



# DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE COPPER COAST

## 2012-2013 Annual Report

*lifestyle location of choice*

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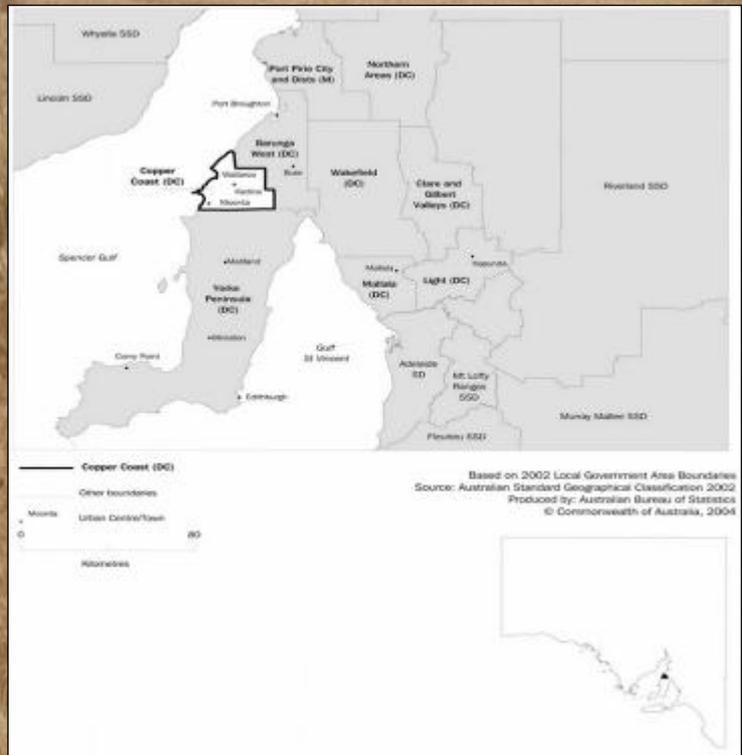
*Front Cover Image: WALLAROO JETTY AT DUSK*

# Forward

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

Annual Reports are produced by the 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**

***We take pride in the years achievements, confident that the Copper Coast remains a Lifestyle Location of Choice!***



Once, it was seen that Councils only communicated with their ratepayers and residents annually through the required Annual Reporting process, but now we endeavour to continually communicate and consult through various methods for a myriad of purposes.

One of the now and it would appear appreciated forms of communication is our quarterly Copper Post Newsletter. We receive favourable comments and find that it is reaching many more people who live, own property, do business or visit the Copper Coast.

With each Copper Coast, the message from the Mayor attempts to convey a summation of issues that are important or have an impact of the Copper Coast and by way of providing this year's Annual Report, reflect back over those messages of the past twelve months.

In July 2012, I utilised the theme Local Voice, Local Choice. Our Council constantly questions how to address disparity between councils and how to meet the expectations of our community, considering that we should all receive a similar and reasonable level of infrastructure and services. There is a strong held view that planning, both physical and financial, should at our local level reflect the local concerns but integrated with state and national planning strategies to achieve the best outcome for local communities. People want to see the three levels of government working together effectively and they want to see the services and infrastructure they need planned for and delivered at the local level. And this needs to be done with a sustainable framework!

The District Council of the Copper Coast over the past year have had many discussions, workshops and solicited community engagement reflecting the community voice, coupled with the local choice around infrastructure, planning and services.

Infrastructure – What we as a council choose to invest in, how and where we invest, will have a huge effect on this community and will influence the lives of our residents for many years to come. Good quality infrastructure that is well managed and well maintained is essential to our local sustainability, including the social, cultural, environmental and economic wellbeing of the Copper Coast.

As a local Government authority we are faced with significant challenges to meet expectations within constrained budgets and an understandable unwillingness by our community to pay additional rates and charges! Yet in the main, we have proven ourselves to be practical and reliable in delivering infrastructure projects for our community. The past year has seen many projects that have been in the planning stages for years finally delivered. The year ahead will see the completing of the first stage of some of the community's largest projects with the Moonta CWMS and Wallaroo Main Street redevelopment.

Planning – Local Government plays an important role in land use planning and development approvals, the Copper Coast seeing many more than most of its regional counterparts. Our council has developed strategic plans for the next ten years, that coordinate and provide a range of physical and community infrastructure, guide the application of land use and development zones that will be administered by our planning department on a day to day basis.

While constitutionally, planning is a state responsibility, the 'primary gateway' for those wishing to develop land and build structures, whether they are developers or individuals relies upon council as the service provider. The downside to this is that council are held responsible for the performance of all parts of the planning system, some of which are not in our control.

Over recent years we have seen policy makers amend the planning acts, yet planning continues to generate considerable interest at the local level, the community at large passionate about the rights of the community to retain an active role and involvement in the planning process. Some legislative changes has been about "fast tracking" approval systems, but it is usually at the cost of limiting community and elected members' involvement in the planning process. We have experienced several matters over the past year with respect to land management agreements and the new residential code.

Services – Council is being called upon to provide an increasing number of services to our community. While we have always been relied upon to provide roads, footpaths, drainage, street lighting, parks and gardens, libraries and public swimming enclosures; in recent times we have responded to increasing community demands providing considerably more services and facilities. Our council is now involved in immunisation services, aged care, museums, art galleries, community transport, animal

management, community education and community health and food inspections.

The District Council of the Copper Coast like other councils predominately determines the look, the feel and development of our community and we are usually the instigator of regional development opportunities and tourism strategies. The explosion in the range of services provided by local government can be attributed to many reasons including increasing community expectations, changing social norms, transfer of responsibility between other level of governments and the emergence of new technologies. But it needs to be remembered that regardless of how or why council is now providing this increasing range of services, we are not adequately funded to do this on a sustainable basis.

Given these circumstances, our council has needed to consider a range of strategies to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery and develop more innovative means to finance the services. Again this past year we have made some difficult decisions around fees and charges or the rationalisation of facilities in an attempt to bridge these emerging gaps.

During the latter part of the first quarter of each year most of our Community Groups conduct their respective Annual General Meetings and this period allows us an opportunity to learn of what some many individuals

and groups do for and within our community. One quickly realises that Community Wealth is more than bricks and mortar!

These people are the Copper Coast's social Infrastructure. We so often hear and consider our built infrastructure, but what would our community be without social infrastructure – like a body without a soul!

Meals on Wheels brings together volunteers who give freely of their time, in Moonta's case, cooking a meal five days a week and then like Kadina and Wallaroo deliver a hot three course meal to those people who are unable to prepare a sustainable meal for themselves. Many elderly of our community could not maintain their degree of independence if they did not have the service of Meals on Wheels. However, when taking a turn on the delivery roster in August 2012, found in many cases that the brief chat with the volunteer made the difference in what could have been an isolated day.

The Yorke Peninsula Passenger Transport Scheme and associated bus, with the assistance of volunteer drivers from the community enables so many elderly or restricted people to access the very best medical services not only in the Copper Coast but also in Adelaide. The community cars allow people who don't have their own access to get to appointments, shopping or just an outing.

While our council assists with the provision of vehicles, and the

Commonwealth Government providing operating funds, the scheme would not be financially sustainable without the volunteer drivers. Yet one often hears that these volunteers are not just drivers, but confidants; they are carers; a listening ear; a support; even a comedian – making a difference in what could be a very traumatic day for some.

The waters off the Copper Coast over the summer months become a popular haven for many locals and holiday makers. The fishing and boating fraternity are able to set to sea with the confidence and knowledge of a well equipped and trained group of volunteers are at the sea rescue base in readiness to respond in the event of a distress call. It is amazing the number of calls and the distances covered for such call outs. Callouts on occasion to inhospitable conditions rendering support to those in need, risking their own safety.

The Bike Track in Polgreen Park, Moonta was a joint effort between the Lions Club of Moonta, Opal and our Council. It was very rewarding to see the joy of the young children and their families as they peddled around the new bike track, but also the satisfaction beaming across the faces of our Lions Club volunteers who had contributed a valuable manual effort toward the project.

The Copper Coast is fortunate to boast service clubs in each of the townships and in their own way contribute much to the lifestyle that we have come to cherish. Many events, playgrounds,

parks, buildings and equipment would not be available in this community if it were not for the unselfish efforts of our service club men and women.

If we look at the many events that are familiar within our community, we quickly appreciate that a network of volunteers are the backbone to such gatherings. Kernewek Lowender; Field Days; Antique and Collectables Fair, Christmas Carols in the Park and the associated parades would and could not happen without people freely giving of their time and skills.

The Copper Coast is a very generous community; we only need to reflect upon the relay for life or Singing with the Stars events to gain a gauge on our community's generosity. The Cancer Council; Women's and Children's Hospital Auxiliaries; Red Cross; Flying Doctors; heart Beat; Hospital Foundation; the Church groups and the myriad of sporting clubs are constantly working, collecting or assisting fundraising and awareness of the causes and campaigns they represent. And the Copper Coast Community responds!

The Copper Coast has a different meaning to different people. For those of us who are proud to call it home need to appreciate those around us and realise that a home is not just an investment in bricks and mortar, but a home where the real value is those in our community.

We so often take for granted what we have around us and soon realise why so many people year after year return to the Copper Coast for their annual

holidays. There are few holiday homes from Black Rock to Port Hughes that are not occupied at this special time of the year. The Caravan parks are bustling with activity with few spare sites or cabins.

The bays are buoyed with fishing craft; jet skis; kayaks; wind surfers; kite surfers; swimmers; a grain vessel usually at the jetty and a couple at anchor; the occasional fierce game of beach cricket. The newly revamped foreshore areas of Moonta Bay and Wallaroo have become popular and attractive spots to relax and literally soak up the sun! The lawn areas are being spread with picnic blankets and families sharing precious quality time.

The pleasant Mediterranean climate, with the gentle but predictable afternoon breeze enables locals and visitors alike, to sit outside looking at the activity of the foreshore, read a couple of books, nap and consider **how lucky are we** to live in the Copper Coast.

There is no doubt that all will not share the enthusiasm of the influx of visitors, viewing them as an irritating disruption – but why shouldn't we share this lifestyle location of choice? Some of our visitors today will be residents tomorrow. With that comes jobs for our young people and that makes a vibrant community.

During the middle of last year, Council in conjunction with Professor Hugo of the University of Adelaide, a Demographer, undertook a study of

the non resident ratepayers of the Copper Coast. Now we have some very good statistical evidence to support the claims that many of our non resident ratepayers will call the Copper Coast home within the next five or so years.

Similarly there are holiday makers that at some time in the future will give consideration to retirement in the Copper Coast. To that end Council, State and Federal Governments will need in partnership to be proactive in ensuring that the Copper Coast has an updated infrastructure and services to cater for this growing population.

It is therefore important that we all participate in the planning for the future. Each year in March/April commence their consultation with our community about Council's Business Plan and Annual Budget. I appreciate that some in our community become cynical about this methodology and are unconvinced that Council actually listen.

While in many instances, Council may adopt within the Annual Budget the proposals that are contributed by the community, but the community can be assured that all submissions are considered, discussed, assessed and while they may not be included in the respective Annual Budget, they may be "tagged" for inclusion in the Long Term Plans.

Council are often criticised that we don't hold public meetings or turn to our community for opinion on a myriad

of issues, but the reality is that we are as a Council constantly communicating and consulting with our community.

Community consultation is one way that our Council engages with our community. It is an important part of our interaction with our community, gaining feedback on issues or an exchange of ideas. We are ever aware that the community insight, knowledge, skills and experience which can be a valuable resource to achieve Council's and the Communities objectives.

In appreciating the value of this consultation, we also need to acknowledge who our community is. This can include:

- residents
- landowners
- Business operators
- People who work in the Copper Coast
- Visitors to the Copper Coast
- Students of the Copper Coast Schools
- Users of Council Services
- Council advisory committees
- Progress and resident associations
- Business associations
- Service providers
- Government agencies and statutory bodies
- Local and regional associations
- Service clubs and community organisations

We consult with these groups in various ways and at various times. However, the principals of community consultation practices are based on the values of integrity, customer focus, accountability, respect and excellence.

As part of my role as Mayor, I have the pleasure and privilege to attend many community functions, both within the Copper Coast or on a state or national level. At each of those occasions, one come away learning or being made aware of something that one didn't necessarily know before or have been aware of issues concerning the respective person or group. Likewise, it has been my intention to impart information of interest. It is that "community exchange information".

There is no doubt that community consultation can help identify community needs, it can seek community input to improve a project or enhance the decision making. Our community consultation can be a response to expressions of community interest or when council resolves to consult with the community or when required by law or by agreement with a government agency or statutory body to consult.

Whatever the circumstance, in consulting with our community, our Council looks to:

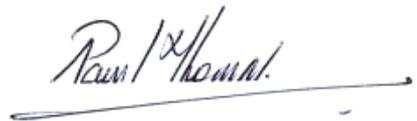
- Make sustainable and improved decisions
- Build positive relationships between Council and all sectors of the community

- Provide the community with the information needed to participate in a meaningful way, ensuring that all communications meet corporate communications standard
- Explain clearly why community consultation is taking place and the decisions to be made
- Inform the community of any limits to influence they will have in the decision, including information on any matters that are non-negotiable and why
- Build on any previous relevant community consultations
- Create community consultation processes so that the community can participate easily
- Make best use of community expertise and diversity
- Seek out and facilitate the involvement of those potentially affected by a decision
- Create consultation processes that take into account any barriers to participation experienced by particular groups, with special attention given to the needs of the community
- Help facilitate mutual understanding between groups and individuals with differing perspectives and interests
- Develop processes to collect information and the broad spectrum of community views on an issue
- Give feedback on how the community consultation informed Council's decisions, and

- Explain the processes and outcomes of community consultations to Council's elected representatives.

The forging is the basis and foundation to much of what is detailed in the following pages of our Annual Report and the many works and functions of Council that are explained in much more detail.

Each year for Council there is "A time to plan. A time to listen. A time to act." Our Annual report and the many projects that have been undertaken, or the roles and functions of our Council that are detailed throughout this Annual Report are the results of in some cases an extended time of planning, consulting and then implementing. We take pride in the years achievements, confident that the Copper Coast remains a *Lifestyle Location of Choice!*



Paul D.K. Thomas,  
**Mayor.**

# Message from the CEO

**Peter Harder**

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



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

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

It has been another successful year as the Council area matures and we outline our achievements. I would like to thank all those involved with the successes of 2012/13 as the Council has worked diligently and consistently to build its position as a leader in the region and gained a reputation for being a Council committed to its community through the advancement of social and community benefits.

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

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

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



*Kernewek Lowender 2013*

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

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

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

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

## Council's Vision

As a progressive Council the Elected Members of the District Council of the Copper Coast commit to a forward vision in their Strategic Plan, a plan for 10 years that is reviewed every 2-3 years.

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

The Councillor's vision is honed by engagement with residents, an understanding of Government Policy

and their compliance with legislation, both State and Federal; the Council's business outcomes are no different than those of the private sector apart from the impact and accountability that is influenced by and on the "public realm".



*Kernewek Lowender 2013*

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

In the year 2013 the population has reached approximately 13,000, not surprisingly, but some would say ambitiously, the Council amalgamation document projected a population increase of 2.9% per annum.

From 2001 to 2013 the population increased on average by 1.7% per year with a peak increase of 3% in 2008. The permanent population doesn't reflect the increasing number of those that enjoy many months living in the Copper Coast, but have yet to call it their permanent home. Recent research has indicated that as these property owners retire many will become permanent residents; this may again restore the population increase levels to the highs of 2007 and 2008. In 1996 the Council identified that the region had 4 key strengths and the

Strategic Plan of that era sought to build on:

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

These identified strengths have, 16 years later, improved with the ageing process, while at the same time the metropolitan area of Adelaide and outer suburbia has shifted closer to the Copper Coast.

The Council of the day in 1996 had a workforce of 42.1 Full Time Equivalent employees (FTE), the workforce in 2013 comprises 87 FTE.

The number of Elected Members remains the same as in 1996 10 Councillors and 1 Mayor. The only difference in 2010 was the abolition of the Ward System of Elected Member representation. The 2010 general Council elections saw "Area Councillor" candidates all vying for "Council wide" representation together with the Mayoral candidates, another indicator that the Council of the Copper Coast has matured since amalgamation and reinforcing the fact that all decisions of the Council will be unquestionably "Council wide".



*Elected Member Tour – May 2013*

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

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

The Council's current Strategic Plan, "Moving Toward 2022" has five main objectives:

- Wellbeing
- Sustainability
- Prosperity
- Opportunity
- Leadership

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

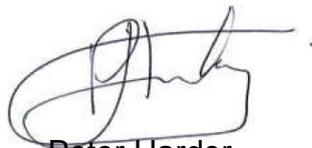


*Wallaroo foreshore*

While updating the plan over the past year, the community had an opportunity to input into where it wanted Council to focus. Access around our community was by far the highest priority and our long term objectives have been tailored to deliver

improved roads, footpaths, cycleways and the associated infrastructure.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Harder'.

**Peter Harder**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

## Current Elected Members



Back Row L – R: David Woodforde; Adrian Hatcher; Craig Costello, William (Bill) Clarke; Dean Rodda (Deputy Mayor) and Phil Brand.

Front Row L - R: Su Bell; John Gross; Paul Thomas ( Mayor), Brent Walker and Beverley Schultz.

# Executive Services

## The Area in Focus

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



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

the Copper Coast an ideal tourist destination for both local and international visitors.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## The Council

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

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

The District Council covers an area of some 773 square kilometres, servicing a population of approximately 13,000 people and around four hundred thousand visitors annually. The overall South Australian population trends indicate a slight growth rate, while the Council's growth rate is higher than the State and the majority of Council areas, with the trend expected to continue.

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

## Decision Making Structure

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

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

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

Every meeting of the Council, Audit Committee and the Council Development Assessment Panel (CDAP) are open to the public to attend.

The Council, Audit Committee and CDAP 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.

The agendas, together with the accompanying reports and correspondence, are placed on display not less than three days prior to the meetings for the public to access, except confidential items.

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

### Full Council

The following is the record of attendance of Elected Members for the 2012/13 financial year for Council.

	Meetings Attended (out of 13)	Leave of Absence Granted	Apology Recorded	Non-attendance
Mayor Thomas	13	-	-	-
Cr. Bell	12	1	-	-
Cr. Brand	11	1	1	-
Cr. Clarke	13	-	-	-
Cr. Costello	11	1	1	-
Cr. Gross	11	2	-	-
Cr. Hatcher	11	-	2	-
Cr. Rodda	12	1	-	-
Cr. Schultz	12	-	1	-
Cr. Walker	12	1	-	-
Cr. Woodforde	11	1	1	-

### Council Development Assessment Panel

The following is the record of attendance of Members for the Council Development Assessment Panel for the 2012/13 financial year.

	Meetings Attended (out of 5)	Leave of Absence Granted	Apology Recorded	Non-attendance
Member Meier (Presiding Member)	5	-	-	-
Member Horsell	4	-	-	1
Member Hancock	4	-	1	-
Member Wood *	2	1	1	-
Member Talbot **	1	-	-	-
Member Brand	4	-	1	-
Member Rodda	5	-	-	-
Member Woodforde	3	1	1	-
Denotes * Independent Member term finished in December 2012 ** Independent Member term commenced in December 2012				

### Audit Committee

The following is the record of attendance of Audit Committee Members for Council for the 2012/2013 financial year.

	Meetings Attended (out of 6)	Leave of Absence Granted	Apology Recorded	Non-attendance
Cr. Costello	6	-	-	-
Cr. Thomas	5	-	1	-
Cr. Brand +	3	-	-	-
Cr. Bell ++	2	-	1	-
Member Rushbrook	3	-	1	-
Member Symons*	4	-	2	-
Member Hood **	2	-	-	-
Denotes + Elected Member term finished in November 2012 ++ Elected Member term commenced in November 2012 * Independent Member term finished in March 2013 ** Independent Member term commenced in March 2013				

## Council Financial Resources

A full audited copy of the General Purpose Financial Reports for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013, pursuant to the Local Government Act 1999 - Section 131, is included under Part 2 of this report.

Council returned an operating deficit for the 2012/2013 financial year of \$1,587,432. However after Asset disposal & fair value adjustments and other capital income the reported net deficit reduced to \$166,186.

The transfer of infrastructure assets from property developers was responsible for the increase in other income to achieve this result. The Council assumes the ownership, care and control of these assets however they increase operating expenditure especially in regards to depreciation and maintenance expenditure in future years.

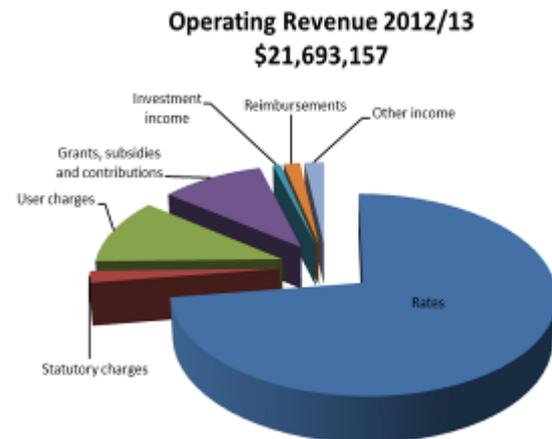
The assets transferred during the 2012/2013 year were the water storage dam and associated infrastructure located at The Dunes which transferred after the expiration of the licence agreement.

The transfer of the land known as the Golf Course at The Dunes will transfer in the following year (2013/14) and is included in note 20 of the enclosed financial statements.

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

## Operating Income

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



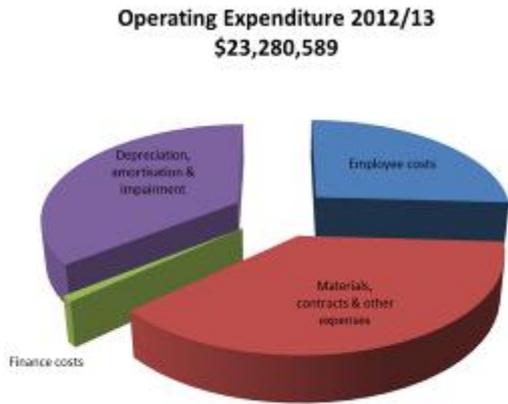
Rate income has increased due to the introduction of the separate rate for the CWMS project in Moonta, Port Hughes and Moonta Bay. This is a five year project which will deliver significant benefits to the community.

The Commonwealth Government in June 2013 again paid in advance the financial assistance grant income for 2013/14. This resulted in a material impact on the deficit for 2012/13.

In addition to the Operating Revenue Council received other Government Grants and Subsidies to assist in the purchase of new or upgraded assets (\$1,755,741).

### Operating Expenditure

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



Depreciation has increased significantly due to the revaluation of Council's fixed assets over the past couple of years and now represents over 1/3 of Council's operating expenditure.

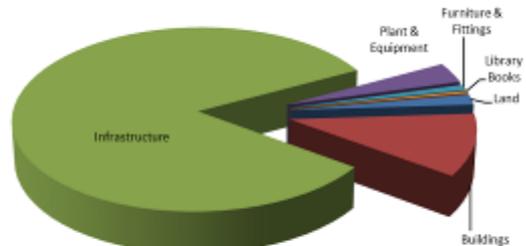
### Capital Expenditure

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

The major items of capital expenditure during the 2012/13 year have been in regards to Community Waste Water Management (CWMS) with treatment plants being built in Wallaroo & Moonta and also the commencement of the new CWMS project at Moonta/Moonta Bay and Port Hughes.

The CWMS project is a 5 year project that will significantly improve the service levels to these communities.

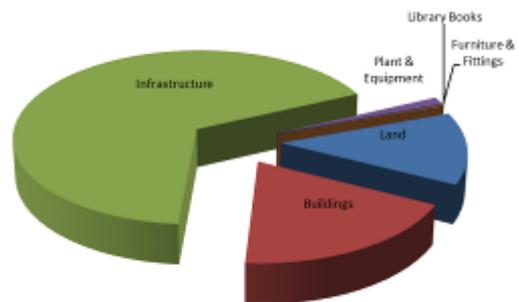
Capital Expenditure 2012/13



### Non Current Assets

The noncurrent or fixed assets of Council are significant. Land, Buildings and Other Infrastructure were subject to a revaluation as at 30 June 2011 and the remainder of the assets being Roads, CWMS, Stormwater and Other Infrastructure being revalued as at 30 June 2012.

Non Current Assets 2012/13



Council is investing heavily in CWMS infrastructure over the next 5 years and also in the road and footpath networks.

## Financial Sustainability

Note 15 of the General Purpose Financial Report for the financial year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013 reports on the Key Financial Indicators that are used to assess Council with regards to its financial sustainability.

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

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

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

## Financial Controls

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

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

Reviews of the financial information are undertaken on a quarterly basis

and presented along with policies, procedures and controls to the relevant committee prior to consideration by Council.

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

[www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au](http://www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au)

## Elected Members

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

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

Following the November 2010 election the ward structure was abolished and Elected Members now represent the entire Council area.

For the period commencing December 2010 members of the District Council of the Copper Coast are Paul Thomas, Mayor; Dean Rodda (Deputy Mayor) Su Bell, Phil Brand, William (Bill) Clarke, Craig Costello, John Gross, Adrian Hatcher, Beverley Schultz, Brent Walker and David Woodforde.

These Members have been appointed for a four year term, concluding in November 2014.

### Elected Members 2012 – 2013



Mayor Paul  
D.K. Thomas,  
JP



Deputy Mayor  
Dean Rodda



Su Bell



Phil Brand



Bill Clarke



Craig  
Costello



John Gross



Adrian  
Hatcher



Bev Schultz



Brent Walker



David  
Woodforde

## Strategic Plan - Moving Toward 2022

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

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

### Our Vision

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

### Our Mission

"To enhance Community Lifestyle":

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

### Our Values

"We Will":

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

The Council's key directions are contained in 5 objectives with complimentary goals. Key strategies

and responsibility for departmental strategy delivery are also outlined and presented in the Strategic Plan.

### Reviews

In 2011/12, Council reviewed its suite of plans pursuant to Section 122 (4) of the Local Government Act ensuring alignment with key directions and strategies together with resourcing provisions and legislative compliance.

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

### Objectives

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

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

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

Annually Council aligns budgets and programs against its key directions and strategies while periodically also reviewing its strategic plan as it

continues “Moving Toward 2022”. The current Strategic Plan was adopted in April 2012.

### **Defining Targets and Measuring Progress**

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

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

### **Strategic Management Objectives, Goals and Functions**

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

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

The goals underpinning these objectives are supported by Council’s functional service areas, Executive, Corporate, Community, Infrastructure and Development Services. The

organisation is structured to deliver the key strategies through these functional service areas.

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

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Moonta Tourist Office

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#### **Wallaroo Office**

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## Objectives, Goals, Functions and Key Strategies

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

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

## Progressing the Plan

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

### Social Objective – Wellbeing

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

Council has made a strong commitment to youth in the region with ongoing youth programs including, Youth Week activities, annual youth festivals, Youth Network and the Copper Coast Youth Advisory Council. Council actively works with both local and state wide agencies to progress the State Government Youth Action Plan.

The Mayors Community Fund continued to be a vehicle to distribute funds to community groups and individuals. Community Grants totalling approx. \$100,000 were distributed to local community groups and charities.

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

The Disability Discrimination Act Management Group was formed in June 2009. The completed DDA Audit and action plan including the priority listing will ensure Council properties and facilities comply with DDA requirements. This plan includes a 5 year work plan for 2010-15.



*Successful recipients from the 2012 Community Grants applications where \$102,633 was distributed to many community organisations.*

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

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

The support of ongoing traineeship employment program within Council provided for one trainee in administration, one in tourism, one library services and one mechanical apprentice.

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

Service clubs and community groups have been supported through the Volunteer Resources Centre currently based in Moonta.

### **Environmental Objective – Sustainability**

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

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

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

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



*Port Hughes Coastal environment*

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

Council continues to monitor the community's heritage listed assets and work towards their preservation in consultation with the Heritage Advisor and organisations such as the National Trust.

Council's works program continues to be the major focus of works and services on an annual basis. Works in 2012/13 have included:

#### **Administration:**

- New office completed and staff relocated;

#### **Road Construction – sealed:**

- Drain Road, Kadina;
- Otago Road, North Beach;

#### **Road Construction – unsealed:**

- Rural road re-sheeting;
- Township road re-sheeting;

#### **Drainage:**

- Moonta Road, Moonta Bay;
- Bay Road, Moonta;

#### **Waste Water:**

- New WWTP Port Hughes – completed;
- New WWTP Wallaroo – commenced;
- Moonta, Moonta Bay & Port Hughes CWMS – commence construction of Stage One;
- Moonta, Moonta Bay & Port Hughes CWMS – finalise designs of Stage Two;

### **Foreshore:**

- Structural repairs to Port Hughes Jetty;
- Planning for upgrade of Swimming Enclosure – Moonta Bay;
- Planning for upgrade of Port Hughes Boat Ramp;
- Pivot Heritage Site Development;

### **Waste Management:**

- New Waste Transfer Station – commenced;
- Closure plans for old landfill sites at Kadina and Wallaroo.

Council's immunisation program continued throughout 2012/13 under the supervision of the Environmental Health Officer.

The officer also undertook 27 food inspections, 4 audits and issued 1 order and 27 notices under the Food Act.

### **Economic Objective – Prosperity**

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

Throughout 2012/13 Council has engaged in Sports Marketing working closely with Complete Sports Development.

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

The Council is continuing to implement the Regional Integrated Tourism Strategy with the funding received for this project. Council representatives continue to meet with stakeholders to foster the growth and to identify impediments to growth and development.

### **Cultural Objective – Opportunity**

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

Council continued to support local events including the Yorke Peninsula Field Days, The Antiques and Collectable Fair, Christmas pageants, New Year celebrations, Australia Day, Anzac Day and support of various events through financial and in kind support.

### **Governance Objective - Leadership**

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

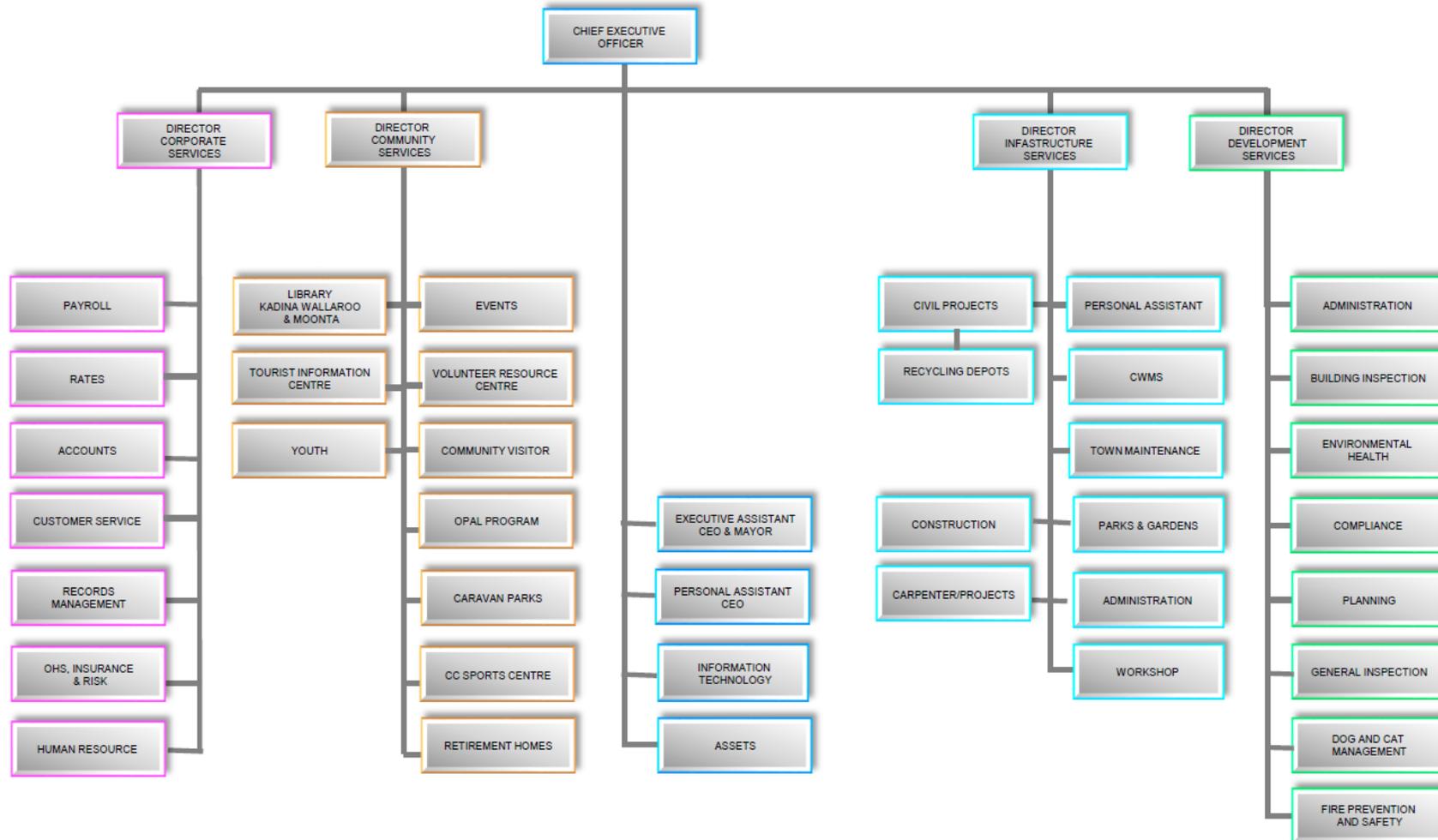
- Council's policies and procedures;
- Annual Business Plan and Budget;
- Long Term Financial Plan;
- New Separate Rates;
- Facilitate Master Plans;
- Coastal and Stormwater Studies;
- Kadina CBD Master Plan.

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

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



# District Council of the Copper Coast Organisational Structure



## Functional Service Areas

### Administration

Records Management  
Customer Service  
Commercial Activities

### Information Technology

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

### Organisational Development

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

### Finance

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

### Governance

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

### Social and Community Services

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

### Communication Services

Marketing  
Web Development  
Communication  
Community Engagement  
Public Relations  
Publications

### Recreation and Leisure Services

Recreation Planning and Development  
Leisure Facilities  
Arts and Cultural Development

### Public Safety and Community Health

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

### Transport and Parking

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

### Building and Planning Services

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

### Property Management

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

### Environment and Compliance

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

### Parks And Gardens

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

### Maintenance

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

### Construction

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

### Waste Management

Waste Collection  
Recycling  
Rubbish Disposal  
Litter Control  
Dump Management

### Tourism

Tourism Marketing  
Cultural Development  
Events

### Economic Development

Business Development  
Employment Creation  
Economic Development Planning  
Investment Attraction

### Strategic Planning

Corporate Planning  
Development and Review  
Performance Measurement  
Annual Plan Monitoring

## Statutory Information

### Annual Information Statement

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

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

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

Every meeting of the Council, Council Committees and of CDAP is open to the public to attend however, Council, Council Committees or a CDAP may

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Information available for Inspection

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

### General Documents:

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

### Registers:

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

### Codes:

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

### Policies/Procedures:

- Asset Accounting Policy
- Audit Committee Terms of Reference

- Banner Pole Policy
- Behaviour in Library Policy
- Budget Reporting and Amendment Policy
- Building Inspection Policy
- Caretaker Policy
- Cemetery Operational Policy
- Children and Vulnerable Persons Policy
- Collection Development Policy
- Community Grants Policy
- Council Induction Policy
- CWMS Policy
- Complaints Handling and Grievance Procedure Policy
- Control of Election Signs Policy
- Council Enforcement Policy
- Debt Collection Policy
- Disposal of Land and Other Assets Policy
- Elected Member's Allowance and Support Policy
- Fees and Charges Policy
- Flag Flying Policy
- Fraud and Corruption Policy
- Funding Policy
- Information Privacy Policy
- Internal Review of Council Decisions Policy
- Landscaping Policy
- Mayors Community Fund Guidelines\*
- Media and Communication Policy
- Motor Vehicle Policy
- Occupational Health Safety and Welfare Policy and Procedures
- Order Making Policy
- Outdoor Dining Policy
- Postponement of Connection Fee Policy – CWMS
- Postponement of Rates Policy
- Public Consultation Policy
- Rainwater Tank Policy
- Rates Rebate Policy
- Rating Policy
- Risk Management Policy
- Roadside Signage Policy and Guidelines

- Safe Handling and Disposal of Biosolids Policy
- Shipping Container Policy
- Street Stall Policy
- Street Tree Policy
- The Naming of Streets, Roads and Public Places Policy
- Training and Development Policy for Elected Members
- Treasury Management Policy
- Verge/Footpath Development by Residents Policy
- Visitor Information Outlet Policy
- Volunteers Policy
- Whistleblowers Protection Policy
- Procurement Policy
- Development of Unsealed Roads Policy

If members of the public wish to have access to, and view any of these documents, they may enquire at Council's customer service counter. Policies adopted by Council are available on Council's website [www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au](http://www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au).

### **Allowances and Benefits for Members of Council**

The annual allowances payable during the 2012-2013 financial year are: Mayoral Allowance \$49,060 per annum; Deputy Mayor's Allowance and Presiding Members of Standing Committees \$15,331 and other elected members \$12,265.

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; however community members receive a sitting fee of \$100 per meeting.

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

During 2012/13 the Mayor and Elected Members attended various training sessions including live web based training.

### **Senior Executive Officers**

The District Council's organisational structure provides for the Chief Executive Officer and four Directors of Corporate, Community, Development and Infrastructure Services and they have salary 'packages' ranging between \$100,000 to \$200,000 that include salary, superannuation and the use of fully maintained vehicles, internet and mobile phones. The Register of Remuneration, Allowances and Benefits is available for public inspection.

### Mayor's Community Fund

During the 2012-2013 financial year Council received donations for the Mayor's Community Fund totalling

\$6,045.00 and allocated donations and unspent funds from the Community Grants budget allocation.

<b>MAYORS COMMUNITY FUND:</b>			
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>			
Donations	2,000.00	2,141.50	(141.50)
Madec Contributions	3,000.00	3,873.50	(873.50)
Other	0.00	30.00	(30.00)
	<b><u>5,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>6,045.00</u></b>	<b><u>(1,045.00)</u></b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
School Awards	2,500.00	2,600.00	(100.00)
Sporting Awards	300.00	350.00	(50.00)
Waiver of Development Fees	500.00	559.60	(59.60)
Christmas	650.00	610.00	40.00
Hall Hire	500.00	424.25	75.75
Community Events	1,500.00	1,285.23	214.77
Recycle Fees	2,000.00	1,720.91	279.09
Other	2,550.00	1,532.31	1,017.69
	<b><u>10,500.00</u></b>	<b><u>9,082.30</u></b>	<b><u>1,417.70</u></b>

## Staffing

As at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013 the District Council had a total of 87 full time equivalent (FTE) positions.

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

District Council Employees:	Male	Female
<b>Offices, Libraries &amp; Service Facilities</b>		
Senior Executives	4.0	1.0
Administration Services – General	2.8	17.3
Economic Services - Tourism, Development	1.0	4.7
Engineering Services - Works Supervision	3.0	0.0
Environmental Services - Building, Nuisances	8.2	0.6
Community Services - Libraries, Community	0.0	5.1
<b>TOTAL INSIDE EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>28.7</b>
At Depots (Construction, Maintenance)		
Construction, Maintenance, inc Cleaning	25.6	0.4
Parks, Gardens and Reserves	10.0	0.0
Waste Management (Recycling Centres)	2.6	0.0
Workshop Servicing	1.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL OUTSIDE EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>58.2</b>	<b>29.1</b>

## 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:

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

### Confidential Documents

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

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

### Council Meetings

*December 5 2012*

CEO Performance Appraisal

This matter was not subject to a term of confidentiality.

*December 19 2012*

Commercial Information

Confidential item for 12 months or less as determined by the CEO.

### Audit & CDAP Committees

Nil

### Community Land

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

### Freedom of Information Applications (FOI)

Applications made to the 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. Twenty three 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  
PO Box 396  
KADINA SA 5554

### Internal Review of Council Actions

Nil requests received in 2012/2013.

### Electoral Representation Quotas and Reviews

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

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

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

Port Pirie Regional Council - 10 Councillors; Number of enrolled electors 13,197; electors per member 1,330 and the District Council of Yorke Peninsula – 11 Councillors; Number of enrolled electors 14,717; 1,337 electors per member.

### **Elections**

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

### **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.

### **Equal Opportunity**

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

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

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

Persons bullied on the basis of gender, race or ethnic background, disability, sexual preference, marital status, pregnancy or age, are protected by the Equal Opportunity Act. Harassment or bullying in the workplace is unacceptable and, where identified, must be regarded as a serious breach of conduct.

## Competitive Tendering & Cost Effective Services

Purchasing Policies – Council continues to strive to provide value for money in service delivery to the ratepayers of the District Council of the Copper Coast through the adoption and utilisation of purchasing and procurement Policies. In compliance with Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1999, Council has reviewed and adopted the Competitive Tendering, Contracting, Purchasing, Sale, Disposal of Land and Other Assets Policy (GOV006) encompassing the following:

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

During the past financial year 11 outsourced contracts were put to a competitive tender process totalling approximately \$10.5 million in value.

## National Competition Policy

Council has no significant business activities.

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

## Current Local Laws

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

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

## Elected Member Training and Development

The Elected Member Training and Development Policy was adopted on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012 and was amended to include the following allocations:

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

There will also be 2 group training sessions organised around March and October each year by the Executive Assistant, which may include adjoining Council participation.

In October 2012 Elected member training was held at Kadina and similarly in April 2013 Elected Member training was again held dealing with ICAC, Code of Conduct and Confidentiality.

During the year Webinars were held for staff and Elected Members.

His Worship the Mayor attends numerous seminars and conferences annually through the Local Government Association; Local Government Finance Authority; ALGA National General Assembly at Canberra, Central Local Government Region, Regional Development Australia just to name a few.

# CORPORATE SERVICES



*lifestyle location of choice*

## Corporate Services

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

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

Once again the year has passed quickly with the corporate services team being very busy and productive. I commend the Corporate Services staff for their commitment to continue to provide excellent customer service and support internally.

With records management staff focusing on reviewing policies and procedures across the organisation we have continued to meet the requirements of the State Records Act.

With the main office completed during the financial year all staff transitioned well back into the one location and the

corporate services team became one once again.

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

A breakdown of some of the work undertaken within the corporate services department in 2012/13 is as follows:

### Records Management

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

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

Supporting activities and initiatives for the Records Management system were:

- Transferred 153 boxes and 28 volumes of inactive permanent files to State Records for preservation and enable future access. These files consisted of agendas and minutes from the Town of Moonta.

- Contractor (Max Montgomery Pty Ltd) spent 35 days sorting and sentencing inactive and old records transferred to an off site facility.
- Applied for and received destruction approval from State Records for 46 metres of inactive sentenced records as listed by contractor.
- Records Management Officers continuing to provide training to all staff in use of RM system.

The new office has a purpose built file room which can hold 270 metres of records. This room will enable all Council operational records to be maintained under a centralised management system.

## Information and Communication Technology

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

Council continues to monitor and develop its new telephone system as this provides important efficiencies to the staff and the community. There have also been advances in Business Continuity and Emergency Planning through planning and technology.

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

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

## WHS Report 2012/2013

The past year has seen the introduction of new legislation in regards to workplace safety. We said goodbye to the term "Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare" and the OHS Act 1986 and replaced it with Workplace Health Safety and the WHS Act 2013. We also adopted a new slogan for staff being, "*The safe way is the best way.*" WHS along with Risk Management are vital key components in Council's ability to provide a safe work environment for its employees and a safer community for its residents and visitors.

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

Council continues to enhance its WHS responsibilities by continually reviewing its safety plan. This plan has allowed Council to identify deficiencies

in the areas of WHS and make necessary changes required to achieve favorable outcomes for both its staff and the community.

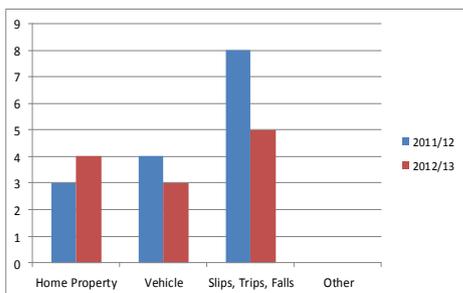
In line with the new WHS Legislation adopted by the Government in January 2013 Council continues to review the new laws and regulations to ensure it complies as required. These new laws have far greater implications for breaches of WHS and penalties are much higher. The new laws also give more responsibility to management and staff of Council to protect their employees and the public.

**Public Safety**

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

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

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



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

	2011/2012	2012/2013
Home Property	3	4
Vehicle	4	3
Slips, Trips, Falls	8	5
Other	0	0

**Council Staff Safety**

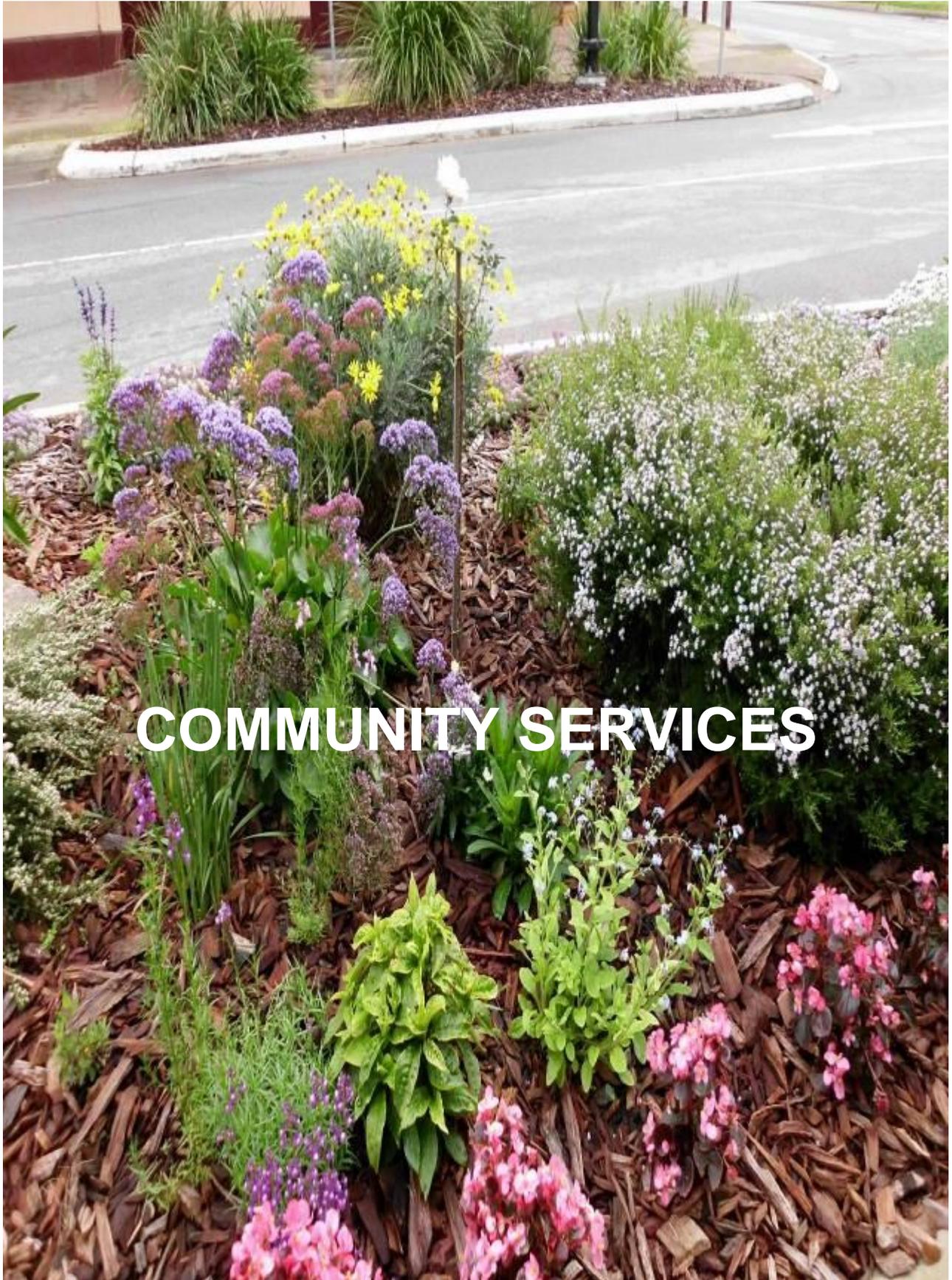
Council regards its staff as its greatest asset and continues to strive to provide better knowledge and support in matters of Health and Risk.

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

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

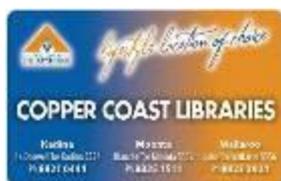
Training of staff in regards to Safety is also an integral part of WHS and Risk Management. This ensures our staff have a better understanding of their responsibilities to themselves and their fellow workers and assist the general public if required to do so.

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



# Community Services

## Copper Coast Library Services



Copper Coast Libraries joined the state wide One Card system in May 2013.

Launches were held on 9<sup>th</sup> May at Kadina and 16<sup>th</sup> May at Moonta.



The 'one card' network is connecting more than 130 public libraries across SA and enables Copper Coast Library members to borrow and return items wherever they are with their library card.

The new service also gives members 24/7 access to an online catalogue where millions of books, DVDs, CDs and magazines in libraries across SA can be looked up and reserved with a click, either from home or in the library. When items become available, they are delivered to your local library for collection or to any other library that members nominate. SMS messaging then notifies as soon as the item is available to be collected.



Kadina Staff at the One Card Launch

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

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



Kadina Library

The Copper Coast Library - Wallaroo is co-located with the Council office at the Old Railway Station.



Wallaroo Library

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



Moonta Library

### Statistics

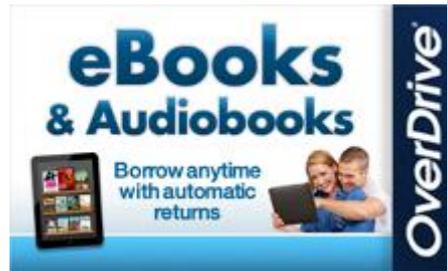
The following statistics apply to the Kadina & Wallaroo libraries for 2012/13

Total Loans	107,094
Total Collection	32,459
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Print Resources</li> <li>• Non print resources</li> </ul>	<p>28,578</p> <p>3,881</p>
Total Borrowers	9,430
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active (used library in last 12 months)</li> <li>• Inactive</li> </ul>	<p>5,482</p> <p>3,948</p>
<b>Total visits</b>	<b>88,432</b>

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

Access to the state wide network ensures we are able to continually update our collection by rotating stock with other libraries. This is used extensively for the large print collection, audio books and AV materials. In the past financial year we have rotated in excess of 2500 items into our collection.

### E-Books



### Information Technology

The Libraries Board of SA provide free internet access and free wireless access to each library site. The Copper Coast currently has 576 registered members on the state wide wireless system with the advantage that this registration allows free access at any other SA public library. As such we have the ability to host any of the registered wireless users who may live in or visit this area.



### Toy Library

The Toy Library is an additional service provided at the Kadina Library. To ensure ease of access and increased availability the collection was moved into the main library within a larger childrens area so it can be available during all library opening hours.

The collection is well used and now includes 288 toys, games, puzzles and active play toys for preschoolers. 341 members are registered to use this service and recorded 2268 loans this past year.



*Toy Library Collection*

### **Accessibility**

Support and funding from Council's Disability Discrimination Act Committee saw additional furniture and resources purchased to assist those with a disability and also support the needs of our ageing community determined by Elder Friendly Project outcomes.

Additional audio books have also been added to the library collection resulting in the collection now offering over 491 titles on site and access to additional resources through the One Card Network.



### **Programs & Other Services**

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

#### **Home Delivery**

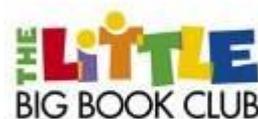
This service is available to those who cannot independently visit the library themselves. Library resources are delivered to people in their homes in all 3 Copper Coast towns and also to the Aged Care facilities.

#### **Read & Rhyme Time**

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

#### **Rhythm & Rhyme Time**

On the last Thursday of the month at Kadina Library this session introduces babies and toddlers to language and literacy through rhymes, songs and music to assist with development and understanding of rhythm, rhyme and rare words. They develop an appreciation of the library environment from a young age and it supports parents/carers in a social atmosphere.



#### **BookBugs Storytime for Preschoolers**

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

This extremely popular program attracts over 40 participants each

week who enjoy the story, rhymes, song and craft resulting in 1820 attendees in the past financial year.

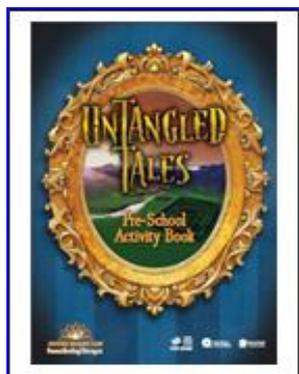


### **School Holiday Activities**

A program is offered for primary school aged children every school holidays with activities held at both the Kadina and Wallaroo libraries. Each session involves a story and craft activity based on the theme for that particular holiday break or performances by visiting artists including the Giggly Kids and Captain Plop. Children and the accompanying adults have enjoyed participating with over 520 attendees.

### **Summer Reading Competition**

This attracted a large number of participants in both the adult and children's categories. Each child had to read a minimum of 10 books to be eligible for local and state prizes and overall read a combined effort of over 600 books.



### **Premiers Reading Challenge**

This state wide challenge continues to inspire children to read with an incentive presented to each successful reader at the end of each year. The

library supports this additional program and has a large collection of the appropriate resources available for easy selection.

### **Book Club**

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

### **Christmas in Kadina Santa Trail**

The Kadina Library was included on the Santa Trail with 250 Xmas craft packs given out to children participating in this community event.

### **Partnerships**

#### **TAFESA**

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

#### **OPAL**

All 3 libraries are keen to promote OPAL to their communities and info boards have been placed at each location to display the main themes and ideas of the OPAL project.

#### **DECS (Department of Education. & Childrens' Services)**

All preschools and schools are supported with onsite visits and loans of resources. The Kadina Preschool Centre visit the Kadina Library twice a week to participate in a story and activity. In addition to this approx 400 school children visited with their class during the year and participated in storytelling, activities and Childrens' Book Week celebrations.

### **ECIG (Early Childhood Interagency Group)**

The library has been involved in working with and supporting this committee to plan a more Family Friendly environment for families and young children.

### **U3A(University of the Third Age)**

Meeting space and facilities including the Local History Room have once again been used by U3A to run their courses. This is strongly supported by the library as it ensures the availability of Lifelong Learning to the community.

### **Talking Times**

Volunteers are hosted weekly at the Kadina Library on behalf of the Royal Society of the Blind to read, digitally record and distribute the Yorke Peninsula Country Times to approximately 45 vision impaired recipients.



### **YPFHG: (Yorke Peninsula Family History Group)**

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



### **Tax Help**

A volunteer assists low income earners with submitting E-Tax by appointment. This extremely popular service is well patronised with 108 returns being completed by the volunteer between July and October. This effort was acknowledged at a presentation by the Tax Regional Coordinator to volunteer Christine Robertson who has completed 10 years of service.



e-tax

### **Community Visitors Scheme**

The scheme is now supported by 1 coordinator. There are 9 Residential Care facilities that receive the service:

- 3 in the Copper Coast
- 2 in Port Pirie
- 1 in Port Broughton
- 1 in Maitland
- 1 in Ardrossan
- 1 in Minlaton

All administration and support for the scheme is handled directly through the District Council of the Copper Coast. Fiona McAllister continues the day to day management of the scheme and maintains a local coordinator role in the Copper Coast, Ardrossan, Port Pirie, Maitland and Minlaton areas.

There have been 38 visitors who have completed a total of 1168 visits throughout the year. Of these 38 visitors, 29 have met the required number of visits to qualify as an active visitor. While the remainder have visited for only part of the year or not at all, due to resident's deaths, illness,

personal circumstance or resignation from the scheme.

During the year morning and afternoon teas were held at the aged care homes for community visitors and their friends.

Regular meetings continue to be held with Greg O'Connor, Community Services Manager of the District Council of the Copper Coast to discuss the progress of the scheme and any issues that may arise.



*Moonta Health & Aged Care resident Grace Stround with community visitor, Pauline Evans*

## Copper Coast Youth

Council's Community Services Department has been involved in a number of Youth related activities during 2012 / 2013 including

- The continued revitalization of Council's Youth Advisory Council.
- Contribution to Yorke Youth Services.
- Sponsorship to the Copper Coast Road Safety Committee for students from Kadina Memorial High School to participate in a driver education program.
- Assistance with the building of Council's Community Gardens situated at Kadina and Wallaroo.

- Continued school holiday programs through Copper Coast Library Services
- Ongoing participation in the OPAL (Obesity Prevention and Lifestyle) program.



*Lesley Kirley, Ashley Bishop, Jordan Elliott and Daniel Tisher attended the Youth Expo*

## Arts and Community Development Visual Arts

### Art Galleries



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

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

The Ascot Theatre exhibitions are overseen by members of the Copper Country Keepsakes and volunteers

and during 2012/2013 exhibitions included the “Take a Shot” photographic exhibition by local photographer, Kym Gregory and “2 Diverse Friends” featuring a mixture of art and craft by Betty Wilson from Moonta and Elsie Bannon from Kadina.

The Moonta Art Gallery is similarly administered by volunteers and also boasts exhibitions by local and interstate artists, with a sprinkling of Country Arts SA flavour.



The Moonta Gallery of the Arts March 2013 exhibition “Light”

The Ascot Theatre is the permanent home to the Kernewek Art Collection which is expanded each second year with the winners of various categories in the Kernewek Lowender Art Competition.

## Community Development

### Elder Friendly Communities

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

Although Council’s direct involvement in the project has ceased, representatives of the group regularly meet with Council senior staff to provide their experienced input into various Council projects. Included in the very active members are Helen

Williamson and Cathleen Field who rarely miss an Elder Friendly Communities or Council meeting.



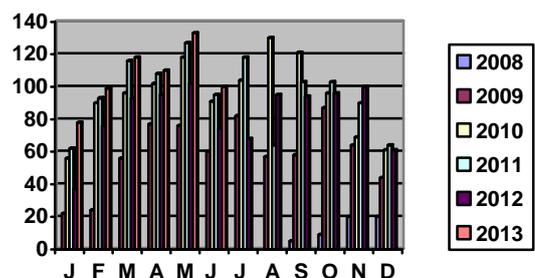
Elder Friendly Communities meeting with speaker Helen Williamson

### Volunteering

The Volunteer Resource Centre is located in the Council office at Moonta with opening hours of 10.00 am to 3.00 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 12.00 to 5.00pm on Wednesdays.

As can be seen from the graph, visitation continues to increase each year. Residents not living in Moonta utilise the service by either emailing their data to the VRC, or dropping at either the Kadina or Wallaroo offices to go to Moonta via Council staff.

Council encourages members of the community who have hours to spare, to contact the VRC and register as volunteers in a wealth of positive and fulfilling volunteering opportunities.



Graph highlighting the growth of the VRC service from 2008 to 2012.

## Celebration of Employment

The Celebration of Employment Awards was an initiative of the District Council of the Copper Coast in 2007 to recognise outstanding employees, apprentices, trainees and employers within the area of the then Regional Development Board which included the District Councils of the Copper Coast, Barunga West, Yorke Peninsula and the Wakefield Regional Council.

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

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

## Community Grants Program

Council allocated \$102,633 in Community Grants in the 2012/13 financial year bringing to a total of over \$600,000 injected into the community since the inception of the program.

Included in the allocations were:

- YP Veterans and Community Centre \$2500 for kitchen and bar upgrade
- Copper Coast Sea Rescue \$5000 for equipment and training
- Moonta Senior Citizens Club \$5000 for repainting the clubrooms
- Wallaroo Mines Bowling Club \$5000 for lighting towers
- Kadina Croquet Club \$5000 for clubrooms extensions



*Members of the Kadina Memorial Croquet Club with the refurbished clubrooms in the background*

## Disability Services

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

An advisory group was formed to assist the Community Services Director to administer the annual budget allocation.

During 2012/13 Council installed automatic doors at the Ascot Theatre, Wallaroo North Tourist Park and Kadina Town Hall. Equipment was purchased for the use of hearing and visually disabled users of the Copper Coast Library Services and beach wheel chairs were purchased for aged and/or disabled residents and tourists to enjoy the pleasures of Copper Coast beaches.



*Jay (9) and Ella (4) enjoying the unique opportunity of experiencing Wallaroo beaches for the first time.*

## Retirement Units

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

The very popular fully self contained units vary in size from 1 to 3 bedrooms And are fully maintained by Council.



Council Retirement Units in Errington Street, Wallaroo

## OPAL

The District Council of the Copper Coast's OPAL Program has undergone some change over the past twelve months.

### Change in Staff and Office

Georgina Weissmann, OPAL Program Manager and Daina Alford, OPAL Project Support Officer took leave of their substantive positions for a period of 12 months and were both proud to announce the safe arrival of babies Elijah and Harper shortly thereafter.

Collette Hooper and Louise Benoit were employed to continue the OPAL Program in their absence. Collette was previously working at Flinders Medical Centre as Clinical Service Coordinator, Diabetes Services and as an Associate Lecturer at Flinders University and Louise for Queensland Health in Charters Towers as a

Community Nutritionist and Personal Trainer.

The OPAL Office moved from the Community Hub, Hallett Street to the DCCC Main Office at 51 Taylor Street, Kadina SA 5554.

### Aim of the OPAL Program

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

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

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

### OPAL Program Achievements

The OPAL Program works with the community to positively change attitudes and behaviours about healthy eating and physical activity. The OPAL teams have established numerous partnerships within the Copper Coast and through collaboration, existing programs have been enhanced and new activities have been generated.

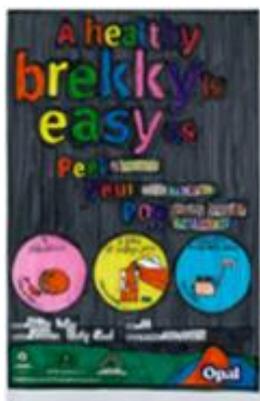
Using the six OPAL Program goals as a guide, the following section offers a brief overview of the community's achievements in 2012 / 2013.

### Healthy Food Outlets – Increase the availability of healthy food choices at outlets

The OPAL Program partnered with local butchers to promote healthy meat packs and/or promote their current healthy meat options. Local Butchers Desmonds, Mays and TLC also offered recipes and reported success with the OPAL ‘Summer and Winter Healthy Meat Packs’ and weekly specials.

Local Supermarkets also offered support by way of in store displays, posters, shelf wobblers to identify healthy choices and make purchasing these items that little bit easier. Woolworths Kadina and Drake Foodland Wallaroo also promoted healthy eating through a Colouring In Competition.

Sport and Recreation Clubs have also identified an interest to offering healthier food choices. Partnerships with the Paskeville Netball Club and the High Impact Aerobic Gymnastics Incorporated Group have resulted in the development of ‘Healthy Eating’ Policies.



DRAKE Foodland, Wallaroo. ‘Healthy Brekky’ Colouring In Competition Winner was Hayley Gray

### Home Meals – Increase healthy meals produced in and from homes

‘A Healthy Brekky is as easy as PEEL.POUR.POP’ theme was the main focus during the past 12 months. The theme aims to increase the nutritional quality of the breakfast eaten at home before school or pre-school among 3-12 year olds.

The theme was launched in April 2013 and was attended by the DCCC Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Elected Councillors, DCCC CEO and Director of Community Services, Local Advisory Committee Members, Community Stakeholders and interested parents.

Activities have since included a DCCC Business Breakfast, Bright Sparks Entertainment Primary School Stage Shows, the Kadina Memorial School ‘Healthy Brekky’, Moonta Area School ‘Healthy Brekky’, Harvest Christian School Breakfast Club Review, Moonta Area School Breakfast Club Review, Library ‘Healthy Brekky’ Books and Cooking Equipment for Loan, Facebook Competitions, Wallaroo Pre School Early Learning Program and numerous presentations to local groups.



At the Moonta Area School ‘Healthy Brekky’, Tahnee Crossman, Kris Strauss-Scott and Alisha Bonesa enjoyed a visit from Vegie Man.

### Local Food – Enhance local healthy food production, access and distribution

The OPAL Program has continued conversations with a range of local stakeholders about how we can connect those working on community gardens and others who produce and sell healthy foods locally.

Assistance has been provided to establish a Community Garden in South Terrace, Kadina and the Anglican Parish of the Copper Coast Community Garden will open in October 2013.

Educational Sites have also received assistance and support. Moonta Kindergarten, Wallaroo Pre School Centre, Wallaroo Mines Primary School and St Mary MacKillop School are all working to establish vegetable gardens and Harvest Christian School are working to install an aquaponics system.

In conjunction with the Copper Coast Sport and Leisure Centre (CCSLC), the OPAL program offered a free vacation care activity for children which encouraged them to 'Make Your Own Edible Garden'.



*The Community Garden, South Terrace, Kadina.*

### Active Travel – Increase active travel journeys

The theme “*Think Feet First. Step, Cycle, Scoot to School*” remained a focus for 2012/2013. A range of activities to promote and support active travel modes like walking, cycling or scooting were planned.

Highlights have included the establishment of a ‘Park and Step Site’ for Kadina Memorial School Staff and Students at the CCSLC Car Park on Doswell Terrace and another ‘Park and Step Site’ for Wallaroo Primary School Staff and Students was established at the Library Car Park, Wallaroo.

A ‘Think Feet First’ Pre School Early Learning Program was also facilitated by Community Kids Kadina Child Care Centre, Wallaroo Preschool Centre and Kadina Preschool.



*Collette Hooper, OPAL Program Manager and Louise Benoit, OPAL Program Support Officer 'Think Feet First' in Wallaroo.*

### Active Leisure – Increase active leisure participation choices

Outdoor Fitness Equipment was installed at Smelter's Way, Wallaroo and is a welcome addition to the foreshore. It has since been utilised by local families, schools (for vacation care activities) and local sporting groups (including the CCSLC and Private Fitness Leaders).

The OPAL Active Fun Kit remains available and includes a parachute, totem tennis, cricket, soccer, bean bags and gear required for tug-of-war, obstacle courses and sack, 3-legged and egg and spoon races. It is free to loan and has been booked by schools, community groups and organisations over the past months.

The OPAL Program has also promoted active leisure through supporting and participating in community events including the Australia Day Celebrations, Beach Volleyball, Farm Shed Open Day, Kadina Show, Kernewek Lowender, 'Make a Wish Fun' Run/Walk, Copper Coast Fun Run, and the CCSLC Vacation Care Program.



*The Outdoor Fitness Equipment, Wallaroo is utilised by local individuals, families, schools, local clubs and local sporting groups (including Private Fitness Leaders).*

### Parks and Places – Improve and increase the use of parks, spaces and places

The OPAL Program has worked with the DCCC to enhance our environment.

Additional OPAL water fountains have been installed at Apex Park and Newtown Park, Kadina and at Otago Road and North Beach Playground, North Beach.

Bike Racks have also been purchased and installed at Port Hughes and Moonta Jetties, at the Tourist Park, Polgreen Park and Queens Square, Moonta, at Heritage Drive, Wallaroo, at the North Beach Playground, and at the Farm Shed, Apex Park, Town Hall and DCCC Kadina.

The OPAL Program has been collaborating with the Copper Coast Early Childhood Interagency Group and the DCCC to plan a nature based play space at part of the Wallaroo Township Redevelopment.



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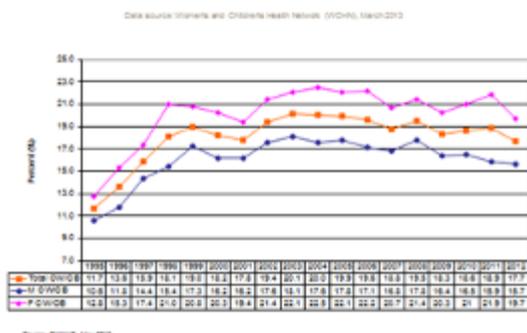
## Outcomes

Obesity impacts our health and wellbeing.

Whilst adult overweight/obesity statistics are on the rise, recent findings indicate that *children's overweight/obesity statistics have decreased* in the past four years in SA.

Statistics released by the Women's and Children's Health Network in March 2013 demonstrate that in relation to our children, SA and the Copper Coast Community is heading in the right direction with the OPAL Program Initiative.

Percentage of Overweight and Obese 4-year old children SA, 1995 – 2012



The Copper Coast Community is heading in the right direction with the OPAL Program Initiative.

The DCCC OPAL Program certainly welcomes and encourages your input and would be delighted to hear of any relevant activities, organisations, groups or people you know of, or any new ideas you may have, to assist our children and families.

For more information call the DCCC OPAL Office on 88281200, or email Collette Hooper and Louise Benoit on

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or visit

[www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au/opal](http://www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au/opal)

or Facebook at

**opal - copper coast**

## Tourism

Tourism Research Australia figures for 2012/13 indicate that the Yorke Peninsula attracted 445,000 visitors. This resulted in 1.46 million nights and \$174 million spending within our region.

To have a share in those visits, The District Council of the Copper Coast continues to actively promote Tourism within our region via a number of activities. During the 2012/2013 financial year the Copper Coast was represented through actively distributing the Copper Coast Visitor guide, contact via social media, representation at several consumer shows in Adelaide, and advertorial in many regional papers and magazines.

The DCCC tourism department continues to work with operators on the Copper Coast to ensure we keep them informed and up to date. A tourism operator E-newsletter continues to be sent out monthly, providing details on upcoming events, local tourism news, new initiatives and ways we can work together to help further promote Tourism on the Copper Coast.

The Yorke Peninsula Country Times again in conjunction with the Copper Coast Visitor Information Centre produced the 2013 Copper Coast Visitor Guide. The guide continually proves to be a great collaborative marketing tool for the region and is widely distributed. The guide is released annually in December with a print run of 40,000.

An information bay was constructed at Paskeville to enhance the look of the township and provide an information stop for travelers heading to the Copper Coast. A brief introduction of

the area including history and local attractions is provided for the visitors, along with seating and a rubbish bin.

### **The Farm Shed Museum and Tourism Centre**



*Shearing demonstration – Farm Shed Open Day  
August 2012*

The Farm Shed Museum and Tourism Centre continues to operate as a multipurpose complex housing several different community services, with its key role still being the visitor information service.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2012, the complex held an Open Day. The Open Day was coordinated by the Farm Shed Committee of Management, to showcase what the complex has to offer visitors and the community. The day was a huge success, with over 1,000 people through the gates and over \$4,500 worth of donations and sponsorship.

### **Copper Coast Visitor Information Centre, Kadina**

The Copper Coast Visitor Information Centre - Kadina continues to operate as an accredited visitor information centre. The centre aims to enhance visitor experiences while they are touring South Australia and in particular the Yorke Peninsula. Whilst providing information, the staff strives to increase visitor's length of stay,

encourage return visits and increase spending by promoting the many activities to see and do while in the Copper Coast.

The visitor centre is now a member of the Eat Local program, which helps to promote regional businesses who offer local produce to consumers. The visitor centre prides itself on stocking locally made produce including: oils, olives, honey, chocolates, toffees, jams, sauces and much more.

Businesses participating in this program will display the below sign, to help identify themselves to the public.



Over the 2012/13 financial year almost 11,700 people visited the Copper Coast Visitor Information Centre. Just over 2,900 people made contact via email, phone or our website. A further 630 information bags were provided to promote the area at various conferences and conventions.

The Visitor Centre was the ticketing office for the biennial Kernewek Lowender which was held in May 2013. This was an extremely busy time for the centre, with large volumes of phone and counter ticket enquiries. The 2013 Kernewek Lowender was very successful with just about all events selling out.

The Visitor Information Centre continues to be an online booking agent for Sea SA and regional accommodation.

### Conference and Meeting Facilities

During the 2012/13 financial year the function shed, with its built in lecture room, was utilised for a total of 75 days with over 1,110 participants. The facilities of a large shed for hire with surrounding open space and accompanying conference services remains unique to the conference and meeting market attracting functions which have statewide representation.

### National Trust Museum

The National Trust Museum is increasingly well known, with over 4,200 people visiting the museum over the last twelve months. Visitors are overwhelmed by the sheer size of the display, the amount of information provided, its professional layout and the attention to detail.

A new addition to the museum in 2012/2013 was the new grain interpretive building. The volunteers are now in the process of constructing the individual displays that will be located within the building. The displays will demonstrate the process of planting the seed, to harvesting. The National Trust Volunteers have spent many long hours working on the construction of the building and the displays.

### Copper Coast Region Old Machinery & Engineering Club

The Copper Coast Region Old Machinery and Engineering Club whom operate the mini rail way recorded just over 2,900 runs for the financial year. The Mini Rail-way is coordinated by volunteers and runs on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Projects completed over the last financial year:

- Construction of large shelter shed over train boarding area
- Paving of the train boarding area



Mini Railway train

### Events

#### Kernewek Lowender

The successful 2013 Kernewek Lowender proved that when the people of the Copper Coast community work together they can produce an event of a very high standard. Since the first Festival in 1973, Kernewek Lowender has grown and changed with the demands of the day but has consistently been able to provide benefit to the local economy.

The people of the Copper Coast should be proud of their Kernewek Lowender.



The traditional Furry Dance attracted a large crowd in the streets of Kadina

### Other Major Events

The District Council of the Copper Coast supported the community in staging a number of events.

Copper Coast events included:

- Yorke Peninsula Beach Day Out;
- Bike SA Annual Tour;
- Cycling SA - Bowden Elite Cycling Series "Hell of the North";
- Copper Cove Marina Festival;
- Volleyball SA – Schools Beach Volleyball Festival;
- The Farm Shed Museum open day;
- SA Muscle Car Rally.



*Part of the large number of Muscle Cars that visited the Copper Coast in December*

### Community Events

Council also provided assistance to community organisations to stage:

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



*Australia's Largest Prawn Cocktail under construction at the Copper Cove Marina Festival*

### Wallaroo North Beach Tourist Park

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

During 2012/13 Council has replaced an ablution block, installed artificial lawn, upgraded effluent disposal and purchased a jumping pillow.

Council has been successful in gaining \$265,000 in Commonwealth funding to refurbish 14 beachfront units and this work commenced in May 2013. By the end of 2014 the beachfront units will all be completed and boast a four star plus rating.



*Guests relaxing with North Beach sea view*



Wallaroo North Beach Caravan Park's  
Jumping Pillow

## Cemeteries

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

### Cemetery Interments for 2012/13

A total of 64 burials were recorded:

Kadina	31
Moonta	21
Wallaroo	11
Greens Plains	1

A total of 26 ashes were interred:

Kadina	10
Moonta	7
Wallaroo	9
Greens Plains	0



# INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

## Capital Works Programme for 2012/2013

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
Road Maintenance - Sealed	\$308,000.00
Road Maintenance - Unsealed	\$168,000.00
Other Road Services	\$175,000.00
Footpath Maintenance	\$65,700.00
<b>MOONTA</b>	
Community Waste Water Scheme (ongoing)	\$9m
Carlisle Street – Moonta Road Drainage	\$125,000.00
Marilyn Road – Bay Road Drainage	\$100,000.00
Port Hughes Jetty Upgrade	\$130,000.00
<b>WALLAROO</b>	
Waste Transfer Station (ongoing)	\$1.4m
Wallaroo Waste Water Plant (ongoing)	\$2.5m
Wallaroo Marina Reserve	\$40,000.00
North Beach Tourist Park	\$600,000.00
Otago Road	\$272,400.00
<b>KADINA</b>	
Russell Street – retention dam	\$47,000.00
Council Office	\$103,000.00
Drain Road	\$137,300.00

# Infrastructure Services

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

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

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

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

Contractors are used for projects such as road construction, stormwater drainage, hire of plant, rubble crushing, building construction, CWMS construction installation of kerbing, materials supply and specialist activities such as paving and concrete

work which cannot be provided by Council's own resources.

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

- Dangerous Dog Handling
- Confined Space
- Operate Breathing Apparatus
- Hazard Management Training
- Chainsaw Operations
- Civil Construction – Certificate 3
- Accredited Cable Locator

## Road Length Data

	SEALED	FORMED	UN-FORMED	TOTAL
2012/13	kms	kms	kms	kms
BUILT UP	170.62	41.45	2	212.07
NON BUILT UP	102.38	502.96	128.86	605.33
TOTAL	273.00	544.40	130.86	948.26

## Major Capital Works Projects for 2012/13

### Kadina:

#### Kadina Round-a-bout

A feature local granite rock has been placed at the first round-a-bout replacing the previous fountain. Water has been designed to cascade over the rock highlighting the unique colours of this local material. Lettering has been placed on the face welcoming people to the Copper Coast. Native grasses and feature plants have replaced the roses at both round-a-bouts.



### Russell Street

The construction of a stormwater retention dam adjacent the Russell Street/Goldsworthy Street was completed. This retention area will store water for the Matta Road / Farm shed catchment.



*Russell Street retention dam*



### Council Office Upgrade

The Council office upgrade has now been completed. These works included the complete refurbishment of the previous Council office to an open designed plan. The building can now accommodate the Building and Planning staff, Finance and Health departments in one location. Previously due to space restrictions these departments were located in The Farm Shed.

These works also included full reconstruction of the rear carpark with kerbing and an asphalt seal, line marking and minor landscaping.



### Moonta:

#### CWMS – Moonta, Moonta Bay and Port Hughes -Stage 1

The long awaited Community Waste Management Scheme for the Moonta, Moonta Bay and Port Hughes townships has commenced construction. CME Civil were successful with their tender being awarded Stage 1 of the entire scheme. Stage 1 equates to approximately 38% of the entire project with 700 new sewer connections, 13,600 meters of common drains, five new pump stations and one pump station upgrade. Construction commenced in earnest on February 18<sup>th</sup> 2013



*Rising Main construction using the small rock saw*



*Retallick Road WWTP*

### **Moonta Waste Water Treatment Plant**

The construction of the Moonta Waste Water Treatment Plant has been under construction throughout 2012. This plant has been designed for 1.2ML/day and will adequately support the CWMS scheme under construction. The plant will produce class B water suitable for irrigation re-use. This plant was commissioned in March of 2013.



*The location of the Retallick Road WWTP*

### **Port Hughes Jetty**

The Port Hughes Jetty restoration tender was awarded to Maritime Construction. The Port Hughes Jetty is owned by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) and under management of the District Council of the Copper Coast. This contract installed 28 new steel piles at the jetty head to strengthen the structure. These piles were identified as requiring replacement through a condition assessment report completed in February 2010. Works were completed in conjunction with Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure who supplied the 15m steel piles.



**Polgreen Park Bike Track**

The Polgreen Park Bike track was a joint scheme between Council, Moonta Lions club and OPAL. The track is a 2.0m wide concrete track with a feature roundabout. The track has been sealed in a black oxide to replicate road conditions. Landscaping works, park, traffic signage and line marking completed this project.



**Marilyn Street Underground Stormwater Drainage**

Works included 270m of underground pipe infrastructure redirecting water from the Marilyn Street catchment to the existing Bartlett Street system. The drainage network includes a series of collection sumps designed to remove existing stormwater backflows during larger rain events. This allows an unrestricted stormwater flow path during rain events.



Moonta Bay Playground

This project has included excavation works for a new irrigated lawn area, appropriate tree planting, park furniture and exposed feature concrete paths. Minor gardening works around the public toilet, trees within the carpark infill's and some works to the playground fencing and the playground border completed this project.



Before



During



Near completion

## Wallaroo:

### Otago Road

Road construction including underground stormwater infrastructure, asphalt road sealing and kerbing was completed. A 1.5m wide exposed aggregate footpath constructed on the beach side of the road complemented the recently constructed walking trail linking Otago Road to North Beach. In addition a stormwater outlet drain was designed in conjunction with the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DENWR) to ensure the outlet conforms with the current environmental standards. This included a pollutant trap, filtering plants and stormwater flow control devices. In conjunction with the Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA) raised boardwalk beach access points was constructed to complete this project.

This included a rubble path, fencing and minor landscaping.



Otago Road during construction



*Otago Road completed*



*Otago Road Stormwater vegetated swale drain*



*Otago Road Stormwater vegetated swale drain*

### Davies Square Wallaroo

Landscaping works were undertaken within this park and include an area to the north of the park prepared for lawn, including irrigation. Some minor tree plantings and footpath works have also been undertaken. An area has been designated at the southern end of the park for the Wallaroo planting group to plant out.

### Wallaroo Foreshore

This project involved landscaping with irrigated lawn throughout, public lighting, exposed aggregate footpaths with feature mosaic tiles made by local school students, fencing and park furniture. This upgrade compliments the Wallaroo foreshore, jetty and recently constructed walking trails.





### North Beach Tourist Park

As part of Council's commitment to improve the North Beach Tourist Park's facilities various works have been completed including: Road construction including underground stormwater infrastructure, asphalt road sealing and kerbing was completed, major upgrades of units 3, 4, 5 and 6 and a jumping pillow.

*The North Beach Tourist Park entrance statement works have included concrete paths, road modifications, lawned areas, flag poles and line marking.*



*Roadworks North Beach Tourist Park*



*Allie enjoying the jumping pillow*

## Depots

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

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

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

## Landfill Sites

Council currently operates one landfill site at Kadina for the receiving of putrescible waste, recyclable material, green waste and hardfill.

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

Approximately 6,400 tonnes of putrescible waste was landfilled at Kadina in 2012/13.

Approximately 2,300 tonnes of recycled material was collected in 2012/2013.

Gate recordings at the Kadina Recycle Depot were approximately 350m<sup>3</sup> of refuse, 2900m<sup>3</sup> of green waste, 2500m<sup>3</sup> of hardfill, 700m<sup>3</sup> of cardboard and 60m<sup>3</sup> of steel collected in 2012/2013.

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

## TechCollect Program

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

## drumMUSTER

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

The Council has collected a total of 3966 drums in 2012/13 that would have otherwise been buried as landfill.



## Kerbside Collections

Kerbside waste is managed under 2 contracts for the collection of putrescibles waste and the collection of recyclables.

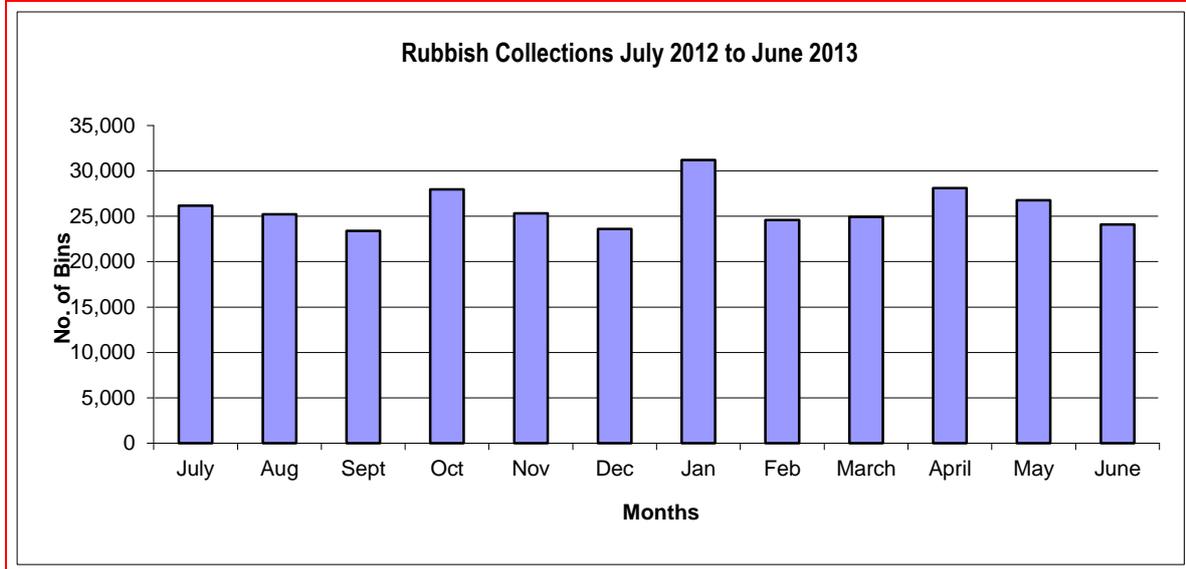
## Kerbside Recycling

Council's contractor collects recyclables in 240 litre bins on a fortnightly basis. A total of 1,540

tonnes of recyclable materials were taken out of the waste stream in 2012/13. This material was made up

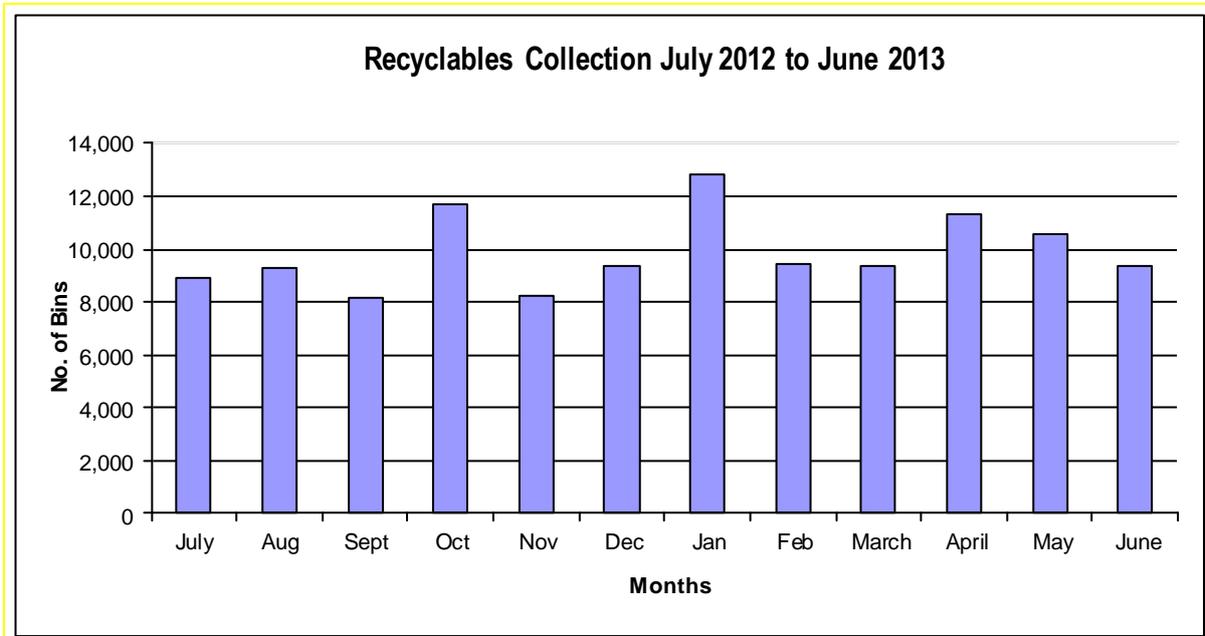
mainly of paper, cardboard, steel, plastics and glass.

**Monthly 120/140 litre Mobile Garbage Bin Rubbish Collections:**



July 2012 - June 2013 - 140 litre bin collection details – Total bins collected 303,147

**Monthly 240 litre Mobile Garbage Bin Recyclable Collections:**



July 2012 – June 2013 - 240 litre bin collection details – Total bins collected 112,930.00

# DEVELOPMENT SERVICES



# Development Services

## Responsibilities

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



## Development Applications 2012/2013

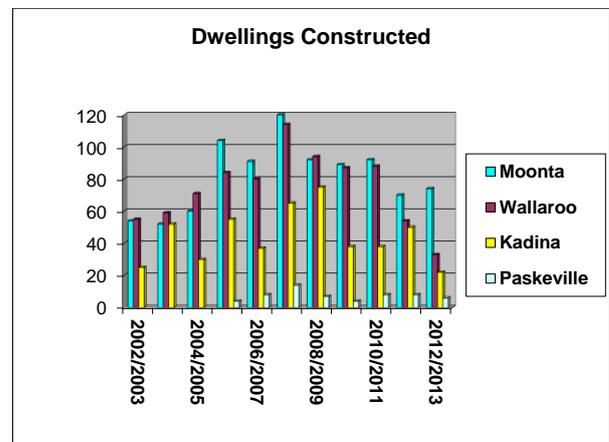
The Development Assessment Department has processed 486 applications during the report year. Of these 135 were new residential dwellings, with a cost of all development totalling approximately

\$44 million, a decrease of \$7 million from the previous year.

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

DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS 2012/2013	
Nature of Development	Applications Approved
New Dwellings	135
Dwelling Additions	19
Class 10 buildings (sheds, verandahs, carports etc)	278
Commercial & Industrial	40
Land Divisions	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>486</b>

In the 2012/2013 Financial Year Council has approved 14 Land Divisions, creating 65 new residential allotments. Of these allotments 55 are located in Wallaroo, 3 in Moonta/Moonta Bay/Port Hughes, 3 in Kadina and 4 in Paskeville.



There has been a decline in the number of applications received

compared to the previous financial year. This is believed to be due to the current decline in the economy.

Although there has been a decline in the number of development applications the variety of applications received reflects the continuing interest in the Copper Coast area for living, working and recreation.

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



Photo: Heritage walkway, Incitec Pivot Site Wallaroo



Photo: Wallaroo Sailing Club extension, currently under construction.



Photo: Kadina Football Clubrooms



Photo: Silver Shores Resort, under construction at North Beach, Wallaroo

## Port Hughes Boat Ramp Re-development

An application has been lodged for the re-development of the Port Hughes Boat Ramp this application is being assessed by the Development Assessment Commission.

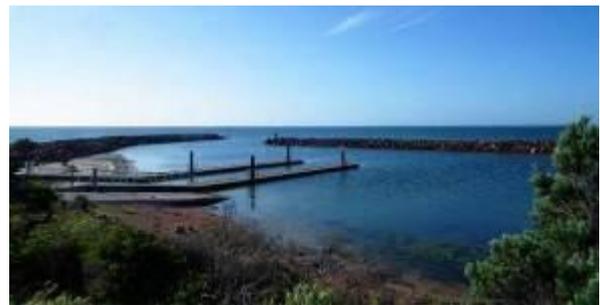


Photo: The current Port Hughes Boat Ramp

## Kadina Town Centre Study

Council, with funding and support from the State Government and Kadina's Traders Association, engaged WAX Design, Infraplan and URPS to develop a strategic and long term planning framework for the Kadina Town Centre.

The framework aims to identify the existing demands created by community need, tourism and the resulting pressures on the town centre and the possible opportunities that exist.

The framework, which has been completed and received by Council,

*lifestyle location of choice*

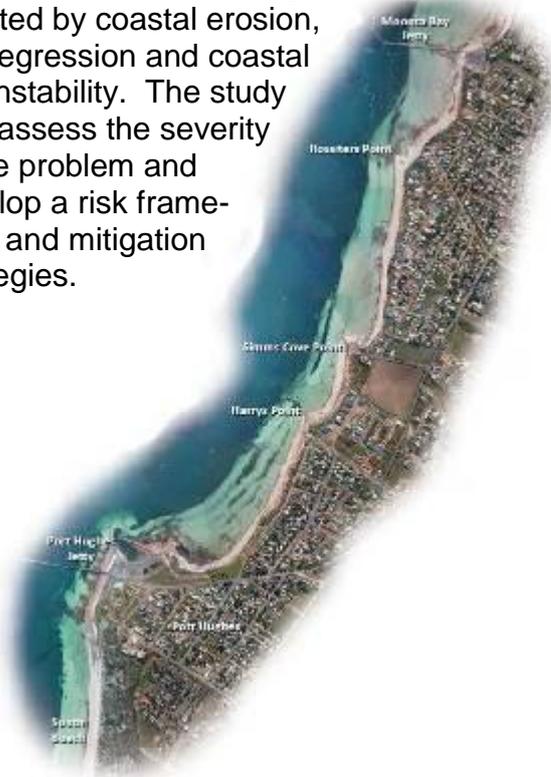
provides Council with a plan for the future development of the Kadina Town Centre by providing new approaches to traffic management, improving the amenity and quality of life of the community and helping to create active streets and places for people.



Concept photo of Graves Street, Kadina

## Cliff Top Stability Study for Port Hughes & Moonta Bay

Council is undertaking an initial cliff top stability study for the coastline south of the Port Hughes Boat ramp to the Moonta Bay jetty. Some sections along the coastline are significantly affected by coastal erosion, cliff regression and coastal cliff instability. The study is to assess the severity of the problem and develop a risk framework and mitigation strategies.



## Development Plan Amendment

Council's draft Better Development Plan has been presented to the Minister for endorsement and is currently out on public consultation. Once public consultation has been completed the following process will follow:

- Public submissions presented to Council for consideration.
- Council approved document presented to Minister for final consideration.
- Minister approved document gazetted and implemented.

## Waste Control Systems

The following table shows the number of Waste Control System applications and inspections for the 2012/13 Financial Year.

Type	No. of Applications	No. of inspections	No. of complaints
Septic Tank	152	187	2



Photo: New Septic Tank and Pipework ready for inspection

## Immunisation

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

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



## Food Safety & Education

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

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

Council's Environment Health Officers have undertaken the following actions in the 2012/2013 Financial Year:

- 27 Food Premises Inspections this year
- 1 orders/notices issued under the Food Act.
- 4 Food Audits carried out for businesses servicing "Vulnerable Population".

## Dog & Cat Management



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

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

During the report year Council carried out the following activities:

- Followed up on 145 complaints received in relation to dogs wandering at large, barking, and dog attacks/harassments,
- Impounded 89 dogs
- Returned 65 impounded dogs to their owners.

Dog registrations totalled 2533 which is approximately 62 less than the previous financial year.

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

# GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORTS

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