



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE COPPER COAST COPPER COAST

**2014-2015
Annual Report**

lifestyle location of choice

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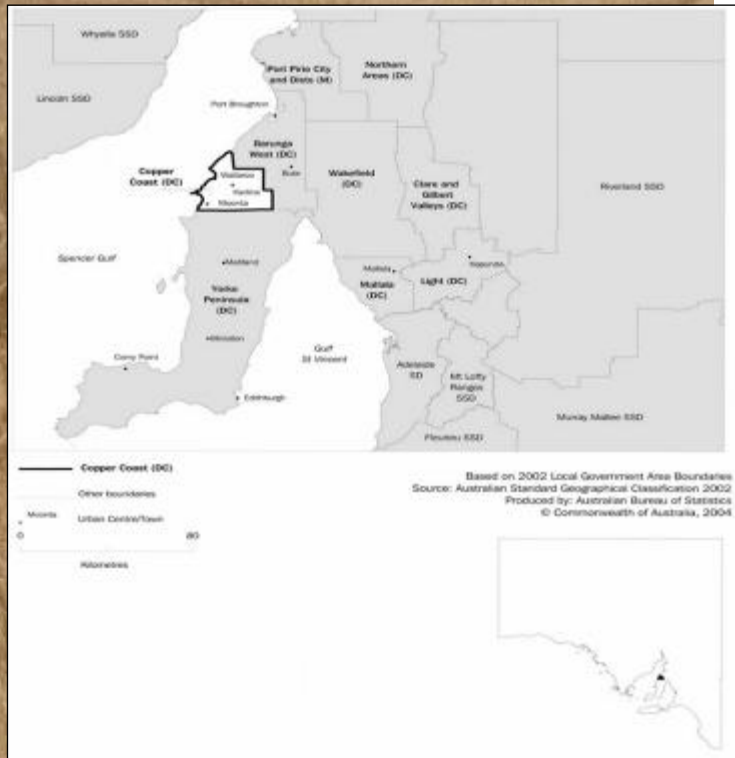
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Forward

Council is required to produce an Annual Report under the provisions of Section 131 of the Local Government Act 1999.

Annual Reports are produced by the Council to communicate with residents and businesses in the community, ratepayers and prescribed bodies about the Council's governance, its services, performance and achievements.

While Annual Reports are principally documents of accountability, the Council may also use its Annual Report as a document to promote its achievements in the local communities and to attract investment into the area. Annual Reports are also a historical record of the Council's activities during the previous financial year.



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Message from the Mayor

As I reflect on the past year; I describe it simply as an energetic year for the Copper Coast!

We have seen many projects commence and many completed after a number of years of planning. The CWMS at Moonta has proceeded very well and a number of areas, particularly those near the foreshore are already utilising the system. Restoration of roadways has commenced and some like Rossiters Road, completely upgraded.

Some of the effluent pump stations in both Kadina and Wallaroo have also been upgraded with new technology, which has seen much of the infrastructure go below ground level rather than take up space and be visible at street level.

The Town Centre upgrade for Wallaroo has been a bustling development site for most of the year. There have been significant changes already in place for road traffic with the new round-a-bouts and re-aligned Wildman Street. It has also been pleasing to see the new supermarket complex commence and approach its final construction. Once settlement took place for the land, the developers were quick to put machines to work. Demolition and levelling of the site happened within days and then thousands of tonnes of earthworks has taken place in readiness for the foundations.

In Kadina the Town Centre trials have attracted mixed reactions initially but as the trial has progressed there have been more positive responses.

During the 2014 Christmas trading period, I was being told that the Kadina shopping area was a much more attractive and exciting place to shop. However, it was important that people either for or against the proposed changes were able to respond to the survey forms and engage in the final assessment; thus providing the Chamber of Commerce and Elected members a more informed view point from our community.

Again at years' end, Kathryn and I had the opportunity of attending many of our school graduation and awards ceremonies. It is always pleasing to see and learn of the wonderful accolades for our students. Many of these young people have gained great results and have contributed much to their respective schools and our community, through a variety of ways.

I know that I have highlighted before that as a community we need to respect and share the opinions and achievements of our youth – in the future many of them, if we can retain them as part of our community, will be our leaders. But we will need employment opportunities!

It is without doubt that the potential jobs, other than those associated with agriculture, will be in the service industries. Retailing, hospitality, health and aged care. To that end, Council, together with both State and Federal Governments are focusing on job creation in many of the projects that we undertake within our Annual Business Plan and Budget.

Now grant applications need to demonstrate employment growth and opportunities. The funds that we were able to attract for the Play Centre at the Farm Shed and the water play area at Moonta Bay reflect an investment by Government in our future as a “lifestyle location of choice” – which in turn hopefully will provide some employment opportunities, particularly in tourism and hospitality.

On Christmas Day our family celebrated over lunch at the Patio Motel at Moonta Bay and we could see from the dining room, the hive of activity around the foreshore. There was an air of merriment and excitement from the families who were celebrating their Christmas together utilising the foreshore picnic area, or the water play facilities. My Christmas lunch was capped off, when a respected Moonta Gentleman approached me and congratulated Council on their efforts to improve the foreshore and provide attractions for families to enjoy! It was truly rewarding to witness the joy and excitement of families enjoying precious time together on such a special day.

As we reflect on the past year, we cannot omit the general Council Elections. As was anticipated, more than half the elected membership has changed. As a community we need to recognise those former members who did not seek re-election and those who were unsuccessful.

We are fortunate that each four years we are provided the privilege to vote and elect leaders for our community.

We are afforded freedom of speech, but with that freedom of speech, particularly during elections, comes a degree of misnomer and misinformation.

Certainly the 2014 elections centred much on financial management and council debt. There had been some candidates cautioning about the level of our council debt. And this has been unfounded.

Yes, our Council has debt. Not unlike many successful business operations, debt is required to fund expansion, new infrastructure and capital works. Our Council's largest portion of debt is associated with the Moonta CWMS scheme and that debt is serviced by the CWMS charges on properties accessing or to be accessing the CWMS services not only in Moonta, but Kadina and Wallaroo also.

Council have also borrowed funds for sporting bodies within our community, such as the Wallaroo Sailing Club, Kadina Football Club and Moonta Bowling Club. Those clubs through their respective fundraising and club operations service the associated debt – not Council revenue.

Our Council does not need to borrow funds to meet its operational expenditure and therefore did not need to borrow funds to build the Play Centre, the Water Play area, the Swimming Pool or on a completely different tack the Resource Recovery Centre; those projects as previously highlighted, together with other capital works have been gained by grant

funds and or general budget expenditure.

Our Community can be confident that the Copper Coast enjoys a good financial situation, with a very manageable debt level that will benefit this community over not only this generation, but the next few generations!

There is no doubt that the Copper Coast today is part of a Global World, where an event or disaster can be beamed into our living rooms here as easily as would in other parts of the world.

The value of the Australian dollar on the New York or European markets can have a dramatic effect on the prices of grain that is being sold from our fields and shipped through the port of Wallaroo.

Once that was not the case, our forefathers spent much of their lives protected from what was happening elsewhere in the world. Now internet and the electronic media have brought each region of the world much closer. When there is a plane crash in some part of the world, our community share the anguish as if it were just next door.

Now, the internet has allowed people to do their shopping without even leaving their home. The ability to transfer payments electronically around the world, coupled with sophisticated and encompassing delivery methods, an item can be purchased anywhere in the world and delivered to our front door within a week. But does this provide jobs and employment opportunities for the young people of our community?

Is that why we see empty shops in our main streets?

This year as a Nation and as a Community we will acknowledge and pay tribute to the Centenary of ANZAC and remember the Great War, we will hear and see much of the lives of the then soldiers, their heroism, their mateship, their tragedy. Many regard the action of our soldiers in the Great War defined our nationhood rather than that first land of Governor Phillips and the first fleet of convicts to Botany Bay in 1788. Or the Federation of Australia on the 9th May 1901.

Familiar author to the Copper Coast, Professor Phillip Payton wrote in his book "Regional Australia and the Great War" A long expected amphibious assault came on the morning of 25 April 1915. The Australians and New Zealanders landed at what soon become known as Anzac Cove.

"Australians" rose to the occasion he wrote: not waiting for orders, or for the boats to reach the beach, they sprang into the sea, and, forming a sort of rough line, rushed the enemy trenches. The Australians were happy because they knew that they had been tried for the first time and not been found wanting...There has been no finer feat in this war than this sudden landing in the dark and the storming of the heights.

Payton went on: It was the news that galvanised Australia. Yorke Peninsula papers were anxious now for their own share of the story (and glory), to give local colour to the extraordinary happenings, to sing praises of local boys and their daring feat of arms. Headlines reading Australians in Action.

Australia was knocking at the gates of the Ottoman Empire, insisted the Yorke Peninsula Advertiser. The Kadina and Wallaroo Times reached even grander phrases 'Today the British Empire is one of vast unity', it reported 'inspired by one ideal and resolved to fight for the one supreme issue'.

But then within weeks was not the "eye-witness letters so impatiently awaited", many in any case not yet written, and those that were, still weeks away from delivery. Instead, telegrams started to arrive, one and twos at first, and then a steady stream, informing unfortunate relations and friends of the wounded, missing and fallen. Australia then took on another character and another challenge!

The Copper Coast was not spared this tragedy of war. Earlier it is reported that there had been a keen sense of duty by the young miners to enlist as did some of the men who worked on farms. However, as the losses were recorded and the war went on for more years than had been imagined, there was a doubt about the cost of the war effort home and abroad.

Yet, a century later as a community we will come together to recognise the fine efforts of those gallant men and women who left their homeland to defend democracy as we will stand silent and remember the fallen who didn't get the chance to see their home land again, feel the touch of their loved ones but lay at rest in a far off land.

I have been heartened over the years of attending ANZAC ceremonies by the enthusiastic respect of our youth in the effort and affection for our "Diggers". ANZAC crowds across Australia have been growing year by year, but certainly here on the Copper Coast, the numbers of youth who attend, some wearing the medal of relatives with pride and honour those who served their country in the various theatres of war.

While we have commemorated the Centenary of the Gallipoli landings we also have been able to learn much more of this sacrifice as we remembered and respected the conflicts of World War One. Kadina Memorial School will unveil their upgrades and restoration of the memorial arch and area in front of the school.

Having been a former student of that school I am always proud of its achievements but particularly amazed at the incredible foresight that our forefathers had in establishing a school as a memorial to those who paid the supreme sacrifice. This memorial is not a monument of time, but a thriving and bustling hub of education for future generations. Literally honouring our past but allowing a future for the youth of the community.

Similarly Moonta Area School completed work to a memorial wall that students have provided the research and background to the names that have been affixed in memory of their service and sacrifice.

In Wallaroo on what was once the railways lines connecting the smelters to the mine, or connecting the port to the grain fields – an Avenue of Honour was created. Magnificent pines have been planted to represent the life that had been lost from this community. Along the paved walk adjacent will be signs indicating the various wars and the people who served and didn't return from the battle fields to Wallaroo.



The Moonta Gallery staged an exhibition remembering the Gallipoli Landing and World War One. This exhibition was not only a dedication of artistic talent, but also a dedication of the service afforded to our country by so many local men and women in the Great War.

Over the year no doubt many people have heard and seen much of the dramatisation of the events of the various conflicts of World War One via television and cinema screen, but I am confident that the commemorative events of the Copper Coast during April 2015 allowed us to appreciate what effect locally the Great War had.

Our Town Halls and parks of remembrance have been adorned with very fitting Honour Rolls for the Fallen of the Great War and subsequent theatres of war, but those honour rolls tell us little of the lives that lay lost and

the lives pulled apart behind the etched names.

As we all reside in the place that we call home, The Copper Coast, our lifestyle location of choice – we have been allowed the opportunity of learning more detail and accounts about people who didn't get the chance to grow up and old here.

We have been able to learn more of individual families and their sacrifice, the unsung work of the nurses, life in the trenches or treasured mail from the front.

"We have remembered them" Lest we forget!



It was a pleasure in May to host His Excellency the Governor of South Australia, the Honourable Hieu Van Le AO and Mrs Lan Le for a Vice Regal visit to the Copper Coast. There has been traditions and protocols associated with such visits to communities. However for this, the Governor's first official visit to the Copper Coast was to provide an exposure to some of our local industry, community activities and the wider community groups. It was His Excellency's hope that his visit would provide a quick illustration of why those of us who call the Copper Coast home do so with such pride.

Agriculture in 2015 no doubt remains our main industry. Somewhat ironic as a community we also celebrate in the month of May our mining heritage – that local farmers are also with a degree of anxiety contemplate the conflict of farming and mining. There have been some very informative meetings around the topic of the “right to farm” as mining exploration continues.

With seeding nearing completion, the Vice Regal Party had the opportunity of visiting a farming property/enterprise and were able to learn firsthand the techniques associated with the planting of cereal crops. Today the automation and sophistication of agricultural equipment to a novice makes the process of seeding appear difficult. The highly technical approach to chemical use and new tillage methods rather than the fallowing of paddocks provided the Vice Regal party with a fascinating insight not only into farming practices but of a family’s tradition around farming where the appreciation of the land becomes a life skill passed down through generations. The Governor quickly formed an opinion around the opportunity of “branding” the produce of the Copper Coast for the world market.

Similarly The Governor and Mrs Le visited third generation local engineering business of Venning’s. While South Australia is seeing the demise of its manufacturing business sector – Venning’s here in the Copper Coast continue to expand and adapt to meet the needs of not only our farming community but that of a much wider

agricultural industry throughout Australia.

We also had the opportunity of visiting Kadina Memorial School, where Principal Dean Angus escorted the Vice Regal party around the splendid school facilities and enabled the Governor and Mrs Le to speak with several groups of students. The Governor was keen to share with the students their anxieties and aspirations. He wanted to gain a view of what they had in mind for their respective futures, whether the Copper Coast would remain home or further education would see the lure of the city. We discussed the untapped opportunity of our TAFE facility and the possibility of tertiary education being delivered in regional communities.



The recognition of Service Men and Women has become a focus for each Vice Regal Visit that the Governor is making throughout our State. Obviously His Excellency and Mrs Le have their own strong association and memories of war from their earlier lives in Vietnam. The Governor during a speech with RSL and Vietnam Veteran’s at Moonta expressed his deep personal appreciation for the services given by Australian men and women in conflicts of war.

With honest conviction the Governor claimed the he and Mrs Le would possibly “not be alive today” if it had not been for the service of our forces in Vietnam. His Excellency and Mrs Le also laid a wreath at the War Memorial in Wallaroo and viewed the newly opened Centenary Walk – our Avenue of Honour.

Much of the Copper Coast’s rich history was exposed to the Governor with his attendance at the opening of Kernewek Lowender. He was able to see the many decorated floats in the street parade, some illustrating life of the early mining years as well as some portraying the subtle humour of our pioneers.

Children dressed in their period costumes performing the furry dance or the children twirling around the may pole never fails to attract a fascinated crowd. The crowds and atmosphere for our 21st Kernewek Lowender was rewarding for the many volunteers who collectively work together to recognise our rich heritage and highlight the cultural tourism of the Copper Coast.

The art and technique of making a traditional Cornish pasty was promoted with several demonstrations and classes throughout the Kernewek Lowender. The famous Cornish pasty became somewhat scarce as the festival progressed. Reminiscent of our first festival, pasty sales exceeded expectations.

The Celebrity Pasty Making could have perhaps provided a few more pasties for the consumers – potentially gaining some record prices at the promoted auction of their produce.

However, there were few traditional pasty making skills portrayed, nor did it portray the skills of any Master Chef – but there was certainly much comical enthusiasm from participants and spectators. It would be fair to say that the Celebrity Pasty bake off didn’t perhaps produce an eatable pasty – but it did portray all three levels of Government working in unison, together with their community for a common purpose!

There is no doubt that the Kernewek Lowender provides a bi-annual recognition of our forefathers and the contributions that they made not only to the development of the Copper Coast but to the state of South Australia.

The Copper Coast in 2015 can boast a rich history with traditions that have been passed from one generation to another – whether it be with the furry dance, making a pasty or sowing a barley crop. When one is afforded the opportunity of highlighting to someone else, your home and what you have to offer – you have a chance to reflect and look from the “outside in” – appreciating much of what we usually take for granted!

As a Local Government authority The District Council of the Copper Coast has over the past year continued to listen to our Community, including some of the suggestions put forward through our Community consultation as part of our Annual Business Plan. The Elected Members have strived to ensure that the people of the Copper Coast are provided with good governance and upgraded infrastructure.

It is my belief and I am hearing from others with a degree of envy that there is no question that the Copper Coast is a *Lifestyle location of choice!*



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Paul D.K. Thomas", with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Paul D.K. Thomas
Mayor

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Message from the CEO

Peter Harder

'I congratulate the Council on its achievements, the forthright manner in which it has gone about its business, the commitment to good governance and above all its assistance to me in my role as CEO.'



I am pleased to present this Annual Report on behalf of Council which will highlight a number of achievements for the Council.

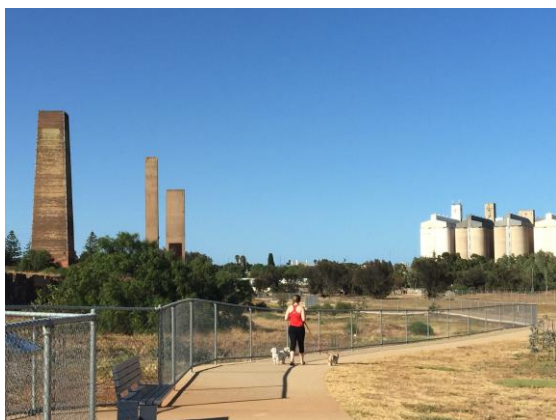
These achievements are supported by a number of plans, our Strategic Plan "Moving Toward 2022", Infrastructure and Long Term Finance Plan and Business Plans all which will shape our community in a positive way and provide a framework for the future development of the Copper Coast.

It has been another successful year and this report is an opportunity to outline our achievements. I would like to thank all those involved with the successes of 2014/15 as the Council has worked diligently and consistently to build its position as a leader in the region and gained a reputation for being a Council committed to its community through the advancement of social and community benefits.

While the District Council of the Copper Coast, comprising the Elected Members and Staff, are responsible for the good government of the Council, this Council has worked in association with neighbouring Councils in the Yorke Peninsula Council Alliance, and regionally through the Central Local Government Region to demonstrate and reinforce its strong position of leadership and stewardship based on good governance principles. In all political environments, and local Council is certainly one, there are advocates and critics of the outcomes of governance.

Council can rest assured that it has upheld good governance and its responsibility can take many forms.

The Council role is vast and varied and includes the inherited stewardship of heritage and historic character of the Copper Coast towns, where development pressures can potentially erode or change the face completely of the historic fabric that the community strives to retain. Areas like infrastructure, cultural awareness, social and community health and wellbeing, including an emerging issue called climate change. These local issues and many more are the responsibilities taken on by the Elected Council and the staff of the Council. As Council takes on this growing role of responsibility it fulfils its duties in a responsive and compliant manner, such compliance requires consultation with and involvement of the community, together with accessing the best possible advice to assist in the process of making democratic decisions.



Heritage walk - Wallaroo

There are many times and examples where not everyone agrees with the decisions that are made, but irrespective of this a decision has to be made and is made by the Council based on the best possible advice and

for the best foreseeable outcome for the community.

I congratulate the Council on its achievements, the forthright manner in which it has gone about its business, the commitment to good governance and above all its assistance to me in my role as CEO. I also commend the staff for the commitment they have made in achieving Councils desired outcomes, the service provided to the community, often under trying circumstances and competing priorities.

My role has been made so much easier through their desire to achieve positive results. Above all the Council and staff can be justifiably proud in the fact they have done their best to achieve the best outcomes within their available resources to build the Copper Coast into a successful and thriving Local Government community.

The future remains very exciting for the communities that make up the Copper Coast.

Council's Vision

As a progressive Council the Elected Members of the District Council of the Copper Coast commit to a forward vision in their Strategic Plan, a plan for 10 years that is reviewed every 4 years.

As an elected body the 10 Councillors, led by the Mayor work for their community, making decisions about policies, establishing community priorities, application of scarce resources and balancing the needs of the Copper Coast.

The Councillor's vision is honed by engagement with residents, an understanding of Government Policy and their compliance with legislation, both State and Federal; the Council's business outcomes are no different than those of the private sector apart from the impact and accountability that is influenced by and on the "public realm".



Program Pool – Opened January 2016

In November 1996 as part of the District Council of Northern Yorke Peninsula and the Corporation of the Town of Wallaroo the joint Council's prepared a "Voluntary Amalgamation Proposal to form the District Council of the Copper Coast", the joint population at that time was 10,473.

In the year 2014 the population has reached approximately 14,000, not surprisingly, but some would say ambitiously, the Council amalgamation document projected a population increase of 2.9% per annum.

From 2004 to 2014 the population increased on average by 2.18% per year with a peak increase of 3% in 2008. The permanent population doesn't reflect the increasing number of those that enjoy many months living in the Copper Coast, but have yet to call it their permanent home. Recent

research has indicated that as these property owners retire many will become permanent residents; this may again restore the population increase levels to the highs of 2007 and 2008.

In 1996 the Council identified that the region had 4 key strengths and the Strategic Plan of that era sought to build on:

- The regions heritage and historical site;
- Beautiful and accessible beaches;
- An outstanding lifestyle;
- An excellent agricultural base in terms of product and skills.

These identified strengths have, 18 years later, improved with the ageing process, while at the same time the metropolitan area of Adelaide and outer suburbia has shifted closer to the Copper Coast.

The Council of the day in 1996 had a workforce of 42.1 Full Time Equivalent employees (FTE), the workforce in 2015 comprises 87.7 FTE.



Footpath program continues

The number of Elected Members remains the same as in 1996 10 Councillors and 1 Mayor. The only difference in 2010 was the abolition of the Ward System of Elected Member representation. The 2010 general

Council elections saw “Area Councillor” candidates all vying for “Council wide” representation together with the Mayoral candidates, another indicator that the Council of the Copper Coast has matured since that all decisions of the Council will be unquestionably “Council wide”.

The attributes of the Council area are becoming more precious locally, regionally and nationally, while at the same time the opportunities that present themselves are only just beginning.



Splash Town Water Park

The current Council has governed in a period of tightening economic times that has resulted in a move to creating a sustainable Council that ensures services are provided to the community at appropriate levels.

The Council’s current Strategic Plan, “Moving Toward 2022” has five main objectives:

- Wellbeing
- Sustainability
- Prosperity
- Opportunity
- Leadership

The attainment of these objectives by Council and the community will ensure positive direction into the future.

When the plan was last updated, the community had an opportunity to input into where it wanted Council to focus. Access around our community was by far the highest priority and our long term objectives have been tailored to deliver improved roads, footpaths, cycleways and the associated infrastructure.

The Council area has the ingredients for a bright future and the new vision to become South Australia’s **“lifestyle location of choice”** will take determination and commitment. While it is a lofty goal, it is one that staff and Elected Members are united to achieve.

Peter Harder
Chief Executive Officer

Elected Members

Outgoing Elected Body (November 2014)



Back Row L-R: David Woodforde, Adrian Hatcher, Craig Costello, William (Bill) Clarke, Dean Rodda (Deputy Mayor) and Phil Brand.
Front Row L-R: Su Bell, John Gross, Paul Thomas (Mayor), Brent Walker and Beverley Schultz.

Current Elected Members (November 2014)



Back Row L-R: Bruce Schmidt, Brent Walker, Mathew east, William (Bill) Clarke, David Woodforde and Sheridan Brand.
Front Row L-R: Margaret Pope, Su Bell, Paul Thomas (Mayor), Roslyn Talbot (Deputy Mayor) and Catherine Vluggen.

Executive Services

The Area in Focus

'Located a comfortable hour and a half drive from Adelaide, this region of the Yorke Peninsula is rich in history and thriving with coastal developments.'



The Copper Coast is famous for having some of South Australia's best holiday beaches. Located a comfortable hour and a half drive from Adelaide, this region of the Yorke Peninsula is rich in history and thriving with coastal developments. Its many attractions and accommodation make the Copper Coast an ideal tourist destination for both local and international visitors.

Located in the Copper Coast region are the Peninsula's three largest urban centres of Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo. Smaller towns and settlements are located throughout the Council area including the coastal towns of Port Hughes, North Beach and Moonta Bay and the rural settlement of Cunliffe and Paskeville, home of the renowned Yorke Peninsula Field Days.

The Region's prosperity is largely attributed to the diversified arable farming activities based on cereal grains, oilseeds and pulses, together with livestock. The Yorke Peninsula and Wakefield Plains region encompass some of South Australia's most fertile land and with recent advances in technology and effective crop diversification; the region has consistently achieved high yields.

The agricultural sector is a major employer within the region and is well supported by significant bulk grain handling and commodity facilities at the deep-sea port of Wallaroo. Growth in the manufacturing sector has been strong, due to increased production in the agriculture and associated value-adding industries.

Other manufacturing activities within the region include the production of transport equipment, building, construction and other related services.

The region also hosts significant extractive industries, including limestone, granite, dolomite, gypsum, copper and sand mining.

The Copper Coast has a healthy fishing industry supporting scale fish, prawn, crab and abalone fisheries.

The region has well-developed transport and communication networks, together with a soundly established business and service infrastructure. In recent years there has been strong growth in the health and community services, clerical, sales and services, professional and associate professional occupation sectors.

Yorke Peninsula's retail sector is largely based around the Copper Coasts urban centres of Kadina, Wallaroo and Moonta. The Central Business Districts of each of these major towns offer a diversity of general and specialist stores supported by many smaller retail outlets and business services.

Extensive parklands have been established in the major townships of Kadina, Wallaroo, Moonta, North Beach, Port Hughes and Paskeville that cater for a wide range of recreational and sporting activities. The Copper Coast Sport and Leisure Centre as a regional sporting venue caters for indoor and ancillary pursuits.

The Victoria, Queen and Davies Town Squares of Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo respectively continue to provide an important open space, reflecting the civic pride of each town community.

Generous areas of foreshore reserve, with their sandy beaches and safe swimming are set-aside at Port Hughes, Moonta Bay, Wallaroo and North Beach. The Port Hughes, Moonta Bay and Wallaroo jetties

provide popular recreational fishing venues. Boat launching facilities are provided at Port Hughes and Wallaroo, including a boat service pontoon, protective breakwater and extensive trailer parking.

Numerous active and passive cultural pursuits are supported by the regions many facilities, including libraries, galleries, performing arts, historical buildings, local histories and museums. The Ascot Theatre in Kadina is once again operating as a Cinema and the Art and Community Gallery display facilities have been developed in the former public library to provide a permanent home for the Kernewek Lowender Art Collection. The Moonta Gallery of the Arts continues to display art exhibitions each month.

The biennial Kernewek Lowender Festival of Cornish heritage is recognised as one of South Australia's leading cultural events. The Antique and Collectables Fair, held at Moonta, continues to be an annual event.

The Farm Shed Museum and Tourism Centre at Kadina provides excellent visitor information services, supporting the region's tourism aspirations.

The Copper Coast is fast emerging as a special place in which to live, conduct business and visit. Enjoying a Mediterranean 'just right' mild climate, the district's population, both permanent and visitors, continues to grow as people seek to enjoy the relaxed lifestyle and the regions many assets.

The Council

The District Council of the Copper Coast is a progressive and successful Local Government Authority, committed to further developing the community's quality lifestyle and by making living easy. Council will continue to strive to achieve the best outcome for its community through active facilitation of social, environmental, economic, cultural and governance initiatives in a high growth region.

Formed in May 1997 through the amalgamation of the District Council of Northern Yorke Peninsula and the Corporation of the Town of Wallaroo, the Council area was divided into four wards and was represented by a Mayor and ten Councillors. Since the election in 2010 the ward structure was abolished and the elected members now represent the electorate in its entirety.

The Council covers an area of some 773 square kilometres, servicing a population of approximately 14,000 people and around four hundred thousand visitors annually. The overall South Australian population trends indicate a slight growth rate, while the Council's growth rate is higher than the State and the majority of Council areas, with the trend expected to continue.

Further residential developments in Kadina, Port Hughes, North Beach and Moonta/Moonta Bay are also indicators for potential population growth and demographic shifts for the region. The Copper Coast is one of the fastest growing regions in the State.

Decision Making Structure

The full **Council** – consists of the Mayor and ten Councillors, and is the decision making body on all policy matters. Council meetings are held formally on the first Wednesday of every month in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Kadina, at 7.00 p.m.

There is also an **Audit Committee** which plays an important part in Council's financial governance structure. This Committee is a Section 41 Committee and is comprised of 3 Elected Members and 2 Independent Members from the public who have recent skills and relevant financial, business, accounting, risk management and/or internal audit experience. There are a minimum of 4 scheduled meetings per year with other meetings being held as required.

A statutory **Council Development Assessment Panel** meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 5.30 pm at the Kadina Town Hall to consider Development Act applications submitted for approval. The Council Development Assessment Panel comprises a membership of three Elected Members and four Independent Members from the public.

Every meeting of the Council, Audit Committee and the Council Development Assessment Panel (CDAP) are open to the public to attend. However, an order may be made under Section 90(2) of the LGA 1999 to exclude the public from attendance at so much of a meeting as is necessary to receive, discuss or consider in confidence certain prescribed matters.

Such matters include, for example, the

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consideration of legal advice, commercial in-confidence information, tenders for the supply of goods and services, personnel matters etc.

The agendas, together with the accompanying reports and correspondence, are placed on display not less than three days prior to the

meetings for the public to access, except confidential items.

Minutes of the meetings are available to access by the public within five days of each meeting either on Council's website or by viewing at one of the Council offices.

Full Council

The following is the record of attendance of Elected Members for the 2014/15 financial year for Council.

	Meetings Attended (out of 13)	Leave of Absence Granted	Apology Recorded	Non- attendance
Mayor Thomas	13	-	-	-
Cr. Bell	13	-	-	-
Cr. P.Brand *	6	-	-	-
Cr. Clarke	12	-	1	-
Cr. Costello *	5	-	-	-
Cr. Gross *	4	2	-	-
Cr. Hatcher *	4	-	2	-
Cr. Rodda *	6	-	-	-
Cr. Schultz *	6	-	-	-
Cr. Walker	11	1	1	-
Cr. Woodforde	12	-	1	-
Cr. S. Brand **	7	-	-	
Cr. East **	7	-	-	
Cr. Pope **	7	-	-	
Cr. Schmidt **	7	-	-	
Cr. Talbot **	7	-	-	
Cr. Vluggen **	6	-	1	
Denotes * Outgoing Members (July – Nov) ** Incoming Elected Members (Dec – June)				

Audit Committee

The following is the record of attendance of Audit Committee Members for Council for the 2014/2015 financial year.

	Meetings Attended (out of 4)	Leave of Absence Granted	Apology Recorded	Non- attendance
Cr. Costello *	1	-	-	-
Cr. Thomas	2	-	2	-
Cr. Bell *	1	-	-	-
Member Symons	3	-	1	-
Member Hood	2	-	2	-
Cr. East **	3			
Cr. Pope **	3			
Denotes * Outgoing Members (July – Nov) ** Incoming Members (Dec – June)				

Council Development Assessment Panel

The following is the record of attendance of Members for the Council Development Assessment Panel for the 2014/15 financial year.

	Meetings Attended (out of 4)	Leave of Absence Granted	Apology Recorded	Non- attendance
Member Meier (Presiding Member)	2	2	-	-
Member Horsell	4	-	-	-
Member Hancock ♦	2	-	1	-
Member Talbot ♦	2	-	-	-
Cr. P. Brand	2	-	-	-
Cr. Rodda *	2	-	-	-
Cr. Woodforde	3	-	1	-
Cr. Schmidt **	1	-	1	-
Cr. Talbot **	2	-	-	-
Member Rosenberg ♦♦	1	-	-	-
Member Rodda ♦♦	1	-	-	-
Denotes * Outgoing Elected Members (July – Nov) ** Incoming Elected Members (Dec – June)				
Denotes ♦ Outgoing Independent Members (July – Jan) ♦♦ Incoming Independent Members (Feb – June)				

Council Financial Resources

A full audited copy of the General Purpose Financial Reports for the year ended 30th June 2015, pursuant to the Local Government Act 1999 - Section 131, is included under Part 2 of this report.

Council returned an operating surplus for the 2014/2015 financial year of \$822,951. After asset disposal & fair value adjustments and other capital income the reported net surplus increased to \$6,372,052.

The operating result this year has delivered a surplus primarily due to the Commonwealth Government once again pre-paying the Financial Assistance Grant for 2015/16 in June 2015. This forward payment for \$917,987 and was received on the 29th of June.

The transfer of infrastructure assets received from property developers and capital grants for infrastructure projects and the revaluation of land, buildings and CWMS assets are the other factors in the adjustments to derive the final result.

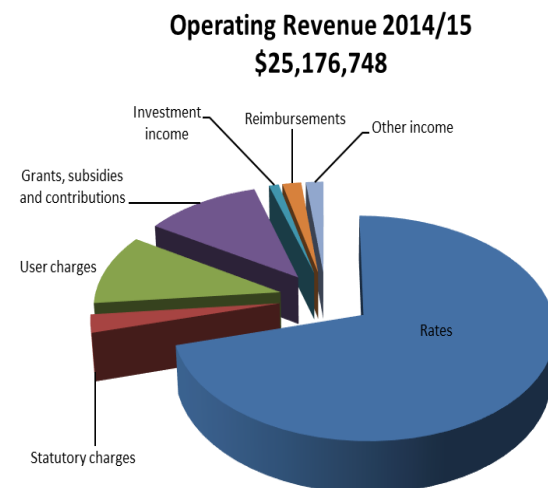
The Council assumes the ownership, care and control of the transferred assets to Council, however they increase operating expenditure especially in regards to depreciation and maintenance expenditure in future years.

The assets transferred to Council during the 2014/2015 year were roads handed to Council from Developers.

There have been no other significant events reported in the financial year.

Operating Income

The operating income for Council is derived from various sources and primarily consists of rate income, government grants and subsidies and other user charges including commercial revenue.



Rate income rose 5% in line with the LTFP and has remained steady since the introduction of the separate rate for the CWMS project in Moonta, Port Hughes and Moonta Bay. This is a five year project which is delivering significant benefits to the community and is nearing completion.

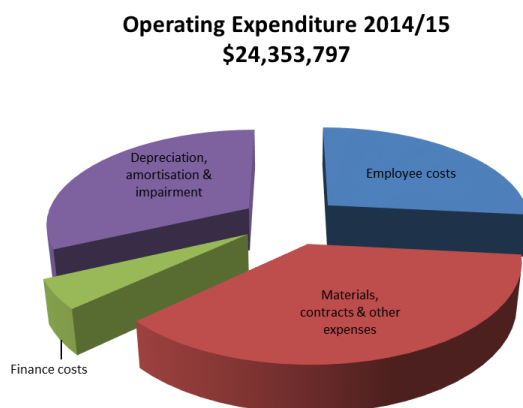
As reported in the Annual Report 2013/14, the Commonwealth Government reversed the decision to make the Financial Assistance Grants payments in advance however during 2014/15 changed their policy and in June 2015 commenced payments in advance during the 2014/15 year.

As confusing as this sounds, the 2013/14 Income Statement did not have any additional payments recorded as income whereas 2014/15 will.

In addition to the Operating Revenue Council received other Government Grants and Subsidies to assist in the purchase of new or upgraded assets (\$676,290).

Operating Expenditure

The Operating Expenditure for the financial year was incurred in the following operational areas, employee costs, materials, contractual services, other expenses and depreciation.



Materials, contracts & other expenses has decreased when compared to 2013/14 as the revaluation of the provision for the reinstatement of Council's landfills was reported as an individually significant item in 2013/14.

This provision is reviewed annually with no change reported in 2014/15.

Depreciation has increased but only slightly when compared to 2013/14.

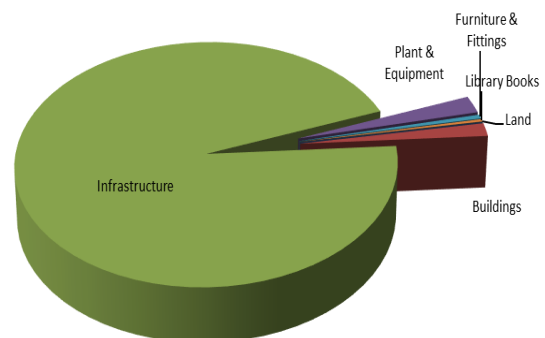
Capital Expenditure

Along with Operating Expenditure the Council is committed to maintaining its fixed assets base.

The major items of capital expenditure during the 2014/15 year have again been in regards to Community Waste Water Management (CWMS) with the project moving into Stage 2 of the Moonta/Moonta Bay and Port Hughes project.

The CWMS project is a 5 year project which is already starting to significantly improve the service levels to these communities.

Capital Expenditure 2014/15



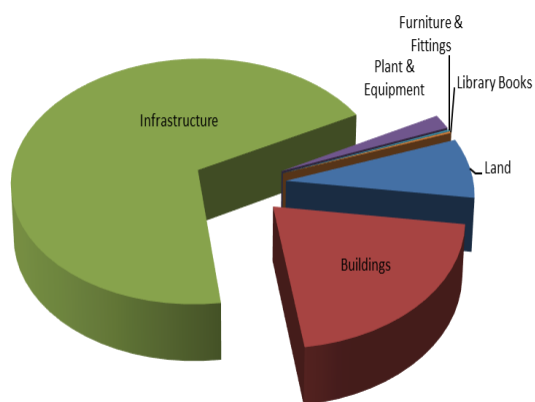
Non Current Assets

The non-current or fixed assets of Council are significant. There are various components that make up the value on the Balance Sheet being Land, Buildings, Infrastructure (which includes Roads, Stormwater & CWMS assets), Other Infrastructure, Plant & Equipment, Furniture & Fittings and Library assets.

Land, Buildings & Structures were revalued by Maloney Field Services as at 30 June 2015 and the CWMS assets revalued using Council data.

The graph below depicting the split of the \$397 million value of the assets.

Non Current Assets 2014/15



Council is working through an Asset Management program in regards to its infrastructure assets with a current focus on investing significantly in CWMS infrastructure, which is into its 3rd year, and also committed to improving the road and footpath networks.

Financial Sustainability

Note 14 of the General Purpose Financial Report for the financial year ending 30th June 2015 reports on the Key Financial Indicators that are used to assess Council with regards to its financial sustainability.

The ratios reported have been calculated in accordance with Information Paper 9 – Local Government Financial Indicators which was prepared as part of the Local Government Association financial sustainability program for the Local Government Association of South Australia.

Council has a suite of documents and plans that summarise the future direction of the Council.

These plans form part of the Council's overall Strategic Plan and will provide a path forward into the future that guarantees the long term sustainability of the Council.

Council utilises SynergySoft and UV Codes software to manage its records including its financial functions, from which budget and actual performance may be reported and analysed.

Reviews of the financial information are undertaken on a quarterly basis and presented along with policies, procedures and controls to the relevant committee prior to consideration by Council.

These policies, procedures and the relevant committee meeting agendas and minutes are available on Council's website.

www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au

Financial Controls

Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1999 requires Council to have appropriate policies, practices and procedures to ensure that its activities are carried out efficiently and in a manner that safeguards Council's assets and the integrity of its records.

Council has also implemented the Control Track program during 2014/15 which is used by staff and auditors to monitor the internal control framework.

Elected Members

The elected Council of the District Council of the Copper Coast is comprised of the Mayor and ten Councillors.

As principal member of the Council, the Mayor is elected by the whole Council electorate; whereas the Deputy Mayor is appointed from within the Elected Council by the Councillors themselves.

The ward structure was abolished with the November 2010 election and Elected Members now represent Council as a whole.

Members of the Council prior to November 2014

For the period ending November 2014 members of the District Council of the Copper Coast were Paul Thomas, Mayor; Dean Rodda (Deputy Mayor), Su Bell, Phil Brand, Bill Clarke, Craig Costello, John Gross, Adrian Hatcher, Beverley Schultz, Brent Walker and David Woodforde.

The term of office for those members of the District Council of the Copper Coast concluded at the November 2014 elections.

Member of Council Post November 2014

Since the period commencing December 2014 Elected Members of the District Council of the Copper Coast are Mayor Paul Thomas and Councillors Roslyn Talbot (Deputy Mayor) Su Bell, Sheridan Brand, William (Bill) Clarke, Bruce Schmidt, Margaret Pope, Mathew East,

Catherine Vluggen, Brent Walker and David Woodforde.

These members are currently serving their first year of a four year term, which concludes with the Local Government Elections in November 2018.

Elected Members 2014 – 2015



Mayor Paul
D.K.
Thomas, JP



Deputy Mayor
Roslyn Talbot



Su Bell



Sheridan
Brand



Bill Clarke



Mathew East



Margaret
Pope



Bruce
Schmidt



Cathy
Vluggen



Brent Walker



David
Woodforde

Strategic Plan - Moving Toward 2022

The District Council of the Copper Coast Strategic Plan 2012 – 2022 'Moving Toward 2022' forms part of the Councils overall strategic management plans.

The Strategic Plan is the overarching framework for Councils suite of plans, and includes the Council's **Vision**, **Mission** and **Values**

Our Vision

"South Australia's *lifestyle location of choice* to live and visit".

Our Mission

"To enhance Community Lifestyle":

- Providing effective and affordable facilities and services
- Managing and protecting our environmental assets
- Encouraging growth through responsible development
- Fostering community achievement

Our Values

"We Will":

- Listen
- Treat everyone with fairness and respect
- Work together to provide the best possible services
- Be open to new ideas while respecting our heritage

The Council's key directions are contained in 5 objectives with complimentary goals. Key strategies and responsibility for departmental strategy delivery are also outlined and presented in the Strategic Plan.

Reviews

Council reviewed its suite of plans pursuant to Section 122 (4) of the Local Government Act ensuring alignment with key directions and strategies together with resourcing provisions and legislative compliance.

Above all, Council's plans ensure Council demonstrates it is committed to providing services to the community that are responsive to current and future needs and that the projections and predictions are based on accurate and extensively researched statistical information.

Objectives

The District Council of the Copper Coast acknowledges that a balanced, robust and well developed set of objectives will serve the Council and community well.

Focusing on the following five objectives, Council has developed a framework for its future strategic management plans:

- Social Objective – Wellbeing
- Environmental Objective – Sustainability
- Economic Objective – Prosperity
- Cultural Objective – Opportunity
- Governance Objective – Leadership

Annually Council aligns budgets and programs against its key directions and strategies while periodically also reviewing its strategic plan as it continues “Moving Toward 2022”. The current Strategic Plan was adopted in April 2012, work on the new plan started in January 2015.

Defining Targets and Measuring Progress

As part of its strategic management plans Council prepares a budget and works program and an Annual Business Plan to deliver the specific outcomes that will make up and achieve its strategic management objectives.

The annual process of defining targets and measuring progress is an integral part of the Council’s Management Plan. By setting specific targets and measuring progress against the wider strategic objectives, achievement will be measured. These forms of measurement are a clear indication of progress, continuous improvement, program delivery and the performance of the Council as a whole.

Strategic Management Objectives, Goals and Functions

Founded on the vision Council sees for the Copper Coast the strategic plan highlights our commitment, desire and capacity to deliver major projects, capital works and services to maintain and enhance the Council area over the next 10 years.

The Strategic Plan reflects Council’s commitment to the Copper Coast community with its five interrelated objectives and goals.

The goals underpinning these objectives are supported by Council’s functional service areas, Executive, Corporate, Community, Infrastructure and Development Services. The organisation is structured to deliver the key strategies through these functional service areas.

Copies of Council’s Strategic Plan are available online and from Council offices.

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Objectives, Goals, Functions and Key Strategies

The following table provides an overview of the Objectives, Goals, Functions, Key Strategies and responsibility for strategy delivery.

Objective:	Goal:	Functions:
Social Objective Wellbeing	To enhance the quality of our community by encouraging health, wellbeing and safety.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Aged Human Services Public Order and Safety Community Education Volunteers
Environmental Objective Sustainability	To responsibly manage the natural and built environment to ensure its sustainability and diversity to the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural Environment Infrastructure Services Health Management Waste Management Vegetation Water and Sewerage Foreshores Stormwater Public Facilities Council Property Traffic Corridors Alternative Transport Traffic Control Road Reserves Public Transport Planning Heritage Development Control Climate Change
Economic Objective Prosperity	To facilitate economic prosperity, balanced growth and the enhancement of the Copper Coast.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment Employment Tourism Area Promotion Industry Commerce
Cultural Objective Opportunity	To promote community identity by supporting rich lifestyle experiences including arts, heritage, culture and leisure activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sport and Recreation Leisure Culture Arts Events
Governance Objective Leadership	To provide leadership and ensure community resources are managed efficiently and effectively.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communications and Public Relations Finance Legislation Leadership Administration Risk Management

Progressing the Plan

Since the introduction of Council's Strategic Plan Council has achieved a number of the key outcomes in its main strategy areas.

Social Objective – Wellbeing

Aged Care has continued to feature on Council's radar this financial year. Council has facilitated access services for the aged with 'Dial-a-Ride', health buses and the Community Transport Scheme. The library continues to operate a mobile service to the aged on a fortnightly basis.

Community Grants totalling approx. \$89,000 were distributed to local community groups and charities.

Council continued to provide accommodation in partnership with the Yorke Peninsula Division of General Practice actively supporting the attraction and retention of Doctors to the region.

The Disability Discrimination Act Advisory Group was formed in June 2009. The Disability Action Plan was reviewed in 2014 and a revised plan to 2017 was adopted by Council.

This plan includes a list of priorities to be considered for action and is reviewed annually during Councils budgetary processes.



New Drinking Fountain in Victoria Square, Kadina

Council is aware of its responsibilities within the Copper Coast Policing Model and plays an active role in the Copper Coast Licensing Accord and Emergency Services groups.

The Council continues to work toward providing a safe environment for residents and visitors.

The support of ongoing traineeship employment program within Council provided for two trainees in administration, two trainees in parks and gardens and one mechanical apprentice.

Training needs analysis for staff members have been undertaken as part of their annual performance appraisals and professional development plans initiated.

Service clubs and community groups have been supported through the Volunteer Resources Centre currently based at the Farmshed complex, Mines Road, Kadina and the Moonta Tourist Office which is manned by National Trust Volunteers.

Environmental Objective – Sustainability

Council continues to push for progress of the draft 'Better Development Plan'

The Heritage Advisor remains to be active in the region supporting Council's commitment to understanding our local heritage and retaining heritage zones for future generations.

The Development Assessment Panel meets regularly throughout the year ensuring compliance with the Development Plan, Acts and Regulations for all developments.

The ongoing work along the Wallaroo Foreshore includes the preservation of flora in the area and Council maintains a proactive approach to the preservation of our natural environment.



Port Hughes Coastal environment

Council continues to work with the Northern and Yorke Natural Resource Management (NRM) Board on projects and recommendations in the Council area.

Council monitors the community's heritage listed assets and work

towards their preservation in consultation with the Heritage Advisor and organisations such as the National Trust.

Council's works program continues to be the major focus of works and services on an annual basis. Works in 2014/15 have included:

Recreation

- Program Pool @ CCSLC

Road Network:

- Kadina CBD redevelopment
- Rossiters Road & Mays Crossing
- Footpaths – 5km program

Drainage:

- Stormwater Management Plans
- Lagoon Kadina

Waste Water:

- Various pump stations upgraded Wallaroo and Kadina
- Moonta, Moonta Bay & Port Hughes CWMS – Stage Two;

Foreshore:

- Swimming Enclosure & Splash Town – Moonta Bay;
- Final plans for upgrade of Port Hughes Boat Ramp;
- Pivot Heritage Site Development;

Reserve Upgrade

- Wallaroo Memorial walk
- Adventure Playground

Waste Management:

- Copper Coast Resource Recovery Centre, Wallaroo - Opened;
- Continued closure of old landfill sites at Kadina and Wallaroo.

Council's immunisation program continued throughout 2014/15 under the supervision of the Environmental Health Officer.

The officer also undertook 117 food inspections, 5 audits and issued 52 notices under the Food Act.

Economic Objective – Prosperity

Council works with commercial enterprises in the region. The introduction of new commercial facilities aids to reduce unemployment in the area and particularly assists youth entering the employment sector.

Throughout 2014/15 Council has engaged in Sports Marketing working closely with Complete Sports Development.

This program aims to attract state, national and international sporting events leading to increased visitors to the region and greater participation in sports at a local level.

Council representatives continue to meet with stakeholders to foster the growth and to identify impediments to growth and development.

Cultural Objective – Opportunity

Council representatives meet regularly with local and regional sporting groups to facilitate a range of activities and venues to meet the communities growing and changing needs.

Council continued to support local events including the Yorke Peninsula Field Days, The Antiques and Collectable Fair, Christmas pageants,

New Year celebrations, Australia Day, Anzac Day and support of various events through financial and in kind support.

Governance Objective - Leadership

Community engagement was held in its various forms throughout the year and public consultation was sought on the following items including, but not limited to:

- Council's policies and procedures;
- Annual Business Plan and Budget;
- Long Term Financial Plan;
- New Separate Rates;
- Facilitate Master Plans;
- Strategic Plan

The Copper Post, Council's quarterly newsletter was first issued in October 2009 and continues to be a successful tool to communicate Council's activities to the community.

This is supported by editorial, advertisements and public notices in the Country Times and the updating and maintenance of Council's website.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE...



The Mayor of the District Council of the Copper Coast Paul Thomas and staff from 620 (Kadina) Squadron of the Australian Air Force Cadets met at the Military Museum to reflect on the Centenary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli.

Lest We Forget!

There is no doubt that the Copper Coast today is part of a Global World where an event or disaster can be learned into our living rooms here as easily as it would in other parts of the world. The value of the Australian dollar on the New York or European markets can have a dramatic effect of the prices of grain that is being sold from our fields and shipped through the port of Wallaroo.

Once that was not the case, our forefathers spent much of their lives protected from what was happening elsewhere in the world. Now internet and the electronic media have brought each region of the world much closer. When there is a plane crash in some part of the world, our community share the anguish as if it were just next door. Yet in 1915 when young people left this place to serve the British Empire – it was to be an unknown.

This year as a Nation and as a Community we will acknowledge and pay tribute to the Centenary of ANZAC and remember the Great War, we will hear and see much of the lives of the then soldiers, their heroism, their sacrifice, their tragedy. Familiar author to the Copper Coast, Professor Phillip Payton wrote in his book "Regional Australia and the Great War" – "A long expected amphibious assault came on the morning of 25 April 1915. The Australians and New Zealanders landed as was soon to become known as Anzac Cove."

"Australians" rose to the occasion he wrote: not waiting for orders, or for the boats to reach the beach, they jumped onto the sand, forming a sort of rough line, rushed the enemy trenches. The Australians were happy because they knew that they had been tried for the first time and now they found success. There has been no finer feat in this war than this sudden landing in the dark and the morning of the beaches.

Payton went on: It was the news that galvanised Australia. While Peninsula papers were anxious now for their own share of the story (and glory), to give local colour to the extraordinary happenings, to sing praises of local boys and their daring feat of arms. Headlines reading: Australians in Action. Australia was knocking at the gates of the Ottoman Empire, insisted the Yorke Peninsula Advertiser. The Kadina and Wallaroo Times reached even grander phrases "Today the British Empire is one of vast unity," it reported "inspired by one ideal and resolved to fight for the one supreme issue".

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE...

Proud of our Past, Confident of our Future!

In 1983 the then Corporation of the Town of Wallaroo published a book written by the late Rex Williams - Copper to Gold A History of Wallaroo - South Australia - 1860 - 1923. At that time my father as mayor of Wallaroo wrote the Forward to the book:

At a time when the town of Wallaroo seems to be at the crossroads in its journey of progress, and when the economic climate is causing small towns to die, it is opportune to look back and learn more about the people who helped to build the town and play their part in shaping the Wallaroo of Standing and Steady one.

The Corporation of Wallaroo has agreed to finance the publication of this book. Although Wallaroo has lost many of its industries and institutions, it is currently hoped that residents and visitors will joyfully guard and maintain that which remains.

We are grateful to the author, Mr. R. Williams, for his use of past and present research, and for the insight in recognising permanently recorded history.

May the reading of this book foster a pride in our past and give us confidence to face an uncertain future.

In 2005 the District Council of the Copper Coast recognised the importance of the book and is pleased to find its republication. The previous forward above written by my father suggests Wallaroo was in the crossroads in its journey of progress. Now it is with pride and confidence that we can see a bright future in our population and a quiet confidence in our future.

Tourism has been fostered by our past and fuelled by important new infrastructure such as the fishing industry, marina developments and quality lifestyle.

The author of this book should be



OFFICIAL OPENING... Mayor Paul Thomas chats to Bishop Gregory O'Kelly at the opening of the Mary MacKillop Wing at St. Mary's.

PHOTO: Country VP Country Times

from a different past.

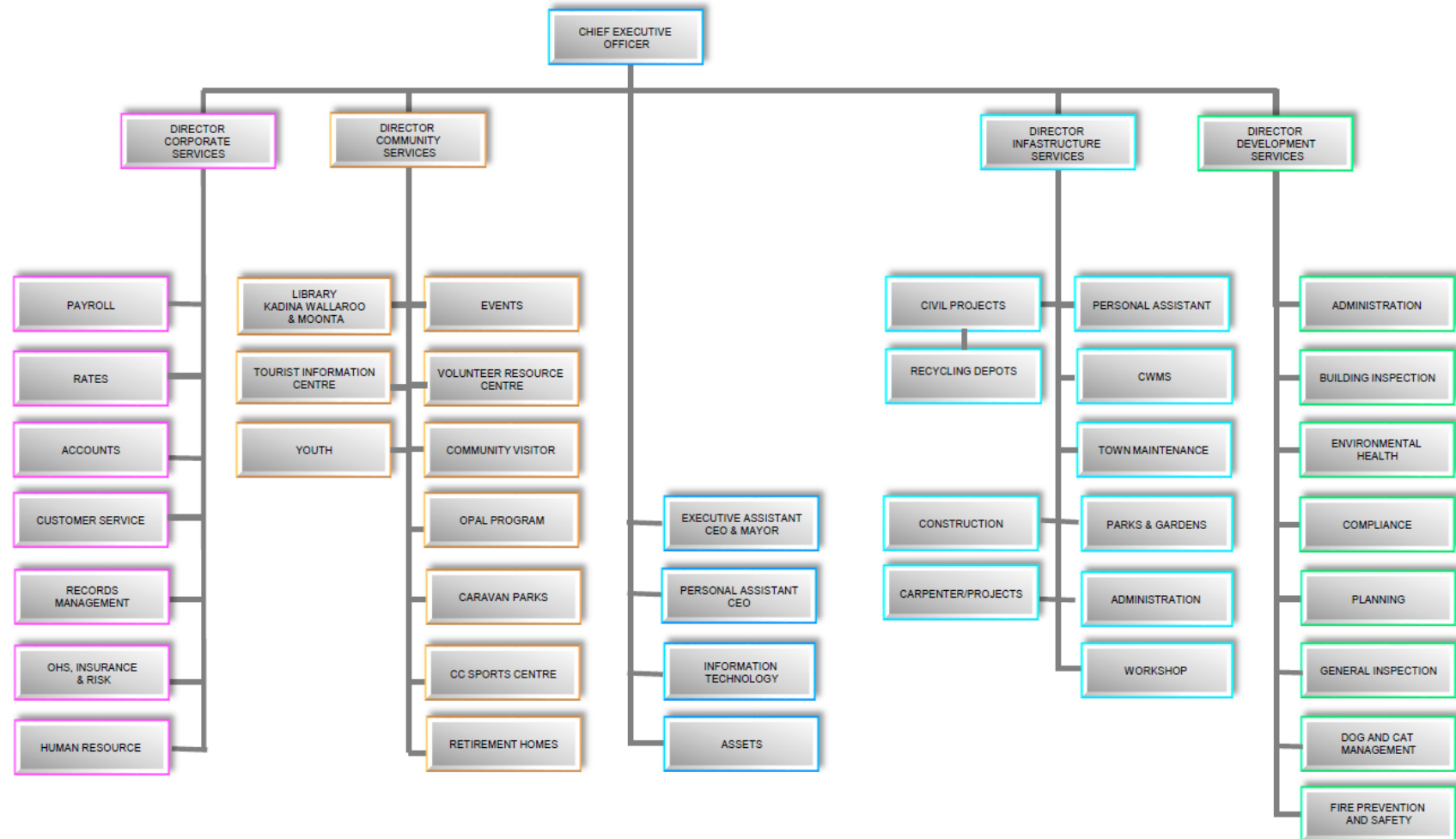
In early April I attended the opening of a new wing of St. Mary's Sea Nursing Home in Wallaroo, named the MacKillop wing. Named after Saint Mary MacKillop, an educator before her time who lived in Young Street Wallaroo for a short time. The associated picture of Bishop O'Kelly and I was on the site in the MacKillop wing corridor that was once portion of Young Street. In part the development was made possible by our Council's closure of this portion of the street and transfer of the land to the Diocese for the construction of the MacKillop Wing.

However, it is the words of the Bishop during the Dedication Service that took my particular interest. He reminded of the students of St. Mary MacKillop School and their resounding rendition of "You Raised me Up". Comparisons were drawn of the teachings of the young Mary MacKillop when she established the Sisters of St. Joseph Schools so many years ago (St. Mary MacKillop School is the oldest St. Joseph school to have continuous education since it was established) and now the interaction between the residents of St. Mary's and the current students of St. Mary MacKillop School.

He referred to the lifelong experiences of the elderly residents that now make St. Mary's the heart and the backbone of the school and how their lives can be enriched by the interaction and likewise the elderly can be encouraged and stimulated by the activities and enthusiasm of our youth. Our lives are literally "Raised Up".

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District Council of the Copper Coast Organisational Structure



Functional Service Areas

Administration

Records Management
Customer Service
Commercial Activities

Information Technology

Systems Control and Development
Hardware/Software Maintenance
Business Information System
GIS
IT Strategy
Asset Register

Organisational Development

Human Resources
Risk Management
Occupational Health and Safety
Training and Development
Continuous Improvement
Performance Monitoring and Reporting

Finance

Valuations/Property Records
Rates
Audit
Payroll
Asset Accounting
Budget Preparation
Purchasing
Management Accounting
Financial Accounting
Treasury Function
Stores

Governance

Emergency Response
Compliance Reporting
FOI
Privacy Act
Whistle Blowers Act
Contracts Management
Executive Support to Council
Legislative Compliance
Elections/Returning Officer

Social and Community Services

Education
Libraries
Families and Children
Youth Services
Disability Services
Child Care Services
Ethnic Services
Social and Indigenous Services
Aged Care Services
Community Development
Community Visitors Scheme
Volunteers

Communication Services

Marketing
Web Development
Communication
Community Engagement
Public Relations
Publications

Recreation and Leisure Services

Recreation Planning and Development
Leisure Facilities
Arts and Cultural Development

Public Safety and Community Health

Food Safety
Public Safety
- Law and Order
Community Health
Immunisations
Alcohol and Drug Strategy
- Sharps
- Liquor Licensing/Dry Areas

Transport and Parking

Community Transport
- Cars
- Buses
Vehicle Fleet-Administration
Parking Management
Parking Control

Building and Planning Services

Building Permits and Control
Building Regulations/Development
Registration and Information
Development Assessment
Statutory Appeals
Use and Development Policy
PAR's
Section 30 Reviews
Development Compliance

Property Management

Property and Building Maintenance
Property and Building Contracts
Property Leasing/Disposal/ Acquisitions
Property Development
Signage
Cemetery Administration
Street and Road Names
Community Land Management
Heritage Management
Visitor Info Centres/Farm Shed

Environment and Compliance

By-Laws/Local Administration Laws
Animal Control
Fire Prevention
Pest and Plant Control
Coastal Protection and Landcare

Parks And Gardens

Plant Management -Parks and Gardens
Parks and Gardens Management
Arboriculture/Tree management
Recreation Reserves
Weed Control
Open Space

Maintenance

Plant Management – Maintenance
Street Cleaning
Airport Maintenance
Infrastructure Maintenance
Graffiti removal
Workshops and Depot Management
CWMS

Construction

Plant Management – Construction
Asset Management
Stormwater Management
Engineering Services
Planning and Design
Foreshore and Boat ramps
Infrastructure Construction
CWMS Construction

Waste Management

Waste Collection
Recycling
Rubbish Disposal
Litter Control
Dump Management

Tourism

Tourism Marketing
Cultural Development
Events

Economic Development

Business Development
Employment Creation
Economic Development Planning
Investment Attraction

Strategic Planning

Corporate Planning
Development and Review
Performance Measurement
Annual Plan Monitoring

Statutory Information

Annual Information Statement

The District Council of the Copper Coast was proclaimed in May 1997 as a local government authority, with all statutory responsibilities and powers, for an area of the Northern Yorke Peninsula containing the Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo urban and rural areas – adjoining the District Councils of Yorke Peninsula and Barunga West. The principal office of the Council is located at 51 Taylor Street (Town Hall), Kadina, and is open Monday to Friday, 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Branch offices are located at the old Railway Station, Blanche Terrace, Moonta and at 5 John Terrace, Wallaroo. The office at Wallaroo is open from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m., on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays and on Wednesday between noon and 5.00pm.

The Moonta office is staffed by volunteers from the Moonta Branch of the National Trust as is Council's Volunteer Resource Centre. Public access computers and telephones with direct lines to the Kadina office are also available.

Council comprises a Mayor and ten Councillors. The ordinary meeting of Council is held, on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall, Taylor Street Kadina.

The Council Development Assessment Panel (CDAP) comprising 4 independent members, one of whom is Chairperson, and three Elected Members meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 5.30 p.m. to consider Development Act applications submitted for approvals.

Every meeting of the Council, Council Committees and of CDAP is open to the public to attend however, Council, Council Committees or a CDAP may order that the public be excluded from attendance at so much of a meeting as is necessary to receive, discuss or consider in confidence certain prescribed matters. Such matters include, for example, the consideration of legal advice, commercial in-confidence information, tenders for the supply of goods and services, personnel matters etc.

Council, Council Committees and CDAP meeting agendas, with accompanying reports and correspondence, are placed on public display not less than three days prior to those meetings. Minutes of the meetings are placed on display for free public access within five days of each meeting.

Members of the public may participate in the formulation of Council Policy and functions generally by written submissions to Council on virtually every conceivable Local Government function.

Some Council Policies are required to be available for public consultation before final drafting and adoption; all submissions are assessed on their relative merit.

Access to Council documents is broadened by 'freedom of information' provisions in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

Although a range of documents are restricted or not accessible, the maximum amount of information is made available to the public wherever possible.

Information available for Inspection

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1999, Schedule 4, the following information is available for inspection at the Council Office, 51 Taylor Street, Kadina.

General Documents:

- Agendas and Minutes
- Annual Business Plan
- Annual Financial Reports
- Annual Report
- Assessment Record
- Auditor's Report
- Campaign Donation Returns prepared by Candidates
- Community Emergency Risk Management Plan
- Council By Laws
- Strategic Management Plans

Registers:

- Register of Members Allowances and Benefits
- Register of Authorised Officer
- Register of By-Laws
- Register of Community Land
- Register of Delegations
- Register of Fees and Charges
- Register of Members' Interests
- Register of Public Roads
- Register of Staff Interests
- Register of Remuneration,
- Salaries and Benefits
- Voters Roll

Codes:

- Code of Conduct for Council Employees
- Code of Conduct for Council Members
- Code of Practice for Access to Council Meetings, Council Committees and Council Documents

Policies/Procedures:

- Asset Accounting Policy

- Audit Committee Terms of Reference
- Banner Pole Policy
- Behaviour in Library Policy
- Budget Reporting and Amendment Policy
- Building and Swimming Pool Inspection Policy
- Caretaker Policy
- Cemetery Management Policy
- Children and Vulnerable Persons Policy
- Collection Development Policy
- Community Support Policy
- Council Induction Policy
- Council Members Code of Conduct Complaints Policy
- CWMS Policy
- Complaints Policy
- Control of Election Signs Policy
- Council Enforcement Policy
- Credit Card Policy
- DDA Access and Inclusion Policy
- Debt Collection Policy
- Delegation of Development Plan Assessments to CDAP Policy
- Development of Unsealed Roads Policy
- Disposal of Land and Other Assets Policy
- Elected Member's Allowance and Support Policy
- External Communication Policy
- Fees and Charges Policy
- Flag Flying Policy
- Fraud and Corruption Policy
- Funding Policy
- Hardship Policy for Residential Customers of Minor and Intermediate Retailers
- Informal Gatherings Policy
- Information Privacy Policy
- Internal Control Policy
- Landscaping Policy
- Making Information Available to the Public Policy
- Media and Communication Policy
- Mobile / Temporary Vending Policy

- Motor Vehicle and Equipment Use Policy
- Work Health Safety Policy and Procedures
- Open Space Policy
- Order Making Policy
- Outdoor Trading Policy
- Postponement of Connection Fee Policy – CWMS
- Postponement of Rates Policy
- Procurement Policy
- Prudential Management
- Public Consultation Policy
- Rainwater Tank Policy
- Rates Rebate Policy
- Rating Policy
- Refunding and Waiving of Development and Waste Control Systems Application Fees Policy
- Request for Services Policy
- Review of Council Decisions Policy
- Risk Management Policy
- Roadside Signage Policy and Guidelines
- Safe Handling and Disposal of Biosolids Policy
- Shipping Container Policy
- Street Permit Policy
- Street Tree Policy
- The Naming of Streets, Roads and Public Places Policy
- Supplementary Election Policy
- Training and Development Policy for Elected Members
- Treasury Management Policy
- Verge/Footpath Development by Residents Policy
- Visitor Information Outlet Policy
- Volunteers Policy
- Whistleblowers Protection Policy

If members of the public wish to have access to, and view any of these documents, they may enquire at Council's customer service counter.

Policies adopted by Council are available on Council's website www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au.

Allowances and Benefits for Members of Council

The annual allowances payable during the 2014-2015 financial year are: Mayoral Allowance \$51,200 per annum; Deputy Mayor's Allowance and Presiding Members of Standing Committees \$16,000 and other elected members \$12,800.

A travel allowance is also paid, being the rate as prescribed for income tax purposes. The Mayor has access to a vehicle for Council business and civic duties. A member of Council is entitled to receive reimbursement of prescribed expenses incurred in performing or discharging official functions and duties. Similarly, Council provides limited facilities and other forms of support to assist members of Council in performing or discharging official functions and duties.

The Council is required to maintain insurance cover for every member of Council (and their spouses) against risks associated with performing or discharging official functions and duties.

Members of Council do not receive additional allowances for being members of a Council Committee; however community members receive a sitting fee of \$100 per meeting.

Members of the Council Development Assessment Panel receive a sitting fee of \$100 per meeting and the Presiding Member receives a sitting fee of \$150 per meeting. A Register of Allowances and Benefits is kept by Council; the Register is available for public inspection.

During 2014/15 the Mayor and Elected Members attended various training sessions.

Remuneration, Allowances and Benefits is available for public inspection.

Senior Executive Officers

The Council's organisational structure provides for the Chief Executive Officer and four Directors of Corporate, Community, Development and Infrastructure Services and they have salary 'packages' ranging between \$120,000 to \$220,000 that include salary, superannuation and the use of fully maintained vehicles, internet and mobile phones. The Register of

Community Support

Community Grants

During the 2014-2015 financial year Council distributed approximately \$89,000 to community groups and charities through the Community Grants Scheme.

Applicant	Purpose	Amount Approved
Rotary Club of NYP	Finance professional production of Rotary markets advertising	\$1000
Copper Coast Old Machinery & Engineering Club	Floor Coverings	\$500
YP Veterans and Community Centre	Building alterations	\$3500
Kadina Bowling Club	Purchase new tables	\$1600
Riding for the Disabled	Hayfeeder, troughs and minor plant	\$4844
Copper Coast Flying Group	Verandah and auxiliary power supply	\$5000
Copper Coast Photographic Club	Seeding grant for new organisation	\$500
Kadina Wallaroo Moonta Band	Music Stands	\$1500
Moonta Senior Citizens	Building repairs	\$1760
Wallaroo Golf Club	Create wetland	\$4915
Coasters Rock n Roll Club	Installation of fans in Kadina Town Hall	\$1955
Copperclub Golf & Community Association	Practice golf net	\$5000
Friends of Port Hughes	Public liability insurance premium	\$500
Moonta Bingo & Recreation Club	New Bingo machine and audio system	\$628
Cherub Class Owners Association	50% hire fees of Wallaroo Sailing Club	\$1500
Jerusalem Uniting Church	Shelving and reimbursement of DA fees	\$500

Applicant	Purpose	Amount Approved
Copper Coast Sea Rescue	Equipment replacement & training	\$2964
Moonta & District Progress Association	All weather access and parking area	2400
YP Dirt Kart Club	Monitored security system	972
Moonta Golf Club	Installation of clubroom blinds	1260
YP Gem & Mineral Club	Toilets, power and disability friendly fittings	3600
Kernewek Lowender	Street banners for Moonta & Kadina	2400
Copper Coast Table Tennis Association	Ball machine and table barriers	1000
YP Make a Wish	Camcorder	500
RAOB Wallaroo Lodge	Building repairs	1200
Wallaroo Community Development Association	New Years Eve celebrations	4000
NYP Quilters	Installation of air conditioners	1020
Peninsula Community Broadcasters	Studio upgrade	1273
Christmas in Kadina	Installation of power mushrooms in Victoria Square	4386
Wallaroo Mines Bowling Club	Disabled toilets	3097
Kadina Neighbourhood Watch	Newsletter deliveries	492
RSL Moonta Branch	Façade renovations	682
YP Field Archers	Building additions	5000
Wallaroo Cricket Club	Ride on Mower	2500
Gallipoli Centenary Committee	Gallipoli commemoration	1338
Seafarers Mission Wallaroo	Cost of internet access	1258
St Mary's Anglican Church	Sesquicentenary celebrations	660
NYP Art Group	Funding for life drawing sessions	500
Friends of Bowey Reserve	Development of local reserve	5000
YP Soccer Association	Equipment & Uniforms	4450

Applicant	Purpose	Amount Approved
1 st Wallaroo Scout Group	Equipment for grounds maintenance	465
Bears Basketball Club	Signage	465
St Vincent de Paul Society	Waste disposal expenses	816
		\$89466

Staffing

As at 30th June 2015 the Council had a total of 88.7 full time equivalent (FTE) positions.

The breakdown of staff numbers by gender, employment type and department is shown in the following table:

Council Employees:	Male	Female
Offices, Libraries & Service Facilities		
Senior Executives	4.0	1.0
Administration Services – General	2.8	17.2
Economic Services - Tourism, Development	1.0	4.1
Engineering Services - Works Supervision	3.6	0.0
Environmental Services - Building, Nuisances	7.4	0.6
Community Services - Libraries, Community	0.0	5.4
TOTAL INSIDE EMPLOYEES	18.8	28.3
At Depots (Construction, Maintenance)		
Construction, Maintenance, inc Cleaning	25.0	0.4
Parks, Gardens and Reserves	11.0	1.0
Waste Management (Recycling Centres)	2.2	0.0
Workshop Servicing	2.0	0.0
TOTAL OUTSIDE EMPLOYEES	40.2	1.4
TOTAL EMPLOYEES	59.0	29.7

Exclusion of the Public from Meetings

Section 90(1) of the Act generally provides that a meeting of Council or its committees must be conducted in a place open to the public. However, Section 90(2) provides that a Council or its committees may order that the

public be excluded from attendance at a meeting that it is considered necessary and appropriate to enable that meeting to receive, discuss or consider a matter in confidence.

Those matters are specified by Section 90(3) and include, for example, commercial information, legal advice, tenders, etc.

Council chose to invoke Section 90(2) once during the year to consider Commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed:

- prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or
- confer a commercial advantage to a third party

Confidential Documents

Section 91(1)-(6) of the Act generally provides that minutes of meeting proceedings must be kept and made available for public inspection.

However, Section 91(7) provides that a Council or its committees may order that confidential documents may be excluded from general public accessibility. Council did choose to invoke Section 91(7) in regard to the minutes as follows:

Council Meetings

September 3 2014
CEO Performance Appraisal

Audit & CDAP Committees

Nil

Community Land

Community Land Management Plans have been prepared and contained in a Register of Community Land which is available to the public for inspection.

Freedom of Information Applications (FOI)

Applications made to the Council under the Freedom of Information Act 1991, containing the information required by the regulations, are reported on as follows:

At the beginning of the financial year

no FOI applications were in process. Twenty applications were received during the year.



The Council endeavours to make available information as and when requested, as well as taking appropriate action where records may be in error or require amendment. If necessary, formal requests for 'Freedom of Information' access must be made in writing, accompanied by the prescribed fee and should be addressed to the accredited Freedom of Information Officer as follows:

Freedom of Information Officer
District Council of the Copper Coast
PO Box 396
KADINA SA 5554

Internal Review of Council Actions

January 21 2015
Failure to implement a decision of Council
Council Resolution C2:14

December 9 2014
Dog and Cat Management Act

Electoral Representation Quotas and Reviews

Since 1997, the elected Council has comprised of the Mayor and ten Councillors – the urban wards of Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo being represented by three Councillors each

and the rural ward Paskeville by one Councillor.

The composition of the Council was reviewed pursuant to Section 12 of the Local Government Act during 2009 and it was resolved to abolish wards within the Council area and that the Council would continue to comprise a Mayor and ten elected area councillors. Next review will be prior to 2017.

The representation quota per member at the time of the periodic review of Council was 1,308 – calculated as the total number of electors divided by the number of Councillors i.e. 13,087 enrolled electors represented by ten Councillors. Number of electors per member including Mayor is 1,190.

Recent Representation Quotas released by the LGA indicate as follows: Port Pirie Regional Council - 10 Councillors; Number of enrolled electors 12,380; electors per member 1,238 and the District Council of Yorke Peninsula – 12 Councillors; Number of enrolled electors 8,903; 741 electors per member.

Elections

Elections are held at four yearly intervals, with all positions being declared vacant. Voting rights for electors are voluntary and not compulsory as is the case with Commonwealth and State Government elections. Council Elections were held in November 2014.

Boundary Review

Procedures are available for electors to initiate submissions seeking boundary alterations and alterations to the composition of the Council or its representative structure.

Public notice of the impending review is given, inviting interested persons to make written submissions to the Council on the subject of the review.

Persons making submissions are also given the opportunity to appear personally before Council to be heard further. On completion of the review process, the Council's report is made available for public inspection, with further public submission opportunity and personal hearing being also made available.

Equal Opportunity

The District Council of the Copper Coast is committed to the principle of equal opportunity. In all policies and practices of the Council, there shall be no discrimination relating to gender, age, disability, marital status, parenthood, lawful sexual preference, race, colour, national extraction, social or ethnic origin, religion or political affiliation.

To reflect its commitment to a workplace free of discrimination Council has adopted a Whistleblowers Act Policy. The Work Health and Safety Act (2012) prescribes that it is the responsibility of the employer to provide a safe workplace for all employees and that no worker should be at risk in the workplace.

If a worker's health and wellbeing is affected, or they become ill, stressed or are away from work because of bullying then there are laws to help remedy the situation.

If the bullying involves physical harm or the threat of a physical attack, then there are criminal laws to help protect workers.

Persons bullied on the basis of gender, race or ethnic background, disability, sexual preference, marital status, pregnancy or age, are protected by the

Equal Opportunity Act. Harassment or bullying in the workplace is unacceptable and, where identified, must be regarded as a serious breach of conduct.

Competitive Tendering & Cost Effective Services

Purchasing Policies – Council continues to strive to provide value for money in service delivery to the ratepayers of the District Council of the Copper Coast through the adoption and utilisation of purchasing and procurement Policies. In compliance with Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1999, Council has reviewed and adopted the Procurement Policy (FIN017) encompassing the following:

- Monetary limits;
- Use of Local Government Corporates Services Supply Agreements;
- Preferred Supplier Register;
- Quotations, tendering and evaluation;
- Outsourcing Council functions;
- Additional considerations such as environmental, buying locally and Australian made, health, safety and welfare and quality; and
- Disposal of surplus goods, materials and Council land.

During the past financial year the Council used the competitive tender process twelve times.

National Competition Policy

Council has no significant business activities.

No complaints have been received alleging any breach of competitive neutrality principles by the Council.

Current Local Laws

- By-Law No. 1 - Permits and Penalties (Govt. Gazette 20/08/2009)
- By-Law No. 2 – Local Government Land (Govt Gazette 20/08/2009)
- By-Law No. 3 - Roads (Govt. Gazette 20/8/2009)
- By-Law No. 4 – Moveable Signs (Govt. Gazette 20/8/2009)
- By-Law No. 5 – Dogs (Govt. Gazette 20/8/2009)
- By-Law Offences – Cats (Govt Gazette 20/8/2009)

A copy of the current by-laws and expiation fees may be obtained from Councils Offices at Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo. All Council by-laws are national competition policy compliant.

Elected Member Training and Development

The Elected Member Training and Development Policy was reviewed on May 6 2015 and includes the following allocations:

- 75% of the training and development budget will be allocated for individual training;
- 25% allocated for group training sessions.

Elected Members attended various training during 2014/2015 including Elected Member Induction training, an ICAC and Ombudsman seminar, District Tour and Roles and Functions of Council.

The Mayor and CEO also attended the Australian Local Government conference in Canberra.

His Worship the Mayor attends numerous seminars and conferences annually through the Local Government Association; Local Government Finance Authority; ALGA National General Assembly at Canberra, Central Local Government

Region, Regional Development Australia just to name a few.

CORPORATE SERVICES



Corporate Services

The Corporate Services area of Council is responsible for the efficient and quality delivery of corporate services and governance functions, including:

- Rate revenue generation and collection
- Customer Service
- Financial Management, including daily transactions, budget setting and reviews and preparation of financial reports
- Website Management
- Records Management & Freedom of Information
- Compliance to legislation across Council
- Cemetery records maintenance
- Maintenance and review of Councils asset register
- Payroll and Human Resource functions
- WHS and Risk Management

Another year has passed and the Corporate services team have been very busy and productive. Workflow improvements are always at the forefront of the team's agenda to ensure quality customer service. The Corporate Services staff are committed to continue to provide excellent customer service and support internally.

With records management staff focusing on reviewing policies and procedures across the organisation we have continued to meet the requirements of the State Records Act. We are in early discussions with a software provider to move to a fully

electronic Records Management System.

Work is still continuing in the area of leases and licences with many groups establishing licences in shared facilities and new facilities made available to long term users of Council's facilities.

Where appropriate and with a focus on ensuring the community are responsible for their own assets we have seen a move toward land only leases.

A breakdown of some of the work undertaken within the corporate services department in 2014/15 is as follows:

Records Management

Records Management encompasses the care and control of records from their receipt or creation to either ultimate destruction or retention as an archive.

Records are a vital aspect of Council business. The ability to effectively manage and maintain them has become an important function of Council in order to ensure all records can meet any legal, evidential, fiscal, accountabilities and legislative requirements. An ongoing records management project is in place which will ensure that substantial improvements continue to be made in Council's record keeping practices and will assist Council to reach compliance with the State Records Act 1997 and

various standards and guidelines issued by State Records.

Supporting activities and initiatives for the Records Management system were:

- Contractor (Max Montgomery Pty Ltd) spent 30 days sorting and sentencing inactive and old records.
- Applied for and received destruction approval from State Records for 35.6 metres of inactive sentenced records as listed by contractor.
- Records Management Officers continuing to provide training to all staff in use of RM system.
- Developing new procedures to process the records due for destruction in line with the new guidelines issued by The Department of Premier & Cabinet (State Records).

Information and Communication Technology

Information and Communication Technology is a key component in Council's ability to process information and deliver communication with the broader community. Through constant innovation and technology development Council continually aspires for improvement in service delivery to the community. The Council supports the information and communication services of the Kadina, Wallaroo and Moonta Libraries and the Farmshed Tourist Centre.

Council continues to monitor and develop its new telephone system as this provides important efficiencies to the staff and the community. There

have also been advances in Business Continuity and Emergency Planning through planning and technology.

A Strategic ICT has been developed to encompass Council's rapid growth of service provision aspiring to improve telephony, community broadband initiatives, asset management systems and the implementation of Spatial Data programs.

The Council continues to broaden staff knowledge and expertise through ICT training programs aimed to improve service productivity and functionality to better serve the Copper Coast community.

A project was completed to improve the website during this financial year.

WHS Report 2014/2015

This year has been a challenging time for Council in regards to continuing to put the new WHS legislation in place but by doing so we have been able to complete a lot of actions to increase safety within the Council and public.

Council continuously strives to maintain high standards of practice in the areas of WHS and also Risk Management. These practices are reviewed annually and monitored by Local Government Association by way of Auditing Councils performance and providing feedback to Council in such areas as Contractor management, Training and Accident or Incidents both internally and in the community.

Council continues to enhance its WHS responsibilities by continually reviewing its safety plan. This plan has allowed Council to identify deficiencies in the areas of WHS and make necessary changes required to

achieve favorable outcomes for both its staff and the community.

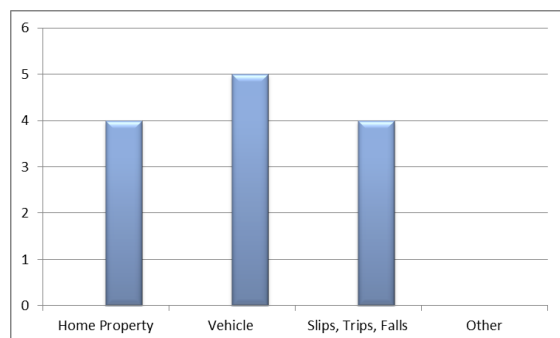
Public Safety

The District Council of the Copper Coast is committed to providing for its residents and visitors to the Copper Coast area a safe environment. This is done via consultation with the Community, feedback provided to Council via Customer Requests and Accident Incident Forms from the public.

Council continues to monitor events of WHS and risk to the community and seeks to continue improvements in these areas constantly.

Council openly welcomes consultation from the broader community to be able to maintain a high standard in WHS and Risk Management and can only fix problem areas if notified.

	2013/2014	2014/2015
Home Property	0	4
Vehicle	2	5
Slips, Trips, Falls	6	4
Other	0	0



*The chart above indicates how many community accidents and incident claims were reported and in what areas these occurred.

Council Staff Safety

Council regards its staff as its greatest asset and continues to strive to provide better knowledge and support in matters of Health and Risk.

Council schedules regular health assessment checks for its employees which includes heart health, diabetes monitoring, health, lifestyle options and also skin cancer screening. This is done so Council can assist their staff to have a better quality of life both at work and at home and to identify any health concerns employees may have so they can source treatment options if required.

Council encourages its staff to report hazards and any accidents or incidents so it can try to eliminate these and improve the working environment for its employees.

Training of staff in regards to Safety is also an integral part of WHS and Risk Management. This ensures our staff have a better understanding of their responsibilities to themselves and their fellow workers and assist the general public if required to do so.

Council will continue to explore options to increase the level of knowledge of its employees and to continually strive to improve WHS and Risk Management in all areas.



Community Services

Copper Coast Library Service



One Card was introduced in May 2013 and continues to attract more users with the convenience of 24/7 access to an online catalogue where 4 million items including books, DVDs, CDs and magazines in libraries across SA can be found and reserved for collection at their local library.

Access to digital services is also available through the One Card and an increase in content to e-books, e-audio and e-magazines provides additional flexibility for users.

Library Services

The Council provides library services in all 3 major towns of the Copper Coast. Library services, free internet access and wireless access are available 7 days a week across the Council area.



Kadina Library

The Copper Coast Library - Kadina is a joint use library servicing the District Council of the Copper Coast and TAFE SA is open 48 hours per week.



Wallaroo Library

The Copper Coast Library - Wallaroo is co-located with the Council office at the Old Railway Station is open 25 hours per week.



Moonta Library

The Copper Coast Library - Moonta is a school/community library located at Moonta Area School to provide a library service to the staff, students and community of Moonta and is open 32.5 hours per week.

Statistics

The following are statistics for Copper Coast Libraries for 2014/15

Visits	154313
Borrowers	7517
Reservations filled	12114
Incoming Transits (from other libraries)	33091
Outgoing transits (to other libraries)	44196

The materials grant income from the Libraries Board of SA is based on funding per capita allowing the purchase and addition of new items to the collection as well as access to the centralised state wide services including e-resources, print disability, online databases and community languages.

E-Resources



E-Books & E-Audio are available through Overdrive which is a service for library customers to borrow digital formats (e-books and e-audio) and download them to their individual devices using their One Card registration. The service has proven to be very successful with extensive loans and a continual growth of content available.



E-Magazines were introduced December 2014 with 42 subscription titles available to download to digital devices. This wonderful service has been embraced by the community who are now downloading free current and back issues of a variety of magazine titles to enjoy.

Information Technology

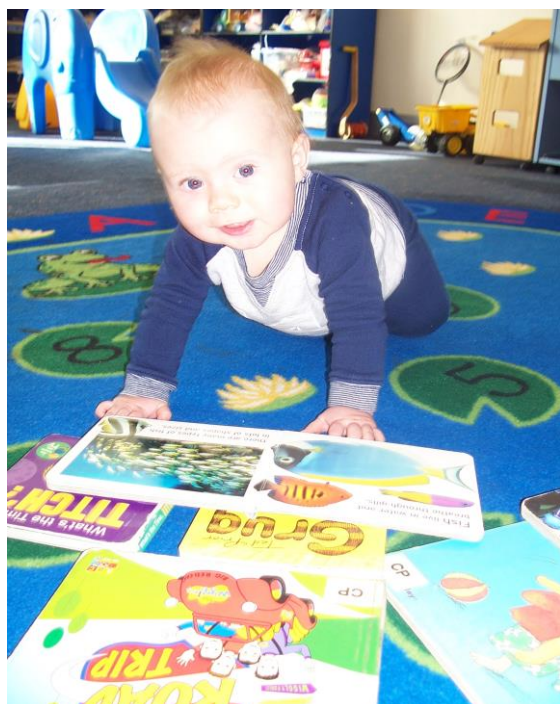


The Libraries Board of SA provide free internet access and free wireless access to each library site.

Library staff appreciate the difficulties experienced accessing new technologies and as such assistance is offered to help people gain digital skills.

Kadina Library host a Savvy Seniors program every Wednesday morning and one-on-one assistance is available at Moonta Library on Thursday evenings.

Toy Library



Fun in the Toy Library

The Toy Library is an additional service provided at the Kadina Library. Integrated in the main library within the children's area it is available during all library opening hours.

The collection is well used and now includes 307 toys, games, puzzles and active play toys for preschoolers. 448 members are registered to use this service and recorded 1942 loans this past year.



Accessibility

Support and funding from Council's Disability Discrimination Act Committee saw additional resources purchased to assist those with a

disability and also support the needs of our ageing community determined by Elder Friendly Project outcomes.

Programs & Other Services

The library service actively participates, develops and presents a wide range of programs to the community:

Home Delivery

This service is available to those who cannot independently visit the library themselves. Library resources are delivered to people in their homes in all 3 Copper Coast towns and also to the Aged Care facilities.



Read & Rhyme Time

On Tuesdays during term time sessions are held at the Moonta Library. Participation numbers remain consistently high with babies, toddlers and their parents/carers enjoying this Early Learning opportunity.

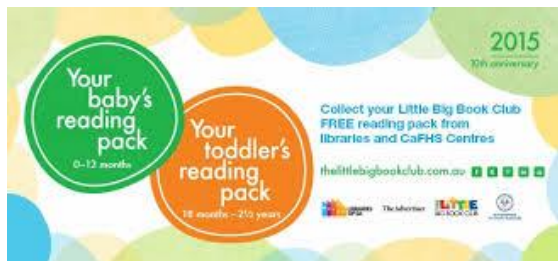
Rhythm & Rhyme Time

Held every Thursday during term time at Kadina Library this session introduces babies and toddlers to language and literacy through rhymes, songs and music to assist with development and understanding of rhythm, rhyme and rare words. They develop an appreciation of the library environment from a young age and it supports parents/carers in a social atmosphere. Numbers have increased and remain consistent from week to week.

BookBugs Storytime for Preschoolers

Held every Friday at Kadina Library this session supports the early learning and literacy needs of toddlers and their parents/carers.

This extremely popular weekly program offers stories, rhymes, songs and crafts to attendees to assist with their preschool learning.



Little Big Book Club

Libraries support this wonderful statewide project distributing Babies and Toddlers with reading packs to encourage reading in the home.



School Holiday Activities

A program is offered for primary school aged children every school holidays with activities held at both the Kadina and Wallaroo libraries. Each session involves a story and craft activity based on the theme for that particular holiday break. Children and the accompanying adults have enjoyed participating in these events.

Summer Reading Competition

This attracted a large number of children who participated by recording books they read during the summer

holidays to enable them to be eligible for local and state prizes.



Premiers Reading Challenge

This state wide challenge continues to inspire children to read with an incentive presented to each successful reader at the end of each year. The library supports this additional program and has a large collection of the appropriate resources available for easy selection.

Book Club

The Kadina group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month to discuss a preselected book and share other books that participants have read. Over a cuppa and afternoon tea many a literary idea has been shared.

Moonta Library coordinates 2 successful book clubs for users of this library service.

Author Events

Moonta Library has held many successful author events including hosting local authors Tricia Stringer and Roger Norris-Green.

They also hosted Meet the Writers for the Kernewek Lowender Cornish Festival with a meet and greet presentation and morning tea.

Partnerships

TAFESA

The Kadina Library continues to support the learning needs of TAFESA students and staff offering orientations, resource based learning sessions and one on one support.

Give the Gift of Reading

This initiative began with the Playford Council in 2012 and other libraries including the Copper Coast joined the program in 2013. Community members are encouraged to purchase a book for a child and place it under the Library Xmas Tree. These books were then donated to Wesley Uniting to distribute to local families in need for Xmas. It is a very successful project that ensures that the Gift of Reading is valued and supported. The 2014 participation was an increase from previous years with many children receiving a gift of reading.

5000 Poppies

This initiative was a community tribute of respect and remembrance for ANZAC Day and the community embraced the challenge of knitting and crocheting poppies for local and national display. 1000s of poppies were crafted and donated in the Copper Coast.



OPAL

All 3 libraries are keen to promote OPAL to their communities and info boards are located at each library to display the main themes and ideas of the OPAL project. Resources and active play toys are available through the Kadina Toy Library.

Childrens' Services

All child care centres, preschools and schools are supported with onsite visits and loans of resources. The Kadina Preschool Centre visit the Kadina Library twice a week to participate in a story and activity and the Kadina Child Care Centre visit weekly.

Wallaroo Pre-school also regularly visited Wallaroo Library.

In addition to these regular visits other preschool and school children from the area visited with their class during the year and participated in storytelling, activities and Childrens' Book Week celebrations.

U3A(University of the Third Age)

Meeting space and facilities at both the Kadina and Moonta libraries have once again been used by U3A to run their courses. This is strongly supported by the library as it ensures the availability of Lifelong Learning to the community.

Talking Times

Volunteers are hosted weekly at the Kadina Library on behalf of the Royal Society of the Blind to read, digitally record and distribute the Yorke Peninsula Country Times to vision impaired recipients.



YPFHG: (Yorke Peninsula Family History Group)



The Kadina Local History Room contains a shared collection of information and resources and the YPFHG provide volunteers twice a week to assist with enquiries. This valuable support is also provided for major events such as Kernewek Lowender and SA History Month in May when many visitors sought information about their families and ancestors.



Tax Help



e-tax

A volunteer assists low income earners with submitting E-Tax by appointment. This extremely popular service is well patronised with over 100 returns being completed by the volunteer between July and October. This effort was acknowledged at a presentation by the Tax Regional Coordinator who awarded both the Kadina Library as host location and the volunteer for their assistance in providing this service.

Community Visitors Scheme

Over the past 12 months 40 Community visitors have completed a total of 1,200 visits. These volunteers have provided one to one visits with 50 residents living in local aged care homes.

- Number of aged care homes visited is 12
- Number of volunteer enquiries was 12
- New volunteers for the year is 5 with 3 currently in the process of being matched with a resident
- 13 volunteers were rematched with a new resident

Morning and afternoon teas, with residents and their community visitors, have been held at several of the aged care homes over the past 12 months. These events are always well attended and enjoyed by all.

Staff from the Aged Care homes provide regular feedback on the benefits to the community visitors make to residents lives. Having a regular visitor gives many residents something to look forward to in their day.

Many volunteers express how wonderful their relationship is with the resident that they visit. Retirees probably make up the majority of Community Visitors, however they are all ages with the youngest being 20 years old.



Some of our Community Visitor Scheme Volunteers who participated in the Volunteer's Week walk.

Arts and Community Development Visual Arts

Art Galleries

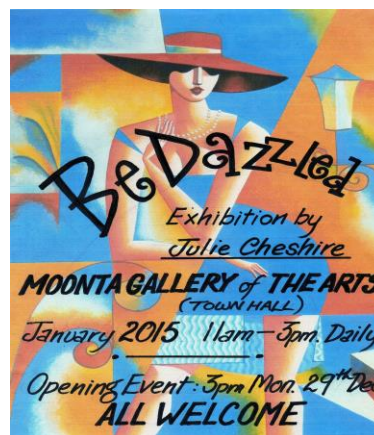


Council's Art Galleries are situated in the Ascot Theatre, Kadina and at the Moonta Town Hall.

During the last year a broad variety of exhibitions were held featuring local artists and visiting Country Arts exhibitions.

The Ascot Theatre exhibitions are overseen by members of the Copper Country Keepsakes and volunteers. The biennial Kernewek Lowender was held again this year with a wonderful exhibition of work. With the centenary of Gallipoli in 2015 both galleries had outstanding exhibitions to commemorate that historic event.

The Moonta Gallery is similarly administered by volunteers and also boasts exhibitions by local and interstate artists including "Bedazzled" by Julie Cheshire and the inaugural photographic exhibition by the Copper Coast Photographic Group in February 2015.



Statewide Cinema has regular movie screenings at The Ascot Theatre and Moonta Town Hall.

Community Development

Elder Friendly Communities

State Government funding to the District Council of the Copper Coast for the Elder Friendly Communities Program ended in June 2012, however the Kadina group has continued to meet on a regular basis.

Although Council's direct involvement in the project has ceased, representatives of the group regularly meet with Council senior staff to provide their experienced input into various Council projects.

Volunteering Resource Centre

The Volunteer Resource Centre is located in the Council office at Moonta and is now manned by volunteers from the Moonta Branch of the National Trust.

Celebration of Employment

The Celebration of Employment Awards was an initiative of the District Council of the Copper Coast in 2007 to recognise outstanding employees, apprentices, trainees and employers

within the area of the then Regional Development Board which included the District Councils of the Copper Coast, Barunga West, Yorke Peninsula and the Wakefield Regional Council.

Since the initial awards ceremony and dinner in Kadina in 2007, awards have been presented in Maitland in 2008, Balaklava in 2009, Port Broughton in 2010, Wallaroo in 2011, Ardrossan in 2012, back to Balaklava in 2013 and Bute in 2014.

Many of the successful award recipients and nominees have gone on to achieve outstanding success in the community.

Disability Services

In 2010 Council engaged consultants to prepare a Disabilities Discrimination Action Plan to identify areas of possible disability discrimination in Council's facilities and services and in 2014 that Plan was reviewed to 2017.

An advisory group assists the Community Services Director to administer the annual budget allocation.

Included in the 2014/15 projects Council constructed disabled access to the Apex train in Victoria square Kadina, provided disabled access to the George Street entrance to the Moonta Town Hall and provided hand rails and ramps in Taylor Street Kadina.



APEX Train – Victoria Square, Kadina

Retirement Units

Council operates 37 retirement units throughout the Copper Coast being 12 at Lowender Court Moonta, 10 at McCauley Homes Moonta and 15 at Y-Hafan Retirement Units Wallaroo.

The very popular fully self-contained units vary in size from 1 to 3 bedrooms and are maintained by Council utilizing maintenance fees paid by residents.



Council Retirement Units in Wallaroo

OPAL

The OPAL Program was a Federal, State and Local Government funded childhood obesity prevention initiative which aims “to improve eating and activity patterns of children, and thereby increasing the proportion of 0-18 year olds in the healthy weight range”.

The OPAL Program focused on six goals to bring about change across the community and these healthy eating and physical activity goals are:-

- Healthy Food Choices available in outlets
- Healthy Meals produced in and from home
- Local Healthy Food production, access and distribution
- Active Travel journeys
- Active Leisure participation
- Use of Parks, Space and Places

The 5 year program was completed on
June 30 2015

Copper Coast Sports and Leisure Centre

The Copper Coast Sports and Leisure Centre was originally built in 1976 with funding from various Government Grants, Local Council Funding and the generosity of the local residents and businesses.

In 2010 it was decided to alter the management structure of the complex with Belgravia Leisure being engaged to oversee the operations and initiate a new style of marketing and management.

The complex will undergo significant redevelopment in 2015/2016 thanks to funding from Council, State and Federal Governments and the generous community.

Work was completed during 2014/15 on the Program Pool at the rear of the complex.

STARCLUB Field Officer Program

The STARCLUB Field Officer (SFO) Program is a partnership between the South Australian Office for Recreation and Sport (State Government), regional councils (District Council of the Copper Coast) and local community organisations. Funding for the SFO Program has been secured until at least 2018/19 and will continue to support the local community in all areas of sport and recreation. Throughout 2014/15, the SFO has worked with sport and active recreation clubs and associations throughout the Copper Coast, as well as the Yorke Peninsula and Lower Mid North region to provide a regionally based sport and active recreation

resource. The SFO has worked with council and the community to:

- Provide a vital and valued link between program stakeholders;
- Develop well managed and sustainable clubs;
- Build sporting organisations' capacity to deliver quality programs; and
- Ensure effective management and use of sport and recreation facilities.

It was great to see over 300 volunteers from organisations in the region undertook subsidised training in the areas of grant writing, financial management, child safe environments, responsible service of alcohol and social media. Council, clubs and associations have also accessed over \$950,000 of Office for Recreation and Sport grant funding to complete a brilliant range of club development and facility improvement projects within the Copper Coast community.

Currently (as of July 2015), there are 36 clubs and associations registered with the STARCLUB Club Development Program within the Copper Coast from Paskeville, Moonta, Kadina, Wallaroo, Wallaroo Mines, Port Hughes and Cunliffe. If your club or association would like to join this list it is very simple, please contact SFO Kristian Whitaker through kwhitaker@wakefieldrc.sa.gov.au for a friendly chat.



recsport.sa.gov.au/starclub

Tourism

Tourism continues to be a major contributor to the economic development of the Copper Coast.

There are many ways that Tourism contributes directly and indirectly to the local economy.

The tourism industry also directly and indirectly is a major factor in the creation of employment opportunities in our region.

Employment is directly created in; accommodation, cafes, restaurants, takeaway food services, clubs, pubs, taverns and bars and also in retail trade businesses.

The majority of tourism income comes from domestics overnight visitors who spend on average \$132.00 per night while they are enjoying all that our region offers.

To have a share in those visits, and the benefits they bring to the local economy, the District Council of the Copper Coast, (DCCC), continues to actively promote Tourism within our region using a number of marketing initiatives.

During the 2014/2015 financial year the Copper Coast was represented through; contributing to the production and distribution of the Copper Coast Visitor Guide, interaction via social media, representation at several consumer shows and advertorial in many National and Regional publications.

The DCCC Tourism Department continues to work with tourism operators in the Copper Coast to ensure we keep them informed on

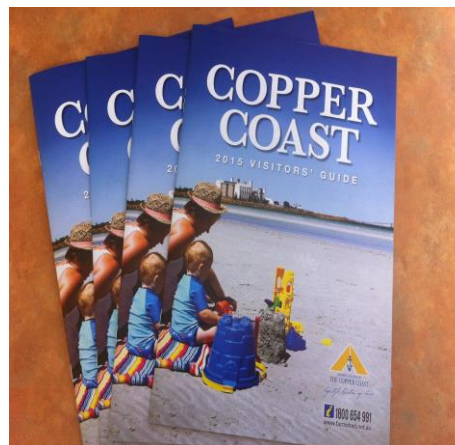
activities occurring within the tourism industry.

A new format has been developed for a Tourism Newsletter, "What's Happening", which is sent out fortnightly and covers the Copper Coast and Yorke Peninsula regions. The Newsletter distributes details on upcoming events and local tourism news.

Copper Coast Tourism Centre

The Copper Coast Tourism Centre is a multi-purpose facility delivering a number of community services that are related to Event Management and Tourism. The key role of the SA Tourism Accredited Centre is providing reliable service and information to our residents and our visitors.

Copper Coast Visitor Guide



During the 2014/2015 financial year the Copper Coast was represented through; contributing to the production and distribution of the Copper Coast Visitor Guide.

The Yorke Peninsula Country Times in conjunction with the Copper Coast Visitor Information Centre produced the 2015 Copper Coast Visitor Guide.

The Guide is of a high standard and continually proves to be an important collaborative marketing tool for the region and is also widely distributed throughout South Australia. The guide is released annually in December with a print run of 40,000 copies.

The Farm Shed Museum

The National Trust owned Farm Shed Museum continues to be highly regarded as one of the State's best museums. 3206 people visited the museum over the last twelve months.

Visitors are overwhelmed by the sheer size of the display, the amount of information provided, its professional layout and the attention to detail.

The hard working National Trust volunteers continue to add new displays and features to the museum.

There are a number of regular visitors who return to see the upgrades to existing displays and to see what new displays have been created

Copper Coast Visitor Information Centre

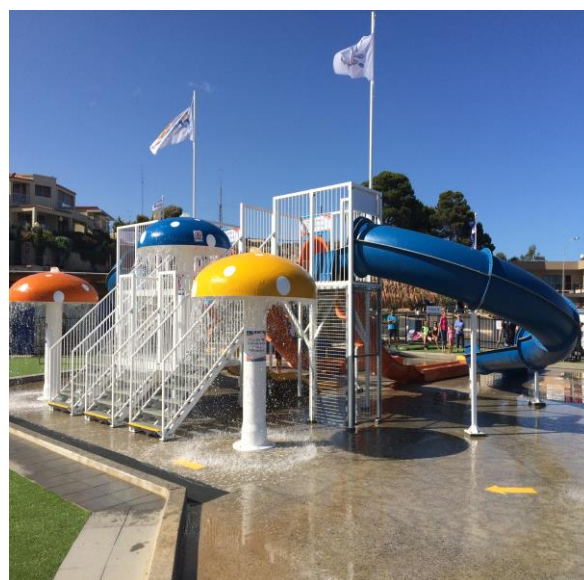
The Copper Coast Visitor Information Centre operates as an Accredited Visitor Information Centre. The Centre aims to enhance visitor experiences while they are touring the Copper Coast and neighbouring regions.

The tourism staff are happy to share their extensive local knowledge and offer great advice on what to do while in the Copper Coast.

The visitor centre is a member of the 'Eat Local' program, which helps to promote regional businesses who offer local produce to consumers. The visitor centre prides itself on stocking locally made produce including: oils,

olives, honey, chocolates, jams, and sauces

The Copper Coast was recognised for its service and facilities in the South Australian Tourism Commission 2014 State Tourism Awards and was awarded a Silver Medal.



Splash Town Water Park – Moonta Bay

Training and Meeting Facilities

The Training and Meeting facilities available within the Centre continue to be in regular use by a wide range of government and private organisations for training and meetings.

The availability for hire of a large shed with an adjoining lecture room remains unique to the training and meeting market. Many agricultural companies conduct machinery and product training at the facility. Participants travel from interstate and overseas to attend the training sessions.

Copper Coast Indoor Play Centre

The Copper Coast Tourism Centre is also where you will find the “Copper Coast Indoor Play Centre”. The Play Centre which has been operating since September 2014 offers a safe relaxed environment where locals and visitors can get away from the weather extremes and enjoy the modern indoor play equipment. The Play Centre caters for children’s birthday parties and caters for the needs of parenting groups.



Play Cafe

Copper Coast Region Old Machinery & Engineering Club

The ‘Copper Coast Region Old Machinery and Engineering Club’ whom operate the Mini Railway adjacent to the Tourism Centre have had another successful year.

The Mini Railway is coordinated by volunteers and runs on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.



Mini Railway



Tourism sits within Council’s economic objective - To facilitate economic prosperity, balanced growth and the enhancement of the Copper Coast

Events

Events continue to be important economic contributors to the local economy. Events are important drivers of regional tourism. Events highlight local attractions and encourage extended stays by visitors. The more significant events staged in the Copper Coast highlight our music, food, sport and cultural strengths.

Sporting events and competitions have a strong niche appeal and encourage participants and spectators to travel further from their homes and to remain away for longer.

Tourism Research Australia figures released in March 2015 show that the average 'sports tourist', and their accompanying partners, spend an average of \$242.00 per person per day.

This results in strong economic benefit to the Copper Coast region.

Regional Events

In 2014/2015 there were a number of significant regional events held in the Copper Coast. This included;

- The Copper Coast Kernewek Lowender – The World's Largest Cornish Festival
- Yorke Peninsula Centenary of ANZAC/Gallipoli Commemoration
- Bowls SA Supa Series
- Copper Coast Rockin & Revin Weekend
- Australian National Angling Championships
- Big Gig – Music Concert

Other Major Events

The District Council of the Copper Coast supported the community in staging a number of events, including;

- Athletics SA Copper Coast Fun Run
- Bowls SA events

- SANFL Country Championships
- Volleyball SA School Beach Volleyball Carnival
- Over 60's Cricket Carnival

Community Events

Council also provided assistance to community organisations to stage;

- Kadina Show
- National Trust and Rotary Markets
- Moonta Antiques & Collectables Fair
- Make A Wish Activities
- Christmas and New Year's Eve activities



Kernewek Lowender Grand Parade



Apex Australia Day Breakfast at Wallaroo



Yorke Peninsula Centenary of ANZAC/Gallipoli Commemoration

Wallaroo North Beach Tourist Park

The Wallaroo North Beach Tourist Park continues to have one of the highest visitation rates on Yorke Peninsula. It boasts a variety of alternative accommodation from unpowered sites to fully self contained six berth cabins, disabled friendly units and equipment, and spa units.

Council has completed the refurbishment of 16 beachfront units to four star plus ratings.

Managers Michael and Emma Byrne and staff have delivered a new vitality to the park which now boasts a wealth of new ideas including hire equipment consisting of Segways, Go-karts, Kayaks just to name a few.



Wallaroo North Beach Managers Michael and Emma Byrne with Assistant Managers Aaron and Caitlin Gray

Cemeteries

Councils' cemeteries at Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo and Greens Plains are all attractively landscaped and maintained. As well as general sections all cemeteries have a niche wall with Kadina and Wallaroo also have a rose garden. Kadina has an attractive lawn area that was a joint initiative between the local service clubs and Council.

Cemetery Interments for 2014/15

A total of 68 burials were recorded:

Kadina	29
Moonta	20
Wallaroo	18
Greens Plains	01

A total of 28 ashes were interred:

Kadina	13
Moonta	9
Wallaroo	7
Greens Plains	0





Infrastructure Services

The Infrastructure Services Department plans for new infrastructure and manages and maintains Councils existing civil assets including:

- Roads
- Footpaths and Cycle Tracks
- Stormwater
- Recreation and Open Space Assets including Parks, Gardens and Foreshores
- Waste Management
- Waste Water (Community Wastewater Management Schemes and Waste Water Treatment Plant
- Buildings and Property

The department also maintains four Council Cemeteries and also oversees the development of new residential and commercial subdivisions as well as providing extensive customer service for the community. Infrastructure Services undertakes these duties with field staff, plant and machinery based at Council depots in Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo.

Council's internal Construction staff have again been complimented by the use of private contractors during the course of the year.

Contractors are used for projects such as road construction (asphalt, kerbing and lighting), stormwater drainage, hire of plant, building upgrades, effluent and sewerage scheme constructions, footpath construction and various materials supply.

A range of other training and refresher courses have also been provided to staff including:

- Dangerous Dog Handling
- Welding
- Asbestos Awareness
- LGAMLS Aerodrome Risk Management
- Sodium Hydrochloride Handling
- Elevator Work Platform
- Aerodrome Reporting Officers
- Gas Detection
- Mex Maintenance Software
- Injury Management Training for Supervisors
- Fire Warden
- White card
- Code of Conduct
- Chemcert AQF Level 3
- Emergency First Aid
- Providing First Aid
- Bobcat/Skid steer
- Cert III Civil Construction
- Arboriculture Cert III
- Armed Hold Up
- Locator Awareness
- White Card
- Code of Conduct

Road Length Data

	SEALED	FORMED	UN-FORMED	TOTAL
2014/15	kms	kms	kms	kms
BUILT UP	210.38	48.35		258.73
NON BUILT UP	72.52	500.16		572.67
TOTAL	282.90	548.51	96.18	927.59

Major Capital Works Projects for 2014/15

KADINA:

Program Pool

The program Pool has been completed, the construction of a program pool has been incorporated as part of the Copper Coast Sport and Leisure Centre. The location of the pool utilised the recently vacated football change rooms and was renovated to current disabled access standards.

Activities include learn to swim programs, hydrotherapy groups, sporting teams recovery and aqua aerobics.



Kadina CBD Trial

In line with concept designs developed through consultation with the community and businesses the Kadina CBD trial commenced in October 2014 within a section of Graves Street. The trial had been developed to merge the two lane one way traffic into one single lane between Goyder and Hallett Streets. The trial included protuberances, new line marking, and signage for short term parking, information and traffic flows, plant boxes with streetscape trees, central



pedestrian crossing and paving samples.

The concept of the trial was to provide the community with an opportunity to have further input into the development of the Kadina CBD. Information signage was displayed within the trial area encouraging feedback.



Works on the Kadina CBD Trial

Footpaths

During the 2014/2015 financial year Council has constructed over 4.5km's of footpaths in Moonta, Wallaroo and Kadina.

The construction of these paths have been part of Council's strategic plan to complete outstanding subdivisions.

Free Tree Day

As part of the District Council of the Copper Coast's "Green Up" initiative, a total of 970 out of 1500 trees were distributed to residents. Broken down into townships the total trees distributed: Kadina 410, Wallaroo 320 and Moonta 240. The remaining trees were dispursed through various Council projects; one of these projects included the Resource Recovery Centre.

National Tree Planting Day

As part of National Tree Planting Day on Wednesday 23rd July 2014 Harvest Christian School students planted 150 Eucalyptus Trees on a small reserve within Abbott Drive Kadina.

Over the years with the participation of local schools within the Copper Coast Council area we have managed to increase the flora within the Copper Coast area. We appreciate all schools ongoing participation with this positive initiative.





Some of the 150 Trees planted by Teachers and Students from Harvest Christian School

MOONTA:

Community Waste Water Scheme – Moonta, Moonta Bay and Port Hughes

Stage 2 works include Moonta proper and the remaining sections of Moonta Bay. These works approximately involve 1775 new sewer connections, 37km of gravity drainage, 6km rising mains and 10 new pump stations.

These works also include connecting existing smaller Septic Tank Effluent Disposal Scheme (STEDS) to the overall Community Waste Water Management Scheme (CWMS).



Gravity main installation - Bay Road, Moonta



Gravity Main installation - Snell Avenue Port Hughes



Pump Station 3A installation at Port Hughes

Rossiters Road

This project was part of a successful \$400 000 grant received through the Moonta Stormwater Study.

Works included an underground stormwater network including the outfall infiltration basin. In addition to the roadwork's Council staff undertook revegetation on the infiltration basin, including delineating a safe access

path from Rossiters Road to the beach.



Under Construction

Moonta Bay Water Park

“Splash Town”

The Moonta Bay water park “Splash Town” has been completed opening to the public December 24th 2014.

Works included the construction of a new change room/toilet facility replacing the existing toilet block. This project was part of a successful grant from the State Government.

The water park consists of four large water slides, one kiddie slide, several large mushrooms and a large tipping bucket.



Visitors and Copper Coast Community enjoying the Completed Project



WALLAROO:

Wallaroo Rail corridor

These works included a 2.5 metre wide exposed aggregate path with stormwater upgrades, seating, plantings, signage and safe pedestrian crossings at the Irwin Street and May's Crossing intersections.



Wallaroo Playground

As part of Council's successful \$100,000 Local Government Stimulus Grant the Wallaroo playground situated at the corner of Irwin Street

and John Terrace Wallaroo has been upgraded.

These works included new Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant footpaths, new playground furniture, replacing the existing shade sail, painting of the shelter and a hedge fence. Part of this project also includes an outside classroom with raised lawn areas on the western side of the playground between the playground and Council Office.

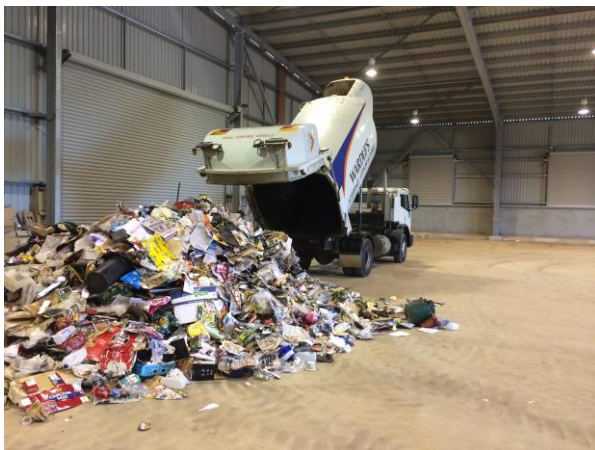
The new playground provides an open atmosphere linking this development to the Wallaroo central corridor project.



Resource Recovery Centre

The Copper Coast Resource Recovery Centre opened to the public 1st of July 2014. The Resource Recovery Centre demonstrates Council's commitment to improving waste management for the future of our community.

The Resource Recovery Centre is an organised, structured facility promoting recycling and working towards a benefit to our environment



North Beach Tourist Park

As part of Council's commitment to improve the North Beach Tourist Park's facilities, units 7 through to 12 were renovated and completed within 2014. This included bathroom and kitchen upgrades, tiling, new flooring, painting and new fittings throughout.



Depots

Council operates out of three works depots, with Kadina being the principal depot, housing the workshop, primary plant storage and areas for materials storage.

The Moonta sub-depot, houses maintenance plant, has a small workshop for the maintenance of signs and small plant. It too has a storage area for materials.

The Wallaroo sub-depot also houses maintenance plant, has a small workshop for the maintenance of signs and small plant and storage areas for materials and the majority of Parks and Gardens equipment.

Copper Coast Resource Recovery Centre

The Copper Coast Resource Recovery Centre opened to the public 1st of July 2014.

This site was for the receivable of putrescible waste, recyclable material, green waste and hardfill.

The recycled materials were sent to a Material Recovery Centre in Adelaide.

Approximately 5100 tonnes of putrescible waste was landfilled at Kadina in 2014/15.

Approximately 1200 tonnes of recycled material was collected in 2014/2015.

Gate takings at the Resource Recovery Centre were approximately 200m³ of refuse, 4000m³ of green waste, 4000m³ of hardfill, 1000m³ of cardboard and 100m³ of steel collected in 2014/2015.

Copper Coast Council recycle depot also offers a waste oil collection unit where waste oil can be deposited free of charge.

TechCollect Program

From the 29th of April 2013 Kadina Recycle Depot now offers a free e-waste drop off. Unwanted computers, computer accessories and televisions can be dropped off for recycling, free of charge. e-waste will be recycled into many components which can have another useful life instead of going to landfill.

drumMUSTER

The District Council of the Copper Coast has an ongoing drumMUSTER collection (held every Thursday at the Resource Recovery Centre). All bookings are to be made (closing Tuesday each week) by contacting the centre.

The Council has collected a total of 2976 drums in 2014/15 that would have otherwise been buried as landfill.

Kerbside Collections

Kerbside waste is managed under contract for the collection of putrescibles waste collection, recyclables and green waste.

Kerbside Green Waste

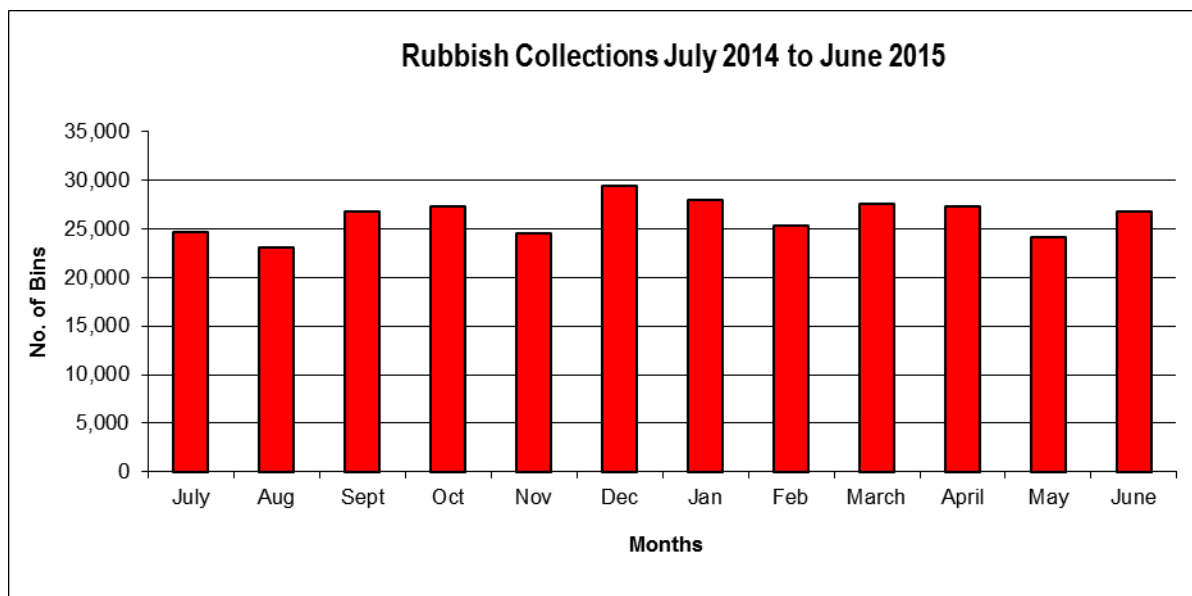
Council recently implemented an optional green waste collection. Council's contractor collects green waste in 240 litre bins on a monthly basis. Approximately 110 tonnes of Green Waste was collected in 2014/2015.

Kerbside Recycling

Council's contractor collects recyclables in 240 litre bins on a fortnightly basis. A total of 1700 tonnes

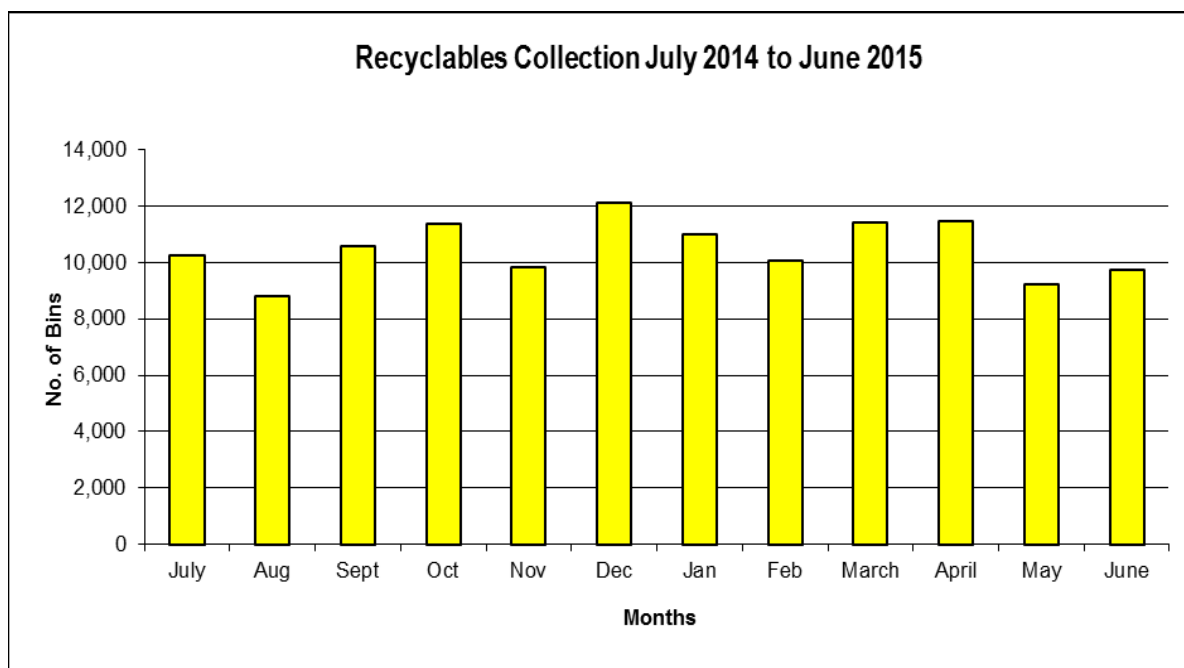
of recyclable materials were taken out of the waste stream in 2014/15. This material was made up mainly of paper, cardboard, steel, plastics and glass

Monthly 120/140 litre Mobile Garbage Bin Rubbish Collections:



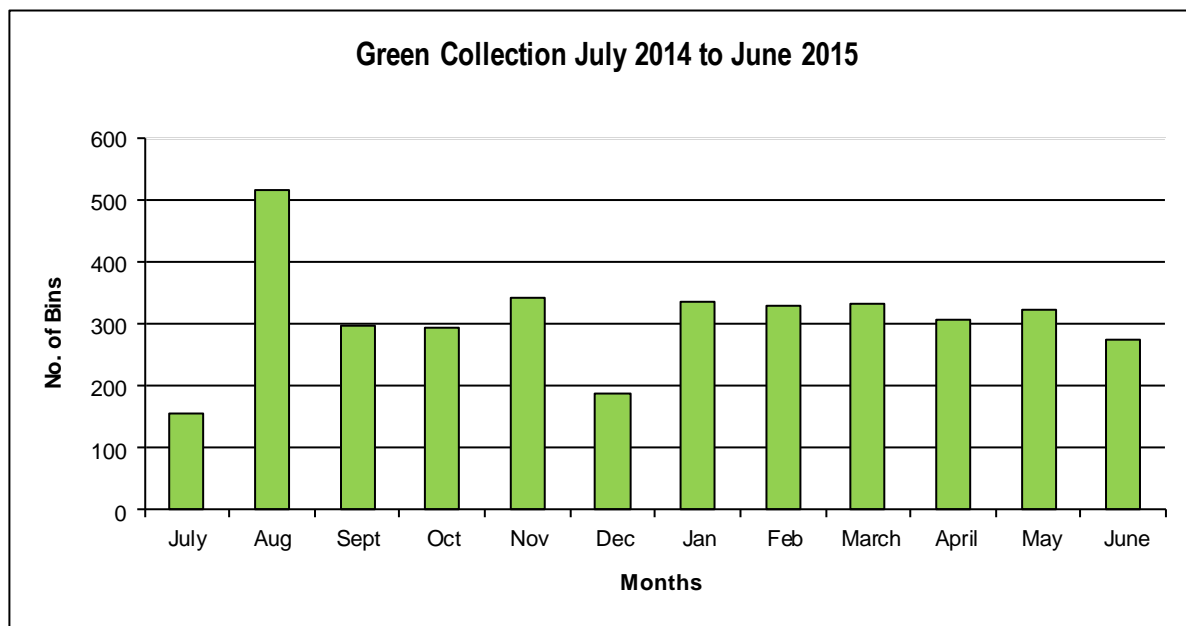
July 2014 - June 2015 - 140 litre bin collection details – Total bins collected 314,804

Monthly 240 litre Mobile Garbage Bin Recyclable Collections:



July 2014 – June 2015- 240 litre bin collection details – Total bins collected 125,962

Monthly 240 litre Mobile Green Waste Collections:



July 2014– June 2015 – 240 litre bin Green Waste Collection – Total bins collected 3,706

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES



lifestyle location of choice

Development Services

Responsibilities

- Town Planning
- Development Approvals
- Building Approvals
- Building Inspections
- Building Fire Safety
- Land Division
- Waste Control System Approvals
- Inspections of Waste Control Systems
- Food Premises inspections
- Food Safety
- Public and Environmental Health
- Dog & Cat Management
- Fire Prevention
- Compliance



Development Applications 2014/2015

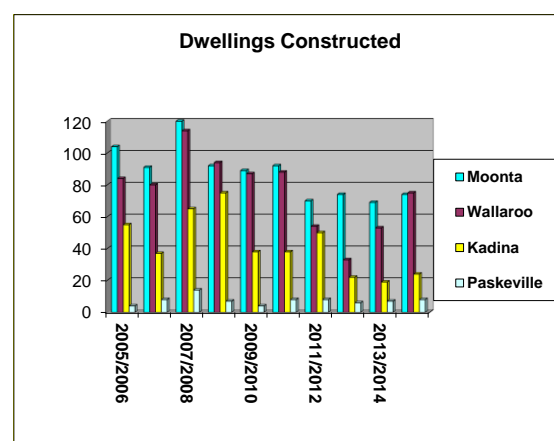
The Development Assessment Department has processed 588 applications during the report year. Of these 181 were new residential dwellings, with a cost of all development totalling approximately

\$58 million, an increase of \$12 million from the previous year.

The majority of applications processed under the Development Act were Category 1 applications that do not require public notification and are generally dealt with by Council's Development Assessment Officers under delegated authority.

DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS 2014/2015	
Nature of Development	Applications Approved
New Dwellings	181
Dwelling Additions	25
Class 10 buildings (sheds, verandahs, carports etc)	320
Commercial & Industrial	22
Land Divisions	37
Other	3
TOTAL	588

In the 2014/2015 Financial Year Council has approved 35 Land Divisions, creating 236 new allotments. Of these allotments 183 are located in Wallaroo, 11 in Moonta/Moonta Bay/Port Hughes, 36 in Kadina and 42 Rural.



There has been an increase in the number of applications received compared to the previous financial year. This reflects the continuing interest in the Copper Coast area for living, working and recreation.

Following are some photos of developments that have been undertaken this financial year.



Photo: Investigator Heights housing development, Wallaroo



Photo: Wallaroo Shopping Centre



Photo: Verandah project, Owen Terrace, Wallaroo

Development Plan Amendment

The public consultation process for Part 2 of the Better Development Plan (BDP) and General Development Plan Amendment (DPA) has been finalized. A public meeting was held at which

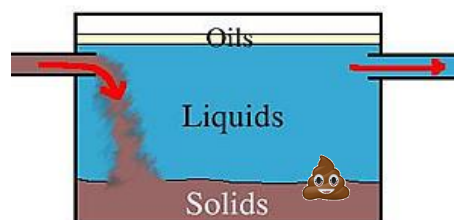
interested persons were heard in relation to the DPA and the submissions.

The submissions were considered at a Special Council meeting and the documentation reflecting Council's recommendations to the Minister for Planning will be finalized and submitted shortly for consideration and gazettal.

Waste Control Systems

The following table shows the number of Waste Control System applications and inspections for the 2014/2015 Financial Year.

Type	No. of Applications	No. of inspections	No. of complaints
Septic Tank	197	157	4



Picture of a septic tank

Immunisation

Council's immunisation programs continued with attendance at secondary schools to administer vaccinations to students.

In conjunction with the childhood immunisation program, Council's immunisation team carried out influenza and Hepatitis B vaccination programs for Council employees.

Food Safety & Education

Council provides information concerning food safety and other health related topics to church, community groups and individuals. This is generally in the form of pamphlets, brochures and site visits. Council also conducts yearly routine food inspections.

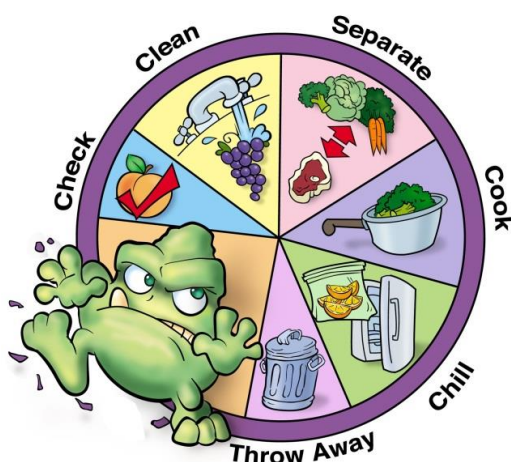
The Environmental Health Officer have also run food safety sessions for Community groups in conjunction with TAFESA Kadina.

Also on Council's website under Environmental Health and Food, there is a Food Safety Short course which enables people to gain a certificate at the end of the session. The link to this is

<http://www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?u=1737>

Council's Environment Health Officers have undertaken:

- 169 Food Premises Inspections this year
- 4 notices issued under the Food Act.
- 6 Food Audits carried out for businesses servicing "Vulnerable Population".



Dog & Cat Management



Authority for the management of dogs and cats within the region is vested in Council under the Dog and Cat Management Act, 1995. The objectives of the Act are to encourage responsible ownership, promote effective management and reduce public and environmental impact from dogs and cats.

The District Council of the Copper Coast Animal Management Plan relating to Cats and Dogs has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Act, adopted by Council and approved by the Dog & Cat Management Board.

During the report year Council carried out the following activities:

- Followed up on 85 complaints received in relation to dogs wandering at large, barking, and dog attacks/harassments,
- Impounded 77 dogs
- Returned 65 impounded dogs to their owners.

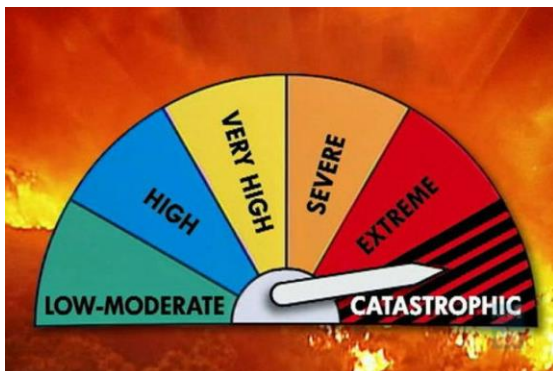
Dog registrations for the 2014/2015 Financial Year totalled 2593.

Dog owners are encouraged to have their dog's microchipped. This ensures a higher success rate in returning lost dogs to their owners.

Requests for cat traps to control Feral Cats within the townships remain constant. Council has 20 traps that are available on loan from the Council Office. Cat owners are urged to ensure their pets wear collars so that they may be easily identified and released if inadvertently seized.

Bushfire Prevention

In the 2014/2015 Financial Year, 524 Section 105F Notices (Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005) were issued to land owners who had not adequately prepared their land for the Fire Danger Season. This resulted in 76 expiations being issued where land owners failed to comply with the requirements outlined in the notices.



GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORTS

For the year ended 30 June 2015



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE COPPER COAST

General Purpose Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2015

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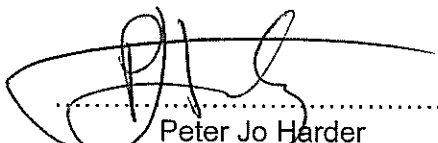
DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE COPPER COAST

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2015


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 2015 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.
- internal controls implemented by the Council provide a reasonable assurance that the Council's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year.
- the financial statements accurately reflect the Council's accounting and other records.



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Peter Jo Harder
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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Date: 21st September, 2015

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE COPPER COAST

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME for the year ended 30 June 2015

	Notes	2015 \$	2014 \$
INCOME			
Rates	2	17,808,777	16,872,473
Statutory charges	2	667,331	577,696
User charges	2	2,664,911	2,346,861
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	2,879,661	1,184,237
Investment income	2	247,233	209,328
Reimbursements	2	471,165	377,300
Other income	2	437,670	483,627
Total Income		25,176,748	22,051,522
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	3	6,484,244	6,273,212
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	8,889,351	14,232,963
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	7,790,616	7,642,962
Finance costs	3	1,189,586	706,491
Total Expenses		24,353,797	28,855,628
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		822,951	(6,804,106)
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	176,313	(3,659,733)
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2	676,290	1,538,512
Physical resources received free of charge	2	405,000	525,000
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		2,080,554	(8,400,327)
transferred to Equity Statement			
Other Comprehensive Income			
<i>Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result</i>			
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	9	4,291,498	-
Total Other Comprehensive Income		4,291,498	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		6,372,052	(8,400,327)

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

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE COPPER COAST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 30 June 2015

		2015	2014
	Notes	\$	\$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	14,644,260	7,852,309
Trade & other receivables	5	2,375,127	1,826,587
Inventories	5	860,937	2,342,036
Total Current Assets		<u>17,880,324</u>	<u>12,020,932</u>
Non-current Assets			
Financial assets	6	779,738	868,250
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	7	266,717,462	255,396,531
Total Non-current Assets		<u>267,497,200</u>	<u>256,264,781</u>
Total Assets		<u>285,377,524</u>	<u>268,285,713</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & other payables	8	2,046,866	2,982,656
Borrowings	8	6,913,951	5,783,008
Provisions	8	1,619,358	1,578,247
		<u>10,580,175</u>	<u>10,343,911</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>10,580,175</u>	<u>10,343,911</u>
Non-current Liabilities			
Borrowings	8	25,594,891	15,090,958
Provisions	8	7,102,646	7,123,084
Total Non-current Liabilities		<u>32,697,537</u>	<u>22,214,042</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>43,277,712</u>	<u>32,557,953</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>242,099,812</u>	<u>235,727,760</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		26,432,807	24,236,698
Asset Revaluation Reserves	9	215,667,005	211,375,507
Other Reserves	9	-	115,555
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>242,099,812</u>	<u>235,727,760</u>

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DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE COPPER COAST

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the year ended 30 June 2015

	Notes	Accumulated Surplus \$	Asset Revaluation Reserve \$	Other Reserves \$	TOTAL EQUITY \$
2015					
Balance at end of previous reporting period		24,236,698	211,375,507	115,555	235,727,760
Adjustment to give effect to changed accounting policies		-	-	-	-
Restated opening balance		24,236,698	211,375,507	115,555	235,727,760
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		2,080,554			2,080,554
Other Comprehensive Income					
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment			4,291,498		4,291,498
Transfers between reserves		115,555		(115,555)	-
Balance at end of period		26,432,807	215,667,005	-	242,099,812
2014					
Balance at end of previous reporting period		32,637,025	211,375,507	115,555	244,128,087
Adjustment to give effect to changed accounting policies		-	-	-	-
Restated opening balance		32,637,025	211,375,507	115,555	244,128,087
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(8,400,327)			(8,400,327)
Transfers between reserves		-		-	-
Balance at end of period		24,236,698	211,375,507	115,555	235,727,760

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

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE COPPER COAST

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS for the year ended 30 June 2015

		2015	2014
		\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>	Notes		
Rates - general & other		17,788,541	17,176,996
Fees & other charges		667,331	623,591
User charges		3,302,492	2,126,361
Investment receipts		251,688	171,683
Grants utilised for operating purposes		2,879,661	1,273,055
Reimbursements		467,923	455,234
Other revenues		218,411	5,167,138
<u>Payments</u>			
Employee costs		(6,444,802)	(6,152,657)
Materials, contracts & other expenses		(11,102,662)	(10,724,178)
Finance payments		(927,241)	(668,475)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities		7,101,342	9,448,748
 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		676,290	1,538,512
Sale of replaced assets		28,214	162,629
Sale of surplus assets		70,000	-
Sale of real estate developments		1,638,921	-
Repayments of loans by community groups		88,512	36,274
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(3,005,888)	(6,921,482)
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		(11,494,000)	(12,319,295)
Development of real estate for sale		54,684	(188,836)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(11,943,267)	(17,692,198)
 CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from borrowings		12,500,000	10,354,000
Proceeds from aged care facility deposits		-	215,000
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of borrowings		(865,124)	(589,408)
Repayment of aged care facility deposits		(1,000)	(161,250)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		11,633,876	9,818,342
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		6,791,951	1,574,892
 Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	10	7,852,309	6,277,417
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	10	14,644,260	7,852,309

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

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE COPPER COAST

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2015

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.

1.1 Basis of Preparation

1.1.1 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*.

1.1.2 Historical Cost Convention

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

1.1.3 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.

1.1.4 Rounding

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

1.2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

The District Council of the Copper Coast is incorporated under the SA Local Government Act 1999 and has its principal place of business at 51 Taylor Street, Kadina, South Australia. These 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.

1.3 Income recognition

Income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Income is recognised when the Council obtains control over the assets comprising the income, or when the amount due constitutes an enforceable debt, whichever first occurs.

Where grants, contributions and donations recognised as incomes during the reporting period were obtained on the condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period, and those conditions were undischarged as at the reporting date, the amounts subject to those undischarged conditions are disclosed in these notes. Also disclosed is the amount of grants, contributions and receivables recognised as incomes in a previous reporting period which were obtained in respect of the Council's operations for the current reporting period.

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE COPPER COAST

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2015

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont)

In the month of June in recent years the Federal Government has paid amounts of untied financial assistance grants, which are recognised on receipt, in advance of the year of allocation. In June 2011, one quarter of the 2011/12 allocation amounting to \$428,624 was paid in advance; in June 2012, two quarters of the 2012/13 allocation \$842,129; and in June 2013, again two quarters of the 2013/14 allocation \$800,248. Accordingly, the operating results of these periods have been distorted compared to those that would have been reported had the grants been paid in a consistent manner. These amounts in advance were adjusted in the 2013/14 financial year. The total amount of the adjustment was \$800,248 which has adversely affected the operating result for that year.

In June 2015, the Federal Government again reverted to paying amounts of untied financial assistance grants in advance of the year of allocation. This resulted in these grant funds being recorded upon receipt and subsequently recorded in the 2014/15 grant income. The grant funds received in advance amounted to \$917,987 for the 2014/15 financial year.

The actual amounts of untied grants received during the reporting periods (including the advance allocations) are disclosed in Note 2.

1.4 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. As there is no profit component, such works are treated as 100% completed. Reimbursements not received are recognised as receivables and reimbursements received in advance are recognised as payments received in advance.

1.5 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

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

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

All receivables are reviewed as at the reporting date and adequate allowance made for amounts the receipt of which is considered doubtful. All financial instruments are recognised at fair value at the date of recognition. A detailed statement of the accounting policies applied to financial instruments forms part of Note 12.

1.6 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.

1.6.1 Real Estate Assets Developments

Real Estate Assets developments have been classified as Inventory in accordance with AASB 102 and are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Cost includes the costs of acquisition, development, borrowing and other costs incurred on financing of that acquisition and up to the time of sale. Any amount by which cost exceeds the net realisable value has been recognised as an expense.

Revenues arising from the sale of property are recognised in the operating statement when settlement is completed.

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE COPPER COAST

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2015

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont)

1.6.2 Other Real Estate held for resale

Properties not acquired for development, but which Council has decided to sell as surplus to requirements, are recognised at the carrying value at the time of that decision.

Certain properties, auctioned for non-payment of rates in accordance with the Local Government Act but which failed to meet the reserve set by Council and are available for sale by private treaty, are recorded at the lower of the unpaid rates and charges at the time of auction or the reserve set by Council. Holding costs in relation to these properties are recognised as an expense when incurred.

1.7 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

1.7.1 Land under roads

Council has elected not to recognise land under roads acquired prior to 1 July 2008 as an asset in accordance with AASB 1051 Land under Roads. Land under roads acquired after 30 June 2008 has not been recognised as in the opinion of Council it is not possible to reliably attribute a fair value, and further that such value if determined would be immaterial.

1.7.2 Initial Recognition

All assets are initially recognised at cost.

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.

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

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

Office Furniture & Equipment	\$1,000
Other Plant & Equipment	\$1,000
Buildings - new construction/extensions	\$10,000
Park & Playground Furniture & Equipment	\$2,000
Road construction & reconstruction	\$10,000
Paving & footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	\$2,000
Drains & Culverts	\$5,000
Reticulation extensions	\$5,000
Sidelines & household connections	\$5,000
Artworks	\$5,000

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE COPPER COAST

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2015

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont)

1.7.4 Subsequent Recognition

All material asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. For infrastructure and other asset classes where no active market exists, fair value is determined to be the current replacement cost of an asset less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation calculated on the basis of such cost to reflect the already consumed or expired future economic benefits of the asset. Further detail of existing valuations, methods and valuers are provided at Note 7.

1.7.5 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 below. 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.

Plant, Furniture & Equipment	
Office Equipment	5 to 10 years
Office Furniture	10 to 20 years
Vehicles and Road-making Equip	5 to 8 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 – Surface	15 to 25 years
Sealed Roads – Structure	20 to 50 years
Unsealed Roads	10 to 20 years
Bridges – Concrete	80 to 100 years
Paving & Footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	80 to 100 years
Drains	80 to 100 years
Culverts	50 to 75 years
Flood Control Structures	80 to 100 years
Dams and Reservoirs	80 to 100 years
Bores	20 to 40 years
Reticulation Pipes – PVC	70 to 80 years
Reticulation Pipes – other	25 to 75 years
Pumps & Telemetry	15 to 25 years
Other Assets	
Library Books	10 to 15 years
Artworks	indefinite

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE COPPER COAST

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2015

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont)

1.7.6 Impairment

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to depreciation and are reviewed annually for impairment. 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 outflows or value in use).

For 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, the value in use is the depreciated replacement cost. In assessing impairment for these assets, a rebuttable assumption is made that the current replacement cost exceeds the original cost of acquisition.

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.

1.7.7 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.

1.8 Payables

1.8.1 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.

1.8.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

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

1.9 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".

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE COPPER COAST

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2015

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont)

1.10 Employee Benefits

1.10.1 Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences

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

An accrual is made for sick leave in accordance with the Enterprise Agreements.

1.10.2 Superannuation

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Statewide Superannuation Scheme. The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. No changes in accounting policy have occurred during either the current or previous reporting periods. Details of the accounting policies applied and Council's involvement with the schemes are reported in Note 18.

1.11 Provision for Future Reinstatement/Restoration of Landfills

Council operated landfills in Wallaroo and Kadina in previous years and due to the change in State Government legislation in relation to the regulations regarding the closure of landfill sites, and the closure of the Kadina Landfill site in June 2014 a further estimate of \$5,816,000 has been recognised after consultation with a consultant working with Council on the project.

Council has indicated that the liability will be reduced over a number of years yet to be determined in conjunction with the EPA.

1.12 Provision for Carbon Taxation

Council operated a small landfill facility which is below the taxation threshold of 25,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) gas emissions. This facility closed in June 2014 when the new Recycling Centre in Wallaroo opened.

Council considers that it has no current or likely future liability for this tax.

1.13 Leases

Lease arrangements have been accounted for in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 117.

Council has not entered into any finance leases and in respect of operating leases, where the lessor substantially retains all of the risks and benefits incident to ownership of the leased items, lease payments are charged to expense over the lease term.

1.14 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.

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE COPPER COAST

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2015

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont)

1.14 Pending Accounting Standards

Certain new accounting standards and UIG interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2014 reporting period and have not been used in preparing these reports.

- AASB 7 *Financial Instruments - Disclosures*
- AASB 9 *Financial Instruments*
- AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers
- AASB 124 Related Party Disclosures

Standards containing consequential amendments to other Standards and Interpretations arising from the above – AASB 2010-7, AASB 2014-1, AASB 2014-3, AASB 2014-4, AASB 2014-5, AASB 2014-6 and AASB 2014-7, AASB 2014-8, AASB 2014-9, AASB 14-10, AASB 15-1, AASB 15-2, AASB 15-3, AASB 15-5 and AASB 2015-6.

(Standards not affecting local government have been excluded from the above list.)

Council is of the view that none of the above new standards or interpretations will affect any of the amounts recognised in the financial statements, but that they may impact certain information otherwise disclosed.

The Australian Accounting Standards Board is currently reviewing AASB 1004 *Contributions*. It is anticipated that the changes resulting from this review may have a material effect on the timing of the recognition of grants and contributions, but the financial consequences cannot be estimated until a revised accounting standard is issued.

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE COPPER COAST

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2015

Note 2 - INCOME

	Notes	2015 \$	2014 \$
RATES REVENUES			
<u>General Rates</u>		13,525,620	12,762,741
Less: Mandatory rebates		(125,312)	(121,530)
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs		(49,239)	(41,378)
		<u>13,351,069</u>	<u>12,599,833</u>
<u>Other Rates</u> (including service charges)			
Natural Resource Management levy		455,492	454,605
Community wastewater management systems		2,041,079	1,961,875
Separate and Special Rates		1,843,190	1,744,263
		<u>4,339,761</u>	<u>4,160,743</u>
<u>Other Charges</u>			
Penalties for late payment		117,947	111,897
		<u>17,808,777</u>	<u>16,872,473</u>
STATUTORY CHARGES			
Development Act fees		53,974	69,910
Town planning fees		164,811	138,893
Health & Septic Tank Inspection fees		352,183	286,181
Animal registration fees & fines		73,825	73,585
Parking fines / expiation fees		2,538	2,015
Environment control fines		-	7,112
Other licences, fees, & fines		20,000	-
		<u>667,331</u>	<u>577,696</u>
USER CHARGES			
Cemetery/crematoria fees		71,152	31,831
Caravan Park		1,697,139	1,690,773
Retirement Villages		42,331	43,080
Tourism Activities		84,546	44,915
Waste Management Fees		372,228	404,346
Boat Ramp Fees		102,313	99,527
CWMS Augmentation Charges		40,766	(214,404)
Building Rents		127,734	198,774
Hall & equipment hire		20,263	20,339
Sundry		106,439	27,680
		<u>2,664,911</u>	<u>2,346,861</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Interest on investments			
Local Government Finance Authority		237,686	198,878
Banks & other		11	10
Loans to community groups		9,536	10,440
		<u>247,233</u>	<u>209,328</u>

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE COPPER COAST

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2015

Note 2 - INCOME (continued)

	Notes	2015 \$	2014 \$
REIMBURSEMENTS			
- for roadworks		16,816	16,119
- for private works		4,418	8,401
- by joint undertakings		195,154	130,247
- other		<u>254,777</u>	<u>222,533</u>
		<u>471,165</u>	<u>377,300</u>
OTHER INCOME			
Insurance & other recoupments - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		51,679	52,519
Search Fees		34,791	35,979
Retirement Village Bond Income		140,158	175,638
Rebates received		58,883	34,377
Sundry		<u>152,159</u>	<u>185,114</u>
		<u>437,670</u>	<u>483,627</u>
GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS			
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets		676,290	1,538,512
Other grants, subsidies and contributions		<u>2,879,661</u>	<u>1,184,237</u>
		<u>3,555,951</u>	<u>2,722,749</u>
<i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 12.</i>			
Sources of grants			
Commonwealth government		448,637	1,130,203
State government		3,019,358	1,492,278
Other		<u>87,956</u>	<u>100,268</u>
		<u>3,555,951</u>	<u>2,722,749</u>

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2015

NOTE 2 - INCOME (continued)

	Notes	2015 \$	2014 \$
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>		-	170,835
<i>Less: expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods</i>			
Waste Management Infrastructure		-	(52,500)
Open Space & Footpath Infrastructure		-	(118,335)
Subtotal			(170,835)
<i>Plus: amounts recognised as revenues in this reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions</i>			
Roads Infrastructure		-	-
Heritage & Cultural Services		-	-
Subtotal			
<i>Unexpended at the close of this reporting period</i>			
<i>Net increase (decrease) in assets subject to conditions in the current reporting period</i>		-	(170,835)
PHYSICAL RESOURCES RECEIVED FREE OF CHARGE			
Land & Improvements		-	525,000
Roads, Bridges & Footpaths		405,000	-
TOTAL PHYSICAL RESOURCES RECEIVED		405,000	525,000

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Note 3 - EXPENSES

	Notes	2015 \$	2014 \$
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Salaries and Wages		6,040,049	5,720,954
Employee leave expense		119,423	222,612
Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions	16	377,210	351,332
Superannuation - defined benefit plan contributions	16	114,307	120,029
Workers' Compensation Insurance		245,675	203,669
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		(412,420)	(345,384)
Total Operating Employee Costs		6,484,244	6,273,212

Total Number of Employees	88	87
<i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i>		

MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES

Prescribed Expenses

Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the financial reports		14,100	17,600
Bad and Doubtful Debts		8,773	178,220
Elected members' expenses		206,360	199,916
Election expenses		52,137	3,858
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		281,370	399,594

Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses

Cemetery Maintenance		74,440	46,165
Community Grants		91,813	79,864
Contractors		587,718	588,614
CWMS Maintenance		647,615	567,921
Depot & Machinery Repairs & Maintenance		522,663	564,620
Disability Action Plan		19,702	28,907
Fuel & Oil		341,832	411,907
Individually Significant Items		-	5,816,000
Hallet Street Property Maintenance		31,508	79,607
Halls Maintenance		202,999	170,354
Information Technology		388,714	419,804
Insurances		116,704	136,592
Kernewek Lowender		50,402	2,220
Legal Expenses		90,765	50,021
Levies paid to government - NRM Levy		447,271	448,727
Libraries		94,471	85,709
Parks & Gardens		265,534	479,089
Parts, accessories & consumables		128,871	137,251
Public Convenience Maintenance		263,564	219,763
Retirement Village Maintenance		149,338	151,443
Road & Footpath Maintenance		402,442	308,157
Waste Disposal & Recycling		1,294,217	987,599
Sport & Recreation		267,470	247,786
Stormwater Drainage Maintenance		68,652	76,253
Street Lighting		356,993	319,472
Tourism Development (incl Caravan Parks)		1,143,696	1,064,890
Town Planning		20,522	31,690
Sundry		538,065	312,944
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		8,607,981	13,833,369
		8,889,351	14,232,963

INDIVIDUALLY SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

Due to the change in State Government Legislation in relation to regulations regarding the closure of landfill sites, and the closure of the Kadina Landfill site in June 2014 a further estimate of \$5,816,000 has been recognised. The liability will be reduced over a number of years yet to be determined in conjunction with the EPA

-	5,816,000
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Note 3 - EXPENSES (cont)

	Notes	2015 \$	2014 \$
DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT			
Depreciation			
Buildings & Other Structures		1,888,490	1,843,216
Infrastructure			
- Roads & Footpaths		3,579,111	3,772,783
- Stormwater Drainage		116,092	109,938
- CWMS		661,583	518,126
- Other Infrastructure		794,010	765,964
Plant, Machinery & Equipment		647,395	548,427
Office Equipment, Furniture & Fittings		55,513	36,889
Library		48,422	47,619
		<u>7,790,616</u>	<u>7,642,962</u>
FINANCE COSTS			
Interest on Loans		1,219,112	706,491
Unwinding of present value discounts		(29,526)	-
		<u>1,189,586</u>	<u>706,491</u>

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Note 4 - ASSET DISPOSAL & FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

	Notes	2015 \$	2014 \$
INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT			
<i>Assets renewed or directly replaced</i>			
Proceeds from disposal		28,214	162,629
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		26,856	270,978
Gain (Loss) on disposal		1,358	(108,349)
<i>Assets surplus to requirements</i>			
Proceeds from disposal		70,000	-
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		5,036	3,551,384
Gain (Loss) on disposal		64,964	(3,551,384)
REAL ESTATE INVENTORY ASSETS			
Proceeds from disposal		1,638,921	-
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold		1,528,930	-
Gain (Loss) on disposal		109,991	-
NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION OF ASSETS		176,313	(3,659,733)

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Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS

	2015	2014
	Notes	
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS	\$	\$
Cash on Hand and at Bank	742,915	1,190,705
Short Term Deposits & Bills, etc	13,901,345	6,661,604
	<u>14,644,260</u>	<u>7,852,309</u>
 TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Rates - General & Other	1,080,877	1,060,559
Rates postponed for State Seniors	35,209	2,061
Accrued Revenues	74,030	76,903
Debtors - general	973,752	494,340
GST Recoupment	229,629	202,321
Total	<u>2,393,497</u>	<u>1,836,184</u>
 Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts	<u>18,370</u>	<u>9,597</u>
	<u>2,375,127</u>	<u>1,826,587</u>
 INVENTORIES		
Stores & Materials	14,716	17,331
Trading Stock	163,498	58,368
Real Estate Developments	6 682,214	2,265,828
Other	509	509
	<u>860,937</u>	<u>2,342,036</u>

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Note 6 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Receivables		
Loans to community organisations	779,738	868,250
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS	779,738	868,250
OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Inventories		
Real Estate Developments	-	-
	-	-
Real Estate Developments - Current & Non-Current (Valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value)		
Industrial & Commercial	682,214	2,265,828
Total Real Estate for Resale	682,214	2,265,828
Represented by:		
Development Costs	247,834	151,418
Other Properties - Book Value	434,380	2,114,410
Total Real Estate for Resale	682,214	2,265,828
Apportionment of Real Estate Developments		
Current Assets	682,214	2,265,828
Non-Current Assets	-	-
	682,214	2,265,828

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Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT										
Fair Value Level	2014 \$					2015 \$				
	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT		
Land - Community	-	-	-	-	12,597,479	-	-	-	12,597,479	
Land - Other	29,914,960	892,907	-	30,807,867	18,154,338	-	-	-	18,154,338	
Buildings & Other Structures	-	-	-	-	62,587,814	-	-	(29,363,197)	33,224,617	
Buildings & Other Structures	71,188,163	4,676,734	(32,067,143)	43,797,764	19,780,867	-	-	(8,337,314)	11,443,553	
Infrastructure										
- Roads & Footpaths	173,617,546	6,519,164	(59,684,281)	120,452,429	173,617,546	9,249,255	(63,263,392)	119,603,409	119,603,409	
- Stormwater Drainage	9,371,659	750,615	(2,449,510)	7,672,764	9,371,659	1,385,593	(2,565,602)	8,191,650	8,191,650	
- CWMS	22,026,201	15,362,965	(9,253,290)	28,135,876	36,541,155	8,867,346	(8,340,326)	37,068,175	37,068,175	
- Other Infrastructure	28,653,598	3,398,840	(11,895,588)	20,156,850	36,649,341	-	(14,257,391)	22,391,950	22,391,950	
Plant, Machinery & Equipment	-	7,194,168	(3,273,535)	3,920,633	-	7,455,372	(3,886,861)	3,568,511	3,568,511	
Office Equipment, Furniture & Fittings	-	748,174	(522,927)	225,247	-	826,256	(578,440)	247,816	247,816	
Library	-	824,729	(597,618)	227,111	-	872,004	(646,040)	225,964	225,964	
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	334,772,127	40,368,296	(119,743,892)	255,396,531	369,300,199	28,655,826	(131,238,563)	266,717,462	266,717,462	
Comparatives	340,939,487	22,109,565	(113,382,726)	249,666,326	334,772,127	40,368,296	(119,743,892)	255,396,531	255,396,531	

	CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR \$							2015 \$	
	Additions		Disposals	Depreciation	Impairment	Transfers	Net Revaluation	CARRYING AMOUNT	
	New/Upgrade	Renewals							
Land - Other	-	-	(5,036)	-	-	-	(51,014)	30,751,817	
Buildings & Other Structures	137,724	119,402	-	(1,888,490)	-	-	2,501,780	44,668,170	
Infrastructure									
- Roads & Footpaths	1,624,051	1,106,040	-	(3,579,111)	-	-	-	119,603,409	
- Stormwater Drainage	634,978	-	-	(116,092)	-	-	-	8,191,650	
- CWMS	7,500,821	1,366,527	-	(681,583)	-	-	726,534	37,068,175	
- Other Infrastructure	1,199,243	715,669	-	(794,010)	-	-	1,114,198	22,391,950	
Plant, Machinery & Equipment	271,826	66,354	(26,857)	(647,395)	-	-	-	3,568,511	
Office Equipment, Furniture & Fittings	78,082	-	-	(55,513)	-	-	-	247,816	
Library	47,275	-	-	(48,422)	-	-	-	225,964	
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	11,494,000	3,373,992	(31,893)	(7,790,616)	-	-	4,291,498	266,717,462	
Comparatives	12,319,295	7,028,576	(3,822,362)	(7,642,962)	-	(2,152,342)	-	255,396,531	

This Note continues on the following pages.

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Note 7 (cont) – 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.

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

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.

Capitalisation thresholds used by Council for a representative range of assets are outline in Note 1. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

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Note 7 (cont) – INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Estimated Useful Lives: Useful lives are estimated for each individual assets. 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 outlined in Note 1, although individual assets may have an estimated total useful life of greater or lessor amount.

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.

Buildings & Other Structures

Buildings and other structures generally are recognised at fair value, based on current market values. However, special purpose buildings (such as public toilets) for which there is no market are valued at depreciated current replacement cost. Buildings which Council does not intend to replace at the end of their useful life are valued at the market value of the "highest and best" use.

Land & Buildings were valued by Maloney Field Services as at 30 June 2015 at fair value.

Infrastructure

Transportation assets were valued by Maloney Field Services as at 30 June 2012 at fair value. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Stormwater drainage infrastructure was valued by Maloney Field Services as at 30 June 2012 at fair value. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Community wastewater management system infrastructure was valued by management as at 30 June 2014 at fair value. Fair value was determined using information gathered from recent community wastewater management system project costs. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Plant, Furniture & Equipment

These assets are recognised on the cost basis.

All other assets

These assets are recognised on the cost basis. Library books and other lending materials are capitalised in bulk, and written out when fully depreciated.

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Note 8 - LIABILITIES

		2015		2014	
		\$		\$	
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES	Notes	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Goods & Services		1,396,422		2,675,003	
Payments received in advance		216,594	-	148,917	-
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements		60,539	-	58,724	-
Accrued expenses - other		350,463	-	71,164	-
Aged Care Facility Deposits		-	-	1,000	-
Deposits, Retentions & Bonds		4,666	-	4,666	-
Other		18,182	-	23,182	-
		<u>2,046,866</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,982,656</u>	<u>-</u>
BORROWINGS					
Loans		2,936,879	25,594,891	1,750,386	15,090,958
Other		3,977,072	-	4,032,622	-
		<u>6,913,951</u>	<u>25,594,891</u>	<u>5,783,008</u>	<u>15,090,958</u>

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

PROVISIONS

Employee entitlements (including oncosts)	1,619,358	286,646	1,578,247	307,084
Future reinstatement / restoration, etc	-	6,816,000	-	6,816,000
	<u>1,619,358</u>	<u>7,102,646</u>	<u>1,578,247</u>	<u>7,123,084</u>

Movements in Provisions - 2015 year only (current & non-current)

	Annual & Long Service Leave	Future Reinstatement
Opening Balance	1,885,331	6,816,000
Add Unwinding of present value discounts	(29,526)	-
Additional amounts recognised	128,209	-
(Less) Payments	(70,107)	-
Unused amounts reversed	-	-
Add (Less) Remeasurement Adjustments	(7,903)	-
Closing Balance	<u>1,906,004</u>	<u>6,816,000</u>

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Note 9 - RESERVES

ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	1/7/2014	Net Increments (Decrements)	Transfers, Impairments	30/6/2015
Notes	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land - Other	28,437,272	(51,014)	-	28,386,258
Buildings & Other Structures	50,258,314	3,615,977	-	53,874,291
Infrastructure	91,852,747	-	-	91,852,747
- Roads & Footpaths	40,827,174	-	-	40,827,174
- CWMS	-	726,535	-	726,535
TOTAL	211,375,507	4,291,498		215,667,005
<i>Comparatives</i>	<i>211,375,507</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>211,375,507</i>

OTHER RESERVES	1/7/2014	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/6/2015
McCauley Homes Reserve	115,555	-	(115,555)	-
TOTAL OTHER RESERVES	115,555		(115,555)	0
<i>Comparatives</i>	<i>115,555</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>115,555</i>

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)

McCauley Homes Reserve - this reserve represents deposits contributed by residents at the commencement of occupancy

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Note 10 - 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	2015 \$	2014 \$
Total cash & equivalent assets	5	14,644,260	7,852,309
Less: Short-term borrowings	8	-	-
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		<u>14,644,260</u>	<u>7,852,309</u>

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)		2,080,554	(8,400,327)
Non-cash items in Income Statement			
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	7	7,790,616	7,642,962
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits		52,014	160,906
Premiums & discounts recognised & unwound		(29,526)	-
Change in allowances for under-recovery		8,773	(26,977)
Non-cash asset acquisitions		(405,000)	(525,000)
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity		(676,290)	(1,538,512)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals	4	(176,313)	3,659,733
		<u>8,644,828</u>	<u>972,785</u>
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (increase) decrease in receivables		(557,313)	409,138
Net (increase) decrease in inventories		(102,515)	88,243
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables		(883,658)	2,162,582
Net increase (decrease) in other provisions		-	5,816,000
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations		<u>7,101,342</u>	<u>9,448,748</u>

(c) Non-Cash Financing and Investing Activities

Acquisition of assets by means of:

- Physical resources received free of charge	2	405,000	525,000
<i>Amounts recognised in Income Statement</i>		405,000	525,000
- Estimated future reinstatement etc. costs		-	5,816,000
		<u>405,000</u>	<u>6,341,000</u>

(d) Financing Arrangements

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

Bank Overdrafts	500,000	500,000
Corporate Credit Cards	30,000	30,000
LGFA Cash Advance Debenture facility	8,500,000	8,500,000

The bank overdraft facilities may be drawn at any time and may be terminated by the bank without notice. Council also has immediate access to a short term draw down facility, and variable interest rate borrowings under a cash advance facility, from the National Australia Bank and the Local Government Finance Authority of SA.

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Note 11 - 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	2015	2014	2015	2014
2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	\$	\$	\$	\$
16,428,238	14,161,923	3,903,424	3,923,794	12,524,814	10,238,129	2,238,821	836,452	21,784,122	14,421,059
100,492	90,189	274,549	303,900	(174,057)	(213,711)	-	-	358,962	358,962
16,704	15,588	218,111	268,714	(201,407)	(253,126)	-	-	-	-
208,541	274,576	582,516	622,059	(373,975)	(347,483)	20,000	53,000	8,796,204	8,796,204
4,826,698	4,326,974	5,173,028	10,228,640	(346,330)	(5,901,666)	300	-	65,727,839	57,125,674
-	40,555	58,077	91,065	(58,077)	(50,510)	-	40,555	2,251,792	2,251,792
202,088	175,022	3,917,077	3,811,876	(3,714,989)	(3,636,854)	81,396	35,462	53,726,861	52,857,593
455,492	454,605	447,271	448,727	8,221	5,878	-	-	-	-
69,480	50,583	256,716	230,274	(187,236)	(179,691)	-	-	-	-
639,386	262,094	4,976,741	5,044,861	(4,337,355)	(4,782,767)	489,469	140,261	121,304,781	119,421,804
1,996,388	2,010,784	2,101,075	2,079,744	(104,687)	(68,960)	49,675	78,508	10,686,378	12,255,990
233,241	188,630	2,445,212	1,801,971	(2,211,971)	(1,613,341)	-	-	740,585	796,635
25,176,748	22,051,523	24,353,797	28,855,625	822,951	(6,804,102)	2,879,661	1,184,238	285,377,524	268,285,713

TOTALS

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

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Note 11 (cont.) - COMPONENTS OF FUNCTIONS

The activities relating to the District Council of the Copper Coast component & functions reported in Note 2 are as follows:

Council Administration

Operations include Governance, Administration, Elected Members, Organisational, Support Services, Accounting/Finance, Payroll, 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

Dog and Cat Control, Parking Control and other various by-laws, Public Order and Safety, Crime Prevention, Emergency Services, Other Fire Protection, Other Public Order and Safety and Pest Control.

Health

Health Inspection & Services, Pest Control – Health, Immunisation, Preventive Health Services, Other Community Health Services.

Social Security and Welfare

Retirement & Other Elderly Citizens Facilities, Home Assistance Scheme, Other Services for the Aged and Disabled, Community Support, Children and Youth Services, Community Assistance & Transport.

Housing and Community Amenities

Town Planning, Aged housing, Waste Management, Common Effluent Disposal, Subdivision Development and sales, Storm Water Drainage, Bus Shelters, Cemeteries/Crematoria, Public Conveniences, Public Lighting and Other Community Amenities.

Protection of the Environment

Foreshore & Coastal Protection, maintenance and development and other Natural Resource Management.

Recreation and Culture

Library Services, Community Arts and Cultural facilities, Sport and Recreation Facilities including Jetty, Boat Ramp, Swimming Enclosures, Hall Facilities, Parks and Gardens, Reserves and Playgrounds.

Agricultural Services

Agricultural Services including animal, plant and insect pest control services.

Mining, Manufacturing and Construction

Local quarrying and borrow pit operations, regulation of all building construction, alterations, etc

Transport and Communications

Sealed and Unsealed road construction and maintenance, traffic management, foot and bicycle ways, aerodrome operation and parking (off and on street).

Economic Affairs (not elsewhere covered)

Tourism development and caravan park operations.

Other Purposes (not elsewhere covered)

Borrowings and investments of the Council along with the plant, machinery and depot operations. The expenses of plant operations and indirect overheads (works depots) were fully allocated to various operating functions or capitalised as asset outlays per medium, respectively, of internal plant hire rates and as a percentage of direct labour costs.

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Note 12 - 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: Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 2% and 3% (2014: 2.5% and 3%).</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.</p>
<p>Receivables - Rates & Associated Charges (including legals & penalties for late payment)</p> <p>Note: These receivables do not meet the definition of "financial instruments" and have been excluded from the following disclosures.</p>	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 0.7% (2014: 0.7%) 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: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</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: Carried at nominal value.</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>
Receivables - Retirement Home Contributions	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective legislation.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</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 - Retirement Home Contributions	<p>Accounting Policy: To avoid inconvenience when complying with the separate audit requirements imposed by the relevant legislation, amounts are carried at nominal values.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Pursuant to Commonwealth legislation certain intending residents are required to contribute amounts on an interest free basis. The amounts are subject to certain deductions as prescribed by the legislation, the balance being repaid on termination of tenancy.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value for short tenancies; may be non-materially over-stated for longer tenancies.</p>
Liabilities - Interest Bearing Borrowings	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at the principal amounts. Interest is charged as an expense as it accrues.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: secured over future revenues, borrowings are repayable (describe basis); interest is charged at fixed (or variable - describe) rates between 5% and 6.5% (2014: 5% and 6.5%)</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>

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Note 12 (cont) - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Liquidity Analysis

2015	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
Financial Assets	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents	14,644,260			14,644,260	14,644,260
Receivables	1,277,411	-	-	1,277,411	1,277,411
Other Financial Assets	83,622	418,110	278,006	779,738	779,738
Total	16,005,293	418,110	278,006	16,701,409	16,701,409
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	1,635,864	-	-	1,635,864	1,635,864
Current Borrowings	6,913,951	-	-	6,913,951	6,913,951
Non-Current Borrowings	2,936,879	14,684,395	7,973,617	25,594,891	25,594,891
Total	11,486,694	14,684,395	7,973,617	34,144,706	34,144,706

2014	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
Financial Assets	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents	7,852,309			7,852,309	7,852,309
Receivables	1,204,464	-	-	1,204,464	1,204,464
Other Financial Assets	83,622	418,110	366,518	868,250	868,250
Total	9,140,395	418,110	366,518	9,925,023	9,925,023
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	2,520,442	-	-	2,520,442	2,520,442
Current Borrowings	5,783,008	-	-	5,783,008	5,783,008
Non-Current Borrowings	1,750,386	8,751,930	4,588,642	15,090,958	15,090,958
Total	10,053,836	8,751,930	4,588,642	23,394,408	23,394,408

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

	30 June 2015		30 June 2014	
	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value
	%	\$	%	\$
Overdraft	0	-	0	-
Other Variable Rates	0	3,977,072	0	5,783,008
Fixed Interest Rates	5.5	28,531,770	5.5	15,090,958
		<u>32,508,842</u>		<u>20,873,966</u>

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 allowance for doubtful debts. 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.

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Note 13 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

	<u>Notes</u>	2015 \$	2014 \$
Capital Commitments			
Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:			
CWMS		<u>5,000,000</u>	<u>15,000,000</u>
		<u>5,000,000</u>	<u>15,000,000</u>
These expenditures are payable:			
Not later than one year		5,000,000	10,000,000
Later than one year and not later than 5 years		-	5,000,000
Later than 5 years		-	-
		<u>5,000,000</u>	<u>15,000,000</u>

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Note 14 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

	2015	2014	2013
These Financial Indicators have been calculated in accordance with <i>Information Paper 9 - Local Government Financial Indicators</i> prepared as part of the LGA Financial Sustainability Program for the Local Government Association of South Australia. Detailed methods of calculation are set out in the SA Model Statements.			

Operating Surplus Ratio

<u>Operating Surplus</u>	5%	(41%)	(8%)
Rates - general & other less NRM levy			

This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of general and other rates, net of NRM levy.

Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio

(1%)	(41%)	(8%)
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*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. The **Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio** adjusts for the resulting distortion in the disclosed operating result for each year.*

Net Financial Liabilities Ratio

<u>Net Financial Liabilities</u>	101%	102%	27%
Total Operating Revenue			

Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets (excluding equity accounted investments in Council businesses). These are expressed as a percentage of total operating revenue.

Asset Sustainability Ratio

<u>Net Asset Renewals</u>	38%	12%	28%
Infrastructure & Asset Management Plan required expenditure			*

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

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Note 15 - 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

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Income	25,176,748	22,051,522
/less Expenses	<u>24,353,797</u>	<u>28,855,628</u>
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	822,951	(6,804,106)
/less Net Outlays on Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	3,005,888	7,028,576
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	(7,790,616)	(7,642,962)
Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	<u>(28,214)</u>	<u>(162,629)</u>
	(4,812,942)	(777,015)
/less Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets	9,910,386	12,319,295
<i>(including investment property & real estate developments)</i>		
Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	(676,290)	(1,538,512)
Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets	(179,991)	-
<i>(including investment property and real estate developments)</i>		
	<u>9,054,105</u>	<u>10,780,783</u>
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	<u>(3,418,212)</u>	<u>(16,807,874)</u>

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Note 16 – SUPERANNUATION

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to Statewide Super (formerly Local Government 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 2014/15; 9.25% in 2013/14). 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 2013/14) 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 119.32(b), Council does not use defined benefit accounting for these contributions.

The most recent actuarial investigation was conducted by the Fund's actuary, A C Miller, FIAA, of Russell Employee Benefits Pty Ltd as at 30 June 2014. 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 17 - CONTINGENCIES & ASSETS & LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED IN THE BALANCE SHEET

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

1. LAND UNDER ROADS

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

At reporting date, Council controlled 948 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 agreed to act as limited guarantor for loan facilities no greater than \$730,000 (2014, \$730,000) advanced to community organisations and sporting bodies at reporting date.

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

4. LEGAL EXPENSES

Council is the planning consent authority for its area under the Development Act 1993 (as amended). Pursuant to that Act, certain persons aggrieved by a planning decision of the Council may appeal. It is normal practice that parties bear their own legal costs.

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE COPPER COAST**

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of District Council of the Copper Coast (the Council), which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2015, the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information and the Council's Certification.

Councillors' Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with the relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Council's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by Councillors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

When this audit report is included in an Annual Report, our procedures include reading the other information in the Annual Report to determine whether it contains any material inconsistencies with the financial statements.

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

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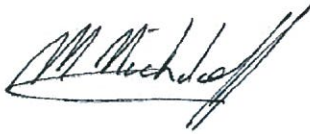
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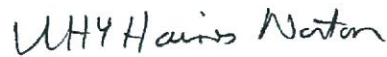
Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion,

- (a) the Council's accounting records have been kept in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999, Chapter 8 part 3 Division 1 (the Division); and
- (b) the financial statements:
 - i. have been presented, in all material respects, in accordance with the requirements of this Division;
 - ii. is consistent with the Council's accounting records;
 - iii. presents fairly, in all material respects, the Council's financial position as at 30 June 2015 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011;
- (c) all information relevant to the conduct of the audit has been obtained; and
- (d) there are no material deficiencies in the accounting records or financial statements that have come to light during the course of the audit.



M.D. Nicholaeff
Partner



UHY Haines Norton
Chartered Accountants

Signed in Sydney on 21st SEPTEMBER 2015

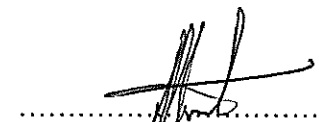
DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE COPPER COAST

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2015

CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of the District Council of the Copper Coast for the year ended 30 June 2015, the Council's Auditor, UHY Haines Norton, 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*.

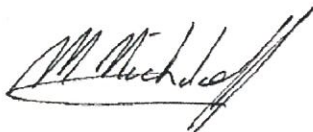

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Date: 21st September, 2015

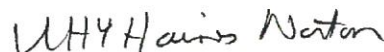
CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of District Council of the Copper Coast for the year ended 30 June 2015, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 - Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Section 290, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, and 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 (5) Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.



M.D. Nicholaeff
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Signed in Sydney on 21st SEPTEMBER 2015

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- ⤴ *The Barossa Council*
- ⤴ *District Council of Barunga West*
- ⤴ *Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council*
- ⤴ *District Council of The Copper Coast*
- ⤴ *The Flinders Ranges Council*
- ⤴ *Regional Council of Goyder*
- ⤴ *Light Regional Council*
- ⤴ *District Council of Mallala*
- ⤴ *District Council of Mount Remarkable*
- ⤴ *Northern Areas Council*
- ⤴ *District Council of Orroroo/Carrieton*
- ⤴ *District Council of Peterborough*
- ⤴ *Port Pirie Regional Council*
- ⤴ *Wakefield Regional Council*
- ⤴ *Yorke Peninsula Council*

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The Central Local Government Region of South Australia

The Central Local Government Region was established in 1998 under Section 200 of the Local Government Act 1934 as a controlling authority. It now continues in existence and as a regional subsidiary of its member Councils under Part 2 of Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1999 by virtue of the provisions of Section 25 of the Local Government (Implementation) Act 1999.

The Central Region is established to:

- ✓ undertake co-ordinating, advocacy and representational roles on behalf of its Constituent Councils at a regional level
- ✓ facilitate and co-ordinate activities of local government at a regional level related to community and economic development with the object of achieving improvement for the benefit of the communities of its Constituent Councils
- ✓ develop, encourage, promote, foster and maintain consultation and co-operation and to strengthen the representation and status of local government when dealing with other governments, private enterprise and the community
- ✓ develop further co-operation between its Constituent Councils for the benefit of the communities of the region
- ✓ develop and manage policies which guide the conduct of programs and projects in the region with the objective of securing the best outcomes for the communities of the region
- ✓ undertake projects and activities that benefit the region and its communities
- ✓ associate, collaborate and work in conjunction with other regional local government bodies for the advancement of matters of common interest.

The Central Region is a body corporate and is governed by a Board of Management which has the responsibility to manage all activities of the Central Region and ensure that the Central Region acts in accordance with its Charter. The Board has 15 members, comprising one representative elected from each constituent Council:

- | | |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| ♣ Barossa Council | ♣ District Council of Mount Remarkable |
| ♣ District Council of Barunga West | ♣ Northern Areas Council |
| ♣ Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council | ♣ District Council of Orroroo/Carrieton |
| ♣ District Council of The Copper Coast | ♣ District Council of Peterborough |
| ♣ The Flinders Ranges Council | ♣ Port Pirie Regional Council |
| ♣ Regional Council of Goyder | ♣ Wakefield Regional Council |
| ♣ Light Regional Council | ♣ Yorke Peninsula Council |
| ♣ District Council of Mallala | |

The Region's area spans the Barossa through the Clare Valley, Yorke Peninsula, Adelaide Plains, Mid and Upper North districts through to the Flinders Ranges, covering 27 per cent of the incorporated area of the State and comprises some 27 per cent of the State's population outside Adelaide.

Office Bearers for 2014/15

Chairman: Mayor Ray Agnew (Yorke Peninsula)

Deputy Chairs: *Mayor Allan Aughey (Clare & Gilbert Valleys)*
Mayor James Maitland (Wakefield) – until Aug 2014
Mayor Denis Clark (Northern Areas) – from Aug 2014

Executive Members: *Mayor Ruth Whittle (Peterborough)*
Mayor Peter Slattery (Flinders Ranges)- from Aug 2014

Delegate to the LGA Board representing the Central Region of the LGA Constitution: *Mayor Ray Agnew (Yorke Peninsula) – from Feb 2014*
Mayor Allan Aughey (Clare & Gilbert Valleys) – until Feb 2014
Mayor Denis Clark (Northern Areas) – proxy – until Feb 2014
2014 (Board member after Feb 2014)

Executive Officer: Paul McInerney interim part-time Executive Officer from March 31st 2014 pending Future Directions Review and appointment of new CEO.

Auditor: Ian G. McDonald

Central Local Government Region Board of Management

The Central Local Government Region Board of Management comprises an elected delegate appointed from each of the 15 member councils. A proxy delegate is also appointed, with policy provisions allowing for representation by other elected or endorsed members.

Following the November 2010 Local Government elections, constituent Councils of the Central Local Government Region appointed the following Council delegates to the CLGR Board of Management for a term to expire at the 2014 Local Government elections, subject to the provisions within the Charter or amendment by a constituent Council:

Council	Delegate	Proxy Delegate
The Barossa Council	Mayor Brian Hurn – until Nov 2014 Mayor Bob Sloane – from Dec 2014	Cr Bob Sloane (until Nov 2014) Mr Martin McCarthy (post Dec 2014)
District Council of Barunga West	Mayor Dean Dolling – until Nov 2014 Mayor Cynthia Axford – from Dec 2014	D/Mayor – Cr Dean Dolling -From Dec 2014
District Council of the Copper Coast	Mayor Paul Thomas	Deputy Mayor – Cr Ros Talbot
Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council	Mayor Allan Aughey	Cr Elizabeth Calvert –(until Nov 2014) Cr Ian Burfitt – (from Dec 2014)
Flinders Ranges Council	Mayor Peter Slattery	Nil.
Regional Council of Goyder	Mayor Peter Matthey	D/Mayor Jane Kellock
Light Regional Council	D/Mayor Dean Rohrlach	Cr Lynette Reichstein
District Council of Mallala	Mayor Duncan Kennington	Deputy Mayor Cr Karen McColl
District Council of Mount Remarkable	Mayor Sandra Wauchope	D/Mayor Cr Colin Nottle
Northern Areas Council	Mayor Denis Clark	D/Mayor Cr John Barbarien – Nov2014 D/Mayor Cr Merv Robinson – Dec 2014
District Council of Orroroo Carrieton	Chair Kathy Bowman	D/Chair – Cr Grant Chapman
District Council of Peterborough	Mayor Ruth Whittle	Cr Frank Hardbottle
Port Pirie Regional Council	Cr Neville Wilson	D/Mayor John Rhode – until Nov 2014 Mayor John Rohde – from Dec 2014
Wakefield Regional Council	Mayor Rodney Reid	D/Mayor Darryl Ottens
District Council of Yorke Peninsula	Mayor Ray Agnew	Cr John Rich

Meetings of the Central Region Board of Management

Four meetings of the Central Local Government Region Board of Management were held during the 2014/15 year , each hosted by one of the member Councils.

The meeting host and location is rotated throughout the region on alphabetical order.

Meetings were held:

- ⤴ Annual General Meeting, Friday 15th August 2014 (hosted by Mt Remarkable)

- ⤴ General Meeting, Friday 12th December 2014 (hosted by Barossa in lieu of Northern Areas due to guest speakers needing to be close to Adelaide for logistical purposes.)

- ⤴ General Meeting, Friday 20th February 2015 (hosted by Northern Areas)

- ⤴ General Meeting, Friday 15th May 2015 (hosted by Orroroo-Carrieton)

Committee Meetings

In accordance with its Charter, the Central Local Government Region historically maintained several sub committees to assist in effective project implementation and governance. The committees generally met on an as-needs basis and comprised representatives from the various member councils along with, in many cases additional delegates from other relevant regional bodies or state government agencies: (From departing of the previous EO 1st April 2014 and interim part-time EO (0.2) arrangement put in place to facilitate for the Future Directions Review the CLGR Board deferred all non executive Committees operation with subject matter of those committees to report through the CEO's Forum for recommendation to the Board or the Executive Committee/Board direct. The Transport Infrastructure & Planning Committee – SLRP function was reinstated from January 2015 for the purposes of Special Local Roads Program assessment and recommendation to the Executive on the Region priorities for 2015/16.

Committee	Members	Meeting Dates
Executive Committee:	Mayor Ray Agnew (Chair), Mayor Allan Aughey, Mayor Ruth Whittle, Mayor Denis Clark and Mayor Peter Slattery (from August 2014), Mayor James Maitland (until August 2014)	19 July 2014 31 July 2014 25 Sep 2014 11 Dec 2014 23 Dec 2014 19 Mar 2015 3 June 2015 15 June 2015
Audit Committee:	Mayor Ray Agnew (Chair), Cr Kathie Bowman, Dr Andrew Johnson, Mr Colin Davies	Exempt – deferral granted by Minister 2015 for one year up to 30 th June 2016
Member Councils CEO's Forums:	Mr Martin McCarthy(Barossa), Mr Andrew Cole (CEO, Barunga West) Mr Roy Blight (Clare & Gilbert Valleys), Mr Peter Harder (Copper Coast), Mr Colin Davies (Flinders Ranges), Mr John Brak (Goyder), D/CEO Mr Richard Michael (Light), Mr Charles Mansueto, then Mr Peter Sellar A/CEO and then Ms Katrina Marton, (Mallala), Mr Wayne Hart (Mt Remarkable), Mr Roger Crowley and then Mr Colin Byles (Northern Areas), Mr Iian Wilson and then Mr Stephen Rufus (Orroroo/Carrieton), Mr Peter McGuiness (Peterborough), Dr Andrew Johnson (Pirie Regional), Ms Cate Atkinson (Wakefield), Mr Andrew Cameron (Yorke Peninsula) *****Note: From Feb 2015 with the development/implementation of the Future Directions Review process the CEO's assumed a Regional Managers Group function under the proposed Future Direction. The workshops were conducted and managed by Angela Hazebroek, URPS in developing the model and leading towards future implementation of the adopted model from May 15 th , 2015. The role of RMG was to undertake work on functions such as future governance and charter/incorporated body, future financial plans, future Strategic Plans, new CEO role function and job specification etc.	1 st Aug 2014 3 rd Sep 2014 3 rd Oct 2014 20 th Nov 2014 Future Directions Workshops 2015 in lieu of CEO Forums (Regional Managers Group) 20 th Feb 2015 20 th Mar 2015 10 th April 2015 17 th April 2015 (Hunter/Cradle) 5 th June 2015.
Transport Infrastructure Planning Committee:	(current membership endorsed by CLGR 2015) Mr Colin Davies - Chair (Orroroo Carrieton), CEO position (vacant), Mr Peter Broughill (Northern Areas), Mr Steve Kaesler (Barossa), Mr Fred Linke (Barunga West), Mr Lee Wallis (Goyder), Mr David Hassett (Wakefield) Ms Joanne Buchanan (Regional Development), Mr Bob Bemmerl (DPTI)	21 Jan 2015 4 March 2015 – Road Inspection meeting in field. 13 March 2015
Regional Climate Change Steering Committee:	(current membership 2014/15)Mr Paul McInerney (CLGR Interim Executive Officer), Ms Kelly-Anne Saffin (RDA Y&MN), Mr Trevor Naismith (N&Y NRM Board)	Referred through CEO's Forums and Executive Committee
Coastal Councils Network:	(non-current membership – if retained needs membership review)Mr Warrick Barnes (Mallala), Ms Lynda Painter (Wakefield), Mr Stephen Goldsworthy (Yorke Peninsula), Mr Andy West (Copper Coast), Ms Deb Brokenshire (Barunga West), Mr Patrick Clifton	In abeyance pending Future Directions review

Committee	Members	Meeting Dates
	(Port Pirie), Muriel Scholz (Mt Remarkable). Ms Deborah Allen (Coastcare Facilitator) – ex officio	
Regional Waste Management Committee:	(non-current membership – if retained needs membership review) Mayor Ruth Whittle (Chair), Ms Cate Atkinson (Wakefield), Cr Ken Anderson (Flinders Ranges), Ms Paula Duncan-Tiver (Northern Areas), Mr Roger Crowley (Northern Areas). Ms Vanessa Loechel (Waste Coordinator) – ex officio	Referred activity through CEO Forums and Executive Committee.
Water Project Steering Committee:	(non-current membership – if retained needs membership review) Mr Iian Wilson (Orroroo Carrieton), Cr Denis Clark (Northern Areas), Mr Ian Baldwin. Ms Kelly-Anne Saffin (RDAY&MN), Ms Jennifer Munro (Northern & Yorke NRM), Ms Kris Swaffer (DFW), Mr Paul Doherty (SA Water)	In abeyance pending Future Directions Review
Windfarm Project Steering Committee:	(non-current membership – if retained needs membership review) Mayor Allan Aughey (C&GV), Cr Paul Kretschmer (Mt Remarkable), Gabby Swearse/Alan Thomson (NAC), Mr John Brak (Goyder). Kelly-Anne Saffin (RDA), Mr Jarrod White. Mr Trevor White (Windfarm Liaison Officer) – ex officio	In abeyance pending Future Directions Review

Regional Forums and Workshops

In order to progress specific priorities and actions, the Central Local Government Region occasionally holds information forums or workshops to allow member councils and other relevant stakeholders to come together and discuss or learn about particular initiatives.

The forums and workshops provide an opportunity for greater awareness, understanding and engagement with various Central Local Government Region activities and increases the level of active involvement by stakeholders. The following issue-specific forums were held during the 2014/15 financial year.

In 2015 commencement of the Future Directions Review was timely being post November elections and providing for the Mayors/Board delegates to commence at the start of an Election cycle the development of a new Regional model that embraces Council of the Future initiatives, Regional collaborations, Regional Planning concepts and national models based in NSW, WA and Tasmania.

This has resulted in a high number of strategic workshops and meetings conducted by consulting firm URPS with Mayors and CEO's separately and jointly in developing the Future Direction model during the February – June 2015 period.

A considerable number of additional workshops and decision making Board meetings will be required into 2015/16 including the appointment of a new CEO to drive the agenda and implementation of the new model to support the regional approach into the future.

3 September 2014	Special CEO's roundtable informal session with Hon Jeff Kennett, AC, on Future of Local Government from a National and local viewpoint held at Aquinas College Adelaide.
12 December 2014	Workshop Session with Mr Dean Jaensch on Elections review at Barossa CLGR Board meeting. Presentation and discussion with Hon Geoff Brock, MP, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Development.
20 February 2015 (Jamestown) 20 March 2015 Clare 17 April 2015 - Adelaide 5 June 2015 - Clare	Future Directions Review – URPS workshops with Mayors in developing framework for future CLGR, including meeting with Hunter Councils Inc (NSW)/Cradle Coast (Tas) on appropriate models. Branding and naming of CLGR workshop and developing vision for "Council of Mayors" governance concept.
29 th , 30 th and 31 st March	Country Cabinet hosted jointly by District Council of Peterborough, District Council of Orroroo-Carrieton, Regional Council of Goyder and Northern Areas Council. Presentations by Mayors/CEO's to Premier and Cabinet. Attendance by Chair/Interim CEO - CLGR.
7 th May 2015	CLGR annual Regional Waste Forum – conducted at Clare.
15 th , 16 th , 17 th June 2015	Attendance at ALGA Conference, Canberra and special 1 hour information exchange with Hunter Councils Inc (NSW) attendees at conference. Visit to Hunter region proposed. 8 CLGR Councils were represented at conference/info session.

Achievements for 2014/15

During the 2014/15 year, the Central Region continued to progress a number of priority activities, pursued under the three key target areas identified within the strategic and business plan (These were rolled over targets adopted at the AGM in August 2014 pending the Future Directions Review):

1. Board Governance and Operations

- ✓ **The operation of the Central Region subsidiary is in accordance with legislative requirements and board policy**
- ✓ **CLGR is well regarded by its member councils and stakeholders as a valid and relevant organisation**

Achievements for 2014/15

- ⤴ CLGR Board meeting agendas & minutes updated on website.
- ⤴ Committee operations executed within terms of reference
- ⤴ Interim Executive support review implemented in line with Future Directions Review Transition Management Planning.
- ⤴ Future Direction Review of CLGR developed for LGA R & D Scheme funding and resulting in core payment and access to advisory services, covering governance and legislation, economics and finance, Business and service improvement, inter-governmental services and project scoping and facilitation. Core payment 2014/15 – advisory services access 2015/16.
- ⤴ Review of operation of Standing and other Committees and restructure of activities through the CEO's Forum and Executive Committee.
- ⤴ CEO's Forum meetings continued operating on two monthly basis to allow for Outreach Services Project and other committee work to be progressed. In 2015 with commencement of the Future Directions Review by URPS resulted in CEO Forums concentrating on the Review process through numerous workshops/meetings undertaken and developing Regional Managers Group governance under Council of Mayors concept. This will develop through to appointment of new CEO circa September 2015.
- ⤴ The Future Directions Review culminated in the adoption at the May 2015 Board meeting of the following recommendations and represent the strategic direction of the "new CLGR" model to be developed and progressively implemented during 2015/16. (The full 22 page report is available at www.centralregion.sa.gov.au)

Recommendation 1: The Board of the Region endorses in principle the Goals and Strategies of the Draft Strategic Plan and charges the CEO's Regional Management Group to develop a Three Year Action Plan that identifies costed measureable deliverables and those responsible for driving their delivery within a realistic timeframe.

Recommendation 2: That the new regional model includes two levels of membership – full membership for the core Councils who comprise the decision making body and Associate (non-voting) membership for Councils who opt-in for specific activities. A separate membership fee will be applied to Associate Members.

Recommendation 3: All current members of the Central Region advise the Chair in writing of their intentions with respect to membership, for a 5 year period by 30 June 2015.

Recommendation 4: Mayors and Chief Executive Officers of the Core Member Councils will make a commitment to attend all Board and Management Group meetings. If an alternative Elected Member is nominated by Council, that person must attend consistently, brief their Council on Regional matters and provide a strong and continuous link between the Region and their Council.

Recommendation 5: Engage a marketing firm to work with the Board to develop a clear and strong identity and translate this into a compelling regional brand.

Recommendation 6: Develop an Engagement and Communications Strategy that builds on your brand.

Recommendation 7: The Local Government Region facilitate an annual Regional Planning Day using its Regional Strategy and Action Plan as the basis for engaging other regional organisations and relevant State Government agencies.

Recommendation 8: That the Board endorse the proposed governance model comprising the Council of Regional Mayors and the Regional Management Group of CEO's.

Recommendation 9: Undertake a legislative review of the region's charter to determine what changes are needed to enable the region's preferred governance model. The review should also examine alternative legislative models if the Local Government Act is not the most appropriate source for the region's head powers.

Recommendation 10: Recruit and support the employment of a Chief Executive Officer, on a 5 year contract, with the attributes needed to drive the region's strategic directions and build a cohesive committed regional organisation.

Recommendation 11: The Region establishes a schedule of meetings and prioritises external presentations on the basis of their benefit to the region.

Recommendation 12: Support a regional application for \$207,000 to \$240,000 from the CLGR Reserve Fund to establish the new regional model (subject to providing matching funds).

Recommendation 13: CEO's Regional Management Group be asked to prepare a budget for the 2015/16 financial year including the costs described above. This budget will inform the Board's decision about the level of Council contributions to the region.

Recommendation 14: That the region establish a simple graphic template for reporting its progress towards agreed strategic outcomes against allocated funds.

Recommendation 15: That the region report to its member Councils twice a year and provide an annual one page Overview to be included in Council's newsletters and online documents.

Recommendation 16: That the region commission an independent evaluation of its operations and achievements in 2017/18 (two years after the introduction of the new model).

Recommendation 17: Contract a suitable consultant to assist the region's Mayors and CEO's to make the transition to the new governance model. Transitional management will facilitate the development of the Council of Mayors and work with the Regional Management Group to undertake their assigned tasks. The consultant will also be available to assist Mayors to present the benefits of the new arrangements to their Councils and thus obtain a continued commitment to funding the region.

2. Local Government Leadership and Sustainability

- ✓ **The Central Local Government Region Councils supported to collaboratively improve service delivery, resourcing & financial capacity**
- ✓ **Central Local Government Region Councils well represented & regarded at state and national Local Government levels**
- ✓ **Improved awareness & understanding of Central Region Council issues and activities by key stakeholders & political decision makers**

Achievements for 2014/15

- ▲ Retention of \$320,000 CLGR reserve funds towards Council collaborations and shared services and May 2015 Board meeting placed in policy that funds should be retained as priority for implementation objectives arising from the Future Directions Review and Transitional Management processes particularly from May 2015 – Dec 2015.
- ▲ Funding received for LGA Outreach Officer Year 2 and combined with Interim EO roles for duration of Future Directions review and pending appointment of new CEO in circa Sept 2015 – Project has continued focusing on Region Priorities (February 2014) Procurement, Training, Compliance and Future Directions Review.
- ▲ LGA advice received that Outreach Services pilot program will be expanded across SA Regions with \$50K allocation to each region on annual work plan. The aims of Outreach Services Phase Two is to: (1) Support improved regional delivery of various LGA services including procurement, education and training, financial and asset management planning, risk services and Local Excellence reform initiatives. (2) Work with Councils and the LGA to identify and scope any new services or assistance that may support more efficient long term outcomes for Councils in the

region. (3) Facilitate stronger Council collaborative projects and coordinate various Council "shared services" group meetings and regionalisation initiatives, as required. In addition to the above objectives, the LGA Outreach Services Program wishes to accommodate tasks, issues and objectives that are particular to the Region, and upon mutual agreement, can be included as part of this program. The funding approval for Outreach Phase 2 for 2015/16 is timely due to implementation of the Future Directions Report and the synergies that already exist in terms of regional procurement, regional training needs and in region training preference, compliance and internal controls project and other outreach projects already identified by CLGR.

- ✧ LGA Outreach Services – Pilot project funded by the LGA was commenced in January 2014 for 2 years. In addition to the Future Directions Review the LGA Outreach Services pilot project has continued handling concurrent EO/Outreach roles. Specific areas of activity and coordination has been:
 - ✧ *Procurement - Outreach Services in association with LGAP and Arcblue has supported Procurement Roadmap. This has identified through information sourced from 14 participating CLGR Councils that savings on a \$110M annual spend may generate efficiencies of 3-5% in a range of \$3.7M*
 - ✧ *Financial Sustainability Program. Outreach Services through the LGA (John Wright, Financial Sustainability Program) has also assisted in an internal controls projects which has seen participation by 10 Councils with a view to having compliance systems in place.*
 - ✧ *In – Region Training - Through partnership with LGA Education and Training unit has investigated a changed format of delivering training in the region through clusters of Councils. A successful Audit Committee Training Program was conducted in Clare on May 28th and taken up by 7 Councils in the Region representing costs savings and time spent driving.*
 - ✧ *Regional Waste Recycling Tender – Outreach Services supported the Waste Management Coordinator, Vanessa Loechel with the Regional Waste/Recycling Data Regional Tender project nearing completion. Due to WMC role concluding on 30th June this work will be finalised by Trevor Hockley under contract in association with the LGA Outreach Project.*
 - ✧ *Invited attendance by Local Government Minister to quarterly meetings of Central Region. Hon Geoff Brock, MP Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Development attended December 2014 post elections Board meeting at the Barossa.*
 - ✧ *Attendance at Country Cabinet Meeting on March 29th, 30th and 31st March at Peterborough, Orroroo, Jamestown and Burra. Submissions provided to Country Cabinet through Minister for Local Government on proposed 4 year arterial road shoulder program proposal, Zero Waste transition to Green Industries SA and need for levy funds to be returned back to Local Government through program grants for education on recycling and associated initiatives, Crown Lands Red Tape Reduction proposal between Local government and State Government (State Budget May 2015 created 4 year program for extensive road shoulder widening and edge line marking program \$10M per year commencing with Spalding to Andrews Road, Clare to Farrell Flat and Kulpara to Kadina to be commenced in 2015/16 as priorities.)*
 - ✧ *Attendance by Local Government Association (LGA) and Office of Local Government (OLG) at Central Region quarterly meetings or reports received due to Future Directions workload.*
 - ✧ *Communications with LGA and Office of Local Government staff as required*
 - ✧ *Convened Council Chief Executive Officer forums and transitional Regional Managers Group as required under outcomes from Future Directions Review and Transitional Manager Angela Hazebrook (URPS)*
 - ✧ *Coordination of Central Region appointments to LGA Board.*
 - ✧ *Regional representation at SA Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC) and LGA Board meetings*
 - ✧ *Attendance at Local Government Association SA general meetings and forums in Adelaide*
 - ✧ *Attendance by Councils Mayors/CEO's at Australian Local Government Association assembly in Canberra*
 - ✧ *Communication and meetings/workshops with SAROC Executive Officers on key issues as required*
 - ✧ *Participation of relevant regional agencies and bodies on Central Region committees and at workshops and forums as appropriate*
 - ✧ *Member of Parliament briefings as required*
 - ✧ *Central Region website updated with Agenda, Minutes, Future Directions Review Final Report.*

3. Regional and Community Sustainability

- ✓ **The long-term economic, environmental and social sustainability of the Central Local Government Region is fostered through pro-active, innovative, efficient and collaborative approaches to issues of priority.**

Achievements for 2014/15

Regional Identity, Planning & Cohesion

- ⤴ Regional Strategic Alliance meetings with Northern & Yorke Natural Resources Management Board (NRM) and Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North (RDA) were deferred pending appointment of NRM Chair and outcome of Future Directions Review for CLGR.
- ⤴ Convened workshop with Dept Planning, Transport and Infrastructure on update of the Mid North and Yorke Peninsula Planning Strategy.
- ⤴ Project Management under the terms of the Federal Government funding for Upper Spencer Gulf Sustainability major project – fortnightly report meetings with Federal Government Agency staff and CEO, Upper Spencer Gulf Common Purpose Group
- ⤴ Participation in interim meetings of RDA and NRM Executive Officers and CLGR
- ⤴ Continued Central Region office co-location with Regional Department of Transport, Crystal Brook subject to determination of new CEO Location through the Future Directions Review.
- ⤴ Attendance at a number of Yorke & Mid North NRM Board as a non-voting delegate.

Waste Management

- ⤴ Funding continued from ZWSA to engage Regional Waste Coordinator for 2 years concluding in 2014/15. The work by Vanessa Loechel, Waste Management Coordinator has been extremely valuable.
- ⤴ Regional waste management committee continued from 1st April, 2014 reported directly with CEO's Forum
- ⤴ Collaborative arrangement/Waste & Recycling Data - Undertook regional waste survey: met with finance and works managers from each council to obtain comprehensive data on their waste and recycling operations and facilities. Collated this information for analysis by consultant Trevor Hockley who is preparing a report with recommendations about potential cost-saving and efficiency initiatives for consideration by the CLGR.
- ⤴ Prepared regional submissions to consultations on the establishment of Green Industries SA and the draft SA Waste Strategy 2015-20.
- ⤴ Central Region Resource Recovery Newsletter and regular updates via email and telephone.
- ⤴ Regional Waste Forum held in Clare on 7 May 2015. Presentations on: the CLGR organics project, DC Mallala/Recycle Right bin-tagging trial; update on Zero Waste SA to Green Industries SA transition; the Garage Sale Trail; assistance KESAB can provide to councils; waste to energy opportunities; and update on regional waste survey.
- ⤴ Assisted delivery of the DC Mallala/Recycle Right Bin-tagging project. Approximately 300 households in Mallala and Two Wells were targeted in the campaign which involved providing positive and negative reinforcement via tags attached to recycling and organics bins presented for collection over three successive fortnights.
- ⤴ Distributed KESAB mini-bin games to each of the councils, tailored to their specific kerbside collection systems; these will be made available to schools and community groups to educate about correct source separation and use of kerbside bins.
- ⤴ Prepared a regional submission to consultation on the operational review of the National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme (NTCRS).
- ⤴ Liaised between Councils and the EPA to forge a solution to the problem of uncontained e-waste experienced by several councils as a result of having their "free" NTCRS e-waste collection services withdrawn.
- ⤴ Finalised the CLGR composting trials and prepared and submitted a report, *Municipal Organics Management in Regional Australia*, that documents (1) the outcome of the trials; (2) case studies of municipal approaches to organics management across Australia; and (3) guidelines for applying the model developed by consultancy Blue Environment to assist Central Region councils to evaluate the cost/benefit of introducing kerbside organics collections and various processing options. This was a jointly funded project of the CLGR, Local Government Research and Development Scheme and Zero Waste SA. The final report has been circulated to all CLGR councils and uploaded to the LGA website

Transport

- ⤴ Convened Central Region Transport Committee, for Special Local Roads Program purposes January – April 2015, including participation by DPTI (Bob Bemmerl) and YMN RDA (Jo-anne Buchanan)
- ⤴ Assessment, inspection and regional submission to Special Local Roads program in accordance with LGA TAP Committee requirements.

Environment and Natural Resources

- ⤴ Local Government representative attendance at various Regional NRM Board meetings by interim Executive Officer as a non-voting delegate under the YMN NRM Board constitution.
- ⤴ YMN NRM Board advised of progress by CLGR of its Future Direction Review and investigation of Hunter Councils Inc (NSW), Pilbara (WA) and Cradle Coast Authority (Tasmania) models.
- ⤴ Participation in regional Native Vegetation Council forum Adelaide Hills and Clare

Climate Change and Emergency Management

- ⤴ Funding for regional climate change coordinator to work across local govt, regional development & NRM up to 30th June 2015. A new 2 year contract covering the YMN Alliance for the Climate Change Coordinator for 2015-2017 is being totally funded via YMN NRM Board and hosted by CLGR. The YMN NRM has provided the contract with a 2 year work plan. This will allow Local Government access to expertise in this specialised area and for sourcing of project funds for local government as opportunity arises.
- ⤴ Funding for regional climate change coordinator to work across local govt, regional development & NRM
- ⤴ Completion of the Making Yorke & Mid North Low Carbon Ready project.
- ⤴ Ongoing development of Goyder's Line Sustainability Hub and research concept.
- ⤴ Completion of the Adaptation Pathways for Natural Coastal Assets project that provided strategies for managing the impacts of climate change on high conservation value areas of the coast.
- ⤴ Working with Red Cross to develop a Community Engagement Strategy aimed at improving the resilience of households to extreme climatic events.
- ⤴ Climate Change Vulnerability Policy Review to investigate how State Government policy can support regional adaptation.
- ⤴ Applying the NRM Planning for Climate Change to begin the update the Regional NRM Plan incorporating resilience thinking and adaptive management principles.
- ⤴ Partnering in the Climate Change and Bushfire project to investigate the ability to model the impact of climate change on fire danger indexes in the region.
- ⤴ Supporting Yorke Peninsula Council in the Investigation of seawater flooding risks of 4 settlements.
- ⤴ Coordinated LG representation to Yorke/Mid North Zone Emergency Management committees (ZEMC)
- ⤴ Contribution to Upper Spencer Gulf Biodiversity Project, Renewable Strategy and Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment
- ⤴ Ongoing participation in LG, State Government and Australian Government workshops and programs

Windfarm Development

- ⤴ Project completion through LGA Research and Development fund for preparation of local government planning guidelines for windfarm development. Guideline placed on LGA Website
- ⤴ Presentation at LGA Showcase April 2015 by CEO (John Brak) Goyder and Regional Consultant (Bob Hart).

**CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT
REGION of SA Inc**



**Annual Financial
Statements**

For the financial year

July 1st 2014 – June 30th 2015

Central Local Government Region of SA Inc

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Central Local Government Region of SA Inc

- **ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
- **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2015**

CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have been authorised by the Region 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 Region's financial position at 30 June 2015 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.
- internal controls implemented by the Region provide a reasonable assurance that the Region's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year.
- the financial statements accurately reflect the Region's accounting and other records.


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Paul McInerney
Interim Chief Executive Officer


Mayor Raymond Agnew
President

Date: 24/8/15

Central Local Government Region of SA Inc

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the year ended 30 June 2015

	Notes	2015 \$	2014 \$
INCOME			
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	285,555	852,300
Investment income	2	18,419	16,070
Other income	2	193,714	171,950
Total Income		<u>497,688</u>	<u>1,040,320</u>
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	3	-	93,259
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	796,701	697,046
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	850	5,101
Total Expenses		<u>797,551</u>	<u>795,406</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(299,863)	244,914
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	(12,602)	-
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(312,465)	244,914
transferred to Equity Statement			
Total Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		<u>(312,465)</u>	<u>244,914</u>

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

Central Local Government Region of SA Inc

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
as at 30 June 2015

	Notes	2015 \$	2014 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	541,825	749,243
Trade & other receivables	5	64,293	119,804
Total Current Assets		606,118	869,047
Non-current Assets			
Property, plant & equipment	7	-	28,907
Total Non-current Assets		-	28,907
Total Assets		606,118	897,954
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & other payables	8	43,877	23,248
Total Liabilities		43,877	23,248
NET ASSETS		562,241	874,706
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		68,145	25,212
Other Reserves	9	494,096	849,494
TOTAL EQUITY		562,241	874,706

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

Central Local Government Region of SA Inc

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the year ended 30 June 2015

		Accumulated Surplus	Other Reserves	TOTAL EQUITY
2015	Notes	\$	\$	\$
Balance at end of previous reporting period		25,212	849,494	874,706
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(312,465)		(312,465)
Other Comprehensive Income				
Transfers between reserves		355,398	(355,398)	-
Balance at end of period		68,145	494,096	562,241
2014				
Balance at end of previous reporting period		3,486	626,306	629,792
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		244,914		244,914
Other Comprehensive Income				
Transfers between reserves		(223,188)	223,188	-
Balance at end of period		25,212	849,494	874,706

Central Local Government Region of SA Inc

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the year ended 30 June 2015

	Notes	2015 \$	2014 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Investment receipts		19,089	16,474
Grants & Council Contributions		438,015	906,483
Other revenues		96,095	122,464
<u>Payments</u>			
Employee costs		-	(105,421)
Materials, contracts & other expenses		(776,072)	(791,909)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities		(222,873)	148,091
 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Sale of surplus assets		15,455	
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		15,455	-
 CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		-	-
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		(207,418)	148,091
 Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	11	749,243	601,152
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	11	541,825	749,243

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

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2015

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.

Basis of Preparation

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

The financial report was authorised for issue by certificate under regulation 14 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* dated (9th August 2014)

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 the Region'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.

All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar (\$).

Historical Cost Convention

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

1.2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

The Central Local Government Region of South Australia Incorporated ("the Region") is a regional subsidiary under Section 43 and Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1999.

The Constituent Councils are:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 1. The Barossa Council | 2. District Council of Mount Remarkable |
| 3. District Council of Barunga West | 4. Northern Areas Council |
| 5. Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council | 6. District Council of Orroroo/Carrieton |
| 7. District Council of the Copper Coast | 8. District Council of Peterborough |
| 9. The Flinders Ranges Council | 10. Port Pirie Regional Council |
| 11. Regional Council of Goyder | 12. Wakefield Regional Council |
| 13. Light Regional Council | 14. Yorke Peninsula Council, and |
| 15. District Council of Mallala. | |

All funds received and expended by the Region have been included in the Financial Statements forming part of this Financial Report.

1.3 Income recognition

Income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Income is recognised when the Region obtains control over the assets comprising the income, or when the amount due constitutes an enforceable debt, whichever first occurs.

Where grants, contributions and donations recognised as incomes during the reporting period were obtained on the condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period, and those conditions were undischarged as at the reporting date, the amounts subject to those undischarged conditions are disclosed in these notes. Also disclosed is the amount of grants, contributions and receivables recognised as incomes in a previous reporting period which were obtained in respect of the Region's operations for the current reporting period.

1.4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

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

Receivables for 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 forms part of Note 13.

1.5 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

All non-current assets purchased are capitalised as the expenditure is incurred and depreciated as soon as the asset is held "ready for use". All assets are recognised at cost. Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition.

Assets with an economic life in excess of one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds established by the Region 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 as follows:

Office Furniture & Equipment	\$1,000
Motor Vehicles, Other Plant & Equipment	\$1,000

All material asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. Plant and equipment assets recognised are systematically depreciated over their useful lives on a straight-line basis which, in the opinion of the Region, 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.

1.6 Payables

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.

Amounts received from external parties in advance of service delivery are recognised as liabilities until the service is delivered or damage reinstated, or the amount is refunded as the case may be.

Employee Benefits

Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences

As at 30th June 2015 the Region does not have any employees and hence there are no employee provisions at the reporting date.

Superannuation

The Region had no employees for the financial year ended 30th June 2015.

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.

Pending Accounting Standards

Certain new accounting standards and UIG interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2012 reporting period and have not been used in preparing these reports.

AASB 7	Financial Instruments – Disclosures
AASB 9	Financial Instruments
AASB 15	Revenue from Contracts with Customers
AASB 124	Related Party Disclosures

Standards containing consequential amendments to other Standards and Interpretations arising from the above - AASB 2010-7, AASB 2014-1, AASB 2014-3, AASB 2014-4, AASB 2014-5, AASB 2014-6, AASB 2014-7, AASB 2014-8, AASB 2014-9, AASB 14-10, AASB 15-1, AASB 15-2, AASB 15-3, AASB 15-4, AASB 15-5 and AASB 2015-6.

(Standards not affecting local government have been excluded from the above list.)

Council is of the view that none of the above new standards or interpretations will affect any of the amounts recognised in the financial statements, but that they may impact certain information otherwise disclosed.

The Australian Accounting Standards Board is currently reviewing AASB 1004 Contributions. It is anticipated that the changes resulting from this review may have a material effect on the timing of the recognition of grants and contributions, but the financial consequences cannot be estimated until a revised accounting standard is issued.

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Note 2 - INCOME

	Notes	2015 \$	2014 \$
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Local Government Finance Authority		18,312	15,961
Banks & other		107	109
		<u>18,419</u>	<u>16,070</u>
OTHER INCOME			
Council Contributions		152,460	148,159
Sundry		41,254	23,791
		<u>193,714</u>	<u>171,950</u>
GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS			
Other grants, subsidies and contributions		285,555	852,300
		<u>285,555</u>	<u>852,300</u>
Sources of grants			
Commonwealth government		39,954	376,950
State government		235,601	56,000
Other (inc NRM)		10,000	419,350
		<u>285,555</u>	<u>852,300</u>

Conditions over grants & contributions

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

Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period	516,994	285,876
Less: expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods		
P010-Windfarm Liaison	(27,593)	(20,010)
P008-Coastal Councils Project	-	(69,027)
P009-Climate Change	(95,703)	(8,918)
P014-Water Project	-	(21,439)
P003-Waste Management	(15,635)	-
P016-Upper Spencer Gulf RSP	(182,941)	-
P018-Policy Amendment Review	(30,000)	-
P019-Coastal Adaptation	(30,000)	-
P020-Risk Assessment	(30,000)	-
P022-Roads & Transport	(680)	-
Subtotal	(412,552)	(119,394)
Plus: amounts recognised as revenues in this reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions		
P003-Waste Management	-	18,434
A009-Special Projects	13,305	543
P024-Climate Change Co-ordinator 2015-17	25,000	-
P022-Roads & Transport	-	5,927
P023-Outreach Collaboration Project	256	52,667
P016-Upper Spencer Gulf RSP	-	182,941
P018-Policy Amendment Review	-	30,000
P019-Coastal Adaptation	-	30,000
P020-Risk Assessment	-	30,000
Subtotal	38,561	350,512
Unexpended at the close of this reporting period	<u>143,003</u>	<u>516,994</u>
Net increase (decrease) in assets subject to conditions in the current reporting period	<u>(373,991)</u>	<u>231,118</u>

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Note 3 - EXPENSES

Notes	2015 \$	2014 \$
EMPLOYEE COSTS		
Salaries and Wages	-	73,877
Employee leave expense	-	7,163
Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions	-	6,251
FBT	-	5,968
Total Operating Employee Costs	<u>-</u>	<u>93,259</u>
Total Number of Employees	-	-
<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	1,650	1,650
Other Audit/Accounting Fees	-	486
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses	<u>1,650</u>	<u>2,136</u>
<u>Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses</u>		
Contractors & Consultants	732,691	552,016
Energy & Fuel	9	4,383
Grants	25,000	79,000
Members Allowances & Support	4,176	4,058
Meetings & Conferences	5,064	22,216
Insurance	5,701	8,687
Sundry	22,410	24,550
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses	<u>795,051</u>	<u>694,910</u>
	<u>796,701</u>	<u>697,046</u>
DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT		
Depreciation		
Motor Vehicle	850	5,101
	<u>850</u>	<u>5,101</u>

Note 4 - ASSET DISPOSAL & FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
Assets surplus to requirements		
Proceeds from disposal	15,455	-
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold	28,057	-
NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION OF ASSETS	<u>(12,602)</u>	<u>-</u>

Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS

CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS		
Cash on Hand and at Bank	20,979	129,379
Deposits at Call	520,846	619,864
	<u>541,825</u>	<u>749,243</u>
TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Accrued Revenues	2,873	3,543
Debtors - general	40,235	90,000
GST Recoupment	21,185	26,261
	<u>64,293</u>	<u>119,804</u>

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	2014 \$				2015 \$			
Fair Value Level	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT

Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Motor Vehicle	-	35,915	(7,008)	28,907	-	-	-	-
Software	-	772	(772)	-	-	772	(772)	-
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	-	36,687	(7,780)	28,907	-	772	(772)	-
<i>Comparatives</i>	-	36,687	(2,679)	34,008	-	36,687	(7,780)	28,907

2014 \$	CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR \$							2015 \$	
CARRYING AMOUNT	Additions		Disposals	Depreciation	Impairment	Transfers		Net Revaluation	CARRYING AMOUNT
	New /Upgrade	Renewals				In	Out		

Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Motor Vehicle	28,907	-	-	(28,057)	(850)	-	-	-	-
Software	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	28,907	-	-	(28,057)	(850)	-	-	-	-
<i>Comparatives</i>	34,008	-	-	-	(5,101)	-	-	-	28,907

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Note 8 - LIABILITIES

	Notes	2015		2014	
		\$		\$	
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES		Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Goods & Services		2,420	-	8,615	-
Accrued expenses - Contractors		41,457	-	14,633	-
		43,877	-	23,248	-

Note 9 - RESERVES

OTHER RESERVES	1/7/2014	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/6/2015
General Reserve	12,500	18,593	-	31,093
1 P003-Waste Management	31,908	-	(15,635)	16,273
2 A009-Special Projects	4,036	13,305	-	17,341
3 P009-Climate Change	100,464	-	(95,703)	4,761
4 P024-Climate Change Co-Ordinator 2015-17	-	25,000	-	25,000
5 P010-Wind Farm Liaison	27,593	-	(27,593)	0
6 P015-Local Government Reform	320,000	-	-	320,000
7 P016-Upper Spencer Gulf RSP	182,941	-	(182,941)	0
8 P018-Policy Alignment Review	30,000	-	(30,000)	0
9 P019-Coastal Adaptation	30,000	-	(30,000)	0
10 P020-Risk Assessment	30,000	-	(30,000)	0
11 P022-Roads & Transport	27,385	-	(680)	26,705
12 P023-Outreach Collaboration Project	52,667	256	-	52,923
TOTAL OTHER RESERVES	849,494	57,154	(412,552)	494,096
Comparatives	626,306	350,512	(127,324)	849,494

PURPOSES OF RESERVES

(Other Reserves)

- 1 **P003-Waste Management**
State Government funded technical support programme - completion 2015/16
- 2 **A007-Special Projects**
LGA funded support programme - expiry 2014/15
- 3 **P009-Climate Change**
Regional Partners and State Government funded programme - Project managed by Yorke and Mid North Alliance and includes engagement of technical support and seed distribution - completion 2014-15
- 4 **P023-Climate Change Co-ordinator 2015-17**
Regional Partners and State Government funded programme - Project managed by Yorke and Mid North Alliance and includes engagement of technical support and seed distribution - completion 2013/14
- 5 **P010-Wind Farm Liaison**
LGA funded programme - windfarm planning guide - completion 2014/15
- 6 **P015-Local Government Reform**
CLGR funded programme - Council Shared Services
- 7 **P016-Upper Spencer Gulf Regional Sustainability Project**
State Government funded technical support programme - completion 2014/15
- 8 **P018-Policy Amendment Review**
NRM funded project - completion 2014/15
- 9 **P019-Coastal Adaptation**
NRM funded project - completion 2014/15
- 10 **P020-Risk Assessment**
NRM funded project - completion 2014/15
- 11 **P022-Roads & Transport**
CLGR funded programme - Regional Development Australia Freight Strategy
- 12 **P023-Outreach Collaboration Project**
Federal Government funded programme - completion 2015/16

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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	2015 \$	2014 \$
Total cash & equivalent assets	5	<u>541,825</u>	<u>749,243</u>
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		<u>541,825</u>	<u>749,243</u>

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)	(312,465)	244,914
Non-cash items in Income Statement		
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	850	5,101
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits	-	(12,162)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals	<u>12,602</u>	<u>-</u>
	(299,013)	237,853
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets		
Net (increase) decrease in receivables	55,511	(64,555)
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables	<u>20,629</u>	<u>(25,207)</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations	<u>(222,873)</u>	<u>148,091</u>

(c) Non-Cash Financing and Investing Activities

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(d) Financing Arrangements

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

Corporate Credit Cards	2,000	2,000
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Note 12 - FUNCTIONS

The activities of the Region are categorised into the following programmes

1 A009-Special Projects	14 P020-Risk Assessment
2 P003-Waste Management	15 P022-Roads & Transport
3 P008-Coastal Councils	16 P023-Outreach Collaboration Project
4 P009-Climate Change	
5 P024-Climate Change Co-ordinator 2015-17	
6 P010-Wind Farm Liaison	
7 P011-Regional Broadband	
8 P013-Environment & Roadside Vegetation	
9 P014-Regional Water Supply	
10 P015-Local Government Reform	
11 P016-Upper Spencer Gulf RSP	
12 P018-Policy Alignment Review	
13 P019-Coastal Adaptation	

Income and expenses have been attributed to the functions/activities throughout the financial year.

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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: Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned.</p> <p>Short term deposits are available on 24 hour call with the LGFA and has an interest rate of 2% as at 30 June 2015.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.</p>
Receivables -Trade and Other Debtors	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal value.</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 (after deduction of any allowance).</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 Region.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>

Liquidity Analysis

2015	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
Financial Assets	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents	541,825	-	-	541,825	541,825
Receivables	64,293	-	-	64,293	64,293
Total	606,118	-	-	606,118	606,118
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	2,420	-	-	2,420	2,420
Total	2,420	-	-	2,420	2,420

2014	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
Financial Assets	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents	749,243	-	-	749,243	749,243
Receivables	119,804	-	-	119,804	119,804
Total	869,047	-	-	869,047	869,047
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	8,615	-	-	8,615	8,615
Total	8,615	-	-	8,615	8,615

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 Region.

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 Region is the carrying amount, net of any allowance for doubtful debts. All the Region's investments are made with the SA Local Government Finance Authority and are guaranteed by the SA Government. Except as detailed in Note 5 in relation to individual classes of receivables, exposure is concentrated within the Region'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 the Region'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 the Region 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.

Interest Rate Risk is the risk that future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Cash flow fluctuations are managed holistically in seeking to minimise interest costs over the longer term in a risk averse manner.

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Note 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

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Income	497,688	1,040,320
less Expenses	<u>797,551</u>	<u>795,406</u>
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(299,863)	244,914
less Net Outlays on Existing Assets		
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	<u>(850)</u>	<u>(5,101)</u>
	(850)	(5,101)
less Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets	<u>(15,455)</u>	<u>-</u>
	(15,455)	-
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	<u>(283,558)</u>	<u>250,015</u>

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Note 19 - JOINT VENTURES & ASSOCIATED ENTITIES

An associate is an entity, including an unincorporated entity such as a partnership, over which the investor has significant influence and that is neither a subsidiary nor an interest in a joint venture.

A joint venture is a contractual agreement whereby two or more parties undertake an economic activity that is subject to joint control

The Region has no interest in Joint Ventures or Associated Entities.

Although the Region itself is a Regional Subsidiary established by the 15 Member Councils (as per Note 1), it is not considered to be an associate of any of the individual Councils as no one Council has significant influence. As such, equity accounting procedures are not used by the individual Councils. It is likely that each Council's interest in the Regional Subsidiary is non-material and as such, it is appropriate for a Council to write off its annual contribution as an expense.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of The Central Local Government Region of South Australia Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2015, the Council's Auditor, Ian G McDonald has maintained his 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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Cheri Cole

**Chief Executive Officer
District Council of Barunga West**

**Chief Executive Officer
Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council**

Chief Executive Officer
District Council of the Copper Coast

**Chief Executive Officer
The Flinders Ranges Council**

Chief Executive Officer
Regional Council of Goyder

Chief Executive Officer
Light Regional Council

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**Chief Executive Officer
District Council of Peterborough**

**Chief Executive Officer
Wakefield Regional Council**

Chairman
Central Local Government Region
Board of Management



**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT
REGION OF SA INC**

I have audited the accompanying financial report of the Central Local Government Region of SA Inc which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2015 and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, cash flow statement, summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the certification of financial statement for the year ended 30 June 2015.

Chief Executive Officer's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Local Government Act 1999 together with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. I have conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

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

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting my audit I followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional and ethical pronouncements and the Local Government Act 1999.

Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Central Local Government Region of SA Inc. as of 30 June 2015, and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Local Government Act 1999 together with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.

**IAN G MC DONALD FCA
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT
REGISTERED COMPANY AUDITOR**

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Signed 5 day of October 2015, at Adelaide, South Australia

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