



Annual Report 2022-23

Working with our Rural and Coastal Communities



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From the Mayor



Lower Eyre Council welcomed three new councillors in the 2022 elections. New Councillors Isaac Taylor, Margaret Fahy and Neville Trezise bring new ideas, knowledge and expertise to the table. Returning Councillors Brett Howell, Peter Mitchell and Steve Woolley provide important continuity and stability to our governing process. I would like to

take this opportunity to thank departing Councillors Wendy Holman OAM, Alan Tingay and David Barrowcliff for their valued contributions over their respective terms.

Council welcomed Matt Grant, Executive Director of Growth and Strategy to the executive team this year who has taken on the governance of the Port Lincoln Airport, along with working on developing our first Growth and Economic Plan. Matt has already proven his worth given the breadth of his knowledge and extensive contacts in the field of Economic Growth and Strategy within the Local Government sector.

Council is fortunate to maintain strong links with Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association (EPLGA). These links have been further strengthened by my role as Vice-President, South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC) member and Local Government Association of SA (LGASA) Board Member.

A joint Strategic Plan between EPLGA, Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula and the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board was developed to look at and support future growth and development on the Eyre Peninsula and we are grateful for the partnerships we have with these organisations. Council also has a long-standing partnership with the Cummins and District Financial Services and I would like to thank Braden Gale and their board for the positive relationship we share. We also thank both the Federal and State Governments for their continued support with grant opportunities that assist in maintaining and upgrading important infrastructure, such as our campgrounds which have been well received by rate payers and tourists visiting our region.

Advocacy is an important role of Council, and we continue to work with Ministers and Departments on your behalf on issues such as jetty funding, the solid waste levy, funding for the repair works on Bratten Way, an over-taking lane on Tod Highway, speed reductions in townships and beaches, and childcare and health services.

Regular business activities like unsealed road maintenance, kerbside recycling, financial planning, Policy Reviews and sound budgets continue to be a focus, with Council working hard to keep rate rises to a minimum despite a high inflation environment.

As owner operator of the Port Lincoln Airport, council is proud of the way in which we have been able to bounce back after the COVID 19 disruptions with passenger numbers now returning to pre COVID numbers. We were successful in securing a grant to fund the upgrade and replacement of the car park lighting system to LED and recently installed solar at the airport with a projected annual saving of \$25,000-\$30,000.

Screening costs at the Port Lincoln Airport continue to be of concern, however, we acknowledge funding received from the Federal Government to help offset these prices. In June I attended the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National Assembly Conference in Canberra, putting forward a recommendation to advocate for changes to legislation to ensure any airport triggering screening requires all departing passengers be screened regardless of the service they are using, implementation of ongoing grant funding to regional airports impacted by security screening legislation or a revision of the national screening funding model in recognition of the inequitable cost imposition to regional airports and travellers. Our recommendation was unanimously passed and the ALGA Board has now written to the Federal Government advocating on behalf of all regional airport owners.

Council continues to support communities through its Community Project Grants and Community Halls Support Program and I am constantly amazed at the work our communities do for the betterment of all. Supporting local events and tourism initiatives continue to be a priority for this council, along with partnerships with community groups to improve services such as the Half-Court Basketball Court and the new Sporting Club Facility in Cummins and the playground upgrade at Wangary, in support of the physical and emotional wellbeing of our communities.

Having completed the Coffin Bay Masterplan, Council has now moved forward with the Cummins Masterplan and are looking to implement actions from the Coffin Bay Masterplan in the coming months.

A highlight of the 2022/23 year was Council's inaugural Baylight Event at Coffin Bay. This event proved to be a great success with both economic and promotional exposure to our region. A huge thanks and congratulations to those staff members involved.

Doctor recruitment has been an area of concern for the surrounding communities of Cummins and Coffin Bay and Council has partnered with Lower Eyre Health Advisory Council, Cummins and District Financial Services and the Cummins Hotel Board to secure a residence to enable attraction of doctors to our region.

I am pleased to be working with Delfina and Sacheen, along with community members Chris Deslandes, Elizabeth Pool, Harry Miller, Michael Miller, Wayne Bilney and Jason Bilney towards our Reflect, Reconciliation Action Plan.

Council relies heavily on its well trained and dedicated staff, delivering the services important to our rate payers and the communities in which the live, in a timely, efficient and most importantly safe manner. This requires strong leadership and planning. This is particularly evident in the work of Chief Executive Officer, Delfina Lanzilli, Executive Director, Growth and Strategy, Matt Grant, Director Infrastructure and Development, Leith Blacker and Director Corporate Services and Community Corporate Services, Sacheen Hopewell. The leadership and guidance provided by these individuals has proven invaluable to Council and me personally.

I thank fellow councillors, executive and staff for their hard work over the 2022/23 financial year and look forward to continuing to work with you to improve the lives of our rate payers.

Mayor Jo-Anne Quigley

From the CEO



It is a pleasure to present you with Lower Eyre Council's annual report for the 2022-23 financial year, which summarises our highlights and achievements over the past year.

Council's focus over this past year has been to work towards Council's vision and strategic goals by creating opportunities to grow, to connect and enhance the Eyre Peninsula region. To ensure financial sustainability, we align our practices to our Long-Term Financial Plan which is updated annually to guarantee asset management plans are refreshed as well as reflecting any new strategies and initiatives adopted by Council. This enables Council to position itself to meet ongoing challenges, whilst still enabling significant financial capacity to respond to external opportunities such as 'matched grant funding' while always remaining financially sustainable.

The Administration continues to explore opportunities to deliver cost savings and efficiencies in the delivery of the many services that Council provides. A current initiative in this regard is the review of Council's organisational structure to ensure that Council staff resources are appropriately aligned to meet the internal and external services delivery expectations both now and into the future.

Council's administration and customer services has realigned to facilitate opportunities to maintain and enhance our exceptional customer service, ensuring a consistent service, cross-skilling opportunities and messaging from Council.

We have focused upon Economic Development for the Council area by providing dedicated resourcing in this area to assist Council to best leverage the outstanding assets of the region, both natural and built, in planned, sustainable and responsible manner.

Over the last financial year, we were grateful to have received significant Commonwealth and State Government funding to complete various capital projects and the sound budget presented assures the rate payers of Council's ability to maintain our existing \$166.7 million of infrastructure and deliver services that are both sustainable and in line with our community's needs and expectations.

I would like to thank and acknowledge the Elected Members of the previous term of Council and the current term, our local community, my Executive team and all Council staff for their willingness to embrace new opportunities and overcome challenges with enthusiasm and collaboration.

In closing, I look forward to continuing to work together on making this Council area an even more incredible place to live where residents, ratepayers and businesses thrive.

CEO Delfina Lanzilli



Council Profile

The Lower Eyre Council is largely a rural community, interspaced with small country and coastal towns.

The extensive east and west coasts of Council's boundaries provide magnificent fishing and surfing beaches, complimented by breathtaking views of rugged cliffs, idyllic camping and picnic-spots and the beauty of the colour-changing Marble Ranges.

The major industries of agriculture, aquaculture, fishing and tourism are recognised as significant contributors in the State's economy.

Lowe Eyre Council encompasses an area of 4,754 square kilometres with 709 kms of coastline. The resident population is 5,910 and the Council is responsible for maintaining a road network of 1,323 kms of which 140 kms is sealed. Council owns and operates the Port Lincoln Airport, which plays a vital role in the transport system serving Eyre Peninsula.

In 2022/23, the Port Lincoln Airport experienced a 20% increase on the previous year in aircraft movements predominantly made up of general aviation (includes Fire Fighting) and increases in Regular Passenger Transport flights, of which 179,019 passengers were transported for the year.

Movement	2022-23	2021-22	Difference
RPT	6,796	5,994	+802
RFDS	1,204	1,012	+192
General Aviation	9,874	7,386	+2,488
Total	17,874	14,392	+3,482

Council owns and operates sixteen aged independent living units in Cummins. Council also owns the Coffin Bay Caravan Park and the operation of this facility is leased to private operators.

The Head Office of Council is located in Cummins and the original office in Port Lincoln has been retained as a Branch Office. Works Depots and staff are located in Cummins and at the Port Lincoln Airport. At 30 June 2023, Council had a work force of forty-nine employees (43 FTE), a reduction from the previous year due to workforce shortages and recruitment challenges to the region, and contracts out a number of specialised functions and major projects.





Our Community

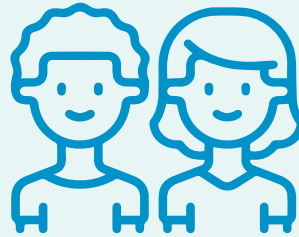


5,910
Population

3,942
Electors



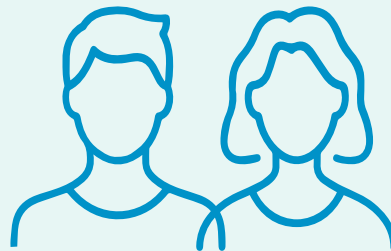
50-64yo
More than average
in SA and AU



20-39yo
Less than average
in SA and AU



1,584
Families



53% 47%
Male Female
(SA: M: 49.3%, F: 50.7%)
Median age: 44 (SA: 41)



40.1%
over 15 yo had completed
Year 12 (or equivalent)
as of 2021. This was >
Regional SA.



10.7%
residents with a tertiary
qualification was 10.7%
compared to 18.5% of the
SA population. (2016)



3,027

private
dwellings

3,762

rateable
properties

2.3

average cars
per dwelling



\$1,557

Median
weekly
income

\$1,300

Median
monthly
mortgage

\$240

Median
weekly
rent



6.4%

born overseas,
compared
with 11.6% in
regional SA

73.2%

both parents
born in
Australia. Rate
in SA is 51%

2.7%

non-english
compared to
19% of South
Australians



2,545

employed

57% worked full-time
41% part-time. (2016)



29.4%

volunteered
within the last
12 months

(Cummins rate 49%).

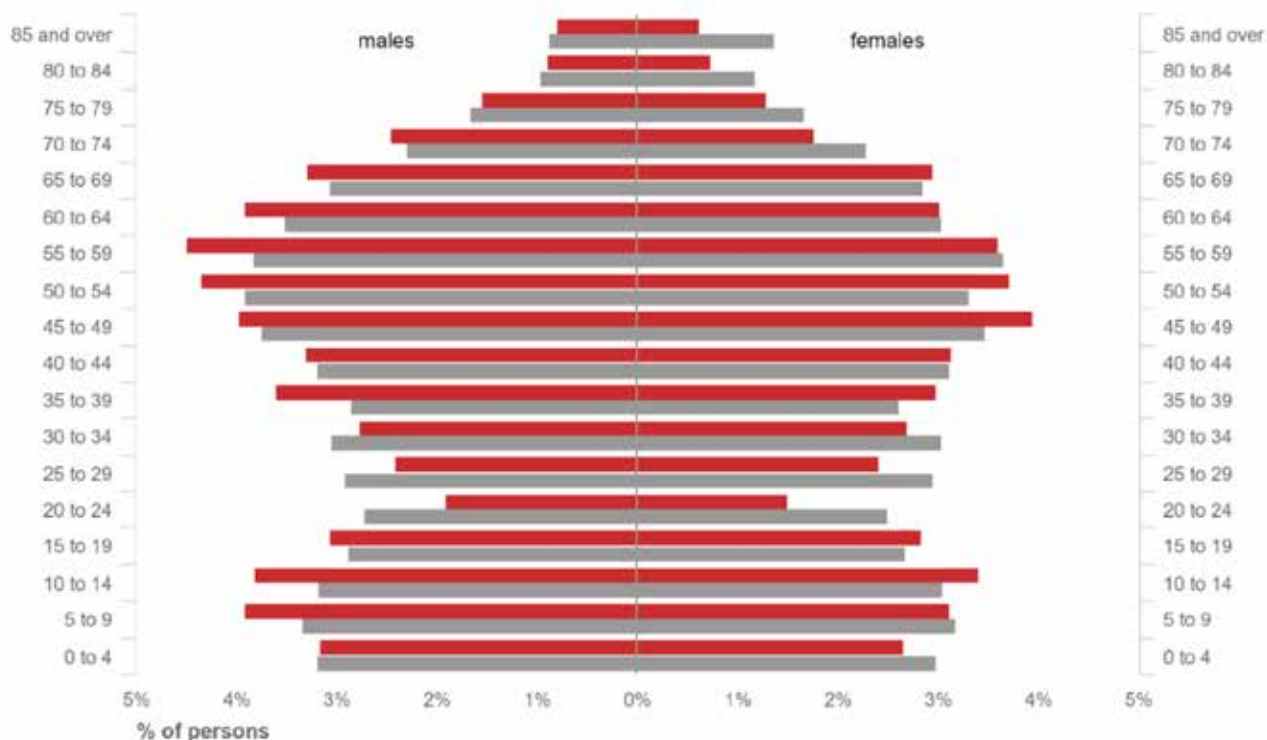


Who are we?

Age-sex pyramid, 2021

District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula

RDA Eyre Peninsula Region



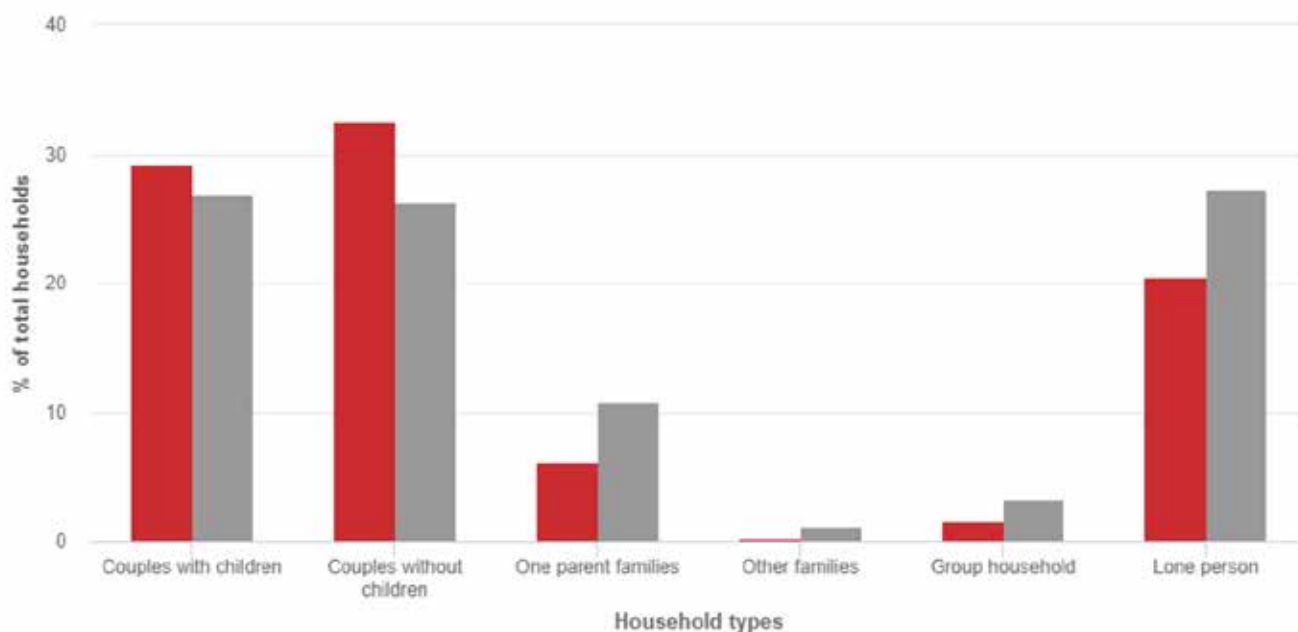
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Household type, 2021

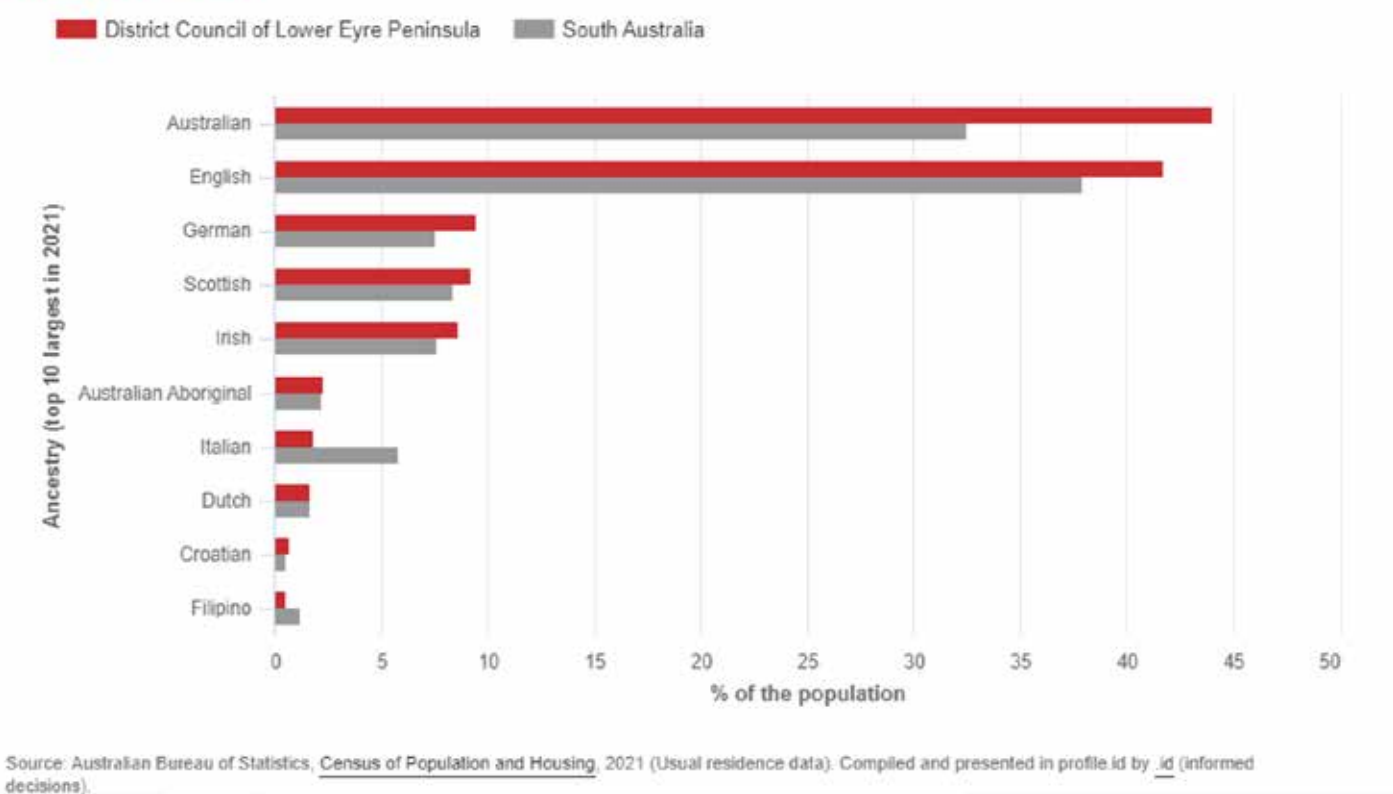
District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula

South Australia



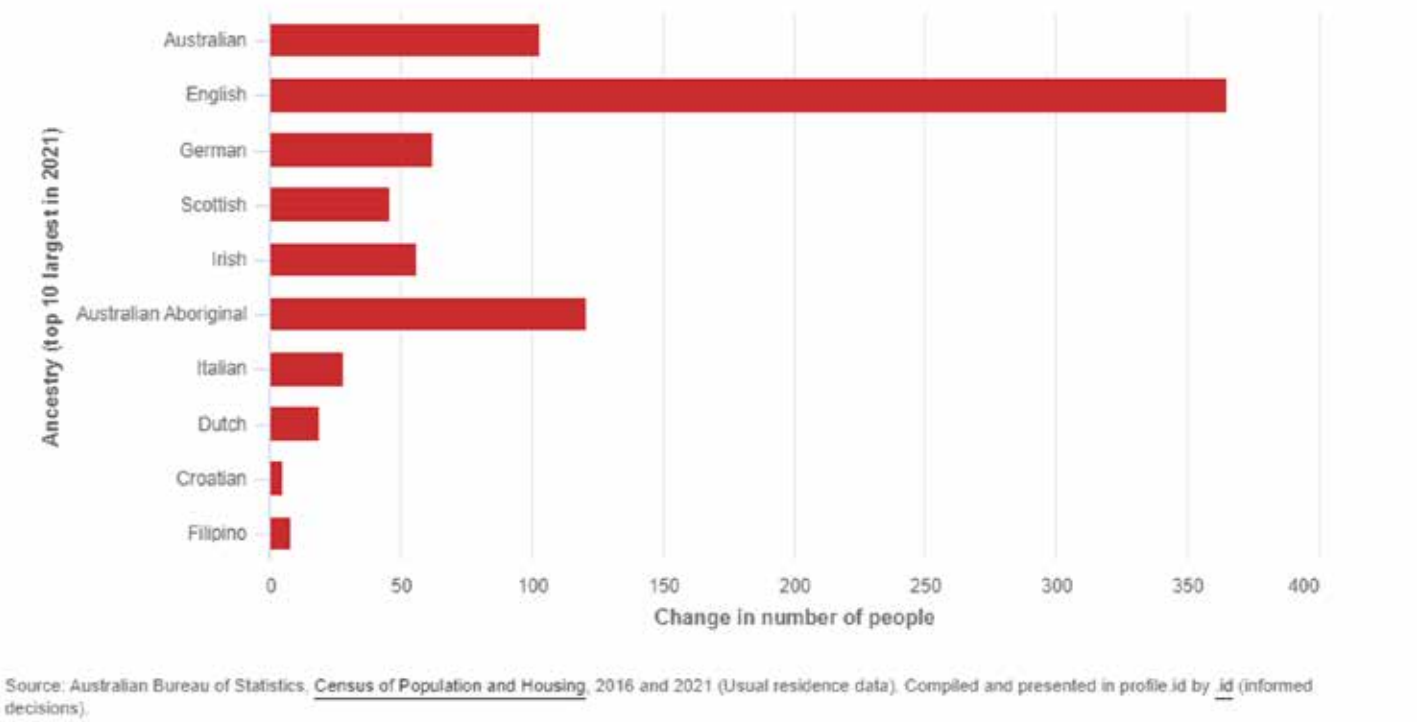
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Ancestry, 2021



Change in ancestry, 2016 to 2021

District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula

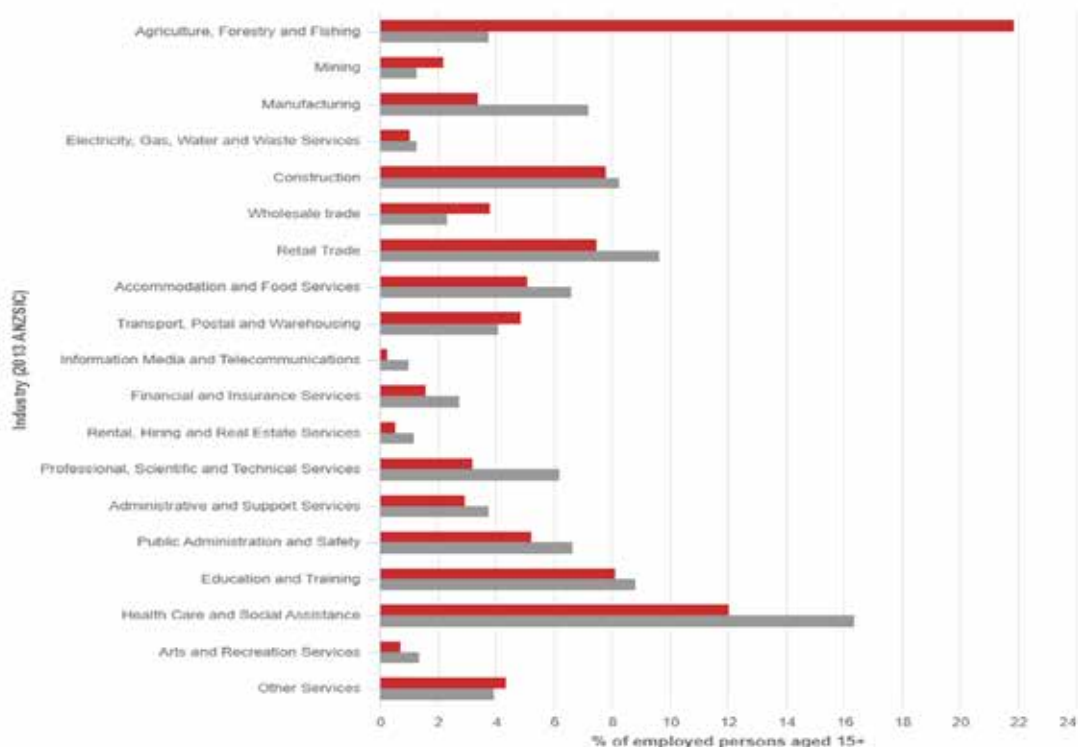


Our Industries

Industry sector of employment, 2021

Total employed persons

■ District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula ■ South Australia



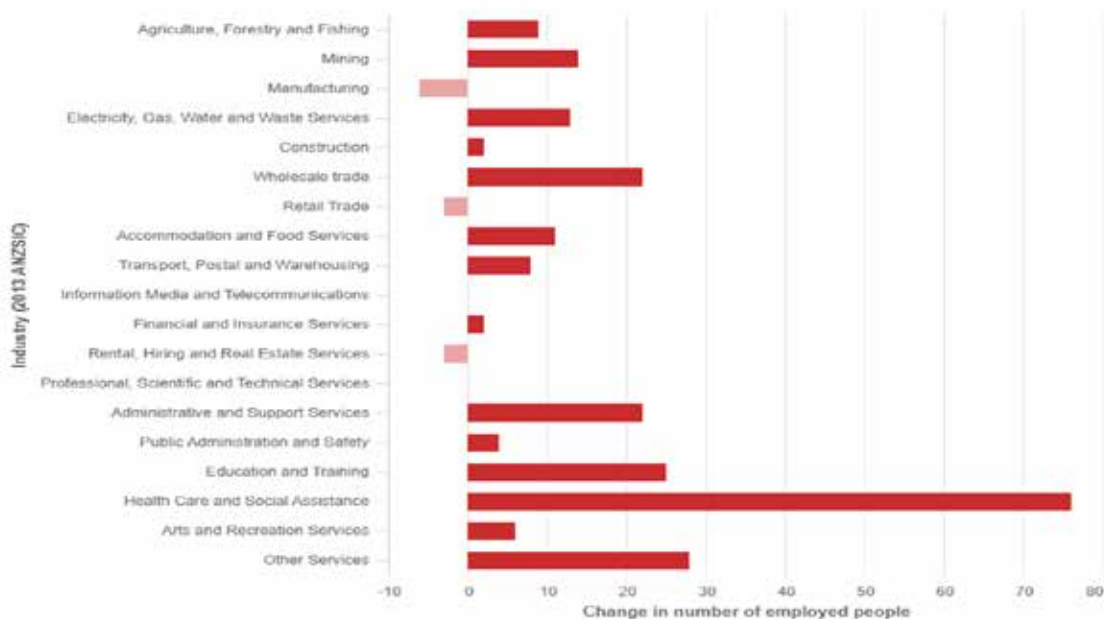
Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile id by id (informed decisions).

The major differences between the jobs held by the population of the District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula and South Australia were:

- A larger percentage of persons employed in agriculture, forestry and fishing (21.9% compared to 3.8%)
- A smaller percentage of persons employed in health care and social assistance (12.1% compared to 16.4%)
- A smaller percentage of persons employed in manufacturing (3.4% compared to 7.2%)
- A smaller percentage of persons employed in professional, scientific and technical services (3.2% compared to 6.2%)

Change in industry sector of employment, 2016 to 2021

District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula - Total employed persons



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2016 and 2021 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile id by id (informed decisions).

Our Council





57
Food business
inspections:
(including follow
ups)



14,177
drums were handed
in/inspected October
2023, a 3,789 increase
on 2021-22



200
Creating
Connections users
per annum



354,125
increase on 2021-22
My local service
downloads, a 125
increase on 2021/22

2.4k
Facebook followers



36
Onsite
wastewater
inspections

29
Onsite
wastewater
approvals

227
Properties desludged
(Tulka, North Shields and parts of Cummins)



185
Second and Final
Letters for Fire
Prevention

85
Fire Permits Granted



1,280
recorded customer
requests

Council Information



Council Boundary History

The District Council of Port Lincoln was proclaimed on 1 January 1880, and at this time its area comprised only the Hundred of Lincoln. Following the passing of the District Council's Act No. 419 of 1887 the area of the District Council of Port Lincoln was extended on 5 January 1888 to include the remainder of the County of Flinders and all the surrounding islands.

On 3 July 1890 the Hundreds of Kiana, Mitchell and Shannon were added to the Council area. The Hundreds of Yaranyacka, Koppio and Stokes were severed from the District Council of Port Lincoln and together with other areas formed the District Council of Tumby Bay - promulgated on 21 June 1906.

On 18 August 1921, an area of 2,153 hectares was severed from the District Council of Port Lincoln to become the Corporate Town of Port Lincoln, with the remainder of the area becoming known as the District Council of Lincoln.

On 21 March 1935, approximately 1,214 hectares was severed from the Corporation of Port Lincoln and re-annexed to the District Council of Lincoln. On 1 July 1981, an area of 1,970 hectares was severed from the District Council of Lincoln and annexed to the Corporation of the City of Port Lincoln and on 1 July 1982, an area of 1,634 hectares was severed from the District Council of Lincoln and annexed to the District Council of Tumby Bay.

The Council area was divided into five wards until 1938, when on 7 April, the area was further divided to create six wards, with one Councillor for each ward. This remained until 20 February 1947, when the number of Councillors for Mortlock Ward was increased to two, effective from the first Saturday in July.

On 19 November 1987, a proclamation was gazetted re-dividing the area into four wards, whilst maintaining the number of Councillors at seven. These changes took effect on 1 January 1989.

On 21 January 1988, by proclamation in the government Gazette, the name of the Council was changed to the District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula. On 7 April 1994, a proclamation appeared in the Government Gazette to abolish the ward boundaries and the seven Councillor memberships were retained.

Main Office

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9am-5pm

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Facebook: Lower Eyre Council @lowerepcouncil

Linkedin: [linkedin.com/company/lowereyrecouncil](https://www.linkedin.com/company/lowereyrecouncil)

BRANCH OFFICE

Open to public: Mon-Fri, 9am-1pm

Street Address: 38 Washington Street, Port Lincoln

Postal Address: PO Box 130, Port Lincoln SA 5606

Phone: 8623 0600

Email: development@dclep.sa.gov.au

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Ordinary Council meetings are held at 9am in Council Chambers (32 Railway Terrace, Cummins) on the third Friday of every month.



Elected Members



Photo (L-R): Current Elected Members – Deputy Mayor Steve Woolley, Mayor Jo-Anne Quigley, Cr Peter Mitchell, Cr Margie Fahy, Cr Brett Howell, Cr Isaac Taylor, Cr Neville Trezise

Current Elected Members		Meetings Possible	2022/23 Meetings Attended:	Apologies	Absent
Mayor J T Quigley	Councillor: 2010 – Current Mayor: 2018 - Current	13	11	2	0
Cr P L Mitchell	Councillor: 2010 – Current Deputy Mayor: 2018 – Current	13	13	0	0
Cr S Woolley	Councillor: 2018 - Current	13	13	0	0
Cr B Howell	Councillor: 2018 - Current	13	12	1	0
Cr M Fahy	Councillor: 2022 - Current	7	7	0	0
Cr I Taylor	Councillor: 2012– Current	7	7	0	0
Cr N Trezise	Councillor: 2022 - Current	7	5	2	0
Outgoing Elected Members					
Cr W Holman	Councillor: Feb 2003-2006 Councillor: 2010 – 2022	6	6	0	0
Cr A Tingay	Councillor: 2018 - 2022	6	5	1	0
Cr D Barrowcliff	Councillor: 2019 – 2022	6	4	2	0

Elected Member Allowances

All Council members receive an annual allowance as set by the Remuneration Tribunal of South Australia for each election period, with periodic adjustments (based upon a formula) taking effect on 1 November annually thereafter for the term of the governing period.

The Lower Eyre Council is classed as a Group 4 Council, with current remuneration for Elected Members as follows:

- An allowance of \$43,820 per annum for the position of Chairperson or Mayor;
- An allowance of \$13,694 per annum for the position of Deputy Chairperson or Deputy Mayor;
- An allowance of \$10,955 per annum, per Councillor
- A travel time allowance of \$454 per annum for Councillors (excluding Principal Members) that reside between 30 to 50kms from the principal office of Council (currently no Elected Members)
- A travel time allowance of \$775 per annum for Councillors (excluding Principal Members) that reside between 50 to 75kms from the principal office of Council (currently three Elected Members)
- A travel time allowance of \$1,162 per annum for Councillors (excluding Principal Members) that reside between 75kms to 100kms from the principal office of Council (currently one Elected Members)
- A travel time allowance of \$1,649 per annum for Councillors (excluding Principal Members) that reside greater than 100kms from the principal office of Council (currently no Elected Members)
- Travel reimbursement for Council events in line with the travel reimbursement mileage rates as set by the Australian Taxation Office.

Reimbursements were also provided to Elected Members for eligible expenses in line with Section 77 of the Local Government Act 1999 and Council policy GOV-POL- 04 – Council Members allowances and benefits.



Training and Conferences

DATE	TRAINING	ATTENDANCE
4/07/2022	Behaviour management training.	Quigley
5/12/2022	Mandatory Elected Member training	Quigley, Mitchell, Woolley, Fahy, Trezise, Taylor, Howell
29/03/2023	Mandatory Elected Member training	Quigley, Mitchell, Woolley, Fahy, Taylor, Howell
	MAJOR CONFERENCE / SEMINARS	ATTENDANCE
17/08/2023	Tri-Council	Quigley, Woolley, Howell
2/09/2022	EPLGA	Quigley
14/09/2022	SAROC	Quigley
13/09/2022	CAPA summit	Quigley
23/09/2023	EPLGA Conference	Quigley, Mitchell, Holman, Howell, Woolley
28/9/232	SA Coastal Alliance Forum	Quigley
18/10/2023	EP Landscape Board meeting	Tingay
26/10/2022	Women in space forum	Quigley
27/10/2023	LGA Conference	Quigley
28/10/2022	SAROC	Quigley
15-16/11/2022	AAA Conference	Quigley
1/12/2022	EPLGA meeting	Quigley, Woolley
14/12/2023	Tri-Council	Quigley, Fahy, Taylor, Woolley, Howell
1-2/03/2023	SAROC	Quigley
2-3/03/2023	LGA Board meeting	Quigley
17/03/2023	EPLGA Conference	Quigley, Woolley, Mitchell, Fahy, Howell, Taylor
24/03/2023	State Government / Local Government Economic Partnership forum	Quigley
27/03/2023	Eyre and Western regional planning workshop	Quigley
13/04/2023	LGA Ordinary meeting	Quigley
3/05/2023	Hand off billy lights forum	Quigley, Taylor
2/06/2023	EPLGA Board meeting	Quigley, Woolley
13-16/06/23	AAA Conference	Quigley

Interstate and International Travel - Elected Member

In line with Regulation 35(2)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2013, below is a summary of the details (and costs) of any interstate and international travel undertaken by members of the council during 2022/23 funded in whole or in part by the Council.

INTERSTATE	COST	ATTENDED BY
Australian Local Government Association Annual Conference – Canberra	\$3,706	Mayor Quigley
INTERNATIONAL	COST	ATTENDED BY
Nil.	\$0	Nil.

Public Meetings and Events

Public meetings and events held throughout the year were as follows:

DATE	EVENT	
9/08/2022	Meet and Greet, Dutton Bay, Green Patch and Louth Bay	Quigley, Mitchell (Dutton only), Barrowcliff, Howell, Woolley
11/08/2023	Meet and Greet, Kapinnie	Quigley, Howell, Woolley
18/08/2022	Elected Member information session (Elections) - Cummins	Quigley, Woolley
22/08/2023	Elected Member information session (Elections) - Coffin Bay	Quigley
23/08/2022	Elected Member information session (Elections) - Louth	Woolley
8/06/2023	Budget consultation meeting	Woolley, Mitchell, Howell

Internal Workshops and Briefings

Informal gatherings or discussions are periodically held in accordance with section 90(a) of the Local Government Act 1999, including:

- planning sessions associated with the development of policies and strategies;
- briefing or training sessions on relevant topics or policies;
- workshops; and
- social gatherings to encourage informal communication between members or between members and staff.

DATE	DETAILS	ATTENDANCE
1/08/2022	Cummins Masterplan	Quigley, Mitchell, Holman, Barrowcliff, Tingay, Woolley, Howell
15/08/2022	Council inspection day	Quigley, Mitchell, Holman, Barrowcliff, Tingay, Woolley, Howell
18/11/2022	Council Induction Training	Quigley, Mitchell, Woolley, Fahy, Taylor, Howell, Trezise
13/02/2023	New Council Briefing Session	Quigley, Mitchell, Woolley, Fahy, Taylor, Howell, Trezise
6/03/2023	New Council Briefing Session	Quigley, Mitchell, Woolley, Fahy, Taylor, Howell
29/03/2023	Workshop – Cummins Master plan	Quigley, Mitchell, Woolley, Fahy, Taylor, Howell
17/04/2023	Workshop - Airport and council rating review	Quigley, Mitchell, Woolley, Fahy, Taylor, Howell
1/05/2023	Budget workshop	Quigley, Mitchell, Woolley, Fahy, Taylor, Howell
19/06/2023	Council workshop – Council structure and digital transformation	Quigley, Mitchell, Holman, Barrowcliff, Tingay, Woolley, Howell

Gifts and Benefits - Elected Members

In line with Regulation 35(2)(d) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2013, below is a summary of the details (and costs) of any gifts or benefits above the value of \$50 provided to members of the Council during 2022/23 funded in whole or in part by the Council.

ESTIMATED COST	DETAILS	PROVIDED TO:
\$50-100	Compound Car Parking Key – Port Lincoln Airport	All members (Mayor Declined parking key)

Human Resources

The Lower Eyre Council believes it has a social responsibility towards all members of its community and aims to create an employment environment which reflects the values and needs of the community. Accordingly, the Lower Eyre Council is firmly committed to the principle of equal employment opportunity for all Staff.

Council's policies reflect commitment to create a workplace that is free of discrimination and in which all people are permitted equal access and opportunity to progress to the full extent of their ability. All non-contracted positions are advertised internally to staff prior to seeking applications from the open market to provide professional development opportunities, encourage growth and retention of current staff members.

Council also have a Consultative Committee in place which meets concurrently with the Work Health and Safety committee to discuss policy matters related to employment and form an Enterprise Bargaining Agreement committee made up of staff representatives prior to review of the Enterprise Agreement every three years.

Staffing

Council employs forty-three staff (FTE), the majority working under a collective Enterprise Bargaining Agreement. Contract roles include four executive team members and two additional senior contract roles as follows:

Executive Team

- | | |
|--|------------------|
| • Chief Executive Officer | Deflina Lanzilli |
| • Director of Corporate Services and Community | Sacheen Hopewell |
| • Director of Development and Environmental Services | Leith Blacker |
| • Executive Director, Growth and Strategy | Matt Grant |



Executive Management Team: (L-R). Sacheen Hopewell, Matt Grant, Deflina Lanzilli, Leith Blacker

Senior Contract Roles

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| • Airport Operations Manager | Peter O'Rielly |
| • Works Manager | Gary Jutzen |

All of the above positions receive as part of their Total Employment Cost Package:

Manager Cash component ranging from \$105,000-\$120,000

Director Cash component ranging from \$125,000- \$194,000

CEO \$215,000 cash component

Superannuation (at statutory rates)

Mobile Phone and Laptop

Private use of a Council vehicle (Exec and Works Manager only)

Administration

Interstate and International Travel - Staff

In line with Regulation 35(2)(c) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2013, below is a summary of the details (and costs) of any interstate and international travel undertaken by staff of the council during 2022/23 funded in whole or in part by the Council.

INTERSTATE	COST	ATTENDED BY
Australian Local Government Association Annual Conference – Canberra	\$3,877	Delfina Lanzilli
INTERNATIONAL	COST	ATTENDED BY
Nil.	\$0	Nil.

Gifts and Benefits - Staff

In line with Regulation 35(3) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2013, below is a summary of the details (and costs) of any gifts or benefits above the value of \$50 provided to staff of the Council during 2022/23 funded in whole or in part by the Council.

ESTIMATED COST	DETAILS	PROVIDED TO:
Nil	Nil.	Nil.

Legal Costs

Section 131 (1a) requires that the annual report must include the amount of legal costs incurred by the Council in the relevant financial year.

Area	Amount
Works and Infrastructure Advice	\$11,843
Administration and Governance	\$35,437
Debt Recovery	\$4,336
Development and Regulating	\$7,385
Airport	\$2,560
Total	\$61,561



Credit Card Costs

Section 35(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2013 requires the annual report include a statement of the total amount of expenditure incurred using credit cards provided by the Council for use by members or employees of the council during the relevant financial year.

Council do not issue credit cards to Elected Member and only the Executive and Senior Management Team are provided with credit cards to assist procuring goods and services for Council operations. Credit cards are considered to be a necessary part of Council operations as most businesses, travel and transport companies will not issue invoices for general operational costs incurred.

Details	Amount
Travel	\$38,748
Accommodation	\$ 7,694
Council meetings	\$2,776
Subscriptions	\$6,144
Motor Vehicle Expenses	\$6,207
Professional Memberships	\$ 1,333
Conferences / Seminars / Trainings	\$10,020
Employment	\$570
Stationery / Minor Consumables	\$ 1,007
Special Events	\$2,592
IT and Minor Office Equipment	\$8,278
Building / Planning	\$666
Consultants	\$3,587
Other	\$2,740
Credit Card Fees	\$272
Total	\$ 92,634

Customer Requests

Staff record incoming requests and complaints in an electronic records system and allocate Responsible Officers for addressing each item, within given time periods. This information is used to ensure items are addressed in a timely, effective and equitable way as well as being used as data on which to consider improvement to services and operations.

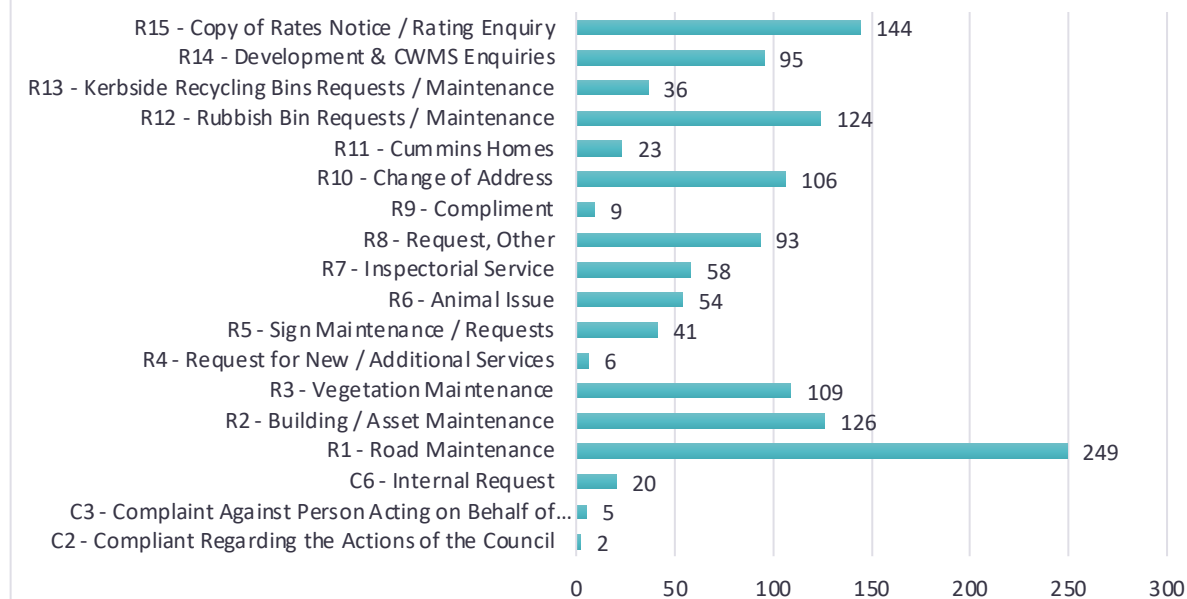
During the 2022/23 year, 1280 requests for services were recorded in Council's records management system in the following categories:

REQUEST TYPE	NUMBER
Request – Other	93
Inspectorial service	58
Animal issue	54
Sign Maintenance / Requests	41
Request for New / Additional Services	6
Vegetation Maintenance	109
Building / Asset Maintenance	126
Cummins Homes Maintenance Requests	23
Road Maintenance	249
Rubbish bin requests	124
Complaint Regarding the Actions of the Council	2
Complaint Against Person Acting on Behalf of Council	5
Compliment	9
Complaint Regarding Goods / Services Council has Provided	0
Complaint - Other	0
Kerbside Recycling Bin Requests / Maintenance	36
Development Enquiries	95
Copy of Rates Notices / Rates Enquiries	144
Rates Change of Address	106
TOTAL (excludes calls that can be dealt with at the time of enquiry)	1280

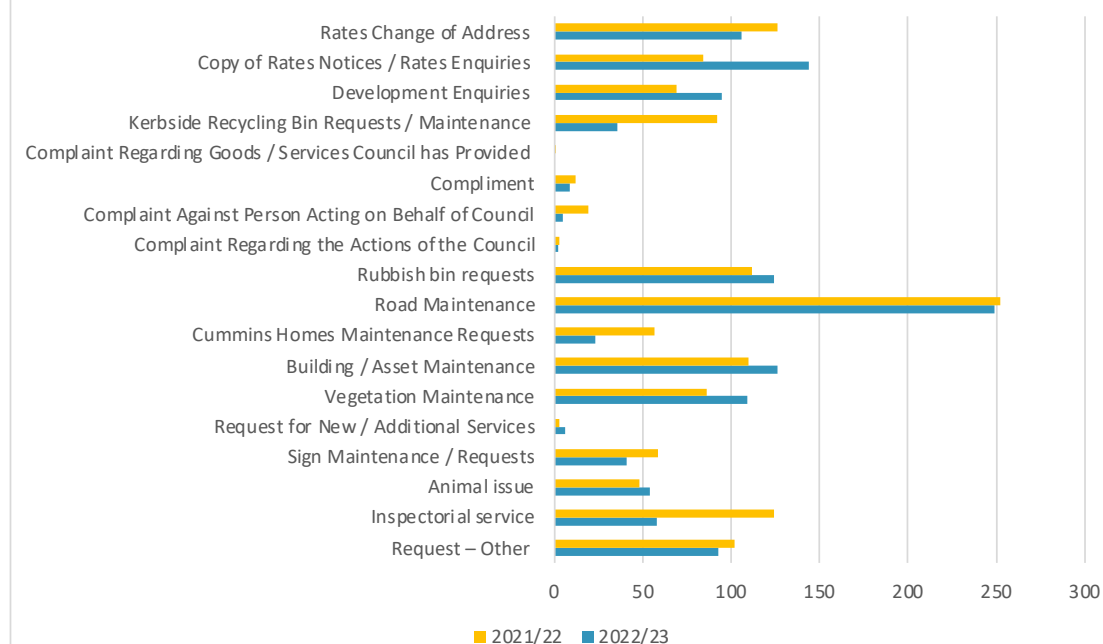
It is worth noting that the above excludes general enquiries that were able to be quickly answered by customer service staff without the requirement to record a customer entry. The above table represents a decrease of 79 recorded customer enquiries over the previous year, largely attributable to additional staff training enabling resolution on matters at the time of the customer enquiry.

Council implemented the 'My Local Services' application in 2020/21, facilitated by the Local Government Association of South Australia which has provided customers with the ability to record an issue and send it to council from their mobile phone.

Customer Requests - 2022/23



Customer Request Comparison - 2021/22 vs 2022/23



Service Delivery

This Council uses a variety of options to ensure the cost-effective delivery of services. These include:

- Waste collection and disposal is subject to competitive tendering.
- Operation of waste transfer stations is undertaken by Council employees.
- Council's public convenience cleaning is subject to competitive tendering.
- The majority of Council's gardening and footpath maintenance is undertaken by a combination of contracting by competitive tendering and utilising Council's workforce and equipment.
- Bitumen work not undertaken by Council staff, including maintenance and new work, is subject to competitive tendering.

- The construction of open surface roads is a significant part of Council's ongoing service delivery program. The method of delivering this service is a combination of Council staff and equipment charged out on hourly hire rates and contractors paid at unit rates. This has been found to be the most cost-effective method to undertake this type of work over many years. The contract component relies on production rates to generate contractor payments and the Council staff component is aimed at ensuring standards and quality requirements are met without excessive supervision costs.
- The construction of sealed roads is also undertaken using a combination of contract components and Council staff and equipment charged out at hourly hire rates.
- Staff regularly benchmark the unit costs of Council work against other Councils and contractors to ensure cost-effective outcomes.
- All major projects of a specialised nature, such as the crushing of road base material or specialist project planning, are subject to a competitive tendering process.
- Council's work teams are given an opportunity to tender for all services which are subject to a competitive tendering process.
- Council's Policy regarding purchasing procedures includes: Providing reasonable opportunity for competitive local businesses to supply to Council and do so by providing a minimum 10% weighting on all procurement activities above \$75,000 in value.
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Elector Comparison

COUNCIL	ELECTORS	MEMBERS	REP QUOTA
Adelaide Plains	7050	10	705
Clare and Gilbert Valleys	6850	10	685
Coorong	3864	8	483
Grant	5607	10	560
Kangaroo Island	3668	10	366
Lower Eyre Peninsula	3882	7	554
Mid Murray	6870	9	763
Naracoorte Lucindale	5833	11	530
Renmark Paringa	6626	9	736
Tatiara	4459	10	445
Average	5471	9	583

In 2020/21, DCLEP moved from being classified as a Rural Agricultural Medium classification to Rural Agricultural Large (Australian Classification of Local Governments).

As depicted in the table to the right outlining comparable Rural Agricultural Large Councils in South Australia, as at 30 June 2023, the number of electors for the area was 3,882 with 7 Councillors constituting the Council, resulting in a "representation quota" of 554.

Representation Review

The Local Government Act 1999 requires a Council to undertake a ‘Representation review’ at regular intervals determined by the Minister for Local Government.

An elector representation review gives Councils and their community the opportunity to examine their present composition and structure and allows the opportunity to plan and implement changes that will better reflect the future requirements of their community.

The Lower Eyre Council was prescribed to conduct this review in 2017 and following consultation with the community resolved to:

- Make no change to the name of the Lower Eyre Council
- Continue electing the Principal Member of Council from amongst the Council Members;
- Retain area representation instead of dividing the district into wards; and,
- Retain seven elected members.

Council’s next review is scheduled for October 2024 at which time the community will be provided with opportunity to provide comment through surveys, meetings and workshops.

Community Engagement

Council have adopted a Community Engagement Strategy (available on Council’s website) identifying groups within the community that can be utilised by Council as community sounding boards. These groups are invited to all public meetings held, and meet and greet sessions are held from time to time across the Council district at which Council can hear updates on group activities and receive information and feedback on suggestions for the betterment of the local communities. The Community Engagement Strategy was last reviewed by Council in March 2023.

The current Community Focus Groups are listed below:

GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coffin Bay Progress Association• Coffin Bay Tourist Association• Marble Range Community and Sports Centre• Mount Dutton Bay Progress Association• Coultas Hall Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cummins and District Enterprise Committee• Yeelanna Memorial Association• Karkoo Hall Committee• Mount Hope Soldiers Memorial Hall Committee• Youth Advisory Committee• Edillilie Memorial Progress Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• White Flat Hall Committee• Vanilla Progress Association• Big Swamp Community Group• Tulka Progress Association• North Shields Soldiers Memorial and Progress Association• Boston/ Tiatukia Rural Living Area• Louth Bay Community Club• Sleaford Bay Progress Association

Decision Making Structure

The decision-making body of Council is the full Council whose standard meeting date is on the third Wednesday of every month, with other meetings called as required. In addition to this, Council has established a number of Committees to assist with the decision-making process as follows:

Eyre Peninsula Regional Assessment Panel

On 23 July 2020, the Minister for Planning officially approved the Eyre Peninsula Regional Assessment Panel (EPRAP), in accordance with section 84 of the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 (the PDI Act) and on 31 July 2020 the EPRAP came into operation. As of the 21 September 2020 the Eyre Peninsula Regional Assessment Panel replaced the Council Assessment Panel.

Operating under the PDI Act, the EPRAP comprises of ten council areas being, the City of Port Lincoln, the District Council of Ceduna, District Council of Cleve, District Council of Elliston, District Council of Franklin Harbour, District Council of Kimba, Lower Eyre Council, District Council of Tumby Bay, District Council of Streaky Bay and Wudinna District Council.

The EPRAP is the relevant authority for considering qualifying Development Applications within the 10 council areas.

The role of the EPRAP is to make decisions on planning applications, as required, in accordance with the relevant Planning policy. All members have a keen interest in community planning and have comprehensive knowledge of the relevant legislation under which their decision making is guided. All members have the appropriate qualifications and/or experience required to undertake a development assessment role. Sitting fees for these qualified panel members per quarter are \$2,250 for the presiding member and \$1,500 per panel member (of which there are four). The costs associated with the EPRAP are divided amongst the 10 participating Councils.

EPRAP meetings are open to the public and are scheduled for the second Monday of every month at 5.30pm, or on an as need basis, at the City of Port Lincoln Council Chambers, Level One, 60 Tasman Terrace, Port Lincoln, with the Agenda being available on the participating councils website 4 days prior to the meeting.

Audit and Risk Committee

The role of the Audit and Risk Committee is to:

- Monitor and review the integrity of the financial statements of Council (including its annual report)
- Review and test the internal controls and risk management systems of Council
- Ensure arrangements are in place for public interest disclosures
- Consider and make recommendations to the Council on matters pertaining to the engagement, re-appointment and removal of the Councils external auditor and meet with the auditor as required.

Independent Members receive an allowance of \$750 per meeting attended (\$1,000 per meeting for the Chairperson) and a mileage allowance if applicable.

Bushfire Management Advisory Committee

The role of the Bushfire Management Advisory Committee:

- Provide advice to Council on local matters relating to bushfire management; and
- Provide guidance to Council's representative on the Lower Eyre Peninsula Bushfire Management Committee in relation to his / her duties as may be required from time to time.

Staff Committee

The role of the Staff Committee:

- Deal with issues pertaining to the engagement and employment management of the CEO

Cummins Homes Committee (Section 41)

The role of the Cummins Homes Committee is to:

- Consider policy issues pertaining to the management and development of the Cummins Homes complex and provide recommendations to Council regarding such issues; and
- Consider applications for tenancy of the Cummins Homes and make recommendations to the Director regarding such issues.

Cummins Doctor Accommodation Committee (Section 41)

The role of the Cummins Doctor Accommodation Committee is to:

- Engage a property manager to oversee the rental and condition of the land and buildings.
- Approve capital expenditure of no greater than \$5,000, subject to sufficient funds being available within the CDAC account.
- Approve the terms of tenancy of the doctor accommodation in consultation with the property manager.
- Approve tenancy of the doctor accommodation in any instance that the accommodation is not required by a local doctor

Friends of Poonindie Cemetery (Section 41)

The role of the Friends of Poonindie Cemetery Committee is to:

- To consider an improvement plan for the betterment of the Poonindie Cemetery and identify grant funding opportunities for such projects for Council consideration.
- To assist and provide feedback on future Cemetery Management Plans and other matters relating to the Cemetery as identified / requested by Council.
- To coordinate events and / or working bees as they relate to the Poonindie Cemetery which will be supervised by Council.

Friends of Cummins Cemetery (Section 41)

The role of the Friends of Cummins Cemetery Committee is to:

- To consider and develop projects for the betterment of the Cummins Cemetery and identify grant funding opportunities for such projects for Council consideration.
- To put forward ideas for Council budget and work planning consideration.
- To assist and provide feedback on future Cemetery Management Plans and other matters relating to the Cemetery as identified / requested by Council.
- To coordinate events and / or working bees as they relate to the Cummins Cemetery.

Council Regulations, Policies and Plans

Council is regulated under several Acts and / or is required to provide information under other Acts. A listing of key Acts and Plans that Council either operates under or takes guidance from includes: -

Acts and Standards

- Burial and Cremation Act 2013
- Community Titles Act 1996
- Dog and Cat Management Act 1995
- Environment Protection Act 1993 and Environment Protection (Waste to Resources) Policy 2010
- Expiation of Offences Act 1996
- Fences Act 1975
- Fines Enforcement and Debt Recover Act 2017
- Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005 and Fire and Emergency Services Regulations 2005
- Freedom of Information Act 1991
- Food Act 2001
- Heavy Vehicle National Law (South Australia) Act 2013
- Land and Business (Sale and Conveyancing) Act 1994
- Liquor Licensing Act 1997
- Local Government Act 1999
- Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016 and Local Nuisance and Litter Control Regulations 2017
- Natural Resources Management Act 2004, Natural Resources Management (General) Regulations 2005 and Natural Resources Management (Transitional Provisions - Levies) Regulations 2005
- Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016
- Public Interest Disclosure Act 2018
- Real Property Act 1886
- Electronic Conveyancing National Law (South Australia) Act 2013
- Roads (Opening and Closing) Act 1991
- Road Traffic Act 1961 (SA), Road Traffic (Miscellaneous) Regulations 2014 and Road Traffic (Road Rules – Ancillary and Miscellaneous)
- Safe Drinking Water Act 2011
- South Australian Public Health Act 2011, South Australian Public Health (Legionella) Regulations 2013, South Australian Public Health (Wastewater) Regulations 2013 and South Australian Public Health (General) Regulations 2013
- Strata Titles Act 1988
- Unclaimed Goods Act 1987
- Water Industry Act 2012 and Water Industry Regulations 2012
- Work Health and Safety Act 2012 and regulations
- Building Code of Australia + Relevant Australian Standards

Internal Plans

- Development Plan
- Strategic Plan
- Annual Business Plan
- Long Term Financial Plan
- Disaster Recovery Plan
- Asset and Infrastructure Management Plan
- Health and Ageing Plan
- Business Continuity Plan
- Emergency Management Plan
- Community Land Management Plan
- Coffin Bay Master Plan

External Plans

- South Australian Strategic Plan
- Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula Strategic Plan
- Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Strategic Plan

Delegations

At 30 June 2023, Council employed 49 staff (43 FTE) to undertake the day to day running of the organisation and to facilitate the provision of services to the community. Council have delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer who in turn delegates to appropriate members of staff to make decisions on various administrative and operational matters.

Council delegated its powers under relevant Acts to the Chief Executive Officer with a full review of the delegations undertaken in April 2023.

By-Laws

Council has adopted a number of By-Laws which came into effect 28 May 2019.

By-Law No. 1 Permits and Penalties

By-Law No. 2 Moveable signs

By-Law No.3 Roads

By-Law No. 4 Local Government Land

By-Law No. 5 Dogs

By-Law No. 6 Foreshores

Council have a schedule of review for the implementation of these By-Laws (i.e. decisions are required to be made by Council on what land or areas each of these will be applied) which has been delayed due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic

Council Policies

Council's Policy Documents are available on Council's website and for inspection or purchase at the principal office of Council, Railway Terrace, Cummins, SA 5631, between the hours of 9.00 am and 5.00 pm, Monday to Friday, excluding Public Holidays.

The following are the policies required to be kept under the Local Government Act 1999:

Section 49	Contracts and Tenders
Section 50	Public Consultation
Section 77(1)(b)	Reimbursement of Council Member Expenses
Section 78	Provision of Facilities and Support for Council Members
Section 80A	Council Member Training and Development
Section 125	Internal Control policies
Section 219	Road naming
Section 259	Order Making
Section 270	Internal review of Council decisions

A full list of Council's policy documents as at 30 June 2023 is outlined at 'Appendix A' of this report, noting that the newly elected Council have been systematically reviewing all policies held by Council since their election, with that review scheduled to conclude in December 2023.

Codes

The following Codes of Conduct are required to be kept under the Local Government Act 1999 and are also outlined in Appendix B of this report:

Section 63

Members Code of Conduct

Section 92

Code of Practice for Access to Meetings and Documents

Section 110

Employees Code of Conduct

Regulation 6 - Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013

Code of Practice for Meeting Procedures



Registers

The following are the registers required to be kept under the Local Government Act 1999 and are available on Council's website (where prescribed):

Section 68	Members Register of Interests
Section 75A(4)	Conflict of Interest register
Section 79	Members Register of Allowances and Benefits
Section 105	Officers Register of Salaries and Benefits
Section 116	Officers Register of Interests
Section 188	Fees and Charges
Section 207	Community Land Management Plans
Section 207	Community Land
Section 231	Register of Public Roads
Section 252	By-Laws
Sch. 1B (13)	Register of building upgrade agreements

Auditor Independence

Dean Newbery and Associates are Councils Auditor and during the 2022/23 financial year the remuneration paid to the Auditor was \$18,867. There were no amounts paid in non-audit fees.

Section 128 (4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999 notes the term of appointment of an auditor of a council must not exceed 5 years. As group procurement across Eyre Peninsula had occurred prior to the last auditor appointment, nine Eyre Peninsula Councils pooled together and released a joint tender for the provision of audit services to the respective Councils. While the tenderers provided figures for the external audit of individual Councils, they also included levels of discount on the basis that the successful tenderer will provide audit services to more than one Council.

Following a recommendation from the Audit Committee, Council appointed Dean Newbury and Partners for a five year period at the June 2020 meeting of Council.

Community Land

Council purchased one property that attracts the community land status in 2022/23. This property was purchased for the purpose of ensuring a house would be available for a potential doctor within the Cummins community in future. Council has established a Section 41 Committee to manage the property, with representation upon the committee of all of the funding bodies that aided in the purchase.

Community Land Management Plans are in place for relevant Council land, noting that a full review of those parcels is due to be undertaken.

National Competition Policy

Council did not conduct any category one or two “Significant Business Activities” or submit any “In House Tenders” for Council activities during the 2022/23 year.

The Port Lincoln Airport is operated by Council and is the only significant business activity of Council.

To maintain competitive neutrality Council utilise cost reflective pricing in its airport operations. Cost reflective pricing is a calculation of the cost of providing the service, taking account of the following to arrive at a price which is competitively neutral:

- The actual costs of providing the good or service on a full-cost basis
- The cost advantages of local government ownership (e.g. non-payment of taxes, lower cost of finance);
- The cost disadvantages of local government ownership (e.g. increased accountability and administration, higher award rates or costs associated with enterprise agreements); and
- Return on investment and dividend payments to local government owners.

Council received no competitive neutrality complaints during the year and Council Policies include the Council Contracts Tendering and Purchasing Policy which includes competitive tendering.

Freedom of Information

The Freedom of Information Act 1991 provides legislation and guidelines for access and provision of information to the public. If Council refuses access to a document a certificate must be issued stating the reason for the document being treated as a restricted document.

Most information and files held by the Lower Eyre Council are available for public viewing. There are some exceptions such as personal and personnel records and matters which are subject to litigation, however, information is generally readily available for viewing at no charge or at a minimal reproduction charge.

Most information is readily available without recourse to the Freedom of Information Act and members of the public are invited to discuss access to Council documents not available for inspection, free of charge or for purchase with the Chief Executive Officer.

All requests under Section 13 of the Freedom of Information Act 1991 for access to documents should be accompanied by the relevant application fee and directed in writing to:-

Freedom of Information Officer

Lower Eyre Council

PO Box 41

Cummins SA, 5631

Additional search fees may apply to requests where substantial staff time is involved to access the requested documentation. Search fees associated with the lodgement of Freedom of Information requests are determined under the Freedom of Information Regulations and prescribed updates occur annually.

Requests Received Under The Freedom of Information Act 1991

One (1) Freedom of Information requests were received in the 12 months to 30 June 2023.

Request By Public For Amendments To Council Records

The Chief Executive Officer will consider requests for amendment of Council records concerning personal affairs of a member of the public. In such instances applications are required to be addressed to:-

Chief Executive Officer

Lower Eyre Council

PO Box 41

Cummins SA, 5631

Nil (0) requests for amendments to Council Records were received in the 12 months to 30 June 2023.

Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016

Council is required to include details of the performance of its legislated functions under the Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act within the Annual report. Below is a summary of Council activities in this area for 2022/23.

- 14 x Illegal dumping investigations
- 5 x Noise investigations
- 1 x Odour investigations
- 6 x Unsightly premises investigations
- 0 x Chemical storage and spillage investigations
- 1 x Asbestos related matters investigations
- 0 x Encroachment investigations
- 2 Smoke nuisance investigations
- 0 abatement notices
- 0 expiations
- 0 application to the court

Request For Services and Improvements

Section 270 of The LG Act states that Council must develop and maintain policies, practices and procedures for dealing with any reasonable request for services or improvements to services and also in relation to any complaints regarding the actions of employees or contractors of Council.

Internal Review of Council Decisions

Council received three requests for internal review of a Council decision in the 2022/23 year. Two related to reviews of Council decisions pertaining to the community grants it had allocated from the approved Council budget and the other request was in regard to a decision made by an authorised officer regarding the housing of chickens at a property.

Council elected not to overturn any of the previous decisions in the instances listed above.

Confidentiality Provisions

Council and Council committee meetings are open to the public and attendance is encouraged with the public only excluded from the meeting where Council (or the Council committee) believes it is necessary in the broader community interest to exclude the public from the discussion (and, if necessary, the decision) of a particular matter.

The public will only be excluded when considered proper and necessary i.e. the need for confidentiality outweighs the principle of open decision-making.

Council has adopted a Code of Practice for public access to Council meetings which is available on Council's website.

Ten (10) Council meetings held during 2022/23 involved a portion of the meeting where the public were excluded.

Twenty-five (25) items of business were considered in confidence during this financial year and the decision to keep those minutes confidential must be reviewed at least annually.

Matters considered in confidence in respect to S90 (2) and (3) (a-o) of the Act included:

LG ACT	DESCRIPTION	2022/23
90 (3)(a)	Information relating to the personal affairs of a person	3
90 (3)(b)	Information that could confer a commercial advantage or prejudice the commercial position of the Council;	16
90 (3)(d)	Commercial information of a confidential nature which could prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information or confer a commercial advantage on a third party	1
90 (3)(h)	Legal Advice	2
90 (3)(j)	Information the disclosure of which would divulge information provided on a confidential basis by the Minister of the Crown or another public authority	1
90 (3)(o)	Information relating to a proposed award recipient before the presentation of the award.	2

Seventeen (17) of the Twenty-five (25) items considered in confidence during the 2022/23 financial year remain confidential as at 30 June 2023.

Twenty-three (23) confidentiality orders that were in place prior to 30 June 2022, expired, ceased to apply or were revoked during the financial year.

Thirty-six (36) confidentiality orders remain in operation at the end of the financial year in total, noting many of the orders in place relate to singular individual items / projects which remain ongoing.

Annual Business Plan

Report card against 2022/23 planned projects

AREA	PROJECT	STATUS	COMMENT
Port Lincoln Airport	Solar Project	Complete	To be completed in late 2022. Completed Nov 2022.
	Runway 15/33 and Taxiway Lighting Upgrade	Complete	Lighting upgrade completed February 2023.
Land Development	Coffin Bay, Residential Allotments	Deferred	Was deferred upon decision of Council pending development of a Masterplan for Coffin Bay township, decision of Council to progress
	Coffin Bay, Retirement Style Community Title Development	Deferred	Was deferred upon decision of Council pending development of a Masterplan for Coffin Bay township, decision of Council to progress in 2023/24
	Cummins, Residential Allotments	Deferred	Deferred upon decision of Council. Investigation and action to be completed in 2023/24
Township Development	Coffin Bay Swimming enclosure investigations	Not commenced	Scheduled for 2023/24
	Cummins Masterplan	In Progress	Plan drafted, expected completion 2023/24
	Bruce terrace, Cummins – Widening and curbing	Deferred	No contractor or staff resources for this project
	Coffin Bay Town Centre Car Park	Pending	Grant funding being applied for
Rubble Roads	Re-sheeting	In Progress	In line with budget adoption
	Replacement unsealed road stormwater pipes	In Progress	Being undertaken concurrently with resheeting projects when in area and with target budget funding
Reserves	Replace Marjorie Agars reserve shelter (\$21,400)	Not commenced	Project not commenced due to staff availability.
	Greenly Beach Coastal Campground improvements	In Progress	
	Tom Bott Campground improvements	In Progress	
	Farm Beach Campground improvements	In Progress	
	Poonindie reserve – Reserve and Drainage improvements	Complete	Consultation with community members occurred, park bench seats ordered, paths created
	Coastal Campground construction – 30k	In Progress	Some works complete with site delineation and signage works ongoing.
	Cummins Railway Triangle Upgrades	Complete	New playground, rubber softfall, perimeter fencing and footpaths installed and completed.
	Coffin Bay, North Shields, Louth Bay and Lions Park Reserve Upgrades	Complete	Playgrounds, softfall and shade sails installed and completed.

AREA	PROJECT	STATUS	COMMENT
Road Sealing	Capital Reseals	Complete	Year 3 of 3 Year Rolling Contract completed.
	Warrow Road Seal	Not commenced	Project on hold awaiting contractor availability. Expect works early 2024
	Tumby Bay Rd and Small section sealing	Deferred	Deferred to provide for other project priorities
	Flinders highway Pavement Preparation for Cold Overlay	Cancelled	Change in priorities meant preparation for Cold Overlay was no longer required
	Flinders Highway Upgrade Project	In Progress	Stage 1 completed. Stage 2 sealing to be done in 2023/24
	Boundary Road and Ford Avenue Survey and Design	Not commenced	Due staff resources and consultation with neighbour council. Planned to be undertaken in 2023/24 Year and bundled with other survey and design projects.
	Bratten Way Rehabilitation	In Progress	Special Local Roads Program Grant funding received – Undertaking stages 2 and 3 of a 10 year program
Stormwater	Coffin Bay, Stormwater Management Plan	Deferred	Grant funding received in May and June 2020 for stormwater management plan to be matched \$: \$ by Council. Project scope being developed and will be delivered in 2022/23.
	Cummins Stormwater – Open Drainage Network Improvements	Deferred	Deferred to occur in line with Warrow Road works
Stormwater	Boston and Tiatukia Lidar survey and drainage study	In Progress	LiDAR completed, but funding not forthcoming
Foreshore Construction	North Shields, Beach access	In Progress	Beach access closed . Approvals mostly achieved to allow progression to final design
Community Development	Creating Connections program	Ongoing	
	Community Grants Program	Allocated	
	Reconciliation Action Plan	Ongoing	
	Baylight Festival	Complete	Attracted over 2,900 attendees to the three day event.
Cemeteries	Poonindie Cemetery Project	In Progress	Application for authorisation submitted to Dept Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation following development of site plan
	Cummins Cemetery improvements	Complete	Attracted over 2,900 attendees to the three day event.
	Coffin Bay Cemetery improvements	Deferred	Planned for 2023/24 year in line with funding
Boat Ramps	Implementation of Boat Ramp Fees for Coffin Bay boat ramp	Complete	Consultation occurred and fee system implemented

AREA	PROJECT	STATUS	COMMENT
Jetties	Replace piles as per identified in inspection report	Not commenced	Pylons for replacement identified at North Shields and Louth Bay. Project delayed due to difficulties in sourcing pylons, and the availability of contractor to undertake the works. Due to time delays, underwater inspection is being organised for 2023/24 to update pile replacement requirements.
Effluent Construction	Cummins – Pump Upgrades and mobile pump purchases	In Progress	Project has commenced and materials are being ordered by contractor. Contractor having difficulties with costs and resources to carry out civil works. Completion date now end of 2024. Accessories like mobile pumps can only be secured after pump performances have been measured after install
	Tulka – Generator and Trailer, smart communications system, easement finalisation and risk and OTR plans	Not commenced	Smart System install planned to be complete by end of 2023 as part of pump station upgrades of Cummins and Norths Shields. Genset relies on completion of North Shields Pump Station, so it can be load tested for Genset specs
	North Shields – Pump Station Refurbishment	In Progress	Project has commenced and materials are being ordered by contractor. Contractor having difficulties with costs and resources to out carry civil works. Completion date now end of 2024.
Footpaths	Footpath Construction – Louth Bay, Poonindie and North Shields	Complete	
	Footpath construction – Coffin Bay – Jubilee drive to Greenly	Complete	
	Realignment of Investigator Trail	Complete	

AREA	PROJECT	STATUS	COMMENT
Public Conveniences	Farm Beach	Deferred	Originally included in budget 2018/19, deferred awaiting Eyes on Eyre implementation.
	George Dorward Memorial reserve, toilet refurbishment	In Progress	Project substantially completed, minor works carried over to 2022/23 budget.
	Replace and upgrade Lions Park Public Conveniences	Not commenced	Difficulty in sourcing appropriate design for coastal area.
	Coffin Bay Jetty toilets septic tank replacement	In Progress	Delays in obtaining materials and contractor availability. Works due to be completed in July 2022.
	Coffin Bay Boat ramp toilets, replace roof and septic tank	In Progress	Delays in obtaining materials and contractor availability. Works due to be completed in July 2022.
Halls	Cummins Hall, Repairs to facade	Not commenced	Awaiting contractor report re: overall structural condition of the hall.
Facilities	Southern Depot Chemical Shed	Toilet and Shower Complete	Chemical shed determined not required to be replaced. Instead budget was used for construction of toilet and shower facilities at depot
	Coffin Bay Caravan Park Cottage – Ensuite and Upgrade works	Not commenced	Project deferred in 2021/22 pending investigations into other upgrade projects at request of Lessee.

Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan is the overarching Strategic Document for a Council and sets the vision and direction for the term of the Council.

A review of the Strategic Plan commenced in late 2019 with a community survey and numerous workshops occurring throughout the district. Using the community input received through those avenues, the Council developed a new plan that was adopted by the Council on 17 July 2020.

Key aspects of the Strategic Plan 2020-2030 include:

Vision 2030

We are a district of vibrant, inclusive and welcoming coastal and rural communities enjoying pristine natural environments and access to quality services and facilities.

UNITY	<i>Working together, supporting and encouraging each other to achieve quality outcomes for our district.</i>
RESPONSIBILITY	<i>Taking ownership and being accountable for our decisions. Being transparent in our processes and decision making.</i>
INTEGRITY	<i>Developing the trust and confidence of community and stakeholders through fairness, capability and delivery.</i>
INCLUSIVITY	<i>Being open and approachable. Genuinely listening and considering. Being respectful of diversity.</i>
PROGRESSIVENESS	<i>Being proactive. Continuously innovating and pursuing improvements in all respects. Embracing change.</i>
RESPONSIVENESS	<i>Adapting to new, emerging or changing needs and perspectives.</i>
COLLABORATION	<i>Pursuing effective relationships with stakeholders and partnering with them to deliver community outcomes.</i>



Structure of the Strategic Plan

Vision 2030

We are a district of vibrant, inclusive and welcoming coastal and access to quality services and facilities.



Goal 1

Retained and Enhanced
Liveability of our District

Goal 2

Thriving Businesses, Industry
and Local Economy

Objective 1

Support Inclusive, Connected,
Vibrant and Safe Communities

Objective 1

Support Successful and Sustainable
Local Business and Industry

Objective 2

Plan for Growth

Objective 2

Expand our Local Industry Base

Objective 3

Provide Effective Leadership and
Financial Management

Objective 3

Support Growth in Tourism

and rural communities enjoying pristine natural environments



Goal 3

Quality Services, Community
Facilities and Infrastructure



Objective 1

Maintain Quality Community
Assets and Infrastructure



Objective 2

Provide a High Standard of
Community Services and Facilities



Objective 3

Advocate for Quality Water,
Electricity and Telecommunications

Goal 4

Preservation of our Natural
and Built Environment



Objective 1

Protect and Promote Appreciation
of our Natural Environment



Objective 2

Minimise Environmental Impact

Goal 1:

Retained and Enhanced Liveability of our District



Objective 1: Support Inclusive, Connected, Vibrant and Safe Communities

STRATEGIES	ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
Strategy 1: Strengthen Community Links to Facilitate and Promote Engagement with Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Australia Day awards have been maintained b) Community Development role engaged within Council c) Funding for support for community events included within the Council budget d) Maintain community bus service e) Community Grants program funded within Council's budget f) Consultation occurred through newspapers, social media, Radio and other in person meetings where possible. g) Council continued to have representation on the Childcare working group in Cummins and advocated for childcare across the District through the EPLGA h) Fortnightly Focus publication created and distributed via social networks
Strategy 2: Support Healthy Living Within Our Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Creating Connections program engaging with over 55's in region b) Assistance was provided to communities to develop quality sporting facilities (Cummins Ramblers / Cougars facility, Cummins Swimming Pool) c) Ongoing improvements made to Oyster Walk d) Upgraded playgrounds across District e) Installed irrigation and turf at Stan Morgan Reserve
Strategy 3: Protect Our Local Heritage and History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Plans consulted upon for Poonindie Cemetery improvements to record integral history b) Support of the Cummins Area School Library history documentation program
Strategy 4: Support Community Safety Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Staff have been trained to support emergency and essential services organisations including Police, CFS, SES and SA Ambulance via the i-Responda program b) Input was provided into the Lower Eyre Peninsula Bushfire Management Area Plan

Objective 2: Plan for Growth

STRATEGIES	ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
<p>Strategy 1:</p> <p>Provide a Long-term Guide for Future Growth and Development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Development of an aviation strategy to guide economic opportunities for growth of the Port Lincoln Airport and included detailed research into the users (market), alternative revenue streams, review of property management and scoping a range of Governance and Management Models for consideration. b) Maintenance of existing Authorised Landing Areas at Cummins and Coffin Bay has been upheld c) Cummins Township Master Plan was developed and is due to be finalised in 2023/24 d) Challenges identified in Coffin Bay Masterplan regarding Oyster Industry were considered and informed the scope of new initiative currently under investigation ('Coffin Bay Oyster Industry Growth Initiative'). e) Comprehensive input to the review and development of the Eyre Peninsula Regional Strategic Plan 2023-2027 (RDA EP).
<p>Strategy 2:</p> <p>Engage with Youth Across our Community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Coordination of the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) b) Continued facilitation and support of the Young Driver Education Program

Objective 3: Provide Effective Leadership and Financial Management

STRATEGIES	ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
<p>Strategy 1:</p> <p>Be a Strong Community Leader</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Representation at the Australian Local Government Association conference, Local Government Association, Australian Airports Association, National Economic Development Conference and Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association b) Advocacy for Childcare, health and housing within Council's district c) Advocacy for funding Airport Security screening and legislative reform including achieving a resolution at the National Assembly of Local Government for the sector to pursue.
<p>Strategy 2:</p> <p>Prudent Financial Management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Comprehensive review undertaken of the Long Term Financial Plan and Annual Business Plan has balanced budget b) Comprehensive review undertaken of Council's Asset and Infrastructure Management Plan c) Financial and procurement policies and procedures reviewed to ensure financial transparency and effective financial risk management d) Internal Controls reviewed and enacted. e) Basis of Rating Review commenced to ensure Council has a fair and equitable system of rating. f) Improved monitoring and quality control of civil works to ensure long term performance of Council assets



Goal 2:

Thriving Businesses, Industry and Local Economy



Objective 1: Support Successful and Sustainable Local Business and Industry

STRATEGIES	ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
Strategy 1: Support Local Businesses to Prosper Within Our Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Support provided for local businesses through Council's procurement policies b) Negotiations held to make appropriate land available for commercial and industrial needs c) Recruited economic development professional to develop an economic growth strategy with a focus on building a resilient Lower Eyre Economy. d) Local businesses alerted to funding opportunities.
Strategy 2: Encourage and Maintain a Sustainable Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Masterplans to develop the Council area and grant applications made to assist with the development of land for new residents b) Input to the Eyre Peninsula Strategic Regional Strategic Plan 2023-2026 c) Review previous work undertaken on Council owned land in Cummins for residential growth.
Strategy 3: Support a Sufficient and Capable Labour Resource for Local Businesses and Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Council facilities made available for education and training purposes b) Attendance at regional forums to explore ways to encourage professionals and trades to relocate to the district c) Work with local contractors in achieving quality control and safety standards for private assets to be vested in Council and Council projects.

Objective 2: Expand our Local Industry Base

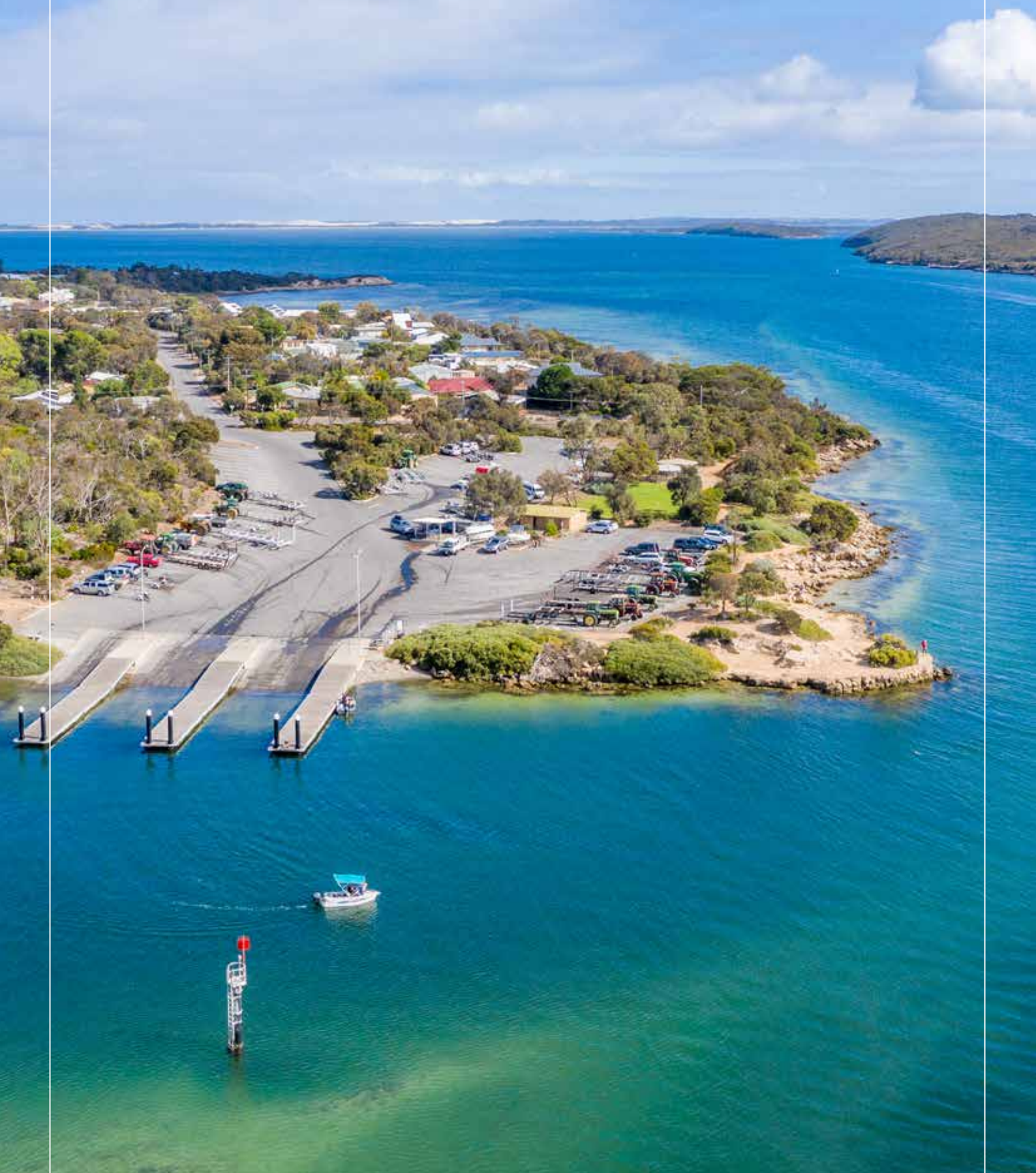
STRATEGIES	ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
Strategy 1: Encourage Establishment of New and Innovative Industries in the District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Advocate to Federal and State Government on renewable energy b) Kerbside recycling introduced to major towns c) Attendance at regional waste forum dedicated to implementation of new or improved businesses and practices involving waste d) Detailed research into Oyster Industry advancements and innovations to inform Council's role in enabling growth. Case managing emerging aquaculture species industry (seaweed) to establish in region.

Objective 3: Support Sustainable Growth in Tourism

STRATEGIES	ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
Strategy 1: Coordinate Tourism Strategies to Deliver Effective Outcomes for the District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Support provided for Regional Development Australia (RDA) tourism initiatives. b) Development and roll out of 'Paddock to Plate' and 'Coast to Coast' self-guided itineraries. c) Marketing campaign to itineraries including national audience via Rex Airlines Inflight Magazine
Strategy 2: Enhance tourism infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Coastal camping upgrades and online booking facilities implemented to manage demand and control use. b) Port Lincoln Airport continues to be maintained at a high level as the gateway to the region c) Partnering with Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula to roll out new regional brand d) Advocating for the retention of jetties with the State Government e) Planning for the vesting of the Cummins Caravan Park management in Council (previously managed by the Cummins and District Enterprise Committee volunteers)
Strategy 3: Ensure tourism is managed in a sustainable manner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) An annual budget for tourism initiatives has been provided b) Researched regenerative tourism principles and best practice examples to apply to the development of the economic growth strategy in 2023/24.

Goal 3

Quality Services, Community Facilities and Infrastructure



Objective 1: Provide and Maintain Quality Community Assets and Infrastructure

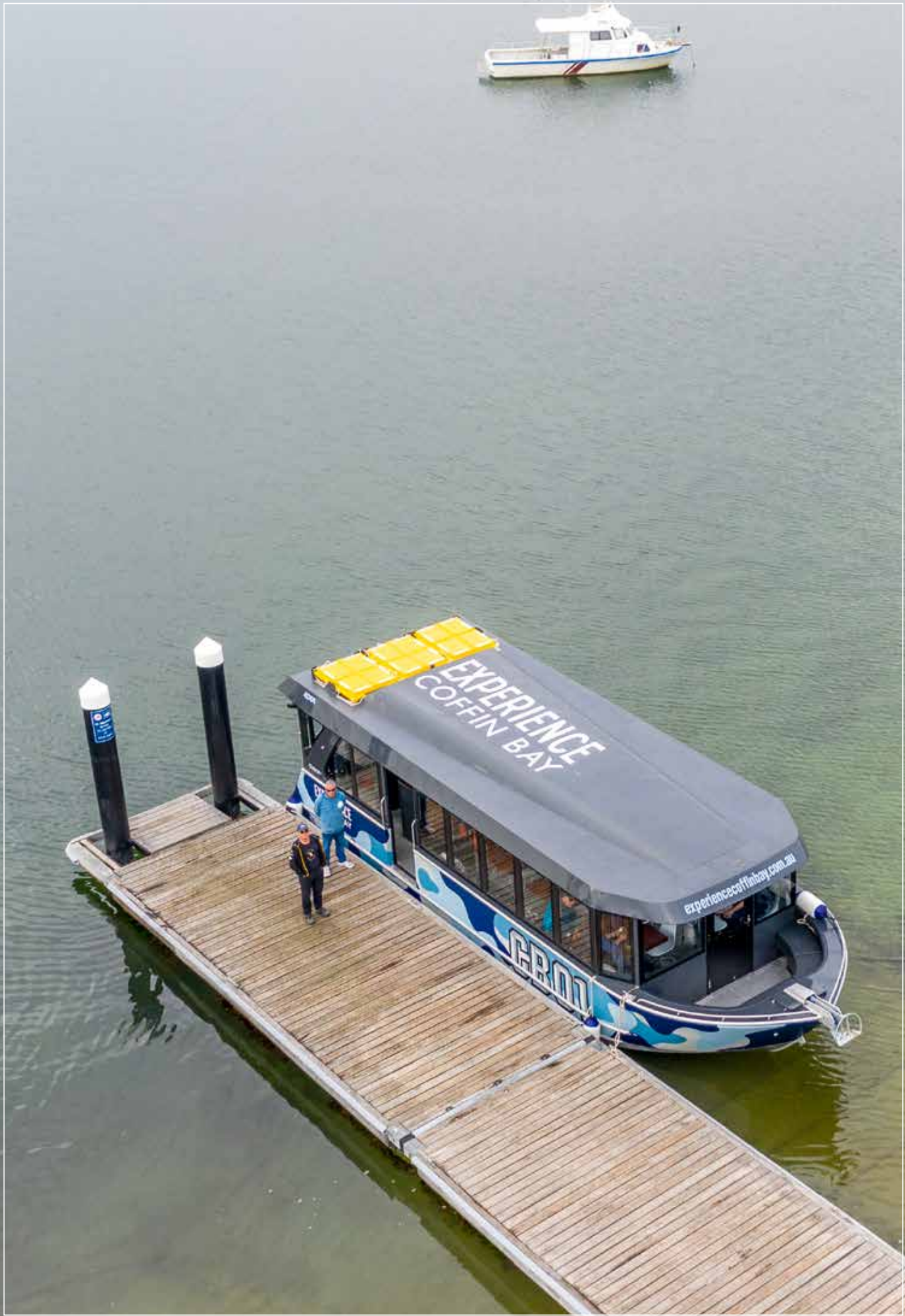
STRATEGIES	ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
Strategy 1: Maintain and Enhance Our Local Road Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Continued advocacy with relevant agencies and local government organisations in the review of policy in relation to Rural Roadside Vegetation b) Council owned rural roads maintained and upgraded in line with Council's Road Network Level of Service Standards and Asset Management Plan c) Continuation of progressively sealing urban roads subject to high traffic volumes and supporting expanding residential populations d) Continued advocacy to other levels of Government in relation to the freight task on arterial road networks across Eyre Peninsula, particularly Bratten Way, highlighting the impact of pavement repairs on Council budgets and the importance of the road to the State e) Continue to explore new rubble sources / Continue to explore ways to improve road pavement performance
Strategy 2: Provide Effective and Efficient Waste Management Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Maintained provision of kerbside collection and Waste Transfer Stations b) Kerbside collection of recyclable waste offered to minor townships (declined excl. Edillilie) c) Discussions held with neighbouring Councils to explore opportunities for joint Council contracts for the collection and disposal of waste streams such as domestic and business waste and recyclable products d) Continued maintenance and upgrade of Community Wastewater Management Schemes (CWMS') to ensure they are adequate and well-maintained to meet compliance requirements e) Creation of Safety, Reliability, Maintenance and Technical Management Plan (SRMTMP) for CWMS infrastructure
Strategy 3: Improve the Presentation and Amenity of Our Towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Maintained and upgraded identified Council reserves in line with budget allocations and external funding opportunities b) Footpaths and trails were maintained and developed in accordance with the Footpath Strategic Plan c) Maintenance and upgrading of public conveniences in line with budget allocations d) Dedicated horticultural resource to meet landscape needs across district

Objective 2: Provide a High Standard of Community Services and Facilities

STRATEGIES	ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
Strategy 1: Maintain and Enhance Community Services and Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Continued support of library services across the district b) Continued support of the Cummins Memorial Swimming Pool c) Improved standard of Council cemeteries in accordance with budgets and community aspirations d) Continued provision of Community Grants Schemes e) Contributions provided towards major community infrastructure upgrade projects
Strategy 2: Support Community Groups in the Provision of Services to Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Continued partnership with the Cummins and District Enterprise Committee b) Engagement with local progress and community groups

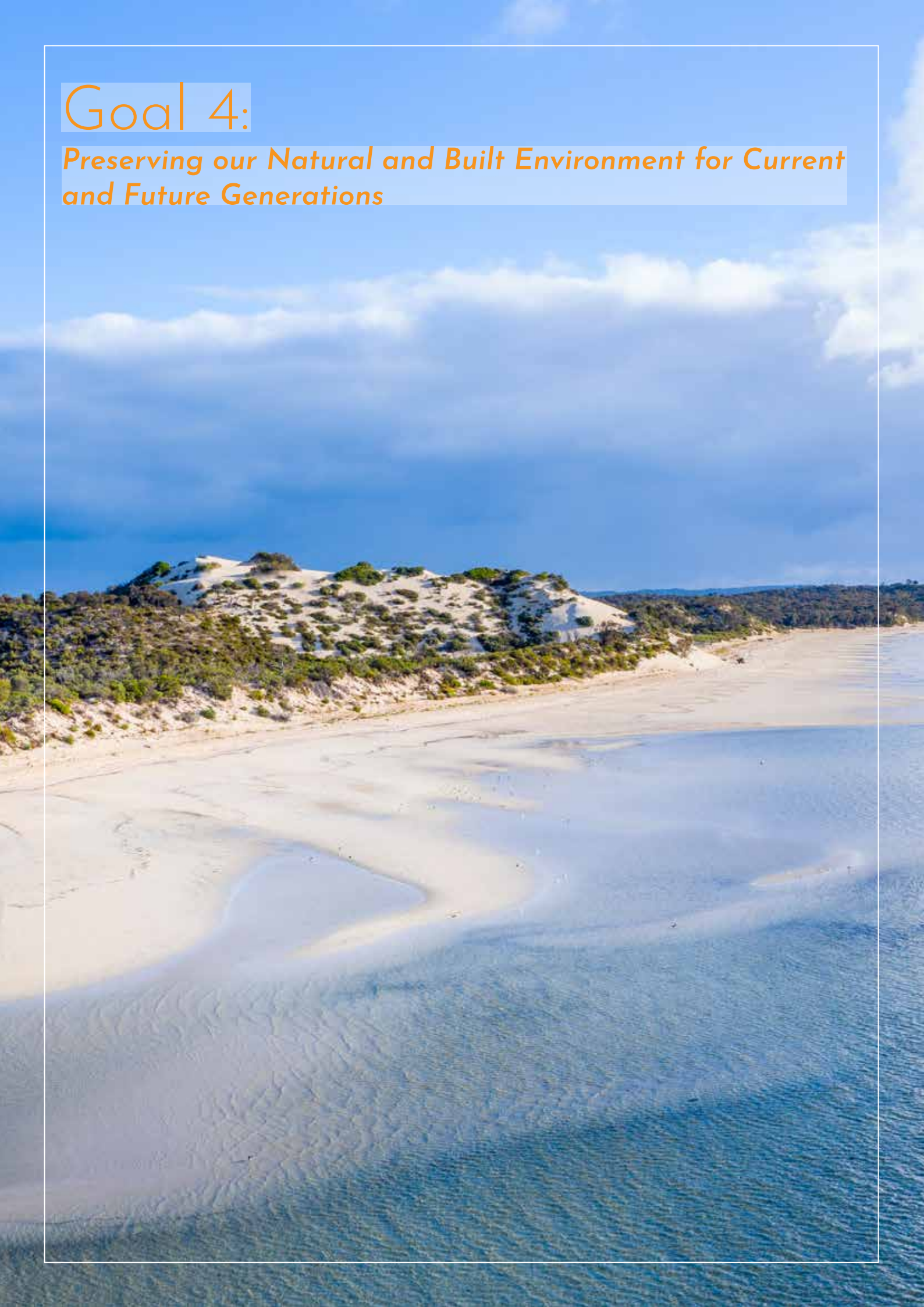
Objective 3: Advocate for Quality Water, Electricity and Telecommunications

STRATEGIES	ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
Strategy 1: Actively Engage with Stakeholders for Adequate Provision of Water Resources Across the District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Engaged with SA Water and relevant agencies to ensure their strategy for delivery of solutions will meet the region's needs and consider environmental and economic impacts on the region b) Positioned on the Site Selection Committee for the Desalination Plant project to ensure district voice is accounted for
Strategy 2: Work with Stakeholders to Secure Reliable Electricity Supply Across the Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Support and feedback provided to Electranet on initiatives to improve electricity infrastructure for the region
Strategy 3: Advocate for Improved Telecommunications Coverage Across the District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Continued advocacy for improvements to coverage and quality of telecommunications across the district b) Facilitated a grant application for the installation of a mobile tower in Coultas to improve communications and the network
Strategy 4: Provide leadership in sustainable use of renewables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Both offices have installed solar power systems to lessen the impact of services to the environment b) Solar power system installed at the Port Lincoln Airport aiming at reducing CO2 emissions by 73t per year.



Goal 4:

Preserving our Natural and Built Environment for Current and Future Generations



Objective 1: Protect and Promote Appreciation of our Natural Environment

STRATEGIES	ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
Strategy 1: Protect our Coastline	a) Support the agricultural industry in minimising environment impacts by provision of DrumMUSTER program b) Develop, upgrade and delineation of coastal campground sites and coastal access points
Strategy 2: Support Management of Native Flora and Fauna	a) Plan to minimise the impacts of development on the natural environment through recycling initiatives b) Grant applications made for the development of stormwater management plans for priority areas

Objective 2: Minimise Environmental Impact

Strategy 1: Work with Stakeholders to be Environmentally Aware	a) Support the agricultural industry in minimising environment impacts by provision of DrumMUSTER program
Strategy 2: Mitigate Environmental Impacts	a) Plan to minimise the impacts of development on the natural environment through recycling initiatives b) Grant applications made for the development of stormwater management plans for priority areas c) Conversion of runway and apron lighting at Port Lincoln Airport to LED technology to reduce carbon emissions
Strategy 3: Monitor environmental impacts	a) Maintain awareness of impacts of a changing climate on Council's coastal towns and settlements in decision making

Subsidiaries

Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association

Council also continues to participate in the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association in conjunction with other Eyre Peninsula Councils. This Association is constituted as a Regional Subsidiary pursuant to Section 43 of the Local Government Act.

A copy of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Annual Report and audited financial statements for 2022/23 have been included in this report as Appendix "C".

Appendix A – Policy Documents

POLICY NUMBER	TITLE	LAST REVIEW
1 - Animal Management		
ANI-POL-01	Keeping of Animals	Feb-23
2 - Community Relations		
CR-POL-01	Media	Mar-23
CR-POL-02	Public Consultation	Mar-23
CR-POL-03	Community Engagement Strategy	Mar-23
CR-POL-04	Requests for Services	Mar-23
CR-POL-05	Compliments and Complaints	Mar-23
CR-POL-06	Australia Day Awards	Mar-23
CR-POL-07	Mobile Food Vendor Locations	Mar-23
CR-POL-08	Food Safety Inspection and Fees	Mar-23
3 - Development Control		
DEV-POL-01	Height of Fences	Jun-19
DEV-POL-02	Land Division Applications	Jun-19
DEV-POL-03	Building Inspection	Jun-19
DEV-POL-04	Habitation of sheds, garages and other outbuildings	Jun-19
DEV-POL-05	Moveable Signs	Mar-20
DEV-POL-06	Trade Waste	May-20
4 - Equipment Plant, Fleet and Stores		
EPS-POL-01	Private Works Hire	Aug-19
5 - Financial Management		
FIN-SCH-01	Schedule of Fees and Charges	Jul-23
FIN-POL-01	Prudential Management	Feb-20
FIN-POL-02	Loans to Community Organisations and Clubs	May-23
FIN-POL-03	Treasury Management	May-23
FIN-POL-04	CWMS Hardship	Jul-19
FIN-POL-05	Refund of Dog Registration	May-23
FIN-POL-07	Disposal of Land and Assets	May-23
FIN-POL-08	Internal Controls	Jun-23
FIN-POL-09	Procurement	Aug-22
FIN-POL-10	Small sponsorship and donations	May-23
FIN-POL-11	Financial Hardship	Jun-23
FIN-POL-12	Rating Policy	Jul-23
FIN-POL-13	Asset Accounting	Jun-23
FIN-POL-14	Budget Framework	Jun-23
6 - Governance		
GOV-POL-01	Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality	May-23
GOV-POL-02	Council Meeting Agenda	Nov-22
GOV-POL-03	Supplementary Elections	Nov-22
GOV-POL-04	Council Members Allowances and Benefits	Nov-22
GOV-POL-05	Council Induction	Nov-22
GOV-POL-06	Council Member Access to Information	Feb-19
GOV-POL-07	Order Making	Apr-19
GOV-POL-08	Public Interest Disclosure	Jun-22

POLICY NUMBER	TITLE	LAST REVIEW
GOV-POL-09	Fraud and Corruption Prevention	Feb-23
GOV-POL-10	Caretaker Period	Jun-22
GOV-POL-11	Internal Review of Council Decisions	Mar-19
GOV-POL-12	Training – Elected Members	Feb-19
GOV-POL-14	Petitions	Jun-23
7 - Human Resources		
HR-POL-01	Volunteer Policy	Aug-23
HR-POL-02	Equal Opportunity	Aug-23
HR-POL-03	Smoke Free Workplace	Aug-23
8 - Information Management		
IT-POL-01	Records Management	Mar-23
9 - Infrastructure		
INF-POL-01	Electricity Mains Under Road Reserves	Aug-23
INF-POL-02	Permits to Use a Public Road for Business Purposes	Aug-23
INF-POL-03	Verge Development	Aug-23
INF-POL-04	Property Identification	Sep-23
INF-POL-05	Vegetation Management - Unsealed Rural Roads	Sep-23
INF-POL-07	Public Lighting modifications	Aug-23
INF-POL-08	Rural School Bus Stops	Sep-23
INF-POL-09	Memorials outside of Cemeteries	Aug-23
11 - Property Management		
PRM-POL-01	Hire of Council Chambers	Apr-23
PRM-POL-02	Camping	Apr-23
PRM-POL-03	Cummins Homes – Tenancy	Apr-23
PRM-POL-04	Council Property Maintenance	Apr-23
PRM-POL-05	Community Bus Transport Scheme	Apr-23
PRM-POL-06	Rubble Pits and Compensation	Apr-23
PRM-POL-07	Cemeteries and Memorials	Apr-23
12 - Social, Cultural and Community Services		
CS-POL-01	Involvement in emergency response operations (CFS)	Aug-23
13 - Traffic Management		
TM-POL-01	Portable Stock Signs	Aug-23
14 - Work Health and Safety		
WHS-POL-01	WHS and Return to Work	Feb-23
WHS-POL-02	WHS Contractor Management	Feb-23
WHS-POL-03	Administration of WHSMS	Feb-23
WHS-POL-04	Communication and Consultation	Feb-23
WHS-POL-05	Emergency Management	Feb-23
WHS-POL-06	Hazard Management	Feb-23
WHS-POL-07	Hazardous Work	Feb-23
15 - Codes		
GOV-COD-01	Code of Conduct for Employees	Mar-21
GOV-COD-02	Code of Conduct for Elected Members	Feb-23
GOV-COD-03	Public Access to Council Meetings and documents	Nov-22
GOV-COD-04	Code of Practice - Procedures at Meetings	Nov-22

The Elected Body are required to review all Council policies within the first 12 months of the new Council.

Appendix B – Council Financial Statements



GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 30 June 2023

Prepared by District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula
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General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2023

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General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2023

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 2023 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.

Sacheen Hopewell
Acting Chief Executive Officer

18 October 2023

Jo-Anne Quigley
Mayor

18 October 2023

Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2023

\$ '000	Notes	2023	2022
Income			
Rates	2a	8,944	8,395
Statutory charges	2b	263	226
User charges	2c	2,588	2,215
Grants, subsidies and contributions - capital	2g	506	1,144
Grants, subsidies and contributions - operating	2g	3,737	3,090
Investment income	2d	329	74
Reimbursements	2e	275	77
Other income	2f	132	16
Total income		16,774	15,237
Expenses			
Employee costs	3a	4,197	3,854
Materials, contracts and other expenses	3b	7,621	6,246
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	3c	4,083	4,250
Finance costs	3d	195	167
Total expenses		16,096	14,517
Operating surplus / (deficit)		678	720
Physical resources received free of charge	2i	—	7
Asset disposal and fair value adjustments	4	(233)	(1,734)
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2g	863	449
Net surplus / (deficit)		1,308	(558)
Other comprehensive income			
Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result			
Changes in revaluation surplus - I,PP&E	9a	—	1,261
Total amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result		—	1,261
Total other comprehensive income		—	1,261
Total comprehensive income		1,308	703

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2023

\$ '000	Notes	2023	2022
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalent assets	5a	7,173	6,479
Trade and other receivables	5b	1,278	1,225
Inventories	5c	424	197
Total current assets		8,875	7,901
Non-current assets			
Trade and other receivables	6a	12	14
Other non-current assets	6b	931	836
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	7	91,562	91,296
Total non-current assets		92,505	92,146
TOTAL ASSETS		101,380	100,047
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8a	3,600	3,055
Borrowings	8b	539	683
Provisions	8c	1,160	1,033
Total current liabilities		5,299	4,771
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	8b	2,021	2,560
Provisions	8c	151	115
Total non-current liabilities		2,172	2,675
TOTAL LIABILITIES		7,471	7,446
Net assets		93,909	92,601
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus		38,770	37,884
Asset revaluation reserves	9a	54,739	54,739
Other reserves	9b	400	(22)
Total council equity		93,909	92,601
Total equity		93,909	92,601

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2023

\$ '000	Notes	Accumulated surplus	Asset revaluation reserve	Other reserves	Total equity
2023					
Balance as at 1 July		37,884	54,739	(22)	92,601
Net surplus / (deficit) for year		1,308	—	—	1,308
Other comprehensive income					
Gain (loss) on revaluation of IPP&E	7a	—	—	—	—
Other comprehensive income		—	—	—	—
Total comprehensive income		1,308	—	—	1,308
Transfers between reserves		(422)	—	422	—
Balance at the end of period		38,770	54,739	400	93,909
2022					
Balance as at 1 July		38,374	53,478	46	91,898
Net surplus / (deficit) for year		(558)	—	—	(558)
Other comprehensive income					
Gain (loss) on revaluation of IPP&E	7a	—	1,261	—	1,261
Other comprehensive income		—	1,261	—	1,261
Total comprehensive income		(558)	1,261	—	703
Transfers between reserves		68	—	(68)	—
Balance at the end of period		37,884	54,739	(22)	92,601

The above Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2023

\$ '000	Notes	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Rates receipts		8,924	8,568
Statutory charges		260	226
User charges		1,908	2,030
Grants, subsidies and contributions		3,963	4,378
Investment receipts		310	71
Reimbursements		256	59
Other receipts		685	188
<u>Payments</u>			
Payments to employees		(4,177)	(3,759)
Payments for materials, contracts and other expenses		(7,714)	(6,331)
Finance payments		(169)	(180)
Net cash provided by (or used in) operating activities	11b	4,246	5,250
Cash flows from investing activities			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Grants utilised for capital purposes		477	—
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets		863	2,161
Sale of replaced assets		24	—
Sale of surplus assets		—	494
Sale of investment property		—	73
Repayments of loans by community groups		332	—
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(2,796)	(3,278)
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		(1,905)	(1,065)
Loans made to community groups		—	(346)
Net cash provided (or used in) investing activities		(3,005)	(1,961)
Cash flows from financing activities			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from bonds and deposits		136	—
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of loans		(683)	(2,993)
Net cash provided by (or used in) financing activities		(547)	(2,993)
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		694	296
plus: cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period		6,479	6,183
Cash and cash equivalents held at end of period	11a	7,173	6,479
Additional information:			
Total cash, cash equivalents and investments		7,173	6,479

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2023

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by Council in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements 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 on a going concern basis using the historical cost convention in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards as they apply to not-for-profit entities, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Interpretations and relevant South Australian legislation.

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

1.2 Historical cost convention

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

1.3 Critical accounting estimates

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

1.4 Rounding

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

(2) The local government reporting entity

District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula is incorporated under the South Australian *Local Government Act 1999* and has its principal place of business at 32 Railway Terrace, Cummins, South Australia, 5631. 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.

(3) Income recognition

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:

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

	Cash Payment Received	Annual Allocation	Difference
2019/20	\$931,035	\$1,127,964	- \$196,929
2020/21	\$965,383	\$1,149,275	- \$183,892
2021/22	\$1,558,192	\$1,237,666	+ \$320,526
2022/23	\$1,786,583	\$1,382,987	+ \$403,596

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.

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".

(4) Cash, cash equivalents and other financial instruments

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

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

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

All financial instruments are recognised at fair value at the date of recognition, except for trade receivables from a contract with a customer, which are measured at the transaction price. A detailed statement of the accounting policies applied to financial instruments forms part of Note 13.

(5) Inventories

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

(6) Infrastructure, property, plant and 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.

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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.

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.

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 and 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 and deposits

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

(8) Borrowings

Loans are carried at their principal amounts which represent the present value of future cash flows associated with servicing

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

the debt. Interest is accrued over the period to which it relates and is recorded as part of "Payables". Interest free loans are carried at their nominal amounts; interest revenues foregone by the lender effectively being a reduction of interest expense in the period to which it relates.

(9) Employee benefits

9.1 Salaries, wages and compensated absences

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

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

9.2 Superannuation

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Hostplus 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 18.

(10) Leases

The Council assesses at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. That is, if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

10.1 Council as a lessee

The Council recognises lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets.

i) Right-of-Use-Assets

The Council recognises right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease. Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised, initial direct costs incurred, lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received and the estimate of costs to be incurred to restore the leased asset.

Right of use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and the estimated useful lives of the assets.

The right-of-use assets are also subject to impairment. Refer to the accounting policies in section 6.5 -Impairment of non-financial assets above.

ii) Lease Liabilities

At the commencement date of the lease, the Council recognises lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Council uses its incremental borrowing rate or the interest rate implicit in the lease.

(11) Other equity reserves

Council records Other Equity Reserves as disclosed in Note 9 as a device to quarantine/capture future committed resources of the Council for the delivery of the service and/or program in future periods. The establishment of the reserve is not in substitute of a liability which would otherwise be recorded on the Balance Sheet of the Council should it arise. In the event a

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

reserve goes into a negative cash position which requires the Council to 'internally lend' to the reserve from its own available funds, the individual reserve is charged interest at a rate equal to 1.05% below the Cash Advance Debenture rate of the Local Government Finance Authority of South Australia.

(12) GST implications

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

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

(13) New accounting standards and UIG interpretations

The Council applied for the first-time certain standards and amendments, which are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022. 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.

Standards issued by the AASB not yet effective

The AASB has issued Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations which are not effective at 30 June 2023, these standards have not been adopted by Council and will be included in the financial statements on their effective date. Where the standard is expected to have a significant impact for Council then further information has been provided in this note.

The following list identifies all the new and amended Australian Accounting Standards, and Interpretation, that were issued but not yet effective at the time of compiling these illustrative statements that could be applicable to Councils.

Effective for NFP annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023

- *AASB 2020-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current* (amended by *AASB 2020-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current - Deferral of Effective Date*, *AASB 2022-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Non-current Liabilities with Covenants*)
- *AASB 2021-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Disclosure of Accounting Policies and Definition of Accounting Estimates* (This standard amends a number of Standards as follows: *AASB 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures* – to clarify that information about measurement bases for financial instruments is expected to be material to an entity's financial statements, *AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements* - to require entities to disclose their material accounting policy information rather than their significant accounting policies, *AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors* - to clarify how entities should distinguish changes in accounting policies and changes in accounting estimates, *AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting* - to identify material accounting policy information as a component of a complete set of financial statements, *AASB Practice Statement 2: Making Materiality Judgements* - to provide guidance on how to apply the concept of materiality to accounting policy disclosures)

(14) Comparative figures

To ensure comparability with the current reporting period's figures, some comparative period line items and amounts may have been reclassified or individually reported for the first time within these financial statements and/or the notes.

(15) Disclaimer

Nothing contained within these statements may be taken to be an admission of any liability to any person under any circumstance.

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Note 2. Income

\$ '000	2023	2022
(a) Rates		
General rates		
General Rates	7,473	7,101
Less: Mandatory Rebates	(20)	(21)
Less: Discretionary Rebates, Remissions & Write Offs	(52)	(48)
Total general rates	7,401	7,032
Other rates (including service charges)		
Community Wastewater Management Systems	867	832
Regional landscapes levy	374	362
Recycling collection service charge	274	144
Total other rates (including service charges)	1,515	1,338
Other charges		
Penalties for Late Payment	28	26
Total other charges	28	26
Less: discretionary rebates, remissions and write-offs		
Less: Discretionary Rebates, Remissions & Write Offs	—	(1)
Total less: discretionary rebates, remissions and write-offs	—	(1)
Total rates	8,944	8,395
(b) Statutory charges		
Development Act Fees	57	55
Town Planning Fees	118	102
Health & Septic Tank Inspection Fees	13	16
Animal Registration Fees & Fines	55	33
Other Licences, Fees & Fines	20	20
Total statutory charges	263	226
(c) User charges		
Cemetery Fees	30	23
Parking Fees	153	127
Sundry	22	16
Passenger Levy	1,670	1,382
Landing fees	68	70
Waste transfer station fees	57	71
Additional bin charges	65	57
Property rental	435	417
Camping ground fees	88	52
Total user charges	2,588	2,215

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Note 2. Income (continued)

\$ '000	2023	2022
(d) Investment income		
Interest on investments		
- Local Government Finance Authority	297	69
- Banks & Other	32	5
Total investment income	329	74
(e) Reimbursements		
Private Works	4	11
Security Screening	190	–
Other	81	66
Total reimbursements	275	77
(f) Other income		
Sundry	13	16
Coffin Bay Event	119	–
Total other income	132	16
(g) Grants, subsidies and contributions		
Amounts Received Specifically for New or Upgraded Assets	863	449
Total	863	449
Other grants, subsidies and contributions - capital		
Untied - Local roads and community	506	1,144
Total Other grants, subsidies and contributions - capital	506	1,144
Other grants, subsidies and contributions		
Untied - Financial Assistance Grant	1,787	1,558
Roads to Recovery	426	426
Employee schemes	50	19
Health	4	4
airports	961	975
Library and Communications	2	5
Black Summer Bushfire Recovery	434	–
Sundry	73	103
Total other grants, subsidies and contributions	3,737	3,090
Total grants, subsidies and contributions	5,106	4,683
The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 12.		
(i) Sources of grants		
Commonwealth Government	1,993	2,603
State Government	2,253	2,055
Other	860	25
Total	5,106	4,683

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for the year ended 30 June 2023

Note 2. Income (continued)

\$ '000	2023	2022
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(h) Conditions over grants and 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:

Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period	2,067	152
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Less:

Expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods

Special Local Roads Program	(28)	(84)
Regional Airports Screening Infrastructure	—	(46)
Regional Tourism Bushfire Recovery Grant	—	(15)
Coffin Bay Event	(30)	—
Coulta Mobile Tower Construction	(318)	—
Subtotal	(376)	(145)

Plus:

Amounts recognised as revenues in this reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions

Special Local Roads Program	—	1,712
Coffin Bay Event	—	30
Coulta Mobile Tower Construction	680	318
Subtotal	680	2,060

Unexpended at the close of this reporting period

	2,371	2,067
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Net increase (decrease) in assets subject to conditions in the current reporting period

	304	1,915
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(i) Physical resources received free of charge

Roads, Bridges & Footpaths	—	6
Community wastewater management schemes	—	1
Total physical resources received free of charge	—	7

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Note 3. Expenses

\$ '000	Notes	2023	2022
(a) Employee costs			
Salaries and Wages		3,336	3,075
Employee Leave Expense		591	492
Superannuation - Defined Contribution Plan Contributions	18	372	320
Superannuation - Defined Benefit Plan Contributions	18	20	19
Workers' Compensation Insurance		99	89
Less: Capitalised and Distributed Costs		(221)	(141)
Total operating employee costs		4,197	3,854
Total number of employees (full time equivalent at end of reporting period)		44	45
(b) Materials, contracts and other expenses			
(i) Prescribed expenses			
Auditor's remuneration			
- Auditing the Financial Reports		21	17
Bad and Doubtful Debts		13	2
Elected Members Expenses		156	135
Subtotal - prescribed expenses		190	154
(ii) Other materials, contracts and expenses			
Contractors		3,903	3,266
Consultants		392	279
Energy		295	260
Legal Expenses		46	76
Levies Paid to Government - RL levy		374	362
Parts, Accessories & Consumables		360	350
Fuels/lubricants		299	250
Bank charges		28	22
Water		70	72
Insurance		383	325
Contributions		149	210
Advertising		36	26
Telecommunications		41	39
Minor furniture and equipment		24	56
Coulta Mobile Tower Construction		434	-
Sundry		723	577
Less: Capitalised and Distributed Costs		(126)	(78)
Subtotal - Other material, contracts and expenses		7,431	6,092
Total materials, contracts and other expenses		7,621	6,246

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Note 3. Expenses (continued)

\$ '000	2023	2022
(c) Depreciation, amortisation and impairment		
(i) Depreciation and amortisation		
Buildings and other structures	758	739
Infrastructure		
CWMS scheme	329	346
Stormwater	63	63
Sealed roads	965	1,001
Recreation and culture	8	8
Formed and surfaced roads	1,044	1,232
Port Lincoln Airport	227	235
Aerodromes	11	11
Boat ramps	56	56
Footpaths	38	37
Economic affairs	12	13
Bridges	8	8
Foreshore	5	5
Plant and equipment	153	153
Furniture and fittings	8	10
Machinery	398	333
Subtotal	4,083	4,250
Total depreciation, amortisation and impairment	4,083	4,250
 (d) Finance costs		
Interest on Loans	195	167
Total finance costs	195	167

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Note 4. Asset disposal and fair value adjustments

\$ '000	2023	2022
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment		
(i) Assets renewed or directly replaced		
Proceeds from Disposal	24	494
Less: Carrying Amount of Assets Sold	(257)	(2,250)
Gain (loss) on disposal	(233)	(1,756)
(ii) Assets surplus to requirements		
Proceeds from Disposal	—	73
Less: Carrying Amount of Assets Sold	—	(51)
Gain (loss) on disposal	—	22
<u>Net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets</u>	<u>(233)</u>	<u>(1,734)</u>

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Note 5. Current assets

\$ '000	2023	2022
(a) Cash and cash equivalent assets		
Cash on Hand at Bank	210	95
Deposits at Call	3,963	5,384
Short Term Deposits & Bills, etc.	3,000	1,000
<u>Total cash and cash equivalent assets</u>	<u>7,173</u>	<u>6,479</u>
(b) Trade and other receivables		
Rates - General & Other	224	199
Council Rates Postponement Scheme	2	2
Accrued Revenues	348	355
Debtors - General	503	246
GST Recoupment	111	91
Prepayments	93	5
Loans to Community Organisations	2	332
<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>1,283</u>	<u>1,230</u>
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts	(5)	(5)
<u>Total trade and other receivables</u>	<u>1,278</u>	<u>1,225</u>
(c) Inventories		
Stores & Materials	424	197
<u>Total inventories</u>	<u>424</u>	<u>197</u>

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Note 6. Non-current assets

\$ '000	2023	2022
(a) Trade and other receivables		
Receivables		
Loans to Community Organisations	12	14
Total receivables	<u>12</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>Total financial assets</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>14</u>
(b) Other non-current assets		
Capital Works-in-Progress	931	836
<u>Total other non-current assets</u>	<u>931</u>	<u>836</u>

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Note 7. Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment and investment property

Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

		as at 30/06/22				Asset movements during the reporting period					as at 30/06/23			
		At Fair Value	At Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Carrying amount	Asset Additions New / Upgrade	Asset Additions Renewals	WDV of Asset Disposals	Depreciation Expense (Note 3c)	Revaluation Increments to Equity (ARR) (Note 9)	At Fair Value	At Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Carrying amount
\$ '000	Fair Value Level													
Land	2	3,877	—	—	3,877	—	—	—	—	—	3,877	—	—	3,877
Land	3	10,055	—	—	10,055	58	—	—	—	—	10,054	58	—	10,112
Buildings and other structures	3	30,138	220	(10,238)	20,120	857	234	(58)	(758)	—	29,997	1,311	(10,913)	20,395
Infrastructure		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stormwater	3	4,714	—	(2,193)	2,521	—	—	—	(63)	—	4,714	—	(2,256)	2,458
CWMS scheme	3	17,468	168	(7,497)	10,139	32	14	(5)	(329)	—	17,446	214	(7,810)	9,850
Sealed roads	3	41,614	3,104	(21,774)	22,944	817	1,211	(38)	(965)	—	41,034	5,132	(22,197)	23,969
Formed and surfaced roads	3	29,210	894	(23,416)	6,688	—	911	(36)	(1,044)	—	28,628	1,805	(23,914)	6,519
Recreation and culture	3	239	125	(203)	161	27	—	—	(8)	—	240	152	(211)	181
Port Lincoln Airport	3	12,214	178	(5,822)	6,570	—	222	(52)	(227)	—	11,987	400	(5,874)	6,513
Aerodromes	3	418	—	(167)	251	—	—	—	(11)	—	418	—	(177)	241
Boat ramps	3	1,819	—	(1,046)	773	—	—	—	(56)	—	1,819	—	(1,102)	717
Footpaths	3	1,708	41	(321)	1,428	19	—	—	(38)	—	1,708	60	(358)	1,410
Economic affairs	3	529	—	(332)	197	50	—	—	(12)	—	529	50	(345)	234
Bridges	3	598	—	(452)	146	—	—	—	(8)	—	598	—	(460)	138
Foreshore	3	336	—	(35)	301	—	—	—	(5)	—	336	—	(40)	296
Plant and equipment		—	1,617	(398)	1,219	32	5	(2)	(153)	—	—	1,649	(548)	1,101
Furniture and fittings		—	86	(34)	52	13	9	—	(8)	—	—	94	(28)	66
Machinery		—	5,309	(1,455)	3,854	—	50	(20)	(398)	—	—	5,323	(1,838)	3,485
Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment		154,937	11,742	(75,383)	91,296	1,905	2,656	(211)	(4,083)	—	153,385	16,248	(78,071)	91,562
Comparatives		136,921	22,734	(69,298)	90,357	1,532	4,697	(2,301)	(4,250)	1,261	154,937	11,742	(75,383)	91,296

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Note 7. Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment and investment property (continued)

Valuation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment and investment property

Valuation of assets

The fair value of assets and liabilities must be estimated in accordance with various Accounting Standards for either recognition and measurement requirements or for disclosure purposes.

AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement requires all assets and liabilities measured at fair value to be assigned to a "level" in the fair value hierarchy as follows:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

Refer to Note 7(a) for the disclosure of the Fair Value Levels of Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment Assets.

Information on valuations

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 buildings, infrastructure and other assets. These assets 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.

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.

Other information

At 1 July 2004 upon the transition to AIFRS, Council elected pursuant to *AASB 1.D5* to retain a previously established deemed cost under GAAP as its deemed cost. With subsequent addition at cost, this remains as the basis of recognition of non-material asset classes.

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, current replacement cost is taken to be the fair value.

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Note 7. Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment and investment property (continued)

Highest and best use

Highest and best use - For land which Council has an unfettered right to sell, the "highest and best use" recognises the possibility of the demolition or substantial modification of some or all of the existing buildings and structures affixed to the land. Much of the land under Council's care and control is Crown land or has been declared as community land under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1999*. Other types of restrictions also exist.

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

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

Transition to AASB 13 - Fair Value Measurement

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

Capitalisation thresholds

Capitalisation thresholds used by Council for a range of assets is set at an amount of \$10,000 with the exception of office furniture, plant and equipment which has a \$5,000 capitalisation threshold. In some circumstances lesser amounts of capital expenditures will be capitalised where it is considered appropriate for that particular asset.

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

Council have elected not to capitalise road signs and roadside furniture.

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 and equipment

Office equipment	5 to 10 years
Office furniture	10 to 20 years
Vehicles and road-making equipment	3 to 30 years
Other plant and equipment	5 to 15 years

Building and other structures

Buildings - masonry	50 to 100 years
Buildings - other construction	20 to 40 years
Park structures - masonry	50 to 100 years
Park structures - other construction	20 to 40 years
Playground equipment	5 to 15 years
Benches, seats, etc.	10 to 20 years

Infrastructure

Sealed roads - upper surface	17 to 25 years
Sealed roads - lower structure	51 to 66 years
Pavement	50 to 80 years
Pavement base	60 years
Pavement sub-base	180 years
Unsealed roads - sheeted and formed	15 to 50 years

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Note 7. Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment and investment property (continued)

Unsealed roads - unformed	50 to 100 years
Bridges	80 to 100 years
Kerb and gutter	80 to 100 years
Drains	75 to 100 years
Culverts	50 to 80 years
Flood control structures	80 to 100 years
<i>Boat Ramps</i>	
Ramp Lanes	40 years
Ramp Pontoons	25 years
<i>Effluent</i>	
Pipes - drains	70 to 100 years
Pipes - rising mains	50 to 70 years
Pumps and telementery	30 to 80 years
<i>Economic affairs</i>	
Effluent, electrical and reticulation	30 to 50 years
RV dump points	20 to 30 years
Roads	30 to 80 years
<i>Foreshore</i>	
Seawalls	80 years
Coastal stairways	40 years
<i>Footpaths</i>	
Concrete	50 years
Hotmix	25 years
Paver	50 years
Formed Rubble	50 years
<i>Airports and aerodromes</i>	
Runways	15 to 40 years
Roads	30 to 80 years
Lighting and electrical	20 to 40 years
Stormwater	60 to 100 years
Fencing	20 to 50 years

Land and 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.

Land Assets, exclusive of an improvements, held as at 1 July 2021 were revalued by Council utilising site valuations provided by the South Australian Valuer-General.

Buildings and other structures

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Note 7. Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment and investment property (continued)

Buildings and other structures were revalued as at 1 July 2021 by Mitch Ekonomopoulos of AssetVal. All acquisitions made after the respective date of valuation have been recorded at cost.

Infrastructure

Infrastructure (excluding Recreation and Culture) assets were revalued by the following members with an effective valuation date of 1 July 2021 with all acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation being recorded at cost:

Roads	Tonkin Consulting and Council Staff
Port Lincoln Airport	Aerodrome Design Services Pty Ltd and Council Staff
Effluent Schemes	Tonkin Consulting
Stormwater	Tonkin Consulting and Council Staff
Footpaths	Tonkin Consulting and Council Staff
Boat Ramps	AssetVal
Bridges	AssetVal
Aerodromes	Council Staff
Economic Affairs	Tonkin Consulting, AssetVal and Council Staff
Foreshore	AssetVal

Machinery

These assets are recognised on the cost basis.

Plant, furniture and 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

\$ '000	2023 Current	2023 Non Current	2022 Current	2022 Non Current
(a) Trade and other payables				
Goods & Services	555	—	608	—
Payments received in advance	—	—	—	—
- Rates	62	—	57	—
- Grants, subsidies, contributions - operating	688	—	358	—
- Grants and contributions - capital	1,683	—	1,712	—
- Other	2	—	4	—
Accrued Expenses - Employee Entitlements	90	—	70	—
Accrued Expenses - Other	377	—	177	—
Deposits, Retentions & Bonds	75	—	7	—
Other	68	—	62	—
<u>Total trade and other payables</u>	<u>3,600</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>3,055</u>	<u>—</u>

(b) Borrowings

Loans	539	2,021	683	2,560
<u>Total Borrowings</u>	<u>539</u>	<u>2,021</u>	<u>683</u>	<u>2,560</u>

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

(c) Provisions

Annual leave (including oncosts)	527	—	487	—
Long service leave (including oncosts)	633	151	546	115
<u>Total provisions</u>	<u>1,160</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>1,033</u>	<u>115</u>

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Note 9. Reserves

	as at 30/06/22				as at 30/06/23
\$ '000	Opening Balance	Increments (Decrements)	Transfers	Impairments	Closing Balance
(a) Asset revaluation reserve					
Land	14,034	—	—	—	14,034
Buildings and other structures	9,349	—	—	—	9,349
Infrastructure					
Sealed roads	11,130	—	—	—	11,130
Stormwater drainage	2,222	—	—	—	2,222
CWMS scheme	7,926	—	—	—	7,926
Formed and surfaced roads	2,988	—	—	—	2,988
Recreation and culture	878	—	—	—	878
Port Lincoln Airport	3,766	—	—	—	3,766
Aerodromes	222	—	—	—	222
Boat ramps	758	—	—	—	758
Footpaths	971	—	—	—	971
Economic affairs	138	—	—	—	138
Bridges	152	—	—	—	152
Foreshore	205	—	—	—	205
Total asset revaluation reserve	54,739	—	—	—	54,739
Comparatives	53,478	1,261	—	—	54,739

	as at 30/06/22			as at 30/06/23
\$ '000	Opening Balance	Tfrs to Reserve	Tfrs from Reserve	Closing Balance
(b) Other reserves				
Community Wastewater Management Schemes	452	—	(1)	451
Port Lincoln Airport	(390)	265	—	(125)
Cummins Homes	(48)	54	—	6
Coffin Bay Caravan Park	(42)	104	—	62
Open Space	6	—	—	6
Total other reserves	(22)	423	(1)	400
Comparatives	46	66	(134)	(22)

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Note 9. Reserves (continued)

Purposes of reserves

Asset revaluation reserves

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

Other reserves

CWMS

Funds associated with the operation and capital works of Community Wastewater Management Schemes. Interest is calculated and the reserve adjusted for on amounts owing or owed to Council.

Port Lincoln Airport

Funds associated with the operation and future capital works of the Port Lincoln Airport. Interest is calculated and the reserve adjusted for on amounts owing or owed to Council.

Cummins Homes

Funds associated with the operation and capital works of the Cummins Homes with Council waiving any interest payable associated with a negative cash balance.

Coffin Bay Caravan Park

Funds associated with the operation and capital works of the Coffin Bay Caravan Park. Interest is calculated and the reserve adjusted for on amounts owing or owed to Council.

Open Space

Developer or Council open space contributions set aside for open space projects throughout the Council District.

District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula

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Note 10. Assets subject to restrictions

\$ '000	2023	2022
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.		
Cash and financial assets		
Open space reserve contributions	6	5
Total cash and financial assets	6	5
<u>Total assets subject to externally imposed restrictions</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

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Note 11. Reconciliation to Statement of Cash Flows

\$ '000	Notes	2023	2022
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(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 Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:

Total cash and equivalent assets	5	7,173	6,479
Balances per Statement of Cash Flows		7,173	6,479

(b) Reconciliation of change in net assets to cash from operating activities

Net surplus/(deficit)		1,308	(558)
Non-cash items in income statements			
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment		4,083	4,250
Non-cash asset acquisitions		—	(7)
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as investing activity		(1,369)	(2,161)
Net (gain)/loss on disposals		233	1,734
		4,255	3,258
Add (less): changes in net current assets			
Net (increase)/decrease in receivables		(383)	63
Net (increase)/decrease in inventories		(227)	55
Net increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables		438	1,779
Net increase/(decrease) in unpaid employee benefits		163	95
Net cash provided by (or used in) operations		4,246	5,250

(c) Non-cash financing and investing activities

Acquisition of assets by means of:

Physical resources received free of charge	2i	—	7
Amounts recognised in income statement		—	7
Total non-cash financing and investing activities		—	7

(d) Financing arrangements

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

Corporate credit cards	10	15
LGFA cash advance debenture facility	4,500	4,500

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Note 12(a). Functions

Income, Expenses and Assets have been directly attributed to the following Functions / Activities.
Details of these Functions/Activities are provided in Note 12(b).

\$ '000	INCOME		EXPENSES		OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME		TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT AND NON-CURRENT)	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Functions/Activities										
Administration	9,059	8,468	2,104	1,963	6,955	6,505	50	19	11,264	10,352
Public order and safety										
Fire protection	2	2	93	99	(91)	(97)	—	—	108	110
Other	55	33	84	72	(29)	(39)	—	—	157	161
Health										
Health inspections	1	—	30	26	(29)	(26)	—	—	—	—
Other health	2	4	29	33	(27)	(29)	4	4	235	235
Social security and welfare										
Aged and disabled services	—	—	14	12	(14)	(12)	—	—	—	—
Families and children	4	1	10	4	(6)	(3)	4	1	—	—
Housing and community amenities										
Housing	143	127	137	114	6	13	—	—	2,182	1,880
Town planning	—	—	294	292	(294)	(292)	—	—	—	—
Community development	434	4	487	48	(53)	(44)	434	4	123	123
Sanitation and garbage	149	128	1,411	1,400	(1,262)	(1,272)	27	—	494	504
Effluent	12	16	913	933	(901)	(917)	—	—	10,705	10,742
Urban stormwater drainage	—	—	180	247	(180)	(247)	—	—	2,472	2,527
Other community amenities	39	69	475	427	(436)	(358)	9	45	1,258	1,233
Protection of the environment	4	28	467	394	(463)	(366)	—	25	296	301
Recreation and culture										
Libraries	2	5	63	68	(61)	(63)	2	5	—	—
Other cultural services	—	—	15	13	(15)	(13)	—	—	—	—
Sport and recreation	209	484	715	749	(506)	(265)	199	482	11,900	11,541
Fuel and energy	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Agricultural services	3	7	9	17	(6)	(10)	3	7	—	—
Mining and manufacturing construction	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Development Act	179	157	67	42	112	115	—	—	—	—
Transport and communication										
Sealed roads	—	—	1,485	1,273	(1,485)	(1,273)	426	426	24,211	23,248
Formed and surfaced roads	1,477	1,688	2,212	2,350	(735)	(662)	1,050	1,261	6,528	6,706

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Note 12(a). Functions (continued)

Income, Expenses and Assets have been directly attributed to the following Functions / Activities.
Details of these Functions/Activities are provided in Note 12(b).

\$ '000	INCOME		EXPENSES		OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME		TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT AND NON-CURRENT)	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Bridges	–	–	14	9	(14)	(9)	–	–	164	146
Footpaths	137	128	160	182	(23)	(54)	137	128	1,440	1,431
Port Lincoln Airport	3,195	2,720	3,255	2,831	(60)	(111)	961	975	19,185	19,643
Authorised landing areas	–	–	26	23	(26)	(23)	–	–	606	616
Other transport and communication	–	–	264	307	(264)	(307)	–	–	717	773
Economic affairs										
Tourism	120	–	343	53	(223)	(53)	–	–	–	–
Caravan parks and camping grounds	223	195	191	173	32	22	–	15	2,918	2,948
Other economic affairs	–	–	80	–	(80)	–	–	–	220	220
Other purposes NEC	–	–	–	–	–	–	896	810	–	–
Public debt transactions	10	–	195	166	(185)	(166)	–	–	–	–
Other purposes NEC	1,275	943	49	78	1,226	865	–	–	112	112
Works department	–	–	85	95	(85)	(95)	–	–	599	642
Machinery operations	40	30	140	24	(100)	6	41	27	3,486	3,853
Total Functions/Activities	16,774	15,237	16,096	14,517	678	720	4,243	4,234	101,380	100,047

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

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Note 12(b). Components of functions

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

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.

Public order and safety

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.

Social security and welfare

Aged and disabled services, community welfare, rural counselling.

Housing and community amenities

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.

Protection of the environment N.E.C

Foreshore protection, flood prevention, noise control.

Recreation and culture

Libraries, cultural services, sport and recreation, reserves, swimming pools, halls.

Mining, manufacturing and construction

Building Act.

Agricultural services

Pest plants, pest animals.

Transport and communication

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

Economic affairs

Tourism, Caravan Parks, rental properties.

Other purposes N.E.C

Public debt transactions, plant operations and other.

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Note 13. Financial instruments

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 and conditions:

Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 1.05% and 4.30% (2022: 0.15% and 1.05%). Short term deposits have an average maturity of 120 days and an average interest rate of 4.71% (2022: 365 days and 0.30%).

Carrying amount:

Approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.

Receivables - rates and associated 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 and conditions:

Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 5.80% (2022: 5.05%). 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 and 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 and conditions:

Unsecured, and do not bear interest. 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 and 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.

Liabilities - creditors and accruals**Accounting policy:**

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Note 13. Financial instruments (continued)

Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Council.

Terms and 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 using the effective interest rate.

Terms and conditions:

Secured over future revenues, borrowings are repayable (describe basis); interest is charged at fixed (or variable - describe) rates between 2.00% and 5.15% (2022: 2.00% and 5.40%).

Carrying amount:

Approximates fair value.

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Note 13. Financial instruments (continued)

\$ '000	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year and ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
Financial assets and liabilities					
2023					
Financial assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	7,172	–	–	7,172	7,173
Receivables	1,283	8	7	1,298	1,295
Total financial assets	8,455	8	7	8,470	8,468
Financial liabilities					
Payables	3,133	–	–	3,133	3,133
Current borrowings	621	–	–	621	539
Non-current borrowings	–	1,971	191	2,162	2,021
Total financial liabilities	3,754	1,971	191	5,916	5,693
Total financial assets and liabilities	12,209	1,979	198	14,386	14,161
2022					
Financial assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	6,479	–	–	6,479	6,479
Receivables	1,249	7	8	1,264	1,239
Total financial assets	7,728	7	8	7,743	7,718
Financial liabilities					
Payables	2,808	–	–	2,808	2,808
Current borrowings	792	–	–	792	683
Non-current borrowings	–	2,348	435	2,783	2,560
Total financial liabilities	3,600	2,348	435	6,383	6,051
Total financial assets and liabilities	11,328	2,355	443	14,126	13,769

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Note 13. Financial instruments (continued)

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

\$ '000	2023		2022	
	Weighted Avg Interest Rate	Carrying Value	Weighted Avg Interest Rate	Carrying Value
Fixed interest rates	3.62%	2,560	3.94%	3,243
		<u>2,560</u>		<u>3,243</u>

Cash Advance Debentures

As at 30 June 2023 Council had Cash Advance Debenture facilities with the Local Government Finance Authority with a total limit of \$4,500,000 of which the full amount remained undrawn.

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 and 6 in relation to individual classes of receivables, exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries, and there is no material exposure to any individual debtor.

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

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

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

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Note 14. Commitments for expenditure

\$ '000	2023	2022
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Capital commitments

Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:

Land	—	8
Roads and footpath	—	1,090
Community Wastewater Management Scheme	1,543	—
	1,543	1,098

These expenditures are payable:

Not later than one year	1,543	1,098
	1,543	1,098

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Note 15. Financial indicators

\$ '000	Amounts 2023	Indicator 2023	Indicators 2022	Indicators 2021
<p><i>These Financial Indicators have been calculated in accordance with Information paper 9 - Local Government Financial Indicators prepared as part of the LGA Financial Sustainability Program for the Local Government Association of South Australia.</i></p>				
1. Operating Surplus Ratio				
Operating surplus	678	4.0%	4.7%	1.9%
Total operating income	16,774			
<p><i>This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of total operating revenue.</i></p>				
2. Net Financial Liabilities Ratio				
Net financial liabilities	(992)	(6)%	(2)%	12%
Total operating income	16,774			
<p><i>Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets (excluding equity accounted investments in Council businesses). These are expressed as a percentage of total operating revenue.</i></p>				
Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio				
Operating surplus	274	1.7%	2.7%	3.4%
Total operating income	16,370			
Adjustments to Ratios				
<p><i>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.</i></p>				
Adjusted Net Financial Liabilities Ratio				
Net financial liabilities	275	2%	4%	16%
Total operating income	16,370			
3. Asset Renewal Funding Ratio				
Asset renewals	2,772	55%	95%	95%
Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan required expenditure	5,041			

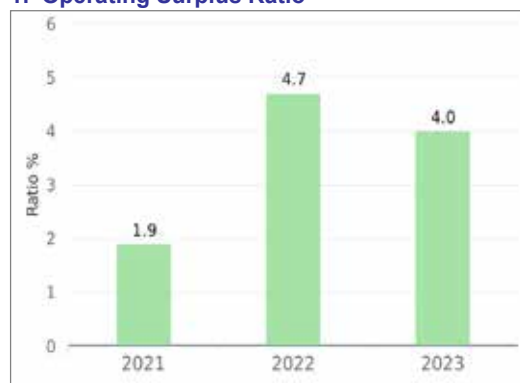
Asset renewals expenditure is defined as capital expenditure on the renewal and replacement of existing assets relative to the optimal level planned, and excludes new capital expenditure on the acquisition of additional assets.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023

Note 15. Financial indicators (continued)

Financial indicators - graphs

1. Operating Surplus Ratio



Purpose of operating surplus ratio

This indicator is to determine the percentage the operating revenue varies from operating expenditure

Commentary on 2022/23 result

2022/23 ratio 4.0%

The receipt of 100% of Council's estimated 2023/24 Financial Assistance Grants in the 2022/23 year resulted in an additional \$403,600 operating revenue being received and reported in 2022/23.

2. Net Financial Liabilities Ratio



Purpose of net financial liabilities ratio

This indicator shows the significance of the net amount owed to others, compared to operating revenue

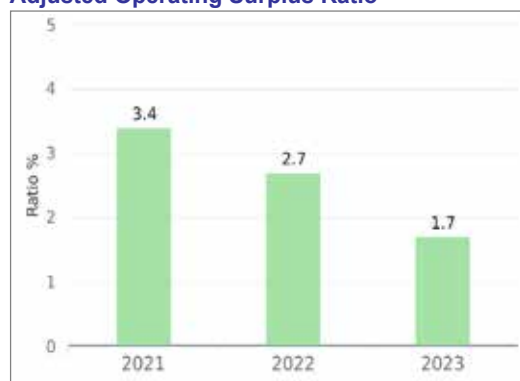
Commentary on 2022/23 result

2022/23 ratio (6)%

The prepayment of Council's 2023/24 Financial Assistance Grants and the carryover of a number of capital projects resulted in increased cash on hand as at 30 June 2023 and resulted in a negative Net Financial Liabilities Ratio result.

Council's Long Term Financial Plan forecasts an average Net Financial Liabilities Ratio of 13% over the period 2021 - 2030.

Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio



Purpose of adjusted operating surplus ratio

This indicator is to determine the percentage the operating revenue (adjusted for timing differences in the Financial Assistance Grant) varies from operating expenditure

Commentary on 2022/23 result

2022/23 ratio 1.7%

The Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio Result of 1.7% is within the Local Government recommended range of 0%-10%.

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Note 15. Financial indicators (continued)

Adjusted Net Financial Liabilities Ratio



Purpose of adjusted net financial liabilities ratio

This indicator is to determine the percentage the operating revenue (adjusted for timing differences in the Financial Assistance Grant) varies from operating expenditure

Commentary on 2022/23 result

2022/23 ratio 2%

The carryover of a number of capital projects resulted in increased cash on hand as at 30 June 2023. Increased Cash on Hand and no new borrowings being required by Council in the 2022/23 financial year resulted in a continued decline in the Net Financial Liabilities Ratio result.

The Adjusted Net Financial Liabilities Ratio Result of 2.0% is within the Local Government recommended range of 0%-100%.

3. Asset Renewal Funding Ratio



Purpose of asset renewal funding ratio

This indicator aims to determine if assets are being renewed and replaced in an optimal way

Commentary on 2022/23 result

2022/23 ratio 55%

The recommended Asset Renewal Funding Ratio target range for Local Governments is 90%-110% with Council achieving a 92% average over the past 3 financial years.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2023

Note 16. Uniform presentation of finances

\$ '000	2023	2022
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.		
<u>Income</u>		
Rates	8,944	8,395
Statutory charges	263	226
User charges	2,588	2,215
Grants, subsidies and contributions - capital	506	1,144
Grants, subsidies and contributions - operating	3,737	3,090
Investment income	329	74
Reimbursements	275	77
Other income	132	16
Total Income	16,774	15,237
<u>Expenses</u>		
Employee costs	4,197	3,854
Materials, contracts and other expenses	7,621	6,246
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	4,083	4,250
Finance costs	195	167
Total Expenses	16,096	14,517
Operating surplus / (deficit)	678	720
Adjusted Operating surplus / (deficit)	678	720
Net outlays on existing assets		
Capital expenditure on renewal and replacement of existing assets	(2,796)	(3,278)
Add back depreciation, amortisation and impairment	4,083	4,250
Add back proceeds from sale of replaced assets	24	494
	1,311	1,466
Net outlays on new and upgraded assets		
Capital expenditure on new and upgraded assets (including investment property and real estate developments)	(1,905)	(1,065)
Add back amounts received specifically for new and upgraded assets	863	2,161
Add back proceeds from sale of surplus assets (including investment property, real estate developments and non-current assets held for resale)	—	73
	(1,042)	1,169
Annual net impact to financing activities (surplus/(deficit))	947	3,355

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for the year ended 30 June 2023

Note 17. Leases

Council as a lessor

Council owns various buildings, plant and other facilities that are available for hire or lease (on a non-cancellable basis wherever practicable) in accordance with the published revenue policy. Rentals received from such leases are disclosed as rent and hire of non-investment property in Note 2.

Investment property

Rentals received, and outgoings reimbursed, in relation to Investment Property are also disclosed in Note 2. These lease agreements, all of which are classified as operating leases, are made on a non-cancellable basis wherever practicable.

\$ '000	2023	2022
Future minimum rentals receivable under non-cancellable operating leases as at 30 June, are as follows:		
Not later than one year	218	241
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	824	768
Later than 5 years	1,883	1,179
	<u>2,925</u>	<u>2,188</u>

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Note 18. Superannuation

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to Hostplus (formerly Local Government Superannuation Scheme and Statewide 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 (10.50% in 2022/23; 10.00% 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 2021/22) 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 2021. 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.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023

Note 19. Contingencies and assets/liabilities not recognised in the balance sheet

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

1. Land under roads

As reported in the Financial 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 the reports. Land acquired for road purposes during the year is initially recognised at cost, but transferred to fair value at reporting date, effectively writing off the expenditure.

At reporting date, Council controlled 1,345 km of road reserves of average width 20 metres.

2. Potential insurance losses

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

Council insures against all known insurable risks using a range of insurance policies, each of which is subject to deductible "insurance excesses", 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. Bank guarantees

Council has guaranteed certain loans and other banking facilities advanced to community organisations and sporting bodies, amounting to \$14,000 (2022: \$345,000) at reporting date.

Council does not expect to incur any loss arising from these guarantees.

4. 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 no notices 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.

Note 20. Events after the balance sheet date

There were no events after 30 June 2023 that need to be disclosed in the financial statements.

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Note 21. Related party transactions

Key management personnel

Transactions with 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, 19 persons were paid the following total compensation:

\$ '000	2023	2022
The compensation paid to key management personnel comprises:		
Salaries, allowances and other short-term benefits	1,358	1,061
Long-term benefits	14	–
Termination benefits	34	–
Total	1,406	1,061

Amounts paid as direct reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of Council have not been included above.

Receipts from key management personnel comprise:

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

Contributions for Fringe Benefits Tax purposes	8	3
Planning and building application Fees	–	1
Total	8	4

Parties related to key management personnel

In 2022/23 no key management personnel or close family members (including related parties) paid any amounts to Council other than those directly related to activities associated with being a ratepayer.

Transactions between Council and related parties

\$'000	2023	2022
Donations and contributions	28	3
Grants	–	23
Contractual services	13	38
Total	41	64

Four Elected Members and One employee are members of or have family members who are on the management committees of the following ten organisations:

- Cummins & District Enterprise Committee (and Associated Sub-Committees)
- Cummins Community Hotel
- Cummins Bowling Club
- Lower Eyre Family Practice
- Quigley Constructions Pty Ltd
- Cummins Community Opportunity Shop
- Cummins & District War Memorial Swimming Pool - Redevelopment Committee
- EP Windscreens and Window Tinting
- United Yeelanna Football Club

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023

Note 21. Related party transactions (continued)

- United Yeelanna Netball Club

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1999, these persons declare a conflict of interest and leave the meeting environs when any matter affecting their club or organisation is discussed or voted upon.

Independent Auditor's Report

To the members of the District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula (the Council), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Certification of the Financial Statements.

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Council as at 30 June 2023, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 2011* and the Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described as in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Council in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (Including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Council's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Council is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations), the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* and for such internal control as Council determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report to be free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, Council is responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless Council either intends to liquidate the Council or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Council's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that the audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Council's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by Council.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Council's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Council to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

DEAN NEWBERY



JIM KEOGH
Director

20/10/2023

INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE REPORT ON THE INTERNAL CONTROLS OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOWER EYRE PENINSULA

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula (the Council) has complied, in all material respects, with Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1999 in relation to the Internal Controls established by the Council relating 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 2022 to 30 June 2023.

Basis for Qualified opinion

For the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, Council had ineffective controls in operation to ensure that the principles and objectives of the Council's Procurement Policy were being complied with in relation to evaluation and selection of suppliers engaged by Council. Internal Controls were found to not be in operation in relation to External Services – Contracting requirements per the *Better Practice Model* in relation to procurement activities undertaken specifically for tendering and request for quotations methods of procurement tested.

We have audited the Internal Controls of the Council under 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 2022 to 30 June 2023 have been conducted properly and in accordance with law.

We conducted our engagement in accordance with Standard on Assurance Engagements *ASAE 3000 Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* and *ASAE 3150 Assurance Engagements on Controls* issued by the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

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

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* 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 Independence and Quality Control

We have complied with the independence and other relevant ethical requirements relating to assurance engagements, and applying Auditing Standard *ASQC 1 Quality Control for Firms that Perform Audits and Review of Financial Reports and Other Financial Information, and Other Assurance Engagements* in undertaking the assurance engagement.

Assurance Practitioner's Responsibilities

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 have been conducted properly and in accordance with law.

ASAE 3150 requires that we plan and perform our procedures to obtain reasonable assurance about whether, in all material respects, the controls are suitably designed to achieve the control objectives and the controls operating effectively through the period. ASAE 3000 also requires us to comply with the relevant ethical requirements for the Australian professional accounting bodies.

An assurance engagement to report on the design and operating effectiveness of controls involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the suitability of the design of the controls to achieve the control objectives and the operating effectiveness of the controls throughout the period. The procedures selected depend on our judgement, including the assessment of the risks that the controls are not suitably designed or the controls did not operate effectively. Our procedures included testing the operating effectiveness to the controls that we consider necessary to achieve the control objectives identified. An Assurance engagement of this type also includes evaluating the suitability of the control objectives.

Limitation on Use

This report has been prepared for the members of the Council in accordance with *Section 129(1)(b) 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.

Limitations of Controls

Because of the inherent limitations of any internal control structure it is possible that, even if the controls are suitably designed and operating effectively, the control objectives may not be achieved so that fraud, error, or non-compliance with laws and regulations may occur and not be detected.

An assurance engagement on operating effectiveness of controls is not designed to detect all instances of controls operating ineffectively as it is not performed continuously throughout the period and the tests performed are on a sample basis. Any projection of the outcome of the evaluation of controls to future periods is subject to the risk that the controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with them may deteriorate.

DEAN NEWBERY



JIM KEOGH
Director

20/10/2023

District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula

General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2023

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 Lower Eyre Peninsula for the year ended 30 June 2023, the Council's Auditor, Dean Newbery 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*.

Sacheen Hopewell
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Pamela Lee
Presiding Member, Audit & Risk Committee

Date: 12 October 2023

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Certification of Auditor's Independence

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of the District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula for the year ended 30 June 2023, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Part 4A, 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*.



JIM KEOGH

Director

DEAN NEWBERY

20/10/2023

Appendix C – Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association

EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



ANNUAL REPORT



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



Welcome to the
District Council
of **Elliston**

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Regional Snapshot provided by Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula Inc.

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 PRESIDENT'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.

The EPLGA acts as a forum for Eyre Peninsula Councils to consider matters of common interest and a structure to work together. Over the past year, the rising cost of materials and labour, interest rate hikes and supply and skill shortages have continued to put pressure on local government. 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 Clare McLaughlin, City of Whyalla and past EPLGA President (February - September 2022). We acknowledge and respect Clare's outstanding relationship with local, state, and federal governments and ability to attract support and funding for major projects including the Whyalla Foreshore Masterplan, Airport Redevelopment and National Green Hydrogen Hub. We all wish Clare the very best for the future as she embarks on the next chapter of her life.

To better deliver services to Councils I am pleased to deliver a refreshed EPLGA Charter, a completed governance review and a full-time role for the EPLGA Executive Officer, Peter Scott (previously 23 hours/week) from May 2023. We thank Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula for previously providing an office, administrative and bookkeeping support for the

EPLGA as we move to an independent self-sufficient organisation from June 2023.

As well as these things, there will continue to be work on a range of other challenges, including providing an online campground booking service for Councils, 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.

The communication with both State and Federal governments will also be very important, with the need to maximise funding and partnership opportunities.

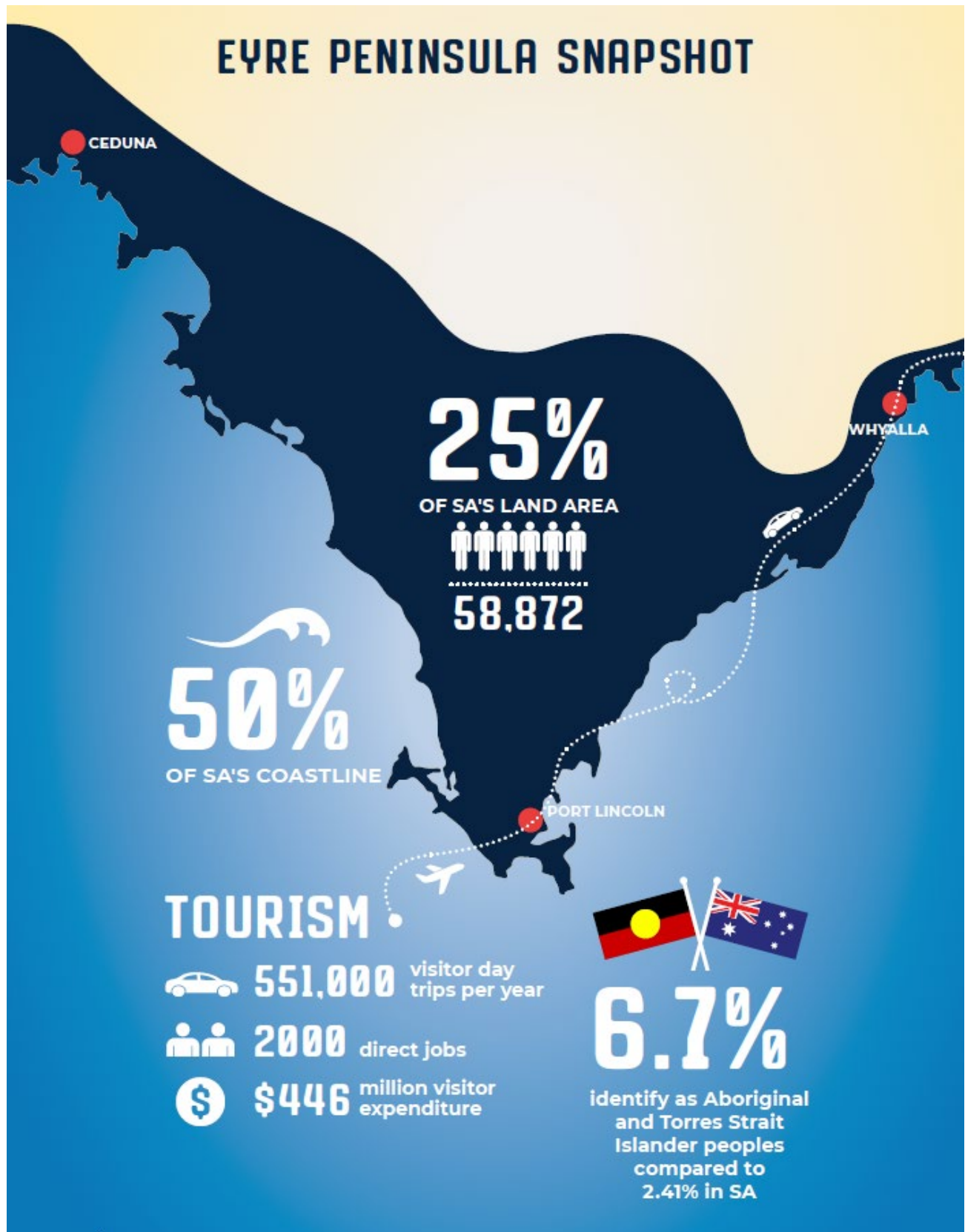
This upcoming year will need the EPLGA Board and member Councils to show strong, responsive, and accountable leadership, driving the opportunities for innovation while still respecting the characteristics which we all value in our communities and councils. This leadership and representation throughout 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.



Mayor Dean Johnson

President Eyre Peninsula
Local Government Association





24%
OF SA'S BARLEY CROP

40%
OF SA'S WHEAT CROP



45%
OF SA'S IRON & STEEL
MANUFACTURING



82%

OF SA'S SEAFOOD
PRODUCT

- ▶ 100% BLUEFIN TUNA
- ▶ 97% OYSTERS

- ▶ 92% MUSSELS
- ▶ 82% ABALONE



33,353

LABOUR FORCE
POPULATION

CONTRIBUTES
\$4.05BN

TO SA'S GRP



JOBS BY SECTOR

3,494

Agriculture, forestry
and fishing

2,115

Healthcare and
social assistance

1,865

Manufacturing

**VALUE OF
EXPORTS
PER SECTOR**



Economic Statistic		Figure
Population – EP		
EP Population		58,872
% of Males		50.5%
% of Females		49.5%
% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander		6.7%
% Born overseas		11.1%
% Eligible Votes		68.9%
Income – EP		
Median Weekly Household Income – EP		\$1,245
Median Weekly Household Income – SA		\$1,455
Median Weekly Household Income – AUS		\$1,746
Age – EP		
% of people aged 60+ in Eyre Peninsula		15,908 (27.9%)
Median Age Eyre Peninsula		43
Median Age South Australia		41
Median Age Australia		38
Highest change in local jobs from 2016 to 2021 – EP		
Mining (largest increase)		+ 580
Public Administration and Safety (2nd largest increase)		+ 402
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing (largest decrease)		- 1,261

Economic Statistic		Figure
Employment – EP		
Labour Force		33,353
Unemployed		1,712
Unemployment Rate		5.1% (5.0% SA) (4.6% AUS)
Top Employment by Industry – EP		
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing		3,494 (16.5%)
Construction		2,331 (11.0%)
Health Care and Social Assistance		2,115 (10.0%)
Manufacturing		1,865 (8.8%)
Education and Training		1,790 (8.5%)
Mining		1,689 (8.0%)
Gross Regional Product – EP		
Total GRP for EP		\$4.05 billion
% of Gross State Product (SA)		3.44%
Total Exports		\$3.41 billion
Top Exports by Industry – EP		
Mining		\$1,114,318,000
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing		\$961,797,000
Manufacturing		\$873,323,000
Construction		\$89,925,000

Economic Statistic		Figure	
Time Series Analysis (2020 v 2021) – EP – Source: REMPLAN		2020	2021
Total Exports		\$3.07 billion	\$3.41 billion
Total Imports		\$1.98 billion	\$2.16 billion
Average Productivity (value-added per worker) in EP		\$0.14 million	\$0.15 million
Value of G&S produced in EP (local sales)		\$1.71 billion	\$1.77 billion

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 2022/23

Under the terms of the EPLGA Charter, the following Board appointments were current as of 30 June 2023.

MEMBER COUNCIL	BOARD MEMBER	DEPUTY BOARD MEMBER
Ceduna	Ken Maynard (Mayor)	Robert Sleep (D/Mayor)
Cleve	Phil Cameron (Mayor)	Grant Fennell (D/Mayor)
Elliston	Andrew McLeod (Mayor)	Allison Pickford (D/Mayor)
Franklin Harbour	Robert Walsh (Mayor)	Rachel Deer (D/Mayor)
Kimba	Dean Johnson (Mayor)	Megan Lienert (D/Mayor)
Lower Eyre	Jo-Anne Quigley (Mayor)	Steve Woolley (D/Mayor)
Port Lincoln	Diana Mislov (Mayor)	Jack Ritchie (D/Mayor)
Streaky Bay	Travis Barber (Mayor)	Greg Limbert (D/Mayor)
Tumby Bay	Geoff Churchett (Mayor)	Julie Elliott (D/Mayor)
Whyalla	Phill Stone (Mayor)	Tamy Pond (D/Mayor)
Wudinna	Eleanor Scholz (Mayor)	Naomi Scholz (D/Mayor)

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES/ APPOINTMENTS

EPLGA Board Executive:

President EPLGA President LGASA SAROC Committee LGA Board of Directors	Mayor Dean Johnson	DC Kimba
Immediate Past President	Mayor Travis Barber (In absence of Sam Telfer MP – did not stand for election)	DC Streaky Bay
Vice President SAROC Committee LGA Board of Directors	Mayor Jo-Anne Quigley	Lower Eyre Council
Chief Executive Officer	Delfina Lanzilli	Lower Eyre Council
Executive Officer	Peter Scott	EPLGA

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)
 Peter Scott, Executive Officer
 Representatives from each Council

- City of Port Lincoln
- EPLGA

ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND BOARD MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Schedule of Board Meetings and Conferences		
Date	Event	Host
02-Sep-22	Board Meeting	DC Tumby Bay
Sep-22	85 th EPLGA Conference	DC Cleve
02-Dec-22	Board Meeting	City of Whyalla
16 Mar-23	Board Meeting	City of Port Lincoln
17 Mar-23	86 th EPLGA Conference	EPLGA Executive Officer
02-Jun-23	Board Meeting	DC Ceduna
01-Sep-23	Board Meeting	DC Streaky Bay
01-Dec-23	Board Meeting	Lower Eyre Council
21-Mar-24	Board Meeting	DC Franklin Harbour
22-Mar-24	87 th EPLGA Conference	DC Franklin Harbour
07-Jun-24	Board Meeting	Wudinna DC
06-Sep-24	Board Meeting	City of Port Lincoln
06-Dec-24	Board Meeting	DC Kimba
Feb/Mar 2025	88 th Conference and Board Meeting	DC Streaky Bay
06-Jun-25	Board Meeting	DC Tumby Bay

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:

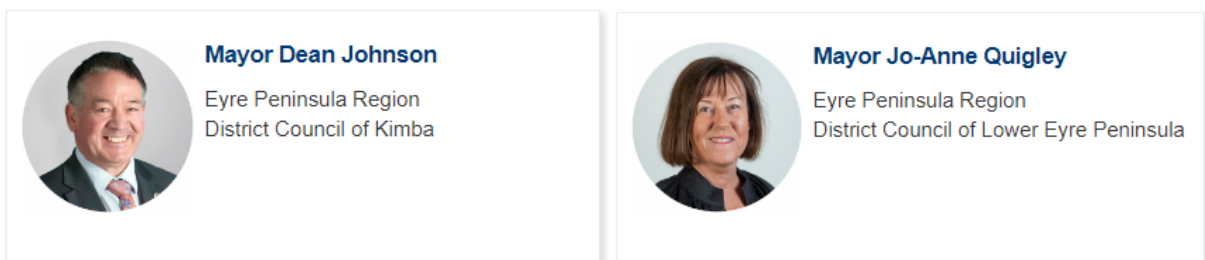
- Southern and Hills Councils
- Legatus Councils
- Eyre Peninsula
- Limestone Coast
- Murraylands and Riverland
- Spencer Gulf Cities

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



SAROC met six times in 2022-2023 and agendas, minutes, the Strategic and Business Plans can be viewed here: <https://www.lga.sa.gov.au/about/lga-meetings/saroc>

SAROC Committee members are appointed for a two-year term, with the current committee members term ending on 28 October 2024. 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.

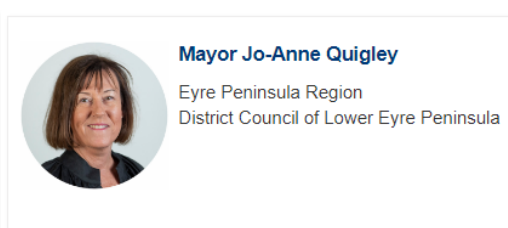
Members of the LGA Board of Directors include:

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



LGA Annual General Meeting Adelaide Oval, Friday 28 October

The Annual General Meeting is an opportunity for councils to discuss important issues for the sector and pass motions which set the LGA's strategic direction. The conference featured a fantastic line-up of speakers including:

- The Hon Geoff Brock MP, Minister for Local Government
- Sam Telfer MP, Shadow Minister for Local Government
- Hon Chris Picton MP, Minister for Health and Wellbeing
- Professor Nicola Spurrier, Chief Public Health Officer

LGA SA Ordinary General Meeting (OGM) Thursday 20 April 2023 – Adelaide Convention Centre

President Dean Johnson update:

Thank you to everyone who attended Friday's Local Government Association Ordinary General Meeting at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

It was pleasing to see so many of you in person, along with strong representation and healthy debate on some important agenda items from councils regarding Environmentally Sustainable Development, State of Climate Emergency and First Nations Voice to Parliament.

While I appreciate there were some differing views on these issues, I was encouraged by the respectful discourse and questions posed by members and, ultimately, the outcome which saw all motions carried. A heartfelt congratulations to City of Charles Sturt Mayor and past LGA President Angela Evans for winning this year's Joy Baluch Award.

Angela is an incredibly worthy recipient and her extensive and decorated track record in local government reflects this.

We also acknowledged three significant long service milestones on the day - Adelaide Plains councillors Marcus Strudwicke and Terry-Anne Keen (20 years), and Playford councillor Gay Smallwood-Smith (30 years).

Thank you for your commitment to serving your communities in local government across multiple decades. I'd also like to again extend my gratitude to Local Government Minister Geoff Brock, Electoral Commissioner Mick Sherry and LGA Tasmania President Christina Holmdahl for speaking on the day.

The election process has certainly been a hot topic in recent months and it was valuable to hear from Commissioner Sherry about some of the challenges the Electoral Commission of SA faced in running both general and supplementary elections in recent months.

I'm sure this will also be reflected in the review of elections that is currently underway.

Mayor Holmdahl's keynote address also gave a fascinating insight into mandatory voting for local government elections and the impact it had in her state.

There is no question voter participation in Tasmania significantly increased as a result, however, as was raised by members in Friday's afternoon breakout sessions, there are many logistical components that must be considered



Further discussions about mandatory voting will form part of the 2022 election review process, particularly given the results we've seen interstate, in consultation with our members.

Speaking of breakout sessions, I thought the workshops to close out Friday's OGM were an excellent addition to the program.

It was fantastic to see members engaged in conversations with one another on the key topics and having the opportunity to voice their ideas and opinions directly to the LGA Secretariat.

This in-person collaboration was extremely valuable, with many good ideas, concerns, questions and insights being captured during these workshops.

We intend to provide summaries of these sessions and the feedback received to members soon.

I received plenty of positive comments on the day about the inclusion of these breakout sessions and early indications are there is certainly merit to holding them again in future.

Lastly, I'd like to commend LGA staff on putting together such a great event and program – their efforts shouldn't go unrecognised. As I said in my President's Address at the OGM, I'm extremely optimistic about where the LGA and local government as a whole is headed in 2023.

It's a pleasure to work alongside many strong, passionate leaders in our councils who are keen to make a difference in their communities.



Mayor Dean Johnson
LGA President

LGA Roads and Works Conference August 30/31, Port Lincoln

This is the premier event of the year for council professionals dedicated to improving our roads. The LGA Roads and Works Conference is more than a gathering. It's a time to come together and share passion, experience and knowledge. It's a celebration of the tireless work to maintain our roads and keep them safe for our communities. Connect with industry experts, learn about the latest advancements and join interactive workshops to supercharge your skills. LGA Roads and Works Conference | LGA South Australia



An excellent event that received positive feedback from those in attendance and commendations to the LGA, LG Professionals and also the Roads & Works Committee for organising such a great line-up of speakers, along with the welcome and dinner networking functions.



A special thanks to the City of Port Lincoln and Mayor Diana Mislov for hosting this year's conference.

2023 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly

Nation Convention Centre Canberra

13-16 June 2023

Local government leaders from across the country shared their vision for the future of councils at the 2023 Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly.

Held in Canberra over 4 days, I attended the annual conference along with a delegation of LGA staff and elected members from across South Australian councils.

The week started with the Regional Cooperation and Development Forum touching on issues like resilience to natural disasters, skills shortages and the importance of regional development. Notably, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories Kristy McBain's speech at the forum mirrored much of the LGA's position on policy development and advocacy.

The NGA was a terrific opportunity for local government leaders from across the country to meet, deliberate and share success stories. I've left feeling inspired by what opportunities lie ahead for our sector and the partnerships that can be formed with the Federal Government for the benefit of communities.

NGA was an opportunity for council representatives to set and update sector policies and priorities. The major items on the conference agenda included reducing emissions and cost of living pressures, both of which the LGA supports wholeheartedly. Significant issues included disaster recovery, climate change, housing and the need to increase Federal grants to relieve pressure on ratepayers.



Key speakers included The Hon Catherine King MP and The Hon Peter Dutton MP. I was also extremely pleased to hear from Ambassador of Ukraine, His Excellency Vasyl Myroshnychenko, whose address called for local government in Australia to support Ukraine through partnerships that will help rebuild communities.

Mr Myroshnychenko thanked the City of Tea Tree Gully, who recently signed a sister city partnership with Borodyanka. This is the first sister city relationship with Ukraine, and offers the small town expertise and support.

Councils took the opportunity to meet with Federal Ministers and Federal departmental decision makers, to ensure they fully understand the range of local issues.

This percolation of great ideas will no doubt lead to valuable discussions at council-level, with the benefits then flowing to ratepayers. A big thank you to ALGA President, Linda Scott and her team for their hard work in putting together the NGA.

Another recent highlight is the announcement by the Federal Government to fund 23 disaster mitigation projects across South Australia, worth \$47 million in funding. I am especially pleased that the Climate Ready Regions project led by the LGA received statewide funding. This project will extend the Regional Climate Partnerships, and include development of a business case and program outline for the state-wide program.

Finally, the week culminated in the re-establishment of the Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG) by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. Hosted in Canberra to coincide with the ALGA National General Assembly, the ACLG began with a gala dinner at Parliament House on Thursday, followed by a full day of speakers from the Australian Government on Friday.

A \$100m Community Energy Upgrades fund was announced by the Prime Minister at this event. The fund will help councils invest in new energy solutions with upgrades to sporting and community facilities. This will help councils cut their emissions and reduce their energy bills.

SA council representatives felt inspired by many of the speakers at both the NGA and ACLG, reaffirming the critical value of the work of councils to support their local communities.



Clinton Jury GAICD
Chief Executive Officer

85th Annual EPLGA Conference hosted by the District Council of Cleve. Economic Regeneration – Stimulating a Regional Economy



While the town of Cleve itself is located approximately half-way between Whyalla and Port Lincoln on the Eyre Peninsula, the District Council of Cleve encompasses the area from the coast of Spencer Gulf at Arno Bay west to the mountain ranges of Darke Peak. The area is characterised by panoramic views, cereal crops, sandy beaches and some of the best fishing in the country. The District Council of Cleve covers an area of 529,543 hectares serving a population of approximately 1771 (2016 census) people and shares boundaries with Kimba, Franklin Harbour, Elliston and Tumby Bay Councils. The District Council of Cleve includes the townships of Cleve, Arno Bay, Darke Peak and Rudall.

The District Council of Cleve was honoured to host the 85th EPLGA Conference. The provoking conference, informed, engaged and entertained. The theme of the conference was Economic Regeneration with a focus on rural environmental sustainability. The Eyre Peninsula's geography and climate, positions the region as a major contributor to the State's Gross Regional Product (GRP) and at the forefront of global change in terms of 'green' mining, 'green' energy generation and sustainable agricultural practices. As we emerge from COVID restrictions and re-open to the world, Eyre Peninsula local government authorities seek to work in partnership and collaborate with all levels of government and stakeholders as we look to deliver unique solutions to the challenges local government faces in 2022 and beyond.

8.45 AM	Opening District Council of Cleve Mayor Phil Cameron	Talk about 'Why' and the leadership change process required.
9.05 AM	Welcome by Mayor Clare McLaughlin, President EPLGA	
9.10 AM	State Growth Agenda & Regional Strategy Minister Clare Scriven, Minister for Primary Industries & Regional Development	The State Growth Agenda & Regional Priorities
9.30 AM	Regenerating a Regional Economy - The Future Cleve David Penfold, CEO District Council of Cleve	Transforming Local Economy, learnings from the past 3 years and the Future Direction
10.30 AM	MORNING TEA	
11.00 AM	Platinum Sponsors Address - Plumbing and Pipeline Solutions	
11.10 AM	Future of EP Economy Ryan Viney, CEO Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula	Future direction of the EP Economy
11.50 AM	CSIRO - Future Protein Mission Professor Michelle Colgrave - Future Protein Lead CSIRO	The Future Protein Mission is centred on principles of sustainable growth delivering high quality, affordable and nutritionally optimised protein for Australia.
12.30 PM	Platinum Sponsors Address - Cavpower	
12.40 PM	Sustainable Aquaculture - Global and Australian Trends Adam Main, General Manager CH4	Overview and Launch of CH4 Seaweed Initiative
1.20 PM	LUNCH	
2.20 PM	Eco Tourism - Australian Trends and Future Direction Adam Stanford, Senior Manager, Strategy and Insights SATC	South Australian Government Initiatives
3.00 PM	Renewable Energy - Global & Australian Trends Michael Gartner, Managing Director and Robert Ibrahim, General Manager Photon Energy	Overview and Launch of the Photon Energy Project
3.40 PM	Platinum Sponsors Address - Kellidy Jones Lawyers	
3.50 PM	Summary & Call to Action Mayor Cameron and CEO David Penfold	

Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board
Peter Treloar | Chair
Jonathan Clark | General Manager

The Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board Chair and General Manager attend and present to all EPLGA Board meetings. The Board works with community, industry, and other government agencies to sustainably manage our region's natural resources, with an emphasis on protection and restoration of our soil, water management, biodiversity, and pest plant and animal control.

There are nine landscape management regions in South Australia, governed by eight landscape boards and a metropolitan board. Landscape boards consist of seven members, including a chair. All members have been appointed by the Minister.

The boards work alongside community members and stakeholders to develop simple and accessible five-year regional landscape plans with five priorities. The plans aim to ensure that there is a balance between the needs of regional communities and the sustainable management of the environment.

Other key functions include development of water allocation plans for prescribed water resources, where applicable, and operating as the relevant authority for a range of water, land protection and animal and plant control activities.

[Landscape South Australia - Eyre Peninsula](#)



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

RDAEP Chair and CEO attend and present to all EPLGA Board meetings.

Regional Development Australia (RDA) is an Australian Government initiative established to encourage partnership between all levels of government and industry to enhance the growth and development of Australia's regional communities.

Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula is the peak body driving the expansion and growth of economic activity across Eyre Peninsula.

[Home - Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula \(rdaep.org.au\)](https://rdaep.org.au)



In 2023 RDAEP completed development of a regional tourism brand; positioning 'Eyre' as South Australia's 'Wild Side'. The EYRE brand will be used for tourism marketing of the Eyre Peninsula, in place of the former 'Seafood Frontier' brand. The new brand, in addition to the Eyre Peninsula Destination Marketing Plan, puts Eyre Peninsula in a strong strategic position moving forward.



Eyre Peninsula Desalination Plant: Site Selection Committee

The Eyre Peninsula desalination plant Site Selection Committee (SSC):

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| • Andy Dyer (EP Seafoods) | • Jack Ritchie | • Sam Telfer |
| • Brad Flaherty | • Jo-Anne Quigley | • Shane Hodgins (Tackle World) |
| • Brian Jeffriess | • Jonathan Clark | • Steve Dangerfield (TSA Management) |
| • Bryan Trigg | • Mark Whitfield | • Thomas McNab (Abalone SA) |
| • Claire Webber | • Matthew Morgan | • Tom Hyde (Yambah) |
| • Clare McLaughlin | • Peter Treloar (Chair) | • Leith Blacker |
| • Delfina Lanzilli | • Peter Scott | • Trevor Smith |
| • Gary Neave (TSA Management) | • Rebecca Hayes | |
| • Hannah Allen-Jordan | • Rob Gratton (Clean Seas) | |
| | • Ryan Viney | |

The SSC has made a recommendation to SA Water and the Government of South Australia.

A new site at Sleaford West has been identified by the SSC as a suitable site to host the desalination plant. Reasons behind its selection include it being rated by the Committee as the most favourable in the categories of environmental management, and social and community benefit.

The result of a five-month process, the recommendation has been informed by extensive due diligence, substantial technical investigations, feedback from an independent Marine Science Review Panel and insights gathered from consultation with the Eyre Peninsula community, councils, government agencies and industry.

The preferred new site at Sleaford Bay will now be referred to the SA Water Board and the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water for their consideration, who will ultimately make the final decision on the location of the plant within the next few months.

While the SSC acknowledges challenges and opportunities at every site, on balance, this new site at Sleaford West, which varies from other sites previously considered in Sleaford Bay, has the most opportunity to deliver water security to businesses and the Eyre Peninsula community.

This new site at Sleaford West ranked first in the assessment process, followed by Point Boston as a close second. The SSC will now work with SA Water and the government to establish a funding pathway to ensure a cost-effective approach to construction can be achieved. Although not expected, should this not be successful in the coming weeks, further consideration may need to be given to Point Boston.

To help inform SA Water and the Minister of the recommended option, some geotechnical testing and further site assessment will occur at the new site at Sleaford West.

Water security remains a top priority for the Eyre Peninsula community. Our main source of water is in decline and this action is being taken to ensure there is sustainable, reliable, and safe drinking water for the region into the future.

Together with SA Water, we will continue to work closely with impacted communities to engage and consult throughout the design and construction phases regarding amenity, design, easements, and land acquisition.

You're invited to visit watertalks.sawater.com.au/Desalination-Eyre-Peninsula to stay up to date, subscribe for project updates and access SCC meeting minutes.

Brad Flaherty and Steve Dangerfield have met with Deputy Premier Susan Close, Minister for Environment and Water, SA Water Chair Allan Holmes and CE David Ryan, as well as Minister for Primary Industries & Regional Development, Clare Scriven, and Mehdi Dorouhdi, CEO of PIRSA.

All meetings were productive, with common themes being support for the process undertaken, but concerns around the expected cost of the project – and where and how the funding shortfall might be addressed. At this point, Steve Dangerfield is expecting the SA Water Board will be briefed on the project at its upcoming meeting, with further consideration to be made in November. Further geotechnical and design work at the site will be undertaken by TSA in the interim period, with more precise costings becoming available following that. It is expected that the State Government will make representation to the Federal Government in relation to funding.

A 'Working Group' will continue with whatever is required in the next stage of the project. Brad Flaherty's suggestion is that Steve Dangerfield take responsibility as Chair of this group, with Funding Sub-Committee membership simply carrying over to become the Working Group.

As such, the Working Group will consist of: Peter Treloar, Brad Flaherty, Bryan Trigg, Brian Jeffriess, Delfina Lanzilli, Jack Ritchie and Gary Neave and Steve Dangerfield – Engagement Lead, TSA

The minutes of the Working Group be circulated to the broader SSC membership and the SSC will reconvene 'as and if required'.

At the November 2022 meeting a project activity update was provided on the Sleaford West Variation site, Point Boston and Base Case. The Marine Science Review Panel provided a summary of key studies including the SARDI hydrodynamic modelling, Habitat mapping report, Ecotoxicology review and a response to industry studies. A Uley South ground water resource update was provided by Jono Clark.

SA Regional LGAs Executive Officers Management Group

There are five regional LGAs across South Australia:

- Graeme Martin, Southern & Hills LGA
- Simon Millcock, Legatus Group
- Carron McLeod, Murraylands & Riverland LGA
- Tony Wright, Limestone Coast LGA
- Wendy Campana, Spencer Gulf Cities
- Peter Scott, Eyre Peninsula LGA
- Tony Wright, Limestone Coast LGA

The Regional LGA Executive Officers meet every 2 months to collaborate on projects and strategy across regional South Australia. Discussions are undertaken with LGA CEO and SAROC Chair and have included the following topics:

- Regional Plans
- SACCA
- SAROC/LGA updates
- Regional LGA updates
- LGA Health
- Early Childhood Services
- Regional Plans
- Regional Road Mapping
- Affordable Housing
- Ratings Equity
- CWMS
- Regional Workforce Development Research Project

SA Power Networks Community Advisory Board (CAB)

The EPLGA Executive Officer is the Regional Representative on the Community Advisory Board (CAB), formerly known as the Customer Consultative Panel (CCP), is SA Power Networks' flagship consultation group ensuring that customer views shape service delivery and are at the heart of our decision-making process. The CAB consists of a broad range of stakeholders providing a representation of our community, including businesses, renewables, youth, regional stakeholders, customer advocacy groups, local government representatives and multicultural board members.

Following a refresh of the CAB in early 2022, a new 16-member board which was appointed in January 2022 for a two-year term. The EPLGA EO is one of two local government representatives.

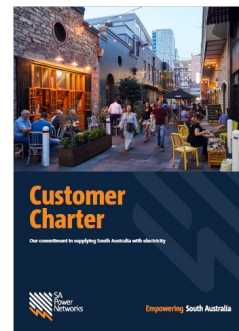
Cr Kat Mitchell, City of Port Adelaide Enfield, and Peter Scott, EO EPLGA, are the local government representatives on the CAB.

The CAB received a report on SAPN's community engagement for its 2025-30 regulatory reset which will impact future revenue and therefore consumer prices. Engagement updates are available on the Talking Power website: <https://www.talkingpower.com.au/cab>

The purpose of the Community Advisory Board (CAB) is to provide a forum where SA Power Networks can engage with various customer groups, customer representatives and external stakeholders, to ensure customer views shape their service delivery and decision-making. The CAB provides an opportunity to build and evolve effective, collaborative and two-way relationships between SA Power Networks and its customers.

The Board regularly receives updates from working and reference groups:

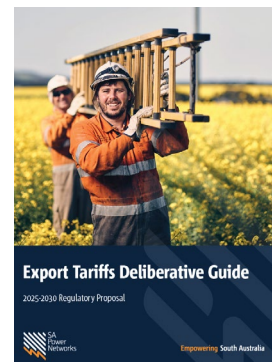
- Regional and remote customers CAB sub-committee
- Asset condition and risk CAB sub-committee
- Community Reference Group
- Vegetation Management Group
- Tariffs Working Group
- CAB Reset Sub-Committee



The People's Panel is comprised of approximately 50 independently selected South Australians who will help guide our next 5-year planning process for the investments and services that we'll deliver between 2025-2030. The Panel will SAPN consider: What customers think is the best balance of investments in service and price? How the costs of households and businesses feeding solar into the grid (export tariffs) can be shared fairly?

Speakers to Panel include:

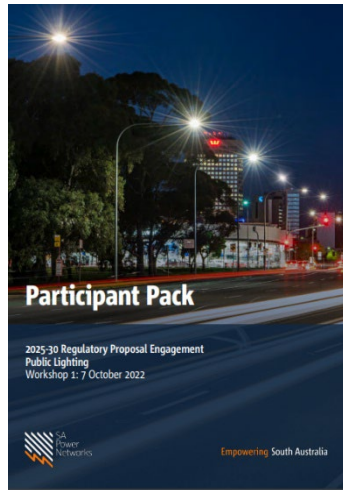
- Luke Morton, Co founder of iO Energy
- Andrew Schultz, SA Department of Energy and Mining
- Georgina Morris, SACOSS
- Brian Spak, Energy Consumers Australia
- Robert Sporne, Tindo Solar
- Peter Scott, EO EPLGA



Public Lighting Working Group

The EPLGA EO is the regional representative on the Public Lighting Working Group (PLWG).

The PLWG consists of LGA, Council representatives, DIT and SAPN. A workshop was held on 7 October 2022. SA Power Networks public lighting service levels are determined by public lighting customers, which are 68 local councils and the South Australian Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT). This is referred to as an Alternative Control Service. The public lighting recommendation has no bill impacts to general South Australian customers as these costs are not recovered through Distribution Network Charges.



Customer feedback includes the following key insights:

- 57% of respondents indicated the service level that SA Power Networks should be applying to column replacement is Very High (allowing significant deterioration, deep pitting and corrosion)
- 86% of respondents indicated they support proactive lighting cable replacements for 2025 to 2030.
- 87% of respondents support moving to a single payment of \$25 for each street light outage reported and not repaired within agreed timeframe.
- 79% of respondents indicated they would support the introduction of two different performance targets for complex and general faults.
- 70% of respondents indicated they are using the customer lighting portal for information

The PLWG heard from SAPN regarding the review of the Guaranteed Service Level (GSL) scheme for public lighting, security light review outcomes and PLWG sub-committees for Smart Lighting, DIT/ main road lighting and Asset management. SAPN's Talking Power website for the Public Lighting Focussed Conversation is <https://www.talkingpower.com.au/public-lighting-2>

The Guaranteed Service Level's for Public Lighting for 2025-30 is being looked at by ESCOSA and questions was raised about the current GSL scheme and how financial obligations impacts the options - this will be incorporated into the regulatory framework submission for Reset 2025 to 2030 discussed during the second phase of the consultation, depending on preferred option.

The key outcomes of the Public Lighting Asset Management Workshop are listed below:

- Cost/funding (not a high council priority) (not considered by sub-group)
- Knowledge (of assets, AM and Risk)
- Resources (not considered by sub-group)
- Data and systems
- Customer Expectations

Updating the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Charter

Jeff Tate Consulting has been engaged by the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association (EPLGA) to undertake a governance review comprising:

- Potential changes to the Charter relating to Purpose, Board Membership, Terms of Office for office bearers. The Charter was last reviewed in 2018.
- A fit for purpose governance structure.
- Terms of Reference for Committees under the governance structure.
- Future resourcing arrangements for the Association.

A Discussion Paper has been circulated for consideration following the development of potential principles, targeted interviews, and a survey of the Mayors and CEOs of the Eyre Peninsula Councils. At a subsequent workshop with Mayors, changes to the Charter were discussed and are presented below.

The EPLGA Executive Officer will seek legal advice on the changes to the Charter. Any subsequent wording changes as a result of legal advice, that don't change the intent of the updated Charter, will be signed off by the EPLGA Executive prior to a 6-week consultation period with constituent Councils. Any significant changes after legal advice will come back to the Board before proceeding further.

The final Charter was presented at the December 2022 EPLGA Board meeting for approval.

In summary the following changes have been made:

- Consistent with the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), the term Deputy President has been replaced with Vice President.
- 3.0 The Purpose of the EPLGA:
 - 3.1 *To work collaboratively with the LGA to achieve the aims and objectives of the LGA* has been changed to ***mutual*** aims and objectives.
 - 3.4 *to identify available resources within the region and to co-ordinate or assist in coordinating the management of these resources for the betterment of the region's community* has been replaced with *to develop further cooperation between its Constituent Councils to make the best use of available resources for the benefit of the communities in the region*
 - 3.5 *To encourage, assist, seek out, determine, assess and respond to the needs and aspirations of the region's Constituent (Councils)* **Councils** has been added.
 - *to undertake coordinating, advocacy and representational roles for its Constituent Councils at a regional level* has been added.
 - 3.7 *To develop, encourage, promote, foster and maintain the financial and economic wellbeing and advancement of the region and if desirable for such purpose to undertake, establish, acquire, conduct or dispose of any business, enterprise, undertaking or venture which in the opinion of the EPLGA is necessary, desirable or convenient* has been deleted as the EPLGA is not about setting up a business.
- 6.4 Membership
 - Constituent Councils can only appoint elected members (not officers) to the Board.
- 9.0 Officers of the Board
 - Elections for President and Vice President held every 2 years (rather than 4).
 - President and Vice President mid-term vacancies will be filled by direct elections.

The changes make the Charter shorter and somewhat simpler. After consultation with member Councils the Charter updates were adopted. The review period is 4 years.

2022-23 Special Local Roads Program –Outcomes

The Special Local Roads Program (SLRP) has been in place in South Australia since 1985. Since its inception, it has supported South Australian councils to construct and maintain significant and strategic local roads that otherwise would exceed an individual council's capacity. Its existence is built on the premise that the local government sector as a whole, benefits from councils pooling a portion of their road funding.

Funding for an annual competitive SLRP grant round is provided from:

- 15% of identified local roads component of Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants.
- 15% of South Australia's Supplementary Local Road Funding (in available years).
- 15% of South Australia's allocation of Roads to Recovery.

The objectives of the SLRP are to:

- Prioritise the construction and maintenance of strategic and significant local roads whose benefits exceed the boundary of the council and its community.
- Support the delivery of local roads in an orderly and coordinated manner through evidence-based decisions that draw upon the best available State, Regional and Local plans.
- Demonstrate accountability and transparency in the administration of the program.

The LGA operates the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel (LGTAP) to oversee the governance and operations of the SLRP. This includes considering applications for SLRP funding and making recommendations to the LGA Board of Directors, which flow to the South Australian Local Government Grants Commission and relevant State and Federal ministers for approval.

Each year LGTAP calls for applications for SLRP funding from councils. To ensure that proposed projects are strategic and regional in nature, Regional LGA's (Eyre Peninsula, Legatus, Limestone Coast, Murraylands and Riverland, Southern and Hills and Spencer Gulf Cities) and the Metropolitan Strategic Roads Committee (MSRC – established by the LGA's GAROC committee in lieu of a metropolitan 'regional' LGA) are asked each funding year to review and comment on applications proposed by their members.

Applications (including any comments provided by Regional LGAs and MSRC) are then considered by LGTAP, who propose an annual program of works across SA for the allocation of funding from the SLRP. LGTAP analyses applications in accordance with the adopted LGTAP policies which assures transparency and accountability in its decisions.

Following assessment, LGTAP provides recommendations to the LGA Board of Directors for endorsement, which in turn, makes recommendations to the South Australian Local Government Grants Commission.

LGTAP are implementing a number of process improvements in 2022 that respond to feedback from councils, regional LGAs and other stakeholders. The key changes include:

- ***all applicants are to apply directly to the LGA via Smarty Grants***
- all applications, including progress reports, will be managed via Smarty Grants
- regional LGAs and the MSRC will be asked to provide referral comments on applications after grants close on 20 May 2022.
- LGTAP will evaluate applications against the new SLRP assessment criteria in accordance with the updated SLRP Policy Manual.

Applicants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the updated SLRP Policy Manual available on the LGA's Special Local Roads Program website:

https://www.lga.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0021/1125066/ECM_77161-SLRP-Policy-Manual-March-2022.pdf

The 2022-23 Grant Round opened on Monday 4 April 2022 and closed at 4pm, Friday 20 May 2022. Thirty-six applications were received at the closing date, requesting a total of \$21,122,000 of funding. Twenty-nine projects with a total funding allocation of \$16,212,000 were recommended by the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel (LGTAP) to the LGA Board. On Friday 22 July 2022, the LGA Board considered and endorsed the recommendations put forward by LGTAP for the 2022-23 SLRP. Below are the outcomes of the recommendations of the three projects submitted from within the Eyre Peninsula LGA.

Successful SLRP outcomes for Eyre Peninsula:

Council	District Council of Franklin Harbour	District Council of Cleve
Title	Cowell Kimba and Lucky Bay Roads upgrade	Ballumbah/Kinnaird Road
Description	The project scope includes stabilizing and sealing shoulders to attain an 8m seal width and resealing existing surface to safely accommodate increasing heavy vehicle movements and larger combinations of Restricted Access Vehicles associated with grain cartage to T-Ports export terminal at Lucky Bay. 2km of failing pavement will be overlaid.	Upgrades along Ballumbah/Kinnaird Road which will include profiling edge of seal and stabilising widening of the shoulders. This will greatly improve the safety along this now major route for heavy vehicles.
SLRP requested	\$1,063,000	\$400,000
Council Contribution	\$523,000	\$200,000
Total Project Cost	\$1,586,000	\$600,000
LGTAP Recommendation	Supported	Supported
Funding Recommended	\$1,063,000	\$400,000

86th Annual EPLGA Conference – hosted by the EPLGA. *Future Industries and Collaboration*

Friday 17 March 2023

The 86th Annual EPLGA Conference was put on by Peter Scott, the EO of the EPLGA, and staged at the Nautilus Theatre in Port Lincoln. The conference attracted over 200 delegates, sponsors and speakers.

All the latest developments in the booming hydrogen and space industries, as they apply to Eyre Peninsula, and plans to tackle the housing crisis were presented.

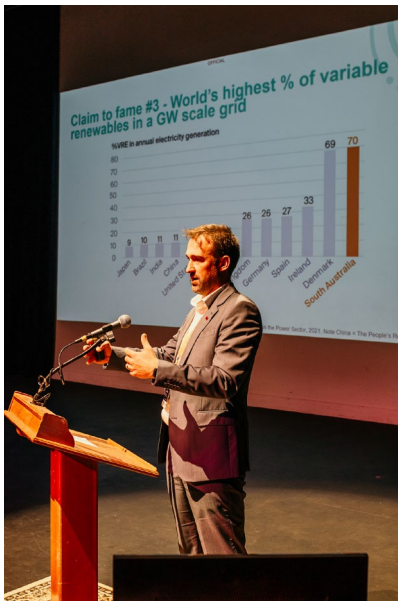
With a focus on the Eyre Peninsula region of South Australia, this conference will bring together industry leaders, researchers, and government to collaborate and innovate towards a sustainable future. The conference will feature keynote speakers, panel discussions, and networking opportunities to share ideas and best practices for driving economic growth and improving quality of life in regional communities. The Conference emphasised the importance of collaboration and innovation in driving progress and growth for the region. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about cutting-edge developments, network with key players in these industries and gain insights on how to drive economic growth for South Australia's Eyre Peninsula. With an exciting line up of keynote speakers and interactive panel discussions, the conference was a valuable experience for all attendees.



Website: [EPLGA Conference | Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association](https://www.eplga.org.au/conference)



Figure 1 High Schools were invited to send students to the afternoon session covering hydrogen and space. After the conference they participated in a meet and greet with presenters. Many of the students have picked opportunities through UniHub.



Conference Speakers:



Mayor Dean Johnson



Mr Sam Telfer, MP



MC - Peter Scott, EPLGA



Bryan Trigg, RDAEP
Chair



Dr Tom Nehmy –
Keynote. Healthy Minds



Sam Usher. Australian
Radioactive Waste Agency



Professor Andrew Beer.
UniSA



Michael Richardson.
Masterplan



Naomi Reed. NBN



Zinta Docherty, Kelleys
Jones Lawyers



Greschen Brecker. H2EX



Matt Grant. Lower
Eyre Council



Richard Day. Office of
Hydrogen Power SA



Michael Gunner.
Fortescue Future
Industries



Dr Catherine Grace. SA
Space Industry Centre



Andrew Love.
Australian Space
Agency



Professor Matthew
Gilliam. University of
Adelaide



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Thomas Space
Foundation

Thursday 16 March 2023
Kelley Jones Wine Mixer
Peter Teakle Winery
6:00pm-9:00pm (4 Course Dinner)

Kelley Jones



Friday 17 March 2023
Nautilus Theatre
8:30am-5:00pm NBN 86th EPLGA conference

- Keynote - Healthy Minds Program
- Housing Crisis Solutions
- Hydrogen and Space Industries



Kelley Jones Networking Dinner
Hotel Boston Alfresco
6:00pm Networking Dinner - Beachside!

Kelley Jones



Eyre Peninsula Strategic Regional Plan 2023-26

The existing Regional Strategic Plan was last prepared in 2019 and is due to be reviewed and updated. Led by Ryan Viney, CEO of Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula (RDAEP), in partnership with the EPLGA and Landscapes SA Eyre Peninsula Board, the three organisations are jointly seeking to prepare a new Strategic Regional Plan 2023-2026.

Under the RDA Charter RDAs are required to ‘co-ordinate the development of a strategic regional plan, that will align with the Commonwealth’s regional priorities. It is important that, to the extent possible, economic development stakeholders agree on a set of common needs and priorities for their region and coordinate their collective efforts in a manner that ensures the achievement of outcomes is maximised. 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 audience for the Strategic Regional Plan includes communities, organisations, private enterprise and all levels of government. It is hoped that once developed, the Strategic Regional Plan 2023-2026 will assist regional development stakeholders and their communities to identify comparative advantages, manage regional growth pressures, identify opportunities and address economic development and infrastructure needs. As such it will need to consider Commonwealth, State and Territory and Local Government Plans, along with those prepared by the EPLGA and Landscapes Board.

The Strategic Regional Plan will be a three-to-five year living document that should focus on the economic development of the region. The Strategic Regional Plan should also address the Commonwealth’s regional priorities of:

1. Connectivity and Infrastructure incorporating digital connectivity, transport links, and freight and supply chain infrastructure.
2. Human Capital and Skills to provide skilled and adaptable workforces, Regional Universities and training, and schooling.
3. Regional Employment and Business to develop regional businesses and industry, local R&D and innovation and a strategic regional vision.
4. Leadership and Collaboration by investing in regional leadership, capable local government and the Indigenous community.
5. Amenity and Liveability providing services, facilities and liveability, and support for local priorities.
6. Sustainable Natural Resources to build future resilience, ensure sustainable foundations and provide economic opportunities and jobs. Areas include Water, Sustainable Agriculture, Pest Plants and Animals, and Biodiversity.

Critical issues are those which are likely to have a significant impact on the current or future economic performance and growth of the region. Where possible, critical issues should be supported by evidence or data.

The Strategic Regional Plan should articulate a clear vision for the region and identify strategic priorities and can be used to guide decision making activities in Annual Business Plans. The Strategic Regional Plan will also serve as a major promotional tool for the region, including by supporting investment attraction.

It is critical that a Strategic Regional Plan has broad stakeholder input and support to ensure outcomes from economic development work undertaken are maximised for the local community.

Consultation– The development of the Strategic Regional Plan will need to be underpinned by comprehensive engagement and consultation with key stakeholders to ensure complete coverage of economic development issues that are important to the region. This will also ensure that it reflects the expectations of the community and give a strong sense of regional ownership. Stakeholder groups will include governments, community organisations, business and industry groups, education institutions and the not-for-profit sector.

Evidence based and data – the Strategic Regional Plan will need to have an economic, social and environmental description of the region from a diversity of evidence sources. These include the Australian Bureau of Statistics

Australian, state/territory and local government data sources and publications, the private and not-for profit sectors, universities and private research organisations and publications.

Strategic context – The Strategic Regional Plan should outline the strategic context of the document, including the priorities of Australian, state/territory and local governments. This will assist to identify complementary priorities and align with program and funding opportunities.

Analysis - All evidence and data should be accompanied by analysis which addresses its significance and how it supports their strategic vision and priorities.

- Analyse how the evidence supports the regional vision
- Identify regional strengths, weaknesses, potential threats and opportunities
- Articulate the drivers of change and regional trends
- Outline the region's economic, social or environmental strategic priorities.

High level actions to support priorities will need to be included in the Strategic Regional Plan to support the detailed work plans of regional development stakeholders.

Priorities - A series of economic development priorities for the region will need to be identified after conducting widespread consultations, research and analysis, and detailed consideration. These should be endorsed by all stakeholders.

Presentation -The Strategic Region Plan will need to be concise. Lengthy Plans can be difficult for stakeholders to navigate and identify key information about the region. All electronic versions of must be word searchable. The Strategic Regional Plan 2023-2026 completion date is early December 2022.

Strategic Plan Working Group

The Strategic Regional Plan Working Group will provide strategic oversight and guidance in the development of a new Strategic Regional Plan, including: defining the project scope, evaluation/assessment of consultant quotes, including any proposed project methodology, experience, and cost, extent of stakeholder engagement and consultation and provision of advice and guidance to the appointed consultancy firm (URPS appointed 16/8/2022)

The Strategic Regional Plan Working Group will be managed and supported by RDAEP, and shall consist of the following members:

- Ryan Viney, Chief Executive Officer, RDAEP (Chair)
- Peter Scott, Executive Officer, EPLGA
- Jono, Clark, General Manager, Eyre Peninsula Landscapes Board
- Grazio Maiorano, Director URPS

Strategic Regional Plan (SRP) for Eyre Peninsula - Engagement

Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula (RDAEP), in partnership with the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association (EPLGA) and Landscapes SA Eyre Peninsula Board, are about to table a new Strategic Regional Plan 2023-2026.

Ultimately the updated Plan will provide an overarching vision and enable the RDAEP and respective regional Councils to advocate collectively with a unified voice. The Plan will address the Commonwealth's regional priorities of:

- **Connectivity and Infrastructure** incorporating digital connectivity, transport links, and freight and supply chain infrastructure.
- **Human Capital and Skills** to provide skilled and adaptable workforces, Regional Universities and training, and schooling.

- **Regional Employment and Business** to develop regional businesses and industry, local R&D and innovation and a strategic regional vision.
- **Leadership and Collaboration** by investing in regional leadership, capable local government and the Indigenous community.
- **Amenity and Liveability** providing services, facilities and liveability, and support for local priorities.
- **Sustainable Natural Resources** to build future resilience, ensure sustainable foundations and provide economic opportunities and jobs.

The engagement undertaken helps to create a greater sense of ownership of the Plan by its stakeholders. Engagement has been undertaken to ensure complete coverage of economic development issues that are important to the region. This also ensures that the Plan reflects the expectations of the community and give a strong sense of regional ownership.

The following lines of enquiry will underpin the engagement regarding the Strategic Plan. Additional lines of enquiry will be created for specific stakeholder communication collateral as required:

1. What are the Eyre Peninsula's greatest strengths?
2. Does the Eyre Peninsula have any competitive advantages?
3. What will be the biggest challenges for the Eyre Peninsula over the next 5 years?
4. What infrastructure will be the regions greatest challenges associated with economic development?
5. What are the anticipated opportunities for economic growth and investment?
6. Understanding the relationship between Commonwealth priorities and the Eyre Peninsula.
7. What is does the local community value?
8. What is the role of the RDAEP, EPLGA and Landscapes SA Eyre Peninsula in this Plan?
9. Council and stakeholder advocacy for strategic priorities that outline the future of the Eyre Peninsula.
10. Leveraging on industry and existing economic opportunities i.e. Hydrogen Hub

Eyre Peninsula Councils have been involved in the development of the plan and consultation has included the following stakeholders:

- State and Australian Members of Parliament
- Department of Infrastructure and Transport
- Department for Energy and Mining
- Primary Industries and Regions SA
- Department for Trade and Investment
- South Australian Tourism Commission
- Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna Industry Association
- Eyre Peninsula Agriculture Research Foundation
- Lower Eyre Ag Development Association
- Grain Producers SA

As the Board would be aware, a new Strategic Regional Plan for the sustainable economic growth of the Eyre Peninsula has been prepared by Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula in partnership with the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association (EPLGA) and the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board (EPLB).

The Plan identifies a shared vision and priorities that the partner organisations will work towards over the 2023-26 period to support the prosperity of the Eyre Peninsula region by leveraging regional strengths, managing growth pressures, addressing economic development and infrastructure needs and identifying other important opportunities.

To inform development of the Plan, early engagement was undertaken with the community and stakeholders in September 2022 to understand what they saw as the key challenges and opportunities for the sustainable economic growth of the Eyre Peninsula.

Once the Draft Eyre Peninsula Strategic Regional Plan 2023-26 was prepared, the document was released for an eight-week public consultation period between 5 December 2022 and 27 January 2023. To notify the community and relevant stakeholders, this public consultation period was promoted via:

- Regional Development Australia EP website
- Regional Development Australia EP social media channels
- Public notice in the 'Eyre Peninsula Advocate'
- Direct e-mails/letters to identified stakeholders and workshop attendees

A total of ten (10) submissions were received through this engagement period on behalf of the following organisations:

- City of Port Lincoln
- Wudinna District Council
- Lower Eyre Council
- Eyre Peninsula Cooperative Bulk Handling
- Flinders Port Holdings
- Port Lincoln Rotary Club
- Iron Road Ltd
- South Australian Tourism Commission
- Southern Launch
- SA Water

Feedback received was constructive with most submissions commending the RDAEP for a well delivered draft plan, many highlighting concurrence with focus areas considered pivotal to the Eyre Peninsula's future. Noting this, suggestions were provided seeking to refine the document by way of specific detail to matters of interest. Below is a list of key themes raised:

- Various projects/initiatives sought to be included under major projects
- Various and specific future actions suggested for inclusion
- Notion of introducing specific metrics and milestones to identify future actions
- Reinforcing challenges associated with distance and the pivotal role of airports and air travel in this regard
- Ranking/prioritising of identified opportunities and threats
- Other strategic partners to be included under various priority areas
- Lack of financial capacity of local councils to finance infrastructure maintenance and/or upgrade works
- Support relative to the environmental lens applied to the plan and the importance of adapting to and combatting climate change
- Seeking additional capacity and efficiencies relative to transport routes for both people and commodities

Upon review of the submissions received, various changes are recommended to update and finalise the Eyre Peninsula Strategic Regional Plan 2023-26. A summary of these proposed changes is provided below:

- Referencing Local Government in the delivery segment of the Plan to solidify their role
- Specifically inserting the term 'Respect' to emphasise its importance with regard to Aboriginal history
- Updating the Eyre Peninsula snapshot to include latest figures from the South Australian Tourism Commission
- Update the Major Project list by way of including a further two projects (Port Thevenard Analysis and Port Lincoln Marina Wharf) and updating the descriptions of the Iron Road and Cape Hardy projects.
- Update the Opportunities and Threats section to include new threats and order/prioritise both lists.
- Insert new Future Action under Priority Area 1 Housing and Accommodation which reads as follows: Strengthen the link between housing and future workforce requirements by quantifying demand for housing in line with projected workforce requirements.
- Insert statistics to emphasise the severe shortage of doctors across the Eyre Peninsula.
- Make various changes to Priority Area 3 to include reference to people living with disability.

- Insert text reinforcing the challenge of distance and the importance of maintaining existing infrastructure and services.
- Insert new Future Action under Priority Area 9 Telecommunications Connectivity which reads as follows: Advocate for a weather (Doppler) radar that captures the Eyre Peninsula.
- Insert several new strategic partners across various Priority Areas.
- Insert new Future Action under Priority Area 12 Visitor Economy which reads as follows: Collaborate with Local Government as airport owners/operators to support the optimisation of airports as key tourism infrastructure assets.
- Insert a performance measures table under the Measuring Success chapter.

Due to the diverse range of organisations which lodged submissions, feedback received was varied although some common themes were identified (as outlined above). Changes proposed to the document are considered appropriate as they reinforce issues and matters identified through preliminary consultation with the proposed changes strengthening the document. The most significant changes proposed include the insertion of two new major projects as well as three new Future Actions. Further a performance measures table was developed in response to feedback received, seeking clearer measurables to assist in identifying success.

On this basis it is considered the Draft Strategic Regional Plan 2023-26 has been updated appropriately to reflect feedback received via consultation and is an accurate representation of community and stakeholder sentiment. The Eyre Peninsula Strategic Regional Plan 2023-26 provides the RDAEP, EPLGA and the EPLB with clear direction for the next three years.

The RDAEP Board endorsed the Plan at their meeting on 24 February 2023. Once endorsed by EPLGA and EPLB, the Eyre Peninsula Strategic Regional Plan 2023-26 will articulate a clear vision for the region and identify strategic priorities that will be used to inform activities in the 2023-2024, 2024-25 and 2025-2026 Annual Business Plans and Budgets.

Eyre Peninsula Waste and Resources – Workshops and Strategy Development

A comprehensive effort to address waste management challenges on the Eyre Peninsula, focusing on sustainable practices, collaboration, and innovative solutions to overcome geographical and logistical challenges.

EPLGA Waste to Resources Project - Objectives and Activities

Project Objectives:

1. Audit and review of waste contracts and waste management.
2. Identification of cooperative opportunities in the organic circular economy.
3. Exploration of collaborative avenues for Councils.
4. Pathways for compliance with EPA regulations.
5. Development of a 2-year action list within a 10-year strategic framework.

An Eyre Peninsula Waste and Resources Strategy workshop and forum was held in Port Lincoln on Thursday 18th August 2022. Over 40 participants attended from State and Local Government, Industry and community.

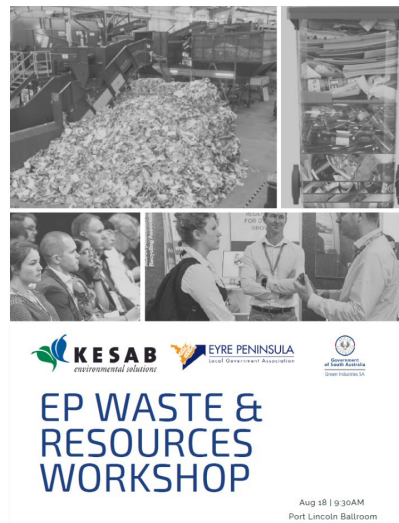


"It was great hearing some of the ideas coming out of this region on ways to re-use the problematic waste and having those people in the same room as the GISA people who can help with this was a stroke of brilliance"

The workshop has received very positive feedback with the mix of Industry Solutions, State Government outlining Programs available and updates from Local Government proving a hit.

Marina Wagner and John Phillips provided an update on waste across Eyre Peninsula and there was consensus on numerous recommendations. All of the presentations from the day have been made available electronically to all and are available on the EPLGA website.

Emphasis was on developing a consistent data collection and reporting system for stakeholders and the involvement of various stakeholders like Councils, waste management service providers, and businesses in sectors like farming, composting, and aquaculture.



Schedule of Events	
9:45 AM	Welcome
10:00 AM	Keynote: Michaela Heinson; Associate Director, Economic Growth and Sustainability, Green Industries SA
10:20 AM	EP Waste and Resources Strategy. Baseline and how far we have come. Marina Wagner - Sustainable Solutions
10:40 AM	EPA Waste Reform Steven Sergi
11:00 AM	Short Break
11:10 AM	Opportunities and Visions John Phillips, Marina Wagner
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	Q&A John Phillips
11:50 AM	Inhibitors and Enablers John Phillips, Marina Wagner GISA Grant and Support Programs. Q&A. Justin Lang
12:15 PM	Lunch Break
1:00 PM	Priorities and timelines - finding common ground. John Phillips & Marina Wagner
1:30 PM	KESAB Forum: Wendy Bevan CEO KESAB City of Whyalla DC Kimba
3:00 PM	Where to from here John Phillips

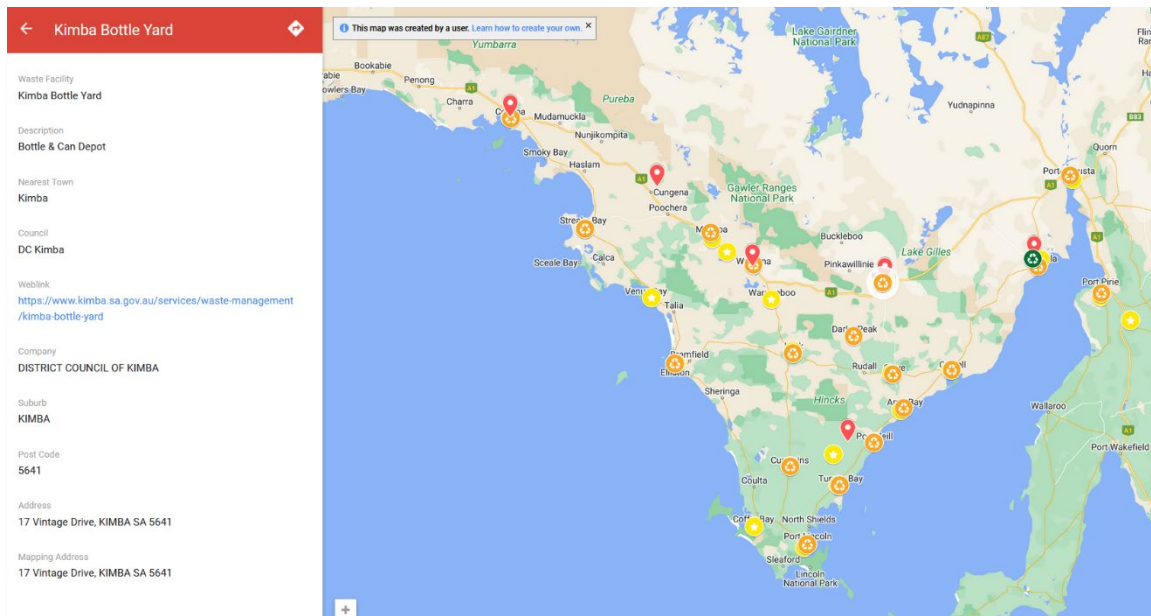


Figure 2 A Google map has been created listing all the waste facilities on Eyre Peninsula. Clicking on each location will bring up information on services offered. The Map can be accessed here: [Eyre Peninsula Waste Facilities](#).

Special focus on farm waste management and business cases for handling different waste types (glass, plastic, organics).

Greening Industries South Australia (GISA) provided \$20,000 towards the EP Waste Strategy Part 2.

Key activities include developing reporting templates, assessing farm waste, and formulating business cases for waste management.

- Direct financial support from various organizations, including NAWMA, PEATS, City of Port Lincoln, Flagcan Distributors, and EPLGA.
- Data Collection and Stakeholder Engagement:
- Marina Wagner from Sustainable Solutions leads the strategy execution.

- Comprehensive data collection on waste streams and resources management, with involvement from various councils and stakeholders.
- Identification of business cases needing reliable data and forecasting.
- Stage 2 strategy includes collaboration with the City of Pt Lincoln and other stakeholders for specific waste management initiatives.
- Meetings and Next Steps:
- Ongoing meetings with councils and stakeholders to establish baseline data and explore waste management solutions.

Stage 2 (September 2022-June 2023):

Initial Report (March 2023): Highlighted completed tasks and ongoing projects.

Key Developments:

- Establishment of hazardous waste drop-off/collection facilities, funded by GISA, with successful collections in Pt Augusta and Port Lincoln.
- Advancements in managing organic waste and preparation for a FOGO Pilot in Port Lincoln.
- Preparation of strategic directions for a stakeholder workshop.
- Finalising the EP Waste and Resources Strategy draft for approval.

Stakeholder Workshop (8 May 2023, Pt Lincoln) - potential solutions to overcome roadblocks and implement circular economy solutions on the Eyre Peninsula.

Attended by various stakeholders, including representatives from Councils, commercial entities, EPA, and GISA. Presentations focused on the progress, meeting objectives, and the draft strategy.

Key Strategy Elements:

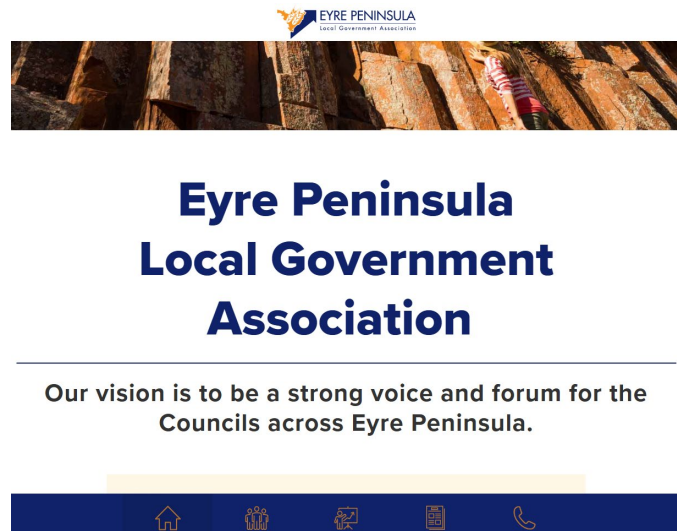
- Emphasis on sustainable and resilient systems within resource limitations.
- Engagement in partnerships for long-term service security.
- Commitment to meeting EPA standards and community needs.
- Continuous improvement towards broader service scope and circular economy.
- Key Challenges: Geographic and logistical challenges, resource constraints, and governance issues.
- Opportunities and Challenges on the Eyre Peninsula:
- Kerbside Collections: Effective in metropolitan areas and councils near landfills/recycling facilities, but challenging for remote EP councils due to distance.
- Investigated Opportunities: Exploring different perspectives to address the gaps between kerbside collections, transfer stations, and CDS depots.



Figure 3 President Mayor Dean Johnson and Vice President Mayor Joanne Quigley during a site visit to NAWMA - destination for all of Eyre Peninsula's recyclables

EPLGA Website updated

<https://eplga.com.au/>



The EPLGA website is now a Progressive Web App (PWA) and is built using the latest technology pioneered by Google.

It is very different to most traditional websites because it is both an "app" and a mobile responsive website in one. The EPLGA PWA is one of the first of its kind to be released in Australia. The website and application hybrid allows users to visit our website and download it as an App with an icon added to their home screen. On any device.

PWA's do not need the App Store or Play Store. To access the PWA as an app, simply visit the EPLGA home page on a mobile device. If you are viewing the PWA on an Android we recommend using Chrome as your browser. If you are using an iPhone we recommend using Safari. You can install this app by following the instructions below.

Android

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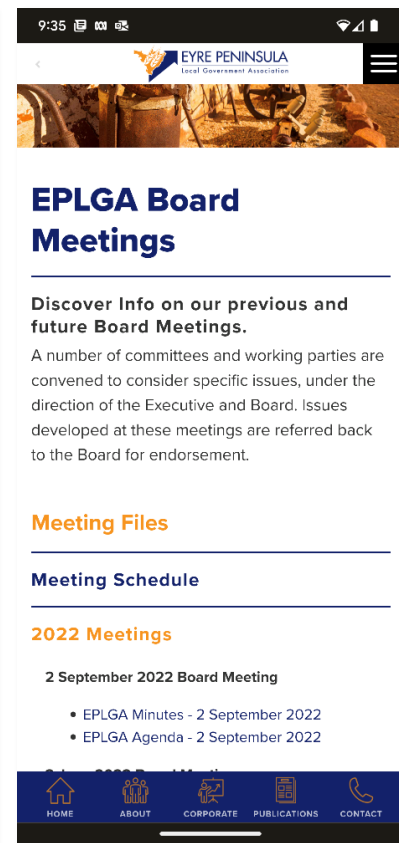
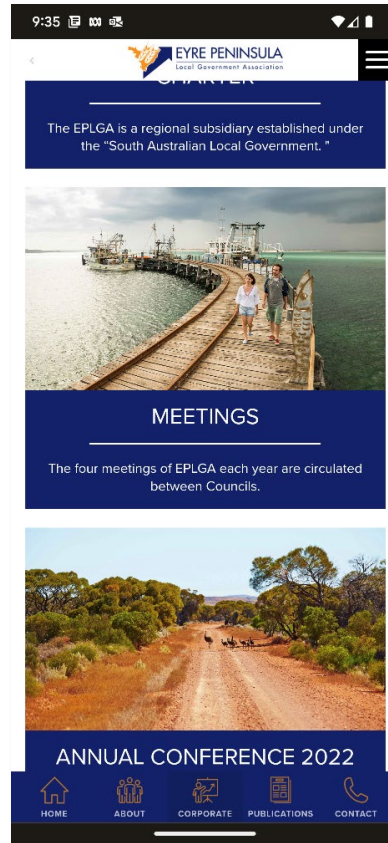
iPhone

In the bottom of your Safari browser, select the middle icon.

A series of options will appear. Press "Add to Home Screen".

The EPLGA app icon will instantly appear on your device home screen. When opened, the app version of the EPLGA website will launch. You'll notice it's very smooth and seriously fast!

Most updates are done automatically. To manually update the app – simply press the “Reload App” button above or when it appears on screen. The app will auto-refresh with all the new content ... the reload is usually very fast (less than a second) on a PWA.



Website: eplga.com.au

14th Australian Space Forum – opportunities for Eyre Peninsula

The Australian Space Forum is held every 6 months in Adelaide bringing together the best and brightest from Australia's space industry and around the world. Each event features keynote addresses from space industry leaders and informative panel discussions on current space topics and industry trends.

The forum was attended by RDAEP, EPLGA, City of Port Lincoln and DCs of Lower Eyre and Tumby Bay.

The Andy Thomas Space Foundation welcomed a global audience of over 1000 to the 14th Australian Space Forum, which was held on Tuesday, 25 October 2022 at the Adelaide Convention Centre in South Australia.

Supported by the Australian Space Agency, the South Australian Space Industry Centre and SmartSat CRC, the Forum provides the perfect opportunity to stimulate ideas, share information about emerging technologies and network with influential space sector leaders and the broader community.



Subsequently several speakers presented to the EPLGA 86th Annual Conference in Port Lincoln (March 2023).

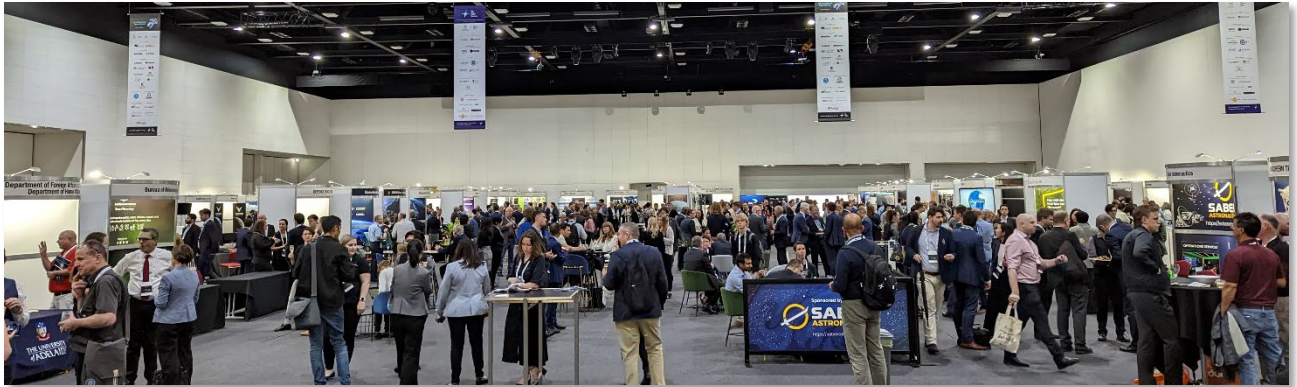
The space sector in Australia is experiencing unprecedented growth as industry, academia, and government work together to expand their activities and develop international relationships for ongoing opportunity and success within the space economy.

Forum sessions included international panels covering highly pertinent topics that are shaping the industry.

Earth Observation – The National Space Mission for Earth Observation – a major investment that will expand Australia's capability in designing, manufacturing and operating space and ground based systems. Starting with the EO roadmap and priorities on there (e.g. AquaWatch, SCR, OzFuel,...) to ground side support with in-situ sensing, cal/val and data fusion, to sensors and imagers, or even into the government vs commercial enterprise provided data.

Optical Communications – A quantum leap in Australia's secure and high bandwidth communications to connect the world and beyond. How exactly do we benefit from optical communications? What exactly does this mean and how does it differ from RF? Does dual technology (combined RF and optical) mean anything? And if so, when will we see the rewards?

Foundation Services Rover – Exploring remote operations and autonomous systems building on Australian expertise in the resources and mining sectors for the collection of lunar soil (regolith). What would the successful extraction of materials for In-Situ resource utilisation (ISRU) mean for future Australian and international space missions? How could technologies developed through this project contribute to on-Earth resource sustainability?



Online booking of Council Campsites – a service provision of the EPLGA

In 2021, a significant challenge emerged on the Eyre Peninsula: campgrounds started to suffer from over-visitation, leading to negative environmental impacts. In response, the Eyes on Eyre Online Camping Project, a comprehensive and sustainable approach to campground management, was born. This effort was facilitated by a collaborative partnership involving RDAEP, Landscapes SA, Local Councils, and the Eyre Peninsula LGA.

The main aim of the project was to upgrade the camping grounds to a minimum and consistent quality standard of facilities and signage, while also tackling the environmental issues at each location. We wanted to create a better infrastructure to cater to drive visitors and increase their length of stay within the region. By leveraging technology, we aimed to establish WiFi nodes and create an online booking system, inspired by the success of other camping grounds, particularly those in National Parks. Our online system served not just as a booking platform but also as an educational tool, fostering respect for the environment, promoting good camping practices, and sharing seasonal highlights.

In 2022, RDAEP utilised a \$500,000 grant from the Department of Environment and Water to support infrastructure upgrades to improve campground management on the Eyre Peninsula and fund an online booking system now managed by the EPLGA.

During 2022, in partnership with Landscapes SA and Councils, RDAEP delivered remarkable results with several Councils coming on-board the booking system in conjunction with campsite upgrades and clear, consistent signage. The platform for online bookings is promoted via www.eyrepeninsula.com.

Some of the notable outcomes include:

1. Consistent booking process for a better visitor experience.
2. Increased length of stay from visitors traveling from both within and outside the state.
3. Effective use of digital technology and cashless payments.
4. Creation of value-adding opportunities for new service businesses.
5. Better protection for Eyre Peninsula's unique environment through the establishment of capacity limits and zoning for campgrounds.
6. A replicable camping node model that delivers best practices for councils and regional stakeholders.
7. Successful adoption of an online booking system, mirroring the success of other campgrounds in National Parks.

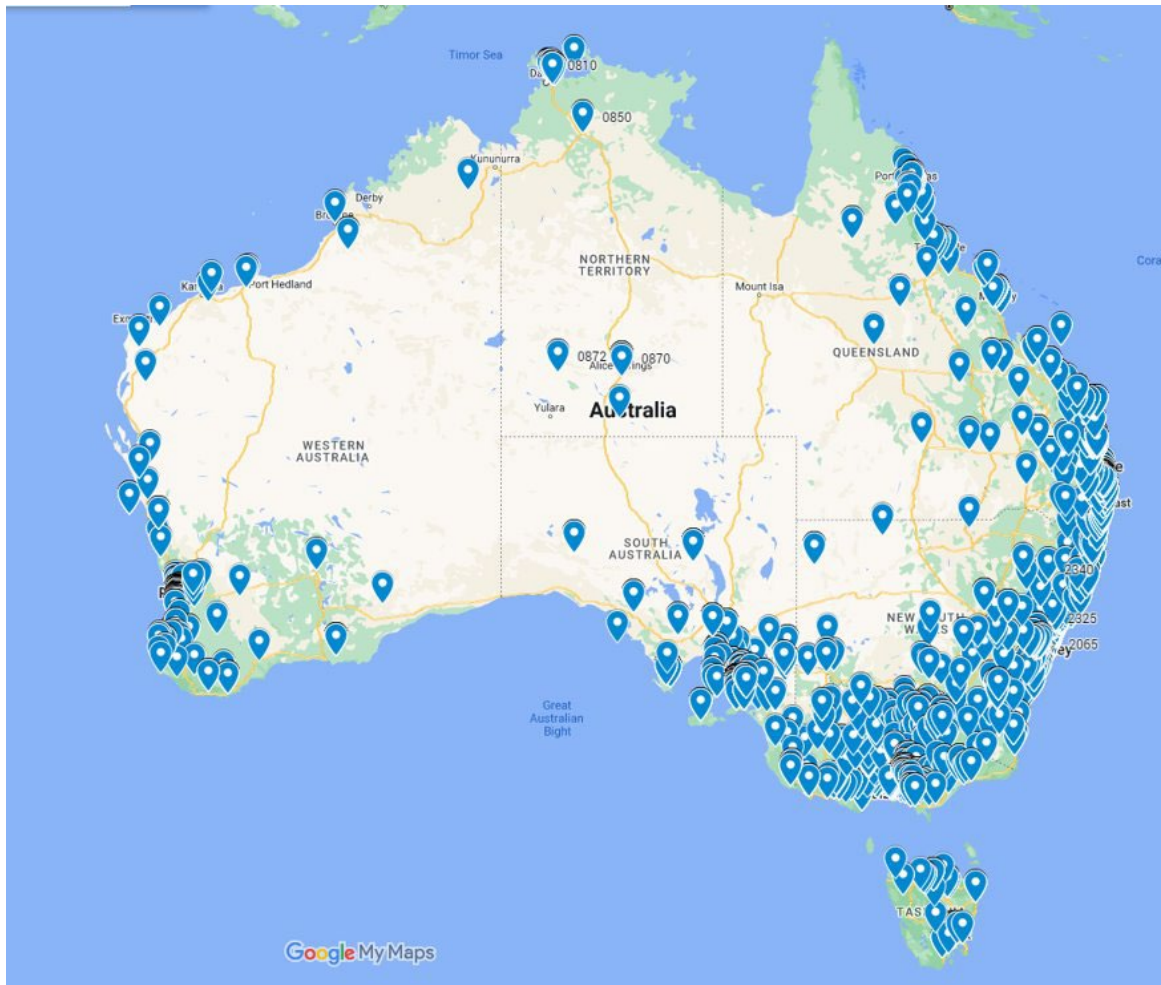


Figure 4. Campers come from postcodes all over Australia (and the world!). RDAEP promotes online booking across Australia, high-value visitors have the confidence, and the knowledge, to travel to Eyre Peninsula.
[Google map link click here.](#)

Visitor Feedback

Feedback from visitors and the community has been overwhelmingly positive. They appreciate the ability to plan and book in advance, as well as the improved management of campgrounds. One camper from the Gold Coast even adjusted their travel plans to spend three weeks in the region after using the online system.

Digital Technology Impact

In 2022-2023, the online booking system saw 14,000 bookings, catering to 35,000 visitors, for a total of 29,000 nights. Revenue has increased by 220%, allowing Councils to offset waste management costs and reinvest in better camping facilities. The data collected has proven invaluable in guiding the decision-making process.

Media Coverage

The project caught the attention of the media and was featured in several articles such as

[Eyre Peninsula campsite bookings go online – Landscape SA.](#)

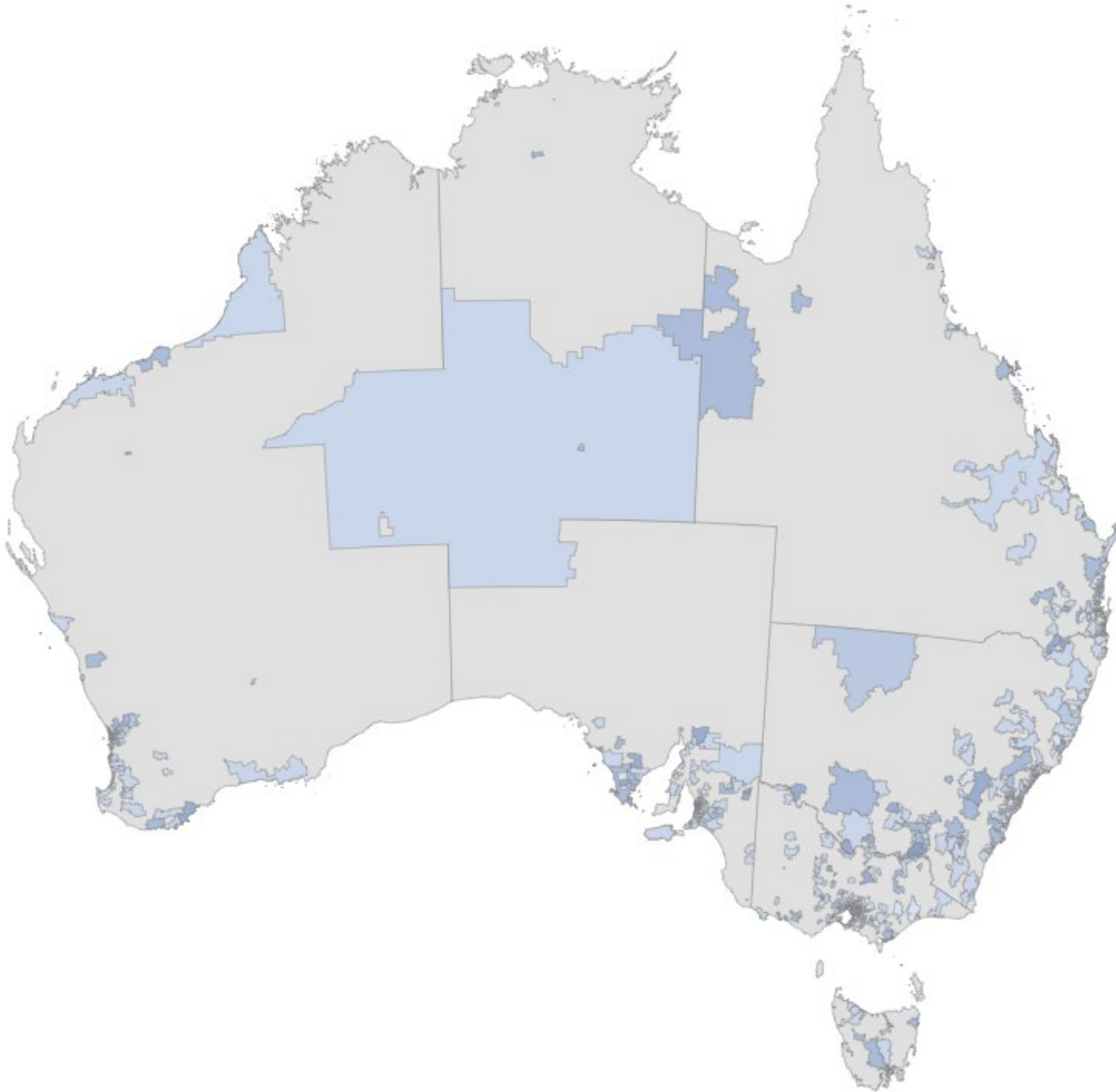
[Camping changes to protect environment – Eyre Peninsula Advocate](#)

[Point gibbon campground invites travellers to explore Eyre Peninsula](#)



Figure 5 Watch on [Youtube](#)

The Eyes on Eyre project has proven to be an enormous success. The council-managed campgrounds have reported improvements in environmental health and visitor satisfaction. Travellers, particularly those from interstate, are staying longer and exploring more of the Eyre Peninsula. The online system has improved visitor behaviour and minimised environmental impacts. We're proud of our progress, and we're excited about the prospects of expanding this program to additional campgrounds. We thank all our stakeholders for their unwavering support and look forward to another fruitful year ahead.



Surprisingly only 23.2% of campers come from South Australia! (10.1% of campers are International, 66.6% from Interstate)

Eyre Peninsula LGA Annual Business Plan 2023-24

As a regional subsidiary under the Local Government Act 1999, the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association is required to have a Business Plan and Budget each financial year. Under Clause 24 of Schedule 2, the Business Plan continues in force for the period specified in the plan or until a new Plan is adopted. It must be reviewed annually. This draft is a result of a review undertaken by the Executive Officer.

The Association is a separate legal entity that operates in accordance with a Charter agreed by all 11 Constituent Councils. Our purpose is set out in clause 3 of the Charter and can be summarised as:

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.

This EPLGA Business Plan has been developed by the EPLGA Board to guide its activities and priority actions for 2023-24. The structure of the Business Plan builds from

PURPOSE to consideration of KEY INFLUENCES on the Association's activities, the STRATEGIC PLAN to be followed, to our OBJECTIVES grouped under three THEMES which will be achieved through progressing our 12 PRIORITY ACTIONS. This draft Business Plan reflects the Strategic Plan.

The EPLGA Purpose is to:

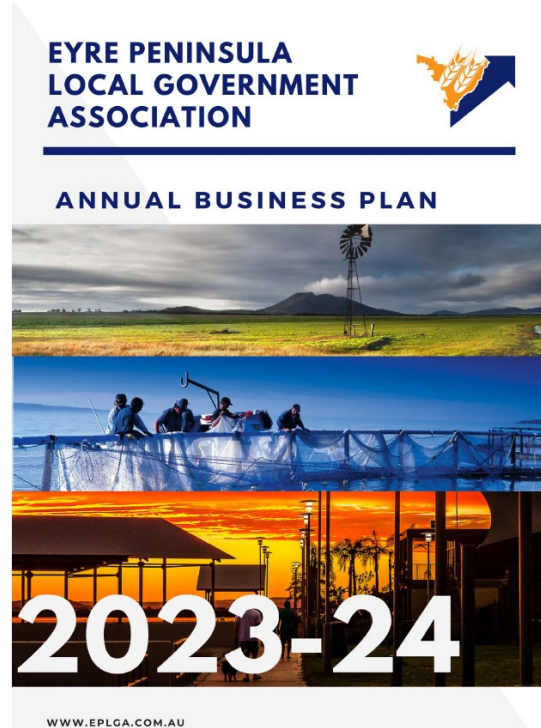
- Provide a forum for Constituent Councils to consider and respond to matters of common interest (including through advocacy)
- Provide a structure for Constituent Councils to work together to:
 - develop and/or contribute to the development, updating, and implementation of Regional Plans that address key regional issues; and
 - assist operational efficiency and effectiveness.
- Build and maintain positive relationships with the other levels of government to ensure:
 - o our regional views are heard; and
 - o our communities have fit for purpose infrastructure and access to services they require; and
 - o the ongoing health of our local and regional economies; and
 - o we can access 'region only' programs.

PREAMBLE – Annual Business Plan.

When determining matters to address, the EPLGA Board will apply the following 6-point test:

1. What benefits can be achieved by EPLGA addressing this matter rather than Councils individually? Are there disadvantages?
2. How well does taking on this matter align with our current Purpose?
3. What type and level of responsibility does LG have for the matter?
4. What role/s might a member Council and/or the EPLGA have in relation to the matter?
5. What do we know/not know about the matter? What does success look like? How likely is that to be achieved? Consider a (low cost) scoping paper if we need to know more before committing.
6. What are the implications of deciding to address the matter or not?

[Download EPLGA Business Plan 2023-24](#)



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.
- › 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 and Landscape Board on Eyes on Eyre project.
- › 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

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 Strategic Plan***
- ***Local Government Transport Advisory Panel - Special Local Roads Funding***
- ***Community Advisory Board – South Australian Power Networks***
- ***Public Lighting Working Group***

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.

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. From May 2023 the EPLGA Executive Officer became full-time and will continue to work positively with RDAEP on projects of mutual interest.

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 for building services and environmental health are continuing and expected to be implemented in 2024. 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:

Regional networking amongst Councils has increased with the Councils hosting the EPLGA Board meeting also putting on a Council Showcase and networking dinner.

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.

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.

24 November 2023

Mr. Peter Scott
Executive Officer
Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association

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Dear Mr Scott

RE: External Audit Management Letter - Financial Year Ended 30 June 2023

We are pleased to report that we have completed our external audit of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association (**Association**) for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

Our external Audit Report has been signed with reference to a Qualification relating to the Associations non-compliance with the financial report presentation and format as required by the *Local Government Act 1999 (Act)*.

Our external audit report has recorded the following Qualification:

The Association has not presented its Financial Statements in accordance with Section 13 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 as required by the Local Government Act 1999 and do not meet the requirements of General Purpose Financial Statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

As part of completing the external audit for the 2022/23 financial year, we wish to highlight the following key observations and audit matters identified for the Association's further consideration and attention:

1. Financial Statements – Presentation & Format

In accordance with section 13 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*, the Association is required to prepare the Financial Statements in accordance with the requirements set out in the *Model Financial Statements*.

This requires that the Association prepares General Purpose Financial Statements in accordance with Australian Accounting standards as they apply to not-for-profit entities.

We recommend that the Association reviews its systems and processes surrounding the preparation of the annual financial statements to ensure that in the future, it is able to comply with this legislative requirement.

Given the legislative non-compliance identified with this matter, we will be reporting this breach as part of our reporting requirements to the Minister for Local Government.

2. Statutory Compliance – Association Budget

Upon review of the budget information provided to the Board (and Member Councils) for the 2022/23 financial year, it was noted that the format and presentation of the budgeted financial statements did not comply with the presentation requirements per the Act.

In line with recommendation 1 above, we recommend that the Association updates its internal processes and practices to ensure future compliance obligations are met with respect to the format, presentation and timing of all matters relating to the management of the Association's budget (including the Annual Business Plan and all budget reviews undertaken).

Given the legislative non-compliance identified with this matter, we will be reporting this breach as part of our reporting requirements to the Minister for Local Government.

3. Audit Committee Exemption

The Association does not have an Audit Committee. We note an application was submitted on 30 June 2021 to the Minister for Local Government for exemption to establish and maintain an audit committee per Clause 30, Schedule 2 of the Act however could not find any confirmation that approval had been approved/denied.

We recommend that the Association addresses this matter as a matter of high urgency to ensure that it is meeting its legislative compliance obligations with respect to the operation of an Audit Committee as required by Schedule 2, Section 13 of the Act.

Given the absence of an Audit Committee function, the Association needs to ensure that it has formal established processes operating whereby the review of the accounting, internal auditing, reporting and other financial management systems are being appropriately reviewed.

Given the legislative non-compliance identified with this matter, we will be reporting this breach as part of our reporting requirements to the Minister for Local Government.

4. Financial Internal Controls Policy

A review of the Association's Internal Control Policy and Financial Control Assessment reports identified that it has not been reviewed since its adoption back in 2014.

In conjunction with the matters raised in 3 above, we recommend the Association addresses this matter by ensuring that a review of the policy is undertaken and that a detailed review of the internal controls is completed.

5. Electronic Funds Transfer Authorisation Controls

We note that the Association currently only requires one person with online banking access to authorise and release funds from the Association's bank account (this currently being the Association's external accountant). We note that this is in contradiction to the Association's Cash Management and Investment Policy which requires two signatories for banking transactions, investments and other documentation.

To strengthen internal controls and safeguards around the Association's highest value asset (i.e. the cash reserves held), we strongly recommend that the Association arrange that two authorised signatories be required to release funds as required by the Policy. We also note that the Policy was last reviewed in 2018 and should be reviewed again as a matter of high priority in line with the internal control review recommendations made within this Report.

This is to ensure that all payments made are appropriately reviewed (i.e. bona fide expense, payment details match back to source documentation and any errors are detected) prior to the release of funds.

Ensuring that two authorisers are required will also minimise the risk of funds being lost in the event that any one individual user's banking credentials are compromised as well as being a key internal control relating to the

prevention of potential fraudulent transactions given the release of funds will be restricted subject to a second authoriser needing to approve a transfer request.

6. Purchasing and Tendering Policy

The Purchasing and Tendering Policy was last reviewed in 2018. We note that the requirement of the use of Purchase Orders as part of procurement activities documented in the Policy.

The Association was found to be non-compliant with this requirement given Purchase Orders are not being used.

In line with the other recommendations made within this Report, we recommend a review of the Policy be undertaken.

7. Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality Policy

The Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality Policy was last reviewed in 2017.

The Association has not maintained a Register of Benefits as required by the Policy. We recommend a review of the Policy be undertaken and that a Register be developed as required by the current Policy.

8. Corporate Policy Register

We recommend the Association implement a Policy and Procedure Register which include all relevant information in order to assist the Association with the management and review of its Policies and Procedures.

9. General Journal Internal Controls

On review of the internal controls around General Journals, we were advised that General Journals are approved retrospectively by the Executive Officer, however no evidence of the review is being retained.

To enhance controls and systems we recommend additional processes are implemented that require that all General Journals processed in Xero are reviewed and that evidence of the review is retained.

10. Leave Provision Calculation Methodology

Review of the methodology applied to calculation employee leave provisions (liability) identified that the calculation did not include on-costs (e.g. superannuation, workers compensation, etc.) as required by *AASB 119 Employee Benefits*. The liability recorded is also not being calculated to reflect the discounted present value of the liability estimate as required by AASB 119.

We recommend the methodology and working papers used to calculate employee leave entitlements be reviewed and updated where necessary to ensure future conformance with the requirements of *AASB 119 Employee Benefits*.

11. Revenue Received in Advance (Unspent Funds)

The Association incorrectly recorded Revenue Received in Advance (liability) by processing a General Journal to an Expense account rather than recording a reduction in Revenue. The effect of this treatment was the overstatement of both Revenue and Expenses for the period. We note that this practice occurred in the prior

financial year also (2021/22 financial year) and accordingly a prior year adjustment of \$82,279.68 was recorded to correct this matter with a corresponding adjustment of \$9,626.49 recorded in the current financial year (2022/23).

It should be noted that the adjustments have a nil effect of the reported financial performance in both financial years.

12. Council Campsite Bookings

The Association manages all bookings for Council owned camp sites and is responsible for the collection of all campsite fees on behalf of Councils. The Association remits all funds received, minus a booking fee/commission, to each Council. We note however that when funds are being remitted to each Council, a valid tax invoice is not being raised between each respective Council and the Association.

To ensure ongoing compliance with GST administration requirements, recommend that this process be reviewed and that appropriate tax invoices are raised between the Association and each Council. This will ensure compliance obligations are being met by both the Association and each respective Council entity.

Conclusion

I would like to thank the Association's Administration for the assistance provided during the course of the financial year.

The matters raised within this Report is aimed at further assisting the Association in enhancing the internal control environment and compliance obligations.

Should you require further information, please contact me on 8267 4777 or samanthac@deannewbery.com.au.

Yours sincerely

DEAN NEWBERY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Samantha Creten', written over a horizontal line.

Samantha Creten
Director

Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association
ABN 90 992 364 300
For the year ended 30 June 2023

Prepared by Complete Business & Accounting Services

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Compilation Report

Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association For the year ended 30 June 2023

Compilation report to Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association.

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association, which comprise the asset and liabilities statement as at 30 June 2023, income and expenditure statement, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is set out in Note 1.

The Responsibility of the Committee Member's

The committee of Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association are solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements, the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information and for the determination that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to meet their needs and for the purpose that financial statements were prepared.

Our Responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the partners we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting as described in Note 1 to the financial statements and APES 315 *Compilation of Financial Information*.

We have applied our expertise in accounting and financial reporting to compile these financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statements. We have complied with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants*.

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Dated: 27 November 2023

Income and Expenditure Statement

Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
Income		
Regional Capacity Grant Income		
Carried Forward Unspent Project Funds	82,280	51,728
Grant - Waste & Resource Strategy - GISA	34,000	-
LGA of SA - Regional Capacity Grant	30,374	58,863
Total Regional Capacity Grant Income	146,653	110,592
Total Income	146,653	110,592
Gross Surplus	146,653	110,592
Other Income		
Interest Income	14,348	3,094
Camp Booking Income	310,291	50,502
Reimbursement - wages	49,903	60,074
Membership Income		
Membership Fee Income - DC of Ceduna	16,733	16,733
Membership Fee Income - DC of Cleve	14,262	14,262
Membership Fee Income - DC of Elliston	13,276	13,276
Membership Fee Income - DC of Franklin Harbour	12,922	12,922
Membership Fee Income - DC of Kimba	13,011	13,011
Membership Fee Income - DC of Lower Eyre Peninsula	19,474	19,474
Membership Fee Income - DC of Port Lincoln	28,829	28,829
Membership Fee Income - DC of Streaky Bay	15,111	15,111
Membership Fee Income - DC of Tumby Bay	15,781	15,781
Membership Fee Income - DC of Whyalla	36,524	36,524
Membership Fee Income - DC of Wudinna	13,264	13,264
Membership Fee Income - SACCA	16,560	-
Total Membership Income	215,747	199,187
Project Income		
Online Camp Bookings - RDAEP & DEW	21,500	-
Income - Regional Economic Development Showcase & Conference Sponsors	72,700	-
LGA of SA - Green Industries SA	-	13,000
LGA of SA - Youth-Led Recovery	18,000	4,000
Total Project Income	112,200	17,000
Total Other Income	702,489	329,858
Expenditure		
Accounting	5,113	-
Administration	750	12,023
Audit Fees	8,415	1,770
Bank Fees	282	79
Bank Fees - Merchant Fees	3,212	-

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

	2023	2022
Camp Booking Outgoings	230,848	51,057
Computer Expenses	11,237	4,239
Depreciation	1,360	408
Insurance	6,813	6,489
Legal expenses	7,299	-
Light, Power, Heating	6,223	-
Meeting Expenses	16,392	17,328
Memberships - SACCA Committee	16,560	-
Online Booking System Expense - Campsites	39,170	11,650
President Expenses - Honorariums	8,816	2,250
Printing & Stationery	158	-
Project Expenditure		
Project Expenditure - Coastal Council Alliance	-	17,372
Project Expenditure - EPLGA Strategic Plan	166	14,000
Project Expenditure - Forums and Conferences	54,422	-
Project Expenditure - Joint Building Fire Safety	-	1,650
Project Expenditure - Regional Governance JPB Support	-	2,500
Project Expenditure - Tourism/Signage/Promotions	2,682	658
Project Expenditure - Youth-Led Recovery	18,000	6,264
Total Project Expenditure	75,271	42,444
Regional Capacity Project Expenditure		
Project Expenditure - Governance & Planning Reform	24,619	2,400
Project Expenditure - Regional Planning - General	23,500	1,500
Project Expenditure - Regional Transport Safety	6,327	15,150
Project Expenditure - Regional Waste Strategy	89,002	17,334
Project Expenditure - Shared Services	3,205	38,840
Project Expenditure - Unspent Funds at 30 June	-	1
Total Regional Capacity Project Expenditure	146,653	75,225
Rent	9,500	-
Secretarial Services	19,000	19,000
Subscriptions	728	-
Telephone & Internet	753	669
Travel and Accommodation	16,167	7,362
Wages & Salaries		
Wages and Salaries	135,000	135,000
Superannuation	14,175	13,500
Workcover	1,485	1,535
Leave Provisions - Annual Leave	3,106	1,028
Leave Provisions - Long Service Leave	3,678	7,875
Total Wages & Salaries	157,444	158,938
Training & Development	4,635	-
Total Expenditure	792,798	410,930

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	2023	2022
Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax Adjustments	56,344	29,519
Current Year Surplus/(Deficit) Before Income Tax	56,344	29,519
Net Current Year Surplus After Income Tax	56,344	29,519

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Assets and Liabilities Statement

Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association As at 30 June 2023

	30 JUN 2023	30 JUN 2022
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
EPLGA Bank SA 066728540	61,083	79,845
Local Government Finance Authority - General 59811	299,145	-
Local Government Finance Authority - HR Project 59810	49,468	264,601
Sundry Debtor	56	-
Accounts Receivable	25,280	15,019
Prepayments	10,503	2,682
Accrued Income	-	291
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	445,535	362,438
GST Receivable		
BAS Clearing	9,736	-
GST Adjustment	9,270	-
GST	(864)	3,888
Total GST Receivable	18,142	3,888
Total Current Assets	463,677	366,326
Non-Current Assets		
Term Deposits		
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	167,657	167,029
Total Term Deposits	167,657	167,029
Plant and Equipment and Vehicles		
Plant & Equipment	3,808	3,808
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Plant & Equipment	(1,768)	(408)
Total Plant and Equipment and Vehicles	2,040	3,400
Total Non-Current Assets	169,697	170,429
Total Assets	633,374	536,755
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	104,219	9,105
Bank Overdraft		
BankSA Credit Card #0207	3,518	3,329
Total Bank Overdraft	3,518	3,329
ATO Integrated Client Account	1,438	(120)
PAYG Withholdings Payable	-	4,356
Provisions		
Provisions - Long Service Leave	11,553	7,875

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

	30 JUN 2023	30 JUN 2022
Provisions - Annual Leave	13,704	10,598
Total Provisions	25,257	18,473
Employee Entitlements		
Superannuation Payable	-	1,558
Total Employee Entitlements	-	1,558
Total Current Liabilities	134,432	36,700
Unspent Project Funds	9,626	82,280
Non-Current Liabilities	15,197	-
Total Liabilities	159,255	118,980
Net Assets	474,119	417,775
Member's Funds		
Current Year Earnings	56,344	29,519
Capital Reserve		
Retained Profits	417,775	388,255
Total Capital Reserve	417,775	388,255
Total Member's Funds	474,119	417,775

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association For the year ended 30 June 2023

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared as a special purpose financial statements on a going concern basis using historical cost convention. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition of and measurement requirement specified by the Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations and disclosure requirements of the following accounting standards:

- AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements
- AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
- AASB 1048 Interpretation of Standards
- AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures.

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

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

Local Government Reporting Entity – Non-Conformance

The Eyre Peninsula Local Government Authority (Authority) is incorporated under the South Australian Local Government Act 1999 and has its principal place of business at 5 Adelaide Place, PORT LINCOLN SA 5606. These financial statements include the direct operations through which the Authority controls resources to carry on its functions.

The financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999* and applicable Regulations given that a general purpose financial report has not been prepared in conformance with the Model Financial Statements.

Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are 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.

Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the committee reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in the income and expenditure statement.

Employee Provisions

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee provisions have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

Cash on Hand

Cash on hand includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from donors. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the assets and liabilities statement.

Financial Assets

Investments in financial assets are initially recognised at cost, which includes transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value, which is equivalent to their market bid price at the end of the reporting period. Movements in fair value are recognised through an equity reserve.

Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

Comparative Figures

Prior period balances have been reclassified to conform to current period presentation.

Certificate By Members of the Board

Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association For the year ended 30 June 2023

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 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 the Notes to the Financial Statements:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association as at 30 June 2023 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 the resolution of the board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:

signed 
Position **President EPLGA**
Date **23/11/2023**

I, Peter Scott, CEO of 5 Adelaide Pl, PORT LINCOLN, SA, Australia, 5606 certify that:

1. I attended the annual general meeting of the association held on **23 / 11** / 2023.
2. The financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 were submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting.

Dated: **23 / 11/2023**



Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association

Annual Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2023

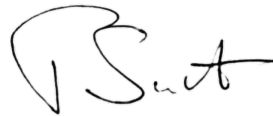
CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association for the year ended 30 June 2023, the Association's Auditor, Dean Newbery, 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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Dean Johnson
President



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Peter Scott
Executive Officer

Date: 24/11/2023

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the members of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying special purpose financial report of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association (the Authority), which comprises the Assets and Liabilities Statement as at 30 June 2023, the Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 30 June 2023, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Certification of the Financial Statements.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the financial report presents fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position as at 30 June 2023, and the financial performance for the year then ended.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

The Association has not prepared and presented the financial statements of the Authority in accordance with requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*. The financial statements have not been prepared to comply with the Model Financial Statements and therefore our opinion has been modified given the Authority's breach of this legislative requirement.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described as in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Authority in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (Including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Authority's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Authority is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations), the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* and for such internal control as the Authority determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report to be free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Authority is responsible for assessing the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Authority either intends to liquidate the Authority or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Authority's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that the audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Authority's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Authority.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Authority's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Authority to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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SAMANTHA CRETEN
Director

24 November 2023

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Certification of Auditor's Independence

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association for the year ended 30 June 2023, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Part 4A, 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*.



SAMANTHA CRETEN

Director

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24 November 2023



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