



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE COPPER COAST

Annual Report

2004/2005



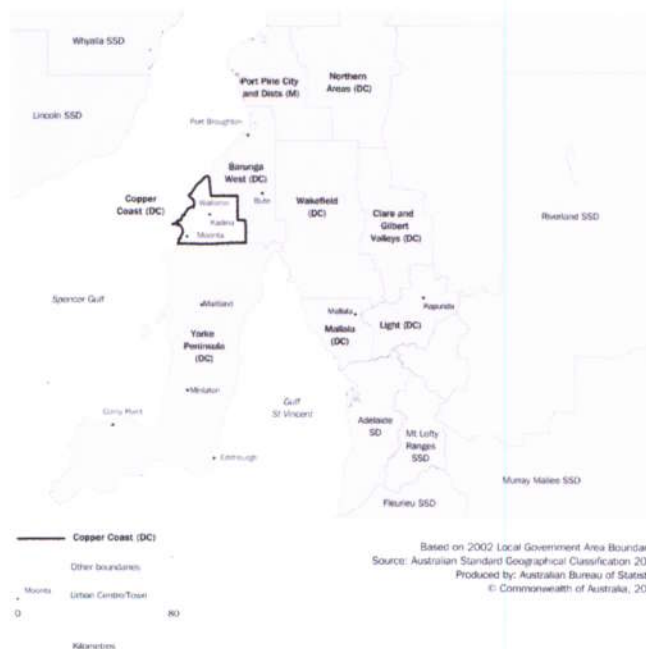
Foreword

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

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

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

This publication, the Summary Annual Report – 2004/05 has been produced as a summarised version of the 2004/2005 Annual Report and will not contain all the information prescribed by the Act and Regulations. A full version of the Annual Report is available by contacting the District Council Offices at 51 Taylor Street, Kadina 5554 or from Council's website www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au



Message from the Mayor

Paul Thomas



The District Council of the Copper Coast has continued to experience the trends and growth patterns that have been evident in the current life of the present Council.

The extent of development and growth we are experiencing is one indicator of how the area is being impacted by positive economic development. Preliminary examination of social, demographic and wealth creation indicators will at the time of the next census demonstrate that the District Council of the Copper Coast is truly a Local Government area in South Australia that is growing greater than the State average.

Classed in a Local Government category by the Australian Classification of Local Government (ACLG) as a large rural Council the District Council area is small by comparison to many other rural Councils.

The Council's road network has been deteriorating to a state that is difficult to maintain, however the Council continues to allocate an ever increasing amount of ratepayer funds to provide plant, labour and physical resources, in an environment where government funding is being continually diminished or withdrawn totally.

The reality is that much of Council's infrastructure has aged and continues to age.

It is also apparent that the network of infrastructure, including roads, kerbing, footpaths, stormwater and effluent drains, to name a few public assets are expanding. A further indicator of positive economic growth.

Land divisions and building development are building on the "Community Wealth", with Council being responsible for much of the increase in public assets associated with the growth.

Apart from the "boom" in residential development Council has also been involved in many other rewarding projects which impact on our Council area.

Our commitment to Youth and the local retention of our younger generations has become a major focus. To this end the Council has awarded in 2005 the inaugural Copper Coast Undergraduate Tertiary Scholarship. The Scholarship is designed to meet the education expenses of students who take up a tertiary place, and continue a successful study regime to achieve undergraduate qualifications.



The Scholarship is provided as an incentive for the recipients to return to the Copper Coast once studies and qualifications have been attained and practice their skills locally in their selected field of employment.

Once again Council has been involved in the investigatory stages of establishing a Gulf Ferry. Similar to the 1980's and 1990's, a decade later another proposal has been received to establish the "Gulf Ferry" this time from Wallaroo to Lucky Bay on the Eyre Peninsula.

The notion is not a new one to cross Spencer Gulf from the Yorke Peninsula to the Eyre Peninsula by means of a passenger and vehicle ferry.

Currently the proposal is being processed by the various Government agencies that have responsibility for projects of such regional significance. The Council is fully supportive of the proposal and has indicated our support from the outset.

It is now the decision of the present State Government that will determine the outcome.

Council has also focussed its energy and resources to respond to meeting the immediate needs of the community and the provision of quality services.

We have worked closely with residents, and local business on developing a clear vision for the future.

A revised Strategic Plan and the public consultation stages of a Section 30 Review of Council's Development Plan are considerable tasks. However what Council does today, in terms of preparation, planning and implementation plays a significant role in shaping the Copper Coast of tomorrow.

We need to be a community with a vision and a plan to control our destiny and purpose.

As community leader, Council enthusiastically pursues a commitment to a sustainable future, mindful that we are not only accountable to today's residents but also answerable to future generations who will inherit our legacy.

Message from the Chief Executive Officer

Peter Dinning



During the year Council has again faced the many challenges associated with increased demand for service delivery, an ageing infrastructure and physical assets and a declining level of government grants and subsidies. Despite these and other significant challenges that are inherent in the Local Government sector the District Council of the Copper Coast has continued to experience positive growth and development.

For the second successive year development applications have again exceeded 650 with resulting developments exceeding \$36 million in value. This increase in Community Wealth has also resulted in an increasing level of public infrastructure, in the form of footpaths, kerbing, roads and effluent systems, being delivered to Council for its role of stewardship of community assets. Council has continued to demonstrate to the community that it is progressive and successful.

The importance of the community and Council's role as an advocate and facilitator of community projects continues to grow also. During the year a review of the Council's Strategic Plan was undertaken, the process taking more than seven months from inception involved a broad community consultation and a firm commitment from elected members and staff. The resulting Strategic Plan "Moving Toward 2015" will be the corner stone of Council's operations and initiatives for the ensuing years, until it is reviewed again. The 3 town forums and local focus group meetings have provided a robust and broad ranging process. Community representatives have been given opportunity to shape the Council area and provide feedback and criticism on Council's past performance, but more importantly have indicated what initiatives and priorities the Council needs to commit to for the future of the Copper Coast.

The Council has also embarked on a review of its Development Plan, always an ambitious project but one that will occur more regularly as a consequence of growth, development and demand for amended land use. Rezoning and responsive town and regional planning will be the main drivers for Council as the area is expanded to meet community growth and lifestyle enhancement.

Again a process of community consultation and local community submissions have demonstrated the growing interest and enhanced levels of community pride in Council activities and outcomes.



In times when the Councils' of the State are being heavily scrutinised by State Government and residents for their transparency and commitment to ratepayers, the District Council of the Copper Coast can justifiably be proud of its achievements and facilitation of social, economic and environmental initiatives.

The District Council of the Copper Coast will continue to be a successful Local Government authority and maintain its position of being "Proud of our Past and Confident of our Future".



District Council of the Copper Coast

The Area in Focus

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

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

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

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

building, construction and other related services.

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

The Copper Coast has a healthy fishing industry supporting scale fish, prawn, crab and abalone fisheries. Oyster and mussel farming are fast emerging as an industry of the future as is the growing of brine shrimp in the regions many salt pans.

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

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

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



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

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

The Port Hughes, Moonta Bay and Wallaroo jetties provide popular recreational fishing venues. Excellent boat launching facilities are provided at Port Hughes, including a boat service pontoon, protective breakwater and extensive trailer parking. A new facility has been completed and is operational at Wallaroo as part of the Copper Cove Marina Development.

Numerous active and passive cultural pursuits are supported by the regions many facilities, including libraries, galleries, performing arts, historical buildings, local histories and museums.

The Ascot Theatre in Kadina provides a modern venue for live and cinematic theatre and Art and Community Gallery display facilities have been developed in the former public library to provide a permanent home for the Kernewek Lowender Art Collection.

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

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

The Yorke Peninsula Field Days are held at Paskeville biennially in September and comprise one of Australia's largest and oldest agricultural events.

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

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



The Council

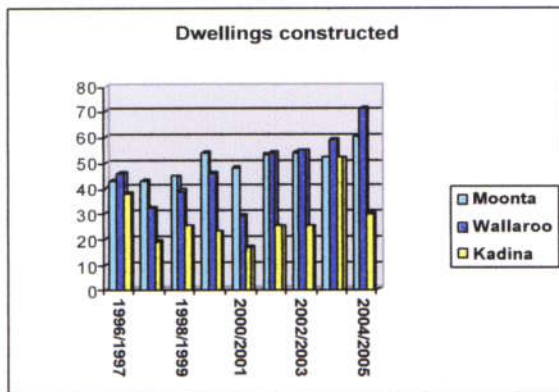
The District Council of the Copper Coast is a progressive and successful Local Government Authority, committed to further developing the community's quality lifestyle and by making living easy. Council will continue to strive to achieve the best outcome for its community through active facilitation of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



The District Council covers an area of some 773 square kilometres, servicing a population of approximately 11,000 people and over one hundred thousand visitors annually.

Population trends indicate a slight growth of 7% is expected over the next decade. However, the new Wallaroo Marina development will expedite this growth, with the potential to boost the District's population by up to 1,500 people over the next five years.

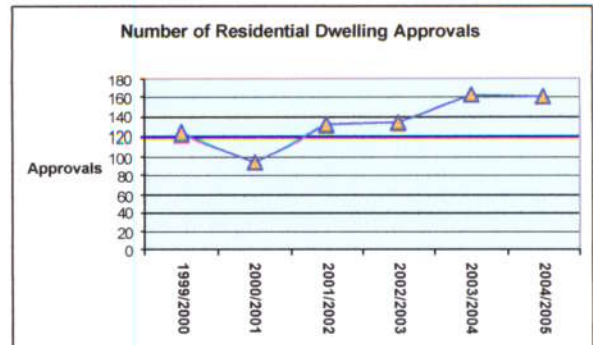
Further residential developments in Kadina, Port Hughes, North Beach and Moonta/Moonta Bay are further indicators for potential population growth and demographic shifts for the region.



(Moonta Bay, North Moonta and Port Hughes are included in the figures for Moonta, North Beach and surrounds are included in the figures for Wallaroo, Kadina figures include Newtown, Wallaroo Mines and surrounds)

Provisional development plan consents approved by the Council's Development Assessment Panel in 2004/05 were valued in excess of \$31 Million and included 161 new residential dwellings.

Residential land divisions in the same period created in excess of 800 allotments. This development trend has seen a constant increase in residential development resulting in a corresponding growth in community wealth.



Formed in May 1997 through the amalgamation of the District Council of Northern Yorke Peninsula and the Corporation of the Town of Wallaroo, the Council area is divided into four wards and is represented by a Mayor and ten Councillors.

The Decision Making Structure of the Council

The full **Council** – the Mayor and ten Councillors, meet formally on the first Wednesday of every month at 5.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall in Kadina. The Council is the decision making body on all policy matters and is supported by standing committees established to investigate and resolve particular issues, these standing committees are:

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

These committee meet in Council to resolve the diverse range of matters referred to them. An Executive Committee, comprising the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chairs of the standing committees may also meet if the need arises.



A statutory **Development Assessment Panel** meets on the third Wednesday at 5.00 p.m. of each month also in the Council Chamber to consider Development Act applications submitted for approvals. The Development Assessment Panel comprises a membership of the full Council.

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

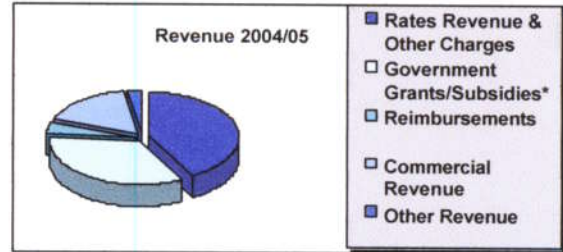
Council and Council committee meeting agendas, together with the accompanying reports and correspondence, are placed on public display not less than three days prior to those meetings. Minutes of the meetings are placed on display for free public access within five days of each meeting.

Council Resources **Revenue**

Council's Operating Statement for the year ended 30 June 2005 reveals that the Council revenue amounted to \$16.5 million for the financial year.

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

Rates Revenue & Other Charges	\$ 6,936,538	41.8%
Government Grants/Subsidies	\$ 5,681,623	34.3%
Reimbursements	\$ 709,363	4.3%
Commercial Revenue	\$ 2,813,548	17.0%
Other Revenue	\$ 445,205	2.7%
	\$ 16,586,277	100.00%

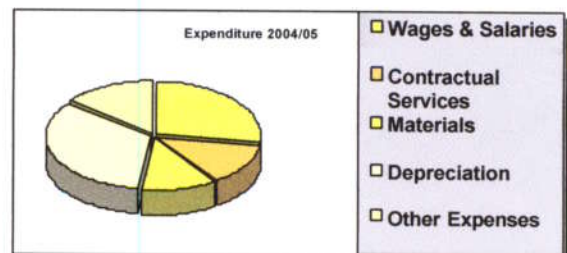


Included in Government grants and subsidies is capital revenue of \$4.053 million. This is comprised of capital grants and contributions of \$1.06 million as well as \$2.993 million received in the form of physical assets transferred to Council free of charge from developers as part of private land developments.

Expenditure

The expenditure for the financial year was \$13.3 million incurred in the following operational areas, Wages and Salaries, Contractual Services, Materials, Depreciation and Other Expenses.

Wages & Salaries	\$ 3,646,474	27.3%
Contractual Services	\$ 1,726,509	12.9%
Materials	\$ 1,558,577	11.7%
Depreciation	\$ 4,554,283	34.1%
Other Expenses	\$ 1,874,336	14.0%
	\$ 13,360,179	100.00%



During the course of the year Council resolved to purchase the lease of the North Beach Caravan Park at Wallaroo at a cost of \$700K.



This is included in the amount of other expenditure which totals \$1.87 million.

Depreciation of \$4.5 million is a non cash item included in expenditure.

Council's financial result

The operating result of \$3.226 million surplus appears on the surface to be excessive given the breakeven nature of an enterprise such as a Council however there are several factors to consider.

As mentioned this surplus can be partly explained by the receipt of \$2.993 worth of physical assets received free of charge. These are assets such as roads, footpaths, storm drainage and common effluent systems received from developers undertaking such divisions of land. Council is required to account for the receipt of these assets as capital income even though the assets received will never generate revenue and will require maintenance and replacement over the longer term.

The final abnormal item impacting on the result is the sale of blocks of land from the subdivision of Council land at Athena Drive Wallaroo.

This provided a profit of \$1.2 million and is included in commercial revenue.

The diversity of the Council's functions and activities requires a wide range of specialist skills and knowledge. Council is well supported by a total workforce of 75.2 Full Time Equivalent staff across all areas, including Yorke Peninsula Employment (YPE) Service.

YPE is a major initiative of Council and a key stakeholder in labour market services within the region.

The Council is housed in modern well-equipped premises, incorporating Council Chamber and committee/community meeting rooms and administrative centre. In addition Council operates three works depots, with the major construction depot located at Kadina and maintenance depots at Moonta and Wallaroo.

For further information see
www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au



Elected Members

Electoral Representation

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

Elections are held at three 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. In May 2000, for the first time, the District Council elections were conducted by postal ballot, resulting in a significantly increased voting participation rate of 54%. The present Council was elected in May 2003 with, however, a reduced 44% voting participation rate by the 10,128 electors in the contested Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo wards. The Mayor and Paskeville ward Councillor were both elected unopposed. Elections will next be held in 2006.

The composition of the Council is reviewed periodically, in accordance with the Local Government Act, to reflect the electoral principle that each vote should have equal value. As of February 2004, the ward representation quota was 1,163 i.e. 11,631 enrolled electors represented by 10 Councillors.

The actual representation was, within a 10% tolerance, therefore Kadina ward with 3,222 electors meant that the three ward Councillors each represent 1,074 electors; Moonta ward with 3,702 electors means the three ward Councillors each represent 1,234 electors; Paskeville ward with 1,230 electors is represented by one ward Councillor; and Wallaroo ward with 3,477 electors means that the three ward Councillors represent 1,125 electors each.

With completion of the periodic review during December 2002, the next review (at least once in every six years) of electoral representation involving changes to ward boundaries will be completed not later than the year 2009. Procedures are available for electors to initiate submissions seeking boundary alterations and alterations to the composition of the Council or its representative structure.

During the course of the year a minor boundary adjustment has been sought from the Boundary Review Facilitation Panel to incorporate the area of sea bed, sea walls, groins and basin of the Copper Cove Marina at Wallaroo. The boundary revision will enable the Council to adopt by laws to regulate the area including the waterways associated with the Marina.

The Members of the Council

The District Council of the Copper Coast, effective from conclusion of the May 2003 elections, created the following Council for the term ending in November 2006.



Mayor

Paul D.K. Thomas, JP

Kadina Ward Councillors

Paul March

Dean Rodda

Roslyn Talbot

Moonta Ward Councillors

Richard Davis, O.A.M.

Bruce Schmidt (Deputy Mayor)

Tommy Tonkin

Paskeville Ward Councillor

Brian Bussenschutt

Wallaroo Ward Councillors

Jeff Hammond

Geoff Male

Judith Niotis

Strategic Plan

Moving Toward 2015

The District Council of the Copper Coast Strategic Plan "Moving Toward 2015" forms part of the Council's overall strategic management plans.

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

Our Vision

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

Our Mission

"To Enhance Community Lifestyle"



Providing effective and affordable facilities and services



Managing and protecting our environmental assets



Encouraging growth through responsible development



Fostering community achievement

Our Values

"We Will"



Treat everyone with fairness and respect



Work together to provide the best possible services



Be open to new ideas while respecting our heritage

The Council's Key Directions are contained in 5 objectives with

complimentary goals. Key strategies and responsibility for departmental strategy delivery are also outlined and presented in the Strategic Plan.

Business Plan

Council's Business Plan links the key strategies to action statements. Council has also committed to priorities and terms for strategy delivery during the life of the plan.

Reviews

The Council will review its suite of plans to ensure alignment with key directions and strategies together with resourcing provisions and legislative compliance. Above all Council's plans will ensure Council demonstrates it is committed to providing services to the community that are responsive to current and future needs and that they are delivered efficiently and effectively.





Our Key Directions

“Council will focus on achieving objectives in five areas”

Objective:

Social Objective - Wellbeing

Goal: To enhance the quality of our community by encouraging health, wellbeing and safety.

Objective:

Environmental Objective - Sustainability

Goal: To responsibly manage the natural and built environment to ensure its sustainability and diversity to the community.

Objective:

Economic Objective - Prosperity

Goal: To facilitate economic prosperity, balanced growth and the enhancement of the Copper Coast.

Objective:

Cultural Objective - Opportunity

Goal: To promote community identity by supporting rich lifestyle experiences including arts, heritage, culture and leisure activities.

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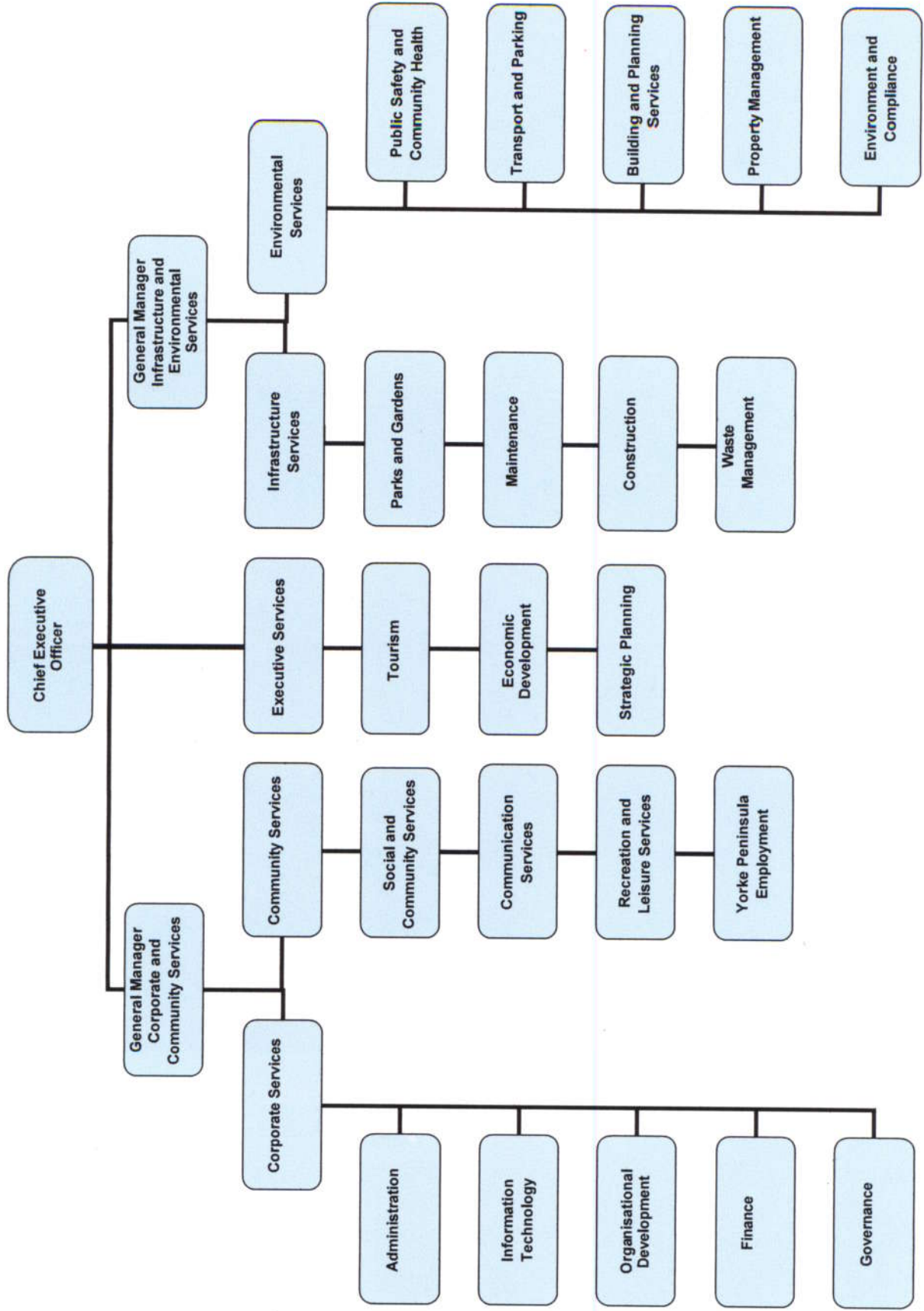
Governance Objective - Leadership

Goal: To provide leadership and ensure community resources are managed efficiently and effectively.

In keeping with the framework of Council's strategic plans both the organisational structure and the functional service areas of the Council are designed to support the Council, Council committees and administration in meeting and delivering service outcomes in each of the key areas.

The strategic plan will also provide the Council with the direction and meet governance responsibilities as required by legislation, while providing the outcomes expected by the community.

District Council of the Copper Coast Organisational Structure



Functional Service Areas

CORPORATE SERVICES

Administration

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

Information Technology

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

Organisational Development

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

Finance

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

Governance

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Social & Community Services

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

Communication Services

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

Recreation & Leisure Services

- ❖ Recreation Planning & Development
- ❖ Aquatic Services
- ❖ Leisure Facilities
- ❖ Arts & Cultural Development
- ❖ Yorke Peninsula Employment
- ❖ Employment Services
- ❖ Mentoring
- ❖ Community Visitors Scheme
- ❖ Driving School
- ❖ Labour Hire

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Public Safety & Community Health

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

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (Continued)

Transport & Parking

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

Building & Planning Services

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

Property Management

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

Environment & Compliance

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

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Parks And Gardens

- ❖ Plant Management - Parks and Gardens
- ❖ Parks & Gardens Management
- ❖ Arboriculture/Tree management

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES (Continued)

- ❖ Recreation Reserves
- ❖ Weed Control
- ❖ Open Space

Maintenance

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

Construction

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

Waste Management

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

EXECUTIVE SERVICES

Tourism

- ❖ Tourism Marketing
- ❖ Cultural Development
- ❖ Events

Economic Development

- ❖ Business Development
- ❖ Employment Creation
- ❖ Economic Development Planning
- ❖ Investment Attraction

Strategic Planning

- ❖ Corporate Planning
- ❖ Development and Review
- ❖ Performance Measurement
- ❖ Annual Plan Monitoring

Corporate & Community Services

Library

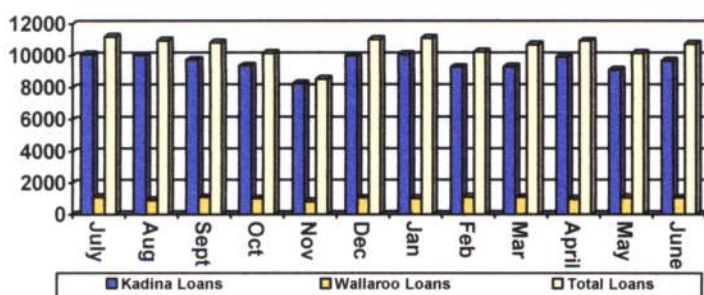
Kadina Community Library Service

The service has seen a continuing increase in usage and loans over the past 12 months with a 7% increase in loan performance statistics compared to the last period. The collection and services offered continue to evolve and increase to reflect community interest and expectations.

Comparative Performance Statistics – Kadina & Wallaroo

	2002/ 2003	2003/ 2004	2004/ 2005
Total Borrowers	6,317	6,748	7,509
Total Visits	82,500	89,250	89,644
Loans			
Adult books	48,153	52,870	62,536
Children's books	14,533	23,759	24,595
Other materials	42,643	41,497	39,968
Total loans	105,329	118,126	127,099

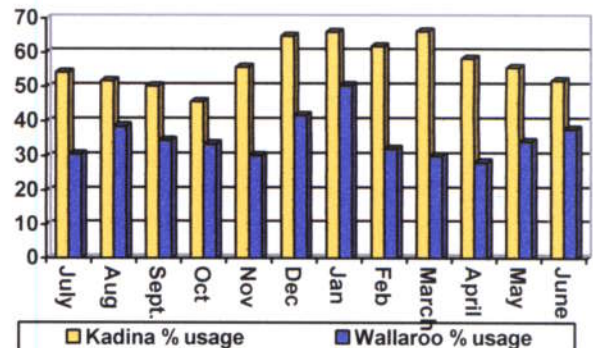
Performance Statistics 2004/2005



Kadina Loans	Jul04 – Jun05	114,851
Wallaroo Loans	Jul04 – Jun05	12,248
Total Loans	Jul04 – Jun05	127,099

Internet Usage

Three computers were available for the public to use free of charge at both the Kadina and Wallaroo libraries until June 2005 when an upgrade at the Kadina Library resulted in the addition of a fourth PC. Internet access costs are covered by the Libraries Board of SA at the Kadina Library, ensuring the state commitment of free public access in libraries throughout South Australia. As Wallaroo is a branch library, the District Council of the Copper Coast meet the costs for internet provision. The annual statistics identify the possibility of investigating some cost saving measures without impeding actual service provision at the Wallaroo branch.



Staffing

Kadina staffing level has remained consistent at 3.2 fulltime equivalent, however 0.2 of this time is dedicated to Website design/maintenance at the Kadina office, and 0.2 is dedicated to covering the Wallaroo office/library one day a week.

Wallaroo staffing level for the remaining 4 days/week is cost shared with administration ensuring the office and internet service is available 5 days per week and the library 4 days per week.

An IT Trainee is also being hosted by the 3 Copper Coast libraries for the specific purpose of providing IT support and assistance to the clients of the whole Council area.

Library Opening Hours

Kadina is open 48 hours/week and Wallaroo 30 hours/week. A total of 3,900 opening hours are offered annually. Both Kadina and Wallaroo remain open between Christmas and New Year ensuring library services are available in 2 of the Copper Coast towns during this time.

Additional Services and Programmes

In addition to standard library services and the circulation of resources, the Kadina Community Library Service has been involved in many additional programmes and events.

These include:

- ❖ Summer Reading Club
- ❖ Big Book Club
- ❖ Premiers Reading Challenge
- ❖ National Simultaneous Storytime
- ❖ Childrens Book Week
- ❖ Family and Local History meetings/seminars/workshops
- ❖ KEP (Kadina Educational Precinct) : hosting quarterly meetings & providing support to KEP partners
- ❖ School Holiday Activities
- ❖ Preschool Storytime
- ❖ Libraries SA programmes : Get Connected @ your library, Thankyou Day, Consultant visits, YP Library Hub meetings

Moonta Community Library Service

Moonta Community library is one of 46 school community libraries operating in South Australia.

It is governed by a management committee comprising representatives from the School, Council and Community.

Staffing is calculated using population based formulae – school population for teacher librarians and school services officers and town population for the community library assistant position. The District Council of the Copper Coast provides hourly paid salary for employment of a casual relief assistant for 3 hours per week during term and 30 hours per week during school holidays. With this level of staffing, we have been able to deliver teaching of information skills in collaboration with classroom teachers across all levels and non-instruction time release for teachers. We are also able to maintain a high standard of desk service for 42.5 hours per week we are open each week of school term, and 26.5 hours per week during holidays. As a member of the South Australian public libraries' network we have opportunities to extend the resources available to members of our school and community. One of the year's highlights was hosting an Advertiser Big Book Club author event. 2004 saw the introduction of The Premier's Reading Challenge. Many students took part and we offered an incentive of a chocolate frog for every four books read. We hope many more students will take up the challenge in 2005.

Yorke Peninsula Employment

Yorke Peninsula Employment has seen a lot of major changes and impending changes to their service contracts and in particular those held with the Commonwealth Government.

As part of its Welfare to Work Reform the Commonwealth is focusing on specific client groups to bring them in to Job Network and encourage them to participate in the labour market in a full or part-time capacity.

The groups that will be included are:

- Parents
- Carers
- Indigenous jobseekers
- Disability Support Pensioners
- Mature Age jobseekers
- Youth jobseekers.

The impact of these changes will be phased in over the next 12 months and we will need to enhance current staff skills to ensure that they have the knowledge and resources required to achieve successful outcomes.

Job Vacancies for the Year (lodged in Job Network)

	Jul-Sep 04	Oct-Dec 04	Jan-Mar 05	Apr-Jun 05	TOTAL
Vacancies lodged	382	159	165	85	791
Vacancies filled	69	128	74	74	345
Vacancies cancelled	45	70	74	50	239
Vacancies claimed	68	194	70	115	447

Major Contract Services for the Year

Job Network and the impact of star ratings

Job Network has a star ratings profile linked to key performance indicators and these are released to providers and jobseekers every 6 months or as the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations may require for contract extensions and business reallocation.

Our performance has slipped over the period and our ratings are as follows:

July 2004 - 4 stars; January 2005 - 3.5 stars; June 2005 - 2.5 stars

The stars are calculated from a performance regression model that takes in to account the demographics of the labour market including characteristics of the client group.

The characteristics are broad and include age of jobseekers, number of days they have been in assistance, their levels of education achieved, if they have a disability, if they are indigenous, if they are from a non-English speaking background, their gender, the unemployment rate of the statistical local area, the employment growth statistics drawn from ABS and their allowance type.



Kadina Memorial High School students taking part in a DEST trial of on-line E portfolios

Performance measures and weightings are allocated as follows:

Description	Weighting for outcome type
Job Search Support Made up of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Job Placement Fee & Bonus Job Placement Fee 4% (for Job Search Support clients only) Job Placement Fee (for fully Job Network eligible clients) and Job Placement Fee (for fully Job Network eligible clients who are unemployed more than 12 months) 6% 	10%
Intensive Support 13 and 26 week claims for 70% and 100% off benefits	90%
Share of Interim outcomes for indigenous and highly disadvantaged job seekers	10%

We have identified to DEWR that we believe there are several demographic characteristics that have impacted upon our performance:

- Efficiencies and double shifts at Australian Barley Board (ABB) resulted in an inability for us to achieve any Intensive Support Outcomes for the 2004/05 season
- Highest percentage of 45-54 year old jobseekers in South Australia country employment services areas (19.10%)
- Highest percentage of 55+ year old jobseekers in South Australia country employment services areas (12.50%)
- Highest average age of jobseekers in South Australia country employment services areas (37 years)

The State Contract Manager has described our June 2005 rating as a "glitch for a high performing provider" which is somewhat comforting but is by no means a consideration that we would want to be applied to us again as Canberra are unlikely to accept that position more than once. Performance ratings determine future contract offers and the risk of reallocation of the market to another provider, so we are working hard on seeking new employment opportunities through the Commonwealth funded jobseeker account where we can fund employer incentives for sustainable employment. Given that 13 and 26 week job outcomes make up 90% of the ratings we are focussing on achieving them for our clients

Transition to Work Performance

This minor program focuses on assisting parents and carers who wish to return to the workforce.

The program has skills development funding and a light-touch case management model. The current contract expires on June 30th 2006 at which time it will be rolled in to an entry to Job Network and not a stand-alone contract. We have been acknowledged as a high standard provider who delivers more to this contract group than is contractually required as we have taken an intensive hands-on approach.

Jobs Pathway Programme

Yorke Peninsula Employment has always achieved an excellent report card for this program that sees two staff working in all senior schools across the Peninsula. Now in its sixth year the current contract that expires on December 31st 2005 will be replaced by a new program called Youth Pathways

Many facets are similar but the Commonwealth is focussing on a more intensive case management model that will have an entry requirement that ensures only the most-at-risk high school students will be involved. To achieve this they have had to reduce the numbers of students they will fund, increase the unit cost and expand the regions. We have lodged an application for this service and if successful it will see us servicing a region covering Yorke, Barossa-Light and Mid North. An indicative budget and staff roster has been developed that demonstrates it is possible on the funding available and if successful it will be a 3 year contract with an annual review.

Community Work Co-ordinator (Work for the Dole)

The current contract is going well and draws to a close on June 30th 2006. A draft discussion paper is being circulated with the changes that are being proposed.

Two major changes are the inclusion of a full-time Work for the Dole requirement for very long-term unemployed persons (>24 months) and projects needing to include training that aligns with skills shortages in the local labour market.



A horse drawn carriage at Moonta National Trust that was restored with the assistance of Work for the Dole participants

Minor Contract Services for the Year

Youth to Work

Funded through the SA Works program (Regions at Work) and managed by the Yorke Regional Development Board, our Youth to Work program has been very successful over the past 12 months. Contracting periods have not aligned with the fiscal year but achievements during that time have been very high and are:

Contract end date	Projected start	Actual start	Projected outcome	Actual Outcome
31/07/04	30	45	10	24
30/06/06	40	66	20	31

Community Visitor's Scheme

Funded by the State Government through the Department of Health and Ageing this project celebrated its 10th Anniversary during the year. Over 48 visitors completed a total of 1,313 visits to elderly, frail isolated residents in Aged Care facilities.

The region for our service has expanded to include Port Pirie and Crystal Brook and is testament to the needs experienced in our aged residents.

Mentor Network

Funded by the State Government under the Adult and Community Education our Mentor Network has achieved excellent results. Designed to provide support to any community member who believes that they would benefit from having a mentor, we have seen young children aged 9 years seek support from a mentor. The funding body has praised the quality of our project and asked the Co-ordinator to present at their recent state conference.

Projects that have been undertaken during the past 12 months are:

Description	Work undertaken	Funds dispersed	Placements
Moonta Health & Aged Care	Provision and installation of automated irrigation system	Budgeted funding to the Sponsor \$7,955	Number of placements concurrent - 6
Wallaroo Bowling Club	Erecting sheds, laying pavers and other improvements	Budgeted funding to the Sponsor \$8,673	Number of placements concurrent - 6
National Trust at Moonta	Restoring horse drawn tram	Budgeted funding to the Sponsor \$10,000	Number of placements concurrent - 10
Linking YP (various hosts)	Broad range of individual placements across Yorke	No funds disbursed to hosts	Number of placements concurrent - 15
Peninsula Partners (various hosts)	Broad range of individual placements across Yorke	No funds disbursed to hosts	Number of placements concurrent - 6
Connecting Communities (various hosts)	Broad range of individual placements across Yorke	No funds disbursed to hosts	Number of placements concurrent - 10
Volunteering Works (various hosts)	Broad range of individual placements across Yorke	No funds disbursed to hosts	Number of placements concurrent - 6
Community Skills (various hosts)	Broad range of individual placements across Yorke	No funds disbursed to hosts	Number of placements concurrent - 6
Supporting YP (various hosts)	Broad range of individual placements across Yorke	No funds disbursed to hosts	Number of placements concurrent - 5
Working Together (various hosts)	Broad range of individual placements across Yorke	No funds disbursed to hosts	Number of placements concurrent - 8
Landscaping Moonta Bowling Club	Building, paving and other improvements to the club grounds	Budgeted funding to the Sponsor \$11,064	Number of placements concurrent - 6

Customer Service

Council continued to maintain offices at Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo.

To further assist its rate payers the District Council of the Copper Coast and *Bill EXPRESS*[®] have recently partnered to provide a reliable and convenient method of paying rate notices in person.

The *Bill EXPRESS*[®] service is available at over 2,200 newsagents nationally. One of the major benefits of using this payment method is the flexible trading hours offered by participating retailers.

Most newsagents are open 7 days a week and trade past 6.00 p.m. on weekdays. These extended trading hours give residents the choice of paying District Council rates when it suits, weekday or weekend.

A number of staff members have attended training courses to improve their knowledge. New initiatives have been introduced to enhance service delivery and were developed and implemented through ongoing consultation with staff and the public.

Risk Management

The Chief Executive Officer, General Managers and Elected Members of the District Council of the Copper Coast recognise the importance and value of risk management and the ongoing benefits to its community. Consequently, the District Council of the Copper Coast is committed to a policy of Risk Management to protect its employees, assets, liabilities and its community against potential losses, to minimise uncertainty in achieving its goals and objectives and to maximise the opportunities to achieve its Vision.

Council's commitment to risk management is not only about identifying what can go wrong and being prepared should it occur but it is also about identifying and evaluating threats and opportunities that present them from time to time. In this regard it forms an integral part of the continuous improvement process embraced by Council. In order to achieve these objectives a Strategic Risk Management Framework has been developed for the Council within the context of its strategic directions. The aim of this framework is the development of an organisational ethos and operating culture, which achieves the integration of systematic Risk Management processes into all management activities, both at a strategic and operational level.

Occupational Health Safety and Welfare

Council is committed to Occupational Health Safety and Welfare, and Injury Management to ensure employees are provided with a healthy and safe system of work. This is achieved by staff commitment to Occupational Health and Safety and Injury Management in accordance with Council's corporate objectives and the development of programs and action plans to implement policy objectives and procedural requirements.

To assist this process a committee was established in May 1997 comprising management and representatives from the Administration Offices, Libraries, and Yorke Peninsula Employment Office, Tourism Office, Works Depots, Waste Management Centres and worksites.

Elections are held annually in July and the committee continues to oversee the organisations occupational health, safety and welfare responsibilities.

The committee meets quarterly during the year and administers the following:

- Implementation of individual elements defined in the program and Action plans.
- Measurement and evaluation of the OH&S/Injury Management program against defined objectives, targets and performance indicators.
- Consider all matters relevant to employee safety, health, welfare and rehabilitation.
- Formulate occupational health, safety, welfare and rehabilitation policy proposals for consideration and approval by Council.
- Monitor adherence to Council rules and appropriate Acts, Regulations and Legislation.

A comprehensive review of the policies and procedures has occurred during the year including the development of training programs for managers' supervisors and relevant staff. Increased awareness to workplace hazards has occurred through quarterly workplace inspections and specific training in various OHS&W subjects including manual handling, work zone traffic management and safety awareness for supervisors. During the year there has been a downward trend in workplace incidents reported from 8 to 2 injuries and no time lost due to these injuries.

Tourism

Kernewek Lowender 2005

The biennial Cornish Festival was held during 2005 with supporting and feature events being conducted between the 9th and 16th May. Crowds were entertained and fascinated by a wide range of activities which included something for everyone.

As in past festivals the aim was to “revive the traditions of the Cornish Heritage in the Northern Yorke Peninsula” through the promotion of many Cornish experiences including food, beverage, performing arts, fine art, crafts to mention just a few.

Traditional ‘Swanky’ returned after an absence for a number of years. Thousands of Cornish pasties were enjoyed along with other traditional treats by approximately 70,000 people who attended across the eight day program.

Former Australian Test Cricket Captain, Greg Chappell officially opened the festival during the Village Green Fair at Kadina. This was the first time a sporting identity has been given this honour.

New attractions and guest artists made the Fisherman’s Wharf at Wallaroo a highlight of this festival. Good weather ensured a large street crowd for the Grand procession at Moonta followed by the Fer Kernewek at Moonta oval.

The Cavalcade of Cars and Motor Cycles again saw participation of more than 850 vehicles making it the largest event of its kind outside of the Bay to Birdwood Classic in Adelaide. Glen Dix flagged off enthusiasts including politicians and the May Queen entrants.

The committee under the leadership of Mr. John Meier MP has begun planning for the May 2007 event which will be considerably different owing to the loss of the traditional Adelaide Cup holiday weekend.



Yorke Peninsula Marketing Committee

The Council has in place a three year funding agreement with Tourism SA to be part of the Marketing Committee. Barunga West, Yorke Peninsula and Wakefield Regional Council also have a similar agreement.

The District Council of the Copper Coast is represented on the committee by three members who are appointed by the Minister for Tourism.

The Committee is supported by a Marketing Manager who has an office located in The Farm Shed at Kadina. Salary and support costs for this position are made available by the Tourism Commission.

The Marketing Committee is charged with the responsibility of marketing the region to the intrastate, interstate and international market. It is required to develop and initiate a business and marketing plan for each twelve month period and to be financially responsible for its own budget.

The committee, through the marketing manager, promotes at consumer shows locally and interstate. An outstanding marketing feature was the 'Boat Load of Fun' campaign which was so successful that it will be repeated again next year.

The Farm Shed Museum & Tourism Centre
The Farm Shed Museum & Tourism Centre (formerly The National Dryland Farming Centre) continues to provide a wide range of tourism and community services including:

- Tourist information
- Tourism Operator support
- Travelling public email/internet service
- Conference and meeting facilities
- Support to National Trust via opening/closing of museum and taking of admissions
- Sale of local art, craft and produce
- Venue for local artist displays
- Support to Kernewek Lowender

Visitor enquiries for the year 2004-2005 totalled 19,472 which is an increase of 152 from the previous year. A total of 166 conferences, meetings and seminars were held during the period, an increase of 31 from the previous year.

Support for local tourism operators continues and the first statewide open day for accredited Visitor Information Centres was held in October 2004.

Local residents, visitors and tourism operators were invited to a tourism workshop and a social function on this very successful day. Accreditation of the office and its procedures continues and a high standard of tourist information and customer service is achieved. We are very proud of our staff member Susanna Philbey who won a Rotary "Pride of Workmanship" Award this year. The office continues to operate with a staff of volunteers who provide valuable support to paid staff.

The name change from National Dryland Farming Centre to The Farm Shed Museum and Tourism Centre has proven to be very beneficial – there have been no more complaints from people who didn't understand what we do or who we are. Staff training is a high priority, and conducted when possible. Training included regional familiarisation, tourism conferences and workshops, customer service workshops, first aid training and staffing consumer shows.

A Learning Community

Volunteer Leadership Training Project:

This program was set up to assist volunteers in our community to extend their skills and obtain a better understanding of responsibilities within volunteer and community groups.

Council has been involved through representation on a local board made up of members from the Copper Coast and Barunga West Councils.



The \$60,000 funding for the project was made available through Uniting Care, Copper Triangle. Outcomes from the project include a hand book for future training and a 'train the trainer' program. Subjects in the handbook are wide ranging and include such items as, Running effective meetings, working with groups, and applying for grants.

The board meets on a regular basis in the Yorke Peninsula Council offices at Maitland. The service supports over 1,300 clients with the assistance of over 300 volunteers.

Yorke Peninsula Community Transport and Services Inc.

The District Council of the Copper Coast along with Barunga West and Yorke Peninsula Councils, contribute to the running of this organisation both financially and through board membership.

Funding is provided by Home and Community Care, Office of Public Transport and the local councils.

This service has undergone major changes recently, resulting in a more streamlined and efficient operation. Success however, depends on the ongoing commitment of volunteers who drive the cars and assist in management roles.

Increases in demand for services were most evident in the Copper Coast area. The last financial year realised 4,742 trips servicing 1,924 clients travelling a total distance of 362,604 kms. The figures for trips and clients are almost double those of the previous year. Copper Coast Council purchased and assisted in the maintenance of three motor vehicles.

Infrastructure and Environmental Services

Council Depots:

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

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

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

All depots have been upgraded since Council's amalgamation. Moonta now meets Occupational Health and Safety requirements and the Wallaroo toilet facilities have been improved.

Council operates 2 Construction Gangs who carry out the Capital Works Program and other works in the district area.

Works Program 2004/2005	
DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
Bay Road Drainage	65,000
Haylock Road Drainage	65,000
Port Hughes Carpark	65,000
George Street Moonta	280,000
East Terrace, Wallaroo	70,000
James Street, Wallaroo	50,000
Diagonal Road, Wallaroo Intersection	25,000
Kapunda Street, Wallaroo	70,000
Marina Carpark	10,000
Upgrade Wallaroo Town Drainage	35,000
Roach Street, Kadina (Industrial)	116,000
South Terrace Closure	55,000
George Street, Kadina Seal	20,000

Newtown Road	124,000
Kadina East Drainage	224,000
Paskeville Roads	300,000
District Roads Reseal	150,000
Bypass Wallaroo	200,000
North Terrace Subdivision	600,000
Wallaroo Retirement Village	120,000
Kadina Stormwater Reuse	150,000
Footpath Construction	50,000
TOTALS	2,844,000

Works Programme for 2004/2005

Contractors:

Council's Construction staff has again increased by the use of Contractors during the course of the year.

Contractors are used for stand alone projects, such as roads, drainage, plant hire, crushing contracts, kerbing, materials supply and specialist activities, such as paving and concrete work.

	SEALED	FORMED	UNFORMED	TOTAL
2004/2005	Kms	Kms	Kms	Kms
BUILT UP	158.69	56.14	2.00	216.83
NON BUILT-UP	102.83	526.07	118.10	747.00
TOTAL	261.52	582.21	120.10	963.83

Major Works Projects for 2004/2005

Port Hughes Carpark:

Located in front of the Port Hughes Foreshore Caravan Park, the area from the jetty to South Beach received an extensive upgrade with the construction of a 90 space carpark with landscaping and improvements to public lighting.



The carpark area will allow casual parking adjacent to the foreshore, with easy access to South Beach and the Port Hughes jetty.



The new carpark will alleviate congestion that occurred with jetty users often parking in the boat trailer area.



The lawn area on the foreshore has been extended to make the area a comfortable area to park and access.

George Street, Moonta:

George Street, Moonta has had the protuberances redesigned and reconfigured to allow larger water flows to run not only through, but around each protuberance.



The need for this work was brought about by the enlargement of the Foodland supermarket and carpark at the eastern end of George Street and the amount of water runoff from the extensions to the Moonta Area School.

Design works, were also completed on Stage 2 of the project, which provides for a drain to be laid from the corner of George Street to the north along Blanche Terrace and to discharge into parklands north of Blyth Terrace.

This construction work will be carried out in the 2005 financial year.

Wallaroo By-pass:

The Alford Road – Kadina Road roundabout section of the Wallaroo by-pass was completed and sealed in February 2005



This 2.3km section of road completes the Council's contribution to the by-pass road. The full road section will be opened on the completion of the Transport SA designed and constructed roundabout, this new road will offer easier and faster access to Wallaroo silos for heavy vehicles during harvest and will minimise the number of trucks traversing the town streets to access the marshalling yards.



There has been considerable native vegetation planting along sections of the by-pass road and in land acquired to the south of the Wallaroo effluent ponds, as part of Council's original commitment to revegetation after the road was constructed.



Roach Street/South Terrace, Kadina:

The construction of Roach Street from the Adelaide Road to Kennett Street industrial access, was completed in May 2005. This new road link will allow easier access to the industrial areas of Kadina from the main road and also act as a direct link for residents in the growing Jerusalem area, to access the Kadina commercial areas.



South Terrace at Agery Road was closed to traffic, thus improving safety in the residential areas, adjacent to South Terrace and Ramsey Street.

Vehicles now enter South Terrace from Roach Street and trucks enter from the Agery Road at the new intersection 200m north of South Terrace.

The rationalisation of traffic movements will allow more coordinated access to the industrial area with minimal inconvenience to the residential section along South Terrace.

East Terrace Drainage:

Council gangs constructed 300 metres of underground drain from the new residential estates on the eastern approach to Kadina.



The drainage consisting of a 1050mm concrete drain is the first stage of a drainage system that will be designed to carry storm water from as far south as Champion Street around the edge of Kadina to the stormwater detention dam adjacent to the Kadina landfill site.

Already water from the eastern section of Kadina has become a problem, with a small temporary dam, that had filled to capacity during minor rains, being converted into an access point for the new stormwater drain.

This project was a major project with the average trench depth being 2.8 metres for the whole length of the drain.



Wallaroo Streets:

Wallaroo streets to be fully constructed this year were:

- East Terrace, from the railway line to Cornish Terrace. (600 metres of kerbing and 2,800 metres² seal)

- Kapunda Street (460 metres kerbing and 1,840 metres² seal)
- James Street. (620 metres kerbing and 2,480 metres² seal)



East Terrace



Kapunda Street



James Street

All three roads were fully constructed, kerbed and sealed, with upgrades to drainage being part of the works. In total 1,680 metres of kerb and 7,120 metres² of seal were laid.

The channel from East Terrace to Mays Crossing was cleaned out and regraded to form a smooth batter to allow for improved maintenance and larger water flows in the future.

Newtown Road:

The road from Lindsay Terrace, Kadina to the George Street, Newtown, was reconstructed and sealed.

This busy connector road will provide a much smoother ride into and out of the town.

Newtown Road is 1km in length and required 6,320 metres of rubble and 2,290 metres³ of seal to construct and was carried out by Council's construction gangs.



Price's Road:

The construction of Price's Road at Paskeville involved the widening of the shoulders and sealed width of the road to facilitate the use of the road by heavier trucks from the nearby hay plant.



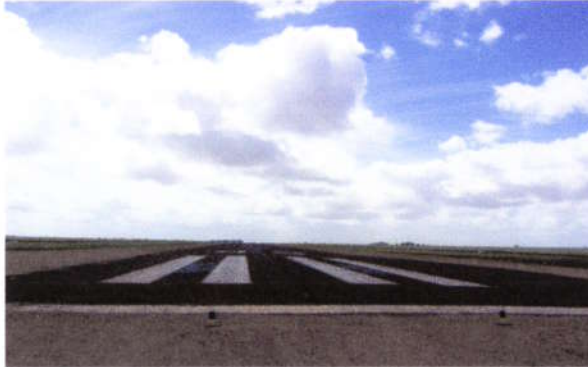
22,500m² of spray seal was laid, with Council's construction gangs taking about 10 weeks to complete.



The road is now able to cater for both local traffic and commercial trucks and is much safer for road users.

Kadina Aerodrome:

Council manages an authorised landing area known as the Kadina Aerodrome. The site is located off the Kadina Wallaroo Road, approximately 3 kilometres from Kadina. The airstrip is a sealed 1,200 metre long by 18 metre wide tarmac with adjacent sealed apron area.



Pilot activated lighting is available, details of which can be obtained from the Kadina Council Office.



Council manages the aerodrome through an Airstrip Management Plan, which is reviewed annually.

Cemeteries:

Kadina, Wallaroo, Moonta And Greens Plains:

Council's cemeteries are attractively landscaped and maintained. With the exception of Greens Plains, all have niche walls, and some have rose-gardens. Kadina has an attractive lawn

area that was a joint initiative between the local Service Clubs and Council.



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

Burials for 2004/2005

Kadina:	26
Wallaroo:	14
Moonta:	22
Greens Plains:	0

Wheal Hughes Mine:

The Wheal Hughes Mine was established as a Tourist operation in 1997.

The mine manager is the Council's General Manager Infrastructure and Environmental Services and Council has a number of accredited staff who also work to maintain the structure, operation, safety and legislative requirements of the facility.

A regular maintenance program is incorporated into the mine management.

Main areas of the mine maintenance include 28,000 – 35,000 litres of water being pumped daily, where water is lifted from the 70 metre level to ground level. A total lift of 90 metres and then pumped to Poona Mine, approximately 1.2km from Wheal Hughes Mine.

Pump life is approximately 12 months, as the water is very salty and corrosive.

The mining structure underground is regularly bared down using a crow bar to remove loose rocks from the roof and walls. This work is required every 10-12 weeks to comply with legislative requirements.

The emergency plan for the mine is reviewed annually.

The tourism aspect of the mine is managed by Council's Property and Projects Officer and covers marketing, presentation of tours and special interest groups etc.

Jetties and Foreshore Areas:



Port Hughes Jetty

Foreshore areas require regular attention prior to summer. During 2004/2005 these included the repairs and maintenance to the Wallaroo swimming enclosure and foreshore.

Regular maintenance was also carried out on the Moonta swimming enclosure.

Both pool areas remain a popular swimming area for locals and tourists alike, with Learn to Swim closures operating during school holidays.

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

Common Effluent Schemes

Kadina Effluent Scheme:

The Kadina effluent scheme was constructed in 1976/1977.

This scheme encompasses the whole of Kadina town and part of Newtown. There are some expansions of the scheme being carried out at the present time in Newtown and to the east of Kadina.

The scheme comprises of 17 pump stations, all fitted with 2 over-head pumps.

Major overhauls of the pump stations were carried out during the 1980's and some now are due for upgrade.

Effluent ponds are located behind the Kadina Cemetery and are now part of the Kadina Stormwater Re-Use Scheme, with treated effluent and stormwater being returned, for irrigation use, to the Recreation Centre oval, hockey fields and Kadina football oval.

Wallaroo Effluent Scheme:

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

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

Water from the scheme is treated through a U.V. plant and returned to the Golf Club for irrigation.

Moonta Effluent Scheme Study:

Initial survey and development costs have been assessed during 2004 as part of the pre feasibility study to construct an effluent scheme to service Moonta, Moonta Bay, Port Hughes and North Moonta.

Kellogg Brown and Root Pty. Ltd. (KBR) consulting engineers were engaged to investigate preliminary design and costing of the total scheme including storage and reuse of the collected water.

Report summaries will be available to Council in November 2005, prior to Council making final assessments of the scope of the scheme and initiating public consultation.

Waste and Recycling

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

The District Council of the Copper Coast hold bi-annual drumMUSTER collections, (held at the Kadina Recycling Centre).

The Council has held two drumMUSTER's in the last 12 months. One on the 20th and 21st September 2004, and the other on the 6th and 7th April 2005, collecting a total of 5,452 drums, that would have otherwise been buried as landfill.

Each of the three recycle centres in the Copper Coast Council area are equipped with a waste oil unit, into which waste oil can be deposited, instead of being buried in landfill, as well as 240 litre bins, into which empty oil containers can be deposited, free of charge.

Landfill Sites

Kadina:

The primary dump is at Kadina. All household waste is disposed of here by landfill, the rubbish dump incorporates the hardfill pit as a separate section with no access to private persons.

Approximately 8,000 tonnes per annum are received at the site through waste management contracts.

All private access is through Recycle Centres and to hard fill only.

Location: Turn right off Port Broughton Road onto the 'Old Dump Road'.

Opening Times:

Sunday	11am – 4pm
Tuesday	11am – 2pm
Thursday	11am – 2pm

Wallaroo:

Wallaroo Recycle Centre is located at the old Wallaroo landfill site to the north east side of Wallaroo. In addition to recyclables Council also uses the site for hard fill where approximately 4,000 tonnes per annum is received.

Council staff operate this Recycle Centre.

Location: Alford Road

Opening Times

Saturday	9am – 4pm
Sunday	9am – 4pm
Monday	9am – 4pm

Moonta:

All rubbish stored and sorted here, hard fill is transported to the dump 6km away.

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

Council staff operate this facility.

Location:

Opening times:

Sunday 11am – 4pm
Wednesday 11am – 2pm
Friday 11am – 2pm

Dump Fees – From July 1st 2005

	Refuse	Recyclables	Asbestos Kadina Only
Car Boot	\$8.00	\$2.00	\$50.00
Panel Van	\$9.00	\$3.00	\$65.00
Large Van	\$10.00	\$4.00	\$90.00
Car Utility - Level	\$14.00	\$5.00	\$65.00
Car Utility - High	\$18.00	\$10.00	\$75.00
Large Utility - Level	\$20.00	\$6.00	\$200.00
Large Utility - High	\$26.00	\$12.00	\$250.00
Standard 6x4 Trailer	\$14.00	\$5.00	\$65.00
Standard 6x4 Trailer w/h	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$75.00
Standard Tandem Trailer	\$20.00	\$6.00	\$200.00
Standard Tandem Trailer w/h	\$26.00	\$12.00	\$250.00
3 tonne Truck	\$32.00	\$15.00	\$250.00
3-9 tonne Truck	\$55.00	\$20.00	\$500.00
9-15 tonne Truck	\$70.00	\$25.00	\$750.00
Semi Trailer	\$120.00	\$40.00	\$1,000.00
COST FOR TYRES		MULCH PRICES	
Car Tyre	\$3.00	Std 6x4 trailer	\$10.00
4WD/Light Truck Tyre	\$8.00	Std Tandem Trailer	\$15.00
Truck Tyre	\$12.00	Per Cubic metre	\$10.00
Tractor Tyre	\$15.00		
Earthmoving Tyre	\$25.00		
Tyre on Rims	\$15.00		

Waste

Kerbside waste is collected, under contract, by Wardles Garbage Contractors. Wardles have a contract to collect waste, recyclables and to operate the waste dump at Kadina.

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



June 2004 (1) – July 2005 (12) 120 litre bin collection details

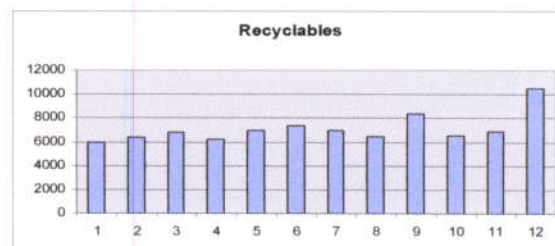
Beach and public reserve litter control: Local laws are in place for the enforcement of controls to regulate discarded litter.

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

Non-recyclables, in a 120L bin, are collected weekly and recyclables, in a 240L, yellow-lid bin, are collected fortnightly.

	REFUSE (120L BIN) Weekly Collection	RECYCLABLES (240L BIN) Fortnightly as per Magnets
Kadina Township, Newtown, Wallaroo Mines & Jerusalem	Thursday	Wednesday
Moonta Township, Moonta Mines, Nth Yelta & Nth Moonta	Wednesday	Tuesday
Moonta Bay & Port Hughes	Tuesday	Wednesday
Wallaroo & North Beach	Monday	Tuesday
Paskeville and Cunliffe	Friday	Thursday
Kadina, Moonta & Wallaroo Business Areas	Monday & Friday	Same as each township area

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



June 2004 (1) – July 2005 (12) 240 litre bin collection details

Moonta Recycle Centre

Moonta Recycle Centre, where all of Council's recyclables are sorted, is now an established business, operating 5 days per week, from 7am to 5pm and currently employs, on a part time basis, five staff members, thus reducing transport and sorting costs and creating local employment.

The business operates in a 100m x 40m roofed facility. The recyclables are unloaded by fork-lift and placed onto the conveyer belt. The items then move along to the sorting area, where the staff remove the rubbish and distribute the items into various silos, containing the same items (paper, cardboard, plastics etc.).

The items are then baled and transported to Adelaide to be sold.

Glass bottles are the only item not to be baled, these are crushed and transported in containers.

Stormwater:

The second stage of the Kadina stormwater re-use dam received funding from the State Government on a 50/50 basis and the rising main from the stormwater dam at the end of the Kadina outfall drain has been connected to the re-use dam behind the Kadina Cemetery. The pump station and power connection for this project will be installed in the early part of the 2005/2006 Works Program.



Stormwater dam – Kadina East



Russell Street Drainage Reserve

Skate Parks:

Council has three constructed skate parks, one in each of the larger towns – Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo.

The Wallaroo park was constructed by local contractors and includes lighting, security fencing and surveillance cameras to monitor the facility 24 hours per day.



Wallaroo Skate Park



Statutory Information

Freedom of Information

Annual Information Statement

The District Council of the Copper Coast was proclaimed in May 1997 as a local government authority, with all statutory responsibilities and powers, for an area of the northern Yorke Peninsula containing the Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo urban and rural areas – adjoining the District Councils of Yorke Peninsula and Barunga West. The principal district office of the District Council is located at 51 Taylor Street (Town Hall), Kadina, with branch offices at 71 George Street (Town Hall), Moonta and at 5 John Terrace, Wallaroo; the offices are open 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., Monday to Friday excepting public holidays.

Council comprises a Mayor and ten Councillors. The ordinary meeting of Council, Corporate and Community Services Committee and Infrastructure and Environmental Services Committee meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 5.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Taylor Street, Kadina. A statutory Development Assessment Panel also meets in the Council Chamber at Kadina on the third Wednesday of every month at 5.00 p.m. to consider Development Act applications submitted for approvals.

Every meeting of the Council and of Council committees is open to the public to attend. The Council or a Council committee may, however, order that the public be excluded from attendance at so much of a meeting as is necessary to receive, discuss or consider in confidence certain

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

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

Members of the public may participate in the formulation of District Council policy and functions generally by written submissions to Council on virtually every conceivable local government function. All draft policies are available for public consultation before final drafting and adoption; all submissions are assessed on their relative merit.

Access to Council documents is broadened by 'freedom of information' provisions in the *Freedom of Information Act*. Although a range of documents are restricted or not accessible, the maximum amount of information is made available to the public wherever possible.

Information Available for Inspection

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



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

General Documents -

- Agendas and Minutes
- Annual Financial Reports
- Annual Report
- Assessment Record
- Auditor's Report
- Council By Laws
- Grievance Procedures
- Strategic Management Plans

Registers -

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

Codes -

- Code of Conduct for Employees
- Code of Conduct Member of Council
- Code of Practice for access to Council meetings, Council committees and Council documents

Policies/Procedures -

- Competitive Tendering, Contracting, Purchasing, Sale and Disposal of Land and Other Assets Policy
- Control of Election Signs Policy
- Internal Review of Council Decisions Procedure
- Investment Policy
- Occupational Health Safety and Welfare Policy and Procedures
- Order Making Policy
- Outdoor Trading for Business Purposes Policy

- Public Consultation Policy
- Rating Policy 2003/2004
- Rates Rebate Policy
- Risk Management Policy
- The Naming of Streets, Roads and Public Places Policy
- Town Street Tree Policy
- Town Centres Car Parking Policy
- Council Building Inspection Policy
- Occupational Health, Safety & Welfare (OH&S) Policy and Procedures

Allowances and Benefits for Members of Council

The annual allowances payable during the 2004-2005 financial year are: Mayoral Allowance \$10,000. per annum; Deputy Mayor's Allowance \$2,500 per annum in addition to a councillor allowance; and Councillors Allowances \$2,500. A travel allowance is also paid, being set in accordance with the prevailing local government industrial award. 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. Additionally, 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 or as members of the Development Assessment Panel. A Register of Allowances and Benefits is kept by the District Council; the Register is available for public inspection.

Senior Executive Officers

The District Council's organisational structure provides for the Chief Executive Officer and two Executive Officers (previously three). The Chief Executive Officer, General Manager Corporate and Community Services (Deputy Chief Executive Officer) and General Manager Infrastructure and Environmental Services have salary 'packages' ranging between \$90,000 to \$140,000 that include salary, superannuation and the use of fully

maintained vehicles. The Register of Remuneration, Allowances and Benefits is available for public inspection.

Staffing

As at 30 June 2005, the District Council a total of 95 staff equating to 75.2 equivalent full time (EFT) positions. The breakdown of staff numbers by gender, employment type and department is shown in the following table:

	Full Time Equivalent 30th June 2004	Full Time Equivalent 30th June 2005				
District Council Employees:						
Offices, Libraries and Services Facilities			Males	%	Females	%
Senior Executives		3.0	3			
Administration services -general	9.5	9.6	3		6.6	
Economic services - tourism development,etc	4.3	2.5	1		1.5	
Economic services - YP Employment	19.4	21.0	3.2		17.8	
Engineering services - works supervision	4.5	4.0	4			
Recreation services	0.0	0.0	0			
Environmental services - building,nuisances	6.5	5.0	4		1	
Community services - libraries, community.	4.6	5.2	1		4.2	
<u>Total "inside" employees</u>	<u>48.8</u>	<u>50.3</u>	<u>19.2</u>	<u>25.5%</u>	<u>31.1</u>	<u>41.3%</u>
At Depots (construction,maintenance)						
Construction & maintenance, inc cleaning	18.7	20.0	19.4		0.6	
Parks,gardens and reserves	2.0	2.0	2			
Waste management (recycling centres)	1.4	1.9	1.9			
Workshop servicing	1.0	1.0	1			
<u>Total "outside" employees</u>	<u>23.1</u>	<u>24.9</u>	<u>24.3</u>	<u>32.0%</u>	<u>0.6</u>	<u>1.2%</u>
Total Employees	71.9	75.2	43.5	57.5%	31.7	42.5%

Exclusion of the Public from Meetings

Section 90(1) of the Act generally provides that a meeting of Council or its committees must be conducted in a place open to the public. However, Section 90(2) provides that a Council or its committees may order that the public be excluded from attendance at a meeting that it is considered necessary and appropriate to enable that meeting to receive, discuss or consider a matter in confidence.

Those matters are specified by Section 90(3) and include, for example, commercial information, legal advice, tenders, etc. Council chose to invoke Section 90(2) once during the year (to consider resuming the lease of the Wallaroo North Beach Caravan Park.

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 minute concerning the purchase of the Wallaroo North Beach Caravan Park imposing a time limit of 6 months.

Freedom of Information (FOI) Applications

Applications made to the District Council under the Freedom of Information Act 1991, containing the information required by the Regulations, are reported on as follows: At the beginning of the financial year no FOI applications were in process. No applications were received during the year. The District Council endeavours to make available information as and when requested, as well as taking appropriate action where records may be in error or require amendment. If necessary, formal requests for 'freedom of information' access must be made in writing, accompanied by the prescribed fee and should be addressed to the accredited Freedom of Information Officer as follows:

Freedom of Information Officer,
District Council of the Copper Coast,
51 Taylor Street,
KADINA S.A. 5554.

Electoral Representation Quotas and Reviews

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

The composition of the Council is reviewed periodically to reflect the principle for electoral purposes that each vote should have equal value. Accordingly, the last review of electoral representation involving changes to ward boundaries was completed during late 2002 with a further review in 2008. As of 28th February 2005, the number of electors per ward was Kadina 3,356 (3 Councillors), Paskeville 837 (1 Councillor), Moonta 3,876 (3 Councillors) and Wallaroo 3,716 (3 Councillors). The ward representation quota per member of Council was 1,225 – calculated as the total number of electors divided by the number of ward Councillors i.e. 12,250 enrolled electors represented by ten Councillors.

The current representation is, within a 10% tolerance and requires no adjustment.

Boundary Review

Procedures are available for electors to initiate submissions seeking boundary alterations and alterations to the composition of the Council or its representative structure. Public notice of the impending review is given, inviting interested persons to make written submissions to the Council on the subject of the review. Persons making submissions are also given the opportunity to appear personally before Council to be heard further. On completion of the review process, the District Council's report is made available for public inspection, with further public submission opportunity and personal hearing being also made available.

The final report of the District Council is then referred to the State Electoral Commissioner for due certification.

COUNCIL ELECTED STRUCTURE & REPRESENTATION TABLE [LGA 28/2/05]	Note 1 Electors	Note 1 Total Members (inc. Mayor)	Note 1 Representation quota	Note 1 Mayor or chair- person M/C	Note 1 Number of Wards	Note 1 Number of Area Councillors	Note 2 Aust Class. of LG (ACLG)
Alexandrina	21,676	12	1,806	M	5	0	RAV
Barossa Council	16,122	14	1,151	M	0	0	RAV
Berri Barmera	8,311	11	755	M	0	0	RAV
Copper Coast	12,250	11	1,113	M	4	0	RAV
Light Regional	9,772	11	888	M	4	0	RAV
Loxton Waikerie	9,281	13	713	M	0	0	RAV
Murray Bridge	14,025	10	1,402	M	3	0	RAV
Port Pirie	12,467	13	959	M	0	0	RAV
Victor Harbor	13,525	11	1,229	M	0	0	RAV
Wattle Range	10,460	12	871	M	4	0	RAV
Yorke Peninsula	14,274	12	1,189	M	3	0	RAV

Representation quota for the purpose of Schedule 4 (annual reports) of the Local Government Act 1999 was amended in 2002 to include all Members including Mayors. Note 1: Derived from information provided by the State Electoral Office current as at last close of roll (28/2/05). Note 2ACLG label RAV stands for Rural Agricultural Very Large.

Equal Opportunity

The District Council of the Copper Coast is committed to the principle of equal opportunity. In all policies and practices of the Council, there shall be no discrimination relating to gender, age, disability, marital status, parenthood, lawful sexual preference, race, colour, national extraction, social or ethnic origin, religion or political affiliation. To reflect its commitment to a workplace free of discrimination Council has adopted a workplace bullying policy. The Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare Act (1986) prescribes that it is the responsibility of the employer to provide a safe workplace for all employees and that no worker should be at risk in the workplace. If a worker's health and well being is affected, or they become ill, stressed or are away from work because of bullying then there are laws to help remedy the situation. If the bullying involves physical harm or the threat of a physical attack, then there are criminal laws to help protect workers. Persons bullied on the basis of gender, race or ethnic background, disability, sexual preference, marital status,

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

National Competition Policy

Council has no significant business activities.

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

Current Local Laws

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



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

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.

Rating Policy

This document sets out the policy of the District Council of the Copper Coast for setting and collecting rates from its community. The policy covers:

- method used to value land
- adoption of valuations
- business impact statement
- Council's revenue raising powers
- general rates
- differential general rates
- fixed charge
- service charge
- pensioner concessions
- unemployed persons concessions
- self funded retirees concessions
- payment of rates
- late payment of rates
- sale of land for non-payment of rates
- remission and postponement of rates
- rebate of rates
- disclaimer

Strategic Focus

In setting its rates for the 2004/2005 financial year the Council has considered the following:

- The District Council of the Copper Coast Corporate Plan 2002/2005.
- The current economic climate in which the major factors are: continued high levels of unemployment, dependence on the services industry including aged care as the major prospects for

employment, CPI, increases in insurance, water and electricity charges and relatively stable interest rates;

- The specific issues faced by our community, which are:
 - the need over the next five years for a significant capital works program to replace and upgrade infrastructure assets and plant;
 - the development of parks, sport and recreation facilities;
 - the continuation of services including collection of refuse and waste recycling
 - the continued promotion of tourism and development of community facilities
- the budget for the 2004/2005 financial year;
- the impact of rates on the community, including:
 - householders, businesses and primary producers;
 - the broad principle that the rate in the dollar should be the same for all properties except where there is clearly a different level of services available to ratepayers or some other circumstance which warrants variation from the broad principle (refer section on General Rates);
 - reducing levels of Government funding
 - the need to balance the communities capacity to pay with the needs and desires of the wider interests that form our community

The Corporate Plan and the Council's budget are available for inspection at the following locations:

The District Council of Copper Coast Office
51 Taylor Street
Kadina, 5554



Kadina Community Library
1 Doswell Terrace
Kadina, 5554

The District Council of Copper Coast
Branch Offices
5 John Terrace
Wallaroo, 5556

71 George Street
Moonta, 5558

The Council conducts public consultation on a broad range of issues relating to the future directions of the area. These meetings are always advertised in local papers. Electors and interested parties are welcome to attend. The Council also encourages feedback at anytime and such comments may be sent to:

Chief Executive Officer
District Council of Copper Coast
51 Taylor Street
Kadina 5554

Method Used to Value Land

The Council may adopt one of three valuation methodologies to value the properties in its area. They are:

- Capital Value – the value of the land and all of the improvements on the land.
- Site Value – the value of the land and any improvements which permanently affect the amenity or use of the land, such as drainage works, but excluding the value of buildings and other improvements.
- Annual Value – a valuation of the rental potential of the property.

The Council has decided to continue to use capital value as the basis for valuing land within the Council area. The Council considers that this method of valuing land provides the fairest method of distributing

the rate burden across all ratepayers on the following basis:

- the equity principle of taxation requires that ratepayers of similar wealth pay similar taxes and ratepayers of greater wealth pay more tax than ratepayers of lesser wealth;
- property value is a relatively good indicator of wealth and capital value, which closely approximates the market value of a property, provides the best indicator of overall property value;

Adoption of Valuations

The Council has adopted the valuations made by the Valuer-General as provided to the Council effective July 1st, 2004. If you are dissatisfied with the valuation made by the Valuer-General then you may object to the Valuer-General in writing, within 60 days of receiving this notice of the valuation, explaining the basis for the objection - provided you have not: (a) previously received a notice of this valuation under the Local Government Act, in which case the objection period is 60 days from the receipt of the first notice; or (b) previously had an objection to the valuation considered by the Valuer-General. The address of the Office of the Valuer-General is:

Office of the Valuer-General,
GPO Box 1354,
ADELAIDE SA 5001
Ph: 1300 653 345.

The Council has no role in this process. It is important to note that the lodgement of an objection does not change the due date for payment of rates.

Notional Values

Certain properties may be eligible for a notional value under the Valuation of Land Act 1971 where the property is the principal place of residence of a ratepayer. This can relate to certain primary production land or where there is State heritage recognition. A notional value is generally less than the capital value and this will result in reduced rates, unless the minimum rate already applies. Application for a notional value must be made to the Office of the Valuer-General.

Business Impact Statement

The Council has considered the impact of rates on all businesses in the Council area, including primary production. In considering the impact, Council assessed the following matters:

- The equity of the distribution of the rate burden – apart from the decision to provide a differential rate for all properties, as outlined under the heading “Differential General Rates”, the Council considers that all ratepayers receive broadly comparable services and are generally similarly impacted upon by prevailing economic conditions.
- Current local, state and national economic conditions and expected changes during the next financial year. The general economic climate is stable and appears likely to continue to be stable over the next twelve months. The major concern is the continued limited employment prospects for school leavers and other persons currently unemployed.
- Changes in the valuation to properties from the previous financial year noting that property values of Commercial, Rural and Residential properties have increased by about 20%. There is evidence that the value of coastal properties are increasing at a

substantial faster rate than other properties and the Council has taken this into consideration in setting the differential rates. Council is continuing to increasing the fixed charge on each assessment to cover essential services whilst reducing the rate in the dollar.

- Specific infrastructure development in the Kadina and Moonta Town Centres and the repayment of loan commitments.

General Rates

All land within a Council area, except for land specifically exempt (e.g. crown land, Council occupied land and other land prescribed in the Local Government Act – refer Section 147 of the Act), is rateable. The Local Government Act provides for a Council to raise revenue for the broad purposes of the Council through a general rate, which applies to all rateable properties.

At its meeting of 30th June 2004 the Council decided to raise rate revenue of \$5,523,700 in a total revenue budget of \$12,356,242. As a result of this decision the Council has set differential general rates as follows to raise the necessary revenue.

Differential General Rates

The Council has decided to impose differential general rates on the following properties: Land use designated as residential a rate of 0.26 cents in the dollar. Land use designated as Commercial - Shop or Commercial - Office or Commercial - Other, but not being land comprised within the Town Centre Kadina Zone or the Town Centre: (Moonta Historic Conservation) Zone a rate of 0.43 cents in the dollar. Land use designated as Industry - Light or Industry - Other, but not being land comprised within the Town Centre

Kadina Zone or the Town Centre: (Moonta Historic Conservation) Zone, a rate of 0.5 cents in the dollar. Land use, designated as Primary Production a rate of 0.17 cents in the dollar. Land use designated as Vacant Land be fixed a rate of 0.35 cents in the dollar. Land within the area of the Town Centre Kadina Zone as defined in the township of Kadina in the Council Development Plan, (maps CoCo/15 and 16 and Fig TCe(K)/1), but not land which has a land use designated as Residential or vacant, a rate of 0.5 cents in the dollar. Land within the area of the Town Centre: (Moonta Historic Conservation) Zone as defined in the township of Moonta in the Council Development Plan, (maps CoCo 21,24,25 and 26 and Fig TCe(M)(HC)/1), but not land which has a land use designated as Residential or vacant, a rate of 0.5 cents in the dollar.

Land use is used as the factor to levy differential rates. If a ratepayer believes that the Council as to its land use has wrongly classified a particular property then they may object (to the Council) to that land use within 21 days of being notified. A ratepayer may discuss the matter with the Rates Officer, on 88211600 in the first instance.

The Council will provide, on request, a copy of Section 156 of the Local Government Act, which sets out the rights, and obligations of ratepayers in respect of objections to a land use.

The objection must set out the basis for the objection and details of the land use that should be attributed to that property. The Council may then decide the objection as it sees fit and notify the ratepayer. A ratepayer also has the right to appeal against the Council's decision to the Land and Valuation Court.

Objections to the Council's decision may be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer, District Council of the Copper Coast, 51 Taylor Street, Kadina, 5554. It is important to note that the lodgement of an objection does not change the due date for payment of rates.

Fixed Charge

The Council has decided to impose a fixed charge of \$210. The fixed charge is levied against the whole of an allotment (including land under a separate lease or licence) only one fixed charge is levied against two or more pieces of adjoining land (whether intercepted by a road or not) if they are owned by the same owner and occupied by the same occupier. The reasons for imposing a fixed charge is the Council considers it appropriate that all rateable properties make a contribution to the cost of creating and maintaining the physical infrastructure that supports each property.

Service Charge

The Council provides a septic tank effluent disposal system to residential and commercial properties in Kadina and Wallaroo. The full cost of operating and maintaining this service for this financial year is budgeted to be \$151,240 and loan repayments of \$162,827.

Capital expenditure for this financial year is budgeted to be \$40,000. The Council will recover this cost through the imposition of a service charge as follows:

\$47.50 on each vacant allotment and \$95.00 on each building unit or building effluent unit served by the Kadina Septic Tank Effluent Disposal Scheme (S.T.E.D. Scheme);

\$45.00 on each building unit serviced by the Wallaroo Septic Tank Disposal Scheme 1 Wallaroo Hospital Section, Wallaroo Septic Tank Disposal Scheme 2 Wallaroo Owen Terrace Extension, Wallaroo Septic



Tank Disposal Scheme 3 Wallaroo Church Street Extension, Wallaroo Septic Tank Disposal Scheme Wallaroo Section 1808 Subdivision (Allotments 327-383) Extension, Wallaroo Septic Tank Disposal Scheme Wallaroo Section 500 Subdivision (Marina and Hospital) Extension, \$166.00 on each vacant allotment and \$171.00 on each building unit or building effluent unit served by the Wallaroo Septic Tank Effluent Disposal Scheme (S.T.E.D. Scheme).

Where the service is provided to non-rateable land, a service charge is levied against the land. Details on what constitutes a service charge for each Property Unit, and other information about the scheme, are available from the Council office on 88211600.

Pensioner Concessions

If you are an eligible pensioner you may be entitled to a rebate on your rates, if you do not currently receive one. Application forms, which include information on the concessions, are available from the Council at the District Council of the Copper Coast, 51 Taylor Street, Kadina 5554.

They are also available from the SA Water Corporation and its District Offices and the State Taxation Office. An eligible pensioner must hold a Pension Card, State Concession Card or be a T.P.I. Pensioner. You must also be responsible for the payment of rates on the property for which you are claiming a concession.

The State Government administers applications. Payment of rates by you should not be withheld pending assessment of your application, as penalties will apply to unpaid rates.

A refund will be paid to you if Council is advised that a concession applies and the rates have already been paid.

Unemployed Persons Concessions

The Department of Family and Community Services may assist with the payment of Council rates for your principal place of residence (remissions are not available on vacant land or rental premises). Please contact your nearest Department of Family and Community Services office for details.

Self Funded Retirees Concessions

A concession is available from 1 July 2001 and is administered by RevenueSA. If you are a self-funded retiree and currently hold a State Seniors Card you may be eligible for a concession toward Council Rates.

In case of couples, both must qualify, or if only one holds a State Seniors Card, the other must not be in paid employment for more than 20 hours per week. Further information is available by contacting RevenueSA Call Centre on 1300 366 150.

Payment Of Rates

The Council has decided that the payment of all rates will be by quarterly instalments, due on the 1st September 2004, 1st December 2004, 1st March 2005 and 1st June 2005.

Rates may be paid as follows:

- BPAY telephone bill-paying service for ratepayers who wish to pay their rates using the phone and belong to any of the participating banking institutions. This service is generally available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week;
- Payment through the mail by cheque/money order;

- Payment in person at the Council Offices at: 51 Taylor Street Kadina, 71 George Street Moonta and 5 John Terrace Wallaroo. Major Credit Cards are accepted for the EFTPOS facilities available at these centres.
- Internet by contacting your financial institution for availability of this option via BPAY

Any ratepayer who may, or is likely to, experience difficulty with meeting the standard payment arrangements is invited to contact the Office on 88211600 to discuss alternative payment arrangements. The Council treats such inquiries confidentially.

The Council has adopted a policy that where the payment of rates will cause a ratepayer demonstrable hardship, the Council is prepared to make extended payment provisions or defer the payment of rates.

Late Payment of Rates

The Local Government Act provides that if an instalment is not paid on or before the date on which it falls due the instalment will be regarded as being in arrears and a fine of 2 per cent of the amount of the instalment is payable.

A payment that continues to be late is then charged a prescribed interest rate on the expiration of each month that it continues to be late.

The Council allows a further three working days after the due date for payment as a grace period.

The Council is prepared to remit penalties for late payment of rates where ratepayers can demonstrate hardship or payment is received within the three days grace period.

The Council issues a final notice for payment of rates when rates are overdue ie. unpaid by the due date. Should rates remain unpaid more than 21 days after the issue of the final notice then the Council refers the debt to a debt collection agency for collection. The debt collection agency charges collection fees to the ratepayer.

When the Council receives a payment in respect of overdue rates the Council applies the money received in the following sequence:

- in payment of any costs awarded to, or recoverable by, the Council in any court proceedings undertaken by the Council for the recovery of the rates;
- in satisfaction of any liability for interest;
- in payment of any fine;
- in satisfaction of liabilities for rates in the order in which those liabilities were incurred.

Remission and Postponement of Rates

Section 182 of the Local Government Act permits the Council, on the application of the ratepayer, to partially or wholly remit rates or to postpone rates, on the basis of hardship. Where a ratepayer is suffering hardship in paying rates he/she is invited to contact Phil Brand on 88211600 to discuss the matter. The Council treats such inquiries confidentially.

Rebate of Rates

The Local Government Act requires Councils to rebate the rates payable for certain land uses.



This includes a minimum rebate of 75% for land predominantly used for educational purposes (subject to some qualifications) and land predominantly used for service delivery and administration by a community service organisation. Council allows a rebate of 100% for land predominantly used for agricultural, horticultural or floricultural exhibitions. Council is also allowing a rebate on residential properties with a capital value in excess of \$480,000 to provide relief against substantial change in rates payable due to rapid changes in valuation. The residential property needs to be the principle place of residence and owned by the resident prior to 1st July 2001. An application form to claim this rebate is available at the Council Offices.

Council's Rate Rebate Policy is available for inspection at the Council Office, 51 Taylor Street, Kadina.

Sale of Land for Non-Payment of Rates

The Local Government Act provides that a Council may sell any property where the rates have been in arrears for three years or more. The Council is required to notify the owner of the land of its intention to sell the land, provide the owner with details of the outstanding amounts, and advise the owner of its intention to sell the land if payment of the outstanding amount is not received within one month.

Disclaimer

A rate cannot be challenged on the basis of non-compliance with this policy and must be paid in accordance with the required payment provisions.

Where a ratepayer believes that the Council has failed to properly apply this policy it should raise the matter with the Council. In the first instance contact Phil

Brand on 88211600 to discuss the matter. If, after this initial contact, a ratepayer is still dissatisfied they should write to the Chief Executive Officer, District Council of Copper Coast, 51 Taylor Street, Kadina, 5554.