EPLGA led the preparation of a business case (using the template) for the Eyre Peninsula Councils and in late 2019 ten Councils formally resolved to establish an Eyre Peninsula JPB (Whyalla resolved to form a JPB with Port Augusta and Port Pirie Councils). Since that time the focus of the Councils was on transition to the Planning and Development Code and establishment of a (now established) Eyre Peninsula Regional Assessment Panel.

Under the Planning, Development and Infrastructure (Planning Agreements) Regulations 2020, a group of Councils can enter into an agreement with the Minister for Planning and Local Government (the Minister) to form a Joint Planning Board (JPB).

Once formed, the Directors of a Joint Planning Board are subject to specific Codes of Conduct under the PDI Act (2016). However, these do not appear to be any more demanding than what would be expected of a Director of any Board.

REGIONAL PLAN PROCESS



The maximum life of a JPB is ten years. The only mandated activity a JPB can undertake is developing a Regional Plan, which the Department and the Minister must approve. The process to develop a Regional Plan recommended by the Department is shown in the figure below. In promoting the value of a Joint Planning Board, the Minister and Department have focused on a range of other things a JPB can do, such as developing a Regional Health Plan or undertaking shared services, all of which can be achieved without a JPB. The other benefit cited is the opportunity for the Minister to delegate state government functions to a JPB, although it is unclear how this delegation process would work and if a JPB could refuse to accept such a delegation. In a workshop with the EPLGA and Department, it was suggested a JPB would develop a Regional Plan which would have more weight when seeking funding for infrastructure projects as it would be

more attuned and aligned to the region's needs. It was also stated that parallel processes could be undertaken to process code amendments while developing the Regional Plan.

If a region decides not to form a Joint Planning Board, the Department must then develop the Regional Plan, and Councils become a stakeholder in that process.

The EPLGA Board have approved the formation of a JPB. However, this has not progressed to presenting the Minister with an agreement due to the uncertainty of the value proposition. To clarify each region's position, the Minister wrote to each Council requesting that a Planning Agreement be submitted for the Minister's consideration by the 4th of October 2021. Following on from the EPLGA workshop with Anita Allan, Director of Planning and Development on Joint Planning Boards in Wudinna on July 1st, 2021,

the LGASA conducted a similar information session on the 12th of August 2021.

Some key questions:

1. What is the additional value a JPB can achieve in developing a Regional Plan when compared to the Department and participating as a key stakeholder?
2. Is the process to develop a Regional Plan by the Department different from that recommended to a JPB?
3. Can a Regional Plan be developed without forming a JPB, for example, under delegation from the Department?
4. What process would be used to delegate other State Gov functions to a JPB, can this process be agreed to in the JPB agreement.
5. Can Code Amendments be simultaneously processed with the development of the Regional Plan?
6. Is there any funding available to support a JPB in developing a Regional Plan?
7. What scope is there for innovation in the development and structure of a Regional Plan, given it is still subject to State Government Approval.

KEY ISSUES:

There is an opportunity to form a JPB to develop a Regional Plan for the Eyre Peninsula.

The value proposition of forming a JPB is unclear.

No other region has agreed to form a JPB to date.

The Minister has written to each Council seeking planning agreements to form a JPB by the 4th of October 2021 to allow the Department to develop Regional Plans if required.

Governance and cost sharing arrangements need clarification.

There is an opportunity to consult with Upper Spencer Gulf Cities, Limestone Coast LGA and Murraylands and Riverland LGA towards a consistent professional approach to regional planning.

With a change in State Government the JPB process has been formally dropped. In the meantime the EPLGA have appointed two senior officers to the Local Government Regional Planning Committee (LGRPC). The LGRPC has been established by the Planning and Land Use Services Department of the Attorney General's Department (AGD-PLUS).

Resourcing, Governance and an EPLGA Strategic Plan.

Feedback from the consultation on the EPLGA annual Business Plan was overwhelmingly in favour of developing a four-year EPLGA strategic plan. After consulting the EPLGA Board and CEOs, a select group of consultants were sent a Request for Quote (RFQ).

EPLGA Strategic Plan - Appointment of Consultant

That the EPLGA Board noted that Jeff Tate Consulting was the successful quote selected by a CEO sub-committee to complete the proposed EPLGA Strategic Plan 2022-2026.

A Request for Quote was sent to a select group of three consultants to complete the proposed EPLGA Strategic Plan 2022-2026. A CEO sub-committee of Deb Larwood, Rob Donaldson and EPLGA EO Peter Scott assessed the quotes (approx. \$15k) received and deemed that Jeff Tate Consulting was successful in securing the work.

The proposed methodology has five elements:

- **Project governance - the project brief states that the consultant will:**

- work directly with LGA Mayors (the EPLGA Board), other elected members and CEOs through a facilitated workshop(s) to develop a strategic narrative for the organisation.
- report directly to the Executive Officer of the EPLGA.
- obtain advice on overall strategic direction from the CEO Network Group (Constituent LGA CEOs), which will also monitor progress.

- **Familiarisation - to include:**

- review of key EPLGA documents.
- discussions with the Executive Officer.

- **Information gathering - to include:**

- desktop research on matters affecting regions in general and Eyre Peninsula in particular.
- scan of key Council documents and those of other organisations such as Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula.
- survey of the Constituent Council CEOs.
- structured interview with each Mayor of the Constituent Councils.
- workshop and ongoing communication with the CEO Network Group.
- workshop with Mayors, other Elected Members and CEOs of the Constituent Councils.

- **Framing of the Strategic Plan** which would happen progressively during the project, with an early focus being on the style of document that will be most fit for purpose. A framework we have found useful for organisations such as EPLGA is shown below.

Purpose – Key Influences – Strategic Direction- Themes and Objectives – Priority Actions

- **Plan and covering report preparation – to include:**
 - **draft Strategic Plan at a point in the project to be determined.**
 - **final Plan after feedback on the draft.**

A draft plan was presented to the EPLGA Board in February 2022 which will be subsequently consulted with constituent Councils. The Final plan was adopted at the June 2022 EPLGA Board meeting.

The Strategic Plan project is funded by LGASA Regional Capacity fund and had extensive input from Eyre Peninsula Mayors and Council CEOs.

The Strategic Plan project has four elements:

- 1) Familiarisation – review of key EPLGA documents, discussions with the Executive Officer
- 2) Information gathering
- 3) Progressive framing of the Plan
- 4) Presentation of a draft Plan and, after feedback, the final version.

PROGRESS

All four elements will continue throughout the project as additional information and views come to hand. It has been helpful to also be considering the concept of a Joint Planning Board (under a Planning Agreement with the Minister for Planning) and shared services for the Eyre Peninsula Councils. The processes and information gathered from those other projects have informed aspects of the framing and draft content for the Strategic Plan.

The starting point is the Purpose of the EPLGA which has been summarised down to five points from the eight (lengthy) statements in the Charter:

1. Working with the South Australian Local Government Association (SA LGA) to achieve its objectives.
2. Acting as a forum for the Eyre Peninsula Councils to consider matters of common interest.
3. A structure for the Eyre Peninsula Councils to work together.
4. Working with other levels of government for the benefit of the Region.
5. Seeking to ensure the wellbeing of the Region and making best use of the Region’s resources.

Surveys of the Mayors and CEOs of the Constituent Councils provided clarity about commonalities and differences in views about particular matters. Some of the key points from the surveys were discussed at separate workshops with the Mayors and CEOs on 26 and 27 October 2021. Those discussions helped shape the themes and priority actions.

The ‘work in progress’ themes for drafting are:

- Refine governance arrangements
- Assist collaboration between Constituent Councils
- Develop and evolve key relationships.

The intention is to include objectives and performance measures for each theme and also priority actions that include, for each action, the role (Initiator, Advocate, Facilitator), why, how, when and who. Given the small size of the organisation and the amount of work in some of the priority actions it will be important to (a) ensure they can all be achieved in the three-year period of the Plan and (b) schedule them for implementation over the life of the Plan rather than loading up year 1.

A small reference group of the Executive Officer and three Council CEOs was formed to assist with the later stages of the project.

The final Strategic Plan was considered at the February 2022 Board meeting and put to local councils for consultation.



Eyre Peninsula Campsites – Online Booking System using Bookeasy

The EPLGA Board have approved that the EPLGA be the single merchant point for an online booking system for Eyre Peninsula Councils.

BACKGROUND:

The \$10 honesty box for campsites has a chequered history and it has long been talked about that a better way would be to move to an online booking system for campsites on Eyre Peninsula.

The EPLGA has a quote from Bookeasy, who do the online booking for National Parks and Wildlife in South Australia, to set up a similar system for Eyre Peninsula Councils. Bookeasy take a commission of 25 cents for a \$10 fee, the rest goes to Council. The setup cost and 2 years of commissions are covered by a grant from **Parks 2025 (stage 2): Improvements to parks on the Eyre Peninsula: \$2 million investment to diversify the nature-based experiences on offer for visitors to the region.** \$500,000 of this is a grant to **Eyes on Eyre** (from Minister for Environment and Water and administered by RDAEP).

There is no cost to Councils to use the online booking system and opting in is voluntary. Training is included on how to upload campsite pictures, descriptions, do refunds, amendments, administration, and running returns. Councils will

be able to keep their listings up to date and manage their rates and availability as needed. For simplicity the EPLGA will be the single merchant in the first instance to take credit card payments or PayPal payments. Transparent reporting is available to Councils with the click of a button and funds will be transferred to Council quarterly or as the need arises. Reports including resourcing to manage the system will be reported to the CEO Committee and EPLGA Board quarterly.

DETAIL:

Setup costs (covered by grant funding for 2 years):
Bookeasy Licence & Implementation: \$8,500 (ex-GST)

The upfront Licence and Implementation Fee covers training, implementation, and system configuration. This would cover training LGA staff in Bookeasy Finance and Booking Administration, as well as training for Councils (webinar format) on how to update their own campsite listings.

Monthly Service Fees: \$500 or 2.5% of bookings (ex-GST) - whichever is greater between the two. The monthly service fees cover ongoing support, system optimisation, and continual reinvestment into the system architecture.

(Purely Optional) Hosted Engine: \$5,000 & Yearly Hosting Fee of \$600 (ex GST)

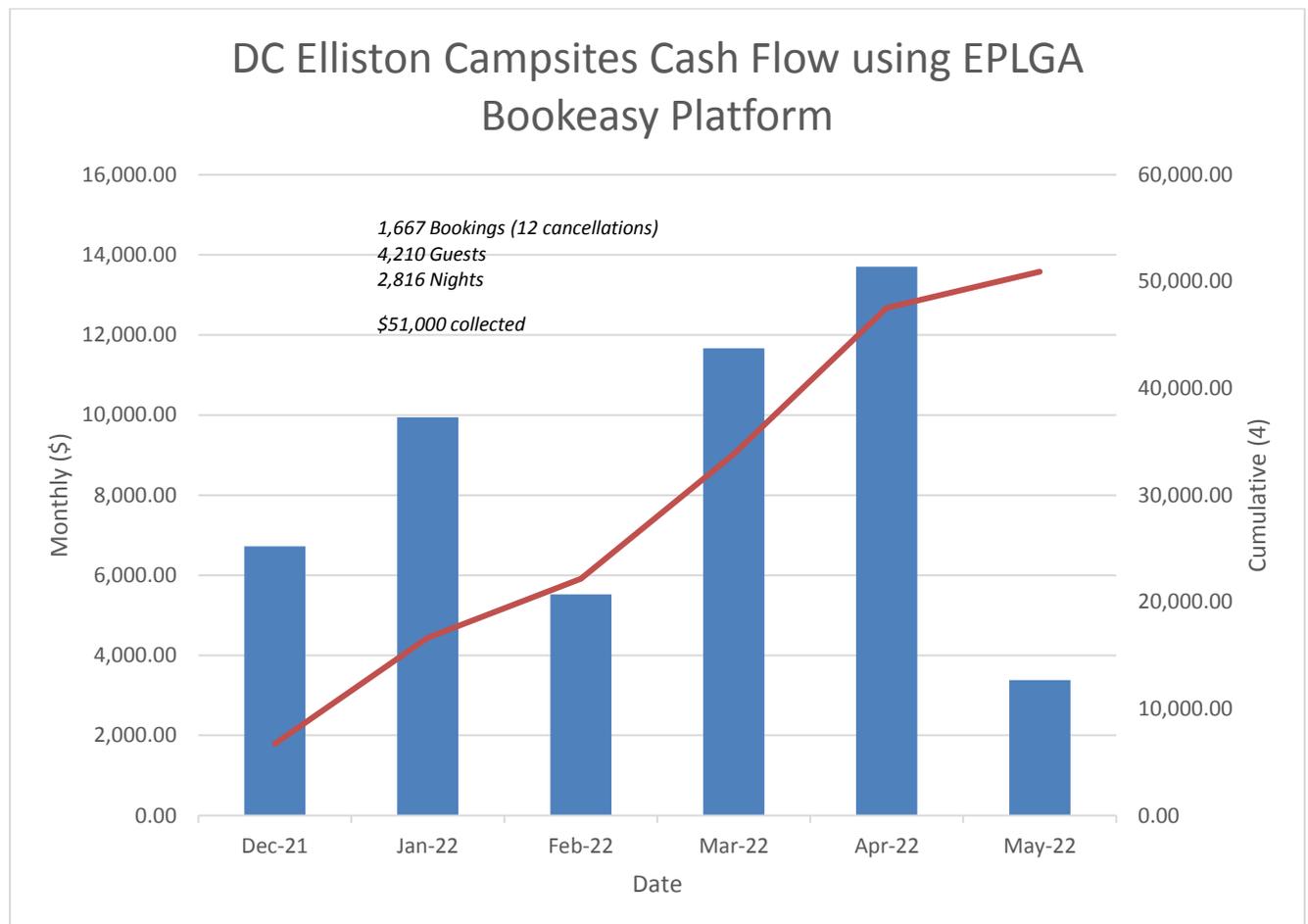
A hosted engine is a standalone web-page with the online booking gadgets, that would be styled according to the theme of one of your existing sites. A great solution to have one central booking page that could be linked from the Council sites.

The proposal has positive support from the Tourism Advisory Committee and the CEO Committee will be updated and consulted regularly.

DC Elliston, RDAEP, EP Landscape Board and EPLGA with the support of Department of Environment and Water (DEW) have completed the pilot online booking system of two campsites, Sheringa Beach and Walker's Rock. The booking system used for DC Elliston is the same used for the State's National Parks providing a consistent look and feel for campers. Included in this agenda are updates from RDAEP and EP Landscapes that include an overview of the work undertaken to make the project a success. DC Elliston will also be providing an update. EPLGA receive all monies from campers and transfer the total amount to DC Elliston each month. There have been challenges learning new finance and booking systems and reconciling hundreds of small transactions.

The Bookeasy online booking platform is owned and operated by the EPLGA on behalf of member Councils. 100% of the funds collected are returned to Council minus credit card fees (25 cents per booking) and Bookeasy fees (2.5% - deferred for pilot). The Bookeasy platform setup costs and pilot fees (approx. \$10k) were paid for by Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula (RDAEP). DC Council of Elliston are participating in the online booking pilot as part of the Eyes on Eyre Project managed by RDAEP.

Bookings start at www.eyrepeninsula.com/camping



Shared Services

Shared Services is a LGASA Regional Capacity funded project. The Project Sponsor is Justin Commons, CEO of the City of Whyalla, and the project is delivered collectively by the EPLGA CEO Committee led by consultant Jeff Tate. The Shared Services Project has five stages:

- 1) Building a shared understanding and identifying what may work.
- 2) Agreeing on and establishing a small number of pilot services for analysis.
- 3) Undertaking Business Case Analyses (BCAs) for the pilot services.
- 4) Considering the BCAs and determining a path forward.
- 5) Draft, then final Report.

PROGRESS

Stages 1 and 2 have been completed. From these stages the services selected to be considered through a BCA template of Jeff Tate Consulting, adapted for the specific circumstances for the Eyre Peninsula Councils are Environmental Health, Building, Planning, and Strategic procurement.

The BCA template has three parts:

Part A - SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS (prepared by the consultants in conjunction with Working Groups of representatives of each Council)

- current services for each Council, what the services involve for each Council, documented or implied service standards, how the services are currently provided, plant and equipment used, expenditure and income, strengths, and weaknesses of current service delivery arrangements
- objectives and weightings of each Council for a potential service
- identification and assessment of the shared service or other collaborative opportunities
- selection of the preferred option.

Part B – SHARED SERVICE DESIGN (prepared by the consultants in conjunction with Working Groups of representatives of each Council)

- description of the proposed shared service/s or other forms of collaboration
- how legacy issues are to be managed
- structure and working arrangements
- resourcing
- plant and equipment
- start-up costs
- risks and opportunities
- implementation plan.
- annual budget

Part C – ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS (prepared by the consultants in conjunction with the CEOs of the Councils)

- assessment against objectives
- preparedness assessment
- recommendations.

The first three services have progressed to the most resource intensive part of the project which is the gathering and documentation of detailed data and information from the 11 Councils to include in Part A. Workshops are to be held at Wudinna on 23 and 24 November 2021 to review and validate the data and information gathered and work through the remaining aspects of Part A and some early work on Part B.

At the end of Part A, the CEOs reviewed the findings before Part B commences. Part B will involve further workshops which are likely to be online.

A different approach will be taken for strategic procurement given the detailed work on procurement by ArcBlue in 2014 for ten of the 11 Councils. The intention is that a workshop be held with the CEOs to review the findings of the ArcBlue report and identify opportunities to progress the recommendations (or variations of them) through a procurement working group with a life expected to be about 12 months.

In consultation with member Councils, Jeff Tate has written a draft EP shared services business case analyses (Part A) for Environment Health, Building and Planning. These drafts have been forwarded to Council staff in advance of a workshop with EP CEOs on Friday 18 February 2022 in Port Lincoln. Consideration of which shared service opportunities will be taken to the next stage (Part B Design of the BCA) was decided and the working groups involved to complete Part B. Paul Sutton, CEO of the City of Charles Sturt, shared his experiences with the delivery of shared services at the CEO workshop. Jeff Tate will provide and update at the Board meeting on February 28, 2022.

Jeff Tate subsequently completed the following documents for consultation with EP CEOs:

1. REPORT: COLLABORATION AND SHARED SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES - ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
2. EYRE PENINSULA COUNCILS SHARED SERVICES PROJECT WORKING PAPERS
3. EYRE PENINSULA COUNCILS SHARED SERVICES PROJECT: WORKING DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITY GUIDELINES

The report is in 'CEO consultation draft' form with the final version to be issued after a workshop with the CEOs on 2 June 2022. The other two documents are in their final form, with some room to still adjust if necessary. The Working Draft Environmental Health Activity Guidelines document is largely complete and requires validation and possibly further detail from the EHOs in the region.

Jeff reports that: *there are definite opportunities for the EP Councils in further collaboration (including shared services for Environmental Health and Building). In relation to shared services, it will be helpful to look at things from the perspectives of both the potential host Councils as well as the potential recipient Councils. Some compromises and adjustments may be required along the way, but the options modelled in the report would have an underpinning of robust and sustainable models of service provision based on a partnering relationship rather than a transactional one.*

Regional Road Action Plan for SLRP Funding Fit-for-Purpose Assessments

For each road identified as Regionally significant (Level 1) or Locally significant (Level 2), Councils were asked to advise on whether or not the road was considered to be 'Compliant' with the 'Fit-for-Purpose' guidelines provided by the Local Roads Advisory Panel in each of the four key categories:

- Speed Environment
- Dimensions
- Geometry
- Strength/Durability

Where, the road (or a section of the road) was considered non-compliant in a category, Councils were asked to advise whether they believed the deficiency was 'Minor' or 'Major' according to the definitions below:

- A "Minor Deficiency" is defined as failing to meet the fit-for-purpose standard, but not in such a way as to affect the functional performance of the road or its inherent safety for the road user or its economic value to council and the community.
- A "Major Deficiency" is defined as failing to meet the fit-for-purpose standard to such a degree that the road is unable to safely and/or economically perform its purpose(s), requiring constant intervention by the responsible Council using a suitable risk mitigation strategy. Such intervention may include a

recognised need for more major works in the short term to maintain a fit-for-purpose level.

Information was also sought on the nature of the deficiency. The template used is provided as Appendix B (<http://eplga.com.au/publications-2/>)

Following the fit-for-purpose assessments, each regional route (or section of route) is listed on one of the following three action plans. These Action Plans will support the ongoing process of prioritising road upgrade projects and funding submissions, such as for the Special Local Roads Program (SLRP), on a Region wide basis.

Action Plan 1 – Immediate Priority (0 to 3 Years)

Roads on this list are level 1 regional routes, and the following criteria must be met to be eligible for entry into Action Plan 1:

- exhibiting one or more deficiencies in fit-for-purpose standards,
- Upgrade of the roads must be included in the council's three-year capital works programs,
- Actual traffic count data for the route must be available, and
- Equivalent standard axles (ESA's) must be accurately calculated for freight routes.

Methodology for determining ESA's is described in AUSTRROADS Guide to pavement Technology Part 2. If roads on this list extend across more than one Council area, there must be a written agreement between the subject Councils on the regional priority of the road, the need for the upgrade and the proposed standard/extent of the upgrade.

In order to prepare for the 2022 SLRP road funding submissions from the EPLGA member Councils, the following process has been undertaken;

- Email distribution to Council representatives in September 2021 providing a reminder of the Regional Road prioritisation process set out within the Eyre Peninsula Regional Roads Strategy (last updated May 2021), and setting out the process and timeline for preparation of 2022 submissions for funding applications.
- Follow-up meeting to run-through the above process and discuss any aspects with Council representatives – 18 November 2021.

The first step in the overall process is for each Council to review the current Action Plans within the Regional Transport Strategy and identify changes appropriate to their Council area. Changes might be triggered by;

- Material change in use or volumes on roads (eg; due to a development etc);
- Council now able to include a road upgrade within its 3 year capital works program;
- Additional data now available (eg; Traffic data now collected).

These changes are to be advised to SMEC by late February 2022 in order for SMEC to update the Regional Action Plans accordingly, ahead of the 28 February EPLGA Board Meeting .

To date, limited updates have been received. The current status of Action Plan 1, which sets out the high priority roads ready for funding consideration, is as follows;

Table 1 Road Action Plan 1

<i>Council</i>	<i>Road</i>	<i>Comment</i>
<i>DC Franklin Harbour</i>	<i>Cowell – Kimba Road</i>	<i>Stage 1 funded in 2021</i>
<i>DC Franklin Harbour</i>	<i>Lucky Bay Road</i>	
<i>DC Streaky Bay</i>	<i>Poochera – port Kenny Road</i>	
<i>DC Lower Eyre Peninsula</i>	<i>Bratten Way</i>	<i>Stages 1,2,3 and 4 funded over 2019, 2020, 2021</i>
<i>DC Lower Eyre Peninsula</i>	<i>Farm Beach Road</i>	
<i>DC Lower Eyre Peninsula</i>	<i>Airport Lane</i>	

Accordingly, approval is sought to seek initial submissions from relevant member Councils for all Action Plan 1 road projects by no later than 31 March 2022.

These submissions will be forwarded to SMEC for independent review and assessment in accordance with Section 6.4.1 of the Eyre Peninsula Regional Transport Strategy. This process will further prioritise the Action Plan 1 roads on a regional basis, in the event that sufficient SLRP funding for all applicant projects is not available / allocated. Following completion of this prioritisation process by mid-April, Councils were able to provide final submissions to the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel by the end of April.

Applications for SLRP have moved to an online smartygrants portal with applications closing 20 May 2022 with the following 3 Councils submitting applications:

- 1) DC Franklin Harbour – Cowell Kimba and Lucky Roads upgrade
- 2) DC Lower Eyre Peninsula – Bratten Way
- 3) DC Cleve - Ballumbah/Kinnaid Road

Timothy Warren, SMEC, Manager – Roads and Highways, is the EPLGA independent consultant who has been guiding Councils and will be providing an assessment of the applications to the EPLGA. The assessments will also be uploaded to the smartygrants portal.

Strategic Regional Plan (SRP) for Eyre Peninsula

The SRP is a living document which provides a wide range of stakeholders, potential investors and policymakers with a better understanding of the region - including strengths, challenges, needs - and strategic priorities that outline the region's future ambitions. The audience for the SRP includes communities, community organisations, private enterprise and all levels of government. An SRP should be complementary to the Eyre and Western Region Plan (soon to be updated by Planning SA) which guides development and fulfils the vision of the State Planning Policies.

Meetings have been held with the CEOs of RDAEP and Landscapes EP to discuss and plan for an updated SRP for Eyre Peninsula. The existing Regional Strategic Plan 2019, badged by RDAEP and EPLGA, will be reset and updated reflecting:

- Landscape South Australia Eyre Peninsula have released their Regional Landscape Plan 2021-2026 which builds on the participatory approach used to develop the region's previous plan which including extensive engagement with local communities, organisations and businesses about the places and issues of importance
- Regional Development Australia's new Charter requires RDAs to 'co-ordinate the development of a strategic regional plan, or work with suitable existing regional plans that will align with the Commonwealth's regional priorities'. As facilitators of economic development, RDAs have an important role to play in bringing stakeholders together under a common strategic plan for their region.

The SRP will demonstrate that the three Boards, all made up of local people from across Eyre Peninsula,

makes up the regional voice that is universally recognised as the best approach to regional improvement. Working together the three Boards are stronger.

Electric Vehicle charging

RAA has won a State Government grant worth more than \$12 million to create a statewide network of electric vehicle (EV) charging points along highways, regional cities, tourist destinations and Adelaide suburbs. Over the next two years, with partner Chargefox, 536 EV charging points at 140 new locations will be installed to create the state's first EV charging network. More than three-quarters of the new charge points will be in regional SA with 18 across Eyre Peninsula.

RDAEP and EPLGA have had two meetings with RAA about the program, charging locations and specifications. RAA will be undertaken further consultation with business and local government in the next few months.

HDS Regional Roads Report

The SAROC 2021/2022 Annual Business Plan included the Regional Local Road – Mapping and Priorities project. This was to continue to facilitate coordination between regional LGAs to prepare a SAROC SA Regional Local Road Priorities report that will enable a cross regional approach to support funding applications to State and Federal Government based on an agreed priority list.

HDS were contracted to develop a state-wide, regional mapping activity and priority report based on the current developed local road plans that identify local road priorities. This is to be designed to assist with developing funding proposals via the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program, the Better Regions Fund, the Regional Black Spot Fund and/or a specific infrastructure approach to State and Federal Governments. It will also be used to assist with lobbying for equity in funding to Regional Councils.

All the maps have been uploaded to QGIS Cloud - similar to the "Location SA Viewer" online database maintained by the state government as a publicly accessible resource. The login has been forwarded to all CEOs, Mayors and Works Managers enabling wholistic viewing of the state's regional road network. The draft report has been circulated and the updated report with draft watermark removed will be circulated when available.

Jetties Working Group Update

The issue of jetties funding around the State was a key issue in the LGA State election platform and the LGA is continuing to advocate on that basis: <https://www.lga.sa.gov.au/local-voices>

On 26 April 2022, the LGA President, Angela Evans, wrote to the new Treasurer, Stephen Mullighan MP, highlighting the urgent need for an immediate injection of funding into jetties around the State, and the need for the draft Jetties Strategic Plan to be released. No response has yet been received. The LGA Secretariat has also made application through the Local Government Research and Development Scheme (LGR&DS) to fund a research project to provide a sound evidence base about the historic and unique value of South Australian jetties, as well as a cost benefit analysis. This research would support the LGA's advocacy on this issue. The LGA is planning to bring together the Working Group, seeking some new members as part of the process, to provide guidance on the LGR&DS project (if successful), as well as on the advocacy issue generally.

Letter to Environment, Resources and Development Committee

The EPLGA has written to the ERD Committee regarding: Coastal Planning – Interaction between land tenure and Relevant Authority. The letter and associated documents are attached under separate cover. The ERD Committee terms of reference is to: *Investigate matters relating to the environment, land use conservation and transport. [a] to inquire into, consider and report on such of the following matters as are referred to it under this Act:*

- i.any matter concerned with the environment or how the quality of the environment might be protected or improved;*
- ii.any matter concerned with the resources of the State or how they might be better conserved or utilised;*
- iii.any matter concerned with planning, land use or transportation;*
- iv.any matter concerned with the general development of the State; [b] to perform such other functions as are imposed on the Committee under this or any other Act or by resolution of both Houses.*

Reformed on 3 May 2022 for the 55th Parliament, the new Presiding Member is Ms Jayne Stinson.

Public Lighting Working Group

The EPLGA EO is a member of the Public Lighting Working Group (PLWG).

Recent street lighting audits undertaken by various councils identified that there are approximately 7,000 council-owned lights located on main roads under the control of the Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT). Discussions between councils, DIT and SA Power Networks, convened through the LGA's Public Lighting Working Group, have confirmed that a number of Councils have lighting assets located on DIT roads. It is thought that these lights are the result of decisions made many years ago, before responsibilities for street lighting were clearly defined. The operating and maintenance costs of

these lights are currently being borne entirely by each Council.

The majority of council-owned lights on DIT roads are approaching their end of asset life and require replacement. The LGA is therefore seeking to reach agreement with DIT, as the responsible authority, on a plan for managing the replacement of these lights so as to not compromise road safety and so that Councils do not continue to incur unreasonable charges for managing these assets. DIT's position is that transfer of ownership would depend on the relevant lights meeting the appropriate lighting standards prior to transfer and that DIT does not have funding available to undertake any necessary upgrades for those lights that do not comply with the standards.

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

EPLGA core activities have always included lobbying to State and Federal Government about legislation and policy changes that may have an impact on our region. This year ongoing concerns and/or participation have been with the following matters:

SUMMARY OF OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Natural Resources Management – joint partnership planning, delivery of services.
- Regional Recognition/Lobbying – ongoing on various matters as they arise.
- Emergency Management – regional planning and Council planning, followed by implementation.
- Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act Implementation.
- Coastal Access issues, development of a Coastal Alliance – state-wide.
- Various roads and waste issues – regional road strategy review.
- Regional Capacity Funding – General funding.
- Marine Infrastructure Planning – DPTI, jetty leases, etc.
- SAROC – meetings and regional Executive Officers’ meetings.
- Mobile phone black spots - applications.
- Water planning – state of the resource, etc.
- Energy planning – resulting from blackouts – renewables, transmission upgrade consultation, hydrogen trial plant, etc.
- Regional planning – JPB, RDAEP, EPNRM, DPTI, etc.
- Financial assistance and supplementary road funding – ongoing issues of South Australia’s injustice.
- Health – local sub-regional issues, public health planning, doctors shortages etc.

- Roadside Native Vegetation – regional planning and management issues.
- Tourism – RDAEP - restructure to sub-regional groups, Food and Tourism Prospectus, RV, Coastal Access and Caravan Strategy, Eyes on Eyre etc.
- Aged Care at the local Council level – Council’s role.
- NHVR impacts on farm machinery movements.
- Transport Plan and SLRP prioritisation and funding applications.
- Joint submissions with RDAEP on various issues.

PLANS, PROGRAMS AND REPORTS – CURRENT STATUS

CORPORATE Plan 2020 – 24

The Council Mayors and Chief Executive Officers of the EPLGA have contributed to the development of the EPLGA Corporate Plan. It was clear from responses to our 2015 survey that the member Councils placed great importance on the following:

- *advocacy (and representation) – the EPLGA being the principal regional advocate for Local Government in the region;*
- *governance – continuing to ensure that our business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards;*
- *member services – the EPLGA to continue to provide member support services as they are needed; and*
- *outreach services – connecting Councils with desirable services offered by the LGA of SA.*

To avoid confusion between the Business Plan prepared by respective Councils, the EPLGA uses the term ‘Management Plan or Corporate Plan’.

The Management Plan is for the period 2020-2024 and reviewed annually, incorporating an updated annual work plan and budget for the current year. It also includes the current strategic directions of the EPLGA for that period. Each year through the Annual Business Plan process the Corporate Plan Strategies and Actions are refined to those still outstanding or ongoing strategies and actions.

MANAGEMENT PLAN PERFORMANCE

Goal Area 1.1 Advocacy and Representation

Core Activities

- 1.1.1 Represent and strengthen the common values of members
- 1.1.2 Represent members and regional objectives in engagement and liaison with key stakeholder agencies – e.g., LGA, DIT, PIRSA, AGP Plus
- 1.1.3 Provide a lobbying platform to promote the interests and issues of member Councils to other levels of government

Comments:

Advocacy and representation are demonstrated through lobbying of other levels of government, which occurs as and when needed and often through the SAROC, LGA Board and in collaboration with the other regional organisations. Matters requiring lobbying this financial year included:

- **Regional Landscape Plan**
- **Marine Scale Fish Fishery Reform**
- **Eyes on Eyre Stage 2**
- **Local Government Transport Advisory Panel - Special Local Roads Funding**

Strategic Actions

- 1.1.4 Develop effective working relationships between the EPLGA and member Councils and external stakeholder agencies and organisations
- 1.1.5 Develop key EPLGA messages to demonstrate maximum alignment to the State Strategic Plan and Economic Priorities,

in particular economic reform and jobs, climate change and renewable energy

- 1.1.6 Develop the understanding of, and commitment to, mutuality of interests to optimise benefit for member Councils across the region from advocacy and partnerships
- 1.1.7 Lead the completion of the Economic Development Strategy and Regional Strategic Plan and identify and lead the development of regional strategic responses to key issues as and when required.

Comments: EPLGA have entered into a unique shared services agreement with Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula for the services of the EO. Reducing costs for both organisations, the shared service is working well and reinforces the cooperation across economic development and local government issues.

Goal Area 1.2 Governance

Core Activities

- 1.2.1 Comply with legislative requirements
- 1.2.2 Identify and pursue the resourcing needs of members
- 1.2.3 Manage EPLGA financial and other resources for maximum member benefit, and based on the principle that recurrent operational expenses must be funded by recurrent operational revenue

Comments:

Compliance met.

Strategic Actions

- 1.2.4 Investigate and identify options to improve local government and regional governance, including alternative governance models, strategic planning, and land use planning for the region

- 1.2.5 Assist member Councils in meeting legislative compliance
- 1.2.6 Develop and manage formal alliance and partnership arrangements with partner agencies and entities– e.g. RDAEP and EP Landscape Board.
- 1.2.7 Pursue collaborative initiatives with partner agencies – e.g. joint submissions on strategic issues with RDAEP and EP Landscape Board.

Comments:

Shared Services project led by City of Whyalla has progressed. The staff committees are useful in this process. The other regional organisations are encouraged to work closely with member Councils and to investigate opportunities for region wide projects to maximise procurement benefits, etc.

Goal Area 1.3 Member Services

Core Activities

- 1.3.1 Maintain the cycle of quarterly meetings to enable collective decision-making and enhance member networking
- 1.3.2 Maintain and support members with the coordination of the annual conference
- 1.3.3 Identify resourcing gaps and needs, and pursue resolutions to key issues in liaison with members
- 1.3.4 Facilitate initiatives to attract funding and investment
- 1.3.5 Provide advisory and support services to Elected Members
- 1.3.6 Coordinate strategic meetings and presentations on key issues; including the provision of key speakers to provide information, contact and support services
- 1.3.7 Coordinate delivery of Council-supported training and development initiatives in the region

Comments:

All core activities are being met at a regional level which brings considerable savings to individual Councils.

Strategic Actions

- 1.3.8 Continue to facilitate the activities of the EP Mineral & Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce.
- 1.3.9 Develop value-added services for member Councils, based on collective or regional value and cost-benefit
- 1.3.10 Facilitate and promote the development of shared procurement initiatives.
- 1.3.11 Facilitate the development of a regional transport strategy, including the identification of road priorities and road funding proposals.
- 1.3.12 Establish and facilitate specialised interest groups, such as Council works managers and compliance staff.
- 1.3.13 Maintain communications with member Councils and the regional community through media releases, website, newsletter and formal means of communication.
- 1.3.14 Establish an annual business (work) plan for the Executive Officer to manage and report against.

Comments:

Shared procurement services is difficult in such a large region, however the CEOs continue to work together on LG procurement council requirements and shared services in planning to complement the implementation of the updated Planning and Development Act.

Regional communications with Councils and other groups is mainly carried out through emails, media releases, staff meetings etc.

RDAEP and the EPNRM Board have, over the last 12 months, worked with the EPLGA and member Councils to add value to regional projects like Eyes on Eyre, where all parties benefit.

Staff regional committees assist in developing and refining regional strategy recommendation to the EPLGA Board.

EPLGA COMMITTEE REPORTS

All Committee minutes are on the EPLGA website for viewing via the following link: -
<http://eplga.com.au/>

USE OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The following audited statement indicates another year of sound financial performance.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Scope

We have reviewed the attached special purpose financial report for the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association for the year ended 30th June 2022.

The responsibility of the members of the Board for the financial report

The members of the board of the entity are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report. The Board's responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian auditing standards. These auditing standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by members, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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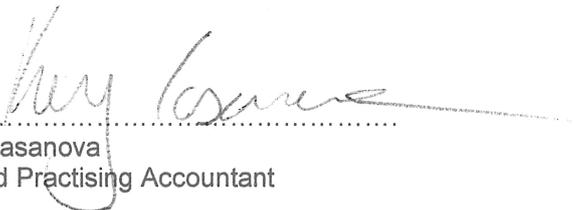
The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Boards' financial reporting responsibilities. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

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

Audit opinion

In our the financial report presents fairly the financial position of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association at 30th June 2022 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

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Kerry Casanova
Certified Practising Accountant

Dated this 20th day of August 2022

Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association
ABN 90 992 364 300

Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 June 2022

Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association

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Income and Expenditure Statement For the year ended 30 June 2022

		2022	2021
		\$	\$
Income			
Grants Recieved	2	75,863.44	74,415.00
Membership Fees	3	199,187.00	199,187.00
Interest Received		3,094.11	3,259.00
Reg Economic Dev Showcase & Conference		-	133,386.00
Project Income - EP Councils		-	1,000.00
Reimbursable Expenses		60,074.32	59,544.00
Camp Booking Receipts		50,502.07	-
Non Operating Income		-	18,552.00
Total income		<u>388,720.94</u>	<u>489,343.00</u>
Expenses			
Administration		12,023.18	15,641.84
Audit Fees		1,770.00	1,690.00
Bank Fees & Charges		78.50	106.00
Camp Bookings Outgoings		51,057.08	-
Computer Expenses		4,238.88	5,382.00
Depreciation - Plant		408.00	-
Employment Expenses		158,937.92	161,070.00
Insurance		6,488.75	6,180.00
Meeting Expenses		17,327.83	5,238.00
President's Expenses		2,250.00	2,250.00
Project Expenditure	4	77,590.31	228,401.00
Secretarial Services		19,000.00	19,000.00
Telephone		668.74	702.00
Travel, accommodation & conference		7,362.30	2,376.00
Total expenses		<u>359,201.49</u>	<u>448,036.84</u>
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax		29,519.45	41,306.16
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		-	-
Net profit attributable to the association		29,519.45	41,306.16
Total changes in equity of the association		29,519.45	41,306.16
Opening retained profits		388,255.16	346,949.00
Net profit attributable to the association		<u>29,519.45</u>	<u>41,306.16</u>
Closing retained profits		417,774.61	388,255.16

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association

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Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2022

		2022	2021
		\$	\$
Current Assets			
Cash Assets			
Bank SA Society Cheque Account	5	79,845.08	52,331.95
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit		167,028.78	166,529.51
LGFA		264,600.73	312,023.95
		<u>511,474.59</u>	<u>530,885.41</u>
Receivables			
Debtors		15,018.58	14,945.08
		<u>15,018.58</u>	<u>14,945.08</u>
Current Tax Assets			
GST payable control account		5,023.40	12,622.00
GST payable adjustment control account		(1,135.66)	-
Integrated Client Account		120.00	-
		<u>4,007.74</u>	<u>12,622.00</u>
Other			
Prepayments		2,682.25	1,622.00
Accrued Income		291.35	273.29
		<u>2,973.60</u>	<u>1,895.29</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>533,474.51</u>	<u>560,347.78</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment			
Plant & equipment (cost)		3,808.18	-
Less: Accumulated depreciation		(408.00)	-
		<u>3,400.18</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>3,400.18</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Assets		<u>536,874.69</u>	<u>560,347.78</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Net Assets	<u><u>417,774.61</u></u>	<u><u>388,255.16</u></u>
 Members' Funds		
Accumulated surplus (deficit)	<u>417,774.61</u>	<u>388,255.16</u>
Total Members' Funds	<u><u>417,774.61</u></u>	<u><u>388,255.16</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Board and the Members of the association. The Board has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets. The statements are prepared on an accruals basis.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

(a) Employee Benefits

Provision is made in respect of the association's liability for annual and long service leave at balance date. Long service leave is accrued from an employee's start date. Leave provision is based on current wages as at reporting date and does not include on-costs.

(b) Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)

Plant & Equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all PPE is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

(c) Operating Grants and Project Funding

When the association receives grant and funding revenue it recognises revenue upon receipt of those funds. At the end of the reporting period the association recognises a liability for unspent funding by an adjustment to the project expenditure accounts in the Statement of Income & Expenditure.

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2022

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Note 2: Grants Received

LGA of SA - Regional Capacity	58,863	42,151
LGA of SA - Youth-led Recovery	4,000	32,264
Green Industries SA	13,000	-
	75,863	74,415

Note 3: Membership Fees

DC of Ceduna	16,733	16,733
DC of Cleve	14,262	14,262
DC of Elliston	13,276	13,276
DC of Franklin Harbour	12,922	12,922
DC of Kimba	13,011	13,011
Wudinna District Council	13,264	13,264
DC of Lower Eyre Peninsula	19,474	19,474
DC of Streaky Bay	15,111	15,111
DC of Tumby Bay	15,781	15,781
City of Whyalla	36,524	36,524
City of Port Lincoln	28,829	28,829
	199,187	199,187

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For the year ended 30 June 2022

2022

2021

Note 4: Project Expenditure

Unspent Funds at 1 July	(134,008)	(269,900)
Coastal Council Alliance	17,372	2,902
Regional Committees Support	-	2,277
Forums & Conferences	-	11,992
CWMS Users Group	-	1,000
Joint Building Fire Safety	1,650	8,132
Regional Transport Strategy	15,150	2,800
Regional Safety Focus	-	20,899
Roadside Veg-Gap and Options	-	3,000
Showcase & Conference	-	191,427
Streamlining Admin Services	-	49,500
Tourism/Signage/Promotions	658	36,364
UniSA Masters Student Program	-	4,000
Youth-led Recovery	6,264	30,000
EPLGA Strategic Plan	14,000	-
Governance and Planning Reform	2,400	-
Regional Governance - JPB Support	2,500	-
Regional Planning - General	1,500	-
Shared Services	38,840	-
Regional Waste Strategy	17,334	-
Online Booking System Campsites	11,650	-
Unspent Funds at 30 June	82,280	134,008
	77,590	228,401

Note 5: Cash assets

Bank SA Society Cheque Account	79,845.08	52,331.95
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	167,028.78	166,529.51
LGFA	264,600.73	312,023.95
	511,474.59	530,885.41

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Depreciation Schedule for the year ended 30 June, 2022

	DISPOSAL		ADDITION		DEPRECIATION			PROFIT		LOSS								
	Total	Priv	OVDV	Date	Consid	Date	Cost	Value	T	Rate	Deprec	Priv	CWDV	Upto +	Above	Total -	Priv	
Plant & Equipment																		
Asus Vivobook Laptop	1,727	0.00	0	10/02/22	0	10/02/22	1,727	1,727	D	40.00	267	0	1,460	0	0	0	0	0
Epson 3LCD Data Projector	818	0.00	0	10/02/22	0	10/02/22	818	818	D	40.00	126	0	692	0	0	0	0	0
Google Pixel 6 Mobile Phone	1,263	0.00	0	20/06/22	0	20/06/22	1,263	1,263	D	40.00	15	0	1,248	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>3,808</u>		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		<u>3,808</u>	<u>3,808</u>			<u>408</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,400</u>					
							Deduct Private Portion				0							
							<u>Net Depreciation</u>				<u>408</u>							

These financial statements are unaudited. They must be read in conjunction with the attached Accountant's Compilation Report and Notes which form part of these financial statements.

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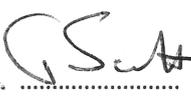
Statement by Members of the Board For the year ended 30 June 2022

The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Board the Income and Expenditure Statement, Statement of Financial Position, and Notes to the Financial Statements:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association as at 30 June 2022 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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

signed		
position	President EPLGA	Exec. Officer
date	2/9/22	2/9/22

1.26 Freedom of Information Statement



This document has been endorsed and approved for use by:



Debra Larwood
Chief Executive Officer

09/03/2022

Date

Document Version Control

Document Name	1.26 Freedom of Information Statement
Document Status	Draft
Version Number	5
Author	Emily Maxwell, Executive Assistant/Governance Officer & Kate Francis, Governance Coordinator/WHS Officer
Authorised By	Debra Larwood, CEO

Change History

Version	Issue Date	Author	Reasons for Change	Review Due
1	14/03/2018	L Keane	New policy	March 2019
2	13/03/2019	L Keane	Review	March 2020
3	13/05/2020	EM & KF	Review	March 2021
4	10/03/2021	EM & KF	Review	March 2022
5	09/03/2022	EM & DL	Review	March 2023

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION STATEMENT

2022

This Freedom of Information Statement is published by the District Council of Kimba (Council) in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (FOI Act) and Schedule 4 1(gb) of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

Subject to certain restrictions, the FOI Act gives members of the public a legally enforceable right to access information held by South Australian (Local) Government agencies such as Councils. The purpose of this statement is to assist members of the public to identify the functions and decision making processes of Council, detail the type of information held by Council and advise how it can be accessed by the public.

An updated Information Statement will be published on the Council's website each financial year. This statement was released on 9 March 2022.

1 Structure and Functions of Council

1.1 Full Council and provisions for meeting procedures

The Council consists of the Principal Member, a Mayor, and six Elected Members who represent residents and ratepayers within the District of Kimba Local Government Area boundary. "Council" is the body corporate consisting of Elected Members as constituted under the *Local Government Act 1999*. Council is established to provide for the government and management of its area at the local level and, in particular:

- a) to act as a representative, informed and responsible decision-makers in the interest of its community; and
- b) to provide and coordinate various public services and facilities and to develop its community and resource in a socially just and ecologically sustainable manner; and
- c) to encourage and develop initiatives within its community for improving the quality of life of the community; and
- d) to represent the interests of its community to the wider community; and
- e) to exercise, perform and discharge the powers, functions and duties of Local Government under the *Local Government Act 1999* and other acts in relation to the area for which it is constituted. [section 6 of the *Local Government Act 1999*].

Ordinary meetings of the Council are held in the chambers of the District Council of Kimba at 9 Cross Street, Kimba, and commence at 2pm on the second Wednesday of each month. All meetings are open to the public, with the exception of any matters subject to an order of confidentiality pursuant to s90 of the *Local Government Act 1999*. Notices of all meetings of Council and its committees are available on the website and from the Council office.

One of the main opportunities for the community to gain information about the business of Council is its agendas and associated reports prepared for Council and committee meetings. Agendas, including minutes of the previous meetings and supporting documentation, are placed on public display no less than three clear days prior to meetings. They are available on Council's website at www.kimba.sa.gov.au and at each office of the Council that is open to the public for the general administration of Council business.

Notice of a meeting and the agenda are kept on public display and continue to be published on the website until the completion of the relevant meeting.

1.2 Council committees and subsidiaries

Schedule 1 of this statement lists the various committees of Council. Committees streamline Council business and assist in the performance of its functions. The membership of committees and their terms of reference are determined by the Council.

Committees meet at intervals determined in their terms of reference (available on Council's website and at the Council office) and make recommendations to Council. Meetings of committees are open to the public with the exception of any matters subject to an order of confidentiality pursuant to s90 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, and are publicly notified in the same way as Council meetings. (See 1.1 above)

Chapter 6 of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013* prescribe the way meetings of a Council and its committees are to be conducted.

1.3 External committees/boards/associations

Council participates in a number of external committees, boards and associations, comprising Elected Members, staff, and the public, and these are listed in Schedule 1. The minutes of meetings of external Committees, Boards and Associations are included in the agenda for the meetings of the full Council (or appropriate committee).

1.4 Delegations

The Regional Assessment Panel, the Chief Executive Officer and Manager Development Services have delegated authority from Council to make decisions on specified administrative and policy matters. The Chief Executive Officer may sub-delegate to an employee or a Committee. Council's Delegations Register reflects the delegated authority from the Council to the CEO (and subsequently any further sub-delegations). The Delegations Register is reviewed annually by Council and is available to be viewed by the public at the Council Administration Office during ordinary working hours.

1.5 Functions of Council

The functions of Council, set out in s7 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, include:

- a) to plan at the local and regional level for the development and future requirements of its area;
- b) to provide services and facilities that benefit its area, its ratepayers and residents, and visitors to its area;
- c) to provide for the welfare, well-being and interests of individuals and groups within its community;
- d) to take measures to protect its area from natural and other hazards and to mitigate the effects of such hazards;
- e) to manage, develop, protect, restore, enhance and conserve the environment in an ecologically sustainable manner, and to improve amenity;
- f) to provide infrastructure for its community and for development within its area;
- g) to promote its area and to provide an attractive climate and locations for the development of business, commerce, industry and tourism;
- h) to establish or support organisations or programs that benefit people in its area or Local Government generally;
- i) to manage and, if appropriate, develop, public areas vested in, or occupied by, the Council;
- j) to manage, improve and develop resources available to the Council;
- k) to undertake other functions and activities conferred by or under the Act. [s6 of the *Local Government Act 1999*]

Section 41 of the *Local Government Act 1999* empowers a Council to establish committees:

- To assist the Council in the performance of its functions;

- To enquire into and report to the Council on matters within the ambit of the Council's responsibilities;
- To provide advice to the Council; and
- To exercise, perform or discharge delegated powers, functions or duties.

1.6 Services for the Community

Council is required by legislation to:

- Determine policies to be applied by the Council;
- Develop and adopt Strategic Management Plans;
- Prepare and adopt Annual Business Plans and Budgets;
- Establish an Audit Committee;
- Develop appropriate policies, practices and processes of internal control;
- Set performance objectives;
- Establish policies and processes for dealing with complaints, requests for service, and internal review of Council decisions;
- Determine the type, range and scope of projects to be undertaken by the Council;
- Deliver planning and development, dog and cat management, fire prevention and certain public health services; and
- Provide the necessary administrative services to support Council's functions.

Other services and activities are provided through the decision making processes of Council in response to local needs, interests and aspirations of individuals and groups within the community to ensure that Council resources are used equitably.

Other core services provided by Council include the provision of waste management and recycling services within the District of Kimba Local Government Area, and the management and maintenance of Council-controlled roads.

2 **Public Participation**

Members of the public have a number of opportunities to express their views on particular issues before Council. These include:

Deputations to Council – With the written permission of the Presiding Member of the committee or the Mayor, a member of the public can address a committee or the Council personally or on behalf of a group of residents for up to 15 minutes on any item that is relevant to that committee or the Council, depending on the number of deputations scheduled for a particular meeting.

Petitions – Written petitions can be addressed to the Council on any issue within the Council's jurisdiction.

Presentations – Presentations provide an opportunity for an organisation, Council officer(s) or member of the public to provide a committee or the Council with information relevant to a matter currently under consideration. The duration is up to 15 minutes and generally is limited to one presentation per meeting.

Council Members – Members of the public can contact Elected Members to discuss any issue relevant to Council. The contact details for all Elected Members are available on Council's website.

Written requests – Members of the public can write to Council on any Council policy, activity or service.

Community consultation - The District Council of Kimba is committed to open, honest, accountable and responsible decision making. Council's Public Consultation Policy facilitates effective communication between Council and the community, encouraging community involvement and partnerships in planning and decision making. The policy sets out the steps Council will take in relation to public consultation and ensures that the most cost effective methods of informing and involving the community, which are appropriate for specific circumstances and consultation topics, are used. The policy is available on Council's website.

3 Access to Council Documents

3.1 Documents held by Council

Most information and documentation held by Council is available for public viewing and is readily available without recourse to the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* and we invite you to discuss your information needs with us.

Records system: Council operates an electronic records and document management system for the effective management of Council's records.

Land and property information system: Council's land and property information system contains property-related information (valuation, rates, ownership details) on each property in the District Council of Kimba area.

3.2 Policy documents available for inspection

At the time of publishing this statement, the following documents can be accessed from Council's website and are available for public inspection at the office of Council during ordinary business hours. Any new policy adopted by Council after publication of this statement will be similarly available.

Members Training and Development Policy	Contracts, Tenders and Purchasing Policy
Internal Review of Council Decisions Policy	Order Making Policy
Public Consultation Policy	Informal Gatherings Policy
Building Inspection Policy	Code of Conduct for Employees
Council Member Casual Vacancy Policy	Access to Council Meetings, Council Committees and Council Documents Policy
Code of Conduct for Elected Members	Selection of Road Names Policy
Elected Members Allowances and Support Policy	Internal Financial Control Policy
Customer Complaints, Service and Comments Policy	Swimming Pool Inspection Policy
Caretaker Policy	Fair Treatment Policy
Prudential Management Policy	Hardship Policy
Risk Management Framework	Outdoor Business Policy
Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy	Waste Management Policy
Rating Policy	Social Media Policy
Tree Management Policy	
Safe Environment Policy	
Unsealed Roads Policy	

3.3 Other Council documents

Other documents which can be accessed on Council's website include:

Animal Management Plan	Annual Business Plans
Annual Reports	Asset Management Long-Term Program
Council By-laws	Council and Committee Agendas
Council and Committee Minutes	Development Plan
Environmental Health Management Plan	Fees and Charges Schedule
Infrastructure and Asset Management Plans	Long-Term Financial Plan
Strategic Plan	Audit Committee terms of reference
Register of Salaries	Annual Budget

3.4 Other information requests

Requests for other information not publicly available will be considered in accordance with the FOI Act. Under this legislation, applicants seeking access to documents held by Council need to provide sufficient information to enable the correct documents to be identified and must complete the required application form and lodge it at the Council offices.

Applications must be in writing and must specify that it is made under s13 of the FOI Act.

If the documents relate to the applicant's personal affairs, proof of identity may be requested. Requests will be dealt with as soon as practicable (and in any case, within 30 days) after receipt. If documents are being sought on behalf of another person relating to their personal affairs, Council may ask for a consent form signed by that person.

Forms of access may include inspection or copies (subject to copyright laws) of documents, hearing and/or viewing of audio and/or video tapes, transcripts of recorded documents, transcripts of words recorded in shorthand or encoded form, or the reproduction of documents from digitised information.

Council, on receiving a FOI application, may assist the applicant to direct the application to another agency or transfer the application to another agency if appropriate.

If Council refuses access to a document, the District Council of Kimba must issue a certificate stating why the document is a restricted document.

In rare cases, retrieving the requested information involves considerable staff time. It is important to specify what is required as clearly as possible so staff can assist quickly and efficiently. If extraordinary staff time is required to comply with an information request, charges may apply.

All general enquiries on FOI Act issues should be directed to Council's Freedom of Information Officers, which are the Chief Executive Officer and Manager Corporate Services.

4 **Freedom of Information Application Fees and Processing Charges**

Approved application fees are set in the *Freedom of Information (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2018*. A cheque/money order/cash for the appropriate amount must be forwarded to Council with the Freedom of Information Application. Processing charges may also apply for dealing with the application. These are set in the Freedom of Information Regulations and may include some free time when the request relates to the personal affairs of the applicant.

Schedule	Fees and Charges as at 1 July 2021
On application for access to an agency's documents (section 13(c))	\$38.25
For dealing with an application for access to an agency's documents and in respect of the giving of access to the document (section 19(1)(b) and (c))— (a) In the case of a document that contains information	

concerning the personal affairs of the applicant— (i) for up to the first 2 hours spent by the agency in dealing with the application and giving access no charge (ii) for each subsequent 15 minutes so spent by the agency	No charge \$14.40
(b) in any other case – for each 15 minutes so spent by the agency	\$14.40
Where access is to be given in the form of a photocopy of the document (per page)	20 cents
Where access is to be given in the form of a written transcript of words recorded or contained in the document (per page)	\$8.55
Where access is to be given in the form of a copy of a photograph, x-ray, video tape, computer tape or computer disk the actual cost incurred by the agency in producing the copy	The actual cost incurred by the agency in producing the copy
Postage or delivery charges	The actual cost incurred by the agency
An application for review by an agency of a determination made by the agency under Part 3 of the Act	\$38.25

Fees will be waived for disadvantaged persons, as set in the Freedom of Information Regulations. i.e. No fee is required for current concession holders or if payment of the fee would cause financial hardship. At all times Council retains a discretion to waive, reduce or remit a fee for any reason it thinks fit.

If, in the Council's opinion, the cost of dealing with an application is likely to exceed the application fee, an advance deposit may be requested. The request will be accompanied by a notice that sets out the basis on which the amount of the deposit has been calculated. The Freedom of Information Officer will endeavour to work with the applicant to define the scope of the request and the costs involved.

Freedom of Information requests to the District Council of Kimba are to be addressed to:

Freedom of Information Officer
District Council of Kimba
PO Box 189
Kimba SA 5641

An FOI application form is available on Council's website. Alternatively, the form is available to be downloaded from the State Records of South Australia by clicking [here](#).

5 Amendment to Council records

Under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*, persons may request a correction to any information about themselves that is incomplete, incorrect, misleading or out of date.

To gain access to these Council records, a person must complete and lodge with Council an application form as indicated above outlining the records that he/she wishes to inspect.

If it is found that these require amendment, details of the necessary changes are to be lodged with Council's Freedom of Information Officer. There are no fees or charges for the lodgement, or the first two hours of processing of this type of application and where there is a significant correction of personal records and the mistakes were not the applicant's, any fees and charges paid for the original application will be fully refunded.

Schedule 1 Committees of Council

Council committees and subsidiaries

Audit Committee
Australia Day and Other State Awards Selection Committee
Bushfire Management Advisory Committee
Emergency Management Team
Work Health and Safety Committee
Kimba Tourism Committee

External committees/boards/associations

Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association

	Audit Committee Report to Council	Issued :	2022
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AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL

For the Year Ending 30 June 2022

Introduction

The Audit Committee has been formally appointed pursuant to the Local Government Act 1999 (the Act) and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2013.

The activities of the Audit Committee are governed by its Terms of Reference together with the Audit Committee work program which is updated after each meeting. These two documents ensure that Council and the Audit Committee meet legislative obligations together with many of the relevant best practice activities outlined in the LGA financial sustainability information papers.

This report provides a summary of activities undertaken by the Audit Committee during the year ending 30 June 2022.

Committee Membership and Meetings Attended

The 2021-22 Audit Committee is chaired by Mr Rob Donaldson with the other members being Cr Megan Lienert, Cr Brian Cant, Cr Peta Willmott and Mr Phil Channon.

The Audit Committee met on four (4) occasions during the financial year.

Member	Meetings Attended
Cr Megan Lienert	4
Cr Brian Cant	3
Cr Peta Willmott	4
Mayor Dean Johnson (Ex-Officio)	4
Rob Donaldson (Chair)	4
Phil Channon (Independent Person)	4

Council has appointed a person independent from Council as Chair of the Audit Committee in line with sector wide best practice.

Activities

The following table summarises the work undertaken at each of the Audit Committee meetings held during the year ending 30 June 2022.

The Committee presents advice and recommendations to Council and/or Senior Staff as and when required.

October 2021 – Agenda Items
Zoom Meeting with Auditors
Audit Committee Work Program 2021 Update
Audit Committee Annual Report to Council 2020-21
Draft Annual Financial Statements 2020-21
Authority to Certify Annual Financial Statements 2020-21
Certification of Auditor Independence
Internal Controls Assessment
Review of Council Policies
December 2021 – Agenda Items
Audit Committee Work Program 2021 Update
Long Term Financial Plan 2022-31 (LTFP) Update
Report on Financial Results 2020-21
2021-2022 Budget Review #1
Auditor’s Balance Date Management Letter
Review of Council Policies
Audit Committee Work Program and Meeting Cycle 2022
Impact of Statues Amendment (Local Government Review) Act 2021 on Audit Committee Activities
March 2022 – Agenda Items
Audit Committee Work Program 2022 Update
2021-22 Budget Review #2
2022-23 Draft Annual Business Plan & Budget
Internal Financial Control Framework
Internal Controls Assessment
Review of The District Council of Kimba Business Continuity Plan
Schedule of Financial Policies to be Reviewed
Review of Council Policies
Impact of Statues Amendment (Local Government Review) Act 2021 on Audit Committee Activities

Storm Damage – January 2022
June 2022 – Agenda Items
Audit Committee Work Program 2022 Update
Final Draft 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget
Updated Long Term Financial Plan 2023-32
2021-22 Budget Review #3
2022 Interim Audit Report
Review of Council Policies
Impact of Statues Amendment (Local Government Review) Act 2021 on Audit Committee Activities
Storm Damage – January 2022
Local Government Rates Oversight Scheme Draft Framework and Approach

Elected Member Training

Conflict of Interest training was scheduled and carried out for the 2021-22 financial year.

Audit Committee Training was also provided to the two new members of the committee along with related Council staff.

Additional training and ongoing situation specific training is being provided to the Chair on an as needs basis with the advisor to the Audit Committee attending each meeting.

Conclusions

The Audit Committee has maintained and appreciates a respectful and productive relationship with Council Staff and consultant advisors and the external auditor, focusing on financial sustainability, compliance, due diligence, and risk management.

Rob Donaldson

Independent Audit Committee Chair

4 October 2022

ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022

EYRE PENINSULA

REGIONAL ASSESSMENT PANEL



**THE CITY OF PORT LINCOLN, DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CEDUNA, DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CLEVE,
DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON, DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FRANKLIN HARBOUR, DISTRICT
COUNCIL OF KIMBA, DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOWER EYRE PENINSULA, DISTRICT COUNCIL OF
STREAKY BAY, DISTRICT COUNCIL OF TUMBY BAY AND WUDINNA DISTRICT COUNCIL**

ANNUAL REPORT

The Eyre Peninsula Regional Assessment Panel (EPRAP) Terms of Reference requires the Assessment Manager to present an annual report detailing the EPRAP's activities to each of the member Councils, before 30 September each year.

This report provides details of the activities of the EPRAP for the preceding financial year, being from 1 July 2021 until 30 June 2022. The member Councils have been operational under the new planning system (under the Planning Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 [PDI Act]) for approximately two years. Phase 2 Councils commenced on 31 July 2020, whilst Port Lincoln as a Phase 3 Council became operational on 19 March 2021.

Governance matters

Throughout the reporting period the following governance matters were addressed:

- Annual report requirements
- Delegation limitations for Powers of an Assessment Panel
- Site Inspection for panel members (as needs basis)
- Time elapsing for decisions and delegations to Assessment Manager
- Updates for amendments to delegations Instrument C – Powers of An Assessment Panel
- Consideration to the appointment of a deputy panel member
- Amendment to Meeting Procedures

EPRAP Membership

The EPRAP membership is comprised of five panel members as per the below:

- Rob Donaldson – Presiding Member
- Alex Mackenzie – Independent Member
- Cheryle Pedler – Independent Member
- Darren Starr – Independent Member
- Jodie Isle – Independent Member

Meeting Attendance

The EPRAP held its first meeting for this reporting period on 9 August 2021 and discussed and resolved administrative matters relating to the ongoing operation of the Panel. Eight subsequent meetings (9 in total) were held by the Panel during the reporting period, with a total of 8 development applications considered, ie, two development applications lodged under the Development Act 1993, with the remaining six development applications lodged under the PDI Act.

All panel meetings have been and will continue to be held in a hybrid format with attendance by Panel members, Council staff, consultants, applicants and representors either in the City of Port Lincoln Council Chamber or electronically via Zoom teleconference. To ensure continuity of meetings in this format, the Panel, at its meeting held on 14 June 2022 adopted an amendment to its Meeting Procedures to include the option of attendance via electronic means.

Panel members' attendance at meetings throughout the reporting period is summarised in the following table:

Member	Meetings Eligible to Attend	Meetings Attended
Rob Donaldson	9	9
Alex Mackenzie	9	8
Cheryle Pedler	9	9
Darren Starr	9	8
Jodie Isle	9	9

Appeals

No appeals were lodged against determinations made by the EPRAP during the reporting period.

Statistical Snapshot

Attachment 1 of this report provides a statistical snapshot of development applications lodged across ten Council areas during the reporting period. Not all of the data is specifically relevant to the operations of the Panel and it is provided for information purposes only.

The EPRAP is the relevant authority for performance assessed forms of development predominantly where public notification is required (or due to other mitigating circumstances where the EPRAP is requested to make the decision). Where no representations are received or where no representors wish to be heard in support of their submission, delegations and sub-delegations are in place that allow the Regional Assessment Manager [RAM and/or consultants to make determinations on these applications under delegated authority (subject to any other conditions/limitations applying to the Instrument of Delegation).

There were a total of 57 applications across the ten member Councils for which the EPRAP was determined as the relevant authority (or 7.75% of the total applications), and almost 50 of those were determined by the RAM or sub-delegate exercising authority delegated by the Panel. The remaining applications – over 90% of all DAs - were determined by the RAM (or delegate) or Private Certifier (two only).

The following key points from the data are noted:

- No development applications lodged for Restricted forms of development
- Only 2 (0.27%) approvals were granted by privately certifier
- DC Lower Eyre Peninsula and City of Port Lincoln accounted for 50% of DA's and 52% of development value
- DC Ceduna only had 87 DA's lodged but with a value of \$27.59 million dollars. When added to DCLEP and CoPL, these three councils accounted for 60% of the DA volume and 82% of regional development value.

Assessment Manager

The Regional Assessment Manager continues to be responsible for the ongoing governance and operations of the Panel. In addition, the Assessment Manager provided support, advice and guidance to Council staff and consultants engaged by each of the member Councils throughout the reporting period. The Assessment Manager is the relevant authority for Deemed to Satisfy and Performance Assessed (where no public notification is required) forms of development, with delegations established to enable qualified staff or contracted consultant/s at each Council to assess and determine planning consent applications lodged within their respective Council areas.

On 10 June 2022 Jess Burns resigned her position as Regional Assessment Manager (being an employee of the City of Port Lincoln). The Panel acknowledged and thanked Ms Burns for her work and support in establishing the Panel, the regional assessment arrangements and related governance frameworks and facilitating the delivery of all of those functions.

By formal agreement the 10 member Councils appointed Ben Green as Regional Assessment Manager effective as of 10 June 2022 for a period of 5 years.

Closure

The EPRAP had a productive second year of operation, considering and determining a number of diverse development applications on the Eyre Peninsula. I thank the Panel members for their knowledge and expertise across both development assessment matters and related administrative/governance arrangements.

Thanks is also extended to the relevant staff and consultants at the member Councils for their cooperation and participation that enabled the EPRAP to continue the success of its function and operation.

A final thank you is also extended to Rachel McGuire for her diligent service preparing our Agendas and Minutes for the EPRAP meetings and assisting with my role as the Regional Assessment Manager, which I am already enjoying.



Ben Green
Regional Assessment Manager
Eyre Peninsula Regional Assessment Panel

08 September 2022

ATTACHMENT 1: EPRAP STATISTICS 01 JULY 2021 – 30 JUNE 2022

Applications Lodged per Council and Development Value

Council	DAs Lodged	Total Development Cost (millions)
DC Ceduna	87	\$27.59
DC Cleve	29	\$1.10
DC Elliston	34	\$5.13
DC Franklin Harbour	34	\$4.05
DC Kimba	21	\$0.50
DCLEP	203	\$33.31
DC Tumby Bay	122	\$12.75
DC Streaky Bay	85	\$12.26
Wudinna DC	19	\$0.64
City of Port Lincoln	228	\$35.96
Total	862	\$133.29

Total Planning Consents Across all Councils by Development Category

Development Category	No.	%
Accepted	18	2.45%
Deemed to Satisfy	48	6.53%
Performance Assessed	668	90.88%
Exempt	1	0.14%
Restricted	0	0.00%
Total	735	100%

Total Planning Consents Across all Councils by Relevant Authority

Relevant Authority	No.	%
Assessment Manager	677	91.98%
Regional Assessment Panel	57	7.75%
Accredited Professional	2	0.27%
State Planning Commission	0	0.00%
Total	735	100%

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