



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE COPPER COAST



Annual Report

2007/2008



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Foreword

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 District Council to communicate with residents and businesses in the community, ratepayers and prescribed bodies about the District Council's governance, its services, performance and achievements.

While Annual Reports are principally documents of accountability, the District 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 District Council's activities during the previous financial year.



Message from the Mayor

Paul Thomas



It is traditional for an annual report to review the finances and talk about successfully managing the business of Council in difficult times.

All that has certainly happened, but what is worth a mention is the positive effect that new growth in the region is having on the social fabric of our community.

For the first time in decades, young people are not departing our communities. The median average age of our region is dropping as these new generation residents begin their own families.

If we can measure success by family connections staying intact, then it shows that our community is on a sound and stable footing. The often ignored spin-off of growth and development in a community is the creation of worthwhile jobs that keep our young people in the region. Our young people are finding new places in the building industry, in services and hospitality.

The Copper Coast is turning the tide on the departure of our young people who will be here to take over the running of the region and the many businesses and rural activities that make up the community.

There are times that local news headlines may give an impression of problems in the community, but these are often fleeting issues that will be worked out in the community and by the local community.

Because we have projects aiming to bring new growth to our region, it's a fact of life that not all people will be happy with every plan. That is democracy and sometimes those who shout loudest are heard more often, at least until sensible agreements are reached.

What I enjoy hearing is local parents talking about their children staying in our region and bringing up a new generation within our community – not in some distant city or outback mining camp, as worthwhile as they are.

At a time when drought is threatening the security of many rural areas in our State, the fact is that the Copper Coast region is displaying a stability that should give us hope for the future. That economic balance comes from shifting our reliance on agriculture across to new service businesses, tourism and providing a welcome mat for others to come and share in the beautiful lifestyle that has been ours alone for a long time.

I know some long term locals have a genuine concern about the arrival of newcomers to the region and the infrastructure they require. That sort of response to 'change' is understandable, but loud complaining will not stop free-thinking, independent people from investing their savings in land, housing and lifestyle on our patch of Yorke Peninsula.

While some may question Council's decisions and actions, there is a yardstick by which we are measured. The increase in funds coming to our community from Federal and State Governments is proof that we are managing the business of Council in a professional and ethical manner.

Rumour mills may tell you another story, but our slate is clean. Our councillors are civic minded volunteers with community spirit, just like any other volunteer that helps us deliver services across our towns. They give their time and effort for the benefit of the whole community – and suffer personally from comments by ill informed or politically motivated individuals or groups who question their ethics and civic commitment.

Councils like ours and the community we serve are very dependent on the willing input of time and spirit by volunteers and the Copper Coast is lucky to have many selfless helpers.

The value of our Mayor's Forums in the community paid immediate dividends this year after a suggestion that our volunteers needed greater support for their work, other than just a 'thank you' and a cup of tea. From this Forum came a decision to apply for funding through the State Office of Volunteers to set up resource centre, which was duly opened in October this year.

This centre will help remove the red tape that surrounds volunteerism in this modern age and will provide things like rapid accreditation and police checks and help to give these volunteers greater recognition for the value they provide to the community.

I want to thank our Council Staff who contribute above and beyond what is required and who show great dedication in serving the community. They are putting in an enormous effort.

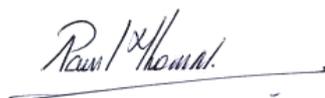
It is easy to bash a local Council, but I honestly know we do not have any people resting on their shovel. Council staff feel the criticism when decisions of Council are attacked out in the community and I am touched when they express concern about the effect this has on our Elected Members.

People can be critical of Local Government but it is the most affordable and effective form of government in this nation. We do achieve great results whether people like it or not.

Your Council is aware of challenges to the whole community in adapting to the growth and changes to both its population and built environment.

We are working our way through a properly managed strategic five-year plan and by inviting community involvement through regular Mayor's Forums on a range of social and commercial aspects of our region and its individual townships.

Together we can make a positive difference in our community and maintain a balance between the desires of existing residents and those new residents who wish to create their future in our midst.



Paul D.K. Thomas,
Mayor.

Chief Executive Officer's Message

Peter Dinning



The Council area continues to expand and generate visitor appeal and private investment opportunities. The Council's location on the northern end of the Yorke Peninsula, close proximity to Adelaide and the abutting coastline is generating considerable interest for those seeking a "sea change".

The official launch of The Dunes golf course and residential development at Port Hughes and the continued growth of Kadina as the Yorke Peninsula's commercial and retail hub have ensured that the Council area will continue to grow. Much of the growth will contribute to community wealth and significant opportunities for the region, while at the same time presenting many challenges to this and future Council's in planning, asset and infrastructure management and environmental stewardship. Irrespective of these challenges the future for the region looks very bright and there are exciting times ahead as the planned growth becomes a reality.

Financial Position and Capital Works

Council's financial position remained strong during 2007/08 with sound financial management continuing to exist as a key

priority for the organisation. Rate increases have been kept to a minimum and have wherever possible been aligned with the CPI to ensure Council's financial position does not adversely affect overall financial sustainability. Rate revenue is still marginally below 50% of Council's total operating revenue. The Council's cash position continued to remain stable with reserves covering all statutory requirements and debt levels being further reduced from the previous financial year.

A detailed report on Council's financial performance is outlined from page 9.

Council's capital works program for the year included works on the foreshore walkways between Moonta Bay and Port Hughes, foreshore revegetation programs and installation of the Moonta Bay playground have all improved the profile and appearance of community assets and make them more "tourist friendly". The implementation of key recommendations from the Wallaroo Town Centre and Urban Coast framework have also served to highlight the tourism appeal of the Wallaroo Town centre, ferry terminal and foreshore.

Council has continued its commitment to the provision of affordable housing with the construction of further retirement units at Wallaroo and at Moonta.

During the year Council continued to upgrade the district's infrastructure assets including roads, footpaths, streetscapes, community buildings and facilities. The positive impact of Council's 2007/08 works program has improved the profile and appearance of community assets and makes the Council area a place to visit, and a place for future investment.

Developments

Development applications in 2007/08 have exceeded 800 in number and will result in developments totaling more than \$60 million.

The demand for commercial/retail development in the Copper Coast has meant that Council has commissioned an independent review of the availability of suitable land in each of the 3 main towns, Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo. The review has identified the existing and future demand for retail facilities in the Copper Coast and also the appropriate land parcels that are suitable for the projected retail growth.

During 2007/08 Council has continued to work with SeaSA who have now successfully established the "Gulf Link" ferry service between Wallaroo and Lucky Bay on the Eyre Peninsula

The ferry service has effectively linked both peninsulas and Council is working further with SeaSA who are planning to construct a permanent ferry terminal at Wallaroo to support their operations.

The Community Wastewater Management System for Moonta, Moonta Bay and Port Hughes has not been fully investigated and final design will be completed in late 2008. Council has successfully acquired a site for the establishment of treatment ponds and works, including the construction of rising mains, major pump stations and the effluent treatment ponds has been programmed to commence in early 2009.

The proposed developments of the Dunes, Port Hughes; retail expansion in Wallaroo and Kadina and the residential growth generally have generated a growing appeal for the area and will continue to attract new residents, visitors, investors and tourists to the Copper Coast and the Yorke Peninsula.

The Organisation

As the area develops and continually challenges the Council by its potential for growth and needs for increased services I would like to compliment the Council staff on their ability to grow the organization and

deliver the services to the community which are often taken for granted.

The Council is fortunate to have a dedicated and skilled workforce who often exceeds expectations to get the job done and are justifiably proud of their achievements, working as locals to develop their Council area and provide services to fellow residents.

The organisation will continue to develop through the vision of Council and the commitment of Councillors and staff working collaboratively to meet new directions and implement measures to cost effectively provide the needs of a growing region.

The District Council of the Copper Coast is committed to the delivery of sustainable, quality services to our residents and ratepayers.



*Peter Dinning,
Chief Executive Officer.*



District Council of the Copper Coast

The Area in Focus

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 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 agriculture 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. Oyster and mussel farming are fast emerging as an industry of the future.

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, Port Hughes and Paskeville that cater for a wide range of recreational and sporting activities. The Copper Coast Sport & 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. Excellent boat launching facilities are provided at Port Hughes, including a boat service pontoon, protective breakwater and extensive trailer parking.

A new facility has been completed and is operational at Wallaroo as part of the Copper Cove Marina Development.

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 provides a modern venue for live theatre and 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 Biennial Kernewek Lowender Festival of Cornish heritage is recognised as one of South Australia's leading cultural events. The annual Antique and Collectables Fair, held at Moonta, continues to grow in its reputation, since the inaugural event ten years ago.

The Wheal Hughes Tourist Mine is the only one of its type in South Australia and incorporates a staffed mine interpretive centre, guided tours and conveniences.

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 districts 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 is divided into four wards and is represented by a Mayor and ten Councillors.

The District Council covers an area of some 773 square kilometres, servicing a population of approximately 12,200 people and over one hundred thousand visitors annually. The South Australian population trends indicate a slight growth rate of 0.9% pa, while the Council's growth rate is 2.9%, with the trend expected to continue.

Further residential developments in Kadina, Port Hughes, North Beach and Moonta/Moonta Bay are further indicators for potential population growth and demographic shifts for the region.

In 2007/2008 the Copper Coast was the second fastest growth region in the State, behind the Adelaide City Council area.



The Decision Making Structure of the Council

The full **Council** – the Mayor and ten Councillors, meet formally on the first Wednesday of every month at 5.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall in Kadina. The Council is the decision making body on all policy matters and is supported by standing committees established to investigate and resolve particular issues, these standing committees are:

- **Corporate and Community Services**
- **Infrastructure and Environmental Services**

These committees meet in Council to resolve the diverse range of matters referred to them.

An Executive Committee, comprising the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chairs of the standing committees, plus an Elected Member from a Ward not represented, may also meet if the need arises.

A statutory **Council Development Assessment Panel** meets on the third Wednesday at 5.30 p.m. of each month at the Council Chambers to consider Development Act applications submitted for approvals. The Council Development Assessment Panel comprises a membership of three Elected Members and four Independent Members from the public.

Every meeting of the Council, Council committees and the Council Development Assessment Panel are open to the public to attend. The Council, Council committee or Council Development Assessment Panel may, however, 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 committee and Council Development Assessment Panel meeting agendas, together with the 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.

The following is the record of attendance of Elected Members for the 2007/08 financial year for Council and its Committees.

Full Council

	Meetings Attended (out of 12)	Leave of Absence Granted	Apology Recorded	Nothing Recorded
Mayor Thomas	11	1	-	-
Cr. Bussenschutt	12	-	-	-
Cr. Clarke	11	-	1	-
Cr. Costello	10	-	2	-
Cr. Hancock	12	-	-	-
Cr. Male	12	-	-	-
Cr. Newbold	11	-	1	-
Cr. Rodda	12	-	-	-
Cr. Schmidt	11	-	1	-
Cr. Sims	10	2	-	-
Cr. Tonkin	9	2	1	-

Corporate & Community Services and Infrastructure & Environmental Services Committees

	Meetings Attended (out of 13)	Leave of Absence Granted	Apology Recorded	Nothing Recorded
Mayor Thomas	12	1	-	-
Cr. Bussenschutt	13	-	-	-
Cr. Clarke	12	-	1	-
Cr. Costello	11	-	2	-
Cr. Hancock	13	-	-	-
Cr. Male	13	-	-	-
Cr. Newbold	12	-	1	-
Cr. Rodda	13	-	-	-
Cr. Schmidt	13	-	-	-
Cr. Sims	10	2	1	-
Cr. Tonkin	8	2	3	-

The following is the record of attendance of Members for the Council Development Assessment Panel for the 07/08 financial year.

Council Development Assessment Panel

	Meetings Attended (out of 8)	Leave of Absence Granted	Apology Recorded	Nothing Recorded
Member Lane	7	1	-	-
Member Clarke	8	-	-	-
Member Horsell	7	-	1	-
Member March	6	-	1	1
Member Rodda	8	-	-	-
Member Thomas	7	1	-	-
Member Wood	7	-	1	-

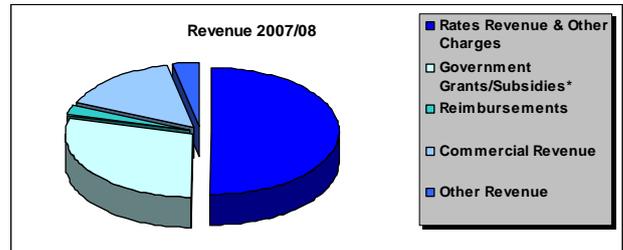
Council Resources Revenue

Council's Operating Statement for the year ended 30th June 2008 reports that the Council revenue amounted to \$17.8 million for the financial year.

This amount was derived from Rates Income, Operating Grants and Subsidies, Reimbursements, Commercial Revenue and Other Revenue sources.

Rates Revenue & Other Charges	\$8,958,294	50.3%
Government Grants/Subsidies*	\$5,078,000	28.5%
Reimbursements	\$445,871	2.5%
Commercial Revenue	\$2,724,031	15.3%
Other Revenue	\$ 592,447	3.3%
	\$17,798,643	100.00%

* includes capital revenue of \$2.762 mil.



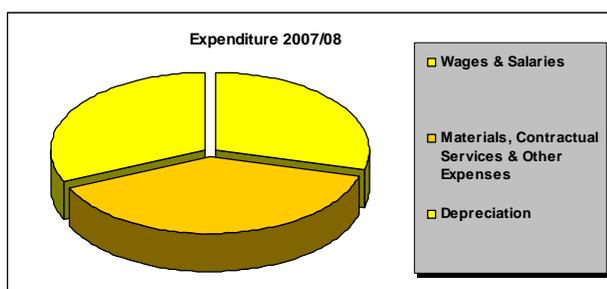
Included in Government grants and subsidies is capital revenue of \$2.762 million.

This represents contributions received in the form of physical assets transferred to Council free of charge from developers as part of private land developments.

Expenditure

The expenditure for the financial year was \$14.8 million incurred in the following operational areas, Wages and Salaries, Materials, Contractual Services, Other Expenses and Depreciation.

Wages & Salaries	\$4,338,878	29.3%
Materials, Contractual Services & Other Expenses	\$ 5,808,946	39.2%
Depreciation	\$4,676,186	31.5%
	\$14,824,010	100.00%
Surplus including Capital Revenue	\$2,974,633	



Depreciation of \$4.7 million is a non cash item included in expenditure.

Council's financial result

The operating result of \$2.975 million surplus appears on the surface to be excessive given the breakeven nature of an enterprise such as a Council however there are several factors to consider.

As mentioned this surplus can be explained by the receipt of \$2.714 million worth of physical assets received free of charge.

These are assets such as roads, footpaths, storm drainage and common effluent systems received from developers undertaking such divisions of land.

Council is required to account for the receipt of these assets as capital income even though the assets received will never generate revenue and will require maintenance and replacement over the longer term.

For further information see:-

www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au

Financial Sustainability

Note 14 of the attached Annual Financial Statements for the year ending 30th June 2008 reports on the Key Financial Indicators used to assess Council with regards to its financial sustainability.

The ratios reported on 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.

The results indicate that Council is operating in a sustainable manner.

Further to this Council is preparing an Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan which feeds in to a Long Term Financial Plan. These plans form part of the Council's overall Strategic Plan and will provide a path forward in to the future that guarantees the long term sustainability of the Council.

Elected Members

The elected Council of the District Council of the Copper Coast is comprised of the Mayor and ten ward Councillors. As principal member of the Council, the Mayor is elected by the whole District Council electorate; the Deputy Mayor being appointed from within the Elected Council by the Councillors themselves. For electoral purposes, the District Council area is divided into four wards. These are Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo Wards represented by three Councillors each and the Paskeville Ward with one Councillor.

The Members of the Council

The District Council of the Copper Coast, effective from conclusion of the November 2006 elections, created the following Council for the term ending in November 2010.

Mayor



Paul D.K. Thomas, JP

Ward Councillors

Kadina



Craig Costello



Scott Newbold



Deputy Mayor
Dean Rodda

Moonta



Graham Hancock



Bruce Schmidt



Tommy Tonkin

Wallaroo



Bill Clarke



Geoff Male



Peter Sims

Paskeville



Brian Bussenschutt



Strategic Plan

Moving Toward 2015

The District Council of the Copper Coast Strategic Plan “Moving Toward 2015” 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

“The District Council of the Copper Coast will provide for the social, environmental, economic and cultural needs of the Council area in partnership with our community”

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”

-  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.

Business Plan

Council’s Business Plan links the key strategies to action statements with targets and outcomes for each financial year. At departmental level it is translated into an Annual Operating Plan.

Reviews

In 2008/09, Council will review 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 will 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.



Council's Strategic Plan –

Moving Toward 2015

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 2015". The current Strategic Plan was adopted in August 2005.

The Local Government Act 1999 requires a review of objectives triennially; Council is committed to this compliance and will review its Strategic Plan before the end of 2008.

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 Services, Corporate and Community Services, Infrastructure and Environmental Services. The organisation is structured to deliver the key strategies through these functional service areas.

Copies of Council's Strategic Plan are available from Council offices:

51 Taylor Street, Kadina
5 John Terrace, Wallaroo
71 George Street, Moonta
Kadina Community Library,
1a Doswell Terrace, Kadina
Internet www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au

Objectives, Goals, Functions and Key Strategies

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

<u>Objective:</u>	<u>Goal:</u>	<u>Functions:</u>
<p>Social Objective Wellbeing</p>	<p>To enhance the quality of our community by encouraging health, wellbeing and safety.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth • Aged • Human Services • Public Order and Safety • Community Education • Volunteers
<p>Environmental Objective Sustainability</p>	<p>To responsibly manage the natural and built environment to ensure its sustainability and diversity to the community.</p>	<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
<p>Economic Objective Prosperity</p>	<p>To facilitate economic prosperity, balanced growth and the enhancement of the Copper Coast.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment • Employment • Tourism • Area Promotion • Industry • Commerce
<p>Cultural Objective Opportunity</p>	<p>To promote community identity by supporting rich lifestyle experiences including arts, heritage, culture and leisure activities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport and Recreation • Leisure • Culture • Arts • Events
<p>Governance Objective Leadership</p>	<p>To provide leadership and ensure community resources are managed efficiently and effectively.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications and Public Relations • Finance • Legislation • Leadership • Administration • Risk Management

Significant Influences and Priorities –

The significant factors that influenced the preparation of the Council's Business Plan include:

- Cost Price Index increases on relevant goods and services of 3.5% for the year;
- Collective Workplace Agreements which provide for wages and salary increases of approximately 4%;
- Requirements to maintain and improve infrastructure assets to acceptable standards including roads, footpaths, lighting, stormwater drainage, street trees and plantings, open space and Council properties;
- Service and infrastructure needs for a growing population;
- The need to address EPA requirements in relation to waste management licenses and the solid waste levy.
- Increase in cost of fuel and road making materials.

The following priorities have influenced the preparation of the Council's 2007/2008 Annual Business Plan:

Aged Services:

Continue with the provision of retirement units at Wallaroo (5) and Moonta (5) to achieve the planned outcome of a total at Wallaroo of 30 (10 built to date) and Moonta 26 units (6 built to date) together with the construction of service roads.

Roadside Vegetation Management:

Prepare and implement a Roadside Management Strategy Plan aimed at the integrated management of roadside areas and native vegetation in the Council area.

This will demonstrate a best practice approach to conservation by actively preserving flora and fauna habitats and maintaining biodiversity.

Infrastructure and Services:

Continue Council's annual works program with a commitment to fund maintenance and reseals of the districts townships and rural road network.

Preparation of a long term Asset and Infrastructure Management Plan to address the provisions of the Local Government (Financial Management and Rating) Amendment Act 2005.

Prepare a long term priority list to provide for bitumen seal and kerbing for all township roads

Alternative Transport:

Continue Council's annual works program with a commitment to fund a footpath works program

Actively seek grant funds for the establishment of pedestrian and bicycle tracks to allow alternate means of travel within the townships

Sewerage & Waste Management:

Commence the staged construction of the Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS) in Moonta, Moonta Bay and Port Hughes

Ensure that all CWMS schemes are sustainable through effective management and operation

Maximise community benefit through the reuse of treated effluent water in line with State and Federal Government priorities to conserve and reuse water.

Review waste management strategies to ensure the principles of reduce, reuse and recycle are applied to effectively reduce the amount of waste produced by households and businesses and to maximise the life of Council's waste depots and rubbish transfer stations.

Monitor and limit the impact of waste discharged onto foreshores and the marine environment.

Foreshore Protection & Management:

Actively seek external funding to enhance management and restoration of foreshore areas and coastal land.

Management of Public Facilities & Council Property:

Continue Council's annual works program with a commitment to fund Parks & Reserves Maintenance including the continuation of the upgrade of the North Beach Tourist Park and playgrounds.

Tourism & Area Promotion:

Implement the initial stages of the Wallaroo Urban Design Framework.

Improve the profile and appearance of the Farm Shed Tourism and Information Centre.

Community Leadership:

Provision of training to ensure all Elected Members and staff are fully appraised of legislative responsibilities to enable them to fulfil their roles.

Facilitate and work with the community and representative groups to ensure sustainable growth and development across the District

Administration:

Development and implementation of further stages of an IT strategy to enhance the use and security of Council's

information systems together with the provision of a communications tower.

Provision of sufficient human resources to meet increased service delivery demands resulting from the growth in the District's resident population, in particular planning, infrastructure services and administration.

Risk Management and Safety:

Ensure safe work practices through the implementation and management of the Occupational, Health, Safety and Welfare Policy and Risk Management Policies and Procedures

Progressing the Plan

2007-2008 Reviewed

Since the introduction of Council's Strategic Plan Moving Towards 2015 Council has achieved a number of the key outcomes in its main strategy areas.

Youth

Council has made a strong commitment to Youth through the formation of the YP Youth Initiative and employment of a Youth Development Officer in partnership with the District Council of Yorke Peninsula and the Northern Yorke Health Service. The Copper Coast Youth Council is also actively operating as a forum representing the local youth and membership of that group has increased considerably during 07/08.

Aged

Council is an active participant in the provision of support services to the aged through the Wakefield SPOKE, HACC Services, YP Community & Transport Services Dial a Bus service and involvement in the Elder Friendly Communities research project.

Housing

The Council has been involved in the provision of affordable housing through the construction of retirement units at Wallaroo and Moonta, and provision of housing for health service professionals at Wallaroo.

Community Education

The Copper Coast annual post graduate Tertiary Scholarship has now been awarded for the past 4 years and serves to encourage and support local youth in their pursuit of higher education.

Council is an active supporter of education and training for local youth through its support for School Based Apprentices and Construction Traineeships.

Natural Environment

Projects to enhance the natural environment have included the establishment of the Simms Cove to Harry's Point walking trail and the fencing of the cliff top reserve to regenerate the dunes and their vegetation.

Infrastructure and Services

Council's works program continues to be the major focus of works and services on an annual basis. Works in 2007/08 have included:

Road Construction – sealed

- Seeley Lane, Wallaroo
- Hay Street, Wallaroo
- Wildman Street, Wallaroo
- Goyder Street, Kadina
- Ramsey Street, Kadina
- Nance Street, Kadina
- Hopgood Road, Wallaroo
- Thrington Road
- Kadina Cemetery Car Park
- District Road reseals

Road Construction - unsealed

- District Roads resheeting

Footpaths

- Footpath paving

Drainage

- Wallaroo East drainage
- Evans Road drainage, Wallaroo
- Wallaroo Industrial subdivision
- Kadina Storm Water Retention Dam - Lined

Land and Buildings

- Ascot Theatre seats and floor refit
- Kadina Depot Redevelopment
- Moonta Office Redevelopment
- Copper Coast Airport Waiting Room
- Kadina Banner Poles

Recreation and Leisure

- Moonta Bay playground
- Moonta Oval playground
- Simms Cove Foreshore stairs
- Harry's Point stairs
- Simms Cove Foreshore Program
- Johnsons Cove Foreshore Program

Alternative Transport

Council has actively worked with the operation of SeaSA to establish the "Gulf Link" ferry service from Wallaroo to Lucky Bay on the Eyre Peninsula. A Dial a Ride community bus service has also been established that serves the Copper Coast towns.

Sewerage and Waste Management

The Community Wastewater Management System for Moonta, Moonta Bay and Port Hughes has been fully investigated and final design stage is expected by the end of 2008. All CWMS Schemes have been audited to establish "whole of life" management and operating procedures.

Council is actively involved in waste reduction programs in partnership with Zero Waste.

- Ongoing Capital Works Program
- Plant Replacement
- Regional Communications Tower
- Rubbish Transfer Station
- Canberra Cutter Walking Trail

Tourism & Area Promotion

Council's works on the foreshore walkways between Moonta Bay and Port Hughes, foreshore revegetation programs and installation of the Moonta Bay playground have all improved the profile and appearance of community assets and make them more "tourist friendly". The implementation of key recommendations from the Wallaroo Town Centre and Urban Coast framework have also served to highlight the tourism appeal of the Wallaroo Town centre, ferry terminal and foreshore.

During 2007/08, many targets and outcomes were either partially or fully achieved. In some cases targets are not fully achievable as projects are implemented progressively, with an example of this being the three year Elder Friendly Communities project, assessing needs of the aged communities.

Project Priorities for the Year / Capital Expenditure

Project priorities for the year ending 30th June 2009 include:

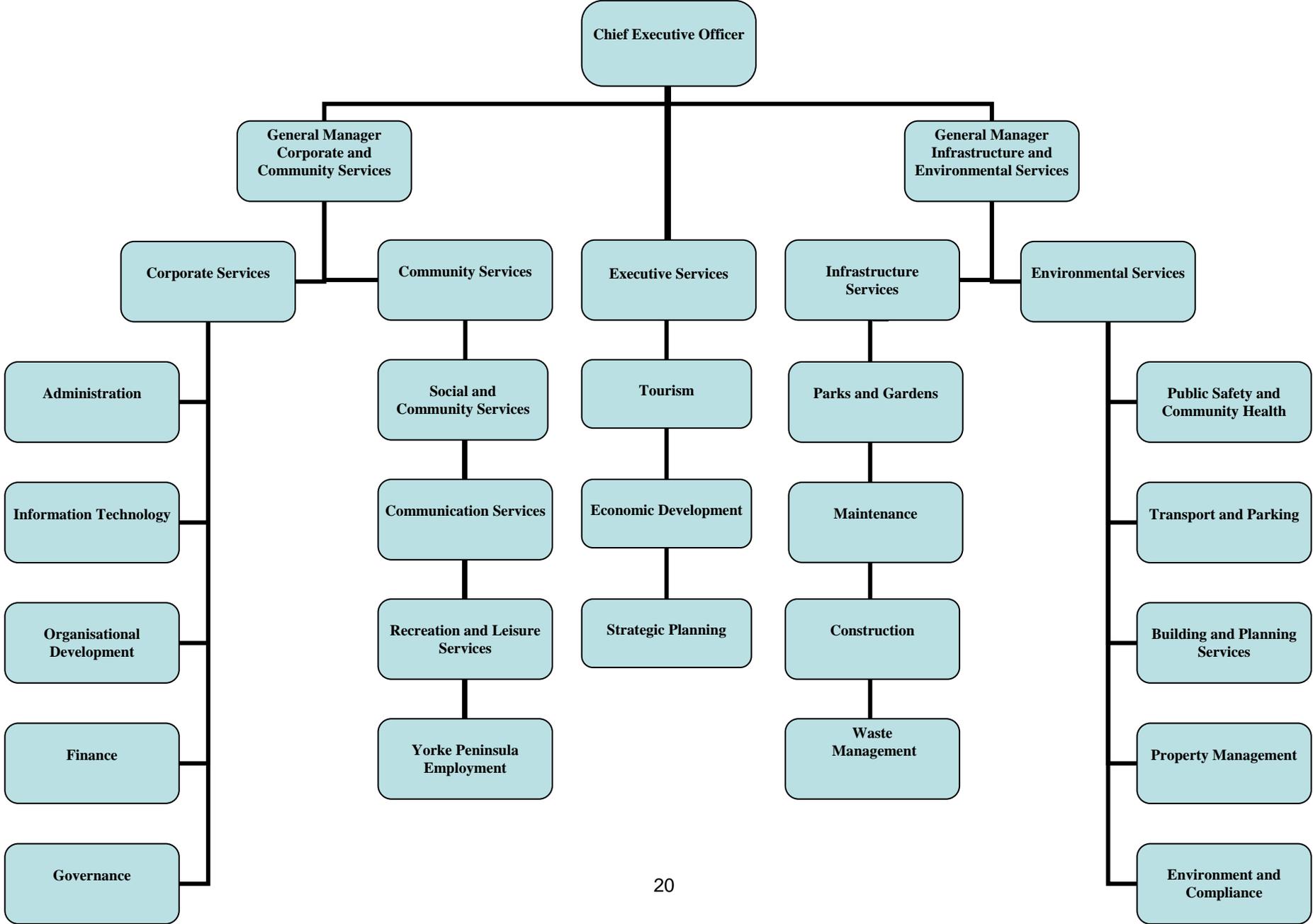
- Retirement Village Construction
- Accelerated Infrastructure Works Program
- Redevelopment of the Moonta & Wallaroo Foreshores
- Wallaroo Town Centre Redevelopment
- Wallaroo Industrial Sub Division
- Wallaroo North Beach Caravan Park Upgrade
- Moonta Community Wastewater Management System



Strategic Plan Outcome Examples 2007/2008

Strategic Plan		Annual Business Plan		
Social Objective - Wellbeing	Goal – To enhance the quality of our community by encouraging health, wellbeing and safety	Activity – Encourage private sector development that will generate employment opportunities and support youth retention in the region	Target – Attract private sector development in building, hospitality and related areas.	Outcome – Marina Tavern, 2 Dolce Apartments towers, Target Store
Social Objective – Sustainability	Goal – To responsibly manage the natural and built environment to ensure its sustainability and diversity to the community.	Activity – Revise Council’s Development Plan in accordance with Section 30 reviews. Implement Better Development Plans.	Target – Prepare Section 30 reviews.	Outcome – Section 30 review completed. BDP Rural Living, Ferry Terminal, Marina Residential DPA’s prepared.
Social Objective – Prosperity	Goal – To facilitate economic prosperity, balanced growth and the enhancement of the Copper Coast.	Activity – Engage in appropriate land development and community wealth creation within acceptable levels of risk.	Target – Surplus land identifies and disposal schedule prepared.	Outcome – Surplus residential land sold. Wallaroo Town centre redevelopment activated.
Social Objective – Opportunity	Goal – To promote community identity by supporting rich lifestyle, experiences including arts, heritage, culture and leisure activities	Activity – Work with local sport and recreation groups to ensure the range of venues and activities provided is meeting the changing community needs	Target – Regular meetings with key stakeholders in the community.	Outcome – Possible relocation of the Wallaroo Bowls & Croquet clubs to the Golf Club and initiated discussion with the Moonta Community Sports facility.
Social Objective – Leadership	Goal – To promote leadership and ensure community resources are managed efficiently and effectively.	Activity – Review methods of public consultation with respect to budgets, capital works programs and major projects	Target – Public consultation policy and procedures reviewed.	Outcome – Public Consultation for Budget and Annual Plan incorporated into meeting agenda

**District Council of the Copper Coast
Organisational Structure**





Functional Service Areas

CORPORATE SERVICES

Administration

- ❖ Records Management
- ❖ Customer Service
- ❖ Commercial Activities

Information Technology

- ❖ Systems Control & Development
- ❖ Hardware/Software Maintenance
- ❖ Business Information System
- ❖ GIS
- ❖ IT Strategy
- ❖ Asset Register

Organisational Development

- ❖ Human Resources
- ❖ Risk Management
- ❖ Occupational Health & Safety
- ❖ Training & Development
- ❖ Continuous Improvement
- ❖ Performance Monitoring & 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

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Social & Community Services

- ❖ Education
- ❖ Libraries
- ❖ Families & Children
- ❖ Youth Services
- ❖ Disability Services
- ❖ Child Care Services
- ❖ Ethnic Services
- ❖ Social & Indigenous Services
- ❖ Aged Care Services
- ❖ Community Development
- ❖ Volunteers

Communication Services

- ❖ Marketing
- ❖ Web Development
- ❖ Communication
- ❖ Community Engagement
- ❖ Public Relations
- ❖ Publications

Recreation & Leisure Services

- ❖ Recreation Planning & Development
- ❖ Aquatic Services
- ❖ Leisure Facilities
- ❖ Arts & Cultural Development

Yorke Peninsula Employment

- ❖ Employment Services
- ❖ Mentoring
- ❖ Community Visitors Scheme
- ❖ Driving School
- ❖ Labour Hire

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Public Safety & Community Health

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

Transport & Parking

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

Building & Planning Services

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

Property Management

- ❖ Property & Building Maintenance
- ❖ Property & Building Contracts
- ❖ Property Leasing/Disposal/
Acquisitions
- ❖ Property Development
- ❖ Signage
- ❖ Cemetery Administration
- ❖ Street & Road Names
- ❖ Community Land Management
- ❖ Heritage Management
- ❖ Visitor Info Centres/Farm Shed
- ❖ Wheal Hughes Mine Management

Environment & Compliance

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

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Parks And Gardens

- ❖ Plant Management -Parks & Gardens
- ❖ Parks & Gardens Management
- ❖ Arboriculture/Tree Management
- ❖ Recreation Reserves
- ❖ Weed Control

- ❖ Open Space

Maintenance

- ❖ Plant Management – Maintenance
- ❖ Street Cleaning
- ❖ Airport Maintenance
- ❖ Infrastructure Maintenance
- ❖ Graffiti removal
- ❖ Workshops & Depot Management
- ❖ Wheal Hughes Mine Maintenance
- ❖ STED Scheme Management

Construction

- ❖ Plant Management – Construction
- ❖ Asset Management
- ❖ Stormwater Management
- ❖ Engineering Services
- ❖ Planning & Design
- ❖ Foreshore & Boatramps
- ❖ Infrastructure Construction
- ❖ STED Scheme Construction

Waste Management

- ❖ Waste Collection
- ❖ Recycling
- ❖ Rubbish Disposal
- ❖ Litter Control
- ❖ Dump Management

EXECUTIVE SERVICES

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

Corporate & Community Services

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 various standards and guidelines issued by State Records.

Supporting activities and initiatives for the Records Management system were:

- Acquired multi functional photocopier which facilitates the system by scanning and issuing all correspondence electronically.
- Receives and issues faxes electronically which eliminates excessive paper use and allows greater control and management of records.
- Commenced use of off site storage facility for long term temporary records and inactive files.
- Transferred old records from Moonta Town Hall, Moonta Depot and understage at Kadina Town Hall to off site facility for sorting.
- Contractor spent 10 days sorting and sentencing old records transferred to off site facility.

- Applied for and received destruction approval from State Records for sentenced records as listed by contractor.
- Records Management Officer completed a year long accredited TAFE course (Cert 111 Business Recordkeeping) achieving the "Most Outstanding Student" award for SA.

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, Yorke Peninsula Employment, the Farmshed Tourist Centre and the Copper Coast Sport & Leisure Centre.

The Council Information and Communication Technology department was solidified with the appointment of Hood Sweeney Technology as a Support Consultant in the 2007/08 financial year. Providing a broad group of IT specialists with vast experience and knowledge of Information Technologies, Hood Sweeney staff will provide support and project expertise to assist in Council's continual improvement of communication delivery.

Council has been involved in ICT projects including the preparation and implementation of the new Library system which is operational at the Kadina and Wallaroo Libraries providing the first Library ICT upgrade in a decade. This software enables Library staff to provide greater customer interaction and information of available stock and services. ICT services have also played an integral role in the implementation of Records Management processing and digital storage.

A Strategic ICT Plan 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.

OHS&W Report 2007/2008

This financial year has seen Council take positive steps to improve its successful Occupational Health and Welfare program.

New in-house training initiatives have been developed and implemented into the workforce to better educate staff of their Health and Safety responsibilities and rights. Council is striving to continually improve its practices as shown by the implementation of our continuous improvement plan.

Council is still assessing its risks as an ongoing process, and implementing all necessary controls in order to provide safe systems of work for all employees.

Policies and procedures have been reviewed and updated as required under relevant legislation, and document control registers created.

All chemicals currently used in the workplace are being reviewed and safety information updated, with a new software program to provide staff with the required information they need to continue to work in a safe manner.

Council will continue to work very closely with the Local Government Association to ensure compliance is strictly met and guidelines are followed and strives to not only meet, but exceed best practice standards.

In the coming financial year we will continue to see a stronger growth in Council's Occupational Health and Safety program and implementation of new strategies to see the District Council of the Copper Coast, not only comply with industry standards, but endeavor to become a leader in this field.

Library

Kadina Community Library Service incorporates the main library in Kadina and a branch library at Wallaroo.

The Kadina Community Library (KCL) operates as a joint-use library between the DCCC and TAFE SA.



Kadina Community Library

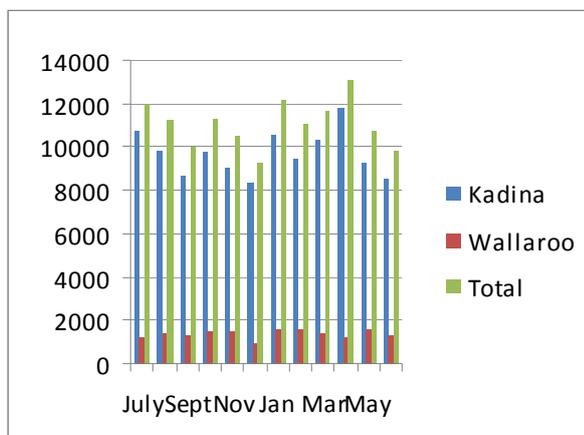
Wallaroo Branch Library is co-located with the Council office at the Old Railway Station.

A floating collection of resources ensures that all materials are available to all library members regardless of location. Flexibility in usage and access is ensured with the same borrowers card able to be used at both locations to borrow and return items. A courier moves resources between the 2 locations three times a week ensuring a prompt availability for specific resources at either location.

Kadina Community Library Service

Total Loans 2007/2008 = 133,012

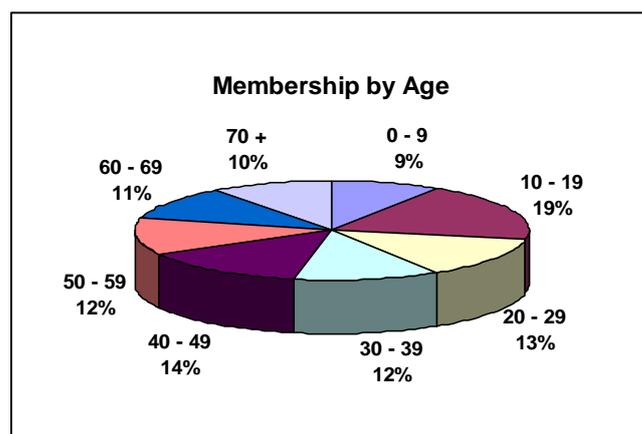
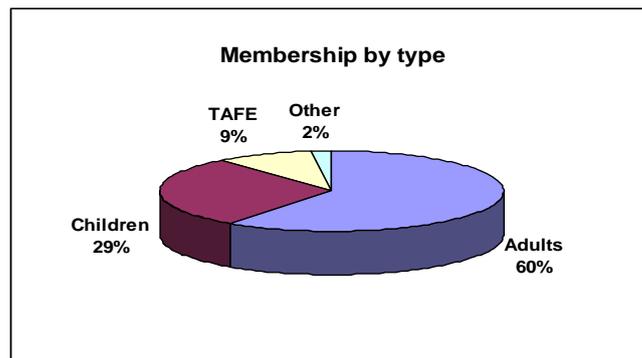
Kadina Loans = 116,436
Wallaroo Loans = 16,576



Loans per month

Membership Statistics

Adults	4,346
Children	2,086
TAFE	630
Other – Libraries, Schools etc.	167
TOTAL	7,229



Collections

Kadina Community Library Service currently holds a stock of 33,564 resources.

Adult Books	17,858
Children's Books	9,605
AV –Videos, DVDs etc	2,541
TAFE	1,343
Other –magazines etc	2,217

Collection by type of material

In this past financial year the materials grant from the Libraries Board was \$4.03 per capita based on Kadina/Wallaroo population of 8,329 which totalled \$33,557. This resulted in 1,200 new items in a wide range of both content and type being added to the collection.

Rotations of stock between other libraries in the South Australian network provide the opportunity to change our collection to renew the selection of materials available within our stock.

We use this extensively for our large print collection, but also for AV and Hear-a-book collections. In the past financial year we rotated in excess of 2,550 items.

The Public Library system offers the ability to inter library loan resources to and fro any of the 140 SA libraries in the network, which in effect gives access to over 3.5 million resources.

In the past financial year KCL supplied 816 items to other libraries and received in excess of 1,000 items for our members to read.

Both space and cost restraints mean that KCL cannot stock every item that members may require and as such this excellent Inter Library Loan system provides an opportunity to share resources across the state to help meet the needs of our individual clients. A courier three times a week to and fro Adelaide ensures prompt delivery of new stock and inter library loans.

Library Management System

Spydus software was launched in early April as a replacement for the aged system used for the past 12 years. The new system allows clients to access the library catalogue from any internet PC and administer their own reservations, renewals and searches online. Notifications can now be sent by email – ensuring a faster and more efficient service.

Information Technology

Internet is provided free of charge by the Libraries Board of SA to the main library site within each local government area. To ensure equal access within DCCC we incur the cost for internet access at Wallaroo.

As such, 4 PC's are available at Kadina, and 3 PC's at Wallaroo.



Kadina provides free access to the state wide library wireless service and currently has 154 registered members on the system. This service allows wireless users to register at any SA public library service with wireless capability and use the free wireless service at any of the other SA public libraries currently offering the service.

Programs

Little Big Book Club (LBBC):

The program's primary aim is to encourage parents and caregivers to read regularly to their children from an early age. Children's picture books have been labelled specifically to assist selection of appropriate early literacy materials.



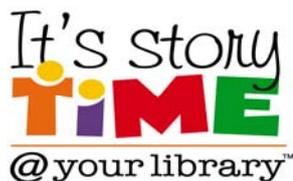
Baby Bugs; Baby Bounce and Rhyme :

This program supports the early learning needs of babies under 2 years old and their parents/caregivers. Baby Bugs is held every Friday at 10am and introduces babies to language and literacy through rhymes and songs to develop their understanding of rhythm, rhyme and rare words and to nurture an appreciation of the library environment from a young age. An average of 16 participants (babies and parents/caregivers) attend each week.

Book Bugs ; Storytime for Preschoolers:

This program supports the early learning and literacy needs of toddlers and their parents/caregivers.

This past year it has attracted an average of 30 participants to the weekly sessions. Book Bugs is held every Friday at 10.30am and consists of a story, rhymes, songs and a craft for pre-school children (up to 5 years old).



School Holiday Activities:

A strongly supported program for primary school aged children is offered every school holidays. Each session comprises of a story and craft activity. In the past financial year 420 children have attended and participated in the library activities in their school holidays.

Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC):

The PRC is a state wide challenge for students from Reception to Year 9 to read 12 books each year. Students receive an incentive medal each year for completing the challenge with 90% of South Australian schools participating. KCL is very supportive of this program that encourages young South Australians to improve their reading and has a colour coded collection of the resources listed with the program for easy selection.



The Big Book Club (TBBC):

TBBC was formed to promote reading, promote Australian authors and give adults an opportunity to discuss books. The Advertiser and Arts SA promote a title and author each month, with online book discussion groups available.



Partnerships

Kadina Educational Precinct (KEP):

The geographical position of KCL resulted in the establishment of KEP (Child Care Centre, Preschool, Primary School, High School, Recreation Centre, TAFE and KCL). This has resulted in an opportunity for all 'educational' partners to work together and share resources and skills for the benefit of the whole community.

Learning Community:

DCCC was recognized as a Learning Community in 2002. The DCCC Strategic Plan recognizes lifelong learning and this concept is strongly endorsed and supported by KCL.

Education Department:

All schools and preschools in the Copper Coast area are supported with bulk loans of resources for students and staff, resource based learning opportunities and onsite visits. Additional access and support has been offered to Kadina Primary School during their major building upgrade and redevelopment.

U3A:

KCL hosts many of U3A (University of the Third Age) courses.

Royal Society of the Blind:

KCL supports the 'Talking Times' volunteer program. Volunteers read, record and distribute the Yorke Peninsula Country Times from KCL each week to over 60 sight impaired recipients.

CYH and Northern Yorke Health Service:

Both organizations are strong supporters and promoters of our children's programs and co-distributors of free Little Big Book Club packs for 6 - 18 month olds.

Family/Local History:

KCL and the Yorke Peninsula Family History Group share a Memorandum of Understanding to provide support to visitors seeking genealogical information. The Local History Room contains a shared collection of resources and YPFHG provide volunteers twice a week to assist with any enquiries.



Local History Room

Moonta Community Library

The Moonta Community Library operates as an independent school/community library providing a library service to the students, staff and community of Moonta. Moonta is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9am - 4pm, Thursdays 9am-6pm and Sundays 1.30pm - 4pm.

Between the 3 libraries in the Council area we are able to provide library services and free internet access 7 days a week.

YP Employment

Yorke Peninsula Employment's operations have reduced in 2007/08. The services provided are now, Youth Pathways, Work for the Dole and Work to Work. These contracts assist many members of the community to find meaningful work through various strategies tailored to their particular needs

Job Network

The current Job Network contract for Yorke Peninsula Employment from the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations has not been renewed and operations ceased in August 2007

Youth Pathways

The Youth Pathways Program is funded by the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) and employs 3 youth officers and an administration/research officer.

There are currently over 100 participants registered in this program that covers the Yorke Peninsula, Lower North and Barossa Regions.

Youth Pathways provides individual case management to young people aged between 13-19 years, who are most at risk of not making a successful transition through school and from school to further education, training or employment and active participation in the community.

In February 2008 the current Youth Pathways contract, which ends in December 2008, was sub let to Yorke Local Communities Partnerships, which operates from Kadina.

Work for the Dole

Work for the Dole is a Commonwealth government funded program that provides work experience placements for job seekers. Community and other not for profit organisations host activities for jobseekers.

Work for the Dole is an approved activity for jobseekers, and satisfies the activity test for Centrelink's mutual obligation.

Work for the Dole projects help jobseekers develop good work habits and ethics. Jobseekers can use Work for the Dole to become more job ready, proving they can be punctual and reliable as well as gaining experience in teamwork, working under supervision and independently and communication skills. Participants also learn real work skills specific to their chosen project.

When selecting projects to approve we try to focus on the benefit to the community and to the jobseeker.

Achievements 2007 – 2008

This year has been a wonderful year in Work for the Dole in our employment service area.

The photos here provide a snapshot of some of the fine projects and activities we have completed during this year.

The Moonta National Trust Moonta Mines Railway Station has refurbished its garden area and building frontage and is now building a museum to house its working engines.



A new display positioned in front of the railway track at the Moonta National Trust

The Wallaroo National Trust Nautical Museum has also added many great new displays this year including the one below honouring our service men and women.



A new display at the Wallaroo National Trust Nautical Museum

During this year, the YP Veterans Centre built a new shed which in this next year will become a museum of war memorabilia. The YP Veterans Centre has also opened an opportunity shop and host large community barbeques at their centre.



Totem poles representing the three lines of national service at the YP Veterans Centre in Kadina

Also during this past year, Wallaroo Mines Bowling Club hosted a project teaching our participants how to correctly lay pavers.



We have many great organisations that offer us their services to provide a wide range of projects and hosted placements across our employment service area. We would like to thank them for their support and hope we can continue to work together.

Looking Forward

With over 40 host organisations in our area we continue to receive wonderful community support for our projects.



One of our upcoming projects – Vehicle Restoration at the YP Veterans Centre

Work to Work Project

The Work to Work Project continued for a second year after exceeding all targets in 2006/2007. The project is funded by the Government of South Australia through their SA Works initiative and is delivered in partnership with the Yorke Regional Development Board.

The Work to Work Project was selected as a best practice approach to assist employment and profiled at the South Australia Works Forum in November 2007. A power point presentation highlighting the successes and challenges in implementing the project was presented at the forum by Council staff.



Accredited training included Certificate II in Hospitality, Kitchen Operations.

The diverse range of support provided to those unemployed and underemployed in the Yorke Region has included accredited and non accredited training, licensing and tickets, job hunting strategies support, career profiling and life coaching.

Other training provided by Work to Work trainers included self paced computing, English as a second language, OHS&W and Customer Service.

The project has also assisted clients through fuel vouchers and transport costs to attend training and job interviews as well as clothing for interviews and to commence work.



Computing Work Group with Project Office Linda Thatcher and Project Manager Angie Tucker.

145 people were supported in the Work to Work Project this year including youth, mature aged, parents returning to work, people with disabilities and indigenous. A new target group was also identified as new immigrants from non English speaking countries.

After receiving customized support over 90 participants gained employment in a broad range of industries with others commencing full time studies and volunteer work.

The project has grown in popularity in the region and met most of its targets this year within the first few months.

Funding has been approved by the State Government for a third period to continue operating in 2008-2009.

Community Visitors Scheme

Funded by the State Government, volunteers under this project visit elderly and frail aged residents in aged care facilities. This scheme covers 9 facilities from Port Pirie to Stansbury, has 63 active visitors and conducted 2,206 visits during the period.

YP Youth Development Officer

Background

The Yorke Peninsula Youth Development Officer's position is a joint initiative funded by the District Council of the Copper Coast, District Council of the Yorke Peninsula & Wakefield Health (Northern Yorke Peninsula Health). This position was funded for a 2 year period that ceased on 30th June 2008.

The objectives of the position are to work in partnership with communities, government and non-government agencies to assist them to make changes that will have a positive impact on the health and well being of young people, and to be the voice for local young people in addressing the social, political & environmental factors that affect them.

"All you can Eat" Youth Arts & Culture Festival

Youth arts and culture took over the Copper Coast and Yorke Peninsula for the 2nd time, from 14-26 January 2008 with the 'ALL YOU CAN EAT!' Youth Arts & Culture Festival.

Bigger than the first festival, 2008 had a massive 39 great events. 2 weeks of great events!

-  **Hip Break Funk:**
-  **Recycle, Recycle, Recycle:**
-  **It Takes Two:** Create an original song and record it on CD!
-  **Giant Puppets R Everywhere!**
-  **Shoot!:** Digital photography.
-  **Bellybabies:** Under 5 belly dancing.
-  **Bellymama:** Belly dancing lessons.
-  **Cook up a Storm:**
-  **Cool 4 Kids Family Fun Day:**



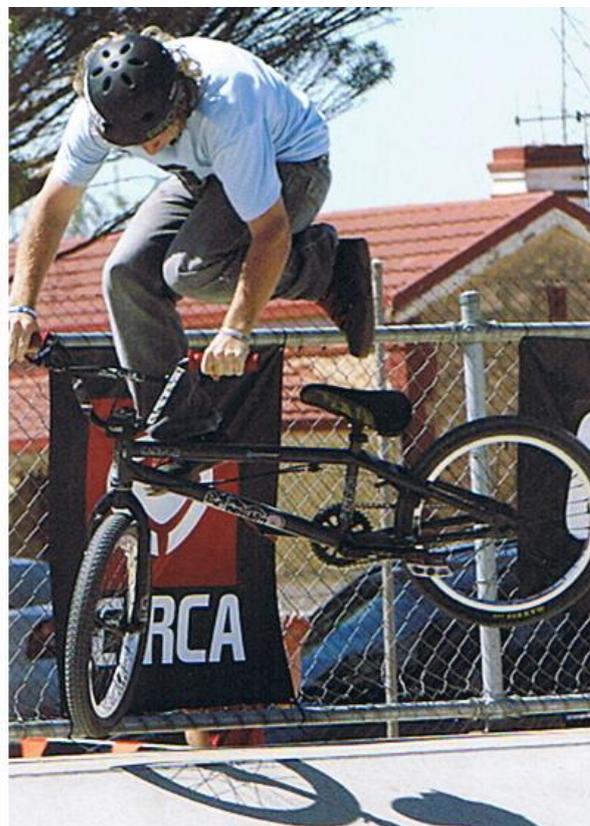
Cook up a Storm Participant, Tyla Russack learning how to make Vanilla Slice.

This Festival has been supported by local businesses and was made possible by Festivals Australia, an Australian Government program which supports cultural activity at regional and community festivals.

Skateboard & BMX Competition, Australia Day

The finale of the Festival was on Australia Day 26th January at the Wallaroo Skatepark with a Skateboard & BMX Competition.

The competition was open to all young people with a huge 30 competitors and over 150 spectators.



Photograph courtesy of the Yorke Peninsula Country Times.

Copper Coast Dial a Ride Bus Service

After a successful six month trial, the Dial-A-Ride community bus will continue to service the Copper Coast with a few minor changes to reflect feedback obtained from patrons and the community.

A much needed service for the Copper Coast, the Dial-A-Ride was created in January 2008 by a small steering committee. The committee is thrilled that the trial was a success and are hoping that it will continue to be well utilised by the community.



Copper Coast Youth Council Members, Sharee Smith, Kayla Johncock, Kiah Kamprod & Krystle McDowell with the Hon. Paul Caica, Minister for Youth at Carclew Youth Centre. Opening of National Youth Week 2008.

Celebration of Employment

Council hosted the inaugural "Celebration of Employment" awards presentation and dinner on Saturday 1st December 2007 at the Kadina Town Hall.

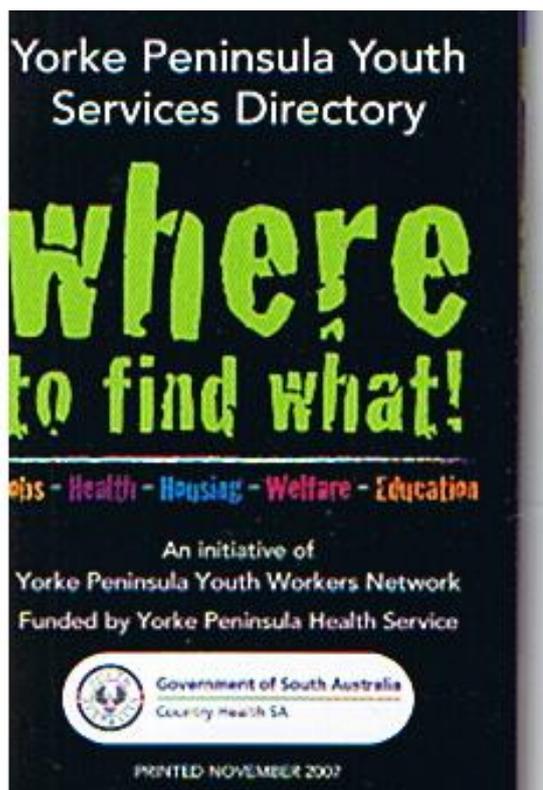
The categories are as follows:

-  Apprentice of the Year
-  Trainee of the Year
-  Australian School Based Apprentice / Vet Student of the Year
-  Employee of the Year
-  Employer of the Year

YP Youth Card

There is now a wallet sized Youth Card available, listing relevant local numbers and services for young people to access on the Yorke Peninsula.

To date over 300 Youth cards have been distributed to young people throughout the Yorke Peninsula, and the card is available from Council, Health Services & School Counsellors.



Front of Youth Card

Arts & Community Development Officer

Background

The Arts and Community Development Officer's position is a joint initiative between the District Council of the Copper Coast and Country Arts SA.

The position is responsible for assisting local communities achieving their arts goals and community development aspirations through various strategies such as:

- Researching, developing and maintaining strategies for arts, acting as a resource, leader and advisor in the formation of community events and projects.
- Maintaining links between Council, Country Arts SA and the community.

- Monitoring programs and ensuring their effectiveness in artistic, community development and financial terms

Formation of Town Arts Groups

In 2007/2008, focus was given to the development of arts working groups with an interest in public art for their individual towns

The Wallaroo Arts Working Group has many projects in various stages of development - from adopting town colours of red, white and green in accordance of the Welsh history within Wallaroo, utilizing the existing flagpoles, decorative and colourful 'art' skirts on trees within the business sector of the town, and current liaison with a stone sculptor in a granite project to be undertaken in early 2010.

Moonta Arts Promotion Group was established in May with a similar focus for the arts development in Moonta, Port Hughes and Moonta Bay. Projects currently in hand range from involvement with planned town events – Antiques and Collectables Fair and Gardens Alive, submission for funding of a mural at Moonta Bay carpark, the development of a Community Art Gallery space and Artists register, the reintroduction of the "Up Street Moonta" Guided Heritage Walk and Photographic display. A busy time for both Wallaroo and Moonta Public Art groups –

*'Keeping a healthy arts culture alive
within the Copper Coast'*

Copper Coast Performing Arts Board

The Copper Coast Performing Arts Board has again presented a busy and various performing arts program for 2007/2008.

With the support of the District Council of the Copper Coast and Country Arts SA, the program consisted of "Staying Alive" – and Australian Tribute to the Bee Gees, Sunday Lounge with Tamarisque, a performance "Taylor Made" – the songs of James Taylor, fresh from the February 2008 Adelaide Fringe Festival. Adelaide's own Co Opera performed "A Bit on the Side" – a romp through the mistresses and toyboys of Opera. In its 7th year, singing workshops were held in the July school holidays. This ever popular week long workshop for children and adults culminated in a free presentation concert for the community, with guest appearances by Adelaide's own "Rockin' Sox".

Our Mob Exhibition - Adelaide

For the second year running, local aboriginal artists from Yorke Peninsula exhibited entries in this exhibition staged at the Art Centre, Adelaide Festival Centre.

Ascot Arts Centre

Country Arts SA Touring Art Exhibitions visiting galleries throughout Regional South Australia.

Burning Issues:

An exhibition of artwork, artefacts and photographs commemorating the Lower Eyre Peninsula bushfires in 2005.

This Exhibition was close to the heart of all those who visited this Exhibition.

Learning Connections held a hands-on workshop for teachers and the broad objective was to encourage and support schools' access to touring art exhibitions which resulted in the local schools visiting the exhibition and gave students a graphic understanding of the severity and devastation, the impact on people's lives and the environment of such a fire, and the inspiration of communities in the rebuilding of their lives.

The Farm Shed Museum & Tourism Centre

The Farm Shed Museum and Tourism Centre continues to operate as a multi purpose complex, housing the Visitor Information Centre, conference facilities, Kadina branch of the National Trust, Yorke Peninsula Tourism Marketing and The Copper Coast Old Machinery and Engineering Club.

The Farm Sheds focus continues to be directed by a committee of management who consider the long term plans for the centre and oversee major projects.

The major projects for 07/08, which are all at various stages of development, are as follows:

Visitor Information Centre – Hospitality and Tourism Redevelopment Project

This project is designed to improve the centre's ability to cater for conferences and events. It will provide a more commercial style kitchen, a larger indoor dining area and an outdoor eating area. The hospitality and tourism redevelopment project is currently in the planning stage.

Main Entrance and Landscaping Project.

This project is aimed at landscaping the space in front of the centre to create an appealing and noticeable entrance. The main entrance and landscaping project is currently in the planning stage.

Rural Transport Exhibition Shed.

This is a project designed to further develop the museum with the addition of a shed to display the rural transport collection. This will result in the freeing up of space in the dryland farming display allowing this exhibit to be further enhanced.

The rural transport exhibition shed is presently in the construction stage.

Grain Interpretive Centre.

This will be a new display featuring the harvesting, storage and use of grain. The grain interpretive centre is currently in the initial concept planning stage.

Mini Railway Development.

This project involves the building of a mini railway line that will circle the main building and grounds. The mini railway is presently in the construction stage.

Visitor Information Centre

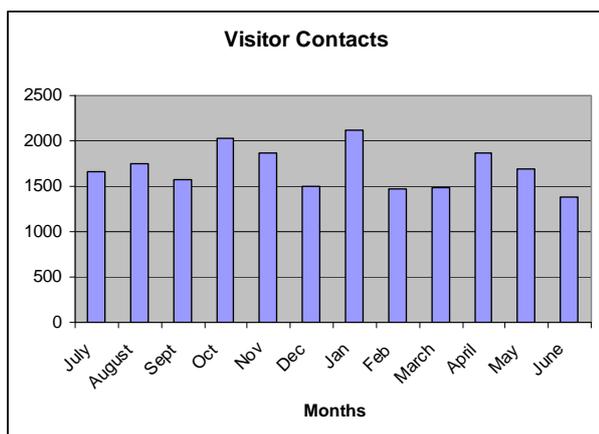
The Visitor Information Centre continues to strive to influence visitors' travel plans by encouraging visitors to undertake more activities, increase their spending, stay longer and make return visits.

The visitor information centre provides information regarding sites, attractions, accommodation, eateries and services on the Yorke Peninsula, especially the Copper Coast. The visitor information centre can also offer a number of services including internet access, bookings and referrals for accommodation and tours, tea and coffee and after hour's access to information.

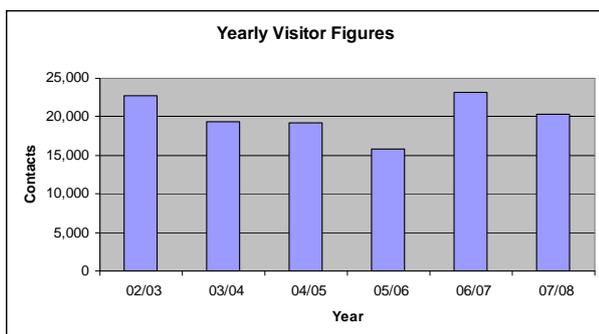
Visitor Statistics

Over the 2007/2008 financial year a total of 20,385 contacts were recorded at the centre.

In addition over 1,000 information bags were compiled and distributed for visiting groups, clubs and conferences.



Graphs shows the contacts made with visitors per month. Contacts can be at the counter, by mail, email, phone or fax.



Graphs shows a comparison of visitor contacts over the previous six years. Peaks are noticeable on Kernewek Lowender years.

Staffing

December 2007 saw the retirement of the long standing manager of The Farm Shed and January 2008 saw the employment of a new Tourism Officer who is now responsible for the management of the Centre. The centre also now has a fulltime customer service trainee, who is the first contact for all customer enquires.

The employment of a second full time staff member limits the need to rely on volunteers and will provide continuity for

conference customers and local tour operators. Part-time and casual staff continue to be employed on a needs basis.

Conferences

In total 132 conferences, meetings or events were held at The Farm Shed in the last 12 months. As a result of the Kadina Town hall becoming unavailable for use by the general public in March 2008 The Farm Shed has now become the permanent meeting place for several not-for-profit organisations.

National Trust Museum

The National Trust Museum continues to enchant visitors. Over the year 3,545 people visited the museum. The following comments recorded in the visitor book are reflective of the general response of visitors,

“Excellent display one of the best I have seen”

“Outstanding display”

“Amazing collection”

National Trust continues to promote the museum. This year they targeted locals and return visitors through an ambassador card scheme where people returning to the museum who bring paying customers, can enter for free. Locals are also targeted through a buy one get one free for local promotions.



A vehicle restoration project undertaken by National Trust with the Museum in the back ground .

Copper Coast Region Old Machinery & Engineering Club

The Copper Coast Region Old Machinery and Engineering Club are the latest addition to The Farm Shed. The Club is presently building a mini railway which will loop around the main Farm Shed building. The mini railway will be used as a tourist attraction as well as meetings with other rail clubs.



Members of the Copper Coast Region Old Machinery and Engineering Club testing the Mini Railway.



Market stalls and buyers

Rotary Farm Shed Markets

Rotary service club coordinates the markets as a service to the community and money raised from stall holder fees is returned to the community via various projects.

The markets continue to be a success story offering an excellent array of stalls attracting locals and tourists. Although it is not possible to accurately count the number of people attending the markets it is estimated that there are, on average, some 40 stalls holders patronised by around 500 people each month.

Infrastructure Services

Works Programme for 2007/2008

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
District roads	250,000
District seals	150,000
Footpaths	100,000
MOONTA	
Moonta-Thrington Road	129,200
Moonta Bay Playground	23,000
Moonta Oval Playground	16,300
Establish Port Moonta outfall drain, Stage 2	107,700
Simms Cove Foreshore	16,600
Johnsons Cove Foreshore	16,500
Foreshore Stairs	37,150
WALLAROO	
North Beach Tourist Park	788,300
Wallaroo East Drainage	113,650
Seeley Lane/Hay Street	60,000
Evans Road Drainage extension	58,000
Hopgood Road	398,900
Wildman Street	93,300
Wallaroo Urban Design Project	45,000
Wallaroo Industrial Estate	181,700
KADINA	
Goyder Street	113,550
Nance Street	66,300
South Tce/Lipson Street	148,900
Ramsey Street	192,900
Cemetery Car Park	87,300
Banner Poles	27,550
Kadina Depot Redevelopment	135,050

Contractors

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

Contractors are used for projects such as roads, drainage, plant hire, crushing contracts, kerbing, materials supply and specialist activities such as paving and concrete work which can not be provided by Council's own resources.

Staff

The GM I&ES would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff for their significant efforts during the year to achieve the completion of a larger than usual works program and the objectives of Council.

2007/08 saw a reasonably stable year for Council in terms of staff turnover. There has been no net increase in staff numbers. The complement of our workforce is now very good in terms of an excellent mix of youth and mature workers. We will continue to employ younger staff members as a means of ensuring our long term future and maintaining our current levels of experience.

Training has been undertaken in OHS&W, load shifting and our new employees are undertaking Certificate III in Civil Construction. All courses attended are nationally recognised and accredited.

Council is committed to establishing an Asset Management System for the improved management of assets into the future.

Information on the current condition of the road assets is currently being compiled.

Road Length Data

	SEALED	FORMED	UN-FORMED	TOTAL
2007/2008	Kms	Kms	Kms	Kms
BUILT UP	153.23	53.10	1.78	208.10
NON BUILT-UP	107.63	521.27	118.10	747.00
TOTAL	260.86	574.37	119.88	955.10



Goyder Street Completed

Major Works Projects for 2007/2008

KADINA:

Goyder Street

Surveying and final design works were completed by the end of 2007. This project started in the third quarter of the 2007/2008 financial year. Steady progress was made throughout the first half of 2008 and by the end of the financial year, the project had been completed.



Goyder Street during Construction

Nance Street

This project started in the first quarter of the 2007/2008 financial year with the project being completed before the end of 2007.

South Terrace/Lipson Street

Kerbing, drainage and road works have been carried out on South Terrace and a spray seal was laid on the roadway.

Memorial Arch, Kadina

The Kadina Sub Branch of the Returned Services League approached Council to support a funding application under the "Saluting Their Service" Commemorative Grants Program, to upgrade the Kadina Memorial Arch, and its surrounds, in Victoria Square, Kadina.



RSL Memorial Arch during upgrade

The Memorial Arch is a structure that we identify with honouring those who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country and we are aware that the presentation of the Memorial Arch is very important, especially during activities on national days of remembrance.



Completed

Ramsey Street



Ramsey Street completed

Kerbing, drainage and road works have been carried out on Ramsey Street and a spray seal was laid on the roadway.

Cemetery Carpark

This project also successfully completed before June 30 2008 started in the third quarter of the 2007/2008 financial year. Works involved kerbing and sealing of Russack Road adjacent to the cemetery entrance.



Russack Road & Cemetery Carpark, Kadina

Lining of Detention Basin

Council received funding to line the existing storage lagoon in Kadina. The lagoon had a number of leaks which could not be fixed by conventional means and a large amount of water was lost as a result. Treated effluent water is mixed with stormwater in this lagoon and used to irrigate the golf course and ovals.



Lining in progress



Lining completed

MOONTA:

Moonta-Thrington Road

Works involved totally reconstructing a 900m section of road and resealing with spray seal. Improved drainage was also installed.



Moonta-Thrington Road during Construction

Moonta Bay and Oval Playgrounds

New playground equipment has been purchased and installed for both the Bay Road Carpark and Moonta Oval. New soft fall was also installed and should be more comfortable to walk on and safer if a child falls.

Simms Cove and Johnsons Cove Foreshores

New boardwalks have been constructed along the top of the cliffs to provide a safer and more easily accessible walking trails along the foreshores. Coastal vegetation will be encouraged to re-vegetate the reclaimed areas.

Foreshore Stairs

New stairs have been provided at two locations to provide improved access to the beach at Port Hughes. These stairs will help to stop coastal vegetation from further damage and improve access to the beach.

Port Moonta Outfall Drain

An open swale drain was constructed parallel to North Terrace, abutting the new land divisions. This drain was then fed into a dual 600mm pipe to transport the stormwater under the intersection of North Terrace and East Terrace in 2006/07. A new detention basin is currently being constructed, west of the intersection, in Council's subdivision on North Terrace. It is hoped to re-use this water for irrigation and various other purposes.

WALLAROO:

Hopgood Road

A joint development between the developer and Council allowed the full construction of Hopgood Road. The Developer shared the cost to reconstruct and seal 1800 metres of road with Council.



Hopgood Rd before



Hopgood Road Completed

Wallaroo East Drainage

This work is a continuation of works already installed which included the construction of dual 600mm pipe work across the Kadina Road, at the outlet of the Wallaroo storage dam. This work will continue to help to eliminate some of the drainage problems in this area. Underground storage tanks will be installed next year to enable re-use of this water.

Seeley Lane/Hay Street



Seeley Lane during construction



Seeley Lane nearing completion

Kerbing and road works have been carried out in Seeley Lane. A 30mm asphalt seal was laid on the roadway. Reconstruction works have been carried out in Hay Street and a spray seal applied to the roadway.

Evans Road Drainage extension

Approximately 80metres of 600mm piping was laid, to facilitate the removal of stormwater from the intersection of Evans Road and George Street and integrate this new drainage system into the existing system which falls into the Wallaroo storage dam.

Wildman Street

Kerbing, drainage and road works have been carried out on Wildman Street from Hughes Street to John Terrace. A 30mm asphalt seal was laid on the roadway and 2.5m wide asphalt footpaths provided on each side.



Before



During



Completed

Wallaroo Urban Design Project

Preliminary concept plans have been developed for the Canberra Cutter Walking Trail which will link the foreshore with the main street.

Concept plans for the foreshore from the grain silos to north of the sailing club have also been prepared for public consultation. Funding through 'Places for People' has been sought to continue this project to the next stage.

Wallaroo Industrial Estate

Land has been purchased off Beare Street for the development of an Industrial Estate. A proposed division of land has been prepared and design plans for the appropriate infrastructure are being prepared.

Roads to Recovery Funding

Council again received grants from both the State and Federal Governments during 2007/2008. The Federal Government provided \$206,181 through the Roads to Recovery Program and \$329,509 through the Grants Commission.

It is acknowledged that the continuation of Roads to Recovery funding will be of considerable benefit to Council in its endeavours to maintain the road network to the standard expected by ratepayers.

Copper Triangle Aerodrome



Council manages an authorised landing area known as the Copper Triangle Aerodrome. The site is located off the Kadina/Wallaroo Road, approximately 3 kilometres from Kadina. The airstrip is a sealed 1,200 metre long by 18 metre wide tarmac with adjacent sealed apron area. Pilot activated lighting is available, details of which can be obtained from the Kadina Council Office.

Council manages the aerodrome through an Airstrip Management Plan, which is reviewed annually. Safety audits are carried out annually and any recommendations are included in the maintenance works undertaken. No major alterations were identified this financial year.

New hangars have been completed and the new waiting area has been completed. It provides undercover shelter as well as seating and kitchen facilities.

Cemeteries



Lawn section of the Kadina Cemetery

Kadina, Wallaroo, Moonta and Greens Plains:

Council's cemeteries are attractively landscaped and maintained.

With the exception of Greens Plains, all have niche walls, and some have rose-gardens. Kadina has an attractive lawn area that was a joint initiative between the local Service Clubs and Council.

Council is responsible for digging of graves and site and general maintenance.

Cemetery Interments for 2007/2008

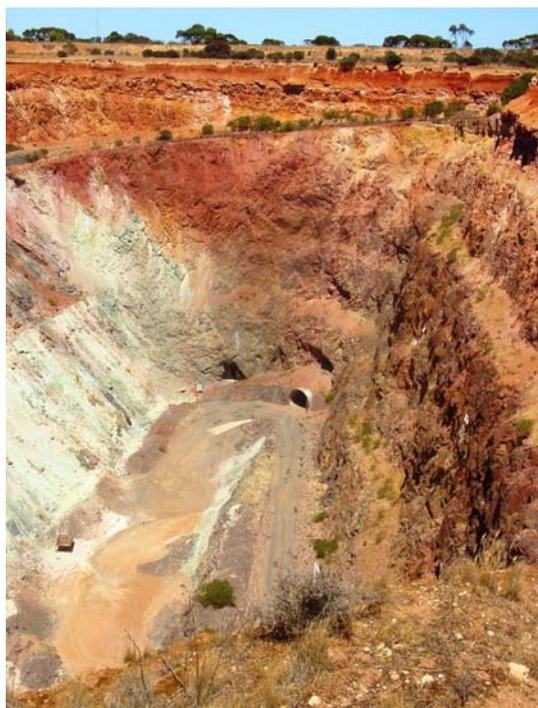
A total of 62 burials were recorded:

Kadina:	28
Wallaroo:	16
Moonta:	17
Greens Plains:	1

A total of 14 ashes were interred:

Kadina	7
Wallaroo	2
Moonta	5

Wheal Hughes Mine



Mine Entrance

The Wheal Hughes Mine was established as a Tourist operation in 1997. The mine manager has been the Council's General Manager Infrastructure and Environmental Services. Council has had a number of accredited staff who have also worked to maintain the structure, operation, safety and legislative requirements of the facility.

The mine was closed to the general public in July 2007 to undertake a study to access viability of using the facility as a tourist attraction. Provided no significant capital expenditure was required, Council agreed to re-open the mine as a tourist attraction in January 2008.

A regular maintenance program was incorporated into the management of the mine. Main areas of this maintenance included pumping water from the 70 metre level to ground level. The water is pumped with a total lift of 90 metres to Poona Mine, approximately 1.2km from Wheal Hughes Mine. The water in the mine is very saline and corrosive due to dissolved minerals and as a result the pump life is approximately 12 months.

The emergency management plan for the mine is reviewed annually.

Ascot Theatre

Council, in realising its responsibility to provide cultural facilities which can be enjoyed by the whole of the Yorke Peninsula region, has since 2003 been developing the Copper Coast Cultural Centre at the Ascot Theatre, Kadina.

The Copper Coast Cultural Centre is an important community facility through which Council is dedicated to fostering and expanding local interest in all aspects of artistic endeavour.

The latest stage of this project has involved the removal of existing seats, the removal and replacement of the existing carpeting, and the installation of modern, comfortable, seating within the Ascot Theatre.



The new seating allows improved access for theatre patrons and will encourage more people to attend artistic events at the theatre. This stage of the project is now completed and the result is a comfortable, theatre with a clean, modern appearance that allows improved access for theatre patrons, both able bodied and disabled. The rich red material of the seats and the deep blue colour of the carpet combine to give a 'regal' look to the theatre.

As part of the theatre refurbishment it was required that work be undertaken to ensure that the theatre is compliant with all aspects of the Building Code of Australia. Inspections and reports were undertaken to ensure compliance in fire and lift safety, earthquake analysis, and building structure. Considerable work has been completed in the areas of mechanical, electrical and fire protection services.

Council also undertook the painting of the interior of the theatre as part of the refurbishment, and the local performing arts group are fund raising for new stage curtains.

The events for which the theatre is suitable include children's theatre, theatrical performances and musical performances. Schools from the Yorke Peninsula region often use the theatre to stage their amateur productions and as a venue for visiting productions.

Council committed significant capital expenditure to the project and also acknowledges the funding and support for the project from Arts SA.

Wallaroo North Beach Tourist Park

The Wallaroo North Beach Tourist Park has undergone significant improvement in the 2007/08 financial year. The improvements have resulted in the park lifting its AAA rating from 3.0 to 3.5. The park is now a member of 'Family Parks' a major caravan park group that offers many incentives to its members.

The commitment from park management and the improvements undertaken by Council have enabled the park to receive accreditation under the National Tourism Accreditation Program. This accreditation enables potential clients to instantly recognise that the park offers a high standard of facilities.

A web site that promotes the park facilities and enables clients to book on line has been developed. Tourism SA data indicates that up to 80% of people use the internet to research available accommodation before booking their holidays.

The Wallaroo North Beach Tourist Park web site can be found at www.wallaroonorthbeachtouristpark.com.au.

In December 2007 a new ablution block was opened, containing ten individual bathrooms, a bathroom suited to the disabled and a laundry room with infant changing facilities. This style of facility is offered as an alternative to the communal bathrooms previously available.



Ablution Block

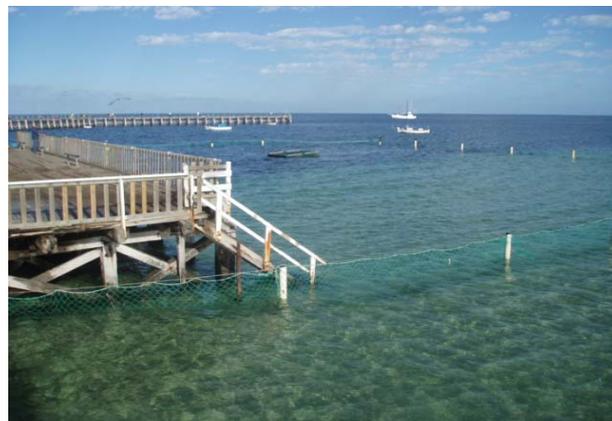
Council has developed a number of new sites in the park to be used for cabin and weekender accommodation. A number of new two bedroom cabins have been placed at the park bring the total number of cabin and brick units available for tourism rent to 19. A major electrical upgrade has been undertaken to ensure a reliable electrical supply to cater for the needs of the 'weekender' clients, and the tourist demands.



New two bedroom cabins

Jetties and Foreshore Areas

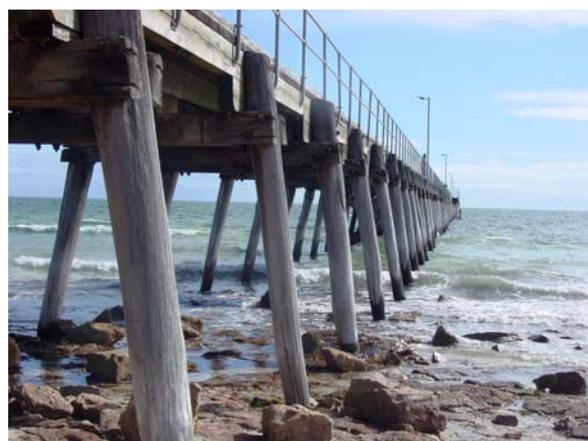
Foreshore areas require regular attention prior to summer.



Moonta Bay Swimming Enclosure

During 2007/2008 this included the repairs and maintenance to the Moonta Bay and Wallaroo swimming enclosures and foreshore.

Council leases and maintains the Port Hughes jetty with regular maintenance carried out during the year.



Port Hughes Jetty

Regular maintenance was also carried out on the Moonta Bay and Wallaroo swimming enclosures, and both pool areas remain a popular swimming area for locals and tourists alike, with 'Learn to Swim' closures operating during school holidays.

Common Effluent Schemes

Kadina Effluent Scheme:

The Kadina effluent scheme was constructed in 1976/1977.

This scheme encompasses the whole of Kadina town, part of Newtown and sections of the eastern expansion of the township. The scheme comprises 17 pump stations, each fitted with 2 overhead pumps.

Effluent ponds are located behind the Kadina Cemetery and are now part of the Kadina Stormwater Re-Use Scheme. The treated effluent and stormwater are then combined and returned for use as irrigation at the hockey fields, Kadina football oval and Kadina golf club. The irrigation of these venues uses a mixture of treated wastewater and stormwater and incorporates Council's commitment to recycling and reducing water usage and achieves Council's Strategic Plan Environmental Objective for Sustainability.

Wallaroo Effluent Scheme:

The Wallaroo scheme was constructed in 3 stages, the last stage by the developers of the Copper Cove Marina.

The total scheme comprises 17 pump stations, with the effluent being pumped to the ponds, located on the southern side of the town, adjacent to the Golf Club. Most of the old pump stations have been upgraded; however, an ongoing program of replacement and upgrading is being pursued.

Water from the scheme is treated with chlorine and returned to the Golf Club and the Wallaroo Oval for irrigation.

Moonta, Moonta Bay and Port Hughes Effluent Scheme.

Initial survey and development costs have now been completed as part of the feasibility study to construct a community wastewater management scheme to service Moonta, Moonta Bay and Port Hughes.

Wallbridge and Gilbert Pty. Ltd. Consulting Engineers have been engaged to finalise design details, prepare documentation and costings of the total scheme including storage and reuse of the collected water.

This scheme is to be one of the largest constructed in SA and will be built over a ten year period with the initial stages of construction to be the construction of the effluent ponds and the treatment plant.

Council Depots

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

The Wallaroo sub-depot also houses maintenance plant, has a small workshop for the maintenance of signs and small plant and storage space for materials.

Kadina Depot office area has been extended, new kitchen facilities provided and the carparking upgraded.

Council operates 2 Construction Gangs who carry out the Capital Works Program and other works and a maintenance gang is responsible for all general maintenance activities with a parks and gardens gang responsible for the maintenance of all parks in the towns.

Landfill Sites

Council operates 3 Recycle Centres, 1 landfill and 2 hard-fill pits located in Kadina and Wallaroo.

Kadina:

The primary landfill is at Kadina with household waste disposed of there by landfill which incorporates the hard fill pit as a separate section with no access to private persons.

Approximately 8,500 tonnes per annum is received at the site, through waste management contracts. All private access is through Recycle Centres and to hard fill only.

Wallaroo:

Wallaroo Recycle Centre is located at the old Wallaroo landfill site. In addition to recyclables and green waste, Council also uses the site for hard fill where approximately 4,500 tonnes per annum is received.

Moonta:

All landfill is stored and sorted here and hard fill is transported to the Kadina landfill.

Waste is delivered by bin system to Kadina. Approximate waste receipt is 4,000 tonnes per annum.

DrumMuster

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

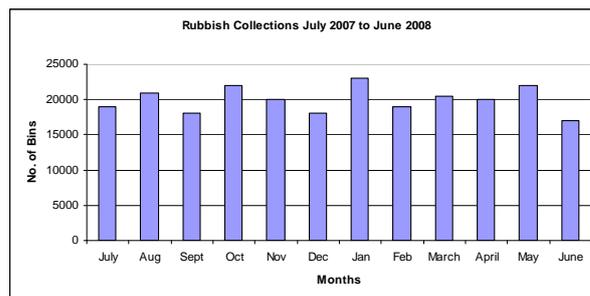
The Council has collected a total of 5,345 drums that would have otherwise been buried as landfill.

Each of the three recycle centres in the Copper Coast Council area offers a waste oil unit; waste oil can be deposited into these units free of charge, this reduces the amount of used oil buried in landfill.

Kerbside Collections

Kerbside waste is collected under contract for waste, recyclables and to operate the waste landfill at Kadina.

Copper Coast Waste Management - 120 litre Mobile Garbage Bin Rubbish Collections:



July 2007 – June 2008 120 litre bin collection details

Beach and public reserve litter control: Local laws are in place for the enforcement of controls to regulate discarded litter.

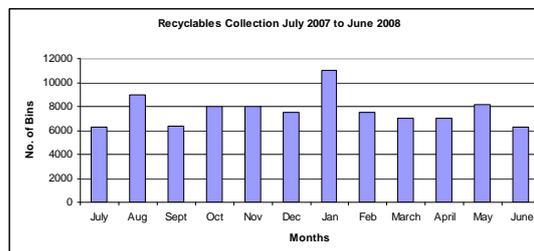
Collection and disposal of street bin waste: Street bins are provided at beaches, reserves and other public areas.

Kerbside Recycling

Council's contractor collects recyclables in 240 litre bins on a fortnightly basis. A total of 800 tonnes of recyclable materials were taken out of the waste stream in 2007/2008.

This material was made up mainly of paper, cardboard, steel, plastics and glass.

Copper Coast Waste Management – 240 litre Mobile Garbage Bin Recyclables Collections:



July 2007 – June 2008 240 litre bin collection details

Environmental Services

Responsibilities

- Town Planning
- 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

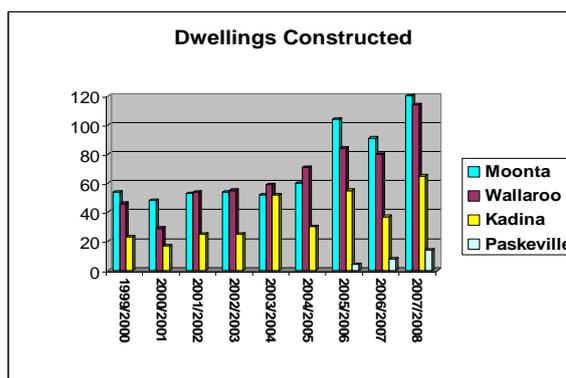
The majority of applications processed under the Development Act were Category 1 applications that do not require public notification and are dealt with by Council's Development Assessment Officers.

DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS 2007/2008	
Nature of Development	Applications Approved
New Dwellings	313
Dwelling Additions	17
Class 10 buildings (sheds, verandahs, carports etc)	485
Commercial & Industrial	29
Land Divisions	53
TOTAL	897

Development Applications 2007/2008

The Development Assessment Department has processed 897 applications, 313 of these were new residential dwellings, with a value of all development totalling approximately \$63 million, an increase of \$13 million from the previous year. The variety and number of applications received reflect the continuing interest in the Copper Coast area for living, working and recreation.

Council has approved 53 Land Divisions, creating 610 new residential allotments, of these allotments 543 are located at Moonta/Moonta Bay/Pt Hughes, showing that the growth for this area is still continuing.



The expected outlook for the coming year is that the Copper Coast region will continue to expand with the number of development applications increasing.

The further expansion of existing areas within the Copper Coast townships should ensure the Council area continues to prosper.

Copper Cove Marina Tavern & Apartments

The Copper Cove Marina Tavern opened in December 2007 and the multi-storey apartments have been completed with a second tower planned for construction in 2009.



Photo: Completed Marina Apartments



Photo: Marina Tavern and Multi-Storey Apartments

Target Development– Kadina

Leasecorp Management is near completion of a Major Target Retail Store on Railway Terrace, Kadina expected to open in October 2008.



Photo: Target Store

The Dunes Port Hughes

Stage 1 of the 'The Dunes' at Port Hughes has commenced construction and the Golf Course has received Planning Consent.



Photo: The Dunes under construction

General Plan Amendment Report

There is a number of varying activities undertaken by the Development Assessment Unit. The unit has to deal with a broad range of issues and projects ranging from building/planning assessment and preliminary advice, enforcement to policy review and input to plan amendment reports and corporate, co-ordination and facilitation of major/special projects.

Council has again continued to see a significantly high number of development applications in the past year with the major proportion of planning decisions issued within the statutory timeframe.

Both the Marina and Rural Living Development Plan Amendments (DPA) have been lodged with the Minister and work is currently being completed with Planning SA regarding the Better Development Plans project which will be incorporated in the DPA's for a more consistent approach.

Waste Control Systems

Last financial year Council commenced a four year pumping out program of all septic tanks connected to the common effluent disposal system. Kadina township desludging was completed and Wallaroo residents have been advised that desludging will commence in August 2008.

The following table shows the number of Waste Control System applications and inspections for the 2007/2008 Financial Year.

Type	No. of Applications	No. of inspections	No. of complaints
Septic Tank	318	498	3
Aerobic System	18	16	1
Total	336	514	4

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 or brochures.

The Environmental Health Officer has also run food safety sessions for Community groups upon request.

Council's Environment Health Officer has undertaken:

- 37 Food Premises Inspections this year
- 22 orders/notices issued under the Food Act.

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.

During the report year Council received:

- 90 complaints in relation to dogs wandering at large, barking, and dog attacks/harassments,

- 61 dogs have been impounded
- 29 of these were returned to their owners.
- 16 dogs have been handed over to Council.

Dog registrations were down this financial year compared to previous years. Council's Dog Control Officers will be conducting a door knock in the residential areas, checking on dog registration.

Requests for cat traps to control feral cats within the townships have increased and accordingly Council has purchased another 10 traps to add to the 10 they already own. These traps 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.

Statutory Information

Freedom of 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 district office of the District 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 at 71 George Street (Town Hall), Moonta and at 5 John Terrace, Wallaroo. The office at Moonta is open 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., three days a week and the office at Wallaroo is open 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., four days a week.

Council comprises a Mayor and ten Councillors. The ordinary meeting of Council, Corporate and Community Services Committee and Infrastructure and Environmental Services Committee meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 5.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Taylor Street, Kadina. It is intended in the 2008/09 financial year to dispense with the CCS & IES committee structure, and for all decisions to be considered through full Council. Council officers are empowered to make certain decisions within distinct parameters under Council's powers of delegated authority, and are detailed in the Register of Delegations.

The Council Development Assessment Panel comprising some independent members, one of whom is chairperson, and three elected members meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 5.30 p.m. to consider Development Act applications submitted for approvals.

Every meeting of the Council and of Council committees is open to the public to attend.

The Council or a Council committee may, however, 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 and Council committee meeting agendas, together with the 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.

These documents are also available on the Council's website

www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au.

Members of the public may participate in the formulation of District Council policy and functions generally by written submissions to Council on virtually every conceivable local government function.

All draft policies are 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
- Council By Laws*
- Grievance Procedures
- 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 Members' Interests
- Register of Public Roads
- Register of Staff Interests
- Register of Remuneration, Salaries and Benefits
- Voters Roll

Codes -

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

Policies/Procedures -

- Competitive Tendering, Contracting, Purchasing, Sale and Disposal of Land and Other Assets Policy*
- Control of Election Signs Policy
- Council Building Inspection Policy
- Internal Review of Council Decisions Procedure*
- Investment Policy*
- Occupational Health Safety and Welfare Policy and Procedures
- Order Making Policy
- Outdoor Trading for Business Purposes Policy
- Public Consultation Policy*
- Rates Rebate Policy*
- Risk Management Policy*
- Road Crossing and Footpath Excavations Policy*
- The Naming of Streets, Roads and Public Places Policy*
- Town Centres Car Parking Policy
- Street Tree Policy*
- Verge/Footpath Development by Residents 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.

Note: *available on Council's website www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au.

Allowances and Benefits for Members of Council

The annual allowances payable during the 2007-2008 financial year are: Mayoral Allowance \$18,000 per annum; Deputy Mayor's Allowance and Presiding Members of Standing Committees \$5,625 and other elected members \$4,500.

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 District 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. 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 the District Council; the Register is available for public inspection.

Senior Executive Officers

The District Council's organisational structure provides for the Chief Executive Officer and two Executive Officers. The Chief Executive Officer, General Manager Corporate and Community Services (Deputy Chief Executive Officer) and General Manager Infrastructure and Environmental Services have salary 'packages' ranging between \$100,000 to

\$160,000 that include salary, superannuation and the use of fully maintained vehicles. The Register of Remuneration, Allowances and Benefits is available for public inspection.

Staffing

As at 30th June 2008, the District Council had a total of 105 staff equating to 73.3 equivalent full time (EFT) positions. The breakdown of staff numbers by gender, employment type and department is shown in the following table:

District Council Employees:	Full Time Equivalent 30th June 2007	Full Time Equivalent 30th June 2008		
Offices, Libraries & Services Facilities			Males	Females
Senior Executives	3.0	3.0	3	0
Administration services -general	14.6	15.0	3.8	11.2
Economic services - tourism dev. .etc	4.1	3.2	0	3.2
Economic services - YP Employment	21.9	4.7	.8	3.9
Engineering services - works supervision	4.0	4.0	4	0
Recreation services	0.0	0.0	0	0
Environmental services -building, nuisances	5.6	6.6	5.6	1.0
Community services - libraries, community.	7.6	6.4	0	6.4
Total "inside" employees	60.8	42.9	17.2	25.7
At Depots (construction, maintenance)				
Construction & maintenance, inc cleaning	22.8	23.8	23.4	0.4
Parks, gardens and reserves	3.0	3.0	3	0
Waste management (recycling centres)	2.6	2.6	2.6	0
Workshop servicing	1.0	1.0	1	0
Total "outside" employees	29.4	30.4	30.0	0.4
Total Employees	90.2	73.3	47.2	26.1

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) six times during the year to consider Commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed:

- i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it or
- ii) 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:

January 16th 2008

Land purchase – Flinders Seafood, Wallaroo Pty. Ltd.
Confidential item for a six month period.
Public documentation from 16th July 2008.

Divestment Review and Discussion Paper, Owen Terrace, Wallaroo.
Confidential item for a six month period.
Public document from 16th July 2008.

CEO's Performance Review 2006/2007.
Only confidential during the meeting.
Resolution became a public document at the close of meeting.

February 6th 2008

Land available for sale – Lot 91 Price Street, Wallaroo
Lots 9 & 10 James Street, Wallaroo
Confidential items for a six month period.
Public document from 6th August 2008.

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 District 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. No applications were received during the year.

The District 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,
51 Taylor Street,
KADINA S.A. 5554.

Electoral Representation Quotas and Reviews

Since 1997, the elected Council has been 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 is reviewed periodically to reflect the principle for electoral purposes that each vote should have equal value. Accordingly, the last review of electoral representation involving changes to ward boundaries was completed during late 2002 with a further review in 2009.

As at June 2008, the number of electors per ward was -

Kadina 3,569 (3 Councillors),
Paskeville 1,287 (1 Councillor),
Moonta 4,704 (3 Councillors) and
Wallaroo 4,084 (3 Councillors).

The ward representation quota per member of Council was 1,364 – calculated as the total number of electors divided by the number of ward Councillors i.e. 13,644 enrolled electors represented by ten Councillors.

Number of electors per member including Mayor is 1,240.

Port Pirie Regional Council - Mayor and 12 Councillors; Number of enrolled electors 12,956; electors per member including the Mayor 1,177 and the District Council of Yorke Peninsula – Mayor and 11 Councillors; Number of enrolled electors 14,343 ; 1,195 electors per member (including the Mayor).

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.

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 District Council's report is made available for public inspection, with further public submission opportunity and personal hearing being also made available.

The final report of the District Council is then referred to the State Electoral Commissioner for due certification. Council intends conducting a review in 2009.

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 workplace bullying policy. The Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare Act (1986) 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 well being 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.

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 29/08/2002)
- By-Law No. 2 – Boat Ramps (Govt. Gazette 29/08/2002)
- By-Law No. 3 - Local Government Land (Govt. Gazette 9/01/2003)
- By-Law No. 4 – Roads (Govt. Gazette 12/12/2002)
- By-Law No. 5 – Moveable Signs (Govt. Gazette 12/12/2002)
- By-Law Offences – Expiation Fees (Adopted by Council on 1/09/2004)

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.