



## Mayor's Message... Facing Adversity

A s we welcome 2021, I think all of us are glad to see the year 2020 behind us. It was a year that we have had to face more adversity than any of us can remember.

The year commenced with the State being significantly impacted by bushfires only to be followed by the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Facing difficult challenges and overcoming them builds self-confidence, teaches selfcontrol and tends to foster an attitude of conscientiousness towards others, who may also face difficulties. Adversity and pain is something we all hope to avoid, but it can have a positive impact on our character. People can indeed grow from adversity. They can become stronger, improve the quality of their relationships and increase their selfesteem. Ben Franklin was supposed to have said, "Out of adversity comes opportunity."

I have been really proud how here on the Copper Coast we have embraced adversity as a chance for opportunity. When facing adversity, it's important to acknowledge that we always have the freedom to choose how we respond to people, events and circumstances. We can respond in a very negative or limiting way, or we can choose to respond in a more optimal and productive way that can potentially open doors and windows to opportunities that we weren't aware of before.

Many practices and processes have been reviewed and instead of road blocks, these restrictions have been seen as an opportunity to review and improve the safe delivery of services on the Copper Coast. With improving technology, the decision making and operation of the Copper Coast Council has continued throughout 2020 and processes were refined. We have all become very accustomed to Zoom meetings, scanning QR Codes before we enter premises and practicing social distancing, often doing a quick count before we enter a room, ensuring numbers remain at a safe level.

Many projects were completed and most businesses have survived, thanks to the adaptability and ingenuity of businesses and the support of the community. There are some sectors of our business community still being significantly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and I urge you to continue to support all local businesses.



Viterra's Rebecca Roberts, illuminart Creative Director Cindi Drennan and Copper Coast Council Mayor Roslyn Talbot get ready to watch the first Wallaroo Silo Light Show with star of the show, Wal the wombat.

We have a lot to look forward to in 2021. Coronavirus is still active and we will need to continue to adhere to practices put in place, but I am confident that with adaptations, projects and events planned will continue.

This year will see the commencement of the significant Bay Road upgrade. Moonta Bay is a major area in the Copper Coast and the upgrade of this entrance to Moonta Bay is well overdue. We have done significant public consultation and the design has taken into consideration much input from those that use the road the most—you, the residents. Safety and regulations have to be considered and I think the final design will deliver a great outcome and I am looking forward to seeing this project progress. After a year of very few events, I think we all look forward to being able to participate in events this year. The Kernewek Lowender will be held this year and we are looking forward to welcoming athletes to participate in the SA 2021 Masters Games in April. Activities and events may be adapted to adhere to COVID-19 regulations, but they will continue. I look forward to a full and active year on the Copper Coast. I know the community will continue to support the Copper Coast and we will together face the challenges ahead of us in 2021. As a community, we will continue to recognise the Copper Coast as the *Lifestyle Location of Choice*.

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Copper Coast Council's Chief Executive Officer Russell Peate visiting the Copper Coast Lifestyle Village to present our latest and upcoming projects.



he Copper Coast Council continues to progress many projects and services throughout the area. We received funding from the Federal Government under the Round 2 - Drought Communities Programme - Extension and these projects are required to be completed by the 31 December 2020 with the exception of the development and production of the Cemetery Management Plans for our four Cemeteries. The projects that are completed or are being completed include; Moonta Town Hall upgrade, Wallaroo Town Hall upgrade, Kadina Wastewater Lagoons, Kadina Central Business District Audio/Smart Technology, Wallaroo Silo Light Show and the Paskeville Storage Dam.

The Council has also received \$412,199 from the Federal Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program. Council decided on four projects which include the Moonta Town Hall upgrade \$200,000, Bay Road (Moonta Bay) upgrade \$172,199, Council Tourism Signage \$20,000 and Moonta Masterplan \$20,000. These projects are required to be completed by the 30 June 2021. In addition, the Federal Government has decided to allocate a further \$669,365 under this Program, which Council decided to provide to the following; Bay Road (Moonta Bay) upgrade \$475,000, Kadina and Moonta Cemetery Management \$80,000, Wallaroo and Moonta Dog Parks \$80,000 and McCauley Park (Moonta) \$34,365. These projects are required to be completed by the 31 December 2021.

In addition, Council has recently undertaken road work and stormwater drainage works at Frances Terrace. Tenders have been received for the major upgrade of Bay Road, Moonta Bay in accordance with the concept plans adopted by Council previously. The Tenders are being assessed and will be awarded shortly. We are trying for the works to commence in February 2021. More information will be provided through Council's website, Facebook and News Media on this major project.

As part of the Moonta Masterplan, we are continuing to progress the redesign and upgrade of Ellen Street Carpark, the pedestrian crossing in George Street, the left in, left out at the Moonta Foodland, as well as consideration of the design of Queen Square.

Further, consultation has been undertaken on the following projects:

- A new Wallaroo Aquatic Facility
- Proposed upgrades of McCauley Park, Moonta and Stately Way, Wallaroo
- Consideration of the design of facilities for Queen Square.

Council continues to work with the National Trust of South Australia and the Moonta Branch of the National Trust of South Australia with the Federal grant funding of \$4.9M allocated for the Moonta Mines Precinct.

Council was pleased to work with Spencer Gulf Searoad for the reestablishment and operation of the Wallaroo Ferry to Lucky Bay on the Eyre Peninsula. The Mayor and I have met with the State Minister for Transport regarding the exchange of roads in Wallaroo, particularly regarding the entrance road into Wallaroo. This is an important project for the Copper Coast Council and we are keen for the exchange of roads to proceed and for the Wallaroo entrance road to be upgraded.

We are pleased to be able to reopen the Splash Town facility, subject to meeting all of the current COVID-19 requirements. We are making sure that whilst doing so, our community remains safe. We continue to work with the Sir Richard Williams RAAF Centenary Celebrations Committee regarding celebrating the Centenary of the RAAF and Sir Richard Williams service to Australia. Sir Richard Williams was born and raised in Moonta.

There are many other projects that we are progressing including the upgrade of the Moonta Town Hall and consultation on the best use of the rooms and facilities, the repair of the Port Hughes Jetty and subsequent preventative maintenance in 2021, and the new Wallaroo Silo Light Show. We are also taking into account comments received regarding a 5 year Transport Plan, which involves roads to be resealed, reconstructed, resheeted, new footpaths and stormwater, and possibly some unsealed roads in the defined town boundaries being sealed.

I appreciate the cooperation and assistance from all Progress Associations, Community Clubs, Service Clubs, other organisations and volunteers. I look forward to 2021, when we can continue to work together to make the Copper Coast Council an even better *Lifestyle Location of Choice!* 

Russell Peate, CEO



#### 2021 SA MASTERS GAMES 15 to 18 April, 2021

The Masters Games is a multi-sport event designed to allow mature-aged sports people opportunities to participate in the sports of their choice and to compete with their age peers. Copper Coast will host 30 different sports for the 1,200 competitors expected to participate.

Participating, competing and being physically active is the main motivation for the Games, with social interaction also a very important feature.

The main Games Hub will be located at the Copper Coast Sport and Leisure Centre, with individual sports hosted across Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo.

Registrations are now open on visitcoppercoast.com.au and further information is available from the Copper Coast Visitor Information Centre, call 88212333

Events January/February, 2021			
Copper Coast Australia Day Celebrations Event	26 January		
Variety Children's Charity Australia Day Breakfast	26 January		
Northbank Family Fishing Competition	12 & 13 February		
Yorke Valley Junior Basketball Carnival	20 & 21 February		
Sea Rescue Charity Day	5 February		
Moonta Show N Shine	7 March		
Moonta Country Markets	7 March		
Copper Coast Masters Games	15 to 18 April		
Kernewek Lowender Cornish Festival	17 to 23 May		

## **Copper Coast Australia Day Celebrations**

Tuesday, 26 January, 2021 - Wallaroo Town Hall

Grant Funding from the National Australia Day Council has been received by Copper Coast Council to hold a COVID-Safe Event.

On Australia Day 2021, Australians will be encouraged to reflect, respect, celebrate and, more than ever, mark our nation's resilience and the ability of Australians to rise to meet these extraordinary challenges. The event will allow the community to come together and reflect, respect and celebrate the individual and collective efforts of those who put the wellbeing of others before themselves, supported the community in a time of need and rose to the challenges of an extraordinary year – because we're all part of the Story of Australia.

The event will begin with the traditional APEX Australia Day Breakfast to be followed by Award and Citizenship Presentations and a Family Fun Day with entertainment, featuring the Funny Farmers and activities for everyone to enjoy

Further program details will be available on Facebook and visitcoppercoast.com.au



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www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au

# FOGO SET TO BEGIN

Commercial and industrial businesses are under three weeks away from being the first on the Copper Coast to undertake the new Weekly Three Bin FOGO Kerbside Collection Service from 1 February 2021.

Residents both inside and outside the Township Service Area will move to their own new Fortnightly Three Bin FOGO Kerbside Collection Service five months later (1 July 2021).

The Federal Government's 'Waste Strategic Plan 2020-2023' requires Councils, businesses and residents to increase waste sustainability with a circular economy and objective of achieving a 'zero waste ending up in landfill' by 2023.

This is why Council investigated and implemented the new FOGO system, especially with the success of the system in other metro and regional Council areas across South Australia and the nation.

Council investigated the benefits of a move to the FOGO system for our region via a KESAB Bin Audit in September 2020, which revealed 45% of general household waste was food waste and compostable material. Under the new FOGO system, these materials can all be placed into the Green Waste/FOGO bin instead of ending up in landfill.

In order for this system to work, we need all businesses and residents to do the right thing and follow these simple tips:

- Remove recyclable and FOGO material from general waste and utilise other recycling methods e.g. E-waste can be taken to the Copper Coast Resource Recovery Centre for free, return of soft plastics to Supermarkets.
- Buying sustainable products
- Educate your household/staff members



about the FOGO system and encourage it.

If these tips are followed, there is no reason we cannot seamlessly transition into the new system and reap the benefits of reduced transfer and delivery costs and increased lifecycle of organic and recyclable materials.

Waste management services will continue

to evolve with further Government initiatives. It is important that businesses and residents continue to be informed and educated. Council will continue to make information available via our Council Website, Facebook, Copper Post Newsletter and the Yorke Peninsula Country Times newspaper.

## 2021 COUNCIL CALENDAR

- 👝 10 🛛 Council meeting, 6.00 pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall, Kadina
- 📫 11 🔹 Council Assessment Panel meeting, 5.30 pm, Town Hall Function Room, Kadina
- 15 Audit Committee meeting 9.30 am, Copper Hill meeting room, Town Hall Kadina
- 3 Council meeting, 6.00 pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall, Kadina
- 10 Council Assessment Panel meeting, 5.30 pm, Town Hall Function Room, Kadina
- 7 Council meeting, 6.00 pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall, Kadina
- 14 Council Assessment Panel meeting, 5.30 pm, Town Hall Function Room, Kadina
- 19 Audit Committee meeting 9.30 am, Copper Hill meeting room, Town Hall Kadina

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

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

## TRAINEESHIP PROGRAM

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Council continues to support our local youth through our Traineeship Program in 2020.

Ella Mullins, as a year 12 school leaver, successfully commenced and completed her Cert III in Local Government in record time. As a result, she was able to also complete an additional 6 units to attain a Cert III in Business. Ella is looking to attend University in 2021 and after exceeding her study requirements in 2020, there is no doubt she will succeed. Best wishes to Ella for her future.

Shaun Morfey is employed as a building assistant and in 2018, he commenced a Cert III in Carpentry. Shaun successfully completed his studies, graduating in June 2020.

Madison Millward joined the workshop in 2018 as an apprentice mechanic. He is continuing his Cert III in Mobile Plant Technology, progressing to becoming a qualified Diesel Mechanic in 2023.

Aidan Stock also commenced with Council in 2018 upon completion of year



### Council's Traineeship Program has paid dividends for Aidan Stock, Ella Mullins and Shaun Morfey, among others.

12 in 2017. Aidan is completing an Associate Degree of Building Design to gain qualifications as a Building Inspector, which is nearing completion. Aidan has proven himself to be a top quality student and has received a number of Commendations from the Dean of the Central Queensland University for achieving High Distinctions in numerous units. Congratulations Aidan on an outstanding achievement.

Marli Mullins, who also joined as a year 12 school leaver in 2018, successfully completed his 2-year Cert III Horticulture traineeship in September 2020, as did Jayson Cain, who joined the CWMS team as a trainee in 2019, initially as a year 12 school-based trainee. Congratulations to both of you and wishing you the very best for your future careers.

#### **Starclub Updates**

It's becoming the cliché line this year, but 2020 has been a tough year for everyone, including those in the STARCLUB office as we continue to work hard to assist all clubs and sporting organisations.

COVID-19 has been the most frequent issue for sports across the region, but we continue to be available to answer all questions (there are no dumb questions) relating to the pandemic and the latest restriction announcements, including the new QR Code System. It seems daunting to set the QR Code System up at first, but once you register, it's very easy to operate.

Welcome to the new clubs that have joined the STARCLUB program, with 14 registering in the past year.

There is still no official word from the Government in relation to the Grants Review being finalised. Once we know, we will make all clubs aware. We are thinking it could be as late as April 2021—and while we're on the subject of April, don't forget the Copper Coast 2021 SA Masters Games from 15 to 18 April.

Some smaller Grants ranging between \$1,000 and \$3,000 under the Club Reboot

program have been made available to clubs. On the Copper Coast, 27 clubs were awarded Grants by the State Government. A total of \$2,499,280 was handed out across South Australia.

STARCLUB The podcasting is continuing to provide sporting clubs and organisations with everything they need to know in the way of sport and sport administration (https://www.buzzsprout .com/993610). This has been a successful initiative, with more than 3,600 downloads. That figure is extremely satisfying when you consider the podcasts have a Yorke Peninsula flavour to them, limiting the audience who will listen and download. We have covered many sports, including Aussie Rules, Cricket, Netball, Basketball, Hockey, Pony Club, Croquet, Pistol and Rifle Shooting, Dirt Karting, Dragon Boats, Tennis and the subject of a combined club. A combined club is the way of the future and the best means for survival, where multiple sporting clubs are combined into one club. The way we are going about business has changed due to the current climate and we all need to embrace the changes.

Sports Vouchers for junior membership was good despite the pandemic. A total of 386 vouchers were claimed, which equals to \$37,835. Basketball led the pack with more than 175 junior athletes receiving the funding. Many sports took advantage of a break from their regular competition due to COVID-19 restrictions.

In closing off, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.



Contact the STARCLUB Field Officer, *Max Stevens* Ph 0427 081 144 E starclub@lnypsports.com.au

> Government of South Australia Office for Recreation and Sport



### **DAVID STREET, KADINA**

Residents of David Street, Kadina, will be pleased with their new sealed road after it was completed last month.

The sealed road also features swale drainage, so residents won't have to worry about the muddy or dusty road anymore.

This work was done after residents of David Street requested for their road to be sealed and the majority of residents agreed to have a separate rate which covered 50% of the costs, with Council covering the other 50%.

All residents on a street have this option to seal their previously unsealed urban roads and can find out more information by reading Copper Coast Council's Upgrade of Roads Policy.

#### **Moonta Bay Seawall**

Coastal protection works have commenced to improve the existing seawall along Moonta Bay Foreshore.

Council is placing large armour rocks and geofabric to further secure the seawall, with the first 100m of seawall on the Southern end already completed.

These works will continue throughout 2021 and will finish before the end of the year.

## **Copper Coast Aerodrome**



## Wallaroo Dog Park

Those tails can start wagging as your dog gets excited for the nearing completion of the Wallaroo Dog Park.

The park is all fenced up, gates installed, footpath established and all the exciting features have been fabricated.

All you and your furry friend are waiting on now is for these features to be installed, as those who have walked past the Dog Park since the New Year have been seeing happen.



## **Port Hughes Jetty**

Visitors and locals are enjoying the reopening of the Port Hughes Jetty since it's completion before the Christmas and New Year holidays.

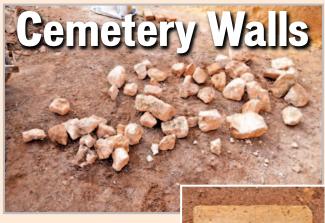
Copper Coast Council and contractors Maritime Constructions started repairs on the storm-damaged Port Hughes Jetty on 14 December and completed repairs before Christmas Day.

Following storm damage to the jetty, two steel bored piles required installation using pile driving, while four crossheads were also reinstated.

First established in 1914, the Port Hughes Jetty has become a community landmark and is a great tourism attraction to be proud of, particularly for recreational fishers and divers.

One of Council's priorities continues to be maintaining its historic facilities.





While works on the Kadina Cemetery walls continue, contractors have now also moved to begin works on the Moonta Cemetery Walls this month.

Kadina's eastern, western and the inside of the south-eastern wall have been completed as focus has turned to the outside of the south-eastern wall.

The issue Council and contractors continue to run into is a lack of bricks and stones.

Copper Coast residents are being asked to look for not just any old brick, but our historic sludge miners bricks (yellow/creamy coloured), which is pictured above.

The contractors are also after more limestone (pictured above) to replace salt damaged stones, these can be found in old limestone barns and houses.

The goal is to use localised materials to maintain the unique look of our state-heritage cemeteries and continue their Copper Coast history.

If you have something that you think may be of interest or are planning old stone building demolition work, please call Chris on 0412 238 398.



Motorists and pedestrians alike are enjoying the new Frances Terrace upgrade, with a smoother road, better stormwater drainage and improved kerbing in place.

Residents and visitors will also be enjoying the additional car parking added along Frances Terrace and Robert Street for easier access to Polgreen Park.

It's just a glimpse of what is to come as the Frances Terrace/Milne Terrace/Port Hughes Road roundabout and the Bay Road upgrade commences next month.

Once completed, visitors and the community will have a much more welcoming entry as they head towards two of the Copper Coast's major seaside destinations in Port Hughes and Moonta Bay.

## **MOONTA TOWN HALL**

At the Moonta Town Hall reopening on the 3 December 2020, our Director of Infrastructure Services Tim Neumann said, "the contractors told us when a restoration job has been done right, it should look as if it hasn't been touched."

Well it certainly looks how it used to, but Council and the contractors have put a lot of work into better stabilising the building inside and out.

The roof has been completely replaced as failing trusses have been replaced with new ones, ensuring a sturdy roof for years to come.

The new ceiling also had to be installed, but you might not be able to tell as we committed our ceiling plaster contractors to keep it the same as the original, including mesh vents and ornate rails.

Stormwater drainage, ventilation and new timberwork within the ceiling have also been worked on behind the scenes. The Hall certainly looks refreshed, with a fresh paint job across many rooms and an improved stage and floorboards, which also received a nice polish.

#### Wallaroo Town Hall Upgrade

The Wallaroo Town Hall Upgrade has been completed in readiness for the Copper Coast Australia Day celebrations event.

Externally, the noticeable change has been the works to demolish the existing toilets to make them internal within the Hall and all access friendly.

While these toilets will not be accessible to the public externally, the upgraded public toilets across the street were made for this purpose.

The upgraded kitchen and foyer will be used during the Australia Day celebrations, so come and see for yourself on the 26 January 2021.





#### Kadina CBD Audio/Smart Technology

How great has it been to walk the streets of Kadina during these festive holidays and hear beautiful sounds and music echo through the CBD?

The installation of the speakers has been a great addition and will also come in handy for events and public announcements.



Thank you to the hundreds of people so far who have already spread themselves out from Liberator Way to North Beach to watch the Wallaroo Silo Light Show.

The opening night was Wednesday, 9 December and continues to be played every night, featuring our mascot Wal the Wombat.

It's been great to hear all the positive feedback regarding the show and Council was honoured to feature all the brilliant submissions we received from the public.

For more information about showing times, how to submit content and access to sound, visit www.siloshow.com.au













## **PROJECT OPENINGS**

Over the past few months, Copper Coast Council has been able to officially open some of our projects partly funded by the Australian Government's Drought Communities Programme – Extension grants.

Here are some of the shots taken of these joyous moments, including the Kadina Dog Park, Moonta Town Hall reopening and Moonta Community Activity Centre's Group 7 Bay Shed.





## **PROPOSED RESERVE UPGRADE CONSULTATIONS**

Public consultations on four proposed Reserve Upgrades in Wallaroo and Moonta close Thursday, 14 January.

Council has contracted JPE Design Studio to help undertake the consultation and design aspects of the following proposed Reserve Upgrades:

- Queen Square
- Stately Way Reserve
- Wallaroo Aquatic Facility

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• McCauley Park

### **Moonta Town Hall Consultation**

Council is currently seeking suggestions and feedback from the community regarding ways to better utilise the facilities of the Moonta Town Hall.

Council wishes to establish a Community Centre, providing access to a range of services, programs and experiences for Copper Coast Council residents and visitors. It is considered that this Centre would support the community with Council staff and volunteers coordinating the Centre's operations.

Open 7 days a week, the Centre will provide activities and establish a program of activities to assist both physical wellbeing such as health, fitness and diet, and mental wellbeing through cultural, arts, personal interaction, support and creativity.

Together with the integration of the current Moonta Gallery of the Arts and the Cinema, it is considered that this could form an accessible Community Centre in the heart of the Moonta main street precinct adjacent to Queen Square Park, so both

Council and JPE Design Studio jointly hosted drop-in sessions for the four proposed Reserve Upgrades on Friday and Saturday, December 11 and 12 to listen to community ideas and allow them to help shape these proposed projects.

Digital and physical copies of public consultation surveys are also currently available online via our Facebook and website, or in-person at our Kadina Council Office, Wallaroo Library or Moonta Tourist Office.

indoor and outdoor activities and programs can be offered.

The Community Centre concept will provide an opportunity to activate some under-utilised space to meet the increasing demands from the community and address the need for the community to be connected and build future resilience and wellbeing.

Council hosted a public consultation session at the Moonta Town Hall in December and another is planned for January 2021. This is a chance for the public to wander through all rooms, envision what rooms could be utilised for and tell Council staff.

For those who couldn't attend, a Public Consultation - Moonta Town Hall document can be accessed via our website, which includes further details on the Moonta Town Hall, the refurbishment works and a physical feedback form to have your say.

Public consultation closes Sunday, 31 January 2021.



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To have your say regarding the use of the Moonta Town Hall, you can also fill out the form below, tear it out and drop it off to our Kadina office - 51 Taylor Street \_\_\_\_\_

1. What structural changes, if any, would you like to see in the Moonta Town Hall and adjacent rooms?

2. What community services would you like to see be offered on a permanent basis from the Moonta Town Hall and adjacent rooms?

#### What should the rooms be used for?

In your opinion, how can Council create a vibrant Community Centre?

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GRANT WINNERS... Copper Coast Council Mayor Roslyn Talbot, and Council Staff, hosted a barbecue for this year's successful community grant recipients on Wednesday, 14 October. More than 20 groups were represented and enjoyed the opportunity to mingle. PHOTO: Yorke Peninsula Country Times

### **2020/2021 COMMUNITY GRANTS**

Congratulations to the 33 non-profit and community groups who received more than \$81,000 in Council's 2020/2021 Community Grants.

It is pleasing to help fund so many beneficial ideas for projects and activities which will improve the community.

No matter how big or small, various ideas each year are awarded grants and this year was no different. They ranged from Northern Yorke Peninsula Homes receiving \$5,000 to construct a shelter for the residents to the Wallaroo Tennis Club accepting \$221 to upgrade their first aid kit.

Mayor Roslyn Talbot, CEO Russell Peate and Director of Corporate and Community Services Katrina Borlace were on hand to present the grants on Wednesday, 14 October 2020 at Victoria Square, Kadina. A special thanks to our Council staff, who helped treat the recipients to a sausage sizzle and beverage after the presentation.

Keep an eye out for when the 2021/2022 Community Grants open up and make sure your local non-profit and community groups apply!

Don't forget, those who have not acquitted their previous grants will be ineligible for future grants.

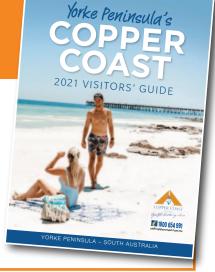
## 2021 COPPER COAST VISITORS' GUIDE

The new 2021 Copper Coast Visitors' Guide is available now and is full of information to help you discover all of what the region has to offer. The guide provides a comprehensive overview of everything you need to know about visiting the Copper Coast and information on the services both tourists and locals require.

Inside, you will find new and up-to-date information on each town: Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo as well as the surrounding townships: Bute, Port Broughton and Fisherman's Bay. Navigation around the region is made easy with updated maps also incorporated.

The guide will encourage you to explore our region's rich agriculture, history and heritage, arts and culture, and family-friendly activities. You can learn about the many treats in store in the Copper Coast region, including great eateries, events, accommodation, must see attractions, local produce and much, much more.

Drop in to collect your free guide or even some further guidance from the welcoming staff at the Copper Coast Visitor Information Centre today. Go to: visitcoppercoast.com.au for more.



## **Financial Summary**

The table right is a summary of the audited financial results of Council for the past two years and the adopted budget for 2020-21. Council reported an operating surplus (before capital adjustments) of \$1,801,808 compared with an original budgeted deficit of \$893,915. The operating surplus was primarily due to the advance payment of the financial assistance grant of \$1,082,603 which is recognised in Grants, subsidies and contributions. The Commonwealth Government during June 2020 forwarded to Councils their funding under the Financial Assistance Grants Scheme 50% of their 2020/21 allocation. Under the current accounting standards, this income is to be reported in the year of receipt and therefore inflates the net position in 2019/20 and therefore also 2020/21.

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Employee expenditure also decreased against budget during 2019/20 due to the COVID-19 closures of some of Council activities and the reduction in the use of casual staff and overtime payments. Council did, however, have 27 pays in 2019/20.

Council received two rounds of Commonwealth Funding for Drought Assistance and unspent funds were recognised in the Balance Sheet as funds received in advance and this amount totalled \$491,000. This will be recognised as income during the 2020/2021 financial year as the associated funded projects are completed.

The large amount recognised as income and reported as Physical Assets Received free of charge (\$6,676,000) is the associated assets from the Wallaroo Shores Development. The Developers contracted Council to construct the infrastructure and main road throughout the development via a separate rate charge. Once this was completed, they handed over the responsibility for these assets to Council.

### Where do the funds come from?

Council receives some funding in grants from other Governments and raise some funds in user fees and charges, however, approximately 75% of revenue came from the Council Rates in 2019-20.

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

### How is the money spent?

Council provides many services to

the community, some of which are legislated and others which are provided by choice. Many of our services are largely invisible (i.e. storm water management, community wastewater management schemes), but are definitely a necessary service provision.

Council's expenses represent the cost of providing these services to the community. Materials, contracts and other expenses made up 40% of the total operating expenditure of Council. Council Employees are its most valuable asset and provide the numerous services listed for the community at a consistent operating cost of 24% of expenditure. Depreciation makes up 31% of the total operating expenditure.

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

#### What assets does Council own?

When looking at the Council Balance Sheet, the Council assets totalled \$304 million. This includes money that is owed to Council in the form of Rates and other services (Trade & other receivables), stock on hand (inventories) and for the large proportion Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment.

Trade & Other Receivables (Rates – General & Other) is quite large as a result of the outstanding separate rate applied for the Wallaroo Shores Development, which includes the outstanding interest applied. This was a six year agreement, which expires on 30 June 2023.

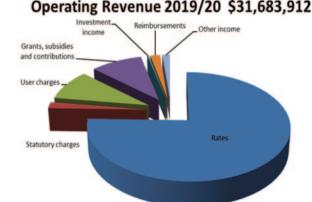
Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment make up Council's non current assets. The asset categories of Land, Buildings & Other Structures, Roads & Footpaths and Other Infrastructure were revalued by Asset Val Pty Ltd as at 1 July 2019 at fair value. The associated change in value (\$9,127,000) is recognised in the Income statement as "changes in revaluation surplus". Additions to these assets from this date have been measured at cost. One of the challenges facing Local Government today is finding the revenue required to maintain the large amount of community infrastructure under its care and control.

	2018-19 Actual \$'000	2019-20 Actual \$'000	2020-21 Budget \$'000
Revenue			
Rates	22,775	23,908	24,531
Statutory Charges	587	602	554
User Charges	3,256	3,005	3,183
Grants, subsidies and contributions	3,167	3,045	1,846
Investment income	67	98	15
Reimbursements	794	577	327
Other Income	419	451	286
Total Income	31,065	31,686	30,742
Expense			
Employee Costs	6,888	7,272	7,710
Materials, contracts & other expenses	15,901	11,868	12,789
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	9,816	9,270	9,691
Finance costs	1,627	1,474	1,550
Total Expenses	34,232	29,884	31,740
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	-3,167	1,802	-998
Asset Disposal & Fair Value Adjustments	324	-41	290
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	354	1,337	330
Physical resources received free of charge	0	6,676	0
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	-2,489	9,774	-378
Other Comprehensive Income			
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	0	-9,127	0
Total Comprehensive Income	-2,489	647	-378

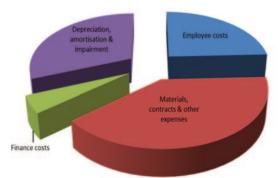
#### What liabilities does Council owe?

Council's liabilities include loans, amounts owing to suppliers, amounts owing to employees for leave entitlements and amounts owing to residents of our retirement villages should they no longer occupy one of our units in Moonta or Wallaroo. Council's borrowings are reported in the Annual Report and also in the Annual Financial Statements.

Each budget review, a table reporting these borrowing and the associated balance is also provided. The balance is currently \$31.63 million as at 30 June 2020, however, it is important to note that this also includes \$4.0 million for the retirement villages licences in Moonta and Wallaroo.



#### Operating Expenditure 2019/20 \$29,884,105







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