



Annual Report

2021-22

Working with our Rural and Coastal Communities



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From the Chief Executive Officer

Welcome to Lower Eyre Council's annual report for the 2021-22 financial year, which summarises our highlights and achievements over the past year.

Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic continued to be a focus of Council, ensuring we could continue to provide essential services, while remaining ready and prepared to act on State and Federal Government advice. While the work of a Council is never complete, reflecting on Council's achievements throughout the financial year is essential for understanding where we have come from, and where we are going.

Over the last financial year, we were grateful to have received significant Commonwealth and State Government funding to complete various capital projects including:

- Flinders Highway - \$1.84m Project - \$918,250 State Government Infrastructure Partnership Program Grant
- Bratten Way - \$2.97m Project - \$1.98m Commonwealth Government Special Local Roads funding
- The Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) Commonwealth Government funding has also been significant for Council, providing over \$2,523,977 for projects completed between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2024.

Council has used the LR&CIP funding allocation to make a variety of improvements across the district, including new playgrounds and bike tracks in reserves, walking trail extensions and upgrades, cemetery improvements and reinvesting into a number of roads throughout the district with increased re-sheeting programs.

Council's overall average rate rise for the 21/22 financial year was 3.86%. In the COVID-19 context, with pressure on both residents and businesses, we are proud of the work we did to ensure a financially responsible budget. The budget focus was to continue to invest in our future, demonstrating the importance of well-maintained infrastructure and service delivery for our community.

The Local Government sector has undergone a number of changes this year with the release of the much-anticipated, Local Government Reforms. Lower Eyre Council participated in providing feedback during the reform consultation process and welcomes the majority of changes made to the Local Government Act and associated legislation. Positive changes include the recognition of the role of Mayor as a leader of the Elected Members, the implementation of stronger standards of behaviour for members and amendments to clarify a number of confusing procedural matters within the Act.



Moving forward, there is no doubt that challenges will be faced over the coming year as our region tackles recovery in a post-pandemic world. We will continue to be strategic, innovative and bold as we strive to advance and flourish through these uncharted waters.

I would like to thank and acknowledge the Elected Members, our local community, the Senior Management Team, all Council staff and our extraordinary volunteers for their contributions throughout 2021/22. Hard work and collaboration have been essential for achieving the best possible results for our Council – and I am confident in our ability to continue working together towards a common goal.

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.

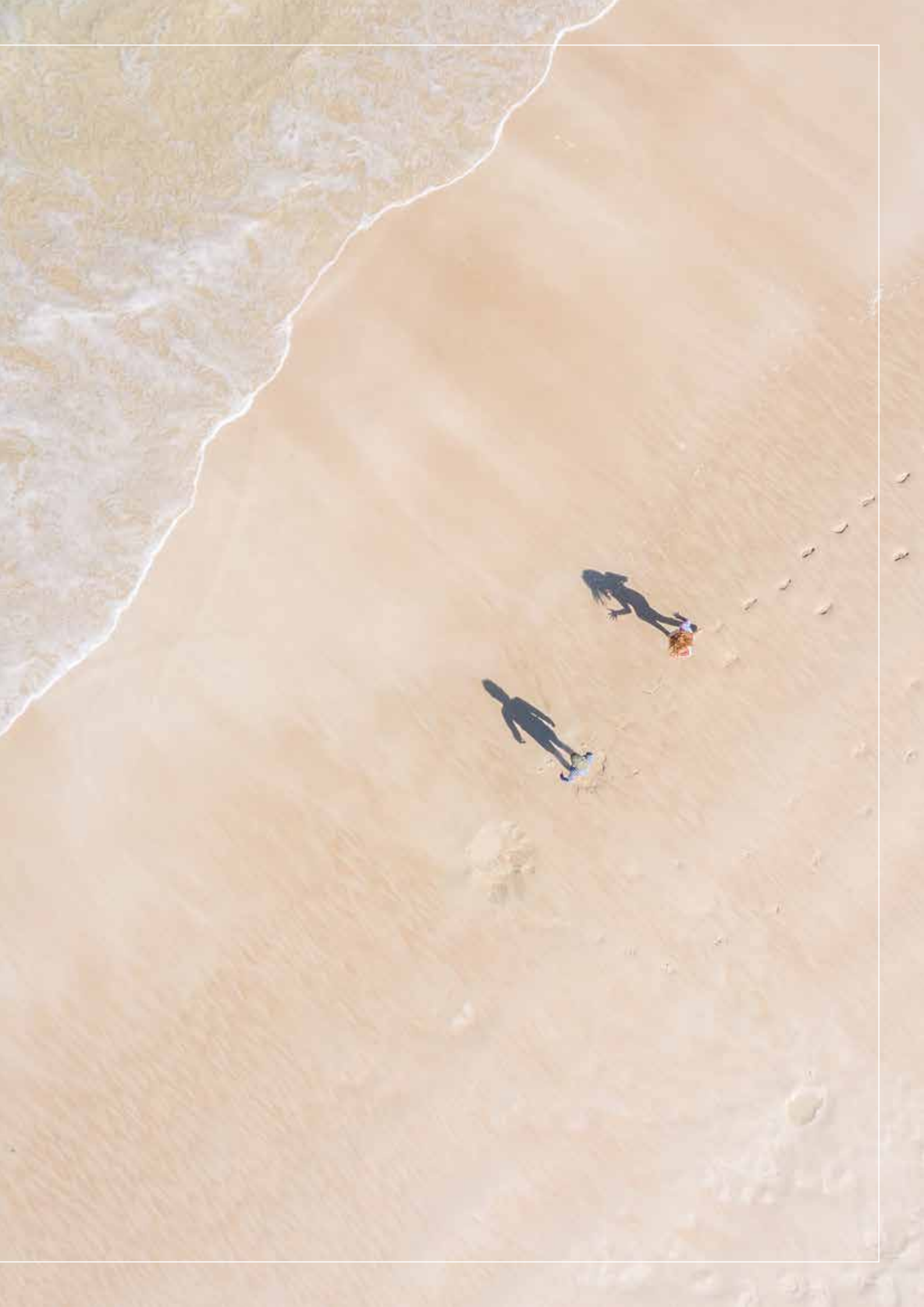
Lower Eyre Council encompasses an area of 4,754 square kilometres with 709 kms of coastline. The resident population is 5,910 and the Council is responsible for maintaining a road network of 1,323 kms of which 140 kms is sealed. Council owns and operates the Port Lincoln Airport, which plays a vital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

In 2020/21, the airport catered for 148,870 passengers and 5,994 regular passenger transport aircraft movements supported by Qantaslink and Regional Express, plus 9,838 general aviation and recreational aviation aircraft movements. Emergency services accounted for a further 1208 flight movements.

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 2022, Council had a work force of fifty employees (44 FTE) 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



52% 47.2%
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%).



Age-sex pyramid, 2021

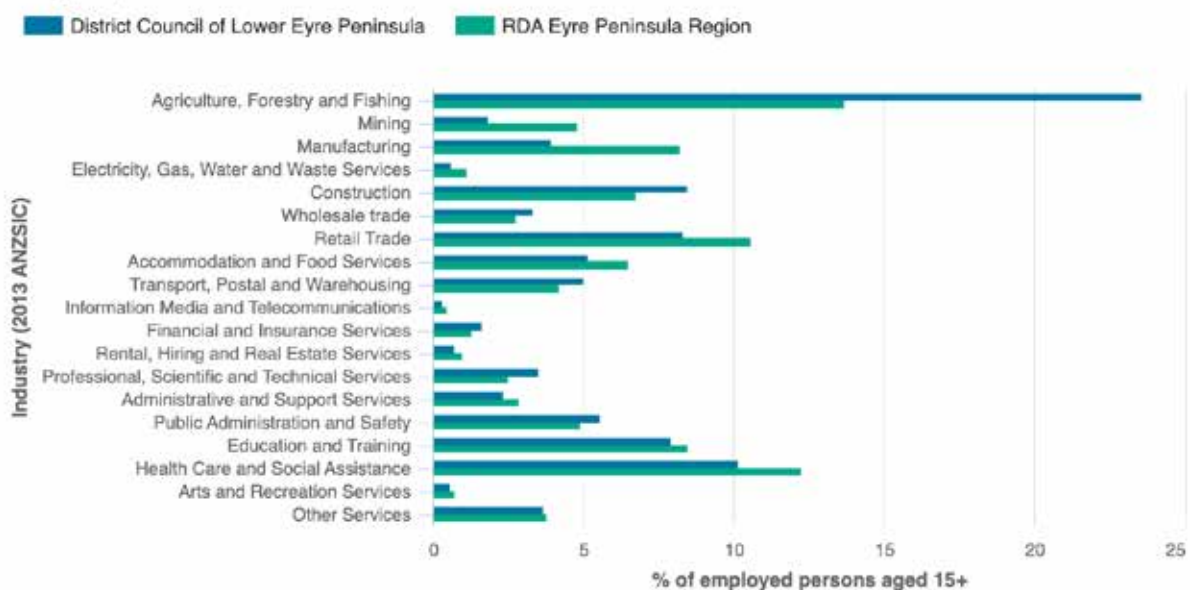


Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, selected years between 1991-2021 (Enumerated data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id (informed decisions).



Industry sector of employment, 2016

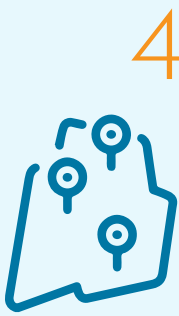
Total employed persons



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



Our Council



4,754km²

Total area

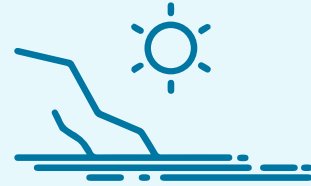


1,323km

of roads

708km

of coastline



4

Boat ramps

- Coffin Bay
- Dutton Bay
- Farm Beach
- North Shields



11km

of footpaths



1,621

Dogs registered
for 2021/22



203

DAs lodged
2021/2022



39

permits to alter a
public road



41

Special event permit
applications processed



54

Food business inspections:
(including follow ups)



10,388

drums were handed in/inspected during drumMuster events in July and October 2021



200

Creating Connections users per annum



229

My local service downloads

2.2k

Facebook followers



17

Onsite wastewater inspections

51

Onsite wastewater approvals

337

Properties desludged (parts of Cummins and Coffin Bay)



24

Second and final letters for fire prevention

36

Fire permits granted



1,359

recorded customer requests

Our Council



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 Yarynyacka, 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

Open to public: Mon-Fri,
9am-5pm

Street Address: 32 Railway Terrace, Cummins

Postal Address: PO Box 41, Cummins SA 5631

Phone: 8676 0400

Fax: 8676 2375

Email: mail@dclep.sa.gov.au

Website: www.lowereyrepeninsula.sa.gov.au

Facebook: Lower Eyre Council @lowerepcouncil

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

		2021/22 Meetings Attended:	Apologies	Absent
Mayor J T Quigley	Councillor: 2010 – Current Mayor: 2018 - Current	13	1	0
Cr P L Mitchell	Councillor: 2010 – Current Deputy Mayor: 2018 – Current	13	1	0
Cr W Holman	Councillor: Feb 2003-2006 Councillor: 2010 - Current	14	0	0
Cr S Woolley	Councillor: 2018 - Current	14	0	0
Cr B Howell	Councillor: 2018 - Current	14	0	0
Cr A Tingay	Councillor: 2018 - Current	14	0	0
Cr D Barrowcliff	Councillor: 2019 – Current	10	4	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 \$42,540 per annum for the position of Chairperson or Mayor;
- An allowance of \$13,294 per annum for the position of Deputy Chairperson or Deputy Mayor;
- An allowance of \$10,635 per annum, per Councillor
- A travel time allowance of \$441 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 \$752 per annum for Councillors (excluding Principal Members) that reside between 50 to 75kms from the principal office of Council (currently two Elected Members)
- A travel time allowance of \$1,129 per annum for Councillors (excluding Principal Members) that reside between 75kms to 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 & Council policy GOV-POL- 04 – Council Members allowances and benefits.



Training & Conferences

TRAINING	ATTENDANCE
Nil.	
MAJOR CONFERENCE / SEMINARS	ATTENDANCE
Australian Local Government Association Annual Conference – Canberra	Mayor Quigley
Australian Airports Conference	Mayor Quigley
29 September 2021 Tri-Council Meeting With City Of Port Lincoln & District Council Of Tumby Bay	Attended: Mayor Quigley, Cr Holman, Cr Woolley, Cr Tingay Apologies: Cr Mitchell, Cr Howell, Cr Barrowcliff
5 May 2022 Tri-Council Meeting with City of Port Lincoln & District Council of Tumby Bay	Attended: Mayor Quigley, Cr Holman, Cr Woolley, Cr Howell, Cr Woolley Apologies: Cr Tingay, Cr Barrowcliff

With the impact of COVID-19 restrictions, many conferences and seminars, training sessions were cancelled.

Interstate and International Travel - Elected Members

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 2021/22 funded in whole or in part by the Council.

INTERSTATE	COST	ATTENDED BY
Australian Local Government Association Annual Conference – Canberra	\$3,068	Mayor Quigley
INTERNATIONAL	COST	ATTENDED BY
Nil.	\$0	Nil

Public Meetings & Events

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

DATE	EVENT	
5 July 2021	Coffin Bay Master Plan Public Consultation	2 sessions attended by: Mayor Quigley, Cr Holman, Cr Howell, Cr Woolley, Cr Tingay 1 session attended by: Cr Barrowcliff, Cr Mitchell
24 August 2021	Southern Launch EIS	Attended by: Mayor Quigley, Cr Holman, Cr Howell, Cr Woolley, Cr Tingay Apologies: Cr Barrowcliff, Cr Mitchell
7 September 2021	Meet & Greet – Tulka	Mayor Quigley
15 September 2021	Meet & Greet – North Shields	Mayor Quigley
16 September 2021	Meet & Greet – Wanilla	Mayor Quigley
16 September 2021	Meet & Greet – Wangary	Mayor Quigley
16 June 2022	Annual Business Plan Consultation	Attended by: Mayor Quigley, Cr Holman, Cr Howell, Cr Woolley, Cr Tingay, Cr Mitchell Apologies: Cr Barrowcliff

Internal Workshops & 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
6 Sept 2021	Coffin Bay Master Plan Workshop	Attended by: Mayor Quigley, Cr Mitchell, Cr Tingay, Cr Holman, Cr Woolley, Cr Howell, Cr Barrowcliff
27 Sept 2021	Port Lincoln Airport Master Plan	Attended by: Mayor Quigley, Cr Mitchell, Cr Tingay, Cr Holman, Cr Woolley, Cr Howell, Cr Barrowcliff
1 Nov 2021	Local Government Rates Oversight Framework Workshop	Attended by: Mayor Quigley, Cr Mitchell, Cr Tingay, Cr Woolley, Cr Howell, Cr Barrowcliff Apologies: Cr Holman
2 Feb 2022	Waste Workshop	Attended by: Mayor Quigley, Cr Mitchell, Cr Tingay, Cr Woolley, Cr Howell, Cr Holman Apologies: Cr Barrowcliff
28 Feb 2022	Development Approval Workshop	Attended by: Mayor Quigley, Cr Mitchell, Cr Tingay, Cr Holman, Cr Woolley, Cr Howell, Cr Barrowcliff
4 April 2022	Local Government Finance Authority Workshop	Attended by: Mayor Quigley, Cr Tingay, Cr Woolley, Cr Howell, Cr Holman Apologies: Cr Barrowcliff, Cr Mitchell
5 May 2022	Budget Workshop	Attended by: Mayor Quigley, Cr Tingay, Cr Woolley, Cr Howell, Cr Holman Apologies: Cr Barrowcliff, Cr Mitchell

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 2021/22 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 & 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-four 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 | Delfina Lanzilli |
| • Director of Corporate Services & Community | Sacheen Hopewell |
| • Director of Development & Environmental Services | Leith Blacker |
| • Director of Commercial Operations & Infrastructure | Tim 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:

- o Manager & Director Cash component ranging from \$105,000-\$135,000, CEO \$200,000
- o Superannuation (at statutory rates)
- o Mobile Phone & Laptop
- o Private use of a Council vehicle

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 2021/22 funded in whole or in part by the Council.

INTERSTATE	COST	ATTENDED BY
Australian Local Government Association Annual Conference – Canberra	\$3,134	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 2021/22 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 & Infrastructure Advice	\$23,233
Administration & Governance	\$27,916
Debt Recovery	\$7,114
Development & Regulating	\$32,454
Airport	\$15,968
Total	\$106,685



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 Members 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	\$ 14,371
Accommodation	\$ 4,498
Council meetings	\$ 1,526
Subscriptions	\$ 1,309
Motor Vehicle Expenses	\$ 5,634
Professional Memberships	\$ 2,175
Licenses	\$ 1,520
Conferences / Seminars / Trainings	\$ 3,227
Employment	\$ 2,447
Stationery / Minor Consumables	\$ 3,816
Special Events	\$ 1,517
Building / Planning	\$ 1,281
Credit Card Fees	\$ 258
Total	\$ 43,579

Customer Requests

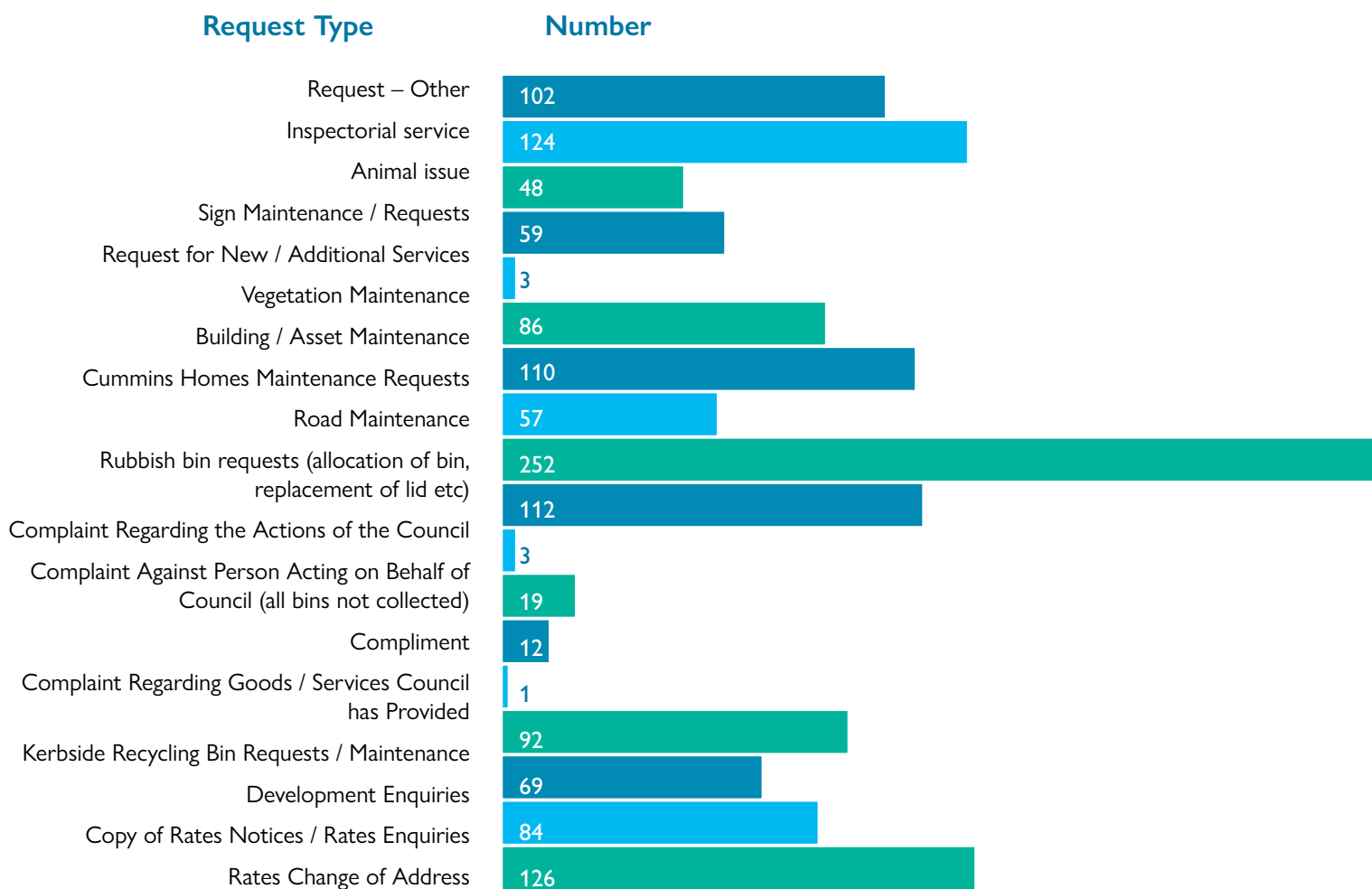
Staff record incoming requests and complaints in an electronic records system and allocate Responsible Officers for addressing each item, within given time periods. This information is used to ensure items are addressed in a timely, effective and equitable way as well as being used as data on which to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

During the 2021/22 year, 1359 requests for services were recorded in Council's records management system in the following categories:

REQUEST TYPE	NUMBER
Request – Other	102
Inspectorial service	124
Animal issue	48
Sign Maintenance / Requests	59
Request for New / Additional Services	3
Vegetation Maintenance	86
Building / Asset Maintenance	110
Cummins Homes Maintenance Requests	57
Road Maintenance	252
Rubbish bin requests (allocation of bin, replacement of lid etc)	112
Complaint Regarding the Actions of the Council	3
Complaint Against Person Acting on Behalf of Council (all bins not collected)	19
Compliment	12
Complaint Regarding Goods / Services Council has Provided	1
Kerbside Recycling Bin Requests / Maintenance	92
Development Enquiries	69
Copy of Rates Notices / Rates Enquiries	84
Rates Change of Address	126
TOTAL	1359

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 an increase of 209 recorded customer enquiries over the previous year, largely attributable to additional staff training on the importance of recording customer enquiries to provide evidence of contact and follow up with customers.

Additionally, Council implemented the 'My Local Services' application in the last year, 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.



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.
- 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.

Elector Comparison

COUNCIL	ELECTORS	MEMBERS	REP QUOTA
Adelaide Plains	6878	10	687
Clare & Gilbert Valleys	6862	10	686
Coorong	3900	9	433
Grant	5647	10	564
Kangaroo Island	3617	10	361
Lower Eyre Peninsula	3940	7	562
Mid Murray	6880	10	688
Naracoorte Lucindale	6035	11	548
Renmark Paringa	6937	9	770
Tatiara	4566	10	456
Average	5526	10	576

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, at 30 June 2022, the number of electors for the area was 3,940 with 7 Councillors constituting the Council, resulting in a "representation quota" of 562.

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:

- 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 2021.

The current Focus Groups are listed below:

GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coffin Bay Progress Association Marble Range Community & Sports Centre Mount Dutton Bay Progress Association Coulta Hall Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cummins & 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 Greenpatch farming community Western Approach area Tulka Progress Association North Shields 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 Friday 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:

Cummins Homes Committee

The role of the Cummins Homes Committee:

- 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 CEO regarding such issues.

Audit Committee

The role of the Audit Committee is to:

- monitor and review the integrity of the financial statements of Council (including its annual report)
- review & 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 & removal of the Councils external auditor and meet with the auditor as required.

Independent Members receive an allowance of \$40 per meeting attended and a mileage allowance is paid for travel to Audit Committee meetings.

Staff Committee

The role of the Staff Committee:

- deal with issues pertaining to the engagement and employment management of the CEO,
- provide assistance to the CEO in relation to negotiation of Enterprise Bargaining Agreements.

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.

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.

Council Regulations, Policies & 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 & Standards

- o Burial & Cremation Act 2013
- o Community Titles Act 1996
- o Dog & Cat Management Act 1995
- o Environment Protection Act 1993 and Environment Protection (Waste to Resources) Policy 2010
- o Expiation of Offences Act 1996
- o Fences Act 1975
- o Fines Enforcement & Debt Recover Act 2017
- o 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 & Business (Sale & 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 & Infrastructure Management Plan
- Health & 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

Council employs 50 staff (44 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 2021.

By-Laws

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

- By-Law No. 1 Permits & 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 & Tenders
- Section 50 Public Consultation
- Section 77(1)(b) Reimbursement of Council Member Expenses
- Section 78 Provision of Facilities & Support for Council Members
- Section 80A Council Member Training & 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 2022 is outlined at 'Appendix A' of this report.

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 & 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 & Associates are Councils Auditor and during the 2021/22 financial year the remuneration paid to the Auditor was \$17,740. 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 & Partners for a five year period at the June 2020 meeting of Council.

Community Land

No community land was disposed of or purchased by Council in 2021/22. Council did however undertake a revocation of community land status for a parcel of land owned by Council along East Terrace, Cummins as the intent of this land purchase was to develop the land and dispose of the land as individual allotments.

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 2021/22 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

Two (2) Freedom of Information requests were received in the 12 months to 30 June 2021.

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 2022.

Local Nuisance & 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 2021/22.

- 14 x Illegal dumping investigation.
- 5 x Noise investigations (Oyster industry Coffin Bay, local nuisance).
- 6 x Odour investigations (Oyster industry, sewerage and animal keeping).
- 6 x Unsightly premises investigations.
- 2 x Chemical storage and spillage investigations (aerial spraying – referred to PIRSA hotline).
- 1 x Asbestos related matters investigations.
- 0 x Encroachment investigations.
- 0 Smoke nuisance investigations.
- 2 abatement notice.
- 0 expiations
- 0 application to the courts.

Request For Services & 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 no internal review of Council decision request in the 2021/22 year.

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.

Eight (8) Council meetings held during 2021/22 involved a portion of the meeting where the public were excluded.

Nine (9) 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) & (3) (a-o) of the Act included:

LG ACT	DESCRIPTION	2021/22
90 (3)(b)	Information that could confer a commercial advantage or prejudice the commercial position of the Council;	7
90 (3)(h)	Legal Advice	1
90 (3)(o)	Information relating to a proposed award recipient before the presentation of the award.	1

Eight of the nine items considered in confidence during the 2021/22 financial year remain confidential as at 30 June 2022.

Eleven (11) confidentiality orders that were in place prior to 30 June 2022, expired, ceased to apply or were revoked during the financial year.

Thirty-five (35) confidentiality orders remain in operation at the end of the financial year in total, noting twelve of the orders in place relate to a singular item which remains ongoing.

Annual Business Plan

Report card against 2021/22 planned projects

AREA	PROJECT	COMMENT	STATUS
Port Lincoln Airport	Lighting upgrade	Grant funding was received only for runway 01/19 and has been completed. A further grant application for lighting upgrade of runway 15/33 and aprons is currently lodged and under assessment.	Complete
	Solar Project	To be completed in late 2022	In progress
	Pedestrian Fencing	Unplanned project - Fencing installed to provide passive direction for passengers between terminal and aeroplane.	Complete
Land Development	Coffin Bay, Residential Allotments	Deferred upon decision of Council pending development of a Masterplan for Coffin Bay township.	Deferred
	Coffin Bay, Retirement Style Community Title Development	Deferred upon decision of Council pending development of a Masterplan for Coffin Bay township.	Deferred
	Cummins, Residential Allotments	Deferred upon decision of Council. Funding sought through the Regional Growth Fund and Infrastructure Partnership Program	Deferred
Township Development	Coffin Bay Masterplan	Master Plan completed	Complete
	Cummins Masterplan	Tenders sought from qualified persons with project to commence in 2022/23	Deferred
	Coffin Bay Town Centre Car Park	To be tendered in 2022/23 depending upon resources and contractor availability	Not commenced
Rubble Roads	Re-sheeting	Rolling yearly program. Some carryover projects that couldn't be finished before year end due to weather complications including Koolidie Road	In Progress
	Replacement unsealed road stormwater pipes	Being undertaken concurrently with resheeting projects when in area	In Progress
Reserves	Replace Marjorie Agars reserve shelter (\$21,400)	Project not commenced due to staff availability.	Not commenced
	Morgan Reserve Landscape Upgrade	New grass surfacing and irrigation installation complete	Complete
	Dorward Reserve Playground Equipment Upgrade	Installation of new equipment and softfall complete.	Complete
	Poonindie reserve – Reserve & Drainage improvements	Consultation with community members occurred, park bench seats ordered, paths created	In Progress
	Coastal Campground construction – 30k	Some works complete with site delineation and signage works ongoing.	In Progress
	Morgan Reserve Landscape Upgrade	New grass surfacing and irrigation installation complete	Complete

Road Sealing	Capital Reseals	Year 2 of 3 Year Rolling Contract completed.	In Progress
	Warrow Road Seal	Project on hold awaiting contractor availability. Expect works early 2023	Not Commenced
	Tumby Bay Rd & Small section sealing	Deferred to provide for other project priorities	Deferred
	Bruce Terrace Widening & Kerbing	Project on hold awaiting contractor availability. Requires input from DIT for contractor selection	Not Commenced
	Flinders highway Pavement Preparation for Cold Overlay	Change in priorities meant preparation for Cold Overlay was no longer required	Cancelled
	Flinders Highway Upgrade Project	\$2 million upgrade commenced with expected completion in late 2022	In Progress
	Boundary Road and Ford Avenue Survey and Design	Survey supply demand during Covid increased costs by over 200%. Project deferred until prices revert to competitive market value.	Not Commenced
	Bratten Way Rehabilitation	Special Local Roads Program Grant funding received – Undertaking stages 2 and 3 of a 10 year program	In Progress
Stormwater	Coffin Bay, Stormwater Management Plan	Grant funding received in May & June 2020 for stormwater management plan to be matched \$: \$ by Council. Project scope being developed and will be delivered in 2022/23.	Deferred
	Cummins Stormwater – Open Drainage Network Improvements	Deferred to occur in line with Warrow road works	Deferred
	Boston & Tiatukia Lidar survey and drainage study	Contractor engaged. Scheduled to undertake work in early 2022/23 FY.	In progress
Foreshore Construction	North Shields, Beach access	Beach access closed . Currently negotiating an alternative access point design with Coast Protection Board.	In Progress
	Beach Access Improvements – Louth Bay	Works carried out included new Osprey nest and car park area resheet. Works carried out under LRCIP program	Complete
Community Development	Creating Connections program	Program recommenced in May after COVID hiatus.	On Track
	Transcription of Council minutes	Transcription occurred in partnership with the Cummins Community Library and records available on Council's website.	Complete
	Develop a Disability Access & Inclusion Plan	Plan developed and actions identified and measured annually.	Complete
	Shop Local Subsidised business website assistance	One off program using funds set aside for covid recovery - Program fully subscribed	Complete
Cemeteries	Poonindie Cemetery Project	Working group established with community members and Elders to determine the scope of work and a management plan for the site.	In progress
	Coffin Bay Cemetery Upgrade	New Gazebo and Garden Beds installed	Complete
Boat Ramps	Coffin Bay Boat Ramp – Concrete Texture Roughening	Completed	Complete
Jetties	Replace piles as per identified in inspection report	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.	Not Commenced

Effluent Construction	Coffin Bay – Pump Upgrades and mobile pump purchases	Project has commenced and materials are being ordered by contractor. Completion date end of 2023. Accessories like mobile pumps can only be secured after pump performances have been measured after install	In Progress
	Tulka – Generator and Trailer, smart communications system, easement finalisation and risk and OTR plans	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	Not Commenced
	North Shields – Pump Station Refurbishment	Project has commenced and materials are being ordered by contractor. Completion date end of 2023	In progress
Footpaths	Footpath Construction, Cummins – Railway Triangle to Roe St	Complete	Complete
	Louth Bay Clifftop Walking Trail	Complete. Potential for further works in the future.	Complete
	Oyster Walk - Wayfinding	Complete	Complete
	Footpath construction – Coffin Bay – Jubilee drive to Greenly	Project deferred to 2022/23 to combine with significant 2022/23 construction program and gain economies of scale in tendering.	Not commenced
	Realignment of Investigator Trail	Realignment of section along cliff top at North Shields. Project substantially complete with expected completion in August 2022	In progress
Public Conveniences	Farm Beach	Originally included in budget 2018/19, deferred awaiting Eyes on Eyre implementation.	Deferred
	George Dorward Memorial reserve, toilet refurbishment	Project substantially completed, minor works carried over to 2022/23 budget.	In progress
	Mount Dutton Bay Toilet refurbishment	Project complete.	Complete
	Replace and upgrade Lions Park Public Conveniences	Difficulty in sourcing appropriate design for coastal area.	Not commenced
	Coffin Bay Jetty toilets septic tank replacement	Delays in obtaining materials and contractor availability. Works due to be completed in July 2022.	In progress
	Coffin Bay Boat ramp toilets, replace roof and septic tank	Delays in obtaining materials and contractor availability. Works due to be completed in July 2022.	In progress
Halls	Cummins Hall, Repairs to facade	Awaiting contractor report re: overall structural condition of the hall.	Not commenced
Facilities	Southern Depot Chemical Shed	Chemical shed determined not required to be replaced. Instead budget was used for construction of toilet & shower facilities at depot	In progress
	Coffin Bay Caravan Park Cottage – Ensuite & Upgrade works	Project deferred in 2021/22 pending investigations into other upgrade projects at request of Lessee.	Not commenced



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.

As Council our values are:

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>

A full copy of the Strategic Plan is available on Council's website.

Structure of the Strategic Plan

Vision 2030

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Goal 1

Retained and Enhanced Liveability of our District

Objective 1

Support Inclusive, Connected, Vibrant and Safe Communities

Objective 2

Plan for Growth

Objective 3

Provide Effective Leadership and Financial Management

Goal 2

Thriving Businesses, Industry and Local Economy

Objective 1

Support Successful and Sustainable Local Business and Industry

Objective 2

Expand our Local Industry Base

Objective 3

Support Growth in Tourism



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
Strategy 2: Support Healthy Living Within Our Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Disability Access & Inclusion Plan was reviewed b) Creating Connections program was reinstated c) Assistance was provided to communities to develop quality sporting facilities (Cummins Ramblers / Cougars facility, Cummins Swimming Pool, Coffin Bay Yacht Club Jetty, Wangary Lights) d) Regional Walking trail online platform was developed in conjunction with RDA and other Councils
Strategy 3: Protect Our Local Heritage and History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Signage improvements were made through grant funding at the Oyster Walk in Coffin Bay b) Planning commenced for the restoration of the Poonindie Cemetery
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 is ongoing b) Maintenance of existing Authorised Landing Areas has been upheld c) Coffin Bay Masterplan was completed and the Cummins Township Master Plan is due to commence in 2022/23
<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) Feedback provided by Council on Local Government reforms and governance across Councils b) Representation at the Australian Local Government Association conference, Local Government Association, Australian Airports Association and Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association c) Advocacy for Childcare, health & housing within Council's district
<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 b) Annual Business Plan demonstrates a balanced budget c) Revaluation of building and infrastructure assets undertaken to ensure accurate value and depreciation rates d) Comprehensive review undertaken of Council's Asset & Infrastructure Management Plan e) Involvement in Shared Service opportunities f) Financial & procurement policies and procedures reviewed to ensure financial transparency and effective financial risk management g) Internal Controls reviewed and enacted.



Goal 2:

Thriving Businesses, Industry & 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	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) Contribution provided towards the onboarding of local businesses to online sales platform
Strategy 2: Encourage and Maintain a Sustainable Population	a) Masterplans to develop the Council area and grant applications made to assist with the development of land for new residents b) Assessment for Coffin Bay CWMS system commenced to determine best solution to factor in population growth over next 10 years
Strategy 3: Support a Sufficient and Capable Labour Resource for Local Businesses and Industry	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

Objective 2: Expand our Local Industry Base

STRATEGIES	ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
Strategy 1: Encourage Establishment of New and Innovative Industries in the District	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) Support provided for Australian Space Agency initiatives and advocacy undertaken on community concerns

Objective 3: Support Sustainable Growth in Tourism

STRATEGIES	ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
Strategy 1: Coordinate Tourism Strategies to Deliver Effective Outcomes for the District	a) Participation in the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association CEO's Tourism Advisory Committee b) Support provided for Regional Development Australia (RDA) tourism initiatives
Strategy 2: Enhance tourism infrastructure	a) Participated in the development of an online walking trails strategy and website across the Eyre Peninsula b) Planning commenced on the establishment of coastal camping options c) Port Lincoln Airport continues to be maintained at a high level as the gateway to the region d) Maintenance undertaken of Coffin Bay Caravan Park e) Advocating for the retention of jetties with the State Government
Strategy 3: Ensure tourism is managed in a sustainable manner	a) An annual budget for tourism initiatives has been provided

Goal 3

Quality Services, Community Facilities and Infrastructure



Objective 1: Provide and Maintain Quality Community Assets and Infrastructure

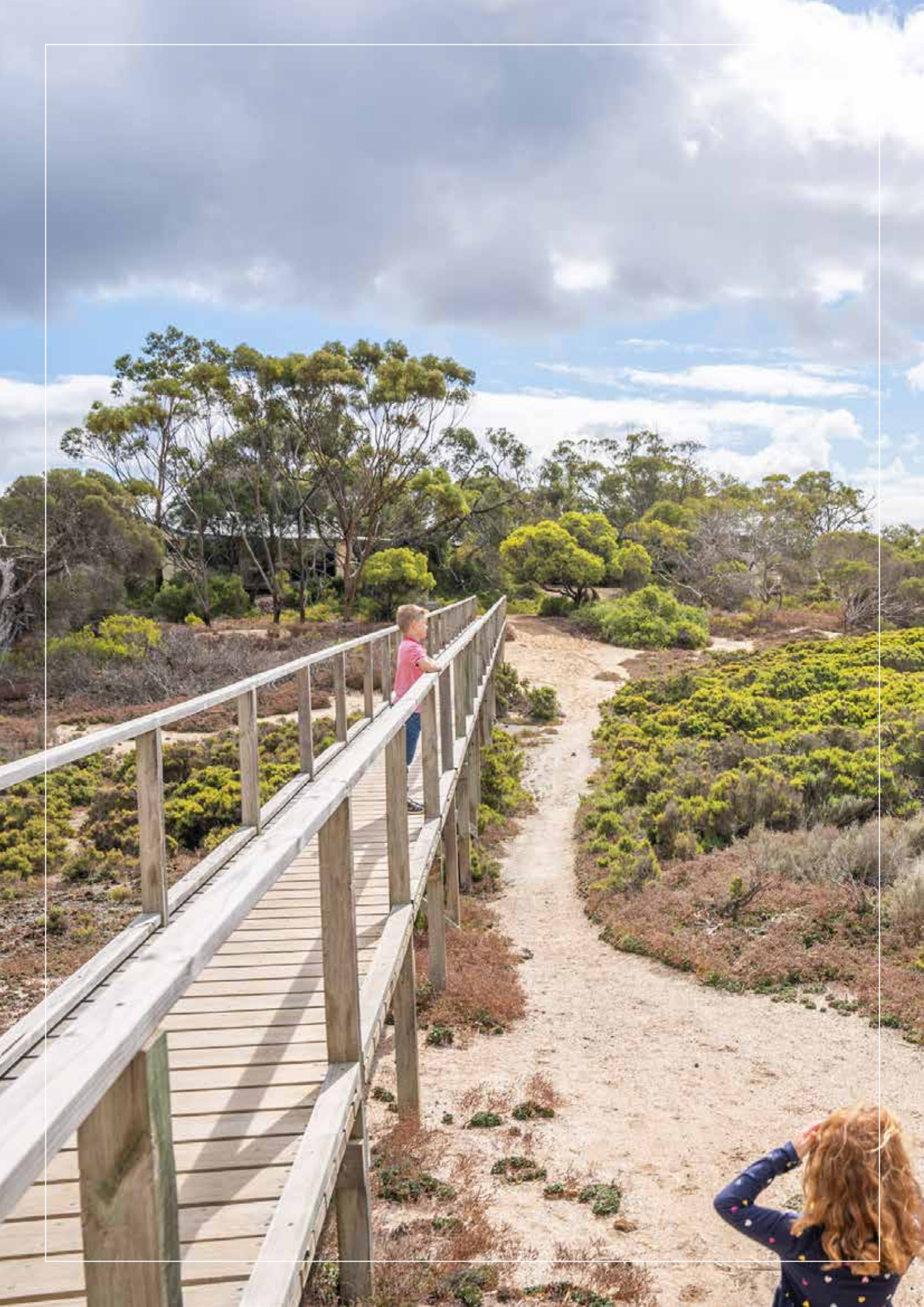
STRATEGIES	ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN
Strategy 1: Maintain and Enhance Our Local Road Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Continued advocacy with relevant agencies and local government organisations in the review of policy in relation to Rural Roadside Vegetation b) Council owned rural roads maintained 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
Strategy 2: Provide Effective and Efficient Waste Management Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Maintained provision of kerb-side collection and Waste Transfer Stations b) Introduction of kerb-side collection of recyclable waste 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 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) Utilisation of stimulus funding to improve playground and cemetery infrastructure across district e) Implemented dedicated horticultural resource to meet landscape needs across district

Objective 2: Provide a High Standard of Community Services & 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) Continuation of free public wi-fi in high volume areas c) Continued support of the Cummins Memorial Swimming Pool d) Improved standard of Council cemeteries in accordance with budgets and community aspirations e) Continued provision of Community Grants Schemes
Strategy 2: Support Community Groups in the Provision of Services to Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Continued partnership with the Cummins & District Enterprise Committee b) Strengthened engagement with local Progress Associations

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	<p>a) Engaged with SA Water and relevant agencies to ensure their strategy for delivery of solutions will meet the region's needs & consider environmental and economic impacts on the region</p> <p>b) Positioned on the Site Selection Committee for the Desalination Plant project to ensure district voice is accounted for</p>
Strategy 2: Work with Stakeholders to Secure Reliable Electricity Supply Across the Region	<p>a) Support and feedback provided to Electranet on initiatives to improve electricity infrastructure for the region</p>
Strategy 3: Advocate for Improved Telecommunications Coverage Across the District	<p>a) Continued advocacy for improvements to coverage and quality of telecommunications across the district</p> <p>b) Facilitated a grant application for the installation of a mobile tower in Coultas to improve communications and the network</p>
Strategy 4: Provide leadership in sustainable use of renewables	<p>a) Purchase of green electricity as a portion of Council's energy supplies</p> <p>b) Both offices have installed solar power systems to lessen the impact of services to the environment</p> <p>c) Commenced installation of Solar power system at the Port Lincoln Airport aiming at reducing CO2 emissions by 73t per year.</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Worked with Lake Wangary School to promote the preservation of the built and natural environment b) Support the agricultural industry in minimising environment impacts by provision of DrumMUSTER program
Strategy 2: Support Management of Native Flora and Fauna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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) Support provided to Sleaford & Districts Progress Association on the microplastics project and community awareness

Objective 2: Minimise Environmental Impact

Strategy 1: Work with Stakeholders to be Environmentally Aware	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Worked with Lake Wangary School to promote the preservation of the built and natural environment b) Support the agricultural industry in minimising environment impacts by provision of DrumMUSTER program
Strategy 2: Mitigate Environmental Impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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) Support provided to Sleaford & Districts Progress Association on the microplastics project and community awareness
Strategy 3: Monitor environmental impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 2021/22 have been included in this report as Appendix "C".

Appendix A - Policy Documents



POLICY NUMBER	TITLE	LAST REVIEW
1 - Animal Management		
ANI-POL-01	Poultry in Townships	Jul-22
ANI-POL-02	Horses on Residential Allotments	Jul-22
ANI-POL-03	Keeping of Bees	Jul-22
ANI-POL-04	Keeping of Dogs and Cats	Jul-22
2 - Community Relations		
CR-POL-01	Media	Jun-21
CR-POL-02	Public Consultation	Aug-19
CR-POL-03	Community Engagement Strategy	Mar-21
CR-POL-04	Requests for Services	Apr-19
CR-POL-05	Compliments and Complaints	Apr-19
CR-POL-06	Australia Day Awards	Sep-21
CR-POL-07	Mobile Food Vendor Locations	Jun-19
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 & 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-22
FIN-POL-01	Prudential Management	Feb-20
FIN-POL-02	Loans to Community Organisations & Clubs	Jul-19
FIN-POL-03	Treasury Management	Mar-22
FIN-POL-04	CWMS Hardship	Jul-19
FIN-POL-05	Refund of Dog Registration	Jul-19
FIN-POL-07	Disposal of Land & Assets	Feb-20
FIN-POL-08	Internal Controls	Jul-19
FIN-POL-09	Procurement	Aug-20
FIN-POL-10	Small sponsorship and donations	Jul-19
FIN-POL-11	Financial Hardship	Apr-20
FIN-POL-12	Rating Policy	Jul-22
FIN-POL-13	Asset Accounting	Mar-22
FIN-POL-14	Budget Framework	Mar-22
6 - Governance		
GOV-POL-01	Gifts, Benefits & Hospitality	Feb-19
GOV-POL-02	Council Meeting Agenda	Oct-20
GOV-POL-03	Supplementary Elections	Feb-19
GOV-POL-04	Council Members Allowances & Benefits	Nov-18
GOV-POL-05	Council Induction	Feb-19
GOV-POL-06	Council Member Access to Information	Feb-19
GOV-POL-07	Order Making	Apr-15
GOV-POL-08	Public Interest Disclosure	Jun-19
GOV-POL-09	Fraud & Corruption Prevention	Feb-19
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

Appendix A – Policy Documents

7 - Human Resources		
HR-POL-01	Volunteer Policy	May-19
HR-POL-02	Equal Opportunity	May-19
HR-POL-03	Smoke Free Workplace	May-19
8 - Information Management		
IT-POL-01	Records Management	Mar-21
9 - Infrastructure		
INF-POL-01	Electricity Mains Under Road Reserves	May-19
INF-POL-02	Permits to Use a Public Road for Business Purposes	May-19
INF-POL-03	Verge Development	May-19
INF-POL-04	Property Identification	May-19
INF-POL-05	Vegetation Management - Unsealed Rural Roads	May-19
INF-POL-07	Public Lighting modifications	Jan-19
INF-POL-08	Rural School Bus Stops	Feb-19
INF-POL-09	Memorials outside of Cemeteries	Sep-21
10 - Legal Provisions		
LP-POL-01	Mayor / Chairperson seeking legal advice	Mar-21
11 - Property Management		
PRM-POL-01	Hire of Council Chambers	Aug-19
PRM-POL-02	Camping	Aug-19
PRM-POL-03	Cummins Homes – Tenancy	Aug-19
PRM-POL-04	Council Property Maintenance	Aug-19
PRM-POL-05	Community Bus Transport Scheme	Aug-19
PRM-POL-06	Rubble Pits & Compensation	Aug-19
PRM-POL-07	Cemeteries & Memorials	Feb-20
12 - Social, Cultural and Community Services		
CS-POL-01	Involvement in emergency response operations (CFS)	Aug-19
GOV-POL-13	Informal Gatherings	Apr-20
GOV-POL-14	Petitions	Mar-19

POLICY NUMBER	TITLE	LAST REVIEW
13 - Traffic Management		
TM-POL-01	Portable Stock Signs	May-19
14 - Work Health and Safety		
WHS-POL-01	WHS & Return to Work	Apr-22
WHS-POL-02	WHS Contractor Management	Sep-21
WHS-POL-03	Administration of WHSMS	Dec-21
WHS-POL-04	Communication and Consultation	Apr-22
WHS-POL-05	Emergency Management	Dec-21
WHS-POL-06	Hazard Management	Apr-22
WHS-POL-07	Hazardous Work	Apr-22
15 - Codes		
GOV-COD-01	Code of Conduct for Employees	Mar-21
GOV-COD-02	Code of Conduct for Elected Members	Nov-19
GOV-COD-03	Public Access to Council Meetings & documents	Apr-20
GOV-COD-04	Code of Practice - Procedures at Meetings	Apr-20

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



Appendix B - Council Financial Statements





LOWER EYRE
COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 30 June 2022

Prepared by District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula
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District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula
General Purpose Financial Reports
for the year ended 30 June 2022

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**District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula
Annual Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2022**

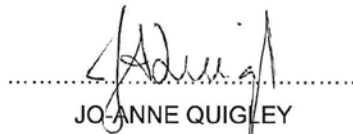
CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

- the accompanying financial statements comply with the *Local Government Act 1999, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* and Australian Accounting Standards.
- the financial statements present a true and fair view of the Council's financial position at 30 June 2022 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.
- internal controls implemented by the Council provide a reasonable assurance that the Council's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year.
- the financial statements accurately reflect the Council's accounting and other records.



DELFINA LANZILLI
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



JO-ANNE QUIGLEY
MAYOR/COUNCILLOR

Date: 21/10/2022

District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula
Statement of Comprehensive Income
for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
INCOME			
Rates	2	8,395	7,943
Statutory charges	2	226	250
User charges	2	2,215	1,803
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	4,234	1,715
Investment income	2	74	68
Reimbursements	2	77	82
Other income	2	16	16
Total Income		15,237	11,878
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	3	3,854	3,577
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	6,246	4,492
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	4,250	3,383
Finance costs	3	167	204
Total Expenses		14,517	11,656
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		720	222
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	(1,734)	(280)
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2	449	2,731
Physical resources received free of charge	2	7	140
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) (transferred to Equity Statement)		(558)	2,814
Other Comprehensive Income			
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	9	1,261	12
Total Other Comprehensive Income		1,261	12
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		703	2,826

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

District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula

Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	6,479	6,183
Trade & other receivables	5	1,225	956
Inventories	5	197	252
Total Current Assets		7,901	7,391
Non-current Assets			
Financial assets	6	14	-
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	7	91,296	90,357
Other non-current assets	6	836	2,715
Total Non-current Assets		92,146	93,072
Total Assets		100,047	100,463
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & other payables	8	3,055	1,338
Borrowings	8	683	1,093
Provisions	8	1,033	900
Total Current Liabilities		4,771	3,331
Non-current Liabilities			
Borrowings	8	2,560	5,143
Provisions	8	115	91
Total Non-current Liabilities		2,675	5,234
Total Liabilities		7,446	8,565
NET ASSETS		92,601	91,898
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		37,884	38,374
Asset Revaluation Reserves	9	54,739	53,478
Other Reserves	9	(22)	46
TOTAL EQUITY		92,601	91,898

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

District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula
Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 30 June 2022

		Acc'd Surplus	Asset Rev'n Reserve	Other Reserves	TOTAL EQUITY
2022	Notes	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance at end of previous reporting period		38,374	53,478	46	91,898
Restated opening balance		38,374	53,478	46	91,898
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(558)			(558)
Other Comprehensive Income					
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		-	1,261	-	1,261
Transfers between reserves		68	-	(68)	-
Balance at end of period	9	37,884	54,739	(22)	92,601

		Acc'd Surplus	Asset Rev'n Reserve	Other Reserves	TOTAL EQUITY
2021	Notes	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance at end of previous reporting period		35,722	53,466	(115)	89,072
Restated opening balance		35,722	53,466	(115)	89,072
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		2,814			2,814
Other Comprehensive Income					
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		-	12	-	12
Transfers between reserves		(162)	-	162	-
Balance at end of period	9	38,374	53,478	46	91,898

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

District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula

Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2022

		2022	2021
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	Notes	\$'000	\$'000
Receipts:			
Rates - general & other		8,568	8,031
Fees & other charges		226	250
User charges		2,030	1,687
Investment receipts		71	55
Grants utilised for operating purposes		4,378	1,858
Reimbursements		59	100
Other revenues		188	17
Payments:			
Employee costs		(3,759)	(3,397)
Materials, contracts & other expenses		(6,331)	(4,112)
Finance payments		(180)	(336)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities	11	5,250	4,153
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts:			
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		2,161	873
Sale of replaced assets		494	174
Sale of surplus assets		73	-
Repayments of loans by community groups		-	47
Payments:			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(3,278)	(2,918)
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		(1,065)	(3,446)
Loans made to community groups		(346)	-
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(1,961)	(5,270)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts:			
Proceeds from borrowings		-	500
Payments:			
Repayments of borrowings		(2,993)	(1,095)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		(2,993)	(595)
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		296	(1,712)
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	11	6,183	7,896
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	11	6,479	6,183

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

District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies

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

1 Basis of Preparation

1.1 Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards

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

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

1.2 Historical Cost Convention

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

1.3 Critical Accounting Estimates

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

1.4 Rounding

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

2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

The District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula is incorporated under the SA 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.

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

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies

3 Income recognition

3.1 Revenue

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

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

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

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

	Cash Payment Received	Annual Allocation	Difference	
2018-19	\$ 1,543,931	\$ 1,109,569	+ / -	\$ 434,362
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

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

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

3.2 Construction Contracts

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

4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and Other Financial Instruments

4.1 Cash, Cash Equivalent Assets

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

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

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies

4.2 Other Financial Instruments

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

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

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

5 Inventories

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

6 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

6.1 Initial Recognition

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

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

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

6.2 Materiality

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

6.3 Subsequent Recognition

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

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

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies

6.4 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

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

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

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

6.5 Impairment

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

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

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

6.6 Borrowing Costs

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

7 Payables

7.1 Goods & Services

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

7.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

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

8 Borrowings

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

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

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies

9 Provisions

9.1 Employee Benefits

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

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

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.

9.1 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.

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.

District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula
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for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies

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 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.

12 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 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 an

13 New and amended standards and interpretations

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

Amendments to AASB 16 Covid-19 Related Rent Concessions:

In 2020, the AASB issued AASB 2020-4, Amendments to AASB - Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions. The amendments provide relief to lessees from applying AASB 16 guidance on lease modification accounting for rent concessions arising as a direct consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic. As a practical expedient, a lessee may elect not to assess whether a Covid-19 related rent concession from a lessor is a lease modification. A lessee that makes this election accounts for any change in lease payments resulting from the Covid-19 related rent concession the same way it would account for the change under IFRS 16, if the change were not a lease modification. The amendment was intended to apply until 30 June 2021, but as the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic is continuing, in 2021 the AASB extended the period of application of the practical expedient to 30 June 2022. The amendment applies to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 April 2021. This

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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

	Notes	2022	2021
		\$'000	\$'000
RATES REVENUES			
<u>General Rates</u>		7,101	6,847
Less: Mandatory rebates		(21)	(23)
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs		(48)	(70)
		7,032	6,755
<u>Other Rates</u> (including service charges)			
Regional Landscapes levy		362	359
Recycling Collection Service Charge		144	-
Community wastewater management systems		832	800
		1,338	1,159
<u>Other Charges</u>			
Penalties for late payment		26	29
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs		(1)	-
		8,395	7,943
STATUTORY CHARGES			
Development Act fees		55	42
Town planning fees		102	140
Health & Septic Tank Inspection fees		16	12
Animal registration fees & fines		33	35
Other licences, fees, & fines		20	21
		226	250
USER CHARGES			
Cemetery Fees		23	12
Passenger Levy		1,382	1,110
Landing Fees		70	69
Waste Transfer Station Fees		71	53
Additional Bin Charges		57	47
Property Rental		417	379
Camping Ground Fees		52	28
Parking fees		127	103
Sundry		16	3
		2,215	1,803

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Note 2 - INCOME (con't)

	Notes	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Interest on investments:			
Local Government Finance Authority		69	51
Banks & other		5	16
Loans to community groups		-	1
		<u>74</u>	<u>68</u>
REIMBURSEMENTS			
- for roadworks		-	-
- for private works		11	16
- other		66	66
		<u>77</u>	<u>82</u>
OTHER INCOME			
Sundry		16	16
		<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>
GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS			
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets		449	2,731
Other grants, subsidies and contributions			
Untied - Financial Assistance Grant		1,558	965
Roads to Recovery		426	426
Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program		1,144	254
Employee Schemes		19	15
Health		4	4
Library & Communications		5	3
Airports		975	-
Sundry		103	48
		<u>4,234</u>	<u>1,715</u>
		<u>4,683</u>	<u>4,447</u>
<i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 12.</i>			
Sources of grants			
Commonwealth government		2,603	1,739
State government		2,055	2,682
Other		25	26
		<u>4,683</u>	<u>4,447</u>

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Note 2 - INCOME (con't)

	2022	2021
Notes	\$'000	\$'000
Conditions over grants & contributions		
<i>Grants and contributions which were obtained on the condition that they be expended for specified purposes or in a future period, but which are not yet expended in accordance with those conditions, are as follows:</i>		
<i>Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period</i>	152	1,858
<i>Less: expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods:</i>		
<i>Special Local Roads Program</i>	(84)	(778)
<i>Regional Airports Screening Infrastructure</i>	(46)	(1,027)
<i>Regional Tourism Bushfire Recovery Grant</i>	(15)	-
<i>Subtotal</i>	(145)	(1,805)
<i>Plus: amounts recognised as revenues in this reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions</i>		
<i>Special Local Roads Program</i>	1,712	84
<i>Coffin Bay Event - Borealis</i>	30	15
<i>Coultas Mobile Tower Construction</i>	318	-
<i>Subtotal</i>	2,060	99
<i>Unexpended at the close of this reporting period</i>	2,067	152
<i>Net increase / (decrease) in assets subject to conditions in the current reporting period</i>	1,915	(1,706)
PHYSICAL RESOURCES RECEIVED FREE OF CHARGE		
Land & Improvements	-	25
Roads, Bridges & Footpaths	6	48
Stormwater Drainage	-	68
Community Wastewater Management Schemes	1	-
TOTAL PHYSICAL RESOURCES RECEIVED	7	140

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Note 3 - EXPENSE

	Notes	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Salaries and Wages		3,075	2,854
Employee leave expense		492	496
Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions	18	320	286
Superannuation - defined benefit plan contributions	18	19	31
Workers' Compensation Insurance		89	76
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		(141)	(166)
Total Operating Employee Costs		3,854	3,577
Total Number of Employees		45	42
<i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i>			
MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES			
<u>Prescribed Expenses</u>			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the financial reports		17	19
Bad and Doubtful Debts		2	2
Elected members' expenses		135	138
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		154	159
<u>Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses</u>			
Contractors		3,266	1,838
Consultants		279	286
Energy		260	260
Fuels / Lubricants		250	151
Bank Charges		22	21
Water		72	60
Insurance		325	311
Contributions		210	214
Advertising		26	30
Telecommunications		39	37
Minor Furniture & Equipment		56	47
Legal Expenses		76	21
Levies paid to government - RL levy		362	359
Parts, accessories & consumables		350	403
Sundry		577	392
Less: Capitalised and Distributed Costs		(78)	(98)
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		6,092	4,333
		6,246	4,492

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Note 3 - EXPENSE con't

	2022	2021
Notes	\$'000	\$'000
DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT		
Depreciation		
Buildings & Other Structures	739	644
Infrastructure		
- CWMS Scheme	346	239
- Recreation & Culture	8	8
- Sealed Roads	1,001	757
- Formed & Surfaced Roads	1,232	816
- Port Lincoln Airport	235	295
- Aerodromes	11	11
- Boat Ramps	56	46
- Footpaths	37	28
- Stormwater	63	40
- Economic Affairs	13	11
- Bridges	8	5
- Foreshore	5	7
Plant & Equipment	153	133
Furniture & Fittings	10	6
Machinery	333	335
	<u>4,250</u>	<u>3,383</u>
FINANCE COSTS		
Interest on Loans	167	204
	<u>167</u>	<u>204</u>

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Note 4 - ASSET DISPOSALS AND FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

	Notes	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT			
<i>Assets renewed or directly replaced</i>			
Proceeds from disposal		494	174
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		<u>2,250</u>	<u>433</u>
Gain (Loss) on disposal		<u>(1,756)</u>	<u>(258)</u>
 <i>Assets surplus to requirements</i>			
Proceeds from disposal		73	-
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		<u>51</u>	<u>21</u>
Gain (Loss) on disposal		<u>22</u>	<u>(21)</u>
 NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION OF ASSETS		 <u>(1,734)</u>	 <u>(280)</u>

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Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS

	Notes	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS			
Cash on Hand and at Bank		95	121
Deposits at Call		5,384	2,562
Short Term Deposits & Bills, etc		1,000	3,500
		<u>6,479</u>	<u>6,183</u>
TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES			
Rates - General & Other		199	314
Rates postponed for State Seniors		2	2
Accrued Revenues		355	326
Debtors - general		246	88
GST Recoupment		91	222
Prepayments		5	9
Loans to community organisations		332	-
Total		<u>1,230</u>	<u>961</u>
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts		<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>
		<u>1,225</u>	<u>956</u>
INVENTORIES			
Stores & Materials		197	252
		<u>197</u>	<u>252</u>

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Note 6 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS

FINANCIAL ASSETS	Notes	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Receivables			
Loans to community organisations		<u>14</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS		<u>14</u>	<u>-</u>
Capital Works-in-Progress		<u>836</u>	<u>2,715</u>
		<u>836</u>	<u>2,715</u>

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

		2021 \$'000				2022 \$'000			
	Fair Value Level	Fair Value	Cost	Acc' Dep'n	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Cost	Acc' Dep'n	Carrying Amount
Land	2	3,715	84	-	3,799	3,877	-	-	3,877
Land	3	9,606	-	-	9,606	10,055	-	-	10,055
Buildings & Other Structures	2	369	-	(269)	100	-	-	-	-
Buildings & Other Structures	3	25,595	1,525	(12,288)	14,832	30,138	220	(10,238)	20,120
Infrastructure									
- CWMS Scheme	3	15,537	970	(5,448)	11,059	17,468	168	(7,497)	10,139
- Recreation & Culture	3	240	95	(195)	140	239	125	(203)	161
- Sealed Roads	3	37,297	7,813	(20,945)	24,165	41,614	3,104	(21,774)	22,944
- Formed & Surfaced Roads	3	22,693	3,559	(18,029)	8,223	29,210	894	(23,416)	6,688
- Port Lincoln Airport	3	15,141	1,433	(6,449)	10,125	12,214	178	(5,822)	6,570
- Aerodromes	3	372	6	(210)	168	418	-	(167)	251
- Boat Ramps	3	1,459	-	(879)	580	1,819	-	(1,046)	773
- Footpaths	3	860	444	(476)	828	1,708	41	(321)	1,428
- Stormwater	3	2,924	174	(1,362)	1,736	4,714	-	(2,193)	2,521
- Economic Affairs	3	332	99	(259)	172	529	-	(332)	197
- Bridges	3	385	-	(308)	77	598	-	(452)	146
- Foreshore	3	396	49	(97)	348	336	-	(35)	301
Plant & Equipment		-	1,601	(245)	1,356	-	1,617	(398)	1,219
Furniture & Fittings		-	66	(24)	42	-	86	(34)	52
Machinery		-	4,816	(1,815)	3,001	-	5,309	(1,455)	3,854
Total IPP&E		136,921	22,734	(69,298)	90,357	154,937	11,742	(75,383)	91,296
Comparatives		138,673	19,247	(67,858)	90,062	136,921	22,734	(69,298)	90,357

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Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	2021	Carrying Amounts Movement During the Year						2022	
	\$'000	\$'000						\$'000	
	Carrying Amount	Additions		Disposals	Dep'n	Transfers		Net Reval'n	Carrying Amount
New / Upgrade		Renewals	In			Out			
Land	3,799	-	-	(51)	-	123	-	6	3,877
Land	9,606	-	-	-	-	-	(123)	572	10,055
Buildings & Other Structures	100	-	-	-	-	-	(100)	-	-
Buildings & Other Structures	14,832	138	82	(81)	(739)	100	-	5,788	20,120
Infrastructure									
- CWMS Scheme	11,059	49	119	(51)	(346)	-	-	(691)	10,139
- Recreation & Culture	140	29	-	-	(8)	-	-	-	161
- Sealed Roads	24,165	961	2,143	(1,713)	(1,001)	-	-	(1,611)	22,944
- Formed & Surfaced Roads	8,223	6	888	(32)	(1,232)	-	-	(1,165)	6,688
- Port Lincoln Airport	10,125	35	143	-	(235)	-	-	(3,498)	6,570
- Aerodromes	168	-	-	-	(11)	-	-	94	251
- Boat Ramps	580	-	-	-	(56)	-	-	249	773
- Footpaths	828	41	-	-	(37)	-	-	596	1,428
- Stormwater	1,736	-	-	-	(63)	-	-	848	2,521
- Economic Affairs	172	-	-	-	(13)	-	-	38	197
- Bridges	77	-	-	-	(8)	-	-	77	146
- Foreshore	348	-	-	-	(5)	-	-	(42)	301
Plant & Equipment	1,356	16	-	-	(153)	-	-	-	1,219
Furniture & Fittings	42	20	-	-	(10)	-	-	-	52
Machinery	3,001	237	1,322	(373)	(333)	-	-	-	3,854
Total IPP&E	90,357	1,532	4,697	(2,301)	(4,250)	223	(223)	1,261	91,296
Comparatives	90,062	1,216	2,809	(358)	(3,383)	-	-	-	90,357

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

Valuation of Assets

General Valuation Principles

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Transfers between fair value hierarchy levels (Please delete the following paragraphs if not relevant to your Council)

In the course of revaluing Buildings & Other Structures assets, the nature of the inputs applied was reviewed in detail and where necessary, the asset reassigned to the appropriate fair value hierarchy level. Such transfers take effect as at the date of the revaluation.

During the course of the year, a parcel of land previously held for community purposes was designated as operational land under the Local Government Act 1999. The change in designation removed the restrictive processes involved in the future disposal of the land and necessitated the transfer of its valuation from fair value hierarchy level 3 to level 2, and the adjustment of the valuation. The transfer took effect at the date of designation as operational land.

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 & Equipment

Office Equipment	5 to 10 years
Office Furniture	10 to 20 years
Vehicles and Road-making Equip	3 to 30 years
Other Plant & Equipment	5 to 15 years
Building & Other Structures	
- Buildings – masonry	50 to 100 years
- Buildings – other construction	20 to 40 years
- Park Structures – masonry	50 to 100 years
- Park Structures – other construction	20 to 40 years
- Playground equipment	5 to 15 years
- Benches, seats, etc	10 to 20 years
Infrastructure	
Sealed Roads	
- Upper Surface	17 to 25 years
- Lower Surface	51 to 66 years
- Pavement	50 to 80 years
- Pavement Base	60 years

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

- Pavement Sub-Base	180 years
Unsealed Roads	
- Sheeted and Formed	15 to 50 years
- Unformed	50 to 100 years
Bridges	80 to 100 years
Kerb & Gutter	80 to 100 years
Drains	75 to 100 Years
Culverts	50 to 80 years
Flood Control Structures	80 to 100 years
Effluent	
- Pipes - Drains	70 to 100 years
- Pipes - Rising Mains	50 to 70 years
- Pumps & Telemetry	30 to 80 years
Economic Affairs	
- Effluent, Electrical and Reticulation	30 to 50 years
- RV Dump Points	20 to 30 years
- Roads	30 to 80 years
Foreshore	
- Seawalls	80 years
- Coastal Stairways	40 years
Airports & Aerodromes	
- Runways	15 to 40 years
- Roads	30 to 80 years
- Lighting & Electrical	20 to 40 years
- Stormwater	60 to 100 years
- Fencing	20 to 50 years

Land & Land Improvements

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

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

Land improvements, including bulk earthworks with an assessed unlimited useful life, are recognised on the cost basis.

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.

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

Buildings & Other Structures

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 & Equipment

These assets are recognised on the cost basis.

All other assets

These assets are recognised on the cost basis.

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Note 8 - LIABILITIES

	Notes	2022		2021	
		Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES					
Goods & Services		608	-	701	-
Payments received in advance		2,132	-	199	-
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements		70	-	132	-
Accrued expenses - other		177	-	211	-
Deposits, Retentions & Bonds		7	-	30	-
Other Payables		61	-	66	-
		3,055	-	1,338	-
BORROWINGS					
Loans		683	2,560	1,093	5,143
		683	2,560	1,093	5,143
PROVISIONS					
Annual Leave (including oncosts)		487	-	417	-
Long Service Leave (including oncosts)		546	115	483	91
		1,033	115	900	91

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

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Note 9 - RESERVES

ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	1/7/2021	Net Increments/ (Decrements)	Transfers, Impairments	30/6/2022
Notes	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Land	13,458	578	-	14,036
Buildings & Other Structures	3,561	5,788	-	9,349
Infrastructure				
- CWMS Scheme	8,617	(691)	-	7,926
- Recreation & Culture	878	-	-	878
- Sealed Roads	12,741	(1,611)	-	11,130
- Formed & Surfaced Roads	4,153	(1,165)	-	2,988
- Port Lincoln Airport	7,264	(3,498)	-	3,766
- Aerodromes	128	94	-	222
- Boat Ramps	509	249	-	758
- Footpaths	375	596	-	971
- Stormwater	1,374	848	-	2,222
- Economic Affairs	100	38	-	138
- Bridges	75	77	-	152
- Foreshore	247	(42)	-	205
TOTAL	53,478	1,261	-	54,739
Comparatives	53,466	12	-	53,478
OTHER RESERVES	1/7/2021	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/6/2022
Community Wastewater Management Schemes	464	-	(12)	452
Port Lincoln Airport	(268)	-	(122)	(390)
Cummins Homes	(107)	59	-	(48)
Coffin Bay Caravan Park	(49)	7	-	(42)
Open Space	5	-	-	5
TOTAL OTHER RESERVES	46	66	(134)	(22)
Comparatives	(115)	418	(256)	46

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Note 9 (cont'd) - RESERVES

PURPOSES OF RESERVES

Asset Revaluation Reserve

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

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.

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Note 10 - ASSETS SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS

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

	Notes	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
CASH & FINANCIAL ASSETS			
Open Space Reserve Contributions		<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
TOTAL ASSETS SUBJECT TO EXTERNALLY IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS		<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

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Note 11 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

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

	Notes	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Total cash & equivalent assets	5	6,479	6,183
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		<u>6,479</u>	<u>6,183</u>

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)		(558)	2,814
Non-cash items in Income Statement			
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment		4,250	3,383
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits		95	86
Non-cash asset acquisitions		(7)	(140)
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity		(2,161)	(873)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals		1,734	280
		<u>3,353</u>	<u>5,549</u>
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (increase) decrease in receivables		63	(208)
Net (increase) decrease in inventories		55	192
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables		1,779	(1,380)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations		<u>5,250</u>	<u>4,153</u>

(c) Non-Cash Financing and Investing Activities

Acquisition of assets by means of:

Physical resources received free of charge	2	7	140
Amounts recognised in Income Statement		<u>7</u>	<u>140</u>

(d) Financing Arrangements

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

Corporate Credit Cards		15	16
LGFA Cash Advance Debenture facility		4,500	4,500

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

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Note 12 - FUNCTIONS

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

	INCOME		EXPENSES		OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME		TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT & NON-CURRENT)	
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	2022	2021	2022	2021
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Administration	8,468	8,008	1,963	1,494	6,505	6,514	19	15	10,352	9,068
Public Order & Safety										
Fire Protection	2	1	99	112	(97)	(111)	-	-	110	142
Other	33	35	72	79	(39)	(43)	-	-	161	129
Health										
Health Inspections	-	-	26	11	(26)	(11)	-	-	-	-
Other Health	4	4	33	21	(29)	(17)	4	4	235	235
Social Security & Welfare										
Aged & Disabled Services	-	-	12	3	(12)	(3)	-	-	-	-
Families & Children	1	2	4	9	(3)	(7)	1	2	-	-
Housing & Community Amenities										
Housing	127	127	114	136	13	(9)	-	-	1,880	1,468
Town Planning	-	3	292	291	(292)	(289)	-	-	-	-
Community Development	4	-	48	138	(44)	(138)	4	-	123	81
Sanitation & Garbage	128	100	1,400	1,185	(1,272)	(1,085)	-	-	504	401
Effluent	16	12	933	873	(917)	(861)	-	-	10,742	11,667
Urban Stormwater Drainage	-	-	247	168	(247)	(168)	-	-	2,527	1,741
Other Community Amenities	69	35	427	417	(358)	(382)	45	20	1,233	867
Protection of the Environment	28	3	394	387	(366)	(384)	25	-	301	348
Recreation & Culture										
Libraries	5	3	68	68	(63)	(66)	5	3	-	-
Other Cultural Services	-	-	13	17	(13)	(17)	-	-	-	-
Sport & Recreation	484	56	749	573	(265)	(517)	482	53	11,541	9,944
Fuel & Energy										
Agricultural Services	7	6	17	13	(10)	(8)	7	6	-	-
Mining Manufacturing Construction Development Act	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Development Act	157	186	42	48	115	138	-	-	-	-
Transport & Communication										
Sealed Roads	-	-	1,273	1,049	(1,273)	(1,049)	775	2,122	23,248	26,675
Formed & Surfaced Roads	1,688	1,051	2,350	1,802	(662)	(751)	1,261	634	6,706	8,236
Bridges	-	-	9	6	(9)	(6)	-	-	146	77
Footpaths	128	-	182	122	(54)	(122)	128	-	1,431	832
Port Lincoln Airport	2,720	1,405	2,831	1,776	(111)	(370)	1,075	1,027	19,643	21,107
Authorised Landing Areas	-	-	23	21	(23)	(21)	-	-	616	526
Other Transport & Communication	-	-	307	213	(307)	(213)	-	-	773	580
Economic Affairs										
Tourism	-	-	53	51	(53)	(51)	-	-	-	-
Caravan Parks & Camping Grounds	195	154	173	112	22	41	15	-	2,948	2,485
Other Economic Affairs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	220	219
Other Purposes NEC	-	-	-	-	-	-	810	530	-	-
Public Debt Transactions	-	1	166	204	(166)	(203)	-	-	-	-
Other Purposes NEC	943	654	78	58	865	596	-	-	112	115
Works Department	-	-	95	72	(95)	(72)	-	-	642	522
Machinery Operations	30	32	24	126	6	(94)	27	32	3,853	3,001
TOTALS	15,237	11,878	14,517	11,655	720	222	4,683	4,447	100,047	100,463

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Note 12 (con't) - 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 & 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 & Construction

Building Act.

Agricultural Services

Pest plants, pest animals.

Transport & 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

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

Accounting Policies - Recognised Financial Instruments

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits	<p>Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, interest is recognised when earned</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 0.15% and 1.05% (2021: 0.15% and 0.45%). Short term deposits have an average maturity of 365 days and an average interest rates of 0.30% (2021: 365 days, 0.58%).</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.</p>
Receivables - Rates & Associated	<p>Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 5.05% (2021: 5.20%) Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the State.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
Receivables - Fees & other charges	<p>Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
Receivables - other levels of government	<p>Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. All amounts are due by Departments and Agencies of State and Federal Governments.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals	<p>Accounting Policy: Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Council.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Interest Bearing Borrowings	<p>Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently at amortised cost, interest is charged as an expense using the effective interest rate</p> <p>Terms & conditions: secured over future revenues, borrowings are repayable over a 10 year period; interest is charged at fixed rates between 2.00% and 5.40% (2021: 2.00% and 5.75%)</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>

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Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (con't)

Liquidity Analysis

2022	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial Assets					
Cash & Equivalents	6,479			6,479	6,479
Receivables	893	-	-	893	893
Other Financial Assets	356	7	8	371	346
Total	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	3,600	2,348	435	6,383	6,051

2021	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial Assets					
Cash & Equivalents	6,098	-	-	6,098	6,183
Receivables	904	-	-	904	947
Total	7,003	-	-	7,003	7,130
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	996	-	-	996	996
Current Borrowings	1,319	-	-	1,319	1,093
Non-Current Borrowings	-	4,629	944	5,573	5,143
Total	2,315	4,629	944	7,888	7,232

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

	30 June 2022		30 June 2021	
	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value
	%	\$'000	%	\$'000
Other Variable Rates	-	-	1.58	4,336
Fixed Interest Rates	3.94	3,243	3.64	1,900
		3,243		6,236

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Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (con't)

Cash Advance Debentures

As at 30 June 2022 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 & 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.

Expected Credit Losses (ECLs). Council uses an allowance matrix to measure expected credit losses for receivables from individual customers, which comprise a large number of small balances. As rates and annual charges are secured over subject land no allowance for such receivables is made. The following table provides information about Council's ECLs from receivables (excluding secured rates and charges, GST and other amounts held in trust). Impairment analysis is performed each reporting date. ECLS are based on credit history adjusted for forward looking estimates and economic conditions.

Council has made an assessment on possible future losses and does not expect any future credit losses it has not already provided for in the Statement of Financial Position.

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Note 14 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

	2022	2021
Notes	\$'000	\$'000
Capital Commitments		
Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:		
Land	8	-
Roads & Footpaths	1,090	-
Plant & Equipment	-	511
	1,098	511
These expenditures are payable:		
Not later than one year	1,098	511
	1,098	511

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Note 15 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

	2022	2021	2020
Operating Surplus Ratio			
<u>Operating Surplus</u>	4.7%	1.9%	2.2%
Total Operating Income			

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

Net Financial Liabilities Ratio

<u>Net Financial Liabilities</u>	-2%	12%	15%
Total Operating Income			

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

Adjustments to Ratios

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

Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio	2.7%	3.4%	3.8%
Adjusted Net Financial Liabilities Ratio	4%	16%	21%

Asset Renewal Funding Ratio

<u>Outlays on Existing Assets</u>	95%	95%	57%
Asset Renewals - IAMP			

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

For the purposes of the Asset Renewal Funding Ratio for the years ending 30 June 2021 and 30 June 2022 Council have used the expenditure identified in its 2021-2030 Asset Management Plan as the comparative figure against the Net Outlays on Existing Assets.

Council did not have a comparable or adopted Asset Management Plan for the year ending 30 June 2020 and therefore the Asset Renewal Funding ratio expressed in that year uses Council's annual depreciation expense as the comparative figure against the Net Outlays on Existing Assets.

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Note 16 - UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

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

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

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

	2022	2021
	\$'000	\$'000
Income	15,237	11,878
Expenses	<u>(14,517)</u>	<u>(11,656)</u>
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	720	222
 Net Outlays on Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	(3,278)	(2,918)
Add back Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	4,250	3,383
Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	<u>494</u>	<u>174</u>
	1,466	639
 Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets <i>(including investment property & real estate developments)</i>	(1,065)	(3,446)
Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	2,161	873
Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets <i>(including investment property and real estate developments)</i>	<u>73</u>	<u>-</u>
	1,169	(2,574)
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	<u>3,355</u>	<u>(1,713)</u>

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Note 17 - OPERATING 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.

Future minimum rentals receivable under non-cancellable operating leases as at 30 June 2022 are as follows:

Future minimum rentals receivable under non-cancellable operating leases as at 30 June 2021 are as follows:

	2022	2021
	\$'000	\$'000
Not later than one year	241	221
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	768	733
Later than 5 years	1,179	1,285
	<u>2,188</u>	<u>2,239</u>

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Note 18 – SUPERANNUATION

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

Accumulation only Members

Accumulation only members receive both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are based on a fixed percentage of ordinary time earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation (9.50% in 2020-21; 10.0% in 2021-22). No further liability accrues to the Council as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the Fund.

Salarylink (Defined Benefit Fund) Members

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

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

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

The most recent actuarial investigation was conducted by the Fund's actuary, Louise Campbell, FIAA, of Willis Towers Watson as at 30 June 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.

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Note 19 - CONTINGENT ASSETS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

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

1. LAND UNDER ROADS

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

At reporting date, Council controlled 1,326 km of road reserves of average width 20 metres.

2. POTENTIAL INSURANCE LOSSES

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

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

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

3. BANK GUARANTEES

Council has not guaranteed any loans or any other banking facilities advanced to community organisations and sporting bodies. Loans advanced to community organisations are all guaranteed by third parties with community group loans amounting to \$345,000 (2021: \$0) at reporting date.

Council does not expect to incur any loss arising from these community organisation loans.

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 of 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 OCCURRING AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

There were no events after 30 June 2022 that need to be disclosed in the financial statements.

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Note 21 - RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The Key Management Personnel of the Council include the Mayor, Councillors, CEO and certain prescribed officers under section 112 of the Local Government Act 1999. In all, 14 persons were paid the following total compensation:

	2022	2021
	\$'000	\$'000
Salaries, allowances & other short term benefits	1,061	1,093
Long term benefits	-	2
TOTAL	1,061	1,095

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

	2022	2021
	\$'000	\$'000
Contributions for fringe benefits tax purposes	3	1
Planning and building applications fees	1	1
TOTAL	4	2

PARTIES RELATED TO KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

Key management personnel or close family members (including related parties) lodged one planning and building application during the year of which payment was required on lodgement.

TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN COUNCIL AND RELATED PARTIES

	2022	2021
	\$'000	\$'000
Rate Rebates or Payments	-	5
Donations and Contributions	3	2
Grants	23	15
Contractual Services	38	14
TOTAL	64	36

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

- Cummins & District Enterprise Committee (and Associated Sub-Committees)
- Cummins Community Hotel
- Lower Eyre Family Practice
- Quigley Constructions Pty Ltd
- Cummins Community Opportunity Shop
- EP Windscreens and Window Tinting
- United Yeelanna Football 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 2022, 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 2022, 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

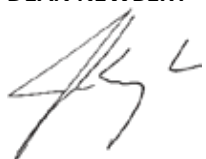
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that 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
Partner

Signed on the 21st day of October 2022,
at 214 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide

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

Opinion

In our opinion, 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 2021 to 30 June 2022.

Basis for opinion

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 2021 to 30 June 2022 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 performed 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 designed 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
PARTNER

Signed on the 21st day of October 2022
at 214 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide, South Australia, 5006

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

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of Coalface SA Council for the year ended 30 June 2022, the Council's Auditor, Dean Newbery & Partners, 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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DELFINA LANZILLI
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER


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JO-ANNE QUIGLEY
PRESIDING MEMBER AUDIT COMMITTEE

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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 2022, 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

Partner

DEAN NEWBERY

Dated this 21st day of October 2022

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.



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First nations acknowledgement

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

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Peter Scott

Executive Officer – EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Eyre Peninsula Regional Profile

- provided by Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula

AREA

11 council areas

234,937 km²

POPULATION

Number of residents (ABS ERP 2019)

57,805

ECONOMY

Gross Regional Product (NIEIR 2019)

\$3.35 billion

JOBS

Local jobs (NIEIR 2019)

21,949 FTE

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT

Employed residents (NIEIR June 2019)

26,375

WELL-BEING

Median weekly household income (ABS 2016)

\$1,081

BUSINESS

Registered Businesses

5,134



Residential Population

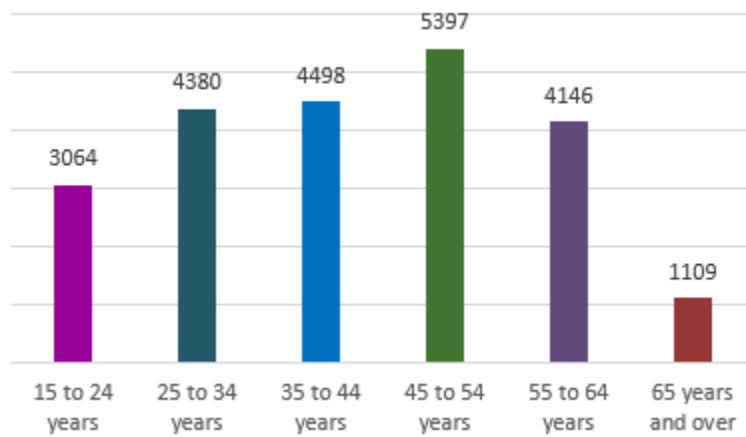
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	LAND AREA		POPULATION (2019 ABS ERP)	
	Km ²	% of Region	No.	% of Region
Whyalla	1,072	0.46	21,665	37.5
Port Lincoln	30	0.01	14,718	25.5
Ceduna	5,424	2.31	3,442	6.0
Cleve	5,018	2.14	1,792	3.1
Elliston	6,741	2.87	1,008	1.7
Franklin Harbour	2,755	1.17	1,304	2.3
Kimba	5,700	2.43	1,065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

Population Summary

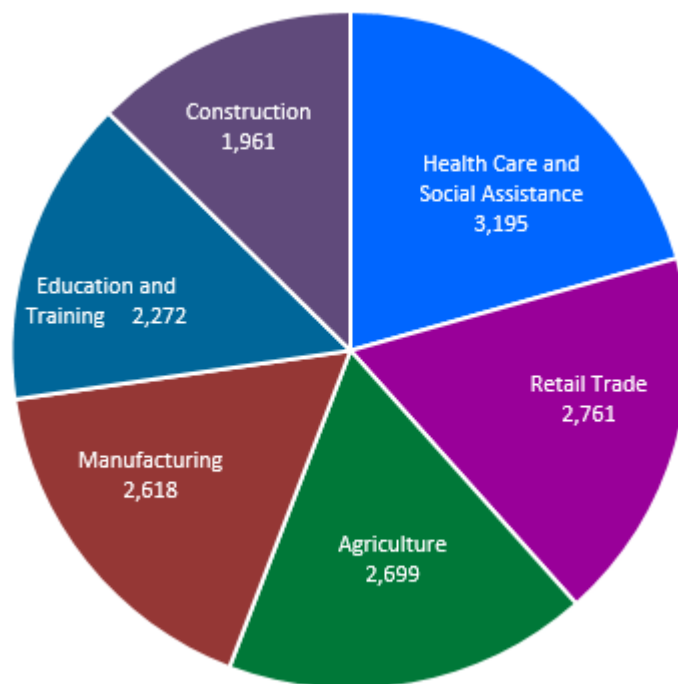
The Census usual resident population of the RDA Eyre Peninsula region in 2016 was 56,612 living in 30,441 dwellings with an average household size of 2.28. 2019 ABS ERP (Estimated Resident Population) shows marginal growth of 2.06% across the region to 57,805. Indications for the City of Whyalla and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

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

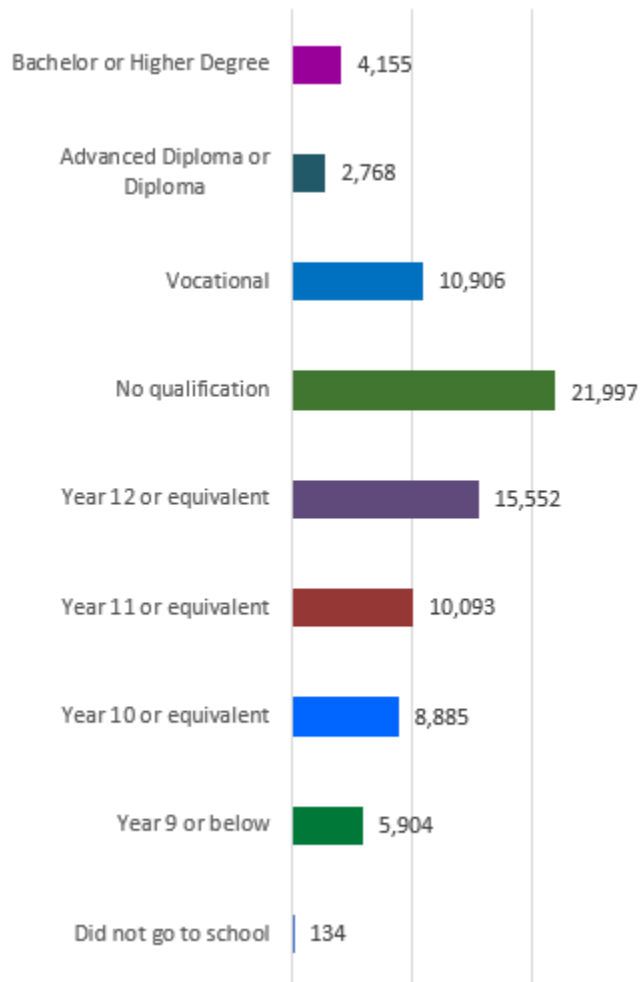
Local Workers Age Structure



Top 6 Employing Industries



Level of Qualification



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

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

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

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

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

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

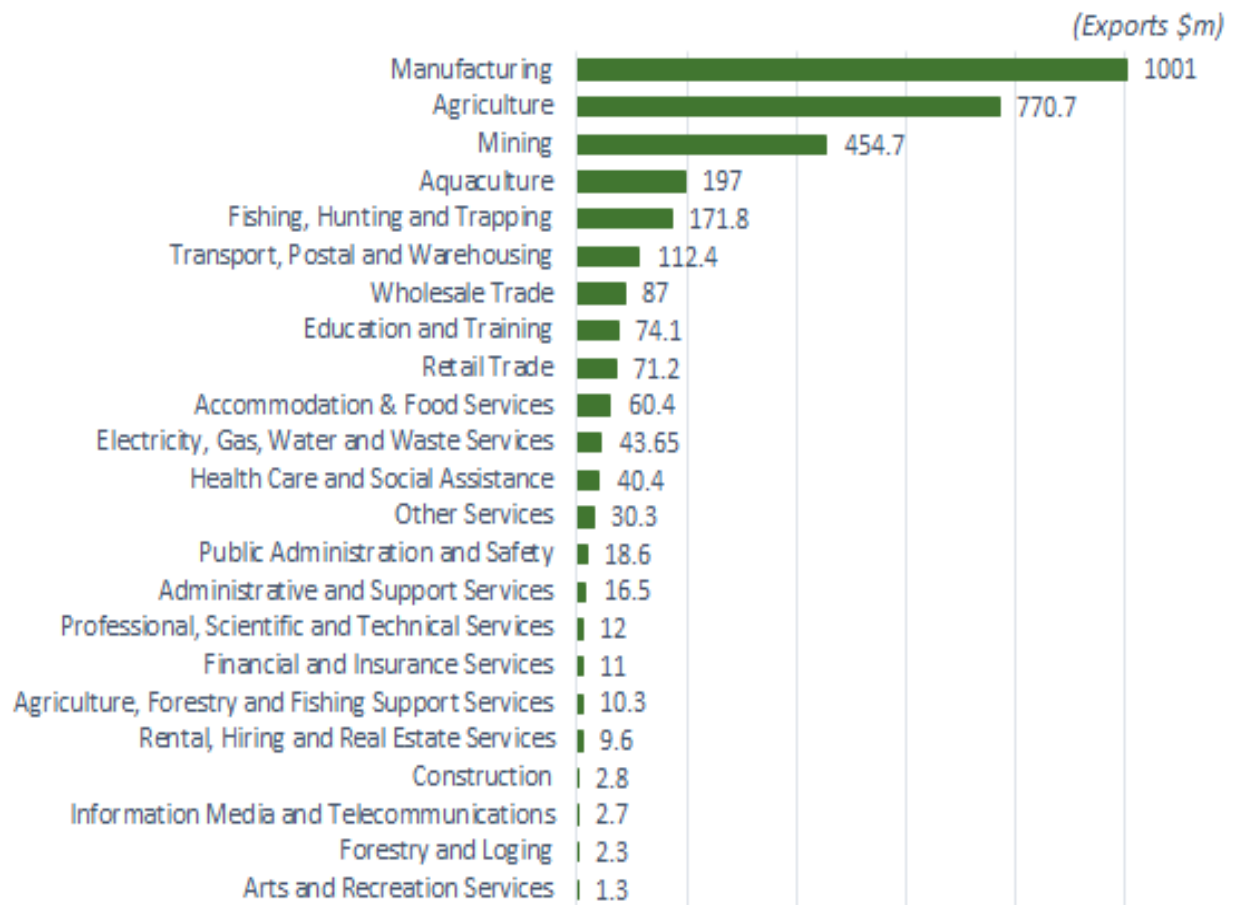
	Whyalla	Port Lincoln	Ceduna	Cleve	Elliston	Franklin Harbour	Kimba	Lower EP	Streaky Bay	Tumby Bay	Wudinna	LGA Totals	Region Totals
Manufacturing	897.9	76	3.1	4.7	1.1	1.2	0.2	5.3	7.4	1.9	1.5	1000.3	1,001
Agriculture	0.2	3.3	47.7	113	59.7	20.4	74.4	147.7	78.1	128.2	90.3	763	770.7
Mining	382.1	6.4	16.4	0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

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

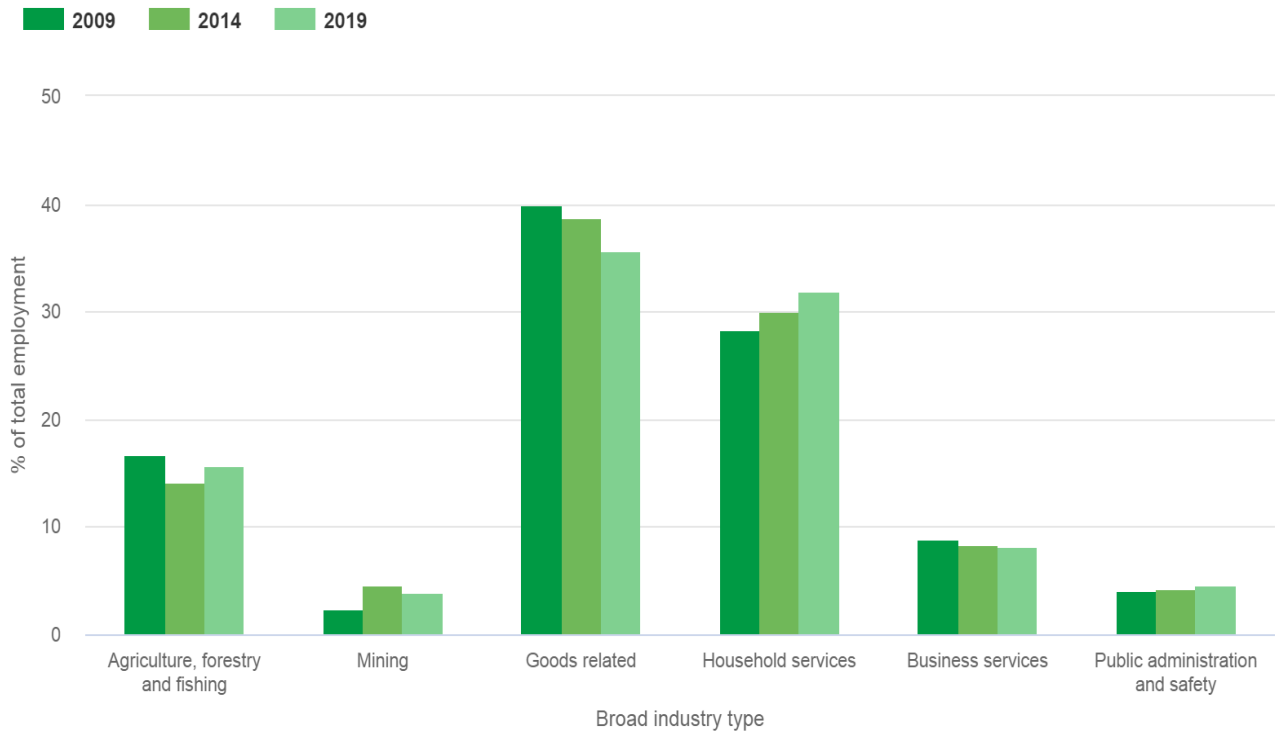
Manufacturing –\$1 billion.

Agriculture –\$770.7 million.

Mining –\$454.7 million.



Employment Composition



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

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

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

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

MEMBER COUNCILS

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

EPLGA BOARD MEMBERS 2020/21

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

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

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES/ APPOINTMENTS

EPLGA Board Executive:

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

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

Chief Executive Officers Committee:

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

Other Regional Organisations:

Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula Inc:

Bryan Trigg AFSM, Chair

Ryan Viney, Chief Executive Officer

Zone Emergency Management Committee:

Mathew Morgan (Presiding Member)

- City of Port Lincoln

Peter Scott, Executive Officer

- EPLGA

Representatives from each Council

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

Peter Scott, Executive Officer

- EPLGA

ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND BOARD MEETINGS SCHEDULE

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

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

Our Partners

South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils

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

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


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

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



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

EPLGA SAROC representatives:



Mayor Jo-Anne Quigley
Eyre Peninsula Region
District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula



Mayor Dean Johnson
Eyre Peninsula Region
District Council of Kimba

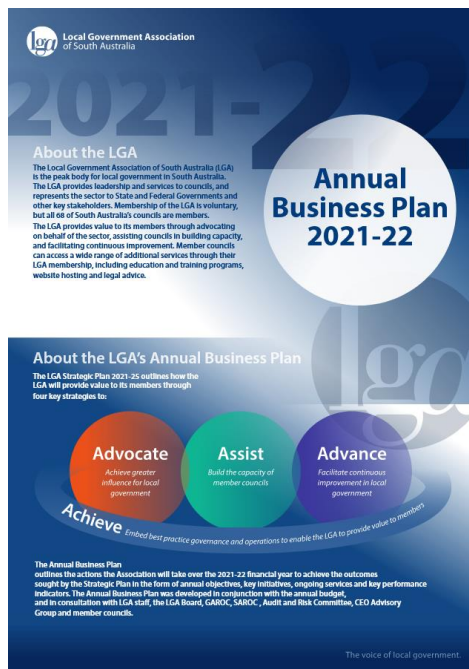
Local Government Association of South Australia

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

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

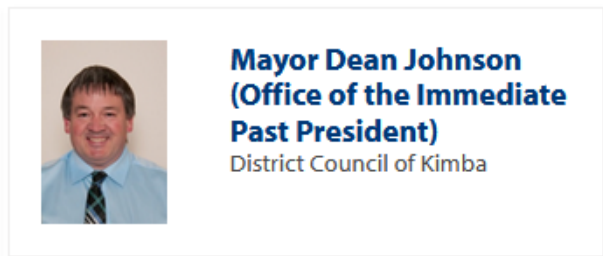
Members of the LGA Board of Directors include:

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



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

EPLGA representatives on LGA Board or Directors are:





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Youth Led Recovery project presentation at LGASA Showcase

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bookeasy Project:

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

Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (ATDW) - Workshops

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

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

Tourism Australia -National Experience Content Initiative (NECI)

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

Regional Trails Strategy

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

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

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

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

Eyre Peninsula Visitor Guide

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

Eyre Peninsula exceeds 2025 Visitor Economy Target

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

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

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

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

Eyre Peninsula Regional Brand Review

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

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

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

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

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

Eyes on Eyre - Online Camping Project

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

Phase 1: Pilot

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

Phase 2: DEW Parks 2025 Funds

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

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

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

Phase 3: Landscape Priority Fund

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

SATC Marketing Co-op

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

Approved activity includes:

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

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

Joint Projects

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

Flood disaster recovery

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Housing and Accommodation Needs Analysis Project

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

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

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

SA Water Desal Plant

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

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

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

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

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

Eyre and Western Recovery Exercise

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

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

EPLGA Report of Activities

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

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

Regional LGA Executive Officer Meetings

Regional LGA Executive Officers meet 6 times per year.

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

The following matters were discussed/considered:

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

The following matters were considered:

Regional Capacity Building Grants

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

Joint Planning Board

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

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

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

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

Community Wastewater Management Schemes

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

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

Special Local Roads Program

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Special Local Roads Program 2021-22

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

Special Local Roads Program – 2021 Recommendations

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

Terms of Reference for Committees

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

Eyre Peninsula Regional Strategic Waste Management Plan funding success

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

Program applied for:

COUNCIL MODERNISATION GRANTS PROGRAM 2021-2022

Waste and Resource Recovery Modernisation and Council Transition Package

Greening Industries South Australia

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Relevant Eyre Peninsula waste documents considered:

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

The 2022 Eyre Peninsula Waste Strategy objectives:

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

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

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

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

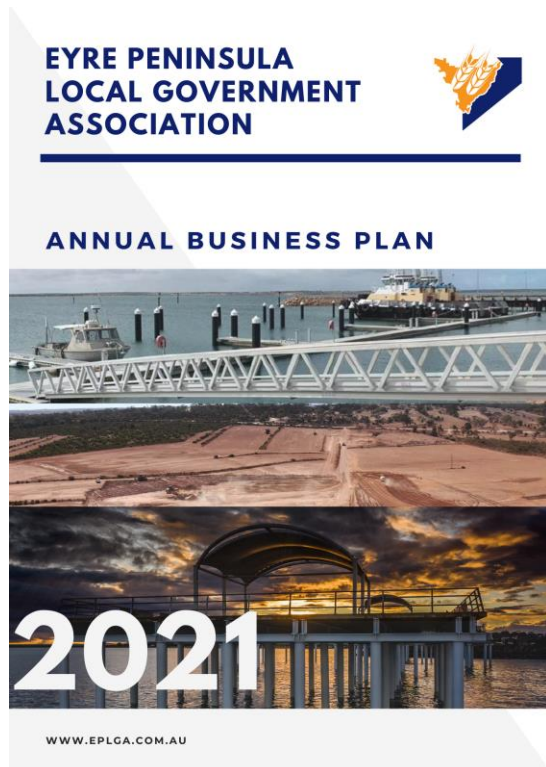
- Cross-reference above with relevant EPA and GISA documents

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

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

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

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



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

Joint Planning Board (JPB) – Response to the Minister

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

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

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

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

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

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

Outputs from the JPB pilot are:

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

Outputs from the Regional Plans project are:

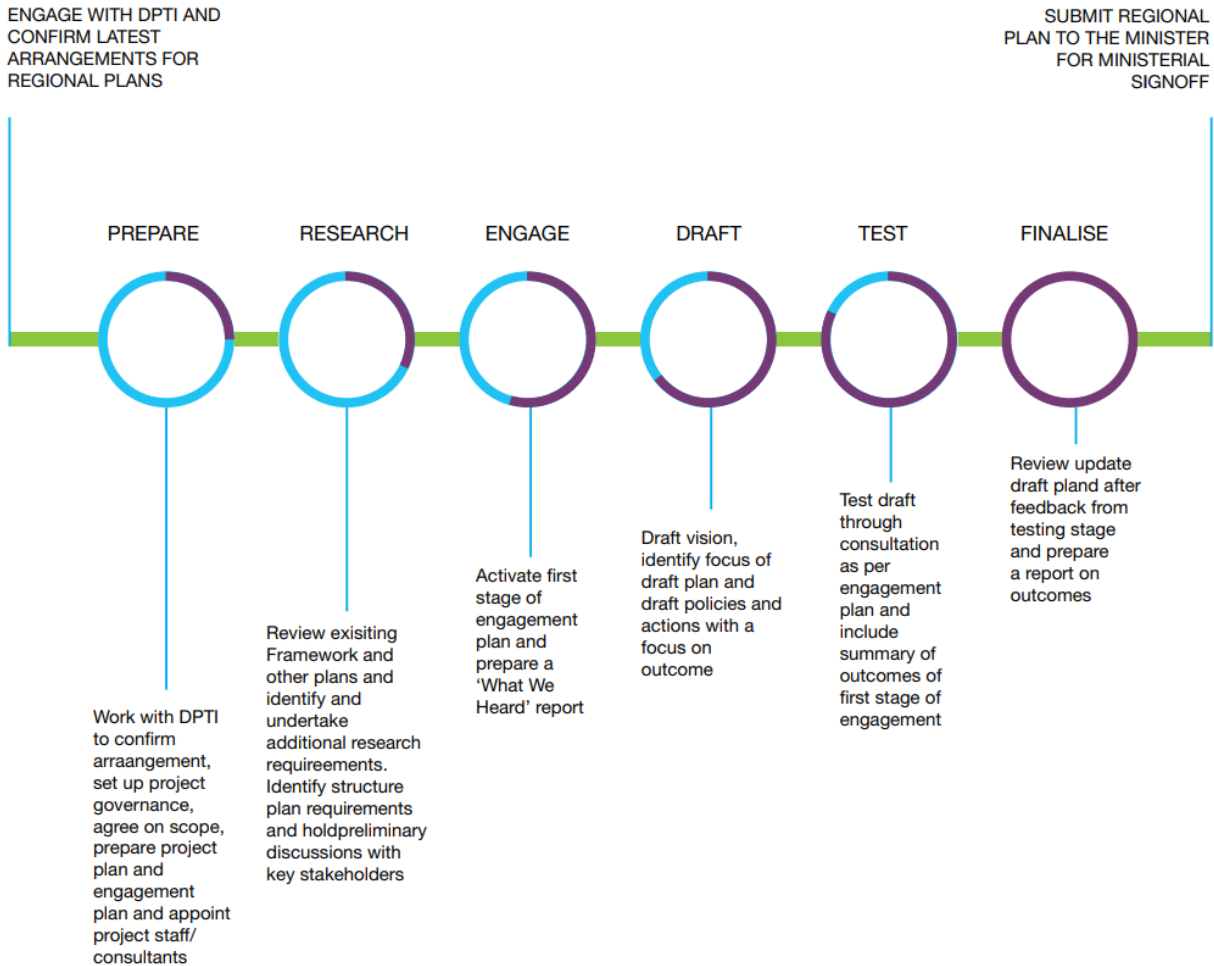
- *Regional Plans Guidelines* – to assist JPBs to prepare a Regional Plan
- *Regional Plan Template* – to allow regional policies and actions to be specified and to ensure consistency between Regional Plans prepared by various JPBs

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

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

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

REGIONAL PLAN PROCESS



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

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

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

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

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

Some key questions:

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

KEY ISSUES:

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

The value proposition of forming a JPB is unclear.

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

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

Governance and cost sharing arrangements need clarification.

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

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

Resourcing, Governance and an EPLGA Strategic Plan.

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

EPLGA Strategic Plan - Appointment of Consultant

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

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

The proposed methodology has five elements:

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

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

- **Familiarisation - to include:**

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

- **Information gathering - to include:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Strategic Plan project has four elements:

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

PROGRESS

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

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

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

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

The ‘work in progress’ themes for drafting are:

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

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

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

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



Eyre Peninsula Campsites – Online Booking System using Bookeasy

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

BACKGROUND:

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

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

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

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

DETAIL:

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

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

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

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

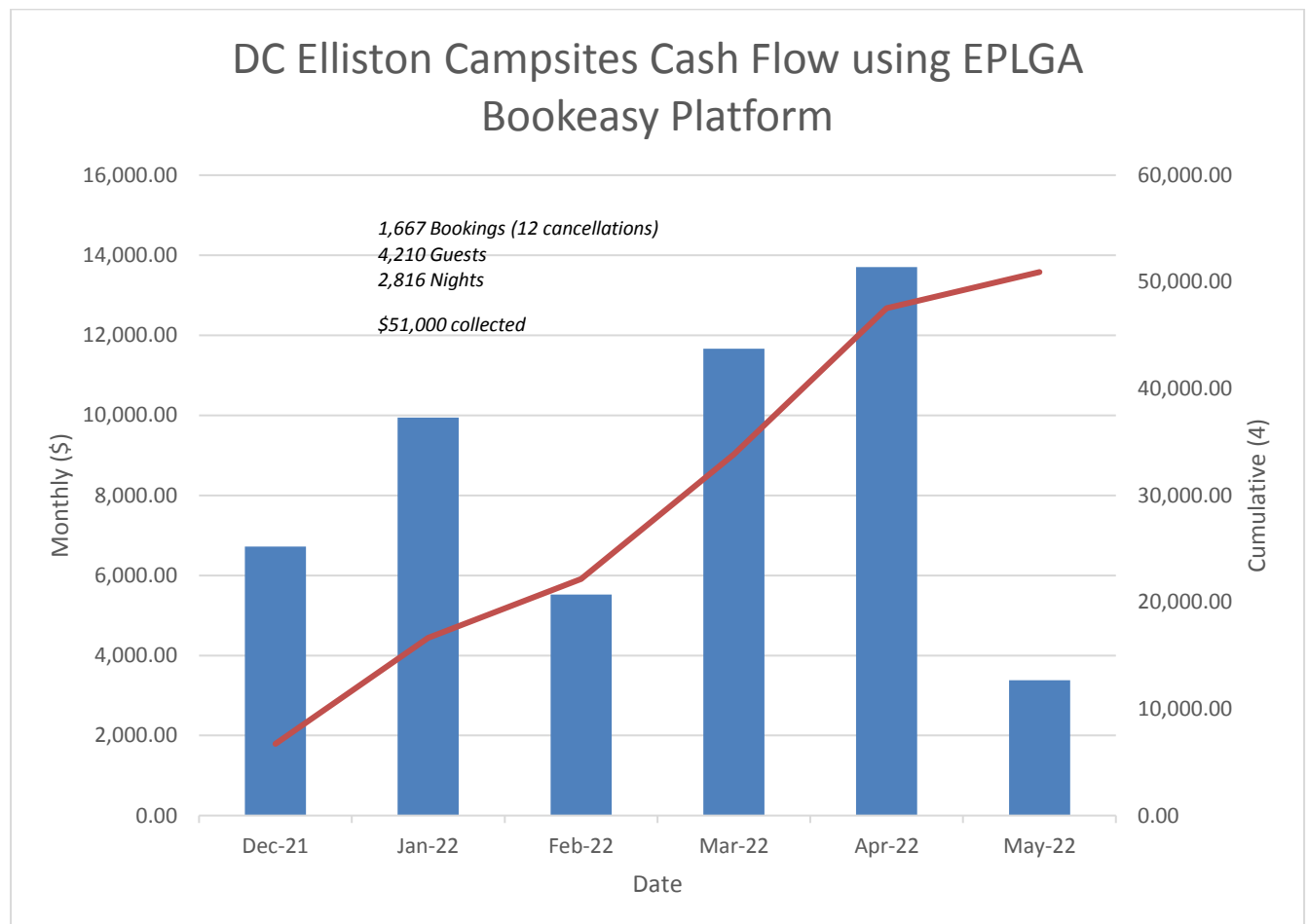
A hosted engine is a standalone web-page with the online booking gadgets, that would be styled according to the theme of one of your existing sites. A great solution to have one central booking page that could be linked from the Council sites.

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

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

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

Bookings start at www.eyrepeninsula.com/camping



Shared Services

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

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

PROGRESS

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

The BCA template has three parts:

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

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

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

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

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

- assessment against objectives
- preparedness assessment
- recommendations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Regional Road Action Plan for SLRP Funding

Fit-for-Purpose Assessments

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

- Speed Environment
- Dimensions
- Geometry
- Strength/Durability

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Table 1 Road Action Plan 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

Strategic Regional Plan (SRP) for Eyre Peninsula

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

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

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

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

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

Electric Vehicle charging

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

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

HDS Regional Roads Report

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

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

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

Jetties Working Group Update

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

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

Letter to Environment, Resources and Development Committee

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

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

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

Public Lighting Working Group

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

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

these lights are currently being borne entirely by each Council.

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

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

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

SUMMARY OF OTHER ACTIVITIES

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

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

PLANS, PROGRAMS AND REPORTS – CURRENT STATUS

CORPORATE Plan 2020 – 24

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

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

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

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

MANAGEMENT PLAN PERFORMANCE

Goal Area 1.1 Advocacy and Representation

Core Activities

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

Comments:

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

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

Strategic Actions

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

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

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

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

Goal Area 1.2 Governance

Core Activities

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

Comments:

Compliance met.

Strategic Actions

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

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

Comments:

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

Goal Area 1.3 Member Services

Core Activities

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

Comments:

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

Strategic Actions

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

Comments:

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

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

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

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

EPLGA COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

USE OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

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



LOWER EYRE
COUNCIL

