

Events calendar					
To confirm event details go to www.yorkepeninsula.com.au					
Event	Cost	Date	Time	Venue	More Info
Morning Melodies	\$10 at the door	7/05/2010	10.00am	Kadina Anglican Church	88211219
Wallaroo Historic Walks	Adult \$5 Child \$2 bookings essential	15/05/2010	2.00pm	Depart from Wallaroo Heritage & National Museum	8823 3015
Messiah Sing Along	\$20	16/05/2010	3.00pm	Moonta Mines Uniting Church	www.moontaprogress.org.au
"The Importance of Being Earnest"	TBA	21 & 22/05/2010 28 & 29/05/2010	Commences 7.30pm	The Ascot	88212 045
The Rotary Farm Shed Markets	Free	29/05/2010	8.30am-1.00pm	The Farm Shed, Kadina	8821 2333
Morning Melodies	\$6 at the door	8/06/2010	10.00am	Kadina Anglican Church	8821 1219
Ladies Open Championships Day	\$10 Bookings essential	10/06/2010	10.00am	Wallaroo Golf Club	8823 3203
Ladies Open Foursomes Day	\$8 Bookings essential	11/06/2010	10.00am	Wallaroo Golf Club	8823 3203
West End Mens Open Championships	27 holes \$15 incl lunch/tea 18 holes \$10 incl tea	12/06/2010	27 holes 9am 18 holes 12noon	Wallaroo Golf Club	8823 2838
Symbolic Ride of William Horn	Free	12/06/2010 to 15/06/2010	Riders depart Moonta 8.30am	Depart Moonta Town Hall	www.moontaprogress.org.au
Moonta Lions Club 40th Anniversary History Display	Free	12-13/06/2010	10.00am - 4.00pm	Moonta Town Hall Supper Hall	8825 3138
Swap Meet / Show'n'Shine	Tickets at the gate	13/06/2010	Gates open 8.00am	Kadina Show Grounds	8821 274 or 0448211002
Ken & Pat Plews Mixed Open Foursomes	\$7/pair Bookings essential	13/06/2010	11.30 am for 12 noon hit off	Wallaroo Golf Club	8823 3203
Moonta Football Club 150th Anniversary	Tickets at the gate, normal game price	19/06/2010	8.30am—5.00pm	Moonta Oval	8825 3109
The Rotary Farm Shed Markets	Free	26/06/2010	8.30am-1.00pm	The Farm Shed, Kadina	8821 2333
Copper Coast Sing Students Singing Workshops	\$70 for 5 workshops register on 8821 2333	5-9/07/2010	9.30am to 12.00 noon	The Ascot	8821 2333
Copper Coast Sing Singing Workshops Mature Melody Makers	\$24 for 3 workshops register on 8821 2333	6-8/07/2010	7.00pm to 8.30pm	The Ascot	8821 2333

The Yorke Peninsula Visitor Guide, the Copper Coast Visitor Guide and the Yorke Peninsula Fishing Guide are must haves for anyone visiting the area. Visitors and locals can find the free guides at most tourist attractions and accommodation venues.



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Mayor's Message

'Celebrating our Heritage'

As part of the annual Australia Day celebrations a wreath is laid at the Caroline Carleton memorial. The Song of Australia was the result of a competition sponsored by the Gawler Institute in 1859. There were 96 entries but it was the five verse song, written by English-born poet, Caroline Carleton which was awarded the first prize of ten guineas. Caroline died at Matta House in 1874 and is buried at Wallaroo.

Since our last newsletter we celebrated Australia Day. This year we participated in the Australia Day Ambassador Program, sponsored by Woolworths. This program makes available notable South Australians who travel to our communities to be a part of Australia Day celebrations. Over 170 guests enjoyed the entertainment and fellowship at the Wallaroo Town Hall on Monday 25th January, while listening to an inspiring speech by Dr Bill Griggs AM ASM. On Tuesday morning a large crowd again gathered at the Wallaroo Town Hall for breakfast provided by the Kadina Apex. The Australia Day Ceremony was held in Kadina with presentations to the citizens of the year and a local family taking their oaths as new Australian citizens. The celebrations for Australia Day were enjoyed by all who attended including our Ambassador Dr Griggs. The Council looks forward to hosting another Ambassador in 2011.

The Young Citizen Russell Sobey and Citizen of the Year Graham Wearn are worthy recipients of their awards and will no doubt continue to contribute to the

Copper Coast community. The Community Event of the Year was won by Copper Cove Marina Festival.

The Council is well into setting the Annual Business Plan for 2010/11 including the budget for the financial year. Details on making a submission is included in this newsletter.

The Council will hold a public meeting on the 5th May to determine projects, services and priorities for 2010/11 together with rating options. Public submissions will be considered at that meeting and the draft Annual Business Plan and Budget updated to include these considerations. The final Annual Business Plan and Budget will be adopted at the 7th July Council meeting.

The District Council of the Copper Coast is committed to supporting the many local community groups who contribute to the community in which they live, work and participate. Each year Council budgets around \$70,000 in community grant funding. All eligible groups are encouraged to apply. Support is also available

through the Mayor's Community Fund.

This financial year will see continued support of the regions major event Kernewek Lowender as well as other events, such as Australia Day, The Antiques and Collectable Fair and the many Sesquicentenary events being hosted in the Copper Coast this year. We will continue to lobby for other major events to be held in our region that will bring tourists into the Copper Coast and provide an injection of funds into local business.

This Annual Business Plan and Budget will focus on continued maintenance and upgrading of local infrastructure while maintaining a focus on recreation, culture and community services. We are keen to set a realistic budget that will provide benefits to a broad cross section of the community. We encourage all community members to avail themselves of the information and make comment on the Annual Business Plan and Budget.

Paul Thomas
Mayor



Dr Bill Griggs, Russell Sobey, Mayor Paul Thomas, Maralyn Ellis and Graham Wearn cutting the Australia Day Cake

Meet your local member - Adrian Hatcher

Adrian Hatcher was born in Adelaide and moved to Moonta when he was a small child. Adrian did all his education at Moonta Area School and left after year 10 to work in the family business. Adrian has been active in many sporting clubs in Moonta being President of the Moonta Basketball Club for 8 years as well as coaching, playing and umpiring. Playing golf and football also became some of his sporting endeavors. Adrian is a member of the Moonta Area School Governing Council and is committed to the Copper Coast providing quality education opportunities. Adrian married Michelle in 1996, and they live at Port Hughes. They have four children Riley (11), Claudia (8), Harrison (6) and Scarlett (2). Adrian loves the lifestyle on the Copper Coast and believes there are strong benefits for his children growing up and being part of the close knit communities.

Three years ago the family purchased the Moonta Newsagency after being involved in the newsagency for 27 years. Both Adrian and Michelle have established themselves as a strong part of the business community in Moonta, understanding the pressures of business in a small rural town. Adrian says, "There is a need to introduce new types of businesses that will increase employment opportunities and keep the young people in the area". With the growth in the Copper Coast Adrian is aware of the pressure on local businesses to look at opening 7 days a week to meet the demand of customers. He believes that it will need to be a commitment made by all businesses and is keenly aware of the challenges that this will have on business in balancing family, work and community commitments. Adrian was sworn in as a Councillor for Moonta Ward in April 2009 and is enjoying the challenges of being on the

Council and hopes to be able to have a greater input into local issues.

Adrian says, "These are exiting times with the influx of people into the area and the resulting growth of the Copper Coast, being involved with Council enables me to have the opportunity to be an integral part in the decisions that will affect the future generations living and working in the area".

Why did Adrian become an Elected Member; simply 'to be a part of the solution'?



CR. Adrian Hatcher

2010 Council calendar

MAY 2010

5th	Council Meeting	5.00 pm
19th	Council Development Assessment Panel meeting	5.30 pm
19th	Community Advisory Committee meeting	7.00 pm
19th	Infrastructure Advisory Committee meeting	7.00 pm
26th	Corporate Advisory Committee meeting	7.00 pm
26th	Environment Advisory Committee meeting	7.00 pm

JUNE 2010

2nd	Council Meeting	5.00 pm
16th	Council Development Assessment Panel meeting	5.30 pm
16th	Community Advisory Committee meeting	7.00 pm
16th	Infrastructure Advisory Committee meeting	7.00 pm
23rd	Corporate Advisory Committee meeting	7.00 pm
23rd	Environment Advisory Committee meeting	7.00 pm

JULY 2010

7th	Council Meeting	5.00 pm
12th	Audit Committee Meeting	4.00 pm
21st	Council Development Assessment Panel meeting	5.30 pm
21st	Community Advisory Committee meeting	7.00 pm
21st	Infrastructure Advisory Committee meeting	7.00 pm
28th	Corporate Advisory Committee meeting	7.00 pm
28th	Environment Advisory Committee meeting	7.00 pm

Please note that the public are welcome to attend the meetings which are held at the Kadina Town Hall.

Copper Coast Youth Council—the way forward

As part of its Strategic Plan – Moving Toward 2020 the District Council of the Copper Coast is committed to promoting the services, facilities and programs that will enhance the development of our youth. The Copper Coast Youth Council is a function of the Council's Youth strategy.

From 18-26 January 2010, the Youth Arts and Culture Festival was held in the Copper Coast. Young people aged 10-25 years, both local and visitors were kept busy making jewellery, learning digital photography and 'cooking up a storm'. Other events in the festival were outdoor laser skirmish, paper mosaics at the Kadina Library and the all night movie session. The movie session catered for a variety of families and individuals with "Alvin & the Chipmunks - the Squeakquel", "Old Dogs", and the very scary "Paranormal Activity".



A young participant enjoying outdoor laser skirmish

It was disappointing from Council's perspective that events priced from \$2.50-\$5 each were not attracting participation from youth. When Council, lowered the price to FREE there was in excess of 250 participants. This evidence indicates that there are sufficient youth numbers that are interested in these types of activities, but they either do not have the money or are unwilling to pay for the activities.

As a result Council will no longer fully fund this event as it stands and as part of the Annual Business Plan and Budget setting process, Council will be looking at what programs will be developed for youth over the next financial year and into the future.

Council would like to encourage youth and youth organisations to participate in the decision making for Copper Coast Youth Council and develop ideas and strategies to engage young people living in the Copper Coast area. The Council is keen to develop partnerships to deliver programs to the youth of the region as well as continue to fund facilities and services that are identified as beneficial to our regions youth.

Anyone between 12 and 25 can be a member of Copper Coast Youth Council by contacting the office in Kadina or contacting Jodi Russack on 8821 1600.

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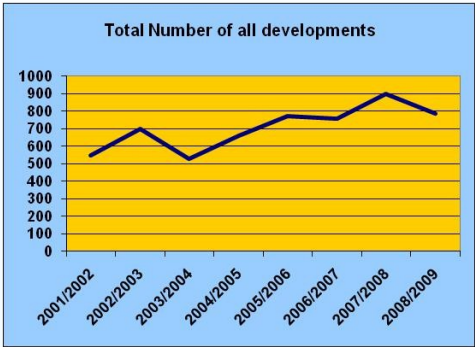
Moonta Office
Moonta Tourist Office
Blanche Terrace, Moonta SA 5558
Phone: (08) 8825 2622

Wallaroo Office
5 John Terrace
Wallaroo SA 5556
Phone: (08) 8823 2023



Hughes Engine House, Moonta Mines

Expansion of Environmental Services



The significant growth experienced in the District of the Copper Coast over the past 6 years has put increased pressure on Council’s Environmental Services staff and prompted Council to appoint additional staff members in the Planning and Building area.

Müller Mentz commenced services with Council on 11 January this year, in the newly created position as Manager Environmental Services. Müller has

more than 20 years experience as a Town Planner in the Development Industry in both private and public sectors.

Ben Harry is a young Town Planner with 12 months experience gained whilst working for the District Council of Mount Barker. Ben started with Council on 8 February this year.

Council is aware of the fact that processing times to issue Development approvals are stretched at the moment. The Environmental Services division is currently reviewing processes to streamline approval timeframes and it is expected that improvements will be observed within the next month or two. One of the areas of improvement is to implement ways to fast track elementary applications (e.g. sheds and verandahs).

Council is also looking at ways to work with the private sector to improve

processing timeframes. It is a well known fact that there is a direct relationship between the quality of applications lodged with Council and the time it takes to issue an approval. Letters will be sent out shortly to applicants who are dealing with Council on a regular basis to inform them of the minimum requirements when lodging an application to assist in speeding up the process.



Information Resources

INFORMATION RESOURCES

The Yorke Peninsula has a number of key resources which both locals and visitors will find useful to help plan holidays and gain more information about events, attractions and accommodation on the Copper Coast. Locals wishing to attract tourist to their business will also find these imperative resources to help promote their products, services and events.

The Yorke Peninsula website is the key website for visitors providing information on all the must sees and dos as well as accommodation, major events, fishing, boating and more. The website works in with the South Australia website and has some great tools for planning your getaway to recharge your batteries. Visit www.yorkepeninsula.com.au or www.southaustralia.com.

The Farm Shed website provides ground level information on events, covering both major events and community events. The websites a great resource for finding out more details and confirming dates, times, cost and ticketing information. Visit www.farmshed.net.au

Across the Yorke Peninsula there are two Accredited Visitor Information Centres which can provide you with a high level of information and help answer all your enquires. If these centres don’t know the answer they will soon find it out. There are all so a number of small Visitor Information Outlets which are able to provide localised information for their town.

Copper Coast Visitor Information Centre – Kadina

The Farm Shed Museum and Tourism Centre

50 Moonta Road, Kadina
Free Call 1800 654 991

This accredited centre offers visitor information, an extensive range of maps, brochures and reference books; internet access; tea and coffee facilities. It has meeting facilities, is the gateway to the heritage museum, home to the mini railway and there are markets on the last Saturday of each Month.

Yorke Peninsula Visitor Information Centre

Harvest Corner
29 Main Street, Minlaton
Free Call 1800 202 445

This visitor centre is a combination of superb locally created arts and crafts, internet café and regional information including maps, souvenirs and postcards.

Wallaroo Foreshore Development

The stage 1 Capital Works Project will involve the implementation of the detailed design of the promenade from the Jetty to the Ferry Terminal. The outcome of the project will be an invigorated public open space along the Foreshore that can be enjoyed by the people of Wallaroo and visitors to the town.

Funding for stage 1 construction works has been granted through the State Government Places for People grant to the value of \$300 000 with a further amount matched by Council in its 2009 -2010 budget. The development has received final engineering and landscape drawings and is currently entering its construction phase. Land tenure issues are nearly all resolved enabling long term care and control of the area to Council. The project consists of;

- Six new shade structures have been constructed on Office

- Beach.
- A new car park and underground storm water drainage system, situated behind the Sea Rescue Building. This system will replace the open drain being the old slipway. Part of these works will include sealing the existing area with asphalt in the car park and a liner in the landscaped areas.
- The construction of a new breakwater, being a continuation of the existing breakwater. Funding has been applied for and sources of construction material are currently being investigated.
- Tenders are being called for the construction of the two look out nodes designed as part of the development.
- A concept for the upgrade of the Kiosk site is being developed.

- Hard and soft landscaping will be undertaken in the next stage of construction.
- The scope of works for stage 2 is currently being planned.



Year of Women in Local Government

Did you know?

49% of the District Council of Copper Coast employees are women, No elected members are women.

2010 Year of Women in Local Government is designed to raise awareness and inform the local government sector on the value and contribution of all women elected, employed and involved in local government. The District Council of the Copper Coast is set to achieve this through the following objectives

- Raise awareness of the benefits of increasing the participation of women and of embracing gender equity at both elected and executive levels;
- Acknowledge the significant role women play in the effectiveness and long-term health of local government;
- To establish voluntary targets to: Increase the participation of women in decision making roles; Increase the participation of women in leadership training programs;
- To further expand practices to promote gender diversity and flexible work practices.

The topic of women in local government and in particular women in executive and elected leadership positions is a long standing one. All levels of government are acutely aware of the barriers facing women, yet the advancement, promotion and election of women into leadership positions has seen little improvement. In order for our sector to survive, we

need a concerted effort to raise the issue nationally through a sustained national campaign. Only with this level of commitment and cooperation will the Year of Women in Local Government be a success.

The District Council of the Copper Coast and ALGWA SA Branch will hold a regional workshop ‘Step Up’, Celebrating women working in or elected to Local Government, on 28th May 2010. This workshop will have speakers sharing their success stories and opportunities of their time in local government. An invitation is extended to all women involved in Local Government, in particular on the Yorke Peninsula including women interested in standing for election this year. Please contact the office on 8821 1600 for further information.

Sports and Leisure Centre Under New Management

Belgravia Leisure has been engaged to manage the Copper Coast Sport and Leisure Centre (CCSLC) at Kadina until 30th June 2011.

The Victorian based company currently manages a variety of leisure centres, health clubs, golf courses, stadiums and swimming centres throughout the eastern states and South Australia.

The CCSLC called for expressions of interest in 2009 for management of the complex, and following a thorough process, Belgravia Leisure was chosen.

The overall responsibility for the complex and control of the finances remains with the CCSLC and Belgravia Leisure will introduce new management and promotional strategies learnt from successes in the eastern states.

It is their intention to increase corporate support for the centre, introduce more diligent collection of fees, promote new group exercise classes and activities, and review all operations of the centre including hours of operation.

It is hoped that with the introduction of Belgravia Leisure’s management systems, and their emphasis on advertising, promotion and customer services, that this will form the platform for the future growth and success of the centre.

Stephen Wishart, the State Operations Manager believes that the partnership between Belgravia Leisure, the Copper Coast Sport and Leisure Centre Committee and the Copper Coast community will be mutually beneficial and that their strategic focus will enhance and greatly improve the

services currently offered.

Stephen Wishart, State Operations Manager, Belgravia Leisure



History Week 2010

Between 21 and 30 May 2010 South Australia will be alive with history.

This year SA History Week is bigger than ever, with over 420 activities across the state. It will be a truly accessible, community-based festival of history, with groups as diverse as community museums, National Trust branches, cultural community groups, government agencies, local government, service groups working to present everything from exhibitions to walking tours to open days – and even a re-enactment of the bailing up by bushrangers of a hotel in the Adelaide Hills.

The Copper Coast area will be well represented in the program, with events across Yorke Peninsula. Moonta leads the way with a slew of events including a Wheal Hughes mine tour, a walk through Moonta Cemetery, an ‘Up Street’

Moonta tour, and a talk and organ recital at the Moonta Mines Methodist Church. Those interested in researching their family history will find resources and assistance at open days at the School of Mines Museum and the Kadina Community Library. Wallaroo Heritage and Nautical Museum have opened a special display: *Copper to Gold, 1860 – 2010*, and the Farm Shed Museum at Kadina tells the story of the region’s history *After 1859...*

If you are thinking of visiting Adelaide during History Week, you might be interested in The Cornish Association’s provocatively titled talk: ‘How the Cornish saved South Australia’.

This year the SA History Week program will be organised by region, which will make it easier to find what’s happening in your local area. The program will be

available from Thursday 22 April, and will be distributed by History SA, local councils, libraries, tourism information centres, local history groups and community museums. It will also be available from the History SA website: www.history.sa.gov.au

Moonta Main Street 1927



Early Literacy—give your child a head start!

Copper Coast Libraries hold a treasure trove of resources for you to help the child in your life to begin their journey of lifelong learning.

Studies have shown that introducing children to books from birth has a positive effect on their future ability to learn. Although most families will have their own collection of books the library is a cost free way to supplement this collection. Make sharing books part of every day and follow some of the read aloud tips to ensure your child gets off to a good start.

Enjoy time visiting any or all of the libraries at Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo. Libraries are free. Adults can enjoy reading the newspapers or magazines on display or use free internet while the kids browse and play. Borrow

for the kids – books, DVDs, CDs, audio books, magazines, computer games – or for yourself! Each library offers different opening hours (check the website for details) but you can find a library open in the Copper Coast every day of the week.

Kadina Community Library offers early learning programs throughout the year and activities each school holidays that are advertised at the end of each school term. All programs are free and no bookings are necessary – just come along and join in.

Rhythm & Rhyme Time introduces children (from birth to 5 years old) to language through sounds, pattern, rhythm, rhymes, repetition and music. The sessions encourage the development of listening and language skills which are

important foundations for early literacy. This session promotes interaction between the child and parent/carer in a social environment and participants will develop confidence to continue interacting with their child at home between sessions. Rhythm & Rhyme Time is held the last Thursday of each month at 10.30am.

Bookbugs Storytime introduces preschoolers to a wide variety of books and stories and encourages development in listening and language skills. The session includes songs, rhymes, story and craft activity and enables kids and parents/carers to learn and interact in a social environment. Bookbugs is held every Friday at 10.30am.

For further information please contact the library.

Mem Fox’s Ten Read Aloud Commandments

1. Spend at least ten wildly happy minutes *every single day* reading aloud.
2. Read at least three stories a day: it may be the same story three times. Children need to hear a thousand stories before they can begin to learn to read.

3. Read aloud with animation. Listen to your own voice and don’t be dull, or flat, or boring. Hang loose and be loud, have fun and laugh a lot.
4. Read with joy and enjoyment: real enjoyment for yourself and great joy for the listeners.

5. Read the stories that the kids love, over and over and over again, and always read in the same ‘tune’ for each book: i.e. with the same intonations on each page, each time.

6. Let children hear lots of language by talking to them constantly about the pictures, or anything else connected to the book; or sing any old song that you can remember; or say nursery rhymes in a bouncy way; or be noisy together doing clapping games.

7. Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books for young children, and make sure the books are really short.
8. Play games with the things that you and the child can see on the page, such as letting kids finish rhymes, and finding the letters that start the child’s name and yours, remembering that it’s never work, it’s always a fabulous game.

9. Never ever *teach* reading, or get tense around books.

10. Please read aloud every day, mums and dads, because you just love being with your child, not because it’s the right thing to do.

****Mem Fox is a well known South Australian Children’s Author**



Participants in the Rhythm and Rhyme Time activities at Kadina Library

Have your Say !

Council is seeking public submissions for the draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2010/11.

A copy of the Annual Business Plan and Budget is available for review at Council’s offices or via Council’s website www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au

Persons making a written submission should also indicate if they wish to make a verbal presentation to Council in support of their written submission.

Presentations to Council will be scheduled for a meeting of Council on 12th May 2010.

Please insert your submission details/comments:

Your contact details:

Name:

Address:

Phone:Email:

I do/do not wish to make a presentation to Council. *(Please indicate)*

Signed:

Date:

All submissions should be forwarded to the following address by 5th May 2010.

Chief Executive Officer
District Council of the Copper Coast,
51 Taylor Street,
KADINA SA 5554



Annual Business Plan and Budget 2010/11 Overview

Have your say!

The District Council of the Copper Coast Annual Business Plan and Budget is an important part of our planning; one that links our overarching Strategic Plan with our budgets, the services delivered and our rate levels.

Our draft Annual Business Plan and Budget are now open for public consultation and we invite community feedback to help shape the services we provide now and in the future.

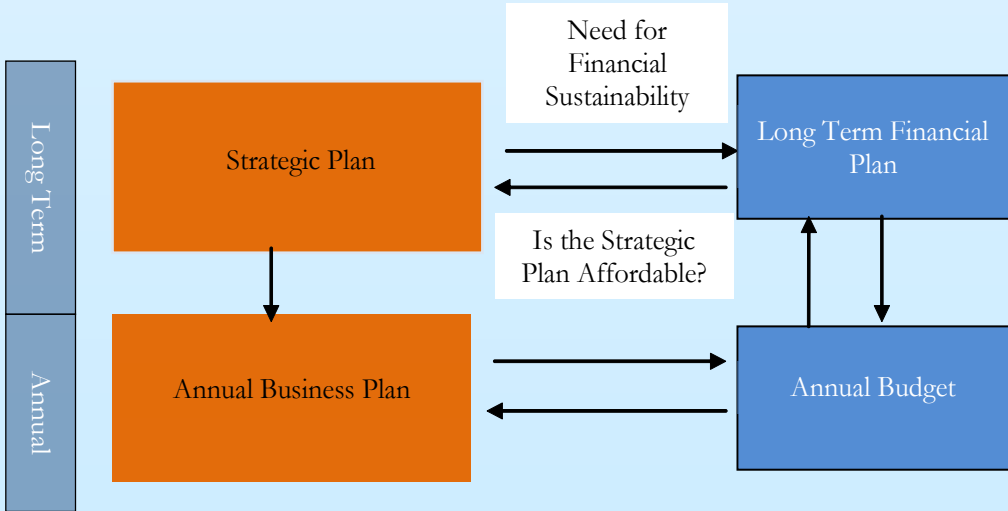
Strategic Plan – Moving Towards 2020

Council’s Strategic Plan, titled Moving Towards 2020, provides forward projections from 2008 to 2018. This Plan is reviewed and updated every 3 years to ensure the community’s objectives and goals remain aligned with the South Australian Strategic Plan.

Our Objectives and Goals	
Objective:	Goal:
Social Objective	To enhance the quality of our community by encouraging health, wellbeing and safety.
Wellbeing	
Environmental Objective	To responsibly manage the natural and built environment to ensure its sustainability and diversity to the community.
Sustainability	
Economic Objective	To facilitate economic prosperity, balanced growth and the enhancement of the Copper Coast.
Prosperity	
Cultural Objective	To promote community identity by supporting rich lifestyle experiences including arts, heritage, culture and leisure activities.
Opportunity	
Governance Objective	To provide leadership and ensure community resources are managed efficiently and effectively.
Leadership	

Strategic Management Framework

The Annual Business Plan sets out the Council’s services, programs and projects for 2010/11. It sets the Council’s specific objectives for the year in the context of its forecast long term financial position to ensure that the Council’s financial position remains financially sustainable .



Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget 2010/11

Significant Influences and Priorities

A number of significant factors have influenced the preparation of the Council's 2010/11 Business Plan and Budget. These include:

- Local Government Price Index increases on relevant goods and services currently at 2.0 % for the December 2009 quarter
- Current Enterprise Bargaining Agreements for staff which provide for wages and salary increases in line with current and proposed wage agreements
- Requirements to maintain and improve infrastructure assets to acceptable standards including parks, reserves, town and rural roads, footpaths, lighting and community facilities.
- Service and infrastructure needs for a growing population which exceeds the states average population growth
- Commitments to major projects and

partnership initiatives over more than one year, including Wallaroo Foreshore Development, Elder Friendly Community, Community Transport Scheme and CWMS.

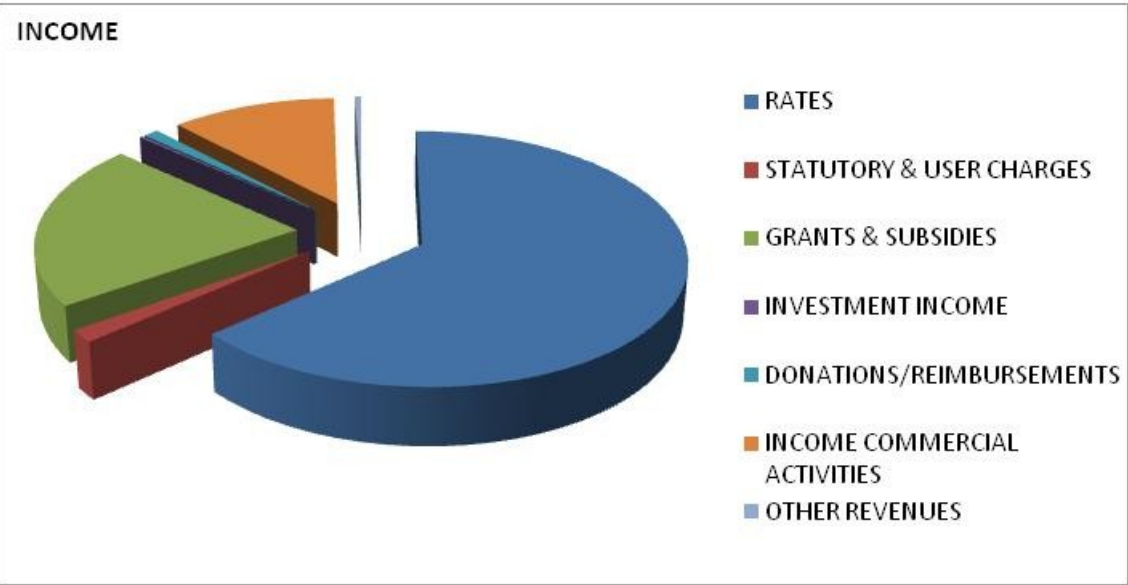
In addition, substantial external influences are also expected to impact the local government sector and the Copper Coast over the next year. The implications for this Council potentially include:

- Increased development activity in a coastal environment impacting Council's ability to implement adequate infrastructure and services to keep pace with development and demands of new residents.
- Reduced discretionary spending which will impact on Council ability to build new roads.
- Reduced housing affordability putting pressure on Council to provide an affordable housing alternative.
- Increased pressure on business to increase opening hours

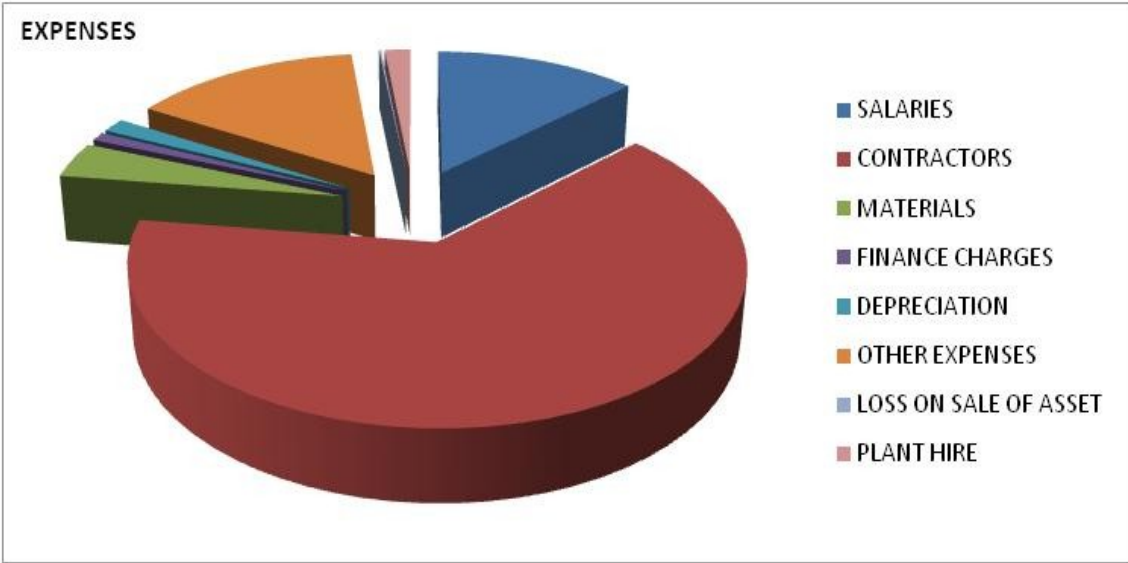
- Increased opportunity for new business to enter the region
- Pressure on Council to undertake significant facility and infrastructure upgrade
- Increased requirements to provide access to sporting and recreation facilities to the broader community
- Increased demand to maintain heritage and improve cultural facilities in partnership with stakeholders

Rates and other income

Rate revenue enables Council to develop and to deliver many of the services offered to the community. Rates, which form approx 64% of Council's total revenue, are supplemented by State and Federal grants and user fees and charges. Council also undertakes commercial activities and invests funds to increase total revenue.



Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget 2010/11



Key Initiatives

In addition to these services, Council has proposed a number of key initiatives for 2010/11. These include:

- Additional road and footpath works (part of a 10 year road and footpath program)
- Additional stormwater works
- Additional retirement units
- Undertake the final stages of the Heritage DPA
- Additional CWMS works
- Green waste collection
- Alternative transport routes
- Spatial and transport planning studies
- Community project funding
- Regional tourism strategy
- Implement/investigate sport and recreation strategies

Continuing Services

Council has a responsibility under the Local Government Act 1999 and other relevant legislation. These include:

- Regulatory activities e.g. Maintaining the voters role and supporting elected members
- Management of basic infrastructure including roads, footpaths, parks, public open space, street lighting and stormwater drainage
- Street cleaning and rubbish collection
- Development planning and control, including building safety assessment
- A range of environmental health services.

Other services provided in response to community needs include:

- Street trees
- Environmental plans and projects
- Public health and safety (including dog/cat and parking management)
- Community and cultural development
- Youth development
- Community and sporting facilities
- Library services
- Tourism
- Aged services