



District Council of the Copper Coast

# Copper Post

22 January 2014

*lifestyle location of choice*

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE...



Residents and visitors enjoying Council's new facility "Splash Town" at Moonta Bay.

## Auld Lang Syne - The year that was - the year ahead

Many of us have just sung Auld Lang Syne to 2014 and heralded in the New Year 2015!

Here in the Copper Coast that was certainly done with great gusto. Wallaroo Bay was the scene for spectacular fireworks as the clock struck midnight. There is something about the nostalgia of New Year's Eve – we take time and reflect on the year that was and make some resolutions for the year ahead.

Certainly 2014 was an energetic year in the Copper Coast. We have seen many projects commence and many completed after a number of years of planning. The CWMS at Moonta has proceeded very well and a number of areas, particularly those near the foreshore are already utilising the system. Restoration of roadways has commenced and some like Rossiters Road, completely upgraded.

Some of the effluent pump stations in both Kadina and Wallaroo have also been upgraded with new technology, which has seen much of

the infrastructure go below ground level rather than take up space and be visible at street level.

The Town Centre upgrade for Wallaroo is now well under way, with significant changes already in place for road traffic with the new roundabouts and re-aligned Wildman Street. It has also been pleasing to see the new supermarket complex commence construction. Once settlement took place for the land, the developers were quick to put machines to work. Demolition and levelling of the site happened in days and then thousands of tonnes of earthworks has taken place in readiness for the foundations.

In Kadina the Town Centre trials have attracted mixed reactions initially but as the trial progressed there have been more positive responses. During the Christmas trading period I was being told, that the Kadina shopping area was a much more attractive and exciting place to shop. However, it will be important that people either for or against the

proposed changes respond to the survey forms, thus providing the Chamber of Commerce and Elected Members a more informed viewpoint from our community.

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

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

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE...

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

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

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

As we reflect on 2014, we cannot omit the general Council Elections. As was anticipated, more than half the elected membership has changed. As a community we need to recognise those former members who did not seek re-election and those who were unsuccessful.

We are fortunate that each four years we are provided the privilege to vote and elect leaders for our community. We are afforded freedom of speech, but with that freedom of speech,



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particularly during elections, comes a degree of misnomer and misinformation.

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

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

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

Our Council does not need to borrow funds to meet its operational expenditure and therefore did not need to borrow funds to build the Play

Centre, the Water Play area, the Swimming Pool or on a completely different tack the Resource Recovery Centre; those projects as previously highlighted, together with other capital works have been gained by grant funds and or general budget expenditure.

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

Certainly the festive season – a wonderful time of the year allowed us as a community to come together; a community of all ages to offer their talents at carols by candlelight, members of service clubs nourishing us with food or organising parades and events. Our school students celebrating their achievements, or holiday makers enjoying our lovely beaches and modern tourist facilities. We soon realise that the Copper Coast is a vibrant community - our lifestyle location of choice!

The Copper Coast is certainly the place that I am proud to call Home!

*Paul Thomas, Mayor*



## COPPER COAST SPORTS AND LEISURE CENTRE

Council is continuing to move forward on the redevelopment of the Copper Coast Sports & Leisure Centre. Following the commitment by the Department of Education of \$2,000,000 towards the project, Council has applied for a further \$5,000,000 from the Federal Government and also called tenders to ensure the project is not delayed should the grant funding be received. By the middle of 2015 we should know the timeframe in which this project will move ahead.



# DCCC Elected Members



**NEW COUNCIL...** District Council of the Copper Coast Elected Members after taking the oath at their first meeting on 3rd December, 2014. Back: Bill Clarke, Margaret Pope, Brent Walker, David Woodforde, Sheridan Brand, Matthew East; front: Cathy Vluggen, Deputy Mayor Ros Talbot, Mayor Paul Thomas, Bruce Schmidt, Su Bell.

## 2014/15 Council Calendar

### February

- 11th - Council Development Assessment Panel (CDAP) meeting - 5.30 p.m., Town Hall Function Room, Kadina
- 11th - Council meeting - 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, Kadina.
- 18th - Audit Committee meeting - 4 p.m., Copper Hill Meeting Room, Town Hall, Kadina

### March

- 4th - Council meeting - 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, Kadina.
- 11th - Council Development Assessment Panel (CDAP) meeting - 5.30 p.m., Town Hall Function Room, Kadina

### April

- 1st - Council meeting - 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, Kadina.
- 15th - Audit Committee meeting - 4 p.m., Copper Hill Meeting Room, Town Hall, Kadina

**Please note that changes to the above meetings will be published on Council's website along with other meeting dates.  
All public are welcome to attend these meetings.**

**Special meetings of Council may be called at other times throughout the year and will be added to the website as required.**



Local  
Government  
Association  
of South  
Australia

## Pensioner Concessions



Dear Ratepayer,

In June 2014 the Commonwealth Government cut funding to the State Government for pensioner and other concessions amounting to \$27m.

The State Government has maintained your concession on Council rates paid under the SA Parliament's *Rates and Land Tax Remission Act 1986* (\$34m) this financial year. However it has announced it will **stop your concessions** on rates from 1 July 2015.

We estimate that next year's rates, for most people currently eligible for a concession, will include a "bill shock" of around 20% without the concession.

Council is opposed to the Federal cut and is also opposing the State Government's decision to abolish concessions on Council rates.

Help us to help our most vulnerable to retain their concession payments.

To support your Council's aim to reverse this decision, please contact your local Member of Parliament - go to: [www.lga.sa.gov.au/localmp](http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/localmp).

From



Local Government Association of South Australia



All Correspondence:  
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51 Taylor Street, Kadina SA 5554  
Phone: (08) 8828 1200  
Fax: (08) 8821 2736  
E-mail:  
[info@coppercoast.sa.gov.au](mailto:info@coppercoast.sa.gov.au)

Moonta Office  
(Volunteer Resource Centre)  
Moonta Tourist Office  
Blanche Terrace, Moonta SA 5558

Wallaroo Office/Library  
5 John Terrace, Wallaroo SA 5556

## Council Rate Payment Schedule

|   | Due by          |
|---|-----------------|
| 3rd Quarter - Rate Notice posted 20th January, 2015 | 1st March, 2015 |
| 4th Quarter - Rate Notice Posted 21st April, 2015   | 1st June, 2015  |

Rates will be overdue if payment has not been received at the Council office by the due date. A fine of 2% and Interest will apply to the balance outstanding.

NB: Please allow up to 3-4 business days for BPay and other electronic banking transactions



# January OPAL Update

The OPAL Program aims 'to improve eating and activity patterns of children, through families and communities in OPAL regions and thereby increasing the proportion of 0 – 18 year olds in the healthy weight.

## OPAL Goals

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
- Parks, Space and Places

## 2014 Theme

The 2014 OPAL Program Goal, 'Parks and Places' is about outdoor play in outdoor places and is in response to the dramatic decrease in children spending time outdoors.

The theme, 'Life Looks Brighter Outside' aims to support families to enjoy time together exploring local parks and playgrounds, thereby increasing levels of physical activity.

## Active Fun Kit

The OPAL Active Fun Kit has recently been updated with new items including:

- Hole-in-One mini golf
- Water play hopscotch
- Totem tennis
- Artificial Turf
- Croquet Set
- Frisbee catcher



As well as the usual games and activities loved by the kids! The Active Fun Kit is FREE to borrow, simply call, email or visit the OPAL team.

## Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo Z-Cards

A Z-Card is a pocket guide to the outside and provides a map of locations, list of parks, playgrounds and trails. It provides information on the type of park or place and the features and facilities available. OPAL has developed a Z-Card for the townships of Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo and they are available at the DCCC Kadina Office, Farm Shed, Local Caravan Parks, PDF on the OPAL DCCC webpage or from the DCCC Libraries in Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo.

If you need some inspiration, the Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo Z-Cards offer a list of things to do in each town including these ideas:

- Become road ready at the Polgreen Park Bike Track, Moonta
- Hop aboard the Moonta Mines Railway and ride through Ryan's Tailings Heap Tunnel.
- Snag a squid at the Jetty, Port Hughes
- Search for fairies in the Secret Garden, Moonta Bay
- Trek the Copper Coast Trail from Wallaroo to North Beach
- Find 'George the Giant Squid' at the Wallaroo Heritage and Nautical Museum, Wallaroo
- Challenge yourself on the Outdoor Fitness Equipment, North Beach
- Visit the Library for Book Bugs (story time) or Rhythm and Rhyme Time, Kadina



## Walk the Yorke and EveryTrail



The OPAL Program has recently uploaded 6 family friendly walks in the Copper Coast onto the EveryTrail program. Simply go to the EveryTrail SA website and search the town you would like to walk in or download the free app onto your smart phone or IPAD through your app store.

Every walk included details of how long it is, pictures, information and tips about the walk.



## OPAL Staffing

Collette Hooper, the previous Manager of OPAL in the Copper Coast has recently accepted a new job in Country Health. With this, Dani Bollmeyer has been appointed the new Manager until the OPAL program finishes in June 2015.

The OPAL Program 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 eat well and be active.

For more information call the DCCC OPAL Office on 88281200, email Dani on opal@coppercoast.sa.gov.au or visit www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au/opal or Facebook at opal - copper coast



# VALUE OF YOUTH EXCHANGE



Zac Williams, Kadina Memorial School student, with Mayor Paul Thomas.

During the last year a Kadina Memorial School student, Sally Terrett undertook as her year 12 research project the topic of International Exchanges. For which I understand she gained an A grade, which helped her gain an exceptional ATAR. For this we congratulate her and wish her well with her ongoing studies at University.

As part of Sally's research, I was interviewed about my experience in 1977 as a Rotary Exchange Student to Japan, about hosting an Exchange Student in the mid 1990's and my ongoing support for Youth Exchange. I have no doubts of the value the experiences that can be gained from being an Exchange Student, hosting an Exchange Student or befriending an Exchange Student. While, the official phrase will be that it "enhances international goodwill and friendship" – the actual benefits, particularly the life skills and character building are enormous.

Each year both Kadina Memorial School and Moonta Area School host a group of students from a school in Japan for a couple of weeks. This programme has allowed many of our local students, their families and their friends to experience a little of the culture and customs from Japan, while sharing the Australian way of life with the Exchange Students.

Recently I had the pleasure of discussing with Kadina Memorial School year 11 student, Zac Williams his forthcoming exchange to the USA. Zac had shown an interest in Youth Exchange programmes a couple of years ago and has worked a part time job with determination to raise the funds to enable him to embark on this adventure as an Exchange Student in the United States.

Similarly we will look forward to welcoming home shortly another Kadina Memorial School student, Lauren Cook, who will be returning from a six month exchange in Canada. We will also welcome to the Copper Coast in the first few months of this year a couple of international students who will make the Copper Coast their home away from home in 2015.

The experiences of Youth Exchange go far beyond what can be learnt in a book!

# Strategic Plan 2015-2018

## Be part of the big picture

## Have your say on the future of the Copper Coast



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF  
**THE COPPER COAST**

### Previous ideas you may like to support:

- Wallaroo Jetty and Swimming Enclosure
- Kadina to Wallaroo Cycleway
- CCSLC Redevelopment (undercover courts)
- Port Hughes Road Cycleway
- Kadina CBD
- Port Hughes Boat Ramp
- Moonta CBD Public Toilet (Ellen Street carpark)

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**Strategic Plan Consultation**  
Council is planning for the future of the Copper Coast and would like our community to have a say in the process.

**Tell us your ideas for the future of the Copper Coast, what you love, would like created or improved. Let us know three things you would like done and three things you don't want us to do.**

**Please deliver to the Council Office by the end of February and remember that the surveys can also be completed on the Council's website at [www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au](http://www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au) or your ideas emailed to us on [info@coppercoast.sa.gov.au](mailto:info@coppercoast.sa.gov.au)**

Age group: (please circle)

10-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80+

I would like to see:

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

I don't want to see:

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

**You can remain anonymous or to be in the draw for two nights accommodation at the North Beach Tourist Park please include your name, address, phone and/or email below**

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## Kadina CBD Redevelopment Project - Fast Facts

The wider footpaths and main central crossing is only intended for the short section of Graves St between Goyder and Hallett. The other streets would have

similar changes to the section of Graves Street outside of the Ascot Theatre. All intersections would have safer crossings (including opposite the Post

Office). Trees and seating would be more plentiful and the car park at Frances Tce will be extended. Remember the TRIAL had limitations and some imagination is

required to understand the full effect of the proposed changes. Please check out the Councils website for the full plans and further details.

## Feedback Questions (Please circle or mark the appropriate responses)

Did you feel the central crossing in Graves Street was safer for pedestrians? YES NO

Do you like the trees? (Obviously the trees need to be directly planted and given time to grow for the full effect, lower temperatures etc) YES NO

What pavers do you prefer? (As marked in the street) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
Please also give your preference between - Grey and Red Grey and White

Did you notice the loss of the 10 car parks (out of 1267)? YES NO

If so, how did this affect you? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you like the inclusion of a seniors car park near the Chemist?  
(Note these are a non-enforceable courtesy park only) YES NO

Do you like the idea of safer pedestrian crossings at all intersections? YES NO

What speed limit do you think is reasonable? 25km/h 30km/h 40km/h 50km/h

If the project were to proceed, would you still shop in Kadina while the construction is taking place? YES NO

Do you like the idea of more seating? YES NO

Did you think the single traffic lane in the section of Graves Street (outside the Ascot) made it safer for angle parking? YES NO

Do you think the trial was an effective method of communicating how the project will work? YES NO

Other Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Please deliver to Council Office by end of February. Remember that the surveys can also be completed on the Councils Website or sent via email.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Interest: Business Owner Resident Visitor  
Age: 10-19 20-29 30-39 40-49  
50-59 60-69 70-79 80+

## The Power of One Card

Customers can now use public libraries across SA with a single card with the last library joining the network in September 2014. Customers can pickup/return items at any of the 159 library services in SA. Members have 24/7 online access to a statewide catalogue of over 4.1 million books, DVDs and magazines with an online reservation system and improved speed of item delivery. Evidence suggests that there has been more than a 40 times increase in items being shared between libraries per month. 512,933 customer holds were placed in 2014 and over 4 million items loaned across the state from July to September.

One Card shows that state/local government collaboration can deliver best practice results that benefit both levels of government, deliver excellent service to South Australians and receive international recognition.

So what does this mean to you as a Copper Coast library customer.

Your library card is your passport to all library services – either when visiting a library in SA or online.

This includes :

Borrowing books, DVDs, magazines, CDs, audio books, computer games, jigsaws, toys

Accessing free wi-fi

Accessing e-books and e-audio

Accessing online resources such as Ancestry and newspapers

Visit your local library at the following locations and times to update your membership or find out more about what your card can do for you.

**Library staff loading items for Home Delivery customers.**



### Kadina Library

1a Doswell Tce, Kadina

Ph 88210444

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 9am-5.30pm

Thurs 9am – 8pm; Sat 9am – 12 noon

### Moonta Library

Blanche Tce, Moonta

Ph 8825 1511

Tues, Wed, Fri 9am – 6pm

Thurs 9am – 6pm

Sun 1.30pm – 4pm

### Wallaroo Library

John Tce, Wallaroo

Ph 8823 2924

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10am – 3pm

Wed 12 noon – 5pm

And if you can't independently visit the library – a home delivery service is available. Let us bring the library to you.

Contact your local library to arrange delivery of the wide range of library resources available direct to your door.



## Community Grants Morning Tea

Council received 44 applications in 2014 totalling \$89,466 all of which were fully funded. Mayor Paul Thomas hosted a reception for all successful applicants on November 27 in the Kadina Town Hall Function Room to officially announce the allocation of grants.



# Events Provide Economic Stimulus to the Copper Coast

Tourism Research Australia has recently released a report headed, "Events: Drivers of Regional Tourism". The report speaks about the value of events as drivers of regional tourism and it is well documented that the value of tourism to regional areas is an important component of economic growth.

The value of attracting events to our region has been recognised by the Copper Coast Council for a number of years and we have developed a reputation as a region that is not only willing to work with organisations that run regional events, but as a region with the capability and knowledge to be a leader in hosting events of a State and National standard.

Events can be held for sporting, food and wine, music, arts, cultural and community activities and all events are ideal for generating awareness of a region as a travel destination.

Research shows that 75% of event attendees intend to return to the region of the event at a later time.

The biennial Kernewek Lowender Festival that was introduced to the region to provide economic stimulus during the quiet winter months has grown to become a cultural event that is known throughout Australia and the World and continues to provide valuable income to the local economy.

The Copper Coast Council has successfully combined event management with tourism in recognition that this provides an opportunity for tourism staff to showcase our region to event participants and attendees and for these people to be encouraged to extend their stay and therefore increase their time spent in the region.

The Council actively works with the community to provide infrastructure and facilities that are attractive to event managers



**Australia v South Africa Bowls Test at Moonta.**

when we are bidding to bring events to the Copper Coast. The Wallaroo Community Sports Club and the proposed development of the Copper Coast Sports and Leisure Complex will ensure that significant sporting events will be regular occurrences in the region.

Since 2010 the Copper Coast Council has been aligned with Sports Marketing Australia, a National organisation that works to bring significant sporting events to regional areas. During this time many sporting events have been attracted to the Copper Coast. These include; Australian Cricketers Association Master Tour, Athletics SA Fun Runs, Bowls Australia vs South Africa Test Match, Motorcycling SA Kadina Stadium Cross,

Bowls SA South Australia vs Victoria Test Match and Cycling SA Bowden Elite Series.

Tourism Research Australia say that the current average spend of a 'sports tourist' is \$248 per person per day. This is compared with a 'holiday tourist' who spends on average \$195 per person per day.

High standard sporting events not only provide income to the region but also stimulate participation in sport and encourage engagement in active lifestyle activities.

The Copper Coast is a lifestyle location of choice and the full event calendar that the region offers adds to the attraction of the region by providing exciting activities for all tastes and age groups while adding to the economic stability of the local communities.



Through the Lower North & Yorke Peninsula STARCLUB Field Officer Program, \$25,000 of funding is available to provide individual small support grants (max \$1,000) to assist sports and active recreation organisations with the implementation of

strategies identified as part of the STARCLUB Club Development Program in 2015.

Eligible Organisations must be:

- Incorporated, not for profit sport/active recreation club or association

- Located and operate within one or more of the following council regions – District Council of Barunga West, District Council of the Copper Coast, Wakefield Regional Council or Yorke Peninsula Council

- Registered with the STARCLUB Club Development Program ([www.recsport.sa.gov.au/starclub](http://www.recsport.sa.gov.au/starclub))

- Able to demonstrate that the purpose for which funding is sought is consistent with the

aims and values of the STARCLUB Club Development Program and/or Organisation's Strategic Plan

Applications are NOW OPEN and close 5pm Friday, 13th February, 2015. The information and forms can be downloaded from [www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au](http://www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au)

For more details please contact STARCLUB Sports & Recreation Officer Kristian (Phone 8862 0800 or 0427 081 144/Email [starclub@wakefieldrc.sa.gov.au](mailto:starclub@wakefieldrc.sa.gov.au))

# Food Premises Inspections

All food businesses must comply with requirements of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards (the Code). Surveillance of these requirements will be performed by conducting regular food premises inspections as required by law.

To assure the Copper Coast residents that food they buy is safe and suitable, all food businesses are expected to comply with the requirements of the:

- Food Act 2001, Food Regulations 2002 & Food Standards Code.



## Assessing compliance

The Act requires that food premises inspections are conducted by Council's Environmental Health Officers on a regular basis as determined by the regulations. For specific information relating to food premises inspection, contact the Council's Environmental Health Officers on 8828 1200 x 6.

Inspections assess compliance with the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code, particularly the Food Safety Requirements (Chapter 3). Inspection frequency is established using compliance history and the SA Health priority classification system. These include:

- maintaining safe food handling and preparation procedures
- maintaining hygiene
- temperature control
- structural requirements

Inspections are undertaken as part of a regular inspection program or sometimes

during investigations of complaints or due to food safety incidents. Once Environmental Health Officers have inspected a property there will be a Legislative inspection fee of \$80.00 (plus GST) charged to the owner / proprietor of the business.



## PORT HUGHES GOES LIVE

The majority of Port Hughes goes live, including the catchments around the Minnie Terrace and Port Hughes Foreshore Pump Stations.

The CWMS project is currently on time and on budget with thousands of homes now ready to connect.

### How to connect?

- Check to see if your area is 'live' and ready to connect on the Council website (or in newsletter updates).
- Download the application form online or visit a Council Office.
- If you have any concerns or questions please contact the Council and speak to one of our Environmental Health Officers.
- Check our Business Directory for Plumbers if you don't have a favourite you already use and trust.

Remember that during the first 5 years of the project there are no additional application fees to connect and that the development of your land will be more flexible once you have connected as you will no longer need land quarantined for septic and soakage areas.

## SPORTS VOUCHERS

Registrations are NOW OPEN for sports clubs and associations throughout the state to become involved in a major State Government program aimed at reducing the cost of junior sport for families. The \$50 sports voucher program for primary school-age children is a \$7.7 million initiative over four years.

The annual \$50 vouchers will be valid for 12 months, and can be used for one annual payment of enrolment fees for sports which are played for at least 10 weeks at clubs meeting criteria including good governance, trained volunteers, and a safe and supportive environment. Families of primary school-aged children will receive a letter through their school in February – or to their home if they are home schooled – with information about how the voucher program will work. Parents, guardians or caregivers will be encouraged to go to the Sports Vouchers website to search for a registered club in their local area which will accept the \$50 voucher toward club fees.

Summer and winter sports are included, with the vouchers available to primary-aged children in public, private and catholic schools as well as those who are educated at home. The vouchers will also be valid for private providers of sport and recreation activities, as well as community-run 'not for profit' clubs.

Clubs wishing to register for the sports voucher program should go to: [www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au](http://www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au)

## Old Becomes New

Three new access ladders for the Kadina, Wallaroo and Moonta Town Halls have recently been installed. These new access ladders have been retrofitted to the existing buildings enabling access to the upper levels of the Town Halls towers and the clocks that are located in them. The works have been completed to current Australian Standards and enable staff clear and safe access to maintain the Town Hall towers and clocks for the foreseeable future.





# Financial Summary

The table above is a summary of the audited financial results of Council for the past two years and the adopted budget for 2014-15. The wide range of services provided and community infrastructure maintained by Council must be paid for.

## Where do the funds come from?

Council receives some funding in grants from other governments and raise some funds in user fees and charges, however about 77% of revenue comes from the Council Rates.

The pie chart (below) outlines the areas in which Councils receive funds in a typical year.

## How is the money spent?

Council provides many services to the community, some of which are legislated and others which are provided by choice. The list on the other page is a summary of the services currently provided by Council, many of our services are largely invisible (ie storm water management), but are definitely a necessary service provision.

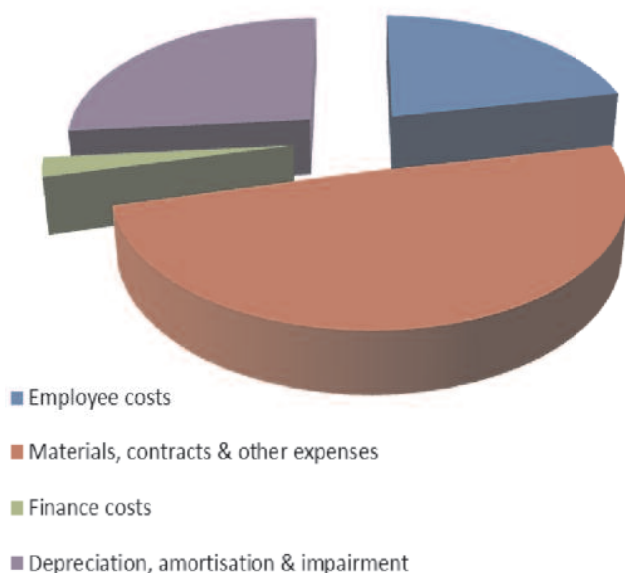
Council's expenses represent the

cost of providing these services to the community. Materials, contracts and other expenses made up 49% of the total operating expenditure of Council. Council Employees are its most valuable asset and provide the numerous services listed for the community at an operating cost of 22% of expenditure. Depreciation makes up 26% of the total operating expenditure. During 2013/14 Council increased the provision for the reinstatement of the Kadina & Moonta landfill sites and this correspondingly increased the Materials, contracts & other expenses component of expenditure by \$5.8 million. The provision (liability) will be reduced as work is completed at these sites over a number of years yet to be determined but in conjunction with the EPA.

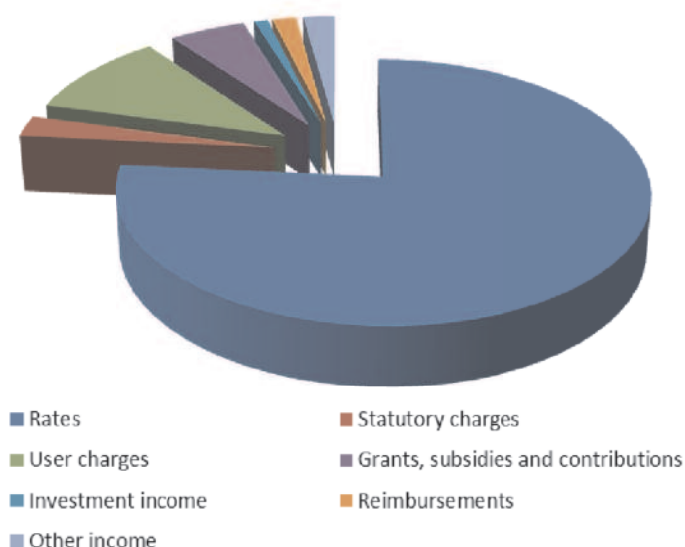
Whether a service is a legislative requirement of Councils, or is provided by local choice, the Local Government Act requires that a Council is "responsive to the needs, interests and aspirations of individuals and groups within its community..." and that it must "...seek to ensure that Council resources are used fairly..." (Section 8, (b) and (h)).

|  | 2012-13<br>Actual<br>\$'000 | 2013-14<br>Actual<br>\$'000 | 2014-15<br>Budget<br>\$'000 |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>   |                             |                             |                             |
| Rates  | 15,773                      | 16,872                      | 17,811                      |
| Statutory Charges  | 424                         | 578                         | 419                         |
| User Charges   | 2,378                       | 2,347                       | 2,670                       |
| Grants, subsidies and contributions  | 2,194                       | 1,184                       | 1,840                       |
| Investment income  | 161                         | 209                         | 34                          |
| Reimbursements   | 353                         | 377                         | 350                         |
| Other Income   | 410                         | 484                         | 240                         |
| <b>Total Income</b>  | <b>21,693</b>               | <b>22,051</b>               | <b>23,364</b>               |
| <b>Expense</b>   |                             |                             |                             |
| Employee Costs   | 6,034                       | 6,273                       | 6,202                       |
| Materials, contracts & other expenses  | 8,715                       | 14,233                      | 9,846                       |
| Depreciation, amortisation & impairment                                      | 8,306                       | 7,643                       | 1,241                       |
| Finance costs  | 225                         | 706                         | 8,223                       |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>  | <b>23,280</b>               | <b>28,855</b>               | <b>25,512</b>               |
| <b>Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)</b>                                       | <b>-1,587</b>               | <b>-6,804</b>               | <b>-2,148</b>               |
| Asset Disposal & Fair Value Adjustments                                      | -432                        | -3,660                      | 0                           |
| Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets                     | 384                         | 1,539                       | 0                           |
| Physical resources received free of charge                                   | 1,469                       | 525                         | 0                           |
| <b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>   | <b>-166</b>                 | <b>-8,400</b>               | <b>-2,148</b>               |
| <b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>  |                             |                             |                             |
| Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment | -38                         | 0                           | 0                           |
| <b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>  | <b>-204</b>                 | <b>-8,400</b>               | <b>-2,148</b>               |

**Operating Expenditure 2013/14**  
**\$28,855,628**



**Operating Revenue 2013/14**  
**\$22,051,522**



## What assets does Council own?

When looking at the Council Balance Sheet the Council assets totalled \$268.3 million. This includes money that is owed to council in the form of Rates and other services (Trade & other

receivables), stock on hand (inventories) and for the large proportion Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment. Council's non current assets were revalued by Maloney Field Services in 2011 at fair value. One of the challenges facing Local Government today is finding the revenue required to

maintain the large amount of community infrastructure under its care and control.

## What liabilities does Council owe?

Council's liabilities include loans, amounts owing to suppliers,

amounts owing to employees for leave entitlements and amounts owing to residents of our retirement villages should they no longer occupy one of our units in Moonta or Wallaroo. Council are borrowing to build CWMS infrastructure and these borrowings total \$16,854,000 at this stage of the project.

# GRANT SUCCESS

The Council has had a number of projects successfully completed in 2014. We are very thankful for the Grants received to undertake these important projects in our community and the hard work by staff to complete the required paperwork to seek this additional funding for our community.



◆ **INDOOR PLAY CENTRE** – Contact Copper Coast Visitor Information Centre for details on 8821 2333.



◆ **PROGRAM POOL** – Contact CCSLC for all bookings and enquiries on 8821 3106.



◆ **MOONTA BAY WATER PLAY** – This facility will generally be open between noon and 4pm in school holidays and weekends between December and March. Other times and long weekends will be weather dependant. However, Council will undertake a review of the facility in 2015 to ensure the operation times and maintaining it as a free facility is the best way to manage the facility for the longer term.



◆ **WALLAROO PLAYGROUND** – a flying fox, one of the new additions as part of the playground upgrade.

◆ **ROSSITERS ROAD** – Council received \$400,000 of grant funding for this important stormwater management project. An innovative and successful use of a new discharge basin on the coast will ensure that the coastal environment is protected and coastal erosion minimised.