



## DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE COPPER COAST



# Annual Report

**2010/2011**

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*Front Cover Image:*

*May Queen entrants Fay Roberts, Hannah Crosby, Taylah Andrews, Aisha Cooper,  
Amanda Larwood (May Princess) and Niki Spurling at the Cavalcade of Cars display at Kadina oval.*

# Forward

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

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

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



## Message from the Mayor

**Paul Thomas**

*'The Copper Coast has been discovered as a place to live, a playground for young and old, a place for recreation and relaxation, in a natural and healthy environment.'*



*Mayor Paul Thomas, CEO of Bedford Industries Max Dyason and Board Member John Birkill at the opening of Bedford's Day Option Centre at Wallaroo in November 2010.*

Someone once wrote, *"We cannot direct the wind but we can adjust the sails"*. The year 2010/2011 has been a year of changes for the District Council of the Copper Coast.

The discovery of copper from our earth in 1859 and 1861, not only changed the physical, social and economic landscape of "Australia's Little Cornwall" but went on to contribute to the wealth of our state of South Australia.

During 2010/2011 the community celebrated the sesquicentenary with a yearlong calendar of events. We had concerts, church services, art exhibitions and a symbolic horse ride in June 2010 between the Copper Coast and Adelaide retracing the epic twenty two hour ride by William Horn to lodge the Moonta Mining claim. We must treasure our past to assure our future.

The November council elections heralded a change when the Copper Coast elected members were from the community collectively rather than an election following wards that paralleled former council boundaries.

The year 2010 was the Year of Women in Local Government. Similarly to the sesquicentenary, a calendar of events celebrated the achievement of women in councils and has encouraged the ongoing participation in Local Government. Our November council elections saw a change in the makeup of the elected body, especially with the inclusion of two women as elected members a change from an all male elected body in the previous period.

We recognise the service to the community of Brian Bussenschutt and Bruce Schmidt who did not seek re-election, also Graham Hancock, Geoff Male and Scott Newbold who were unsuccessful in their bid for re-election. The election field was the largest for a number of elections and this has been encouraging. The election of Cr Bell, Cr Brand, Cr Schulz, Cr Walker and Cr Woodforde has provided a council with new dimensions and direction.

The new term has begun with elected members undertaking training to assist them with the decision making and planning for the future needs of the community. The knowledge of the continuing members added to the five new members will inject positive vigour into the council.

Chief Executive Peter Dinning took up a further sea change and transferred from the Copper Coast to Alexandrina. Mr Dinning during his stewardship, allowed the council to review and strengthen our governance responsibilities. His six years with the Copper Coast encouraged the council to look at achievements, disappointments and opportunities for improvements. Those six years also saw the population growth fluctuate between 3.1% and 2.9%. The workforce grew to 83.4 FTE, that number of staff being a direct correlation to the population growth of the Council area and the increasing service requirements of the residents and visitors.

This period of rapid growth and development, is possibly only rivalled by the growth and expansion during the mining era of the late 1800's and early 1900's. We hear constantly of South Australia's mining boom and the opportunities that it will present, yet we

are still at the exploration stage, with the mining boom yet to materialise, however the exploration is undoubtedly uncovering a new wealth. The Copper Coast has been discovered as a place to live, a playground for young and old, a place for recreation and relaxation in a natural and healthy environment. In the future many miners may make the Copper Coast their home.

An acting CEO in Geoff Sheridan was appointed for the interim period before the appointment of Peter Harder as Chief Executive Officer. Mr Sheridan with a strong foundation in local government both in South Australia and overseas was able to offer stable support to the elected members and staff as they continued with the works programme and positioned the new council to prepare its budget.

CEO Peter Harder relocated to the Copper Coast with his young family from Tasmania and his experience from the private sector and keen commitment to his role has already been appreciated. Mr Harder was quickly challenged with infrastructure demands as a result of the strong growth of the Copper Coast. I am confident that CEO Peter Dinning, Acting CEO Geoff Sheridan and CEO Peter Harder have been well supported by a dedicated team of staff who collectively are playing an integral role meeting the needs of the community now and into the future.

Over the past few years in the wake of the Global Financial Crisis the Federal Government as part of their strategy to keep our economy strong, allocated funds on a per capita basis to each Local Government authority for community infrastructure. These projects were from a "wish list" not already part of the budget. However,

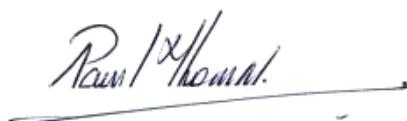
following the federal election this has now changed and funds are made available through the Regional Development Australia Fund and are allocated on a competitive basis.

There is no doubt that the elected body in the years to come will need to make some difficult decisions as we strive to provide a strong and sustainable community. The forthcoming review of our strategic plan, "Moving Toward 2020" will work with the community, making decisions about policies, establishing community priorities, application of scarce resources and balancing the needs of the Copper Coast.

With a year of changes, the Copper Coast did again stage the familiar and recognised major community events, like Kernewek Lowender, planning for

the Paskeville Field Days and several major sporting fixtures, these showcasing the community to visitors from intrastate, interstate and internationally. For those of us who are fortunate to call the Copper Coast our home it was again an opportunity to highlight that we are indeed

***"Proud of our Past and Confident of our Future".***



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



*Historic Photo: Council Office opening at Kadina in 1993 pictured above left to Right are Councillors Dean Price, Paul Thomas, Graham Wearn (Mayor), Kevin Harrop, Maureen Stevens, (Deputy Mayor), Gerald Cope, Sandra Wood, Donald Binney, John Shane (CEO), Peter Thompson and Edward Mason.*

# Chief Executive Officer's Message

Peter Harder

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



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

These achievements are supported by a number of plans, our Strategic Plan "Moving Toward 2020", Infrastructure and Long Term Finance Plan and Business Plans all which will shape our community in a positive way and provide a framework for the future development of the Copper Coast.

It has been another successful year as the Council area matures and we outline our achievements. I would like to thank all those involved with the successes of 2010/11 as the Council has worked diligently and consistently to build its position as a leader in the region and gained a reputation for being a Council committed to its community through the advancement of social and community benefits.

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

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

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



*Historic Photo: Wallaroo Town Hall c1902*

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

for the best foreseeable outcome for the community.

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

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

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

## **Council's Vision**

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

As an elected body the 10 Councillors, capably lead by the Mayor work for their community, making decisions about policies, establishing community priorities, application of scarce resources and balancing the needs of the Copper Coast. The Councillor's vision is honed by engagement with residents, an understanding of Government Policy and their compliance with legislation, both State

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

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

In the year 2010 the population has reached approximately 13,000, not surprisingly, but some would say ambitiously, the Council amalgamation document projected a population increase of 2.9% per annum.

In 2007 to 2009 the annual population increase fluctuated between 3.1% and 2.9%.

No one in 1996 predicted a Global Financial Crisis that has been recently endured, the resulting "slow down" for the Copper Coast in 2008/9 was minimal, such was the momentum of growth for the Copper Coast Council area. In 1996 the Council identified that the region had 4 key strengths and the strategic plan of that era sought to build on:

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

These identified strengths have, 14 years later, improved with the ageing process, while at the same time the metropolitan area of Adelaide and

outer suburbia has shifted closer to the Copper Coast.

The Council of the day in 1996 had a workforce of 42.1 Full Time Equivalent employees (FTE), the workforce in 2010 comprises 83.4 FTE, the number of staff being a direct correlation to the population growth of the Council area and the increasing service requirements of the residents.

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



*Historic Photo: A group of Picky Boys and Men at Wallaroo Mines c 1908*

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

The current Council has governed in a period of rapid growth and

development, possibly only rivalled by the growth and expansion during the mining era of the 1800's and early 1900's. We hear constantly of South Australia's mining boom and the opportunities that it will present, yet we are still in the exploration stage. The mining boom has not yet materialized, however the exploration is undoubtedly uncovering a new wealth.

The Copper Coast has been discovered as a place to live, a playground for young and old, a place for outdoor recreation and relaxation in a natural and healthy environment. These riches alone are worthy of exploration, their collective values are capable of producing a bounty of wellbeing, prosperity, opportunity and an area focused on sustainability.

Whether it is discovery of the Copper Coast or an era of rediscovery, there are exciting times ahead.

The Council's current Strategic Plan, "Moving Toward 2020" has five main objectives;

- **Wellbeing**
- **Sustainability**
- **Prosperity**
- **Opportunity**
- **Leadership**

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

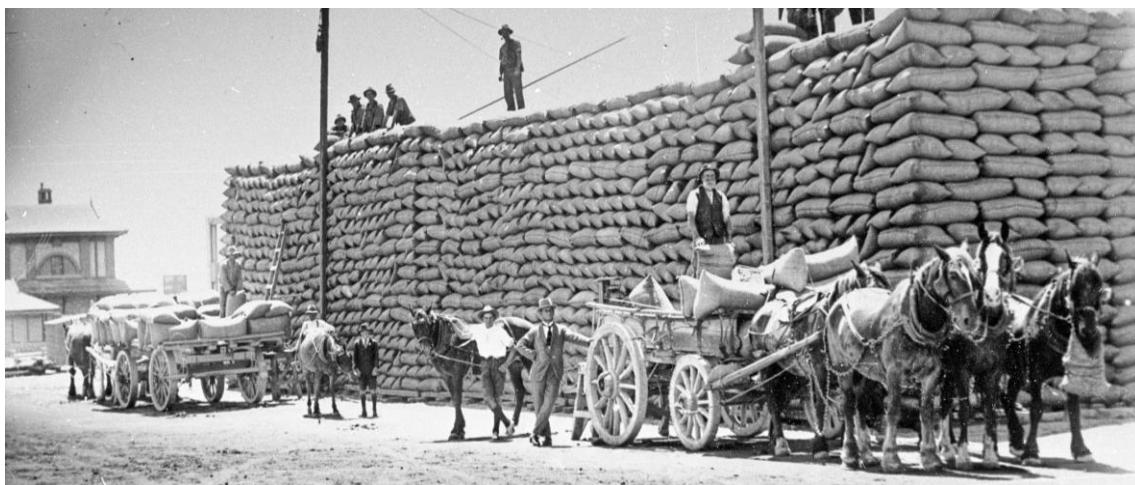
The District Council of the Copper Coast Strategic Plan is underpinned by Council's Business Plan "Our Community" such is the commitment of the Mayor and Elected Members who provide a strong sense of community leadership by working with the residents, and strengthening the social and economic fabric of the Copper Coast.

Whether it is reflected in a glance in the rear vision mirror or a futuristic view, by looking forward; the Council's vision remains

***"Proud of our Past and Confident of our Future".***



Peter Harder,  
**Chief Executive Officer**



*Historic Photo: Grain stacks at Moonta in the 1930's*

# Executive Services

## Outgoing Elected Body November 2010



Back Row L - R: John Gross, Adrian Hatcher, Craig Costello, Geoff Male, Graham Hancock, William (Bill) Clarke and Scott Newbold.

Front Row L - R: Bruce Schmidt, Peter Dinning (CEO), Paul Thomas (Mayor), Dean Rodda (Deputy Mayor) and Brian Bussenschutt.

## Current Elected Members



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

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

## The Area in Focus

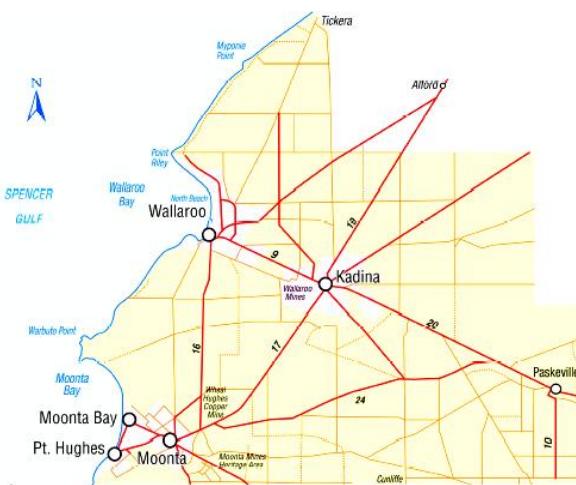
*'Located a comfortable hour and a half drive from Adelaide, this region of the Yorke Peninsula is rich in history and thriving with coastal developments.'*

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

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

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

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



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

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

The Copper Coast has a healthy fishing industry supporting scale fish, prawn, crab and abalone fisheries. Oyster and mussel farming are fast emerging as an industry of the future.

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

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

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

The Victoria, Queen and Davies Town Squares of Kadina, Moonta and

Wallaroo respectively continue to provide an important open space, reflecting the civic pride of each town community.

Generous areas of foreshore reserve, with their sandy beaches and safe swimming are set-aside at Port Hughes, Moonta Bay, Wallaroo and North Beach. The Port Hughes, Moonta Bay and Wallaroo jetties provide popular recreational fishing venues. Excellent boat launching facilities are provided at Port Hughes, including a boat service pontoon, protective breakwater and extensive trailer parking. Boat facilities are also available at Wallaroo as part of the Copper Cove Marina Development.

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

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

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

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

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

## The Council

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

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

The District Council covers an area of some 773 square kilometres, servicing a population of approximately 13,000 people and over one hundred thousand visitors annually. The South Australian population trends indicate a slight growth rate of less than 1% pa, while the Council's growth rate still

exceeds 2.5%, with the trend expected to continue.

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

## Decision Making Structure

The full **Council** – the Mayor and ten Councillors, meet formally on the first Wednesday of every month in the Town Hall, Kadina. Prior to the election this meeting was held at 5pm, since the election in November 2010 this meeting has been held at 7pm. The Council is the decision making body on all policy matters.

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

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

Council and CDAP 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. Following a review of the Council's existing structure of governance a decision was made at the May 6<sup>th</sup> 2009 meeting of Council to implement a committee structure which introduced the role of advisory committees established pursuant to Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1999 and comprise both Council and community members.

As such Council established four (4) "Advisory Committees".

The Advisory Committees are titled as follows:

The following is the record of attendance of Elected Members for the 2010/11 financial year for Council.

### **Full Council**

	Meetings Attended (out of 15)	Leave of Absence Granted	Apology Recorded	Non-attendance
Mayor Thomas	15	-	-	-
Cr. Bussenschutt*	6	-	-	-
Cr. Clarke	13	-	2	-
Cr. Costello	14	-	1	-
Cr. Gross	15	-	-	-
Cr. Hancock*	5	-	1	-
Cr. Hatcher	10	1	4	-
Cr. Male*	6	-	-	-
Cr. Newbold*	5	-	1	-
Cr. Rodda	13	-	2	-
Cr. Schmidt*	5	-	1-	-
Cr. Bell **	9	-	-	-
Cr. Brand**	8	1	-	-
Cr. Schultz**	9	-	-	-
Cr. Walker**	9	-	-	-
Cr. Woodforde**	9	-	-	-

Denotes \* Outgoing Members (July – Nov) \*\* Incoming Elected Members (Dec – June)

- Community Advisory Committee
- Corporate Advisory Committee
- Environment Advisory Committee
- Infrastructure Advisory Committee

This was later changed and the Corporate and Community Services meetings were combined into 1 as were the Infrastructure and Environment meetings.

The Advisory Committees have been aligned with the organisational structure of the Council and undertakes a role of advising Council on matters of business related to the strategic direction of the Council as contained in the Council's Strategic Plan "Moving Toward 2020".

There is also the Audit Committee which has a minimum of 4 meetings per year.

The following is the record of attendance of Advisory Committee Members for Council for the period July – October 2010.

### **Corporate Advisory Committee**

	Meetings Attended (out of 4)	Leave of Absence Granted	Apology Recorded	Non-attendance
Cr. Schmidt (Presiding Member)	3	-	1	-
Cr. Bussenschutt	4	-	-	-
Cr. Gross	3	-	1	-
Cr. Hatcher	4	-	-	-
J. Kirk	2	-	2	-
R. Talbot (new member May)	4	-	-	-
Mayor Thomas (Ex-officio)	3	-	-	-

### **Community Advisory Committee**

	Meetings Attended (out of 4)	Leave of Absence Granted	Apology Recorded	Non-attendance
Cr. Gross (Presiding Member)	4	-	-	-
Cr. Hancock	3	-	1	-
Cr. Newbold	4	-	-	-
Cr. Rodda	4	-	-	-
P. Kerr	3	-	1	-
S. Rowe Sims	4	-	-	-
Mayor Thomas (Ex-officio)	1	-	-	-

### **Infrastructure Advisory Committee**

	Meetings Attended (out of 4)	Leave of Absence Granted	Apology Recorded	Non-attendance
Cr. Bussenschutt (Presiding Member)	4	-	-	-
Cr. Costello	3	-	1	-
Cr. Male	4	-	-	-
Cr. Schmidt	2	-	2	-
M. Pope	4	-	-	-
M. Kay	3	-	1	-
Mayor Thomas (Ex-officio)	3	-	-	-

### Environment Advisory Committee

	Meetings Attended (out of 4)	Leave of Absence Granted	Apology Recorded	Non-attendance
Cr. Male (Presiding Member)	4	-	-	-
Cr. Clarke	4	-	-	-
Cr. Costello	3	-	1	-
Cr. Hancock	4	-	-	-
S. McIntosh	3	-	1	-
P. Turner	-	-	-	4
Mayor Thomas (Ex-officio)	1	-	-	-

The first meeting of Council in December 2010 after the Council Election the Advisory Committees were merged and reduced from 4 Committees to 2 Committees.

The following is the record of attendance of Advisory Committee Members for Council for the period January 2011 – June 2011.

### Corporate and Community Advisory Committee

	Meetings Attended (out of 6)	Leave of Absence Granted	Apology Recorded	Non-attendance
Cr. Hatcher (Presiding Member)	4	-	2	-
Cr. Bell	6	-	-	-
Cr. Clarke	6	-	-	-
Cr. Costello	6	-	-	-
Cr. Walker	5	-	1	-
P. Kerr	5	-	1	-
S. Rowe Sims	3	3	1	-
R. Talbot	4	-	2	-
S. Newbold *	4	-	-	-
Mayor Thomas (ex-officio)	4	-	-	-

Denotes \* Member since March 2011

### Infrastructure and Environment Advisory Committee

	Meetings Attended (out of 6)	Leave of Absence Granted	Apology Recorded	Non-attendance
Cr. Gross (Presiding Member)	5	-	1	-
Cr. Brand	6	-	-	-
Cr. Rodda	5	-	1	-
Cr. Schultz	6	-	-	-
Cr. Woodforde	6	-	-	-
M. Kay	5	-	1	-
S. McIntosh	4	-	2	-
M. Pope	5	-	1	-
P. Turner *	-	-	-	3
Mayor Thomas (ex-officio)	1	-	-	-

Denotes \* Member Resigned 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011

The following is the record of attendance of Members for the Council Development Assessment Panel for the 2010/11 financial year.

### Council Development Assessment Panel

	Meetings Attended (out of 9)	Leave of Absence Granted	Apology Recorded	Non-attendance
Member Meier (Presiding Member)	8	1	-	-
Member Clarke*	2	-	-	-
Member Horsell	9	-	-	-
Member March*	2	-	-	-
Member Rodda	8	-	1	-
Member Wood	9	-	-	-
Member Newbold*	2	-	-	-
Member Hancock**	7	-	-	-
Cr. Brand**	7	-	-	-
Cr. Woodforde**	7	-	-	-

Denotes \* Outgoing Members (July – Oct) \*\* Incoming Elected Members (Dec – June)

### Audit Committee

The following is the record of attendance of Advisory Committee Members for Council for the period January 2011 – June 2011.

	Meetings Attended (out of 6)	Leave of Absence Granted	Apology Recorded	Non-attendance
Mayor Paul Thomas	6	0	0	0
Cr. Bruce Schmidt *	1	0	1	0
Cr. Craig Costello	4	0	1	0
Mr. Alan Rushbrook	6	0	0	0
Cr. Phil Brand **	4	0	0	0

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## Council Financial Resources

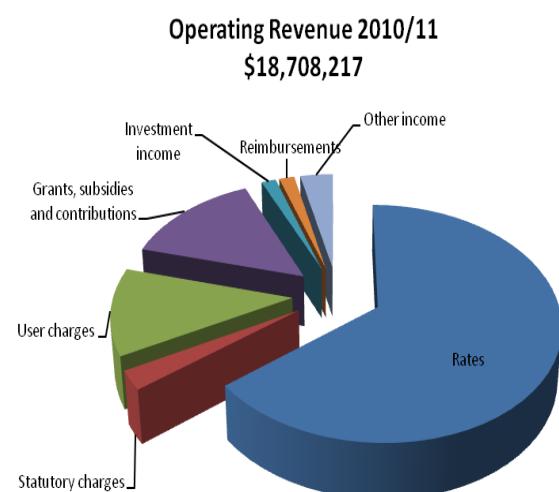
*'A full audited copy of the General Purpose Financial Reports for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011 is included under Part 2 of this report.'*

A full audited copy of the General Purpose Financial Reports for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, pursuant to the Local Government Act 1999 - Section 131, is included under Part 2 of this report.

Council returned an operating surplus for the 2010/2011 financial year of \$399,959 however after capital income and other comprehensive income this was a loss of \$2,651,652. This result was as a result of a revaluation of land and buildings during the year which resulted in a change in the revaluation surplus of (\$4,660,675). There was also a reduction in the number of assets received from developers which council then assumes ownership.

### Operating Income

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



In addition to the Operating Revenue Council received other Government Grants and Subsidies to assist in the purchase of new or upgraded assets (\$870,354) and Other Contribution Income (\$794,258).

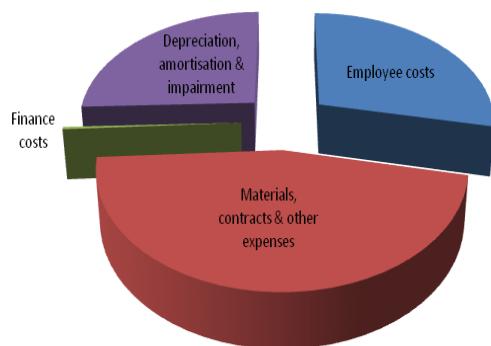
Other Contribution Income represents contributions received in the form of physical assets transferred to Council free of charge from developers as part of private land developments. These take the form of roads, footpaths, storm water drainage and common effluent systems.

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.

### **Operating Expenditure**

The Operating Expenditure for the financial year was incurred in the following operational areas, Employee Costs, Materials, Contractual Services, Other Expenses and Depreciation.

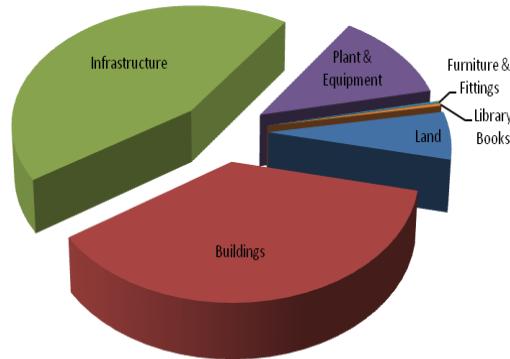
Operating Expenditure 2010/11  
\$18,308,258



### **Capital Expenditure**

Along with Operating Expenditure the Council is committed to maintaining its fixed assets base. The Wallaroo Community Sporting Complex is due for completion in September 2011 and is a significant addition to the Community's assets.

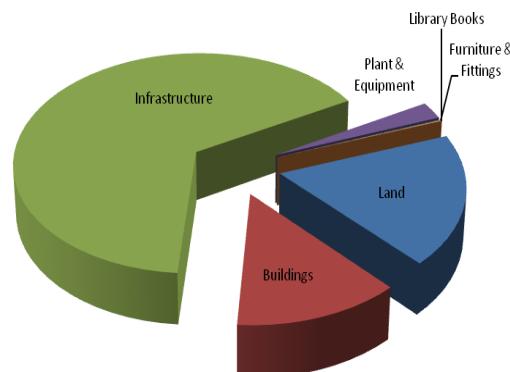
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### **Non Current Assets**

The Non Current Assets of Council are significant and Land, Buildings and Other Infrastructure were subject to a revaluation as at 30 June 2011. The remaining fixed assets will be revalued during the next financial year.

Non Current Assets 2010/11



## Financial Sustainability

Note 15 of the General Purpose Financial Report for the financial year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011 reports on the Key Financial Indicators used to assess Council with regards to its financial sustainability.

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

Council has a suite of documents and plans that summarise the future direction of the Council. These plans form part of the Council's overall Strategic Plan and will provide a path forward into the future that guarantees the long term sustainability of the Council. The Strategic Plan will be reviewed during 2011/2012.

## Financial Controls

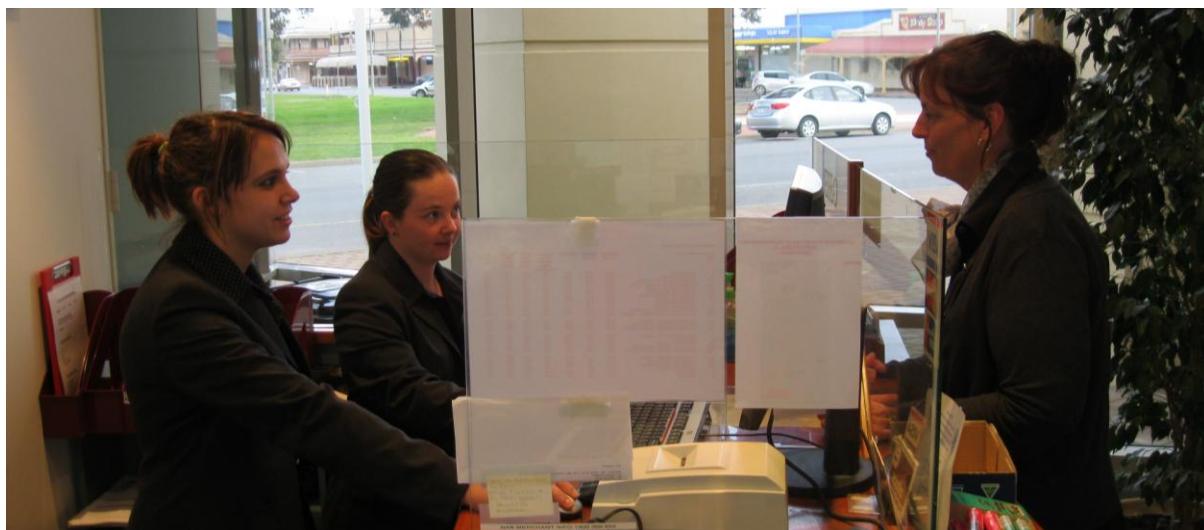
Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1999 requires Council to have appropriate policies, practices and procedures to ensure that its activities are carried out efficiently and in a manner that safeguards Council's assets and the integrity of its records.

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

Reviews of the financial information are undertaken on a quarterly basis and presented along with policies, procedures and controls to the relevant committee prior to consideration by Council. These policies, procedures and the relevant committee meeting agendas and minutes are available on Council's website.

During 2010/2011 Council adopted an Internal Control Policy. Council policies are available on the Council Website.

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*Customer service staff at the Kadina council office*

## Elected Members

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

As principal member of the Council, the Mayor is elected by the whole District Council electorate; the Deputy Mayor being appointed from within the Elected Council by the Councillors themselves. For electoral purposes, the District Council area was divided into four wards. Prior to the election in 2010 there was Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo Wards represented by three Councillors each and the Paskeville Ward with one Councillor.



*New elected members, Bev Schultz and David Woodforde, enjoying the Australia Day Awards dinner.*

## The Members of the Council Prior to November 2010

For the period ending November 2010 members of the District Council of the Copper Coast were Paul Thomas, Mayor; Craig Costello, Scott Newbold and Dean Rodda (Deputy Mayor) as Councillors for the Kadina Ward; Graham Hancock, Adrian Hatcher and Bruce Schmidt as Councillors for the Moonta Ward; Bill Clarke, John Gross and Geoff Male as Councillors for the Wallaroo Ward and Brian Bussenschutt as Councillor for the Paskeville Ward.

The term of office for those members of the District Council of the Copper Coast concluded at the November 2010 elections.

## The Members of the Council Post November 2010

Following the election the ward structure no longer existed and members represented the entire Council area.

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

Elected Members 2006 - 2010



Mayor Paul  
D.K. Thomas,  
JP



Deputy Mayor  
Dean Rodda



Geoff Male



Graham  
Hancock



Adrian Hatcher



Bill Clarke



Brian  
Bussenschutt



Bruce Schmidt



Craig Costello



John Gross



Scott Newbold

Elected Members 2010 – 2011



Mayor Paul  
D.K. Thomas,  
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Deputy Mayor  
Dean Rodda



Phil Brand



Su Bell



Adrian Hatcher



Bill Clarke



Bev Schultz



David  
Woodford



Craig Costello



John Gross



Brent Walker

## Strategic Plan - Moving Toward 2020

The District Council of the Copper Coast Strategic Plan 2008 – 2018 ‘Moving Toward 2020’ forms part of the Council’s overall strategic management plans.

The Strategic Plan is the overarching framework for 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 2008 – 2018 ‘Our Community’ links the key strategies to action statements with targets and outcomes for each financial year. At departmental level it is translated into an Annual Operating Plan.

### Reviews

In 2010/11, Council reviewed its suite of plans pursuant to Section 122 (4) of the Local Government Act ensuring alignment with key directions and strategies together with resourcing provisions and legislative compliance.

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

### Objectives

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

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

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

Annually Council aligns budgets and programs against its key directions and strategies while periodically also reviewing its strategic plan as it continues “Moving Toward 2020”. The current Strategic Plan was adopted in October 2008.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Moonta Office  
Moonta Tourist Office  
Blanche Terrace, Moonta SA 5558

Wallaroo Office  
5 John Terrace  
Wallaroo SA 5556

## Objectives, Goals, Functions and Key Strategies

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

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

## Progressing the Plan

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

### Social Objective – Wellbeing

Council has made a strong commitment to youth in the region with ongoing youth programs including, Youth Week activities, annual youth festivals, Youth Network and the Copper Coast Youth Advisory Council (15 members). Council actively works with both local and state wide agencies to progress the State Government Youth Action Plan. Council's Youth Development Officer is a representative on the Yorke Peninsula Youth Workers Network and Board Member of the Yorke Youth Services and Uniting Care Wesley, and Board Chair of Wesley Country Housing.

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

Outcomes from the Elder Friendly Communities Program have been implemented and community development opportunities have been explored. The Mayors Community Fund continued to be a vehicle to distribute funds to community groups and individuals.



*Elder Friendly Representatives  
Cathleen Field and Helen Williamson  
with Councils CEO Peter Harder.*

Community Grants in excess of \$103, 000 were distributed to local community groups and charities.

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

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

Council continues to be aware of its responsibilities within the Copper Coast Policing Model and plays an active role in the Copper Coast Licensing Accord and Emergency Services groups. The Council continues to work toward providing a safe environment for residents and visitors.

The By-laws of Council were reviewed and updated in 2009/10. The Community Emergency Risk Management Plan was reviewed and updated in May 2011.

The support of ongoing traineeship employment program within Council provided for 1 administration, 1 tourism, 1 library services and 2 horticultural trainees. The Student Learning Opportunities Program continued with the placement of 5 students.

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

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

### **Environmental Objective – Sustainability**

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

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

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

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

preservation of our natural environment.



*Port Hughes Coastal environment*

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

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

Council’s works program continues to be the major focus of works and services on an annual basis. Works in 2010/11 have included:

#### Road Construction - sealed

- Ryan Street, Moonta
- George Street, Moonta
- Lawrence Street, Kadina
- Tickera Road, Kadina
- Drain Road - Stage 1, Kadina
- Park Terrace, Wallaroo
- Chatfield Terrace - Stage 2, Wallaroo

#### Road Construction – unsealed

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

#### Footpaths

- John Olsen Drive, Kadina
- Isleworth Street, North Beach

### Drainage

- Chapman and Moonta Roads
- Highview Grove, Moonta
- Diagonal Road/Kadina Road, Wallaroo

Council's immunisation program continued throughout 2010/11 under the supervision of the Environmental Health Officer.

The officer also undertook 12 food inspections, 1 audit and issued 6 notices under the Food Act.

### Economic Objective – Prosperity

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

Throughout 2010/11 Council has engaged in Sports Marketing working closely with Complete Sports Development. This program aims to attract state, national and international sporting events leading to increased visitors to the region and greater participation in sports at a local level.

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

### Cultural Objective – Opportunity

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

Work was almost completed on the Wallaroo Community Sports Centre, Wallaroo Foreshore Café and Wallaroo Mines Institute.

Council received funding for the upgrade of the Wallaroo Mines Institute building. Future applications for funding will be submitted for ongoing development of the regions recreation and leisure areas.

The Kernewek Lowender festival was held again during the 2010/11 year. The Festival comprised of 43 events and an additional 26 associated activities over 6 days. This event played a significant role in regional tourism by attracting visitors to the region, generating spending and creating leverage to promote the Yorke Peninsula. A total of 55,768 attendances were registered – that is tickets sold or people at events.

In January 2011 'Out of the Ordinary' aired on Channel 7 showcasing the District Council of Copper Coast's commitment to work in partnership with local groups to showcase the areas unique history and events.



*Filming at Moonta Cemetery as part of the 'Out of the Ordinary' television series.*

Council continued to support local events including the Copper Cove Marina Festival, The Antiques and Collectable Fair, Christmas pageants, New Year celebrations, Australia Day, Anzac Day and support of various events through financial and in kind support.

### **Governance Objective - Leadership**

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

- Council's policies and procedures,
- By-laws,
- Annual Business Plan and Budget, and
- Long term financial plan.

Further to this Council undertook an annual Community Survey during March 2011 to review the community's feedback on performance.

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

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



*Council's Copper Post newsletter, released quarterly.*

The Mayor continued to hold a regular listening post and sessions on the radio.

Council reviewed a 10 year Long Term Financial Plan in 2011 incorporating the proposed CWMS project expansion. The plan considered projects over the short, medium and long term. This plan will undergo a comprehensive review in line with the Strategic Plan in 2011/12

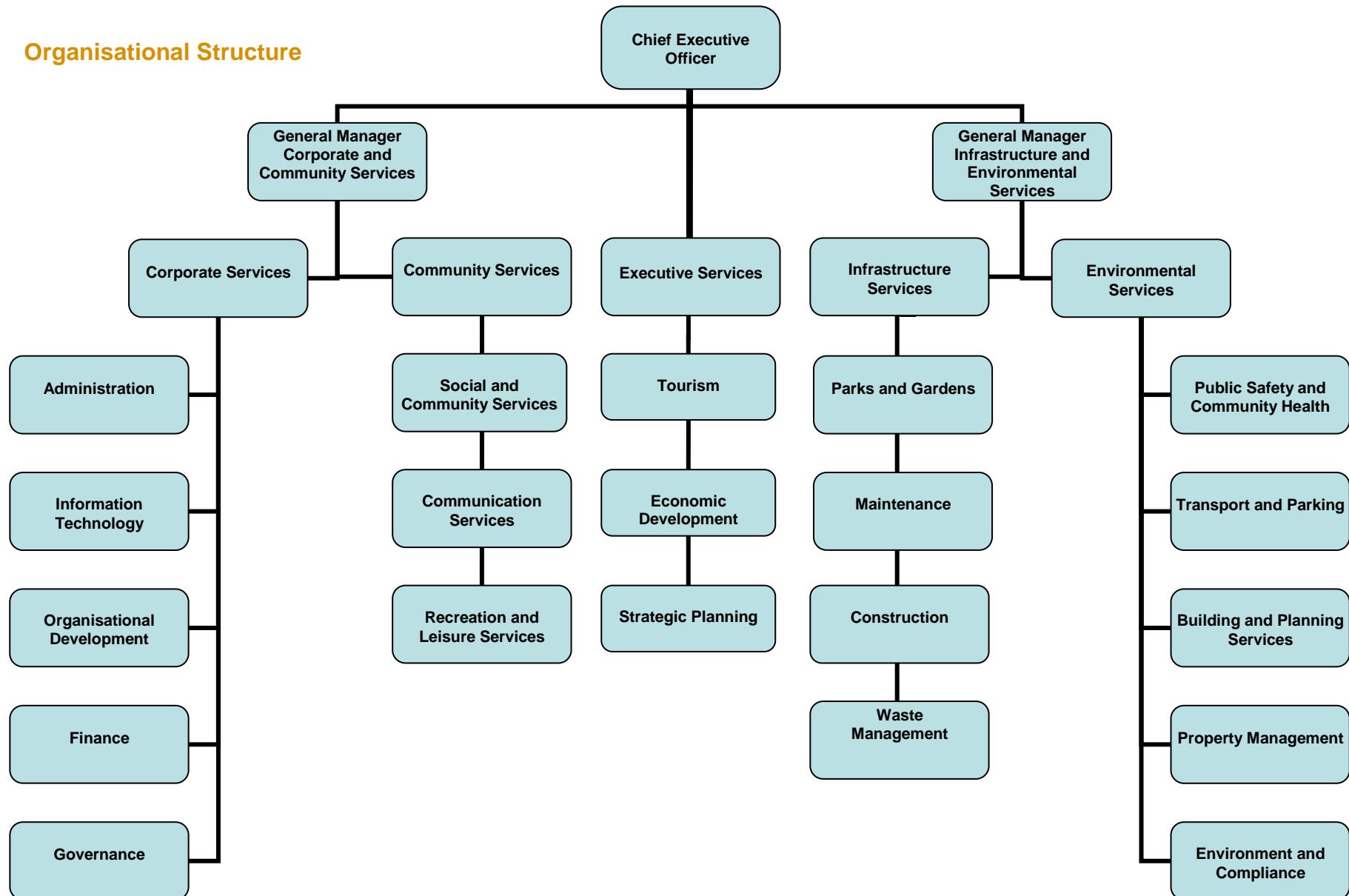
An internal control audit, Occupational Health and Safety and Risk Management KPI Audits and external financial audits were completed during the financial year with Council receiving positive results. Action plans have developed to implement and monitor non-conformance areas.

Council has maintained its involvement with the Australian Local Government Association, Central Local Government Region and the Yorke Peninsula Council Alliance.

Both internal and external service standards continue to be reviewed and improved for Customer Service.

The Risk Management Framework Policy was reviewed and updated. A regional risk coordinator works with Council staff to ensure compliance with legislation and to assist with the implementation of policy changes.

## Organisational Structure



**Functional Service Areas**

**CORPORATE SERVICES**

**Administration**

Records Management  
Customer Service  
Commercial Activities

**Information Technology**

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

**Organisational Development**

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

**Finance**

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

**Governance**

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

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Social and Community Services**

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

**Communication Services**

Marketing  
Web Development  
Communication  
Community Engagement  
Public Relations  
Publications

**Recreation and Leisure Services**

Recreation Planning and Development  
Aquatic Services  
Leisure Facilities  
Arts and Cultural Development

**Yorke Peninsula Employment**

Employment Services  
Mentoring  
Community Visitors Scheme  
Driving School  
Labour Hire

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**Public Safety and Community Health**

Food Safety  
Public Safety

- Law and Order

Community Health  
Immunisations  
Alcohol and Drug Strategy

- Sharps
- Liquor Licensing/Dry Areas

**Transport and Parking**

Community Transport

- Cars
- Buses

Vehicle Fleet-Administration  
Parking Management  
Parking Control

**Building and Planning Services**

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

**Property Management**

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

**Environment and Compliance**

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

**INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

**Parks And Gardens**

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

**Open Space**

**Maintenance**

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

**Construction**

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

## Statutory Information

### Annual Information Statement

The District Council of the Copper Coast was proclaimed in May 1997 as a local government authority, with all statutory responsibilities and powers, for an area of the Northern Yorke Peninsula containing the Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo urban and rural areas – adjoining the District Councils of Yorke Peninsula and Barunga West. The principal district office of the District Council is located at 51 Taylor Street (Town Hall), Kadina, and is open Monday to Friday, 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Branch offices are located at the old Railway Station, Blanche Terrace, Moonta and at 5 John Terrace, Wallaroo. The office at Moonta is open 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., Mondays to Fridays and the office at Wallaroo is open 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., Tuesdays to Fridays. These hours are to be reviewed in 2011/2012.

Council comprises a Mayor and ten Councillors. The ordinary meeting of Council is held, on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Taylor Street Kadina. Prior to the election these meetings were held at 5pm. Corporate and Community, Infrastructure and Environmental Advisory Committees meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 7.00 p.m. also in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Taylor Street, Kadina. Council's Officers are empowered to make certain decisions within distinct parameters under Council's powers of delegated authority, and are detailed in the Register of Delegations. The structure of these committees is to be reviewed in 2011/2012.

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

Every meeting of the Council, Council Committees and of CDAP is open to the public to attend.

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

Council, Council Committee and CDAP 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 Council's policies and functions generally by written submissions to Council on virtually every conceivable local government function.

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

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

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

### **Information available for Inspection**

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

#### **General Documents -**

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

#### **Registers –**

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

#### **Codes -**

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

#### **Policies/Procedures –**

- Accounting Policy Notes\*
- Asset Impairment Policy\*
- Asset Revaluation Policy \*
- Audit Committee Terms of Reference\*
- Banner Pole Policy \*
- Behaviour in Library Policy \*
- Bonding Agreement for Damage to Council Infrastructure Policy\*
- Building Inspection Policy\*
- Caretaker Policy\*
- Cemetery Operational Guidelines\*
- Children and Vulnerable Persons Policy\*
- Collection Development Policy \*
- Community Grants Policy\*
- Council Induction Policy \*
- Competitive Tendering, Contracting, Purchasing, Sale and Disposal of Land and Other Assets Policy\*
- CWMS Policy \*
- Complaints Handling and Grievance Procedure Policy\*
- Control of Election Signs Policy\*
- Council Building Inspection Policy\*
- Council Enforcement Policy\*
- Debt Collection Policy\*
- Elected Member’s Allowance and Support Policy\*
- Fees and Charges Policy\*
- Flag Flying Policy \*
- Fraud and Corruption Policy\*
- Funding Policy \*
- Information Privacy Policy\*
- Internal Review of Council Decisions Policy \*
- Landscaping Policy\*

- Mayors Community Fund Guidelines\*
- Media and Communication Policy \*
- Order Making Policy\*
- Postponement of Connection Fee Policy – CWMS \*
- Public Consultation Policy\*
- Rainwater Tank Policy\*
- Rates Rebate Policy\*
- Rating Policy\*
- Risk Management Policy\*
- Roadside Signage Policy and Guidelines\*
- Street Stall Policy\*
- Street Tree Policy\*
- Training and Development Policy\* for Elected Members\*
- Treasury Management Policy\*
- Volunteers Policy\*
- Whistleblowers Act Policy\*

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

*Note: \*available on Council's website [www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au](http://www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au).*

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

In accordance with the provisions of the Remuneration Act 1990, the Local Government Act 1999 and the City of Adelaide Act 1998, the Remuneration Tribunal is required to determine the allowances payable to council members of local government councils. The Local Government Act and the City of Adelaide Act require that the Tribunal determine such allowances on a four-yearly basis. Previously, each Council under section 76 to 80 of the Local Government Act 1999 developed and adopted their own allowances & benefits which were outlined in the Elected Members Allowances and Support Policy.

The annual allowances payable during the 2010-2011 financial year are: Mayoral Allowance \$45,200 per annum; Deputy Mayor's Allowance and Presiding Members of Standing Committees \$14,125 and other elected members \$11,300.

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

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

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

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

During 2010/11 the Mayor and Elected Members attended training sessions including Elected Members Post Election training, Code of Conduct training, delegation training, CDAP training and Planning Legal Training

on Land Management Agreements. In August a Council Election Candidate briefing session was held for interested candidates, seeking to nominate for election.

### **Senior Executive Officers**

The District Council's organisational structure provides for the Chief Executive Officer and two Executive Officers. The Chief Executive Officer, General Manager Corporate and Community Services and General Manager Infrastructure and Environmental Services have salary

'packages' ranging between \$100,000 to \$200,000 that include salary, superannuation and the use of fully maintained vehicles. The Register of Remuneration, Allowances and Benefits is available for public inspection.

### **Mayor's Community Fund**

During the 2010-2011 financial year Council received donations for the Mayor's Community Fund totalling \$20,268.47 and allocated donations totalling \$24,529.37.

### **Staffing**

As at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011 the District Council had a total of 80 equivalent full time (EFT) positions. The breakdown of staff numbers by gender, employment type and department is shown in the following table:

District Council Employees:	Male	Female
<b>Offices, Libraries and Service Facilities</b>		
Senior Executives	2.0	1.0
Administration Services - General	2.8	17.2
Economic Services - Tourism, Development	0.0	2.4
Engineering Services - Works Supervision	5.0	0.0
Environmental Services - Building, Nuisances	7.6	0.0
Community Services - Libraries, Community	1.0	7.1
<b>TOTAL INSIDE EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>27.7</b>
<b>At Depots (Construction, Maintenance)</b>		
Construction, Maintenance, inc Cleaning	25.5	0.4
Parks, Gardens and Reserves	4.0	0.0
Waste Management (Recycling Centres)	2.6	0.0
Workshop Servicing	1.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL OUTSIDE EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>33.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>28.1</b>

## **Exclusion of the Public from Meetings**

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

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

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

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

## **Confidential Documents**

Section 91(1)-(6) of the Act generally provides that minutes of meeting proceedings must be kept and made available for public inspection. However, Section 91(7) provides that a Council or its committees may order that confidential documents may be excluded from general public accessibility. Council did choose to invoke Section 91(7) in regard to the minutes as follows:

## **Council Meetings**

*August 4<sup>th</sup> 2010*  
Land Purchase  
Confidential item to February 4<sup>th</sup> 2011.

*September 1<sup>st</sup> 2010*  
CEO Performance Appraisal

*January 12<sup>th</sup> 2011*  
Strategic Land Purchase.  
Confidential item to July 2011.

*February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011*  
Sale of land for non payment of rates  
and Wallaroo Café Lease.  
Confidential item until August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011

*April 6<sup>th</sup> 2011*  
CEO Recruitment  
Confidential item until May Council meeting 2011.

*April 14<sup>th</sup> 2011*  
CEO Recruitment  
Confidential during the meeting only.

Part 10 rates and charges, sale of land for non payment of rates.  
Confidential item until 14<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

*May 4<sup>th</sup> 2011*  
Sale of land for non payment of rates.  
Confidential item until November 4<sup>th</sup> 2011.

*May 18<sup>th</sup> 2011*  

- Wallaroo Town Centre Revitalisation Project
- Wallaroo Community Sports Centre
- Planning legal fees
- Ryan Street Moonta, Compensation Claim.
- Staff Matters

All confidential items until 18<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

## **Community Land**

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

## **Freedom of Information Applications (FOI)**

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

- At the beginning of the financial year no FOI applications were in process.
- Two applications were received during the year.

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

Freedom of Information Officer,  
District Council of the Copper Coast,  
PO Box 396  
KADINA 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 was reviewed pursuant to Section 12 of the Local Government Act during 2009 and it was resolved to abolish wards within the Council area and that the Council would continue to comprise a

Mayor and ten elected area councillors.

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

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

## **Elections**

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

## **Boundary Review**

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

Public notice of the impending review is given, inviting interested persons to make written submissions to the Council on the subject of the review. Persons making submissions are also given the opportunity to appear personally before Council to be heard further. On completion of the review process, the District Council's report is made available for public inspection, with further public submission

opportunity and personal hearing being also made available.

## **Equal Opportunity**

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

To reflect its commitment to a workplace free of discrimination Council has adopted a Workplace Bullying Policy and a Whistleblowers Act 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 20/08/2009)
- By-Law No. 2 – Local Government Land (Govt Gazette 20/08/2009)
- By-Law No. 3 - Roads (Govt. Gazette 20/08/2009)
- By-Law No. 4 – Moveable Signs (Govt. Gazette 20/08/2009)
- By-Law No. 5 – Dogs (Govt. Gazette 20/08/2009)
- By-Law Offences – Cats (Govt Gazette 20/08/2009)

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



# Corporate and Community Services

2010/11 saw the Corporate and Community Services sector of Council move forward with projects started in previous financial years and the commencement of new projects that will benefit the community as a whole.

Finance staff continued to operate out of the location at the Farm Shed and hope to be relocated in the coming financial year. Changes in the delivery of customer service across the area has enabled the offices in Moonta, Wallaroo and Kadina to remain open with the rotation of staff through the offices to ensure service centres provide current and relevant information.

With the demolition of the old buildings alongside the main office in Kadina further changes to the way Council delivers customer service will continue into 2011/12. Change is not always easy to accept in the short term but Council's aim of continuous improvement will enable better service in the long term.

The ongoing work to review and update Council's leases has seen many groups establish licences in shared facilities and new facilities made available to long term users of Council's facilities. Upgrades to the Wallaroo Mines Institute will give the Yorke Peninsula Quilters a new home and an iconic heritage listed building a new lease on life.

Council took part again in the filming 'Out of the Ordinary' in 2011. This year the film crew worked jointly with Council, community members and students of the Moonta Area School to re-enact the Dressing the Graves in the lead up to the Kernewek Lowender.

The film was aired in January 2011 showcasing Council's joint work with community groups on a project that is most definitely 'Out of the Ordinary'.

Council's sports marketing program is well underway with several sports events agreed to be held in the Copper Coast in the new financial year. 2011/12 will be a busy year with sports tourism high on the agenda thanks to the co-operation and excitement of local sporting clubs eager to host regional, state, national and international events.

The following report gives a breakdown of some of the work undertaken within the corporate and community services sector in 2010/11.

## Records Management

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

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

Supporting activities and initiatives for the Records Management (RM) system were:

- Transferred 55 boxes of inactive permanent files to State Records for preservation and enable future access. These files consisted of agendas and minutes from the Town of Moonta.
- Contractor (Max Montgomery Pty Ltd) spent 19 days sorting and sentencing old records transferred to off site facility.
- Applied for and received destruction approval from State Records for 50 metres of inactive sentenced records as listed by contractor.
- Records Management Officers continuing to provide training to all staff in use of RM system.
- In line with State legislation, Council submitted a Records Management audit to State Records. A management plan of continuous improvement is being developed in conjunction with the audit results.

Council has been involved in ICT projects including the preparation and implementation of the new wireless broadband initiatives in Kadina and Wallaroo. Council has put an immense amount of work into new telephone systems aimed at bringing Council's ability to service the community to a higher standard. There have also been advances in Business Continuity and Emergency Planning through planning and technology.

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

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

## **Information and Communication Technology**

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

## OHS&W Report 2010/2011

Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare along with Risk Management are a vital key component in Council's ability to provide a safe work environment for its employees and a safe community for its residents and visitors.

Council continues to ensure it maintains a high standard in the area of OHS&W and also Risk Management. This is reviewed annually and monitored by Local Government Association by way of auditing Council's performance and providing feedback to Council in such areas as contractor management, training and accident or incidents both internally and in the community.

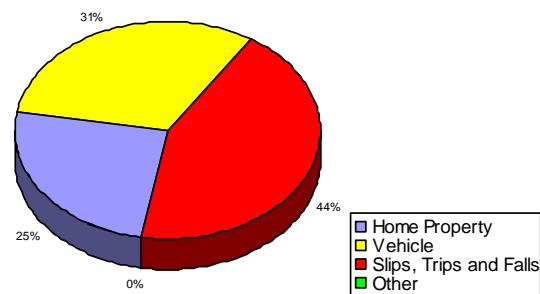
This financial year has provided Council with new challenges to provide a high standard of OHS&W and Risk Management. A new 'One System Program' is being introduced to Council from the Local Government Association to allow all Councils in South Australia to follow similar policy and procedure hoping to achieve more positive outcomes and streamline processes from one Council to another. Auditing of Council is becoming more focused forcing Council to achieve a higher level of compliance.

Council has also over the financial year and continues to do, a close review of the new OHS&W laws coming into place on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012. These new laws will have far greater implications for breaches of OHS&W and penalties will be higher. The new laws will also give more responsibility to management and staff of Council to protect their employees and the public.

## Public Safety

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

Council continues to monitor events of OHS&W and risk to the community and compares statistics yearly to track any improvement or monitor areas of concern.



*Public Liability Claims  
2010 – 2011 Financial Year*

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

Public Liability Claims 2010/2011		
	2009/2010	2010/2011
Home Property	8	4
Vehicle	3	4
Slips, Trips, Falls	7	8
Other	2	0

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

### Council Staff Safety

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

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

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

Training of staff is also an integral part of OHS&W and risk management and ensures our staff has a better understanding of their responsibilities to themselves and their workers.

Council will continue to explore options to increase the level of knowledge of its employees and to continually strive to improve OHS&W and risk management in all areas.



*Staff breakfast hosted by OPAL*



*Deputy Mayor Dean Rodda, Mayor Paul Thomas, Acting CEO Geoff Sheridan and new CEO Peter Harder at a staff breakfast.*



*Rotary cooking the staff BBQ in Victoria Square, Kadina.*

## Library

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

### Kadina Community Library

Kadina Community Library Service incorporates the main library in Kadina and a branch library at Wallaroo. The Kadina Community Library is a joint use library servicing the District Council of the Copper Coast and TAFE SA. The Wallaroo library is co-located with the Council office at the Old Railway Station.

An integrated library management system provides library customers with the advantage of borrowing and returning to both locations and ensuring that all resources are available to all customers at either location. An online catalogue provides additional flexibility for accessing the library system for reservations, renewals and other information.

### Statistics

The total loans for the Kadina Community Library Service for 2010/11 were 117,779 comprising of 99,740 from Kadina, 17375 from Wallaroo and 664 online. In the past financial year 3554 borrowers from the 8000 registered have actively used their membership with Kadina Library recording over 73,500 visitations. Kadina Community Library Service currently holds a stock of 34,029 resources across its locations.

A major project at the Kadina Library this year saw the nonfiction collections re shelved in category areas such as

'Leisure' and 'Parenting' to assist borrowers finding relevant resources.

The total grant income from the Libraries Board of SA based on \$4.11 per capita at a population of 9031 totalled \$37 139 and this allowed the purchase and addition of 1400 new items to the collection as well as access to the centralised state wide services including print disability, online databases and community languages.

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

The state wide system also allows the ability to inter library loan resources to and from any of the other 140 libraries in the network giving access to over 3.5 million resources. A courier to and from Adelaide 3 times a week ensures prompt delivery of new stock and interlibrary loans. With the impending installation of the One Library, One Card system further flexibility, access and benefits to the user will be introduced.

### Information Technology

The Libraries Board of SA provide free internet access to the main library and school community library sites within each local government area and free wireless access to every library site. To ensure equal access across DCCC the Council provide free internet access at the branch library at Wallaroo. As such all 3 library sites offer free internet and wireless access.

The Copper Coast currently has 733 registered members on the state wide wireless system with the advantage that this registration allows free access at any other SA public library. As such we have the potential to be hosting any of the 59182 registered wireless users who may live in or visit this area.

### **Online Catalogue**

The online catalogue is available as a link on the Council website. Not only are library services, programs and activities advertised in this way but we offer the flexibility for library users to independently access the library management system.

Notifications for reservations and over dues are sent by email where possible ensuring a faster and more efficient service. Reservations have increased to a total of 4151 placed with 48% of these online.

### **Toy Library**

The Toy Library is an additional service provided at the Kadina Library. It is open on Thursdays 5pm-8pm, Fridays 9am-5.30pm and Saturdays 9am-11.30am for borrowing, although returns can be made during all normal library opening hours.

The collection continues to increase with funding from the Council and now includes 238 toys, games, puzzles and active play toys for pre-schoolers. An increase in stock has seen an increase in the number of total loans with families now able to borrow 2 toys and 1 puzzle for a 2 week period. 195 families are registered to use this service and recorded 1085 loans this past year.



*Toy Library Collection*

### **Programs**

The library service actively participates, develops and presents a wide range of community programs including the following 8 programs.

### **Home Delivery**

This service is available to those who cannot independently visit the library themselves. Kadina staff conducted over 300 visits this year, delivering library resources to people in their homes.

### **Rhythm and Rhyme Time**

On the last Thursday of the month at 10.30am this session introduces babies and toddlers to language and literacy through rhymes, songs and music to assist with development and understanding of rhythm, rhyme and rare words. They develop an appreciation of the library environment from a young age and it supports parents/carers in a social atmosphere. Baby Book Club has been a popular addition to this program with all participants sharing in a book at each session. In 2010/11 there were 150 participants.

## **Book Bugs Story time for Preschoolers**

Every Friday at 10.30am this session supports the early learning and literacy needs of toddlers and their parents/carers. This extremely popular program attracts over 40 participants each week who enjoy the story, rhymes, song and craft.

## **School Holiday Activities**

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

## **Summer Reading Competition**

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

## **Premiers Reading Challenge**

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

## **Book Club**

This group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month to discuss a preselected book and share other books that participants have read. Over a cuppa

and afternoon tea many a literary idea has been shared.



*Book Club members celebrate Melbourne Cup*

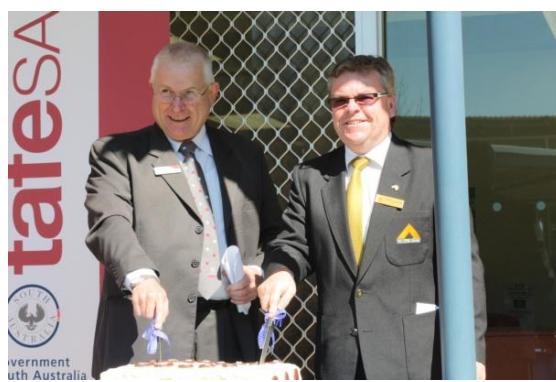
## **Christmas in Kadina Santa Trail**

The Kadina Library was included on the Santa Trail with 400 Christmas craft packs given out to children participating in this community event.

## **Partnerships**

### **TAFESA**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the joint use Kadina TAFE/Library facility was celebrated during Adult Learners Week with Hospitality students hosting the event. Mayor Paul Thomas and TAFE Educational Manager Ian Henderson attended and spoke on the success of the partnership culminating in the cutting of the cake.



*Ian Henderson TAFESA and Mayor Paul Thomas*

## OPAL

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

## Department of Education and Children's Services (DECS)

All preschools and schools are supported with onsite visits and loans of resources. The Kadina Preschool Centre visits the Kadina Library twice a week to participate in a story and activity. In addition to this over 500 school children visited with their class and participated in storytelling, activities and Children's Book Week celebrations.

## Early Childhood Interagency Group (ECIG)

The Library Coordinator has been representing the DCCC on this committee culminating in receiving a grant to fund Community Forums for those associated with Early Childhood and families. The 1<sup>st</sup> of these forums was held on 6<sup>th</sup> December in Kadina.



ECIG Exec Committee

## University of the Third Age (U3A)

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

## Talking Times

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

## CAFHS

As distributors of the Little Big Book Club packs this relationship is highly valued. In addition the Friends of CAFHS use the Kadina Library each month for their meetings. Teddy Bears Picnic was supported by the library, not only providing an info stand and story/song session this year, but also initiating the Bear Hunt that proved very successful.



Teddy Bears Picnic 2010

## Yorke Peninsula Family History Group (YPFHG)

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

## Broadband for Seniors

A volunteer has provided lessons and support to seniors wishing to learn and improve their computer and internet skills. Over 100 one-on-one lessons have been attended by people who have received the support of the volunteer to become more confident users of their PCs and laptops.

## Tax Help

A volunteer assists low income earners with submitting E-Tax by appointment. This extremely popular service is well patronised with over 83 returns being completed by the volunteer between July and October. This effort was acknowledged at a presentation by the Tax Regional Coordinator to volunteer Christine Robertson who has completed 9 years of service.



Tax Help volunteer Christine Robertson

## Kernewek Lowender Writers Event

The program for 2011 was filled with a variety of events with well known Australian and local authors. The Geryow Evening of Words and Wine saw the presentation of the Max Fatchen Writers Awards for adults and children and we welcomed guest speakers Posie Graeme-Evans and Janeen Brian. The following day morning tea was held at the Kadina Library offering the opportunity to meet and greet authors in an informal setting.



Max Fatchen Poetry Award Adult Winners with author Posie Graeme-Evans



Authors Posie Graeme-Evans, Janeen Brian and Rosanne Hawke with winners of the Max Fatchen Young Writers Awards

## Moonta Community Library

Moonta Community Library is a school/community library located at Moonta Area School and operates independently to provide a library service to the staff, students and community of Moonta.

### Statistics

Moonta library currently holds a stock of 24000 items for community use and the past financial year recorded 83000 combined loans (school and community use).

### Programs and Events

The Moonta Library has offered many opportunities for the community to participate in programs and events with the highlights for the year including:

- hosting Tax Help
- Children's Book Week
- Living Books Event
- Premiers Reading Challenge
- Community Mentoring Program
- Author visit in partnership with the Copper Triangle Writers Group



*Moonta Community Library*

## Community Visitors Scheme

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

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

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

There have been 46 visitors who have completed a total of 1178 visits throughout the year. Of these 46 visitors, 39 have met the required number of visits to qualify as an active visitor. While the remainder have visited for only part of the year or not at all, due to resident's deaths, illness, personal circumstance or resignation from the scheme.

There continues to be a steady flow of enquiries and interest in the scheme, coming from Port Pirie, Port Broughton, Maitland and the Copper Coast. These enquiries have resulted in 4 new visitors and 1 potential visitor. All of the new visitors have been matched with a resident; unfortunately 2 new visitors recently had their residents pass away and are waiting to be rematched.

During the year morning and afternoon teas were held at the aged care homes for community visitors and their friends. At these events community visitors who have been away on holidays had the opportunity to share their holiday stories.

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

## Copper Coast Youth

The Youth Development Officer is a part-time position funded by the District Council of the Copper Coast.

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

### Youth Expo

In the past the Youth Expo had funding requirements to focus on those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

This year the Council worked in partnership with Yorke Youth Services in holding the Youth Expo on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April in Kadina Victoria Square.

The expo had a focus on employment opportunities, health and wellbeing. There were 25 organisations that attended, including the Defence Forces Recruitment, University of

Adelaide, Flinders University and many more with a youth orientation.

The Expo was free on the day, with live entertainment provided by Moonta Area School and Kadina Memorial High School, Rock climbing wall and much more. Each attending organisation had free giveaways for young people with an abundance of information.

The event had in excess of 2000 young people attend throughout the day, with the schools bringing students up as part of their curriculum.



Tyla Hawkins, Administration Trainee handing out information.

### RAA Street Smart

On the 24<sup>th</sup> March, the CCYC funded a 50 seater coach to take 15 students (year 10 to 12) from Kadina Memorial High School, Moonta Area School and Harvest Christian School to attend the RAA Street Smart 2011 in Adelaide. The program aimed to raise awareness and help curb the amount of road trauma experienced by young drivers and their passengers. Youth were able to learn about risks and develop strategies.

## AUSDRIVE

This year the Copper Coast Youth Council partnered with Copper Coast Road Safety Group to fund the attendance of Ausdrive – a driver education program. The program was held in the Copper Coast with 19 students from Moonta Area School in attendance. The program was held at Viterra Marshalling yards and was a huge success.



*Ausdrive Moonta Area School participants*

## National Youth Week

National Youth Week recognises our young people, their achievements and their potential to contribute to the wider community in a positive way.

### **Laser Skirmish**

The Copper Coast Youth Council provided 2 days of Laser Skirmish on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April. Laser skirmish has been identified as an activity to engage youth and it is safe and physically active. Being physically active and being socially interactive will assist with mental health issues. Laser skirmish is an activity where the participants need to look for the other team participants, listen for the sounds of the laser, talk to other team members and seek out a safe place.

There were qualified Mental health workers present to promote beyondblue messages. There was a total of 80 young people attended and enjoyed the messages received.



*Matthew Brand, Dressed up and ready to play team Indoor Skirmish.*

### **Derrick McManus**

The Council invited Derrick McManus to attend the Copper Coast the whole week. Derrick was a member of the SA Police Special Task and Rescue (STAR) Group when he and his team of 5 went to arrest a man. The man started shooting and Derrick was hit 14 times in less than 5 seconds.

Derrick's story is one of Australia's most powerful, inspirational and really quite humorous presentations. Derrick attended 4 schools in the Copper Coast and spoke with over 200 young people. Derrick was also present at the Youth Expo where he spread his message even further talking to the parents of the young people and to those young people not attending school.

## Youth Art Project

The Council working in partnership with DECS Youth Development work with Karen George (artist) on mosaic pieces. There are a total of 20 pavers to be decorated by students of the region schools with mosaics reflecting the local beaches. The pavers are going to be utilised in the Wallaroo foreshore walkway.



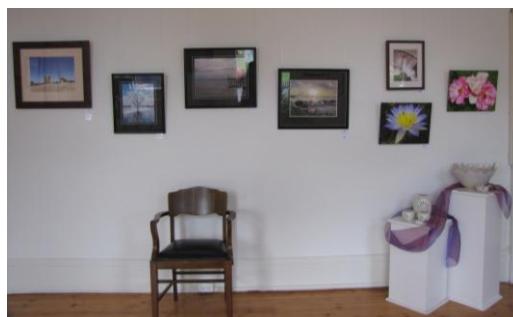
*One of the 3 pavers completed for the project*

## Council Trainees

This year council has 4 traineeships, which gives us a total of 5. Council trainees work in various departments, we have 2 young people working in Parks and Gardens who are studying Certificate II in Horticulture, 1 young person located at the Farm Shed Tourist Information Centre, she is studying Certificate III in Tourism (Visitor Information Centre) and last year our School Based Apprentice continued full-time employment as a trainee, studying Certificate IV in Business Administration. The council also has a trainee working at the Kadina Library, who completes her study this year.

## Arts and Community Development Visual Arts

### Art Galleries



*Mary Deakin's exhibition on display at the Moonta Gallery.*

Council's two art galleries are situated in the Ascot Theatre in Kadina and in the Moonta Town Hall. During the last year a broad variety of exhibitions were held including local artists and visiting Country Arts exhibitions.

The Ascot Theatre exhibitions are overseen by members of the Copper Country Keepsakes and volunteers, and during 2010/2011 exhibitions included Petersons Fine Art featuring locally inspired landscapes and "Portable Worlds" a conceptual exhibition utilizing mobile phones.

As 2011 was a Kernewek Lowender year, May was dedicated to the festival's art competition and attracted a wonderful assortment of styles and subjects. The majority of the Kernewek Lowender Collection was also exhibited in Adelaide in April 2011 as a promotion of the Kernewek Lowender.

The Moonta Gallery is similarly administered by volunteers and members of the NYP Art Group, and Council staff. It also boasts exhibitions by local and interstate artists, with a sprinkling of Country Arts SA flavour. Among exhibitions this financial year were Mary Deakin's Digital Dreaming

and the Sesquicentennial Quilt Exhibition by the Northern Yorke Peninsula Quilters.

### Wallaroo Granite Sculpture

Following submissions from a number of highly regarded South Australian sculptors, Trevor Wren of Adelaide was selected by a panel comprising Council staff and representatives from Country Arts SA, to create a granite sculpture for Wallaroo to commemorate the Sesquicentenary of copper mining and smelting in the Copper Coast.



*Wallaroo Granite Sculpture*

The granite blocks in their natural state, together with the line work of boreholes down their sides, look like the walls inside the timbered mines. The copper structure represents the head frame of mining and smelting for which Wallaroo was famous.



*Community representative Cathleen Field  
admires the Wallaroo sculpture*

## Community Development

### Elder Friendly Communities

The District Council of the Copper Coast became aware of an increasing number of older people within its area and the planning that would be required to provide for needs associated with an ageing population in future years. It was also aware of the proactive role local government must take to maintain and improve the quality of life of these residents and also support them in their own homes.

It was therefore opportune to be involved in the Elder Friendly Community Project which has worked from a community development framework to ensure the needs of older community members are met.

Since the project began in 2007 a range of strategies, outcomes and activities have been undertaken. Stage 1 of the project was a comprehensive needs analysis, Stage 2 began to respond to identified needs and the final stage has been working to ensure sustainable strategies are embedded within the local council and wider community.

Some of the key outcomes achieved to date include:

- Increased communication and decreased barriers between older community members and the local council.
- Senior community members feel empowered to undertake change within the community.
- The voice of older community members is being both heard and respected within the community.

- A range of positive and active ageing messages have been promoted within the community.
- Community members feel more connected within the community to not only other peers, but services and supports.
- Seniors have been able to build upon networks, knowledge and skills as well as make additional friendships.
- The District Council of the Copper Coast has heightened awareness of the needs of older community members and is able to work alongside the community to ensure these are addressed in an appropriate and desired manner.

Council's direct involvement in the project will cease in 2011 with the completion of the final year's funding, however it believes that the structures and understanding that has developed in the community will auger well for the continued empowerment of the older members of the community.



*Council's Green Gang program continues to be a successful Elder Friendly Initiative.*

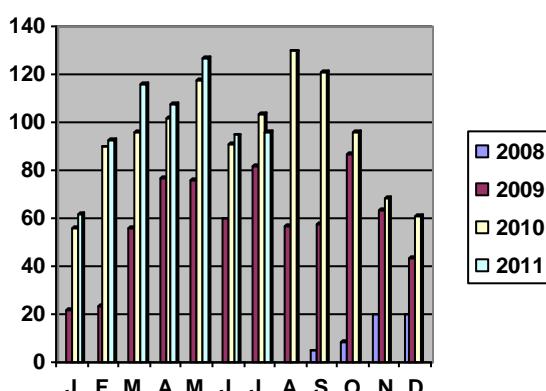
## Volunteering

The Volunteer Resource Centre relocated to Moonta from Wallaroo in mid October 2010 with opening hours of 10.00 am to 2.00 pm five days per week.



*The VRC at the Moonta Town Hall*

As can be seen from the graph, visitation to the VRC has increased since that move and the service continues to be well supported. Residents not living in Moonta utilise the service by either emailing their data to the VRC, or dropping at either the Kadina or Wallaroo offices to go to Moonta via Council staff.



*Graph highlighting the growth of the VRC service from 2008 to 2011.*

Fifty one community organisations are registered with the VRC, and Council encourages members of the community who have hours to spare, to contact the VRC and register as volunteers in a wealth of positive and fulfilling volunteering options.

### Celebration of Employment

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

Since the initial awards ceremony and dinner in Kadina in 2007, awards have been presented in Maitland in 2008, Balaklava in 2009 and Port Broughton in 2010. Many of the successful award recipients and nominees have gone on to achieve outstanding success in the community.

### Student Learning Opportunities Program

Under this annual program, Council employs five students finishing Year 10, to work for Council for two weeks at the end of their school year. Students are required to apply for one of the positions in writing (which may be in administration, library services, and tourism) and then go through the interview process as if they were going for a real job.

The successful applicants are then required to conduct themselves at a level higher than that of work experience students, be punctual, well presented and above all encouraged to show initiative within the office environment.

### OPAL

The OPAL Program commenced with the District Council of the Copper Coast in September 2010. The Federal, State and Local Government funded childhood obesity prevention initiative aims ‘To improve eating and activity patterns of children, through families and communities in OPAL regions and thereby increase the proportion of 0-18 year olds in the healthy weight range’.



*Vegie Man, Mayor Thomas and Stephanie March serving a rainbow of fruit and veggies.*

Over the first year of the program, the two local OPAL staff, a Program Manager and Project Support Officer, have busily consulted with stakeholders and residents to find out what is required in the Copper Coast to make eating well and being active easier. They have mapped existing services and facilities and identified strengths, opportunities and gaps in the area of healthy eating and physical activity.

The OPAL team has also engaged with many local groups to implement a range of activities to support the community in eating healthier foods and being more active. In May 2011, OPAL's first annual theme message 'Make it a fresh snack' was launched.

Key highlights for the year have included the local OPAL launch – a family fun day to follow the Australia Day awards in Queen Square, Moonta. Mayor Thomas and Community Services Manager, Greg O'Connor, were actively involved in facilitating activities for children. OPAL staff participated in traditional dances and organised the traditional games for children at Fer Kernewek, during the Kernewek Lowender Festival in May.



*Children having fun in the three legged race, coordinated by OPAL, at Fer Kernewek*



*OPAL stand at the Beach Day Out*



*Opal Launch 2011*



*Children enjoying the OPAL Launch in Queen Square, Moonta.*

## Tourism

According to Tourism Research Australia the Yorke Peninsula attracts a total of 883,000 visitors each year. This results in 1.4 million nights and \$166 million spending within our region. These figures are based on the 2009/10 financial year with 2010/11 figures still to be released.

2010 saw a close relationship develop between the Yorke Peninsula Country Times which resulted in a new layout for the Copper Coast Visitor Guide produced for 2011. The guide has been a great success as a collaborative marketing tool. As of June 30 less than 25% of the 40,000 printed guides remained in stock for distribution. The guide is released annually in December.

## The Farm Shed Museum and Tourism Centre

***“Most Enjoyable journey through History”***

*B. Malcolm, Alton Nth, 8/10/2010.*

***“The most amazing display ever”***

*B and A Stirling, Adelaide, 27/3/11*

The Farm Shed continues to provide several different community services with one of its key roles being the housing of the Council's Tourism and Events staff. The complex itself is widely known and respected for its Visitor Information Services and the Museum. Other areas within the Farm Shed complex include the function shed, mini rail way and the rotary markets.

The Farm Shed Committee of Management continues to work on the following projects:

- Master Plan for the Site
- Visitor Information Centre Hospitality and Tourism Redevelopment
- Main Entrance Landscaping
- Rural Transport Exhibition Shed
- Bulk Handling.

### Visitor Information Centre

The Copper Coast Visitor Information Centre – Kadina, continues to function as an accredited visitor information centre. Whilst providing services and information to visitors, the centre strives to increase visitors' length of stay, encourages return visits and increase spending by promoting the many things to see and do while in the Copper Coast.

Over the 2010/11 financial year just over 11,800 people visited the Copper Coast Visitor Information Centre. 2328 people made contact via email, fax or phone. A further 274 information bags were provided to promote the area for various conferences and conventions.



*An old tractor, which is displayed at the Farmshed Museum.*

The main enquires from visitor were regarding:

General Tourist Info	31%
Events/Festivals	24%
Museum Entrance	19%
Maps	9%
Accommodation	8%
Souvenirs	5%
Guides	4%

70% of enquiries were from intrastate, 25% from interstate, 4% from overseas and the remaining 1% unknown.

### Conference and Meeting Facilities

During the 2010/11 financial year the function shed, with its built in lecture room, was utilised for a total of 144 days. The facilities of a large shed for hire with surrounding open space and accompanying conference services remains unique to the conference and meeting market attracting functions which have statewide representation.

### National Trust Museum

The National Trust Museum is becoming increasingly well known. 3,910 people visited the museum with Visitor feedback from the museum extremely positive.

### Copper Coast Region Old Machinery and Engineering Club

The Copper Coast Region Old Machinery and Engineering Club whom operate the mini rail way recorded 1,870 runs over the financial year.



*Mini railway in action.*

### Rotary Farm Shed Markets

The Rotary Farm Shed Markets are held regularly on the last Saturday of the month in the grounds of the Farm Shed. The markets offer a selection of arts, crafts, second hand goods and local produce.

### Events

In the 2010/11 financial year the District Council of the Copper Coast has increased its involvement in coordinating and supporting events.

### Copper Coast Marina Festival

For the first time Council took an active role in coordinating the Copper Cove Marina Festival. The Festival contributes to raising awareness of the Copper Coast as a fishing and seafood lifestyle attraction, targeting a different market than the cultural events the area is well know for.

An event impact study showed of the Festival showed that:

- 56% of visitors were Locals
- 32 % of visitors were from Adelaide
- 8.5% of visitors were from Regional SA
- 3% of visitors were from Interstate
- 0.5% of visitors were International.

## Events

### ***“One of the best”***

*Quote sourced from  
The Yorke Peninsula Country Times  
regarding the 2011 Kernewek Lowender*

are estimated at between 20,000 and 25,000.

An event impact study showed the following results.

Visitors by Residence	%*
International	0.85
NSW	9.73
VIC	13.96
QLD	2.75
NT	0.21
WA	3.38
TAS	0.00
Regional SA	15.85
Adelaide	31.92
Local	21.35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00</b>

\*% of visitors in relation to their home residence.

### **Kernewek Lowender**

Kernewek Lowender, the Cornish words for Cornish Happiness, really describes what the Festival has come to represent since its inception in 1973.

Again in 2011, Kernewek Lowender played a significant role in regional tourism by attracting visitors to the region, generating spending and creating leverage to promote the Yorke Peninsula.

The 2011 Festival comprised of 43 events and an additional 26 associated activities over 6 days.

A total of 55,768 attendances were registered – that is tickets sold or people at events. Visitor surveys showed that the average visitor attended Kernewek Lowender 3.5 days. Based on the previous two figures the total visitors to the region

Statistics also show that:

- 70% of visitor to the 2011 Festival are likely to return in 2013
- 77.75% of visitors are likely to return to the Yorke Peninsula
- 85.43 % are likely to recommend Kernewek Lowender to a friend.



*Pasty making competition.*

## Australia Cricketer's Association Masters

The District Council of the Copper Coast hosted a match in the Australian Cricketer's Association Masters Tour from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> December. The Masters Program has been developed by the Australian Cricketer's Association, (ACA), the official representative body of past and current players, with a focus on community engagement and the promotion of cricket.



*An action shot from the Australian Master Cricket Tour.*

The highlight of the tour was a Twenty/20 Match played in perfect conditions at Moonta Oval. The match attracted people from around South Australia and from interstate and was a significant showcase event for the region.

The day also featured a Twenty/20 Celebrities Match that saw a range of past and present AFL footballers and locals slog it out in an entertaining match. Junior and Milo in2Cricket players provided the curtain raiser and half time entertainment.

While in the Copper Coast area the ACA Players attended a Sportsman's Night at the Copper Coast Sports and Leisure Centre where over \$1,000.00 was raised for the Mayor's Community Fund. The ACA players visited

hospitals and conducted Junior Cricket Clinics before leaving the area.

## Complete Sports Development

The 2010/11 financial year saw Council engage the service of Complete Sports Development to attach sporting events to the Copper Coast. This project secured the following events which will be held in the 2011/12 financial year:

- Copper Coast Fun Run – Little Athletics
- International Bowls Test Match, South Africa v Australia – Bowls Australia
- Motorcycling South Australia Kadina Supercross – Motorcycling SA
- South Australia v Victoria Bowls Test Match – Bowls South Australia
- Bowls South Australia Prestige Medley/Schroeter/Kenny Shield – Bowls South Australia
- Cycling South Australia Hell of the North – Cycling SA.

## Other Major Events



*Australia day at Queens Square, Moonta.*

The District Council of the Copper Coast also coordinated the following events:

- Australia Day Activities
- OPAL launch.

The District Council of the Copper Coast supports the community in their staging of the following major events:

- Yorke Peninsula Beach Cricket Day
- Kadina Show
- Moonta Open Gardens
- Relay for Life
- Opera in the Mines
- Moonta Antiques and Collectables Weekend.
- New Years Eve
- Christmas Events.

## Wallaroo North Beach Tourist Park

After competently managing the Wallaroo North Beach Tourist Park for almost 6 years Andrew and Sharon Bowey chose to move onto another chapter in their lives in May 2011. The new management of Steve and Lynn Hamdorf arrived from managing a tourist park in Queensland to take over the role of management of Council's seaside tourist park.

The camp kitchen underwent a makeover with new benches and cooking area. The floor was concreted and the walls erected to protect the area from our strong coastal winds. Irrigation was installed in the camping area completed the new look camping area and giving campers a green area to camp on and an improved camp kitchen to enjoy.



*Wallaroo North Beach Tourist Park camp kitchen area.*



*Caravans lined up at the entrance to the North Beach Tourist Park.*



*Wallaroo North Beach Tourist Park reception area.*



## **Infrastructure and Environmental Services**

## Capital Works Programme for 2010/2011

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
Road Maintenance - Sealed	\$350,000
Road Maintenance - Unsealed	\$200,000
Other Road Services	\$300,000
Footpath Construction	\$90,000
<b>MOONTA</b>	
George Street Construction	\$780,000
Ryan Street Construction	\$380,000
Chapman and Moonta Roads Storm Water Drainage	\$100,000
Highview Grove Storm Water Upgrade	\$10,000
Port Hughes Caravan Park Retaining Wall	\$50,000
Moonta Jetty Swimming Enclosure Upgrade	\$50,000
<b>WALLAROO</b>	
Wallaroo Community Sports Centre (Ongoing Project)	\$2,700,000
Chatfield Terrace Stage 2 Construction (Ongoing Project)	\$270,000
Wallaroo Foreshore Redevelopment (Ongoing Project)	\$1,000,000
Smelters Way Walking Trail (Ongoing Project)	\$55,000
Park Terrace Construction	\$120,000
Wallaroo Foreshore Kiosk (Partially completed)	\$170,000
Diagonal Road / Kadina Road Storm Water Upgrade	\$30,000
<b>KADINA</b>	
Town Hall Lift Installation	\$655,000
Lawrence Street Construction	\$130,000
Lawrence Street Effluent Drainage	\$100,000
Wallaroo Mines Institute Building (Partially completed)	\$130,000
Drain Road Stage 1 Construction	\$130,000
Kadina Depot Upgrade	\$50,000
Copper Triangle Aerodrome Resealing	\$175,000
Tickera Road Construction	\$200,000

## Infrastructure

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

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

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

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

Contractors are used for projects such as road construction, stormwater drainage, hire of plant, rubble crushing contracts, installation of kerbing, materials supply and specialist activities such as paving and concrete work which cannot be provided by Council's own resources.

Local Government recognises the need to maintain employees, who are trained in current technologies, possess suitable skills/knowledge to undertake the required works and

have an understanding of the Kangaroo Island Council OHS Management System. Six Technical Services staff successfully completed Certificate in Civil Construction 3 (Plant), in a combined program with KI Development Board 'People for Places Project'.

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

- Working in Confined Spaces
- Work zone Traffic Management
- OH&S White Card
- First Aid
- Plant Operations
- Preparing and Applying Chemicals

## Road Length Data

	Sealed	Formed	Unformed	TOTAL
2010/2011	kms	kms	kms	kms
Built Up	159.0	43.8	2.0	204.8
Non Built Up	105.5	505.8	126.5	737.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>264.5</b>	<b>594.6</b>	<b>128.5</b>	<b>942.6</b>

## Major Capital Works Projects for 2010/11

### Stormwater Management Plan

The district stormwater management plan was completed by consultants within this period. The results of the study enables Council to manage and plan for a stormwater network that will be capable of preventing flooding of the townships and provide opportunities for potential re-use capabilities.



*Stormwater corner of  
Frances and George Street*



*Frame of the new lift lowered through the roof*

## KADINA

### Town Hall Lift

Access to the Council Chambers in the Town Hall was originally by way of stairs only from the foyer. Council decided to install a lift to provide access to all ratepayers, including those with a disability, both to the Council Chamber but also the balcony of the Town Hall. During construction, a tent was installed inside the Town Hall for to provide a temporary Council Chamber.

Works included providing ground support improvements to the footings of the Town Hall, installation of a steel frame to be used as the lift well, removal and replacement of a new roof, installation of new stairs compliant with disability standards and upgrading of the supper room and Council Chamber. A new air-conditioning system was installed and all electrical works were upgraded and a new kitchenette was installed.



*Construction of new lift - View  
looking up from ground floor*



*Upon completion – View from town hall foyer*



*Upon completion – View from Council supper room*



*Lawrence Street / David Street intersection sealing*

## **Lawrence Street**

The first stage of this project was to install 470 metres of common effluent main. This included 25 residential connections and a connection provision for Newtown Playground toilets, Kadina Medical Centre and Home Hardware.

Road reconstruction of Lawrence Street was completed between David Street and Port Road, totalling 350 metres in length. Surveying and full design were undertaken. The road construction included a 30mm asphalt seal with kerbing throughout. Underground storm water drainage was installed connecting the Lawrence Street catchment with David Street. Off street car parking was provided adjacent the Medical Centre and Home Hardware businesses, providing an additional 13 car parks in total.



*Lawrence Street prior to construction*



*Lawrence Street completed*

## **Wallaroo Mines Institute**

The Wallaroo Mines Institute Building was completely refurbished. Funding for this project included a \$50,000 federal government Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP) grant.



*Wallaroo Mines Institute Building*

Works included installing a new kitchen, remodelling the toilets to include a disabled toilet, new electrical wiring and plumbing, painting and general repairs to the building.



*Wallaroo Mines Institute Building*

### **Drain Road - Stage 1**

This project included a complete reconstruction of Drain Road from Tickera Road to George Street, totalling 530 metres in length. It also included an intersection upgrade of the Tickera Road/ Brittain Road and Drain Road intersection and a reconstruction of 100 metres of Brittain Road to create a storm water discharge to an existing catchment. The road construction included kerbing on the western side of Drain Road and a two coat spray seal.



*Drain Road completed*



*Drain Road / Brittain Road intersection*

### **Tickera Road**

This project included a complete reconstruction of Tickera Road from Brittain Road to Ellis Road, totalling 1900 metres in length. This road was sealed in a two coat spray seal.



*Tickera Road completed*



*Tickera Road completed*

## MOONTA:

### George and Ryan Street

Road construction of George and Ryan Streets were completed, totalling 530 metres and 670 metres in length respectively. These roads were sealed with a 40mm asphalt seal and included kerbing throughout with protuberances at all intersecting roads. Community Wastewater Management Scheme infrastructure was completed with Ryan Street works being undertaken by a contractor. An underground storm water drainage system was installed for the entire length of George Street and for the intersection of Ryan Street with Frances Terrace. Water mains and residential water services were upgraded throughout and necessary Telstra infrastructure was adjusted to comply with the new construction. This project also included an upgrade of the Frances Terrace / George Street intersection.



*George Street storm water*



*George Street during construction*



*Ryan Street during construction*



*Ryan Street Asphalt Sealing*



*George Street Asphalt Sealing*

## Port Hughes Caravan Park Retaining Wall

A long section of timber sleeper retaining wall at the Port Hughes Caravan Park was replaced with a new concrete sleeper and steel supports retaining wall due to the very poor condition of the existing structure. The area will be landscaped with low growing coastal vegetation to maintain the sea views from the park.



*Port Hughes Caravan Park retaining wall*



*Port Hughes Caravan Park retaining wall*

## Chapman and Moonta Road Stormwater Upgrade

This project included 420 metres of underground drainage linking an existing underground system on

Moonta Road to a major open channel system off Chapman Road.

Survey and engineering design was completed internally. The construction of the underground infrastructure was completed by a contractor. Existing water, electrical and Telstra infrastructure needed to be altered to accommodate this new system and comply with relative standards.



*Underground drainage Chapman Road*

## WALLAROO:

### Chatfield Terrace



*Chatfield Terrace prior to construction*

Chatfield Terrace Stage 2 comprised of 960 metres of road reconstruction. The road was sealed with a 50mm asphalt seal for its length with a 100mm asphalt seal for the major intersection upgrade of Chatfield Terrace and Abraham Rydberg Drive. At this intersection the existing navigation beacon was relocated to accommodate the new road alignment.

A major storm water, Telstra and lighting infrastructure upgrade was completed at this intersection. The verge on the eastern side of the road was cleared of railway infrastructure and replaced with a storm water swale drain. A concrete pedestrian footpath was constructed on the western edge of the road complete with protective guard railing.



*Chatfield Terrace  
Stage 2 major intersection upgrade*



*Verge reinstatement works*



*Road box out works*



*Concrete footpath and extent of stage 2 works*

### **Wallaroo Foreshore Redevelopment (Stage 1)**

This stage of works involved the construction of the larger engineering elements to this project.

A contractor was engaged to complete the construction of a new rock retaining wall, with the rock being sourced from a local granite quarry. This included the infill of the existing slipway (shown in photo).

Two timber viewing nodes were constructed. Construction of a new car park to the rear of the Sea Rescue Building was completed. This included an asphalt seal with kerbing throughout. An underground storm water system was installed including a gross pollutant trap.



*Old Slipway prior to construction*



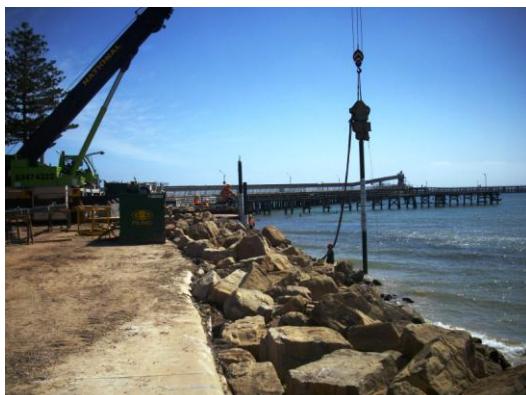
*Sea Rescue Building Car Park*



*Rock wall and major earthworks*



*Rock wall construction*



*Pile driving for viewing platforms*

## **Wallaroo Foreshore Café**

The Wallaroo café reconstruction was undertaken by a local building company and included a complete rebuild of the existing toilets, vac-swim storage room and kiosk areas. The building had a new roof and an extension and alteration to the existing dining area, linking the building to the neighbouring foreshore development.

The new layout comprises of three separate toilet areas including a handicap facility. The kiosk area has been converted into a café with separate kitchen, storage and dining areas utilising more efficient use of the space. The dining area incorporates indoor with outdoor dining making use of its spectacular location.



*Wallaroo Foreshore Café prior to construction*



Wallaroo Foreshore Café



Wallaroo Foreshore Café completed

## Wallaroo Community Sports Centre

The construction of the Wallaroo Community Sports Centre was one of the largest construction projects ever undertaken by Council. Two indoor bowling greens and a artificial turf croquet green have been built on Council land adjacent to the football oval, golf course and netball courts. The bowling greens were constructed on a concrete base that was laser levelled to +/- 1mm accuracy.

A large clubhouse was included in the project and provides office accommodation for the golf, bowls and croquet clubs. In addition, a large commercial kitchen was provided to cater for functions, as well as the provision of first class facilities for members to use.

The building was orientated on the site to capture the northern sun in winter which will help provide natural heating to the building. A flow through ventilation system will also help keep the indoor greens cool in summer.

A large sealed carpark was also provided complete with lighting. An undercover paved outdoor area was incorporated into the design for outdoor functions on warm balmy summer nights.



Steel super structure erected



Concrete slab re enforcing ready for pouring



Nearing completion

## Playground Shelters

Council has continued to install shade structures over existing playgrounds this year, with new shade structures installed at Victoria Square, Kadina, Moonta Bay and Port Hughes. A shelter was also installed for parents, complete with a table and seats at Victoria Square, Kadina.



*Shade sails over the play equipment in Victoria Square, Kadina.*



*A shelter with a table and chairs installed in Victoria Square, Kadina.*

## Council Depots

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

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

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

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

## Landfill Sites

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

At Wallaroo and Moonta, there are waste transfer stations that receive recyclable material, green waste and hard waste. The hard waste is transported to Kadina for disposal and recycled materials are sent to a Material Recovery Centre in Adelaide.

Approximately 6,300 tonnes of putrescible waste was landfilled at Kadina in 2010/2011.

Approximately 3,000 tonnes of recycled material and 3325 tonnes of hard waste, 900 tonnes of steel and 2,740m<sup>3</sup> of green waste was collected at the three sites in 2010/2011.

Each of the three recycle centres in the Copper Coast Council area offers a waste oil collection unit where waste oil can be deposited free of charge.

## DrumMUSTER

The District Council of the Copper Coast has an ongoing drumMUSTER collection (held every Thursday at the Kadina Recycling Centre). All bookings are to be made (closing Tuesday each week) by contacting the centre. The Council has collected a total of 4400 drums in 2010/11 that would have otherwise been buried as landfill.

## Kerbside Collections

Kerbside waste is managed under 3 contracts for the collection of

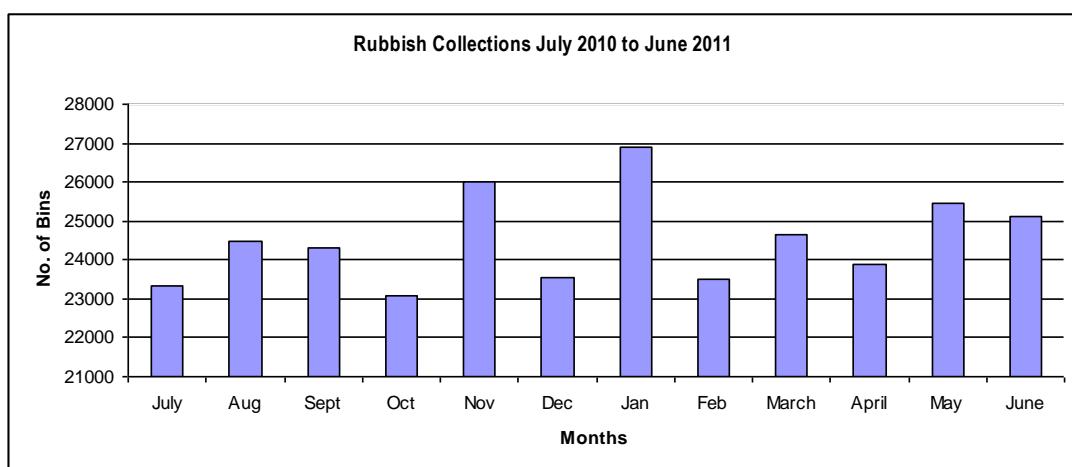
putrescibles waste, collection of recyclables and to operate the waste landfill at Kadina.

## Kerbside Recycling

Council's contractor collects recyclables in 240 litre bins on a fortnightly basis. A total of 925 tonnes of recyclable materials were taken out of the waste stream in 2010/11.

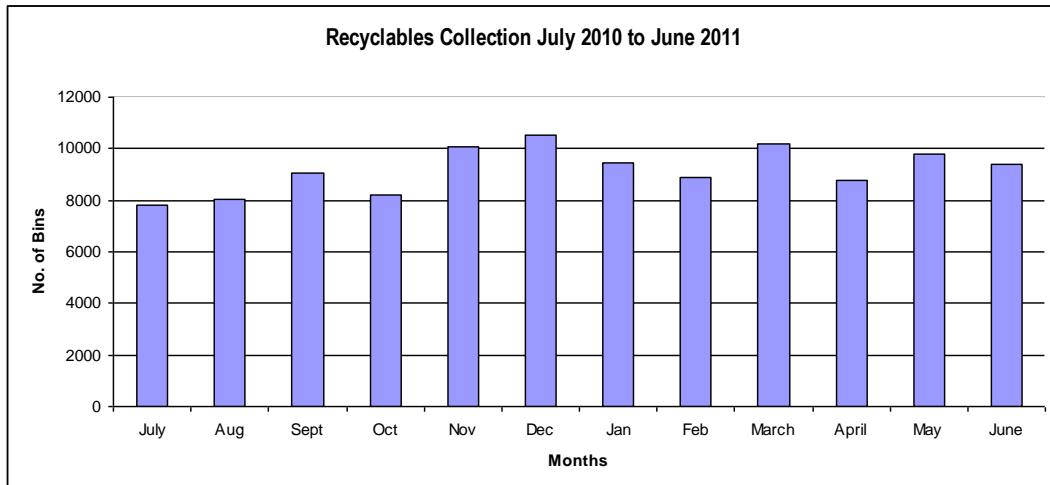
This material was made up mainly of paper, cardboard, steel, plastics and glass.

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



July 2010 - June 2011, 120 / 140 litre bin collection details

### Monthly 240 litre Recyclables Bin Collections:



July 2010 – June 2011, 240 litre bin collection details.

## Environmental Services

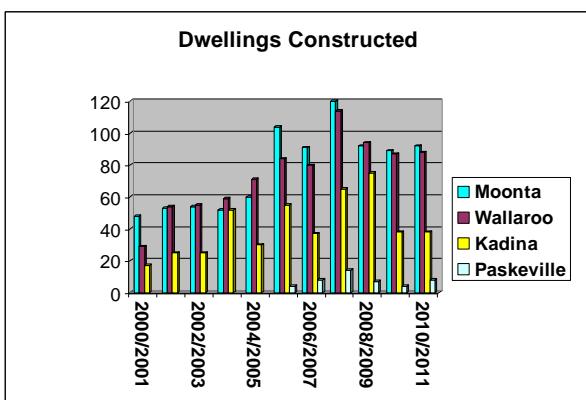
### Development Applications 2010/11

The Development Assessment Department has processed 722 applications. Of these 226 were new residential dwellings, with a cost of all development totalling approximately \$63 million, an increase of \$12 million from the previous year.

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

<b>DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS 2010/2011</b>	
<b>Nature of Development</b>	<b>Applications Approved</b>
New Dwellings	<b>226</b>
Dwelling Additions	<b>27</b>
Class 10 buildings (sheds, verandahs, carports etc)	<b>382</b>
Commercial and Industrial	<b>43</b>
Land Divisions	<b>44</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>722</b>

Council has approved 44 Land Divisions, creating 133 new residential allotments. Of these allotments 23 are located in Wallaroo, 77 in Moonta/Moonta Bay/Port Hughes, 29 in Kadina and 4 in Paskeville.



The variety and number of applications received reflect the continuing interest in the Copper Coast area for living, working and recreation.

### The Dunes Port Hughes

Residential development is continuing at 'The Dunes Port Hughes' and the first 9 holes of 'The Dunes Copper Club' Golf Course has opened and is generating a lot of interest.



*The Dunes 'Copper Club' Golf Course'*



*The Dunes Residential Development*

### Commercial Development

The Copper Coast has become an attractive location for commercial enterprises due to the population growth and continuing interest in the area.

Following is a list of some of these developments;

- 2 Commercial Developments are being constructed in Graves Street, Kadina
- McDonalds Restaurant is under construction in Forster Street, Kadina
- Kadina Medical Centre and Consulting Rooms has been constructed on Port Road
- Group Tourist Accommodation Centre is now operating in John Terrace, Wallaroo.



Kadina Medical Centre and Consulting Rooms



Group Tourist Accommodation, Wallaroo



McDonalds Restaurant



Graves Street, Kadina Commercial Development



Graves Street, Kadina Commercial Development

## Wallaroo Marina Town Houses

Construction of the final six townhouses on the Wallaroo Marina waterfront has been completed, creating a total of twelve two storey townhouses.



*Street view of the Wallaroo Marina townhouses*



*Waterfront view of the Wallaroo Marina townhouses*

## Development Plan Amendment

Council's draft Better Development Plan should be presented to Council for endorsement within the next 3 months. Once the draft document is endorsed by Council the following process will follow:

- Agency consultation for a period of 6 weeks.

- Agency comments summarised and presented to Council for approval.
- Council approved document referred to the Minister for approval to commence with public consultation.
- Minister approved document put out for public consultation for a period of 8 weeks.
- Public submissions presented to Council for consideration.
- Council approved document presented to the Minister for final consideration.

Minister approved document gazetted and implemented.

## Waste Control Systems

The following table shows the number of Waste Control System applications and inspections for the 2010/2011 financial year.

Type	No. of Applications	No. of inspections	No. of complaints
Septic Tank	270	284	7

## Immunisation

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

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

## Food Safety and Education

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

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

Council's Environment Health Officer has undertaken:

- 12 food premises inspections this year
- 6 orders/notices issued under the Food Act.
- 1 food audits carried out for businesses servicing "Vulnerable Population".

## Dog and Cat Management



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

Following the adoption of Council's Cat By-law, funding was included in the 2010/2011 budget to initiate a cat desexing and microchipping program. This program was initiated through the two veterinary providers in the Council area throughout June and July 2011. A total of 190 individual microchipping/desexing procedures were performed.

During the report year Council carried out the following activities:

- Followed up on 174 complaints received in relation to dogs wandering at large, barking, and dog attacks/harassments.
- Impounded 165 dogs.
- Returned 115 impounded dogs to their owners.
- Handed 50 dogs over to Council.

Dog registrations totalled 2483 which is approximately 60 less than the previous financial year.

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

# General Purpose Financial Reports

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