



Annual Report

2021-22



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The Annual Report produced each year outlines the Council's activities and achievements for the preceding twelve (12) months and includes the statutory information as detailed in Section 131 of the Local Government Act 1999 and other legislation.

A Message from our CEO



Since my appointment in April 2019 Council has continued to promote strong partnerships with the community and invested stakeholders and has successfully delivered many important projects throughout the District.

The dedication and enthusiasm from the councillors elected in 2018 has been essential for this to occur and I would like to thank them for their contribution to the community.

The local government elections will be held this year in November and I wish all candidates, those nominating to continue as Elected Members and those putting their hands up for the first time, all the best.

During 2021-2022 we have made significant capital investment in the Elliston Stormwater Infrastructure and Samphire Wetlands Upgrade which was made possible from grant funding won from the SA Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program.

It is anticipated that an official opening will occur later this year, however, the stormwater works are proving effective and the wetlands are already being enjoyed by locals and travellers.

Other achievements this year include:

- Lock Aquatic and Fitness Complex Upgrade: construction of this \$1.5mil project will commence in April 2023.
- Installation of a reverse osmosis plant at Port Kenny and a membrane bioreactor at Venus Bay—funds from Phase 2 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.
- Venus Bay Playground Upgrade: this ongoing project has included installing a shade over the playground, undergrounding the power lines along Bay Road, relocating the oil shed to the Venus Bay Waste Transfer Station and significant landscaping works.
- The Little Bay Staircase has been replaced following funding of \$50,000 contributed by

the Minister for Environment and Water and \$88,000 Council funding.

- New lighting has been installed at the Elliston Aerodrome, which added to the PAL system, auto generator and fencing of the area previously undertaken, completes the upgrade works required.
- Electoral Representation Review undertaken and completed.
- Economic Development and Tourism Strategy adopted.
- Elliston Master Plan adopted.
- Review of Council By-Laws commenced.

In June 2022, Council adopted its Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget 2022-2023 and along with the suite of Management Plans, will provide the structure for Council to continue to operate in a fiscally responsible manner.

As we move into a new financial year, thank you to all Elected Members, Council staff, businesses, residents and visitors for your resilience, commitment and willingness to continue to collaborate in ensuring the Elliston District remains sustainable and is a great place to live, work and enjoy.

Geoff Sheridan
Chief Executive Officer
June 2022



COUNCIL SNAPSHOT

Council Office

21 Beach Terrace ELLISTON SA 5670

PO Box 46 ELLISTON SA 5670



Council Area 669,300ha

Bramfield, Elliston, Lock, Murdinga,
Port Kenny, Sheringa, Tooligie, Venus
Bay



Population

1,019



Economy

Primary production,
Fishing, Aquaculture,
Tourism



Coastline

120 kilometres
of spectacular coast-
line



Annual Kerbside Collection

52 rubbish bin weekly pick ups
26 Recycle bin fortnightly pickups



Waste Management
Elliston Waste Transfer Station
Lock Waste Transfer Station
Venus Bay Landfill



Infrastructure

Community Waste Management System,
Waste Management and Recycling, Water
Supply, Roads and Footpaths, Foreshore



Roads

586km Sealed
824km Sheeted



Community Assistance
Community Grants Policy
Community Event Support
Shopfront Improvement Program



Cemeteries

Bramfield, Colton, Elliston, Lock
Port Elliston , Port Kenny , Talia



Libraries

Lock—Lock Area School
Elliston—Elliston Community and
Visitor Information Centre



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COUNCIL ELECTED MEMBERS 2018—2022



About Council

Presiding Member: Mayor Malcolm Hancock

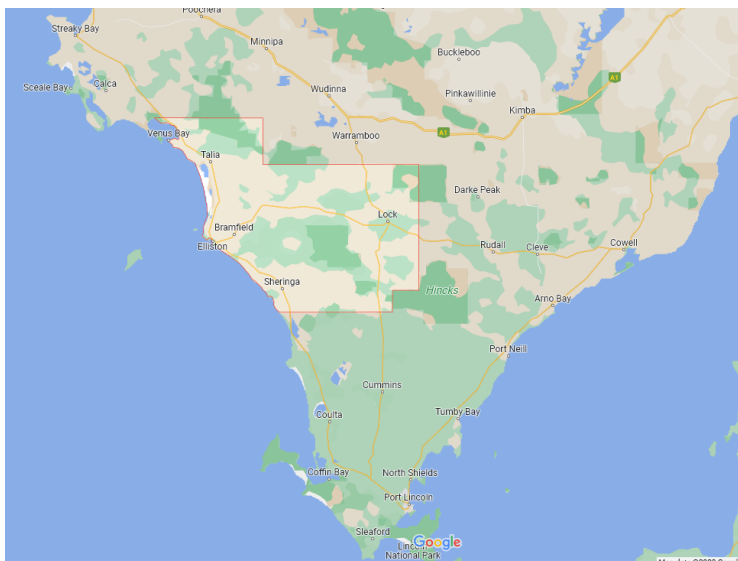
Members: the Mayor and seven Councillors

Meets: On the third Tuesday of each month at 9.00am

- Reports from Mayor, Elected Members, Council staff
- Deputations, petitions, questions and motions on notice or without notice
- Statutory business, committee reports and recommendations

Elections: Elections are held at four (4) yearly intervals, with all positions being declared vacant. Voting is voluntary and not compulsory as is the case with Commonwealth and State Government elections.

The next election will be held in November 2022.



Mayor Malcolm Hancock
0429 891 108

COUNCIL ELECTED MEMBERS 2018—2022



Deputy Mayor Peter Hitchcock
0429 891 144



Cr Tom Henderson
0428 879 095



Cr Debbie May
0428 879 043



Cr Kerry Williams
0427 867 303



Cr Andrew McLeod
0428 331 291



Cr Creagh McGlasson
0429 385 776



Cr Kym Callaghan OAM
0418 892 559

FUNCTIONS AND STRUCTURE OF COUNCIL



Principal Role of a Council

(Local Government Act 1999)

A council is, under the system of local government established by this Act, to provide for the government and management of its area at the local level and, in particular:

- Being a representative, informed and responsible decision-maker in the interests of its community
- Participating in public policy development and planning activities with the other tiers of government
- Providing and co-ordinating services and facilities that benefit its area, ratepayers, residents and visitors
- Developing its community and resources in a socially just and sustainable manner
- Providing for the welfare, wellbeing and interests of individuals and groups within its community
- Representing the interests of its community to the wider community and other tiers of government
- Planning at the local and regional level for the development and future requirements of its area
- Managing, developing, protecting and conserving the environment
- Regulating local activities such as development and building, keeping animals, parking and maintaining public health.

Council provides regulatory services in accordance with specific responsibilities and powers defined by the Act or other legislation, including:

Waste Collection	Fire prevention and hazard management
Dog and cat management and control	Public health and food inspection
Zoning, planning and building safety	Street lighting
Library and information services	Parks, ovals and sporting facilities
Coastal care	Support services for elderly people and people with a disability
Tourism initiatives	Water resource management
Promoting economic development	



FUNCTIONS AND STRUCTURE OF COUNCIL



Council Process

Elected Members, comprising the Mayor and Councillors, are responsible for the direction of Council and for making significant decisions on community matters.

The District Council of Elliston governs on behalf of the community, setting direction and associated priorities for the Administration.

It delegates authority under the *Local Government Act 1999* to the Chief Executive Officer to implement programs and undertake activities in accordance with strategic policies and associated budgets.

Council Meetings

Ordinary meetings of the full Council are held in the Council Chambers, 21 Beach Terrace Elliston on the third Tuesday of every month, commencing at 9.00am.

Council agendas and minutes are on display for public inspection and are available online at: www.elliston.sa.gov.au.

Between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022 a total of twelve (12) Ordinary Council Meetings were held.

Full Council—Record of attendance for 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022

	Meetings Attended (of 12)	Leave of absence granted	Apology recorded
Mayor Hancock	12	0	0
Deputy Mayor Hitchcock	10	0	2
Cr May	11	0	1
Cr Callaghan OAM	8	2	2
Cr Henderson	12	0	0
Cr Williams	11	0	1
Cr McLeod	11	0	1
Cr McGlasson	12	0	0

FUNCTIONS AND STRUCTURE OF COUNCIL



Elected Member Allowances

Section 76 of the *Local Government Act 1999* provides that each member of a council is entitled to receive an annual allowance for performing and discharging official functions and duties.

Elected Members' allowances are determined by the Independent Remuneration Tribunal and in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999* Section 76(9) Allowance and Benefits, the allowance is adjusted on the first, second and third anniversaries of the relevant periodic elections to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index under scheme prescribed by the regulations. This section sets out allowances available to Elected Members.

Interstate or International Travel 2021-2022

During the 2021-2022 financial year, no Elected Members engaged in interstate or international travel funded in whole or in part by Council.

Gifts and Benefits Register 2021-2022

Mayor Hancock was the sole Councillor recipient of any gifts above the value of \$50 provided to members of Council during 2021-2022 and funded in whole or in part by the Council.

Credit Card Expenditure

No credit cards were provided by Council for use by members during the 2021-2022 financial year.

Elected Member	Allowance 1/7/2021-30/6/2022
Mayor Hancock	\$27,689
Deputy Mayor Hitchcock	Allowance \$8,528 Travel \$1,558
Cr May	\$6,922
Cr Callaghan OAM	Allowance \$6,922 Travel \$438
Cr Henderson	\$6,922
Cr Williams	\$6,922
Cr McLeod	\$6,922
Cr McGlasson	Allowance \$6,922 Travel \$1,558

Name of Elected Member	Date Given or Received	Name of Donor	Description of Gift or Benefit	Value \$	Reason for Offer and Acceptance
Mayor Hancock	19 January 2022	Governor	Attendance at Australia Day Awards at Government House	N/A	Invitation from the Governor
Mayor Hancock	5 November 2021	Mellor Olsson	Mellor Olsson Networking Function	N/A	Invitation from Mellor Olsson
Mayor Hancock	21 October 2021	Australia Day Council	2022 Australian of the Year Awards Presentation Evening	N/A	Invitation from the Australia Day Council SA
Mayor Hancock	16/12/21 an Received on 8/3/22 (Sitting at Transport Depot)	T-Ports	Bottle of Jim Barry Shiraz	\$54.00	Christmas Gift to be shared at Christmas Event

FUNCTIONS AND STRUCTURE OF COUNCIL



Audit Committee

Presiding Member: Mr Phil Channon

Membership: Presiding Member, three (3) Councillors and one other independent member.

Meets: Four (4) meetings per year to deal with:

- Monitoring the risk management and internal control environment of Council's operations
- The oversight of Council's internal and statutory audit responsibilities and functions
- To review and make recommendations on how Council's corporate, financial, governance and legal responsibilities are addressed.

Report to Council with recommendations in the form of committee minutes.

Audit Committee—Record of attendance from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022

	Meetings Attended (of 4)	Leave of absence granted	Apology recorded	Allowance
Chair Phil Channon	4	0	0	\$2,120
Cr Peter Hitchcock	2	0	2	\$0
Cr Debbie May	4	0	0	\$0
Cr Andrew McLeod	2	2	2	\$0
Mr Michael O'Neil	4	0	0	\$1,200

FUNCTIONS AND STRUCTURE OF COUNCIL



Building Fire Safety Committee

Presiding Member: Mr Peter Harmer

Membership: Mr Julian Aggiss CFS, Mr Nick Heron Council Building Inspector

Purpose The District Council of Elliston Building Fire Safety Committee acts in an advisory role and provides support to Council.

The Committee was established in accordance with the requirements of Section 157 (10) of the *Planning ,Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*.

The purpose of the Building Fire Safety Committee (BFSC) is to maintain proper levels of fire safety in all accommodation buildings within the Council area.

Inspections: The BFSC carried out inspections in November 2021 and letters of advice on works to be undertaken, were posted to the owners and lessees of the premises inspected.



REPRESENTATION AND ELECTIONS



Representation and Elections

The Council's total representation quota (the number of electors for each Councillor) is 1:92.

Elected Members and Elector Representation

Council has eight (8) Elected Members including the Mayor. The Mayor is elected by the Elected Members at the first meeting of Council following the Council Election.

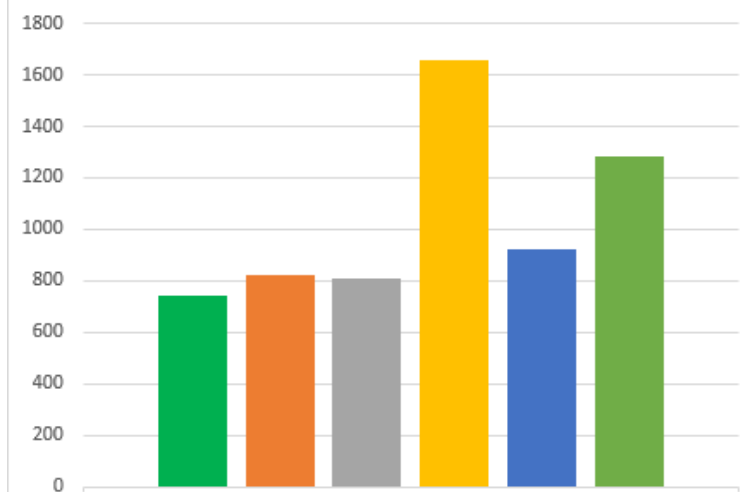
The following table compares the District Council of Elliston's representation quota with neighbouring and other comparable councils. The Representation Quota is determined by dividing the total number of electors for the area of the Council by the number of members of Council.

The Process for Elector Representation Reviews

Section 12(4) of the *Local Government Act 1999* sets out the process that councils are required to follow when undertaking an elector representation review. The commencement of the review is triggered by the release of a Representation Options Paper which outlines the representation structures available. The *Local Government Act 1999* sets out the requirements for conducting a review as well as setting timeframes to provide opportunity for members of the public to make submissions at key stages of the review.

In undertaking the review, Council must prepare a report on the public consultation undertaken and any proposal that the Council considers should be carried into effect. A final report must be compiled that includes a summary of amendments resulting from any considerations in respect of the public

COUNCILS	No. of Elected Members	No. Of Electors	Ratio
District Council of Elliston	8	740	1:92
Wudinna District Council	7	823	1:117
District Council of Kimba	7	810	1:115
District Council of Streaky Bay	8	1656	1:207
District Council of Franklin Harbour	6	924	1:154
District Council of Cleve	7	1284	1:183



consultation process, with the report then submitted to the Electoral Commissioner for certification. The Electoral Commissioner must determine whether the requirements of the review have been satisfied.

A review of the District Council of Elliston elector representation was completed in 2021.

MANAGEMENT AND STAFFING



Staff and management at the District Council of Elliston work for and on behalf of the community and implement policies and directions set by the Council.

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for overall administration and for ensuring that Council's policies and directions are implemented.

As at 30 June 2022 the Senior Management Team comprised the Chief Executive Officer, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Works Manager and Executive Assistant.

The organisational structure of Council is regularly reviewed to ensure the optimum allocation of roles across the Council.

The Senior Management Team is responsible for leading our culture as a key part of delivering outcomes for our community, providing excellent customer service and ensuring all staff are given the opportunity to make meaningful, rewarding contributions to the District Council of Elliston community.

Name	Title	Remuneration
Geoff Sheridan	Chief Executive Officer	Contract, Vehicle, Accommodation, Phone allowance
Karen Quinn	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Contract, Vehicle, Phone allowance
Tim Mills	Works Manager	Contract, Vehicle, Phone allowance
Jill Leonard	Executive Assistant	Salary

Interstate and International Travel

No staff undertook interstate or international travel funded in whole or in part by the Council during the 2021-2022 financial year.

Gifts and Benefits

No staff were provided with any gifts above the value of \$50 funded in whole or in part by the Council during the 2021-2022 financial year.

Credit Cards

Three credit cards were issued to Council senior staff for work purposes, during 2021-2022, with a total expenditure incurred of \$51,020.33.

All expenses incurred require copies of tax invoices and proof of reason for purchase and meet audit requirements.

MANAGEMENT AND STAFFING



Council Staff

At 30 June 2022, Council employed twenty three (23) staff.

The Organisational Structure of the Council at 30 June 2022 comprised:

- Chief Executive Officer
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer
- Works Manager
- Executive Assistance
- Finance
- Administration
- Customer Service
- Records Management
- WHS and Risk
- Works
- Council Support
- Governance
- Human Resources

Council employed at 30 June 2022

Full time permanent staff	15
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Part time permanent staff	4
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Casual staff	4
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Total employees	23
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Full time equivalent (FTE) at 30 June 2022 total	17.5
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Council's Services include:

Corporate Services: Governance, Financial Services, Human Resources, Information Technology, Communication, Rates Administration, Records Management, Customer Service

Community Services: Aged Services, Youth Services, Cultural and Arts, Library Services

Infrastructure Services: Community Waste Water Management System (CWMS), Waste Management and Recycling, Water Supply, Roads and Footpaths. Foreshore Protection, Stormwater Drainage and Wetlands, Private Works

Environmental Services: Legislative Compliance, Parks and Gardens, Planning, Cemeteries, Public Conveniences, Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board

Executive Services: Economic Development, Tourism

Corporate Information

Auditor: Dean Newbery and Partners. Remuneration paid to Council's auditors in 2021-2022 was \$17,006.

Legal Costs: \$35,376.19

Bank: BankSA, Bendigo Bank

Solicitors: Kelledy Jones Norman Waterhouse

STRATEGIES AND PERFORMANCE



Annual Budget 2021-2022

The District Council of Elliston's Strategic Management Plan 2021-2025, Long Term Financial Plan 2021-2030 Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan 2021-2030 are the leading strategy documents in Council's strategic planning framework.

The Strategic Management Plan 2021-2025 identifies five (5) Strategic Objectives:

- Provide transparent, strong and accountable leadership
- Provide community health and mental wellbeing
- Protect and enhance our environment and natural resources
- Develop and maintain infrastructure services
- Support economic development and tourism.

The Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget are the working documents generated each year in order to action the priorities and projects identified by the suite of Management Plans.

Council adopted the 2021-2022 Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget on 22 June 2021 and the following pages report on our progress toward our key priorities.



Elliston Wetlands

STRATEGIES AND PERFORMANCE



Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget 2022-2023

Council successfully adopted the 2022-2023 Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget on 21 June 2022.

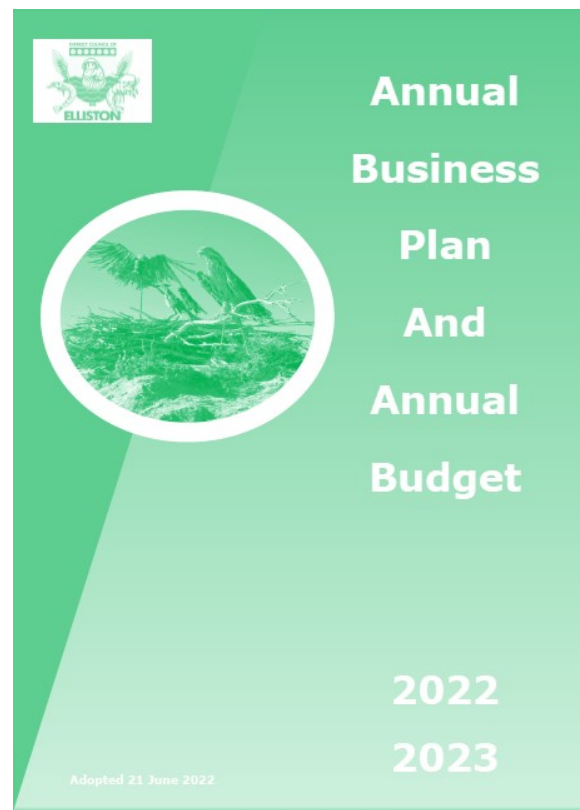
Capital works outlined in the 2022-2023 Business Plan and Budget include:

REPLACED ASSETS

- Elliston Gazebo
- Walker's Rock Road and Clifftop Drive—re-sheeting
- Matson Terrace Venus Bay—re-sealing
- Venus Bay Ramp Carpark—re-sealing
- Lock Stormwater Pipes
- Venus Bay Paving (footpath Matson Terrace to jetty and BBQ area)
- Replace cleaner ute
- Replace Holden Trailblazer
- Replace Computer hardware

NEW ASSETS

- RSL Building



The Capital Works Budget for 2022-2023 includes:




\$1,013,000—Total Replace Asset Capital Expenditure

\$174,000— Total New Asset Capital Expenditure



STRATEGIES AND PERFORMANCE 2021-2022



Strategic Objective: Provide transparent strong and accountable leadership	Status	Comment
Continue to advocate for improvements to State Government owned jetties and boat ramps	✓	Complete
Carry out underwater inspection of State Government owned Elliston Jetty	✓	Complete
Pursue grant funding opportunities	✓	Complete
Continual review and update of Council policies	✓	Complete
Continue to manage community land and maintain Council's leases and licenses	✓	Complete
Continue to update the work health and safety (WHS) and risk management programs	✓	Complete
Continue to facilitate plans for the Council area emergency management		In progress
Continue to upgrade skills of Elected Members and staff through targeted training	✓	Complete
Publish quarterly Council newsletter	✓	Complete
Maintain regular updates on website, social media and newsletters	✓	Complete
Utilise shared service arrangements with local councils where possible	✓	Complete
Strategic Objective: Provide community health and mental wellbeing	Status	Comment
Provide grants to local community organisations through our Community Grants Program	✓	Complete
Provide ongoing support to the community library	✓	Complete
Provide support and co-ordinate community events and civic functions including:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Christmas events 2021 • Remembrance Service 2021 • Australia Day Ceremon2022 • ANZAC Day Service 2022 	✓	Complete
Facilitate the purchase and installation of an all abilities swing at Trudinger Playground		In Progress
Installation of a pump track at Elliston	✓	Complete
Lock Pool Change Rooms and Gym Upgrade		In Progress

STRATEGIES AND PERFORMANCE 2021-2022



Strategic Objective: Develop and maintain infrastructure services	Status	Comment
Re-sheeting McLachlan Way (Owen Road to Burrows Road) 4.5kms	✓	Complete
Re-sheeting Hambidge Drive (Grey Road to Ridgway Road) 5.8kms	⌚	In Progress
Re-sheeting Palkagee Road (Tod Highway to Hundred Line Road) 2.1kms	✓	Complete
Develop a strategy to remediate Larne Drive	⌚	In Progress
Reseal sections of Matson Terrace Venus Bay		Delayed until 2022-2023
Reseal Venus Bay Boat Ramp Carpark		Delayed until 2022-2023
Re-sheet Lock Aerodrome runway	✓	Complete
Install fencing at Depot #2	✗	Cancelled
Replace and upgrade storm water drainage and wetland in Elliston	⌚	In Progress
Replace Holden Colorado with Isuzu MUX	✓	Complete
Purchase new utility for Lock	⌚	In Progress
Install Port Kenny Reverse Osmosis Plant	✓	Complete
Install smart meters for Port Kenny Water Supply	✓	Complete
Develop a risk management plan to meet the SA Safe Drinking Water Act to enable an application to be made to ESCOSA to change the licence from non-potable water for Port	✓	Complete
Install Venus Bay Membrane BioReactor	⌚	In Progress
Install Elliston Entrance Statements	✓	Complete
Install Port Kenny Information Board	✓	Complete
Purchase of generator for the Council Office	✓	Complete
Install staircase at Little Bay	✓	Complete

STRATEGIES AND PERFORMANCE 2021-2022



Strategic Objective: Develop and maintain infrastructure services	Status	Comment
Replacement of Elliston Aerodrome lighting	✓	Complete
Resurface Elliston Jetty carpark	✓	Complete
Resurface Venus Bay carparks	⌚	In Progress
Seek grant funding to seal Palkagee Road (Unsuccessful)	✓	Complete
Seek grant funding to seal Rocky Valley Road (Unsuccessful)	✓	Complete

Strategic Objective: Protect and enhance our environment and natural resources	Status	Comment
Continue to implement the pigeon control program in Elliston township		Ongoing
Provide recycling education material to the community	✓	Complete
Develop a mosquito surveillance management program	⌚	In Progress
Participate in the dog and cat de-sexing program	⌚	In Progress
Establish Building Fire Safety Committee	✓	Complete
Employ a building inspector	✓	Complete
Close Venus Bay landfill site and change to a transfer station as per Environmental Protection Authority requirements	⌚	In Progress
Develop an Elliston CWMS concept design	⌚	In Progress
Upgrade Sheringa and Walker's Rock Campsites delineation and signage	⌚	In Progress

STRATEGIES AND PERFORMANCE 2021-2022



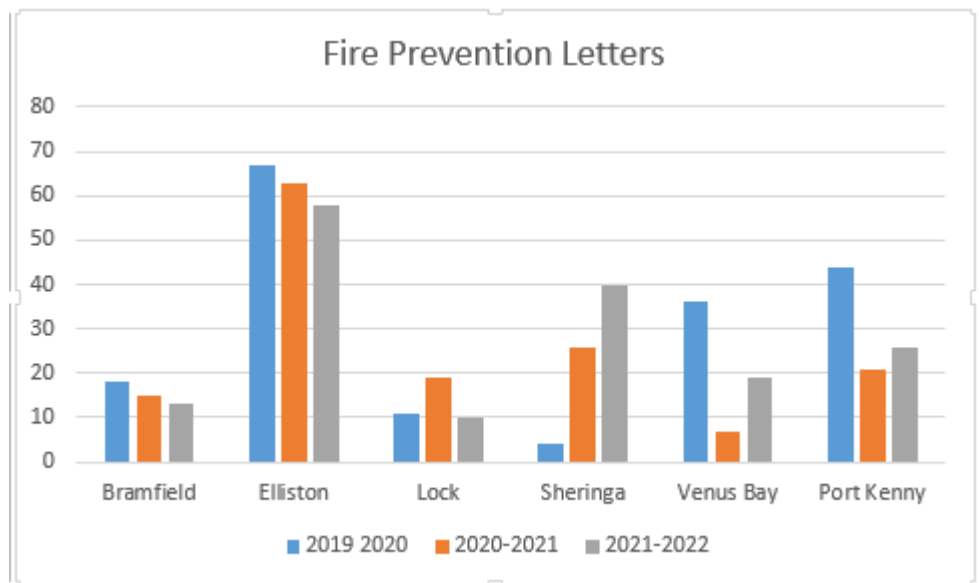
Fire Prevention

166 Fire Prevention Letters

2019-2020	218
2020-2021	151
2021-2022	166

64 S105 Notices Issued

18 Fines Issued



Food Inspections

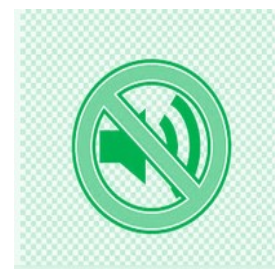
Sixteen (16) Food Premises inspections were completed, compared to seventeen (17) in the 2020-2021 financial year.

Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2017

Forty one (41) Local Nuisance and Litter Control complaint received



- 2 Dead Animals
- 7 Nuisance Cats
- 2 Smoke
- 3 Dust
- 10 Vermin/Pest
- 7 Rubbish/Littering
- 6 Unsanitary Conditions
- 1 Noise
- 3 Wandering Livestock



STRATEGIES AND PERFORMANCE 2021-2022



Year	Total Development Costs		
	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020
Amount	\$5,127,850	\$1,914,374	\$3,165,582

Planning and Design Code

The Planning and Design Code (Code) is underpinned by the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* (Act).

The Code has replaced Council's previous development plans and the information provided below has been extracted from the ePlanning Portal.

Development Activity 2021-2022

Development Applications lodged:	34		
Development Category:	1	Accepted	2.9%
	4	Deemed to Satisfy	11.8%
	29	Performance Assessed.	85.3%

Total Planning Consents by Relevant Authority

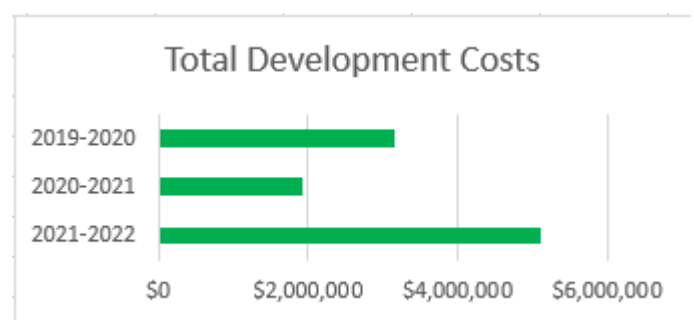
Assessment Manager	25	78.1%
Regional Assessment Panel	7	21.9%
Withdrawn	2	

Land Division

One (1) Granted

Waste Water Application

Lodged	9
Approved	7
Ongoing	2



STRATEGIES AND PERFORMANCE



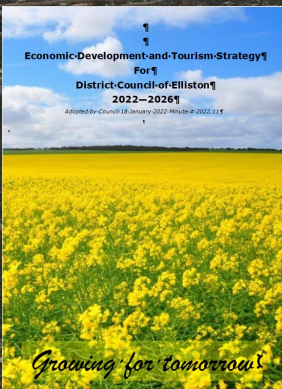
Economic Development and Tourism –Growing for Tomorrow

The Strategy's Implementation Plan addresses the principal activities of Strategic Objective No. 5 in Council's Strategic Management Plan 2021-2025—Support Economic Development and Tourism.

Activity 2: Develop an Elliston Master Plan and town precinct area has been completed and the Elliston Master Plan was adopted by Council at the meeting held on 21 June 2022.

Council will continue to actively promote and encourage the growth of our economy through tourism, supporting local businesses and welcoming new ventures to the District.

"The District Council of Elliston recognizes that tourism is an integral component of the economic viability for the district and that an effective Economic Development and Tourism Strategy will develop and promote tourism while balancing the needs of residents with the expectations of visitors in a responsible and considered manner."



STRATEGIES AND PERFORMANCE



Freedom of Information (FOI)

Section 38(1) of the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* provides that “a person who is aggrieved by a determination made by an agency under Division 1 is entitled to a review of the determination.”

Information on the FOI process, application forms, fees and access to documents is available from Council’s accredited FOI officer. If required the office will assist anyone seeking to amend Council records containing their personal affairs. More information on, and application forms for, the FOI process are available from the Council office or Council’s website.

For the 2021-2022 reporting period nil (0) applications were received by Council.

An updated Freedom of Information Statement is published by District Council of Elliston every twelve (12) months to Council’s website.

Public Consultation Policy

Council is committed to open, accountable and responsive decision making, which is informed by effective communication and consultation between Council and the community.

The Public Consultation Policy sets out the steps Council will take to establish partnerships and encourage community involvement in planning and decision making regarding the services Council provides and the management of community resources.

Council aims to ensure that appropriate and cost effective methods are used to inform and involve the local community, key stakeholders and interested parties relevant to the specific circumstances of each consultation topic.

District Council of Elliston is committed to engaging

as widely and actively as possible with its diverse communities, through a range of community consultations.

During the 2021-2022 financial year, public consultation was held on:

- Draft Elliston Master Plan
- Draft Mosquito Management Plan 2022-2023
- Draft Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget 2022-2023
- Draft Council By-Laws
- Draft Community Wastewater Management System Concept Design

Community Engagement and Voter Participation

Members of the public have a number of opportunities to put forward their views on particular issues before Council.

- ◆ Write to Council on any Council policy, activity or service
- ◆ Contact the Elected Members of Council to discuss any issue relevant to Council
- ◆ Attend community consultation processes
- ◆ At the discretion of the Mayor, a member of the public can address Council on any issue within the Council’s jurisdiction
- ◆ Written petitions addressed to the Council on any issue within the Council’s jurisdiction
- ◆ Engaging on Council’s Facebook and Instagram pages
- ◆ Providing feedback on specific Council engagements and consultations via Council’s website: www.elliston.sa.gov.au

STRATEGIES AND PERFORMANCE



Public Interest Disclosures

The *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2018* protects people who disclose information about serious wrongdoing within the South Australian public sector, including Local Government. These complaints may relate to incidents that pose a significant environmental and health risk or the conduct of public officers.

There are two types of public interest information;

- Environmental and health information
- Public administration information

District Council of Elliston does not tolerate improper conduct by its employees or Elected Members or the use of reprisals against those who declare such information.

In 2021-2022 District Council of Elliston received nil (0) Public Interest Disclosures.

Council By-Laws

The *Local Government Act 1999* (Act) provides the ability for Council to make by-laws as a way of providing good governance to the community and which reflect current community standards. By-laws operate as a piece of legislation and may be enforced by means of issuing an expiation notice.

District Council has six (6) By-Laws to ensure the good rule and governance of the Council area and for the convenience, safety and comfort of its community. These are:

Council's By-Laws were adopted in 2015 and Council is in the process of reviewing and updating them in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

Office for Public Integrity (OPI), Ombudsman and Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (ICAC)

Public officers are obliged to report corruption in public administration and are strongly encouraged to report matters involving misconduct and maladministration.

The Director OPI is responsible for the directions and guidelines governing the reporting of corruption and the Ombudsman is responsible for the directions and guidelines governing the reporting of misconduct and maladministration in public administration.

The OPI will continue to receive and assess reports from public officers, public authorities or enquiry agencies. Once assessed and if warranted a matter will be referred to the appropriate integrity agency (or the relevant public authority) for investigation.

Reports about alleged corruption in public administration will be referred to the ICAC for investigation while matters of misconduct or maladministration in public administration will now be dealt with by the SA Ombudsman.

The OPI or the Office of the Ombudsman are required to inform public officers about action taken in response to a report. As was previously the case, confidentiality of reported information must be maintained unless the disclosure is to a supervisor or other senior officer or approval has been given by the OPI or ICAC.

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Recycling

Council has continued with its recycling education program through 2021-2022 including information in the Council quarterly newsletters and collection centres established in the office.

Records Management

Council's Records Management Policies for Elected Members and Council staff are available on Council's website and Elected Members and Council staff are aware of their obligations with regard to record keeping.

Administrative Services

Council management staff assist community members and community groups with grant applications, event management, marketing and tourism and related economic development and regional and business relations.

The Executive Assistant provides administrative support to the Mayor and Elected Members including media liaison and policy services.

Information and Communication Technology Services

Loftus IT continues to provide excellent services to Council providing expert advice on cyber awareness through training programs and the introduction of a system to check all emails for potential viruses or irregularities.

Customer Service

Council's Customer Service Charter provides Council staff with a basis on which to effectively respond to enquiries from the community.

All enquiries and feedback are taken on board to assist Council to improve our service and meet the needs of the community.

The Water and Sewerage Retail Services Policies and Procedures were updated during 2021-2022 and the Customer Charter, Customer Hardship Policy and Complaint and Dispute Handling Guidelines all combine to provide a solid framework for staff to competently deal with potential community concerns.

Communication

Communication with the community is recognised as an integral component of Council's Strategic Management Plan and strategic objectives.

Achievements, project updates and advice are promoted on Council's website through Latest News and on social media, posters, newsletters and newspaper advertising when applicable.

Council's commitment to providing a safe environment for its residents and visitors is achieved via consultation with the community, feedback provided to Council via customer enquiries, feedback and complaint forms from the public.

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Listing of Codes of Conduct and Practice

In accordance with Schedule 4 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the following Codes of Conduct are available on Council's website or the customer service counter.

- * Code of Conduct for Council Members
- * Code of Conduct for Employees Policy
- * Code of Practice Access to Council and Committee Meetings and Document Procedure
- * Code of Practice Council Meeting Procedures
- * Water and Sewerage Retail Services: Customer Charter
- * Customer Service Charter

Listing of Registers

In accordance with Schedule 4 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the following Registers are available on Council's website.

- * Elected Members Allowances and Benefits Register
- * Elected Members Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest
- * Elected Members Gifts and Benefits Register
- * Elected Members Disclosure of Interests Register
- * Delegations Register

- * Employees Gifts and Benefits Register
- * Employees Register of Salaries, Wages and Benefits
- * Register of Public Streets and Roads
- * Voters Roll Register
- * Community Land Register
- * Assessment Register
- * Register of Confidential Items and release dates
- * Schedule of Fees and Charges

The Register of Interests—Employees is not legally able to be viewed by members of the public.

Boundary Review

Section 28 of the *Local Government Act 1999* provides for the processes required to change council boundaries.

A prescribed percentage or number of eligible electors may make representation to the Commission and must set out in general terms the nature of the proposal and comply with any requirements of the proposal guidelines.

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Policies and Procedures

Council policies may be required by legislation, related to the Council as an elected member body and/or be in the public interest. Policies provide the Elected Members and Council staff with the ability and direction to make decisions that are considered to be consistent and unbiased. A policy can also provide detail on the manner in which the Council undertakes, or requires others to undertake certain works or activities.

Council or SMT have endorsed the following Policies:

Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget Policy
Asset Accounting Policy
Caretaker Policy 2022
Code of Conduct for Council Members
Code of Conduct for Employees Policy
Code of Practice: Access to Council Meetings and Documents Procedure
Code of Practice: Council Meeting Procedures
Community Grants Policy
Complaint Handling Procedure under Council Members Code of Conduct
Community Group Loan Policy
Complaints Policy and Procedure
Council Representatives on Outside Bodies
Credit Card Policy
Customer Service Charter
Debt Recovery Policy
Development of Roads on Reserves Policy
Disposal of Land and Assets Policy
Elliston Drug and Alcohol Policy
Elected Members Access to Information Policy
Elected Members Allowances and Support Policy
Elected Members Record Management Policy
Elected Member Training and Development Policy
Emergency Management Policy
Entertainment and Hospitality Policy
Equal Opportunity Policy and Procedure
External Grant Funding Policy
Facebook Page Guidelines
Flag Flying Policy

Fraud, Corruption, Misconduct and Maladministration Prevention Policy
General Ledger Policy
Induction for New Council Policy
Internal Financial Controls Policy
Internal Review of a Council Decision Procedure
Leases Licences Permits Policy
Mobile Food Vendor Location Rules Policy
Native Vegetation Plan for Roadworks Policy
Order Making Policy
Outdoor Dining Policy
Plant Hire Policy
Prudential Management Policy
Private Works Policy
Procurement Policy
Public Consultation Policy
Public Interest Disclosure Procedure
Rating Policy
Records Management Policy
Request for services Policy
Request for Service Procedure
Risk Management Policy
Road Infrastructure Policy
Sculpture Management Policy
Smoke Fee Workplace Policy
Social Media Policy
Stormwater Policy —Port Kenny Venus Bay
Streets and Verges Policy
Supplementary Election Policy
Treasury Management Policy
Water and Sewerage Retail Services Complaint and Dispute Handling Guidelines
Water and Sewerage Retail Services Customer Charter
Water and Sewerage Retail Services Customer Hardship Policy
Water and Sewerage Retail Services Pricing Policy Statement

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Management Plans for Community Land

Community land is land that is owned or managed by Council and Council has prepared a Community Land Management Register and Community Land Management Plans in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

The five (5) Plans provide guidance for Council in the management of public land under its care, control and management for the benefit of the community.

Council's Community Land Management Register and Community Land Management Plans, including information on the land included under the Register is available on Council's website or at the Council office.

Internal Review of Council Decisions

Council received no application for an internal review as required under Section 270(8) of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

This Section states that Council must, on an annual basis, initiate and consider a report that relates to:

- (a) The number of applications for review made under this section
- (b) the kind of matters to which the applications relate
- (c) the outcome of application under this section
- (d) such other matters as may be prescribed by the regulations

Confidential Items

Council maintains a Confidential Items Register on its website listing items discussed at Council Meetings which were considered in confidentiality.

Orders under Section 90(2) Five (5)

Orders under Section 91(7) Nil (0)

OPEN CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS REGISTER 2021-2022

14 December 2021	13.9	Disposal of Surplus Land Request	90(2), 90(3)(d)	14 December 2022
17 May 2022	13.13	Confidential Item: Feedback on ESCOSA proposed Framework and Approach—s122 Strategic Management Plan Advice Scheme	90(2), 90(3)(j)	30 June 2022 (CEO Delegated)
21 June 2022	13.16	Pro Form Report to Elected Members—Public Lighting Case	90(2), 90(3)(h)	20 June 2023
21 June 2022	13.18	Confidential Item—Unpaid Rates—Section 184 Request	90(2), (0(3)(a)	20 June 2023

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National Competition Policy

Council is required to submit relevant information on the application of competitive neutrality principles. During the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, Council did not undertake any activities on the application of competitive neutrality principles.

Competitive Tendering and Service Reviews

Council's Procurement Policy, in compliance with Section 49 of the *Local Government Act 1999*:

- ◆ Defines the methods by which Council can acquire goods and services
- ◆ Demonstrates accountability and responsibility of Council to ratepayers
- ◆ Seeks to be fair and equitable to all parties involved
- ◆ Enables all processes to be monitored and recorded
- ◆ Ensures that the best possible outcome is achieved for the Council.

Equal Employment Opportunity

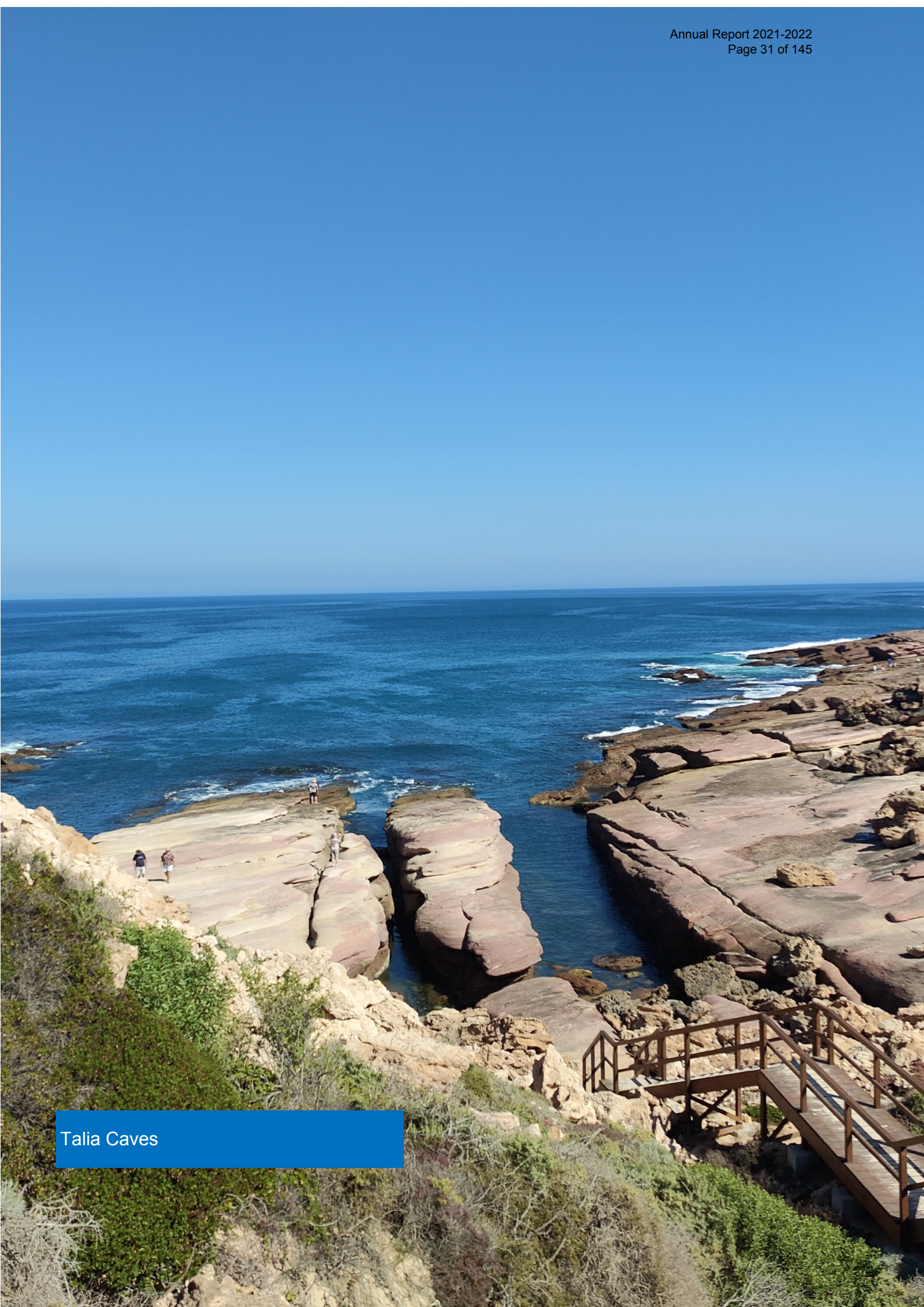
Council continues to promote its commitment to equal employment opportunity by ensuring that the workplace is free from all forms of unlawful discrimination and harassment.

Council staff are required to be reasonable, just and non-discriminatory while carrying out their roles and responsibilities.

Disability Access and Inclusion Plan

Council strives to undertake the actions and responsibilities identified in its Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) in all Council projects and programs.





Talia Caves

HIGHLIGHTS



AUSTRALIA DAY 2022 COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR

The Community Event of the Year 2022 was won by The Elliston Area School for its 100 year celebration Woolshow Event.

The Event was celebrated in Elliston on 26 January with a breakfast provided by the Elliston Men's Shed.

Mayor Hancock presented the Award to Mr Chad Fleming, Principal of the Elliston Area School.



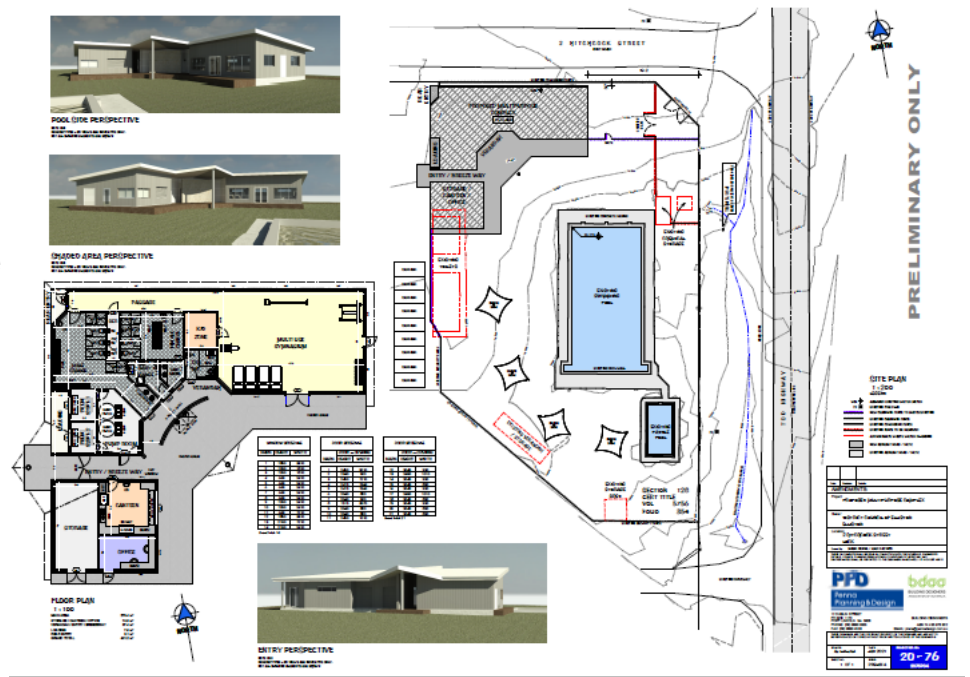
HIGHLIGHTS

2021-2022 GRANTS

Lock Aquatic and Fitness Complex Upgrade:

Office of Recreation Sport and Racing:	\$750,000
Phase 3 Local Roads and Community Infrastructure	\$650,000
Lock Murdinga Tooligie Progress Association	\$100,000

This \$1.5m Project will see the Lock Pool change rooms demolished and replaced with a new purpose built facility to include: accessible toilets, parent and child change space, male and female toilets, multi-use gymnasium, canteen, office with observation point and storage areas.



Saluting Their Service

Thanks to the Department of Veteran Affairs “Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program” Council has received funds to restore the Elliston Cenotaph/Obelisk.

Work will by undertaken in 2022-2023.



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2021-2022 GRANTS

Eyes on Eyre

Funds provided under Eyes on Eyre allowed the introduction of a pilot program for online site bookings for Walker's Rock and Sheringa Campgrounds. Bookeasy, the online booking system has proven extremely successful and is now the confirmed booking format for these sites.

Further funding of \$150,000 was granted under Eyes on Eyre for the upgrading of the Sandpiper Nest at Walker's Rock. This work included an upgrade of the track and delineation of sites.



Variety the Children's Charity of SA



Funds from Variety the Children's Charity of SA have allowed Council to install all abilities swings at the Elliston Trudinger Playground.

Already a popular piece of equipment!

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Sculptures on the Cliffs

The winners of the 2021-2022 Sculpture Sponsorship Competition 2021-2022 were Marijan Bekic and Todd Romanowycz.



Thongs—*Sculptor Todd Romanowycz*



The Passage—*Sculptor Marijan Bekic*

Community Grants and Event Contributions

The 2021-2022 Community Grants Program attracted three applications during the year.

Council contributed \$10,000 to the Elliston Netball Club toward the cost of resurfacing the netball courts.

A further \$890 assisted the Lock and District Heritage Museum to replace the signage on the Lock Heritage Trail.

\$500 each was allocated to Christmas Functions for the Lock Murdinga Tooligie Progress Association, and Tooligie Hall Committee.

The Celebrating Christmas competition held this year again proved extremely popular and the winners of

the competition received prizes totalling \$500.

Equal 1st Prize:

**Celesce Koch
Mardi Hancock**

3rd Prize

Dalby and Edie Stringer

Further funds were allocated toward the Australia Day breakfasts, Lock Races, Annual Salmon Fishing Championships and Elliston Area School Woolshow.

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Elliston Stormwater Infrastructure and Samphire Wetlands Upgrade

In 2020-2021, Council was successful in obtaining grant funding of \$861,227 from the State Government under the Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program to upgrade the Elliston Stormwater Infrastructure and Wetlands.

Council contributed the remaining 50% for this Project.

The successful contractors, LAKA commenced work in January 2022 and the final works are nearing completion.

Council staff with assistance from community members and the local schools, planted over 21,000 plants around the Wetlands, which already look fantastic.





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Human Resource Management

Council is committed to ensuring all employees have access to reasonable training and development, including mandatory training related to work health safety and role specific professional development.

Council employed a Senior Finance Officer during the 2021-2022 financial year.

A review of staff roles is undertaken each year in conjunction with each staff member's performance appraisal.

At 30 June 2022 staff numbers totalled twenty one (21) including part time and casual.

2021-2022 Staff Training

Training of employees continues to be an integral part of Council's Work Health and Safety and Risk Management programs as it provides employees with a better understanding of their roles and responsibilities and the organisation with a skilled workforce who take pride in, and ownership of, their work.

The Local Government Association Mutual Liability and Workers' Compensation Schemes evaluate Council's performance bi-annually and provide feedback where improvements can be made. Council will continue to participate in programs offered by the Schemes to improve its work health and safety and risk management systems and develop the knowledge and skills of personnel in this area.

Training Achieved in 2021-2022

Council maintains a high level of training, which is managed through Skytrust to ensure it is kept up to date. Below is some training that has been renewed or completed this year.

Skytrust (ongoing)
Workplace Emergency Management Plan
Venomous Animal Awareness
ChemCert AQJ3 Chemical Accreditation
Aerodrome Reporting Officer
First Aid

Workzone Traffic Management
I-Responda
I Responda Core and Bushfire Module
Fire Extinguisher Training
Chainsaw Operation and Maintenance
Security Training
Drummuster Inspector Training
Construction Industry White Card
Incident Investigation
LGA Audit and Procurement
Mosquito Trapping Training
Governance Forum
Understanding Caretaker Model Policy Training
CEO Appointment Performance Training
LG Equip Updates
LG Professionals Economic Development Conference
Heavy Combination Licence
Return to Work Training
Fire Prevention Officer Reaccreditation Seminar
Multi Combination Licence
Heavy Rigid Licence
Test Tag Training
In addition to the mandatory training required for staff to maintain their skill levels, some staff are undertaking further studies.
Luke Pryor has completed Cert IV in Regulatory Services
Lucy Patton is studying Advanced Diploma of Governance, Risk Management and Compliance.
Karen Quinn has completed an Advanced Diploma in Management.
Hannah Zerk is studying Cert IV in Regulatory Services
Tim Mills and Jill Leonard have participated in the eplanning portal training.

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Finance

The Finance Department comprises Deputy Chief Executive Officer Karen Quinn, Finance Officer Mel Pryor and Administration Officer Samantha Agars, with support from Customer Services Officers.

The Department manages some of the most important and risky aspects of Council's functions, namely, the collection and expenditure of all council monies.

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer coordinates the strategic financial activities of Council, including the Long Term Financial Plan, Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan, Annual Business Plan and budgeting processes.

The Department also supports the activities of the Audit Committee and the Council Auditor.

Financial Reporting

A full audited copy of the General Purpose Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2022 pursuant to Section 131 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, is included in this Report.

Council returned an operating surplus for the 2021-2022 financial year of \$780,391.

The operating surplus is effectively overstated by \$876,000 due to grant revenue being received in advance.

The income is reported in the 2021-22 financial year with the expenses reported in the 2022-23 financial year.

Operating Income

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

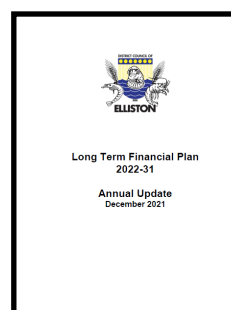
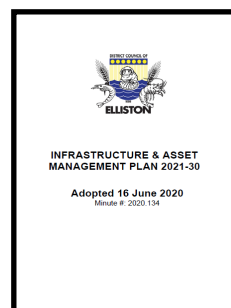
Revenue included \$5,826,347 in grants, subsidies and contributions.

Operating Expenditure

The operating expenditure for the financial year was incurred in the following operations areas: employee costs, materials, contractual services, other expenses and depreciation.

Capital Expenditure

Along with operating expenditure, the Council is committed to maintaining its fixed assets base. Council spent \$1,151,074 on replacement and new / upgrading assets.



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Non-Current Assets

The Non-Current Assets of Council are significant and include land, buildings and other infrastructure, road infrastructure, plant and equipment, furniture and fittings and CWMS. Non-Current Assets are valued at \$42,360,966.

Financial Sustainability

Note 15 of the General Purpose Financial Report for the financial year ending 30 June 2022 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 was reviewed in 2020.

Financial Control

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 IT Vision 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 Audit Committee prior to consideration by Council. These policies, procedures and the Audit Committee meeting agendas and minutes are available on Council's website.



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Risk Management

Risk is defined in the Australian Standard as the effect of uncertainty on objectives—either positive or negative and is commonly viewed as a threat to an organisation—a focus on what can go wrong.

This year Council is building and developing its risk register across strategic, operational and project risk, allowing Council to identify the risks we face and put in place, preventative controls and corrective actions, which is essential to effectively manage these risks.

Council regards its employees as its greatest asset and continues to strive to provide employees with a better quality of life both at work and home by offering up to date knowledge and support. This enables employees to proactively manage risks to their health and safety.

Examples of programs available to employees include regular health assessments, flu vaccinations, audiometric testing, participation in the Ageing and Work Health Program and the Healthy Lifestyle Program which includes; annual skin checks, health checks and health and wellbeing information.

Council are continuing to perform well in the WHS and Risk Management areas and are continuously

improving these systems and achieving great results.

LGRS undertook an audit in November 2021 and Council performed well in Risk Management and in particular Emergency Management and Roads and Footpaths.

Annual Information Statement

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

In accordance with Schedule 4 of the *Local Government Act 1999* the following information is available for inspection at the Council office.

- Agendas and Minutes
- Annual Business Plan
- Annual Financial Reports
- Annual Report
- Auditors' Report
- Campaign Donations prepared by Candidates
- Council By-Laws
- Strategic Management Plans

Consequence \ Likelihood	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
Almost Certain	Moderate - 7	High - 12	Extreme - 18	Extreme - 21	Extreme - 25
Likely	Low - 4	Moderate - 9	High - 14	Extreme - 20	Extreme - 24
Possible	Low - 3	Moderate - 8	High - 13	Extreme - 19	Extreme - 23
Unlikely	Low - 2	Low - 6	Moderate - 11	High - 16	Extreme - 22
Rare	Low - 1	Low - 5	Moderate - 10	High - 15	High - 17

Policy/Procedure Type	Freedom of Information
Responsible Department	Office of the Chief Executive Officer
Responsible Officer	Chief Executive Officer
Related policies and / or procedures	Public Consultation Policy Order Making Policy Code of Conduct for Council Members Code of Practice: Council Meeting Procedures Complaints Policy and Procedure
Date adopted	
File Ref	13.63.1/1
Version	3.0
Last Reviewed	July 2021
Next Review	July 2023

1. Introduction

This Freedom of Information Statement is published by the District Council of Elliston (**Council**) in accordance with Section 9 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (SA) (**FOI Act**). The District Council of Elliston is pleased to comply with the legislation and publishes an updated Information Statement every twelve months to provide an overview of the types of information held by Council.

The purpose of this statement is to assist members of the public to identify the functions and decision making processes of Council, detail the type of information held by Council and advise how it can be accessed by the public.

2. Structure of Council

District Council of Elliston operates to provide for the government and management of its area at the local level. The *Local Government Act 1999* (**LG Act**) states that councils are particularly:

- a) to act as a representative, informed and responsible decision-maker in the interest of its community; and
- b) to provide and co-ordinate various public services and facilities and to develop its community and resource in a socially just and ecologically sustainable manner; and
- c) to encourage and develop initiatives within its community for improving the quality of life of the community; and
- d) to represent the interests of its community to the wider community; and
- e) to exercise, perform and discharge the powers, functions and duties of local government under the LG Act and other acts in relation to the area for which it is constituted. [S.6, LG Act]

3. Functions of Council

In accordance with Section 7 of the LG Act, the functions of Council include:

- a) to plan at the local and regional level for the development and future requirements of its area;
- b) to provide services and facilities that benefit its area, its ratepayers and residents, and visitors to its area;
- ba) to determine the appropriate financial contribution to be made by ratepayers to the resources of the Council;
- c) to provide for the welfare, well-being and interests of individuals and groups with its community;
- d) to take measures to protect its area from natural and other hazards and to mitigate the effects of such hazards;
- e) to manage, develop, protect, restore, enhance and conserve the environment in an ecologically sustainable manner, and to improve amenity;
- f) to provide infrastructure for its community and for development within its area;
- g) to promote its area and to provide an attractive climate and locations for the development of business, commerce, industry and tourism;
- h) to establish or support organisations or programs that benefit people in its area or local government generally;
- i) to manage and, if appropriate, develop, public areas vested in, or occupied by, the Council;
- j) to manage, improve and develop resources available to the Council;
- k) to undertake other functions and activities conferred by or under the Act. (S6, LG Act).

4. Full Council and provisions for meeting procedures

The Council, comprising the Mayor and seven Councillors, is the decision-making body on policy matters. The Mayor and Councillors represent the interests of the community and ultimately are responsible for the workings of the Council. Elected Members vote on action that will be taken with regard to issues brought before the Council.

Ordinary meetings of the Council are held in the Council Chambers, on the third Tuesday of each month at:

21 Beach Terrace
Elliston SA 5670

All meetings are open to the public, with the exception of any matters subject to an order of confidentiality. (S90, LG Act).

Notices of all meetings of Council and its Committees are available on the website and displayed at the Council Customer Service Centre Notice Board.

Community members can put forward their views on particular issues to a Council Meeting via a deputation or presentation. Deputations/presentations must be received in writing a minimum of five (5) days before the Council Meeting date. All submissions must be approved by the Council Mayor and the address by the deputation should be limited to under ten (10) minutes.

Visit Council's website for more information on [Deputations](#).

Please note that the District Council of Elliston requires all attendees at meetings to abide by the Code of Practice for Council and Committee Meetings.

At Council Meetings, there is a provision for Questions from Members of the Public. Public questions to an Ordinary Meeting are to be set out on the required Public Question Time application form. All public questions must be submitted to Council by 2:30pm on the day prior to the Ordinary Meeting or at the time of the meeting at the Mayor's discretion.

5. Council Committees

Committees are generally established by Council under Section 41 of the LG Act and do not have any delegated decision-making power (unless specified otherwise by Council). They are advisory in nature and their purpose is set out in each Committee's Terms of Reference or Charter located on Council's website.

Council must determine the membership and the reporting requirements of each of its key Committees. The Council encourages community participation by including community representation on its Committees.

A list of Council Committees is listed below:

- Audit Committee

The Audit Committee monitors and makes recommendations to Council about a range of matters related to financial reporting, internal controls, risk management systems and other relevant functions, as set out in the Audit Committee's Terms of Reference.

Council is a member of one (1) regional subsidiary – the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association. A subsidiary is ultimately subject to the joint direction and control of its constituent councils. The objectives are to provide leadership and advocacy for member councils on regional issues.

6. Council and Council Committee Agendas and Minutes

All [agendas and minutes](#), dates of a meeting of Council, or a key Council Committee are available on Council's website.

Agendas can be accessed no less than three (3) working days prior to the meeting and minutes are available within five (5) working days after the meeting.

Items on the Agenda considered under Section 90 of the LG Act are unavailable for viewing and that part of the meeting will be closed to the public.

7. Information and Briefing Sessions

Information and briefing sessions provide a valuable opportunity to enhance Council's decision-making processes by providing opportunities for Council members to become better informed on issues and seek further clarification prior to making decisions at formally constituted Council meetings. Informal gatherings are for information purposes only and not for decision making.

The Council or the CEO may arrange for the holding of an information or briefing session. To constitute an information or briefing session under the Local Government Act more

than one (1) member of the council or council committee must be invited to attend or be involved in the session. The session must be convened for the purposes of providing information or a briefing to attendees (S90A(1) of the LG Act).

8. Delegations

Pursuant to Section 44 of the LG Act the Council has delegated relevant powers, duties and functions to the Council committees, the Chief Executive Officer and the Mayor. Section 101 of the LG Act allows the Chief Executive Officer to sub delegate to Council staff in particular circumstances. Delegated powers, functions, authorisations and duties are set out in Council's Delegation Register which is available to be viewed by the public via the Council website on the [Public Registers](#) page.

The Delegations Register was reviewed in September 2019 and the next review is due following the 2022 Council elections in November.

9. Services to the community

The following services are provided by Council, as required by legislation:

- Planning, Development and Building Assessment
- Environmental Health Services
- Regulatory Services
- Fire Prevention
- Dog and Cat Management
- Development and adoption of Strategic Management Plans for the area, including Long Term Financial Plans, Infrastructure and Asset Management Plans and preparation of the Annual Budget.
- Establishment of an Audit Committee and other Committees as required
- Establish policies and processes for dealing with complaints, requests for service and internal review of Council decisions
- Determine the type, range and scope of projects to be undertaken by the Council
- Development of appropriate policies, practices, reports and procedures of internal control and performance objectives
- Provision of administrative requirements such as supporting the elected Council.

Other services and activities are provided through the decision-making processes of Council in response to local needs, interests and aspirations of individuals and groups within its community to ensure that Council resources are used equitably.

Council may also partner with other councils or State Government Departments to plan, fund and deliver services to local communities.

Examples of other services that Council provides are:

Animal Control	Arts and Culture Programs
Business Support	By-Laws
Coastcare Projects	Community Development and Engagement
Community Safety	Dry Zones
Economic Development	Emergency Management
Environmental Management	Festivals and Events
Food Safety Inspections	Heritage Support

Information Services	Infrastructure and Asset Maintenance
Library Services	Local History
Monitoring of Unsanitary Conditions	Parks, Gardens and Reserves
Pest and Weed Control	Playground Maintenance
Roads (local)	Septic Tank Effluent Disposal Schemes
Stormwater Management	Strategic Planning and Governance
Street Lighting	Traffic Management
Visitor Information and Tourism	Waste Collection and Recycling

10. Community Engagement and Public Participation

The community and /or individuals have a number of opportunities to express their views on particular issues before Council. These include:

Petitions – Petitions allow the public to bring to the attention of Council any matter they believe requires action. Written petitions can be addressed to the Council on any issue within the Council's jurisdiction. They should set out clearly the request or submission of the petitioners and be delivered to the Council office by 5.00pm on the Tuesday prior to the next Council or Committee meeting.

Elected Members – Members of the public can contact Members of Council to discuss any issue relevant to Council. [Contact details for all Members](#) are available on Council's website.

Written Requests – Members of the public can write to Council on any Council policy, activity or service, or submit a Customer Feedback Form.

11. Community Consultation

The District Council of Elliston is committed to open, honest, accountable and responsible decision making. Council's [Public Consultation Policy](#) facilitates effective communication between Council and the community, encouraging community involvement and partnerships in planning and decision making. The Policy sets out the steps Council will take in relation to public consultation and ensures that the most cost-effective methods of informing and involving the community, which are appropriate for specific circumstances and consultation topics, are used. The Policy is available via Council's website.

Council has a range of methods to engage with the community including Council's website, Social Media (Facebook Instagram), information sessions, mail outs, newspaper articles, workshops, survey/questionnaires, Mayor Meet and Greet, call for Submissions to Council, notices/posters, Council newsletter, public displays, various pamphlets or publications and public meetings.

Community consultation or notification also occurs on matters associated with development in the area as prescribed in the *Planning, Development & Infrastructure Act 2016*.

12. Access to Council Documents

Council holds a number of different types of documents. There is no charge to inspect certain documents without recourse to the *Freedom of Information Act 1991 (SA)* and many are available on Council's website. In most cases, copies of the documents (or extracts) may be purchased by the public for the fee set by Council. Details of [fees and charges](#) that apply are available via Council's website.

Where copyright laws apply to a document Council must have written permission of the copyright owner to reproduce it e.g. house plans, soil reports, engineering reports etc.

Council publishes all of its [by-laws](#), [policies](#) and [registers](#) on the Council website ensuring that they are available to the public.

The following documents are available only for public inspection at the Council Office, 21 Beach Terrace Elliston SA 5670 from 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday, closed public holidays.

Availability of documents will be facilitated with due respect for legislative limitations and prescribed procedures.

Document Name	Website	Council Office
Campaign Donation Returns prepared by Candidates	No	Yes
Community Land Register	Yes	Yes

Enquiries concerning the procedures for inspecting and purchasing Council policy documents should be made to Customer Service.

13. Other Information Requests

Requests for other information not publicly available will be considered in accordance with the FOI Act. Under this legislation, applicants seeking access to documents held by Council must provide sufficient information to enable the correct documents to be identified and must complete the required application form and lodge it at the Council office.

Before making an application you may wish to speak to the FOI officer who will be able to tell you if making an FOI application is the best approach.

Applications must be in writing and must specify that they are made under Section 13 of the FOI Act. Application forms are available from the Council and [State Records Website](#).

Under freedom of information you can apply to have documents concerning your personal affairs amended, by completing an [Amendment Application Form](#), if they are:

- o incomplete
- o incorrect
- o misleading or
- o out-of-date.

If the documents relate to the applicant's personal affairs, proof of identity may be requested. If documents are being sought on behalf of another person relating to their personal affairs, Council may ask for a consent form signed by that person.

On receiving an FOI application, an officer may assist the applicant to direct the application to another agency or transfer the application to another agency if appropriate.

Requests will be dealt with as soon as practicable (and in any case, within thirty (30)

days) after receipt.

In some cases, retrieving the requested information involves considerable staff time. It is important to specify what is required as clearly as possible so staff can assist quickly and efficiently. If extraordinary staff time is required to comply with an information request, charges may apply.

If Council refuses access to a document, the Council must issue a certificate stating why the document is a restricted document.

All general enquiries on FOI Act issues should be directed to Freedom of Information Officer.

Freedom of Information applications are to be addressed to:

Freedom of Information Officer
PO Box 46
Elliston SA 5670

14. Freedom of Information Application Fees and Processing Charges

Approved application fees are set in the *FOI (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2003 (Regulations)*. Payment for the appropriate amount must be forwarded to Council with the Freedom of Information Application. Processing charges may also apply for dealing with the application. These charges are also set in the Regulations and may include some free time when the request relates to the personal affairs of the applicant.

Current [fees and charges](#) relating to Freedom of Information applications are available to view on the Council website.

Fees will be waived for disadvantaged persons, as set in the Freedom of Information Regulations. i.e. No fee is required for current concession holders or if payment of the fee would cause financial hardship. At all times Council retains a discretion to waive, reduce or remit a fee for any reason it thinks fit.

If, in the Council's opinion, the cost of dealing with an application is likely to exceed the application fee, an advance deposit may be requested. The request will be accompanied by a notice that sets out the basis on which the amount of the deposit has been calculated. The Freedom of Information Officer will endeavour to work with the applicant to define the scope of the request and the costs involved.

15. Review of Statement

This Statement will be reviewed and updated each financial year and the updated Statement published on Council's website.

Version Control

Version No:	Issue Date:	Description of Change:	Synergy
1.0	November 2019	New Document, November 2019	

2.0	July 2021	Amended document	
3.0	July 2022	Amended document	NGR223958

District Council of Elliston Audit Committee Annual Report for 2021-22

This report presents a summary of the District Council of Elliston Audit Committee's activities undertaken and recommendations made during the 2021-22 financial year.

The Audit Committee's Terms of Reference is reviewed every two years. The last review was conducted in June 2021.

Committee Members

Current members of the District Council of Elliston Audit Committee are Cr Debbie May, Cr Andrew McLeod and Cr Peter Hitchcock, and independent members of Phil Channon and Mick O'Neil.

Conduct of Meetings

The Committee met on four occasions during the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 with the following attendance:

Committee Members	Meeting Dates			
	22/10/21	8/12/21	16/3/22	1/6/22
Phil Channon (Chairperson & Independent Member)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mick O'Neil (Independent Member)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cr Peter Hitchcock	✓	x	x	✓
Cr Andrew McLeod	x	x	✓	✓
Cr Debbie May	✓	✓	✓	✓

Audit Committee Training

During 2021-22 financial year, no Committee members attended training courses/sessions.

Audit Committee Evaluation

Following from its self-assessment process the Committee recommends the following training/professional development for its members:

Members will be given the opportunity to attend training sessions that become available throughout the year and that are relevant to audit committees.

Principal Issues Examined

The following table sets out the principal issues addressed by the Committee during 2021-22:

Meeting Date	Principal Issues Examined	Recommendations to Council
22 October 2021	Draft Annual Financial Statements 2020-21	The Audit Committee advises Council that they have reviewed the Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021 and believe that these accounts represent a true and fair reflection of Council's financial situation and activities undertaken during this year.
22 October 2021	Budget Review #1 2021-2022	The Audit Committee having considered Budget Review #1 2021-22 recommend to Council that satisfactory explanations for the variances to the Original Budget are contained in this report and have been discussed by the Audit Committee with senior management with some minor adjustments.
22 October 2021	Emergency Management Plan and Business Continuity Plan Review	The Audit Committee note the Emergency Management Plan and Business Continuity Plan Review report.
22 October 2021	Draft Audit Committee Annual Report	The Audit Committee authorises the Audit Committee's Presiding Member to sign off on the Audit Committee Annual Report and submit to Council for their information.
8 December 2021	Work Program 2021	That the Audit Committee receives and notes the Work Program.

Meeting Date	Principal Issues Examined	Recommendations to Council
8 December 2021	Proposed Audit Committee Work Program 2022	That the Audit Committee receive and note the Audit Committee Work Program 2022.
8 December 2021	Draft Long Term Financial Plan	That the Audit Committee advise Council it has reviewed the draft updated Long Term Financial Plan 2022-2031 and believe it to be consistent with Council's asset management strategy and Strategic Management Plan. Further to this the Committee advise that Council's financial sustainability would be further improved should the Plan be redrafted to reflect a financial strategy that included a 2% increase in total rate revenue for the years ending 30 June 2023 to 30 June 2025.
8 December 2021	Report on Financial Results 2020-2021	That the Audit Committee receive and note the Financial Performance Report 2020 - 2021 and advise Council that satisfactory explanations for the variances to the original budget are contained in this report and have been discussed by the Audit Committee with senior management.
8 December 2021	Internal Financial Controls Framework	That the Audit Committee receives and notes the report and notes the ongoing commitment that Council is carrying out to comply with the internal financial controls.
8 December 2021	Strategic Financial Reporting Cycle – Schedule of Critical Dates	That the Audit Committee receive and note the Audit Committee Meeting dates for 2022 and Strategic Financial Reporting Cycle – Schedule of Critical Dates.
8 December 2021	Local Government Reform Legislation Changes	That the Audit Committee receive and note the summary of the impact of the Statutes Amendment (Local Government Review) Act 2021 on Audit Committee activities as presented.
16 March 2022	Work Program	That the Audit Committee receives and notes the Work Program.
16 March 2022	Budget Review #2 2021-2022	That the Audit Committee advise Council that they have reviewed and discussed Budget Review #2 2021-2022 and are satisfied with management's explanation of the variances.

Meeting Date	Principal Issues Examined	Recommendations to Council
16 March 2022	Annual Business Plan / Annual Budget 2022-2023	That the Audit Committee note the first draft Annual Budget 2022-2023 and Annual Business Plan, Annual Budget and Long Term Financial Plan Project Plan.
16 March 2022	Internal Financial Controls Framework	That the Audit Committee receives and notes the report and notes the ongoing commitment that Council is carrying out to comply with the internal financial controls.
16 March 2022	Internal Audit	That the Audit Committee notes the internal audit program, summary report and internal controls updates on the internal audits undertaken by Creative Auditing Pty Ltd.
16 March 2022	Local Government Reform Legislation Changes	That the Audit Committee receive and note the summary of the impact of the Statutes Amendment (Local Government Review) Act 2021 on Audit Committee activities as presented.
1 June 2022	Work Program	That the Audit Committee receives and notes the Work Program.
1 June 2022	Annual Business Plan / Annual Budget 2022-2023	That the Audit Committee advises Council that it has reviewed and discussed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget 2022-2023 and believes it is consistent with Council's Strategic Management Plans. Further to this assessment of the Key Financial Indicators contained in this plan indicate that Council will be operating in a financially sustainable manner for the twelve months that this plan relates to.
1 June 2022	2022-2023 Annual Business Plan and Budget – Updated Agenda Report	<p>1. The Committee has reviewed, discussed and agree with the recommendation to increase 2021-2022 rate revenue by 7.1% for 2022-2023 in line with the March 2022 CPI of 5.1% plus 2% real increase as outlined in Council's existing financial strategy.</p> <p>2. To note the additional section included in the Annual Business Plan explaining the reasons for the variation in rate revenue increase as well as the overall risk Council will be exposed to because of forecast high levels of inflation.</p>
1 June 2022	Long Term Financial Plan 2023-2032	That the Audit Committee note the verbal update on the Long Term Financial Plan 2023-2032.
1 June 2022	Budget Review #3 2021-2022	That the Audit Committee advises Council it has reviewed and discussed the proposed amendments to Budget Review #3 contained in the attached reports and are satisfied with managements' explanation of the changes recommended.
1 June 2022	Finance Policies	That the Audit Committee notes the Debt Recovery Policy and Hardship Policy for Residential Customers of Minor and

		Intermediate Water Retailers and recommend to Council that the: Draft Disposal of Land and Assets Policy be adopted; Draft Procurement Policy be adopted; Prudential Management Policy, version 1 be rescinded; Draft Prudential Management Policy, version 2 be adopted.
1 June 2022	Impact of Statutes Amendment (Local Government) Act 2021	That the Audit Committee receive and note the verbal summary of the impact of the Statutes Amendment (Local Government Review) Act 2021 on Audit Committee activities as presented.
1 June 2022	Outline and Impact of Rates Oversight Scheme – Consultation Document	That the Audit Committee advise Council it has reviewed and discussed a report outlining the potential issues, costs and risks the current version of the Draft Framework Approach being proposed by ESCOSA. Further to this the Audit Committee support the action taken by Council and Management to provide feedback to both the LGA as well as ESCOSA.

Chairperson's Comments

During the year the Audit Committee met the prescribed number of times & examined all agenda items. We spoke via zoom with our external auditors who confirmed procedures. From my Chairman perspective I am comfortable to state that all committee members were given every opportunity to question both the CEO & Deputy CEO & were satisfied with responses received. Support was also received from Rex Mooney on local government policy where needed.

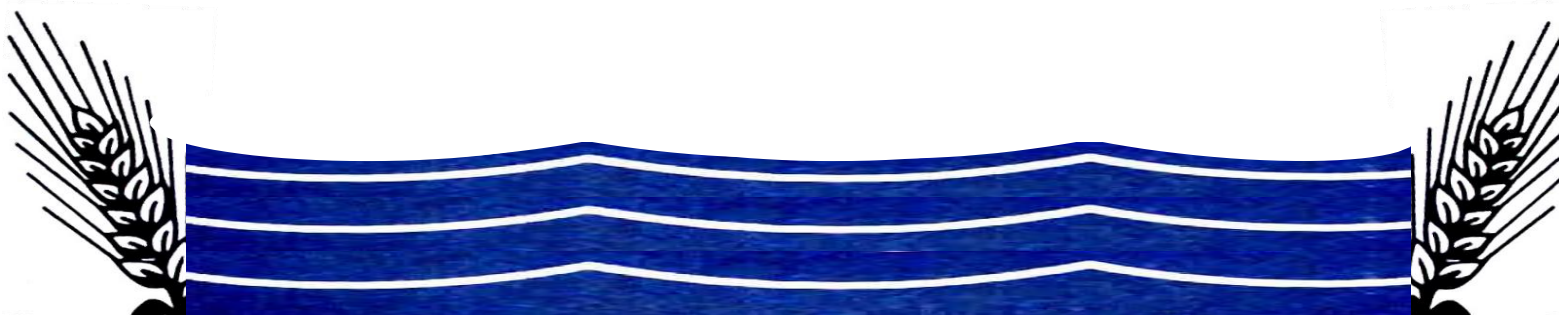


Phil Channon
Chairperson



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON

**General Purpose Financial
Reports For the year
ended
30 June 2022**



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON

General Purpose Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2022

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DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 June 2022

CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have been authorised by the Council to certify the financial statements in their final form. In our opinion:

- The accompanying financial statements comply with the *Local Government Act 1999*, *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* and Australian Accounting Standards.
- The financial statements present a true and fair view of the Council's financial position at 30 June 2022 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.
- Internal controls implemented by the Council provide a reasonable assurance that the Council's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year.
- The financial statements accurately reflect the Council's accounting and other records.


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Geoff Sheridan
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER


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Malcolm Hancock
MAYOR

Date: 18 - 10 - 2022

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON
Statement of Comprehensive Income
for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
INCOME			
Rates	2	2,658,197	2,595,495
Statutory charges	2	35,538	37,965
User charges	2	148,054	96,288
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	2,891,481	2,482,050
Investment income	2	8,548	8,875
Reimbursements	2	59,176	35,662
Other income	2	25,353	57,220
Total Income		5,826,347	5,313,555
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	3	1,490,835	1,405,524
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	2,387,002	2,234,855
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	1,168,119	1,163,236
Total Expenses		5,045,956	4,803,615
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		780,391	509,940
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	(133,973)	(362,156)
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2	186,124	-
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) (transferred to Equity Statement)		832,542	147,784
Other Comprehensive Income			
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	9	111,531	(206,856)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		944,073	(59,072)

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON
Statement of Financial Position
as at 30 June 2022

ASSETS	Notes	2022	2021
		\$	\$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	1,639,222	1,254,258
Trade & other receivables	5	495,240	360,122
Inventories	5	13,735	580
Total Current Assets		2,148,197	1,614,960
Non-current Assets			
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	7	40,567,975	40,640,780
Other non-current assets	6	1,792,991	-
Total Non-current Assets		42,360,966	40,640,780
Total Assets		44,509,163	42,255,740
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & other payables	8	1,518,882	242,419
Provisions	8	201,526	171,475
Total Current Liabilities		1,720,408	413,894
Non-current Liabilities			
Provisions	8	33,042	30,205
Total Non-current Liabilities		33,042	30,205
Total Liabilities		1,753,450	444,099
NET ASSETS		42,755,713	41,811,641
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		10,942,189	10,143,026
Asset Revaluation Reserves	9	31,386,299	31,274,768
Other Reserves	9	427,226	393,847
TOTAL EQUITY		42,755,713	41,811,641

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON

Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2022

		2022	2021
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	Notes	\$	\$
<i>Receipts:</i>			
Rates - general & other		2,616,630	2,569,926
Fees & other charges		39,092	41,762
User charges		170,616	22,975
Investment receipts		7,765	9,043
Grants utilised for operating purposes		2,890,806	2,482,050
Reimbursements		65,094	39,228
Other revenues		341,417	451,993
<i>Payments:</i>			
Employee costs		(1,456,522)	(1,358,360)
Materials, contracts & other expenses		(2,320,515)	(2,686,624)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities		2,354,383	1,571,993
 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<i>Receipts:</i>			
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		941,330	-
Sale of replaced assets		33,318	73,273
<i>Payments:</i>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(1,151,074)	(1,407,389)
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		(1,792,991)	(462,168)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(1,969,417)	(1,796,283)
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		384,966	(224,290)
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	11	1,254,258	1,478,548
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	11	1,639,222	1,254,258

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON
Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 30 June 2022

2022	Notes	Acc'd Surplus \$	Asset Rev'n Reserve \$	Other Reserves \$	TOTAL EQUITY \$
Balance at end of previous reporting period		10,143,026	31,274,768	393,847	41,811,641
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		832,542	-	-	832,542
Other Comprehensive Income					
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		-	111,531	-	111,531
Transfers between reserves		(33,379)	-	33,379	-
Balance at end of period	9	<u>10,942,189</u>	<u>31,386,299</u>	<u>427,226</u>	<u>42,755,713</u>
2021	Notes	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at end of previous reporting period		9,985,071	31,481,624	404,018	41,870,713
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		147,784	-	-	147,784
Other Comprehensive Income					
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		-	(206,856)	-	(206,856)
Transfers between reserves		10,171	-	(10,171)	-
Balance at end of period	9	<u>10,143,026</u>	<u>31,274,768</u>	<u>393,847</u>	<u>41,811,641</u>

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial report are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

1 Basis of Preparation

1.1 Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards

This general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards as they apply to not-for-profit entities, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Interpretations and relevant South Australian legislation.

The financial report was authorised for issue by certificate under regulation 14 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.

1.2 Historical Cost Convention

Except as stated below, these financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

1.3 Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and requires management to exercise its judgement in applying Council's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are specifically referred to in the relevant sections of this Note.

1.4 Rounding

All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

The District Council of Elliston is incorporated under the *SA Local Government Act 1999* and has its principal place of business at 21 Beach Terrace, Elliston.

3 Income Recognition

3.1 Revenue

The Council recognises revenue under AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities (AASB 1058) or AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (AASB 15) when appropriate.

In cases where there is an 'enforceable' contract with a customer with 'sufficiently specific' performance obligations, the transaction is accounted for under AASB 15 where income is recognised when (or as) the performance obligations are satisfied (i.e. when it transfers control of a product or service to a customer). Revenue is measured based on the consideration to which the Council expects to be entitled in a contract with a customer.

In other cases, AASB 1058 applies when a not-for-profit (NFP) entity enters into transactions where the consideration to acquire an asset is significantly less than the fair value of the asset principally to enable the entity to further its objectives. The excess of the asset recognised (at fair value) over any 'related amounts' is recognised as income immediately, except in the case where a financial asset has been received to enable the council to acquire or construct a recognisable non-financial asset that is to be controlled by the council. In this case, the council recognises the excess as a liability that is recognised over time in profit and loss when (or as) the entity satisfies its obligations under the transfer.

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

In recent years, the payment of untied grants (financial assistance grants/ local roads/ supplementary grants) has varied from the annual allocation as shown in the table below:

	Cash Payment Received	Annual Allocation	Difference		
2019-20	\$ 1,171,570	\$ 1,141,339	+	\$	30,231
2020-21	\$ 1,151,329	\$ 1,154,828	-	\$	3,499
2021-22	\$ 1,559,703	\$ 1,182,131	+	\$	377,572

Because these grants are untied, the Australian Accounting Standards require that payments be recognised upon receipt. Accordingly, the operating results of these periods have been distorted compared to those that would have been reported had the grants been paid in the year to which they were allocated.

The Operating Surplus Ratio disclosed in Note 15 has also been calculated after adjusting for the distortions resulting from the differences between the actual grants received and the grants entitlements allocated.

3.2 Construction Contracts

Construction works undertaken by Council for third parties are generally on an agency basis where the third party reimburses Council for actual costs incurred, and usually do not extend beyond the reporting period. Reimbursements not received are recognised as receivables and reimbursements received in advance are recognised as "payments received in advance".

For works undertaken on a fixed price contract basis, revenues are recognised over time using the input method, with costs incurred compared to total expected costs used as a measure of progress. When it is probable that total contract costs will exceed total contract revenue, the expected loss is recognised as an expense immediately.

4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and Other Financial Instruments

4.1 Cash, Cash Equivalent Assets

Cash assets include all amounts readily convertible to cash on hand at Council's option with an insignificant risk of changes in value with a maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

4.2 Other Financial Instruments

Receivables for rates and annual charges are secured over the subject land, and bear interest at rates determined in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999*. Other receivables are generally unsecured and do not bear interest.

All receivables are reviewed as at the reporting date and adequate allowance made for amounts the receipt of which is considered doubtful.

All financial instruments are recognised at fair value at the date of recognition. A detailed statement of the accounting policies applied to financial instruments also form part of Note 13.

5 Inventories

Inventories held in respect of stores have been valued by using the weighted average cost on a continual basis, after adjustment for loss of service potential.

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

6 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

6.1 Initial Recognition

All assets are initially recognised at cost. For assets acquired at no cost or for nominal consideration, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition.

All non-current assets purchased or constructed are capitalised as the expenditure is incurred and depreciated as soon as the asset is held "ready for use". Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition, including architects' fees and engineering design fees and all other costs incurred. The cost of non-current assets constructed by the Council includes the cost of all materials used in construction, direct labour on the project and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overhead.

Capital works still in progress at balance date are recognised as other non-current assets and transferred to infrastructure, property, plant & equipment when completed ready for use.

6.2 Materiality

Assets with an economic life in excess of one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds established by Council for each type of asset. In determining (and in annually reviewing) such thresholds, regard is had to the nature of the asset and its estimated service life. Examples of capitalisation thresholds applied during the year are given in Note 7.

6.3 Subsequent Recognition

All material asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. Significant uncertainties exist in the estimation of fair value of a number of asset classes including land, buildings and associated structures and infrastructure. Further detail of these uncertainties, and of existing valuations, methods and valuers are provided at Note 7.

6.4 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

Other than land, all infrastructure, property, plant and equipment assets recognised are systematically depreciated over their useful lives on a straight-line basis which, in the opinion of Council, best reflects the consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets.

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values of classes of assets are reviewed annually.

Major depreciation periods for each class of asset are shown in Note 7. Depreciation periods for infrastructure assets have been estimated based on the best information available to Council, but appropriate records covering the entire life cycle of these assets are not available, and extreme care should be used in interpreting financial information based on these estimates.

6.5 Impairment

Assets whose future economic benefits are not dependent on the ability to generate cash flows, and where the future economic benefits would be replaced if Council were deprived thereof, are not subject to impairment testing.

Other assets that are subject to depreciation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount (which is the higher of the present value of future cash inflows or value in use).

Where an asset that has been revalued is subsequently impaired, the impairment is first offset against such amount as stands to the credit of that class of assets in Asset Revaluation Reserve, any excess being recognised as an expense.

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

7 Payables

7.1 Goods & Services

Creditors are amounts due to external parties for the supply of goods and services and are recognised as liabilities when the goods and services are received. Creditors are normally paid 30 days after the month of invoice. No interest is payable on these amounts.

7.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits

Amounts received from external parties in advance of service delivery, and security deposits held against possible damage to Council assets, are recognised as liabilities until the service is delivered or damage reinstated, or the amount is refunded as the case may be.

8 Provisions

8.1 Employee Benefits

Liabilities for employees' entitlements to salaries, wages and compensated absences expected to be paid or settled within 12 months of reporting date are accrued at nominal amounts (including payroll based on costs) measured in accordance with AASB 119.

Liabilities for employee benefits not expected to be paid or settled within 12 months are measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows (including payroll based on costs) to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Present values are calculated using government guaranteed securities rates with similar maturity terms.

No accrual is made for sick leave as Council experience indicates that, on average, sick leave taken in each reporting period is less than the entitlement accruing in that period, and this experience is expected to recur in future reporting periods. Council does not make payment for untaken sick leave.

8.2 Superannuation

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Hostplus Superannuation Scheme. The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. Details of the accounting policies applied and Council's involvement with the schemes are reported in Note 17.

9 Leases

The Council assesses at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. That is, if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

9.1 Council as a Lessee

The Council recognises lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets.

i) Right-of-use assets

The Council recognises right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease. Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any premeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised, initial direct costs incurred, lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received and the estimate of costs to be incurred to restore the leased asset.

Right of use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and the estimated useful lives of the assets.

The right-of-use assets are also subject to impairment. Refer to the accounting policies in section 6.5 - Impairment of non-financial assets above.

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Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

ii) Lease liabilities

At the commencement date of the lease, the Council recognises lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Council uses its incremental borrowing rate or the interest rate implicit in the lease.

As at 30 June 2022, Council did not hold any leases as a lessee or held right of use assets

10 GST Implications

In accordance with UIG Abstract 1031 "Accounting for the Goods & Services Tax"

- Receivables and Creditors include GST receivable and payable.
- Except in relation to input taxed activities, revenues and operating expenditures exclude GST receivable and payable.
- Non-current assets and capital expenditures include GST net of any recoupment.
- Amounts included in the Statement of Cash Flows are disclosed on a gross basis.

11 New and amended standards and interpretations

The Council applied for the first-time certain standards and amendments, which are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021. New standards and amendments relevant to the Council are listed below. The Council has not early adopted any other standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective.

12 Accounting Standards Issued but not yet Effective

The AASB has issued Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations which are not effective at 30 June 2022, these standards have not been adopted by Council and will be included in the financial statements on their effective date. Where the standard is expected to have a significant impact for Council then further information has been provided in this note.

The following list identifies all the new and amended Australian Accounting Standards, and Interpretation, that were issued but not yet effective at the time of compiling these illustrative statements that could be applicable to Councils.

Effective for NFP annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022

- AASB 2020-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Annual Improvements 2018-2020 and Other Amendments

Effective for NFP annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023

- AASB 2020-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current and associated standards (amended by AASB 2020-6)
- AASB 2021-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Disclosure of Accounting Policies and Definition of Accounting Estimates (amended by AASB 2021-6)

Effective for NFP annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025

- AASB 2014-10 Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture (amended by AASB 2015-10, AASB 2017-5 and AASB 2021-7))

13 Comparative Figures

To ensure the comparability with the current reporting period's figures, some comparative period line items and amounts may have been reclassified or individually reported for the first time within these financial statements and/or the notes.

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Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

14 Disclaimer

Nothing contained within these statements may be taken to be an admission of any liability to any person under any circumstance.

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Note 2 - INCOME

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
RATES REVENUES		
<u>General Rates</u>	2,299,706	2,266,115
Less: Mandatory rebates	(15,475)	(16,817)
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs	(22,453)	(22,486)
	2,261,778	2,226,812
<u>Other Rates (including service charges)</u>		
Landscape levy	105,284	104,517
Waste collection	222,983	198,990
Water supply	14,144	14,040
Community wastewater management systems	41,410	40,196
	383,821	357,743
<u>Other Charges</u>		
Penalties for late payment	12,598	10,940
	2,658,197	2,595,495
STATUTORY CHARGES		
Development Act fees	-	1,811
Town planning fees	20,385	21,183
Health & Septic Tank Inspection fees	1,729	3,894
Animal registration fees & fines	6,736	6,334
Search Fees	5,886	3,168
Other licences, fees, & fines	802	1,575
	35,538	37,965
USER CHARGES		
Cemetery/crematoria fees	5,591	3,909
Caravan Park Income	41,592	25,854
Camping Fees	66,276	42,172
Water	8,607	11,348
Waste	11,645	4,996
Licence Income	2,318	2,259
House Rental Income	12,025	5,750
	148,054	96,288

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Note 2 - INCOME

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
INVESTMENT INCOME		
Interest on investments:		
Local Government Finance Authority	8,548	8,875
	<u>8,548</u>	<u>8,875</u>
REIMBURSEMENTS		
- for private works	10,467	21,890
- other	48,709	13,772
	<u>59,176</u>	<u>35,662</u>
OTHER INCOME		
Rebates received	25,353	57,220
	<u>25,353</u>	<u>57,220</u>
GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS		
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	186,124	-
Untied - Financial Assistance Grant	1,764,357	1,151,329
Local Roads & Infrastructure Grant	498,641	771,809
Roads to Recovery	438,402	416,546
Little Bay Stair Case Grant	-	50,000
Wellbeing SA Grant	-	49,806
Variety, The Children's Charity	16,303	-
Regional Development Australia	82,781	-
Dog & Cat Management Board	2,727	-
Saluting Their Service Commemorative	6,500	-
EP Landscape Board Grant	-	9,060
PIRSA Drought Event Grant	-	8,000
Green Industries SA Grant	3,197	3,195
Library & Communications	1,811	1,611
Airstrip Grant	-	20,694
LGA SA	76,763	-
	<u>3,077,605</u>	<u>2,482,050</u>
<i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 12.</i>		
Sources of grants		
Commonwealth government	713,807	1,188,355
State government	2,363,798	914,175
Other	-	379,520
	<u>3,077,605</u>	<u>2,482,050</u>

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Note 2 - INCOME

<i>Individually Significant Item</i>	Notes	\$	\$
<i>FAG's additional 25% paid in advance</i>		377,572	-
<i>LRCIP Phase 3 Funding unspent 30 June 2022</i>		498,641	-

An additional 25% of financial assistance grants were paid to Council by the Federal Government in June 2022. Further to this Council received amounts that remained unspent at the 30 June 2022 in relation to Phase 3 of the LRCIP.

These two amounts total \$876k and have the effect of increasing the operating surplus by this amount with the related expenditure will be incurred in the 2022-23 financial year.

Adjusted Operating Surplus and Net Financial Liability Ratios have been recalculated and reported on in Note 15.

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Note 3 - EXPENSE

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Salaries and Wages		1,200,095	1,097,196
Employee leave expense		168,267	193,939
Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions	17	129,581	117,496
Workers' Compensation Insurance		40,189	36,914
Other		-	25,000
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		(47,297)	(65,021)
Total Operating Employee Costs		1,490,835	1,405,524
Total Number of Employees		18	17
<i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i>			
MATERIALS, CONTRACTS & OTHER EXPENSES			
<u>Prescribed Expenses</u>			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the financial reports		15,300	17,035
Elected members' expenses		86,275	82,437
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		101,575	99,472
<u>Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses</u>			
Contractors		784,086	682,981
Contractors - Waste and Recycling		332,654	300,181
Contractors - Plant repairs and maintenance		49,330	65,823
Contractors - Professional Services		184,682	112,894
Contractors - IT Services		104,688	117,035
Contractors - Projects		2,795,131	949,006
Registration and insurance		172,815	158,970
Electricity		41,225	38,219
Travel		10,406	5,297
Telephone		21,865	29,698
Legal Expenses		36,314	110,821
Levies paid to government - Landscape levy		104,886	104,516
- Other Levies		12,390	9,549
Materials - Operating		250,076	200,089
Materials - Projects		54,930	855,530
Other Expenses		157,428	96,444
Water		19,611	22,907
Advertising		8,072	4,554
Tourism		41,605	75,405
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		(2,896,769)	(1,804,536)
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		2,285,427	2,135,383
		2,387,002	2,234,855

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Note 3 - EXPENSE

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT		
Depreciation		
Buildings and Other Structure	176,339	163,588
Road Infrastructure	764,288	765,470
Plant and Equipment	182,260	200,523
Furniture and Fittings	7,112	7,230
Other Infrastructure	23,560	14,138
CWMS	14,560	12,287
	<u>1,168,119</u>	<u>1,163,236</u>

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Note 4 - ASSET DISPOSALS AND FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
<i>Assets renewed or directly replaced</i>		
Proceeds from disposal	33,318	73,273
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold	<u>167,291</u>	<u>435,429</u>
Gain (Loss) on disposal	<u>(133,973)</u>	<u>(362,156)</u>

Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS

CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS

Cash on Hand and at Bank	208,067	185,225
Deposits at Call	<u>1,431,155</u>	<u>1,069,033</u>
	<u>1,639,222</u>	<u>1,254,258</u>

TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES

Rates - General & Other	252,305	210,737
Accrued Revenues	1,098	315
Debtors - general	84,876	93,664
Other levels of Government	675	-
GST Recoupment	<u>156,286</u>	<u>55,406</u>
	<u>495,240</u>	<u>360,122</u>

INVENTORIES

Stores & Materials	<u>13,735</u>	<u>580</u>
	<u>13,735</u>	<u>580</u>

Note 6 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS

FINANCIAL ASSETS

Capital Works-in-Progress	<u>1,792,991</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1,792,991</u>	<u>-</u>

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Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT (IPP&E)

		2021				2022			
		\$				\$			
	Fair Value Level	Fair Value	Cost	Acc' Dep'n	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Cost	Acc' Dep'n	Carrying Amount
Land	2	11,673,610	-	-	11,673,610	11,673,610	-	-	11,673,610
Buildings and Other Structure	3	8,222,906	570,632	(3,690,948)	5,102,590	8,222,908	775,077	(3,867,289)	5,130,696
Road Infrastructure	3	28,812,581	711,189	(8,227,978)	21,295,791	28,485,441	1,223,738	(8,831,829)	20,877,350
Plant and Equipment		-	2,082,063	(871,136)	1,210,928	-	2,114,975	(1,012,540)	1,102,435
Furniture and Fittings		-	254,420	(200,943)	53,477	-	254,420	(208,055)	46,365
Other Infrastructure		-	792,537	(152,698)	639,838	-	1,152,301	(176,260)	976,041
CWMS	3	1,232,615	-	(568,068)	664,547	1,435,614	-	(674,096)	761,518
Total IPP&E		49,941,711	4,410,841	(13,711,772)	40,640,780	49,817,573	5,520,511	(14,770,069)	40,567,975
Comparatives		45,889,083	8,886,678	(14,199,015)	40,576,746	49,941,711	4,410,841	(13,711,772)	40,640,780

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Note 7 – INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Valuation of Assets

General Valuation Principles

Accounting procedure: Upon revaluation, the current new replacement cost and accumulated depreciation are re-stated such that the difference represents the fair value of the asset determined in accordance with AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement*: accumulated depreciation is taken to be the difference between current new replacement cost and fair value. In the case of land, fair value is taken to be the current replacement cost.

Highest and best use: For land which Council has an unfettered right to sell, the “highest and best use” recognises the possibility of the demolition or substantial modification of some or all of the existing buildings and structures affixed to the land.

Much of the land under Council’s care and control is Crown land or has been declared as community land under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999. Other types of restrictions also exist.

For land subject to these restrictions, the highest and best use is taken to be the “highest and best use” available to Council, with a rebuttable presumption that the current use is the “highest and best use”. The reason for the current use of a large proportion of Council’s assets being other than the “highest and best use” relates to Council’s principal role as the provider of services to the community, rather than the use of those assets for the generation of revenue.

For buildings and other structures on and in the land, including infrastructure, “highest and best use” is determined in accordance with the land on and in which they are situated.

Fair value hierarchy level 2 valuations: Certain land, and the buildings and structures thereon, are shown above as being based on fair value hierarchy level 2 valuation inputs. They are based on prices for similar assets in an active market, with directly or indirectly observable adjustments for specific advantages or disadvantages attaching to the particular asset.

Fair value hierarchy level 3 valuations of land: Valuations of Crown land, community land and land subject to other restrictions on use or disposal, shown above as being based on fair value hierarchy level 3 valuation inputs, are based on prices for similar assets in an active market, but include adjustments for specific advantages or disadvantages attaching to the particular asset that are not directly or indirectly observable in that market, or the number and / or amount of observable adjustments of which are so great that the valuation is more fairly described as being based on level 3 valuation inputs.

Fair value hierarchy level 3 valuations of buildings, infrastructure and other assets: There is no known market for these assets and they are valued at depreciated current replacement cost. This method involves:

The determination of the cost to construct the asset (or its modern engineering equivalent) using current prices for materials and labour, the quantities of each being estimated based on recent experience of this or similar Councils, or on industry construction guides where these are more appropriate.

The calculation of the depreciation that would have accumulated since original construction using current estimates of residual value and useful life under the prime cost depreciation method adopted by Council.

This method has significant inherent uncertainties, relying on estimates of quantities of materials and labour, residual values and useful lives, and the possibility of changes in prices for materials and labour, and the potential for development of more efficient construction techniques. Accordingly, formal sensitivity analysis does not provide useful information.

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Note 7 – INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Capitalisation thresholds used by Council for a representative range of assets are shown below. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

Buildings & Other Structures	\$	5,000
Road Infrastructure	\$	5,000
Plant & Equipment	\$	5,000
Furniture & Fittings	\$	5,000
Other Infrastructure	\$	5,000
CWMS	\$	5,000

Estimated Useful Lives: Useful lives are estimated for each individual asset. In estimating useful lives, regard is had to technical and commercial obsolescence, as well as legal and other limitations on continued use. The range of useful lives for a representative range of assets is shown below, although individual assets may have an estimated total useful life of greater or lesser amount:

Building & Other Structures	
Buildings – complete	50 to 110 years
Buildings – preliminary	55 to 90 years
Buildings – substructure	60 to 100 years
Buildings – superstructure	60 to 80 years
Buildings – services	40 to 60 years
Buildings – internal fitout	35 to 85 years
Sculptures / Memorials	60 to 100 years
Gates and Fences	45 to 90 years
Parks & playground Structures	15 to 50 years
Other Structures	18 to 100 years
Infrastructure	
Sealed Roads – Upper Seal	18 to 22 years
Sealed Roads – Lower Seal	36 to 66 years
Unsealed Roads – Surface	12 to 40 years
Paving & Footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	12 to 40 years
Spoon Drains	100 years
Kerbing and Water Table	100 years
Flood Control Structures	80 to 100 years
Dams and Reservoirs	80 to 100 years
Bores	20 to 40 years
Reticulation Pipes – PVC	70 to 80 years
Reticulation Pipes – Other	25 to 75 years
Pumps & Telemetry	15 to 25 years

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Note 7 – INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Plant & Equipment	
Vehicles and Road-making Equipment	5 to 8 years
Other Plant & Equipment	5 to 15 years
Furniture & Fittings	
Office Equipment	5 to 10 years
Office Furniture	10 to 20 years

Land & Land Improvements

Council being of the opinion that it is not possible to attribute a value sufficiently reliably to qualify for recognition, land under roads has not been recognised in these reports. Land acquired for road purposes during the year is initially recognised at cost, but transferred to fair value at reporting date, effectively writing off the expenditure.

Land was revalued as at 1 July 2020 by an independent valuer, Gayler Professional Services.

Buildings & Other Structures

Buildings and other structures were revalued as at 1 July 2020 by independent valuer, Gayler Professional Services. All additions recognised after the date of valuation have been recognised at cost.

Road Infrastructure

Roads, footpaths, kerb and water table assets were condition assessed and valued at current depreciated replacement cost as at 1 July 2019 by independent valuer, Tonkin Consulting. All additions recognised after the date of valuation have been recognised at cost.

Plant & Equipment

These assets are recognised on the cost basis.

Furniture & Fittings

These assets are recognised on the cost basis.

Other Infrastructure

Storm water drainage infrastructure was valued by an independent consultant, Christopher Brideson from Water & Waste Innovations at 30 June 2018. All acquisition made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost. All other Assets are recognised on the cost basis.

Community Wastewater Management Systems (CWMS)

CWMS assets were revalued as at 1 July 2021 by an independent valuer, Gayler Professional Services. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

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Note 8 - LIABILITIES

	2022		2021	
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES				
Goods & Services	655,145		164,818	
Payments received in advance	787,361	-	33,185	-
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements	28,161	-	26,736	-
Accrued expenses - other	16,490	-	17,680	-
GST Payable	8,791		-	
Other Payables	22,935		-	
	<u>1,518,882</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>242,419</u>	<u>-</u>
PROVISIONS				
LSL Employee entitlements (including on costs)	110,729	33,042	85,528	30,205
AL Employee entitlements (including on costs)	90,797	-	85,947	-
	<u>201,526</u>	<u>33,042</u>	<u>171,475</u>	<u>30,205</u>

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Note 9 - RESERVES

ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	1/7/2021	Net Increments/ (Decrements)	Transfers, Impairments	30/6/2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land	10,856,211	-	-	10,856,211
Buildings and Other Structure	1,257,163	-	-	1,257,163
Road Infrastructure	18,350,578	-	-	18,350,578
Other Infrastructure	72,611	-	-	72,611
CWMS	738,204	111,531	-	849,735
TOTAL	31,274,767	111,531	-	31,386,298
<i>Comparatives</i>	<i>31,481,624</i>	<i>(206,856)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>31,274,767</i>

OTHER RESERVES	1/7/2021	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/6/2022
Waste Management Reserve	132,438	18,930	-	151,368
CWMS Reserve	261,409	14,449	-	275,858
Port Kenny Water Supply Reserve	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER RESERVES	393,847	33,379	-	427,226
<i>Comparatives</i>	<i>404,018</i>	<i>239,186</i>	<i>(249,357)</i>	<i>393,847</i>

PURPOSES OF RESERVES

Asset Revaluation Reserve

The asset revaluation reserve is used to record increments and decrements arising from changes in fair value of non-current assets (less any subsequent impairment losses, where applicable).

(Other Reserves)

Waste Management Reserve

Identifies Waste Collection service charges that have not as yet been spent on Waster Services.

CWMS Reserve

Identifies CWMS service charges that have not as yet been spent on CWMS activities.

Port Kenny Water Supply Reserve

Identifies Port Kenny Water Supply service charges that have not as yet been spent on PKWS activities.

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Note 10 - ASSETS SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS

The uses of the following assets are restricted, wholly or partially, by legislation or other externally imposed requirements. The assets are required to be utilised for the purposes for which control was transferred to Council, or for which the revenues were originally obtained.

	2022	2021
CASH & FINANCIAL ASSETS	\$	\$
Waste management	151,368	132,438
CWMS	275,858	261,409
TOTAL ASSETS SUBJECT TO EXTERNALLY IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS	427,226	393,847

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Note 11 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

Cash Assets comprise highly liquid investments with short periods to maturity subject to insignificant risk of changes of value. Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the Cash Flow Statement is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
Total cash & equivalent assets	5	<u>1,639,222</u>	<u>1,254,258</u>
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		<u>1,639,222</u>	<u>1,254,258</u>

(b) Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Cash from Operating Activities

Net Surplus (Deficit)		832,542	147,784
Non-cash items in Income Statement			
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment		1,168,119	1,163,237
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits		32,888	47,164
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity		(941,328)	-
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals		<u>133,973</u>	<u>362,156</u>
		1,226,193	1,720,341
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (increase) decrease in receivables		(135,118)	(103,108)
Net (increase) decrease in inventories		(13,155)	750
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables		<u>1,276,463</u>	<u>(45,990)</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations		<u>2,354,383</u>	<u>1,571,993</u>

(c) Financing Arrangements

Unrestricted access was available at balance date to the following lines of credit:

Corporate Credit Cards	15,000	15,000
LGFA Cash Advance Debenture facility	1,361,227	500,000

The bank overdraft facilities may be drawn at any time and may be terminated by the bank without notice.

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Note 12 - FUNCTIONS

INCOMES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

	INCOME		EXPENSES		OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME		TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT & NON-CURRENT)	
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL				
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Business Undertakings	113,631	113,328	137,398	131,605	(23,767)	(18,277)	-	-	3,095,757	2,939,023
Community Services	11,941	11,909	345,639	331,069	(333,698)	(319,160)	810,258	779,809	1,576,337	1,496,530
Culture	1,615	1,611	10,288	9,854	(8,672)	(8,243)	1,674	1,611	61,915	58,780
Economic Development	-	-	105,208	100,773	(105,208)	(100,773)	-	-	-	-
Environment	362,661	361,698	652,312	624,815	(289,651)	(263,117)	64,686	62,255	2,476,604	2,351,218
Recreation	93,163	92,916	569,344	516,609	(476,181)	(423,693)	51,751	49,806	8,631,696	8,194,688
Regulatory Services	34,890	34,797	96,203	91,249	(61,313)	(56,452)	-	-	-	-
Transport & Communications	1,390,747	889,737	1,517,348	1,453,386	(126,601)	(563,649)	1,423,118	889,737	25,585,256	24,289,919
Unclassified Activities	851,503	849,242	209,593	200,758	641,910	648,484	-	-	-	-
Council Administration	2,966,195	2,958,317	1,402,623	1,343,497	1,563,572	1,614,820	726,118	698,832	3,081,598	2,925,582
TOTALS	5,826,347	5,313,555	5,045,956	4,803,615	780,391	509,940	3,077,605	2,482,050	44,509,163	42,255,740

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 12 - COMPONENTS OF FUNCTIONS

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

Business Undertakings

Caravan Parks, Private Works, CWMS, Water Supply – Domestic.

Community Services

Public Order and Safety, Emergency Services, Other Fire Protection, Other Public Order and Safety, Health Services, Pest Control – Health, Community Support, Children and Youth Services, Community Assistance, Other Community Support, Community Amenities, Cemeteries, Public Conveniences and Other Community Amenities.

Culture

Library Services, Heritage and Other Cultural Services.

Economic Development

Regional Development, Support to Local Businesses, Tourism, and Other Economic Development.

Environment

Agricultural Services, Other Agricultural Services, Waste Management, Domestic Waste, Recycling, Transfer Stations, Waste Disposal Facility, Other Waste Management, Other Environment, Coastal Protection, Stormwater and Drainage, Street Cleaning, Street Lighting, Street scaping, EP Landscape Board Levy and Other Environment.

Recreation

Jetties, Parks and Gardens, Sports Facilities – Indoor, Sports Facilities – Outdoor, Swimming Centres – Outdoor and Other Recreation.

Regulatory Services

Dog and Cat Control, Building Control, Town Planning, Health Inspection and Other Regulatory Services.

Transport

Aerodrome, Footpaths and Kerbing, Roads – sealed, Roads – formed, Roads – natural formed, Roads – unformed, Traffic Management, LGGC – roads (formula funded) and Other Transport.

Council Administration

Governance, Administration, Elected Members, Organisational, Support Services, Accounting/Finance, Payroll, Housing for Council Employees, Human Resources, Information Technology, Communication, Rates Administration, Records, Occupancy, Contract Management, Customer Service, Other Support Services, Revenues, LGGC – General Purpose.

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

All financial instruments are categorised as *loans and receivables*.

**Accounting Policies - Recognised
Financial Instruments**

**Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term
Deposits**

Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, interest is recognised when earned.

Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 0.30% and 1.05% (2021: 0.30% and 0.45%).

Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.

**Receivables - Rates & Associated
Charges**

Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method.

Terms & conditions: Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 2% (2021: 2%) Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the State.

Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

Receivables - Fees & Other Charges

Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method.

Terms & conditions: Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries.

Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

**Receivables - Other levels of
government**

Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method.

Terms & conditions: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. All amounts are due by Departments and Agencies of State and Federal Governments.

Carrying amount: approximates fair value.

Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals

Accounting Policy: Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Council.

Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.

Carrying amount: approximates fair value.

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON
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Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Liquidity Analysis

2022	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
<u>Financial Assets</u>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents	1,639,222	-	-	1,639,222	1,639,222
Receivables	495,240	-	-	495,240	495,240
Total	2,134,462	-	-	2,134,462	2,134,462
<u>Financial Liabilities</u>					
Payables	1,474,232	-	-	1,474,232	1,474,232
Total	1,474,232	-	-	1,474,232	1,474,232
2021	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
<u>Financial Assets</u>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents	1,254,258	-	-	1,254,258	1,254,258
Receivables	360,122	-	-	360,122	360,122
Total	1,614,380	-	-	1,614,380	1,614,380
<u>Financial Liabilities</u>					
Payables	198,003	-	-	198,003	198,003
Total	198,003	-	-	198,003	198,003

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Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Net Fair Value

All carrying values approximate fair value for all recognised financial instruments. There is no recognised market for the financial assets of the Council.

Risk Exposures:

Credit Risk represents the loss that would be recognised if counterparties fail to perform as contracted. The maximum credit risk on financial assets of the Council is the carrying amount, net of any impairment. All Council investments are made with the SA Local Government Finance Authority and are guaranteed by the SA Government. Except as detailed in Notes 5 & 6 in relation to individual classes of receivables, exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries, and there is no material exposure to any individual debtor.

Market Risk is the risk that fair values of financial assets will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices. All of Council's financial assets are denominated in Australian dollars and are not traded on any market, and hence neither market risk nor currency risk apply.

Liquidity Risk is the risk that Council will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations with financial liabilities. Council also has available a range of bank overdraft and standby borrowing facilities that it can access.

Interest Rate Risk is the risk that future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Council has a balance of both fixed and variable interest rate borrowings and investments. Cash flow fluctuations are managed holistically in seeking to minimise interest costs over the longer term in a risk averse manner.

Expected Credit Losses (ECLs). Council uses an allowance matrix to measure expected credit losses for receivables from individual customers, which comprise a large number of small balances. As rates and annual charges are secured over subject land no allowance for such receivables is made. The following table provides information about Council's ECLs from receivables (excluding secured rates and charges, GST and other amounts held in trust). Impairment analysis is performed each reporting date. ECLS are based on credit history adjusted for forward looking estimates and economic conditions.

Note 14 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Capital Commitments		
Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:		
Stormwater Drainage	135,121	
	135,121	-
These expenditures are payable:		
Not later than one year	135,121	
	135,121	-

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Note 15 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

	2022	2021	2020
Operating Surplus Ratio			
<u>Operating Surplus</u>	13.4%	9.6%	-6.7%
Total Operating Income			

This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of total operating revenue.

Net Financial Liabilities Ratio

<u>Net Financial Liabilities</u>	-7%	-22%	-30%
Total Operating Income			

Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets. These are expressed as a percentage of total operating revenue.

Adjustments to Ratios

In recent years the Federal Government has made advance payments prior to 30th June from future year allocations of financial assistance grants, as explained in Note 1.

Further to this Council received amounts that remained unspent at the 30 June 2022 in relation to Phase 3 of the LRCIP.

These two timing differences total \$876k and have the effect of increasing the operating surplus and decreasing Net Financial Liabilities by this amount in the 2021-22 financial statements. The related expenditure will be incurred in the 2022-23 financial year.

These adjusted ratios correct for the resulting distortion in key ratios for each year and provide a more accurate basis for comparison between years.

<i>Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio</i>	-1.5%	9.7%	-7.4%
<i>Adjusted Net Financial Liabilities Ratio</i>	22%	-10%	-15%

Asset Renewal Funding Ratio

<u>Outlays on Existing Assets</u>	69%	126%	74%
Asset Renewals - IAMP			

Net asset renewals expenditure is defined as net capital expenditure on the renewal and replacement of existing assets, and excludes new capital expenditure on the acquisition of additional assets.

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Note 16 - UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

The following is a high level summary of both operating and capital investment activities of the Council prepared on a simplified Uniform Presentation Framework basis.

All Councils in South Australia have agreed to summarise annual budgets and long-term financial plans on the same basis.

The arrangements ensure that all Councils provide a common 'core' of financial information, which enables meaningful comparisons of each Council's finances

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Income	5,826,347	5,313,555
Expenses	<u>(5,045,956)</u>	<u>(4,803,615)</u>
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	780,391	509,940
 Net Outlays on Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	(1,151,074)	(1,407,389)
Add back Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	1,168,119	1,163,236
Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	<u>33,318</u>	<u>73,273</u>
	50,363	(170,880)
 Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets	(1,792,991)	(462,168)
Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	941,330	-
	<u>(851,661)</u>	<u>(462,168)</u>
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	<u>(20,907)</u>	<u>(123,108)</u>

District Council of Elliston

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 17 – SUPERANNUATION

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to Hostplus Super, formerly State-wide Superannuation Scheme.

Accumulation only Members

Accumulation only members receive both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are based on a fixed percentage of ordinary time earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation (9.50% in 2020-21; 10.0% in 2021-22). No further liability accrues to the Council as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the Fund.

Contributions to Other Superannuation Schemes

Council also makes contributions to other superannuation schemes selected by employees under the "choice of fund" legislation. All such schemes are of the accumulation type, where the superannuation benefits accruing to the employee are represented by their share of the net assets of the scheme, and no further liability attaches to the Council.

Note 18 - CONTINGENT ASSETS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The following assets and liabilities do not qualify for recognition in the Statement of Financial Position but knowledge of those items is considered relevant to user of the financial report in making and evaluating decisions about the allocation of scarce resources.

1. LAND UNDER ROADS

As reported elsewhere in these Statements, Council is of the opinion that it is not possible to attribute a value sufficiently reliably for these assets to qualify for recognition, and accordingly land under roads has not been recognised in these reports. Land acquired for road purposes during the year is initially recognised at cost, but transferred to fair value at reporting date, effectively writing off the expenditure.

At the reporting date, Council controlled 2,485 km of road reserves of the average width of 20 metres.

2. POTENTIAL INSURANCE LOSSES

Council is a multi-purpose organisation providing a large range of building, parks infrastructure, playgrounds and other facilities accessible to the public. At any time, it is likely that claims will have been made against Council that remain unsettled.

Council insures against all known insurable risks using a range of insurance policies, each of which is subject to a deductible "insurance excess", the amount of which varies according to the class of insurance.

Council has recognised the potential losses arising from claims known at reporting date based on average historical net cost (including insurance excess) of similar types of claims. Other potential claims not reported to Council may have existed at reporting date.

3. LEGAL EXPENSES

Council is the Planning consent authority for its area under the Planning and Design Code and *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*. Pursuant to that Act, certain persons aggrieved by a planning decision of the Council may appeal. It is normal practice that parties bear their own legal costs. At the date of these reports, Council had notice of 0 appeals against planning decisions made prior to reporting date. All known costs have been recognised, but the amount of further costs cannot be known until the appeals are determined.

District Council of Elliston
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Note 19 - RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The Key Management Personnel of the Council include the Mayor, Councillors, CEO and certain prescribed officers under section 112 of the Local Government Act 1999. In all, 11 persons were paid the following total compensation:

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Salaries, allowances & other short term benefits	462,124	429,891
Long term benefits	46,833	41,903
TOTAL	508,957	471,794

Amount paid as direct reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of Council have not been included above.

Other than amounts paid as ratepayers or residents (e.g. rates, swimming pool entry fees, etc.), Council received the following amounts in total:

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Planning and building applications fees	1,362	-
TOTAL	1,362	-

PARTIES RELATED TO KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

KMP and relatives of KMPs own retail businesses from which various supplies were purchased as required either for cash or on 30 day account. Purchases from none of these individual businesses exceeded \$160 during the year.

One planning and building application was lodged from key management personnel or close family members (including related parties) during the year. In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999*, these persons declared conflicts of interest and took no part in the assessment or approval processes for these applications.

The following number of Elected Members are part of the following committees or boards:

Mid-West Health Advisory Committee - 1 Elected Member

EP Landscapes Board - 1 Elected Member

Elliston Community Sports Centre Committee - 1 Elected Member

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999*, these Elected Members declared a conflict of interest and left the council meeting environs when any matter affecting their board is discussed and voted upon.

Independent Auditor's Report

To the members of the District Council of Elliston

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the District Council of Elliston (the Council), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Certification of the Financial Statements.

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Council as at 30 June 2022, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 2011* and the Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described as in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Council in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (Including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Council's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Council is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations), the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* and for such internal control as Council determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report to be free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, Council is responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless Council either intends to liquidate the Council or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Council's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that the audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by Council.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Council's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Council to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

DEAN NEWBERY



Jim Keogh
Partner

Signed on the 7th day of November 2022,
at 214 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide

INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE REPORT ON THE INTERNAL CONTROLS OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON

Opinion

In our opinion, the District Council of Elliston (the Council) has complied, in all material respects, with Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation to the Internal Controls established by the Council relating to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities so as to provide reasonable assurance that the financial transactions of the Council have been conducted properly and in accordance with law for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

Basis for opinion

We have audited the Internal Controls of the Council under the requirements of *Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the Internal Controls established by the Council to ensure that financial transactions relating to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 have been conducted properly and in accordance with law.

We conducted our engagement in accordance with Standard on Assurance Engagements *ASAE 3000 Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* and *ASAE 3150 Assurance Engagements on Controls* issued by the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

The Council's Responsibility for the Internal Controls

The Council is responsible for implementing and maintaining an adequate system of internal controls, in accordance with *Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1999* to ensure that the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property, and incurring of liabilities have been conducted properly and in accordance with law.

Our Independence and Quality Control

We have complied with the independence and other relevant ethical requirements relating to assurance engagements, and applying Auditing Standard *ASQC 1 Quality Control for Firms that Perform Audits and Review of Financial Reports and Other Financial Information, and Other Assurance Engagements* in undertaking the assurance engagement.

Assurance Practitioner's Responsibilities

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Council's compliance with *Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the Internal Controls established by the Council to ensure that financial transactions relating to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities, based on our procedures have been conducted properly and in accordance with law.

ASAE 3150 requires that we plan and performed our procedures to obtain reasonable assurance about whether, in all material respects, the controls are suitably designed to achieve the control objectives and the controls operating effectively through the period. ASAE 3000 also requires us to comply with the relevant ethical requirements for the Australian professional accounting bodies.

An assurance engagement to report on the designed and operating effectiveness of controls involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the suitability of the design of the controls to achieve the control objectives and the operating effectiveness of the controls throughout the period. The procedures selected depend on our judgement, including the assessment of the risks that the controls are not suitably designed or the controls did not operate effectively. Our procedures included testing the operating effectiveness to the controls that we consider necessary to achieve the control objectives identified. An Assurance engagement of this type also includes evaluating the suitability of the control objectives.

Limitation on Use

This report has been prepared for the members of the Council in accordance with *Section 129(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1999* in relation to the Internal Controls specified above. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report to any persons or users other than the members of the Council, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Limitations of Controls

Because of the inherent limitations of any internal control structure it is possible that, even if the controls are suitably designed and operating effectively, the control objectives may not be achieved so that fraud, error, or non-compliance with laws and regulations may occur and not be detected.

An assurance engagement on operating effectiveness of controls is not designed to detect all instances of controls operating ineffectively as it is not performed continuously throughout the period and the tests performed are on a sample basis. Any projection of the outcome of the evaluation of controls to future periods is subject to the risk that the controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with them may deteriorate.

DEAN NEWBERY



JIM KEOGH
PARTNER

Signed on the 7th day of November 2022
at 214 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide, South Australia, 5006

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON
Annual Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2022
CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of District Council of Elliston for the year ended 30 June 2022, the Council's Auditor, Dean Newbery, has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 22(3) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.



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Geoff Sheridan
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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Phil Channon
PRESIDING MEMBER AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: 03-11-2022

Certification of Auditor's Independence

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of the District Council of Elliston for the year ended 30 June 2022, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Part 4A, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 22 (5) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.



JIM KEOGH

Partner

DEAN NEWBERY

Dated this 7th day of November 2022

EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



ANNUAL REPORT



The Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association is a regional subsidiary of eleven member councils.



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First nations acknowledgement

The Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land of the Eyre Peninsula, and their continuing connection to land, sea, culture and community. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging, and we extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our community.

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

This annual report details the last 12 months activity undertaken by the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association, its financial accounts, and operative regional collaborative partnerships.

2021/22 has been a time of incredible challenge, working through the ongoing social and financial effects of dealing with the COVID-19 global pandemic. Our eleven member councils and their communities have been endeavouring to work together to ensure the best outcomes possible and maximise opportunities which are arising from these challenges.

We said goodbye to Mayor Sam Telfer, past President of the EPLGA, in January 2022 as he successfully won the seat of Flinders in the State Government Election. Mayor Clare McLaughlin, City of Whyalla, took up the role as President from February 2022.

As well as these things, there will continue to be work on a range of other challenges, including native vegetation legislation, tourism, waste management, infrastructure funding, shared service opportunities, economic development, and many more.

The EPLGA is a vital conduit between its member councils and the LGA of SA, with the potential for close collaboration to help deliver outcomes for our communities. State Parliament has developed

new local government legislation which will mean a significant body of work will be necessary for our member councils, and we will need to be working together as councils to streamline that process. The communication with both State and Federal governments will also be very important, with the need to maximise funding and partnership opportunities.



This upcoming year will need the EPLGA Board and member Councils to show strong, responsive and accountable leadership, driving the opportunities for innovation while still respecting the characteristics which we all value in our communities and councils. This leadership and representation throughout our communities and with other levels of government will mean that the Eyre Peninsula will continue to add to its many strengths in the years to come.

The vision and goal of the EPLGA, to “**enable Eyre Peninsula councils to excel, innovate, and thrive**”, has never been more relevant for the region than now. We have been facing many challenges and opportunities, with the need for the councils of the EP to be working closely together.

Peter Scott

Executive Officer – EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Eyre Peninsula Regional Profile

- provided by Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula

AREA

11 council areas

234,937 km²

POPULATION

Number of residents (ABS ERP 2019)

57,805

ECONOMY

Gross Regional Product (NIEIR 2019)

\$3.35 billion

JOBS

Local jobs (NIEIR 2019)

21,949 FTE

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT

Employed residents (NIEIR June 2019)

26,375

WELL-BEING

Median weekly household income (ABS 2016)

\$1,081

BUSINESS

Registered Businesses

5,134



Residential Population

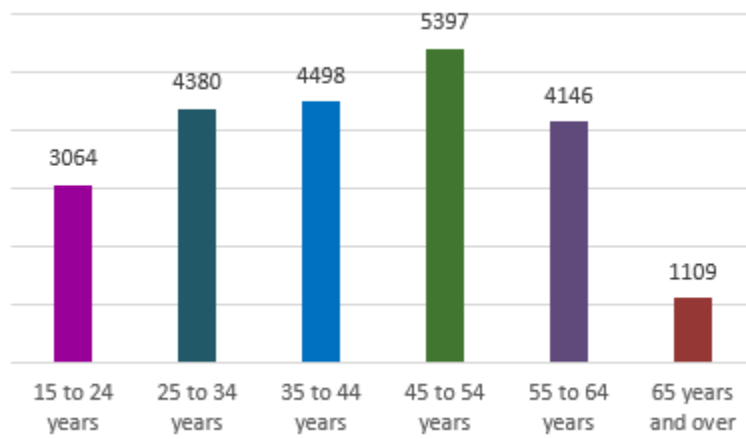
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	LAND AREA		POPULATION (2019 ABS ERP)	
	Km ²	% of Region	No.	% of Region
Whyalla	1,072	0.46	21,665	37.5
Port Lincoln	30	0.01	14,718	25.5
Ceduna	5,424	2.31	3,442	6.0
Cleve	5,018	2.14	1,792	3.1
Elliston	6,741	2.87	1,008	1.7
Franklin Harbour	2,755	1.17	1,304	2.3
Kimba	5,700	2.43	1,065	1.8
Lower Eyre Peninsula	4,715	2.01	5,780	10.0
Streaky Bay	6,226	2.65	2,192	3.8
Tumby Bay	2,671	1.14	2,702	4.7
Wudinna	5,079	2.16	1,300	2.2
Maralinga Tjarutja and Unincorporated SA	189,453	80.64	724	1.3
Collective Local Government Total	234,884	99.98	57,692	99.8
REGION TOTAL	234,937		57,805	

Population Summary

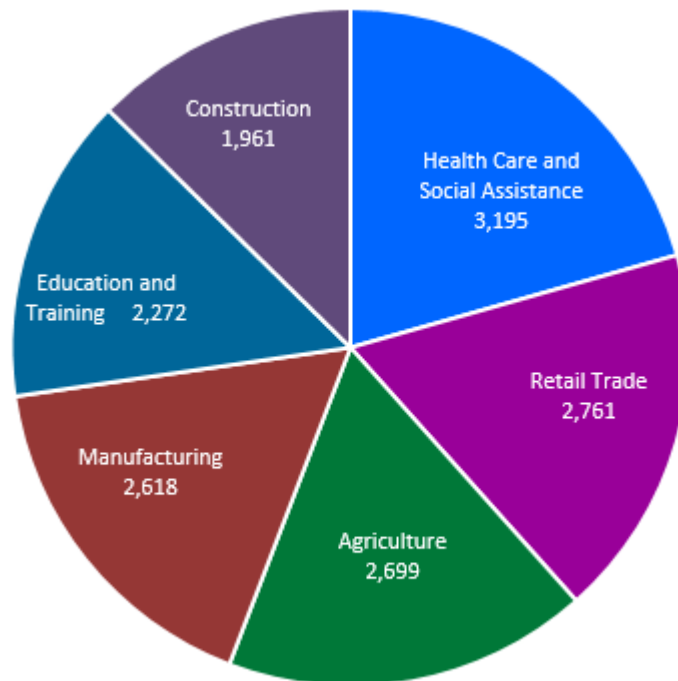
The Census usual resident population of the RDA Eyre Peninsula region in 2016 was 56,612 living in 30,441 dwellings with an average household size of 2.28. 2019 ABS ERP (Estimated Resident Population) shows marginal growth of 2.06% across the region to 57,805. Indications for the City of Whyalla and District Council of Elliston show population declines of .75% and 3.6% respectively.

The median age of Eyre Peninsula residents is 42, compared to 45 in regional SA, 40 in South Australia and a median age of 38 in Australia.

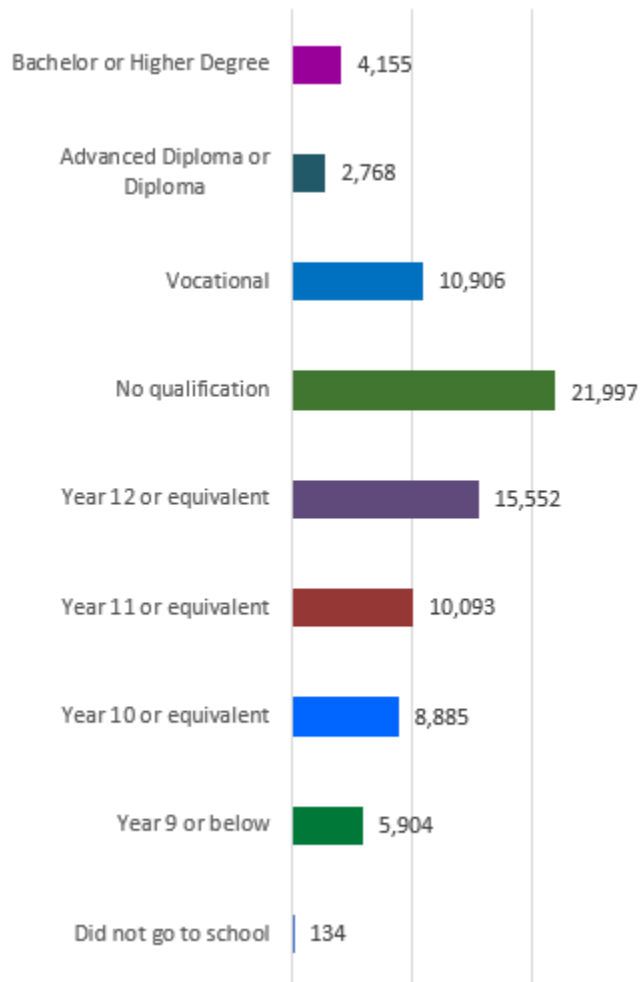
Local Workers Age Structure



Top 6 Employing Industries



Level of Qualification



In 2016 (ABS Census) 23,868 people living in the RDA Eyre Peninsula region were employed, of which 58% worked full-time and 40% part-time.

Most part-time employment occurred in the Health Care and Social Assistance, Accommodation and Food Services, Retail Trade, Fishing and Aquaculture industries. These industries typically rely on a high proportion of part-time workers, and the number of jobs provided markedly exceeds the total FTE hours being worked.

Employment continuity in the Fishing and Aquaculture industries is also impacted by the seasonal nature of some jobs.

A growing future workforce demand is set to provide a major challenge for the region and specific strategies are required to meet industry requirements.

The transformational economies such as space, renewable energy, advanced manufacturing and agricultural technologies will require a sustainable highly-skilled workforce.

Top 10 Exporting Industries in Region 2018-2019 (\$m)

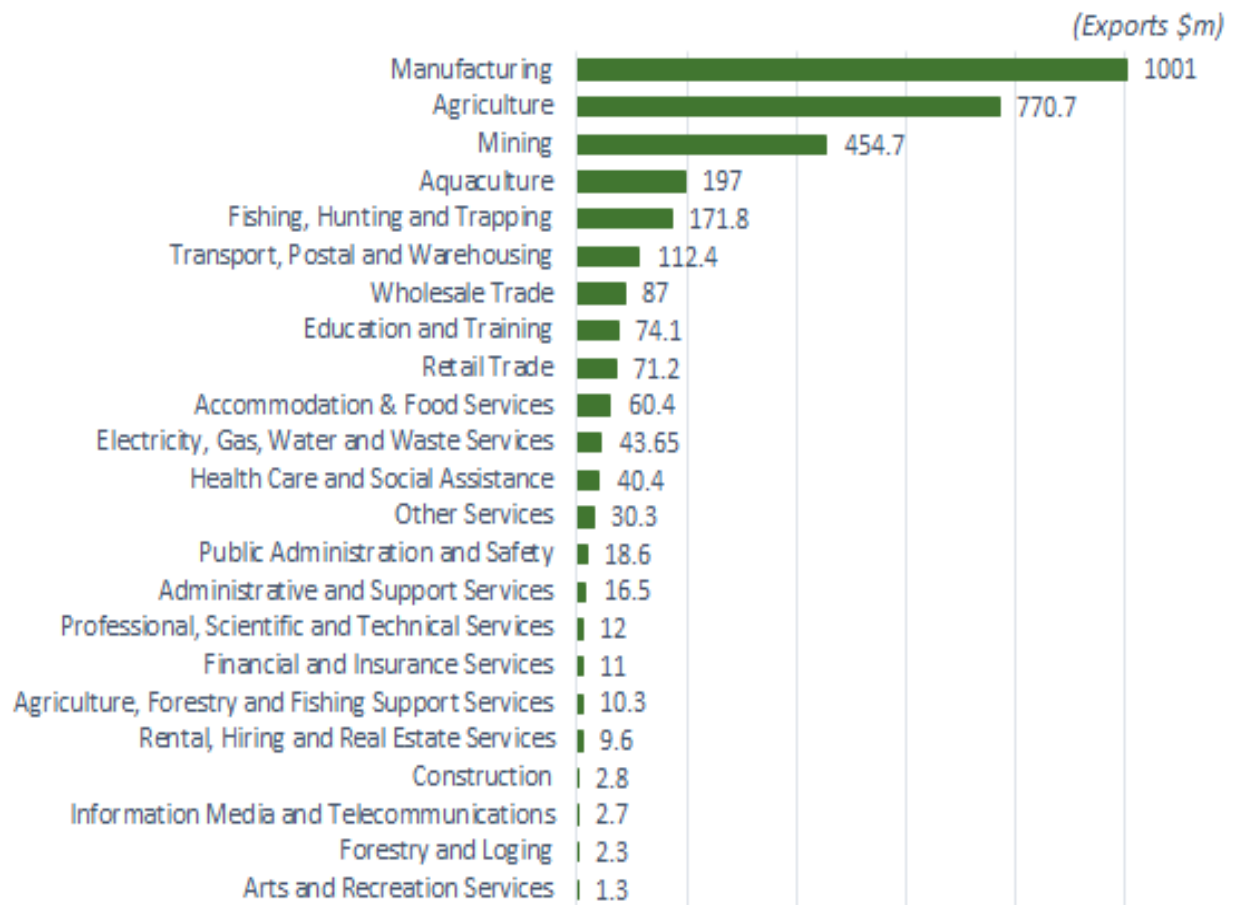
	Whyalla	Port Lincoln	Ceduna	Cleve	Elliston	Franklin Harbour	Kimba	Lower EP	Streaky Bay	Tumby Bay	Wudinna	LGA Totals	Region Totals
Manufacturing	897.9	76	3.1	4.7	1.1	1.2	0.2	5.3	7.4	1.9	1.5	1000.3	1,001
Agriculture	0.2	3.3	47.7	113	59.7	20.4	74.4	147.7	78.1	128.2	90.3	763	770.7
Mining	382.1	6.4	16.4	0	1.3	5.4	0	5.7	0.4	2.9	1	421.6	454.7
Aquaculture	1.3	95.6	17.6	8.6	1.7	6.2	1.9	56.9	7.1	0	0	196.9	197
Fishing, Hunting and Trapping	4.4	129	7.2	0.7	10.2	0.6	0	5.3	12.8	1.6	0	171.8	171.8
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	19.3	44	15.8	9	2.1	0.6	1.2	6.9	6.8	2.1	3.9	111.7	112.4
Wholesale Trade	14.5	36.6	15.9	0.9	0.2	1.4	0.8	5.3	0.9	6.2	4.2	86.9	87
Education and Training	28.6	26.1	7	2.3	1.4	1.2	0.8	0.5	2	0.4	3	73.3	74.1
Retail Trade	8.8	46.7	3.4	3.8	0.7	1	0.9	1.5	2	1	1.2	71	71.2
Accommodation & Food Services	10.4	27.1	7.2	2.6	1.6	0.7	1.3	2	3.3	2	1.2	59.4	60.4
Total (Top 10 Council Exports) (\$m)	1367.5	490.8	141.3	145.6	80	38.7	81.5	237.1	120.8	146.3	106.3	2955.9	3,000

In 2018-19, regional exports to intrastate, interstate and overseas markets were valued at \$3.201 billion. The region's main exporting industries were:

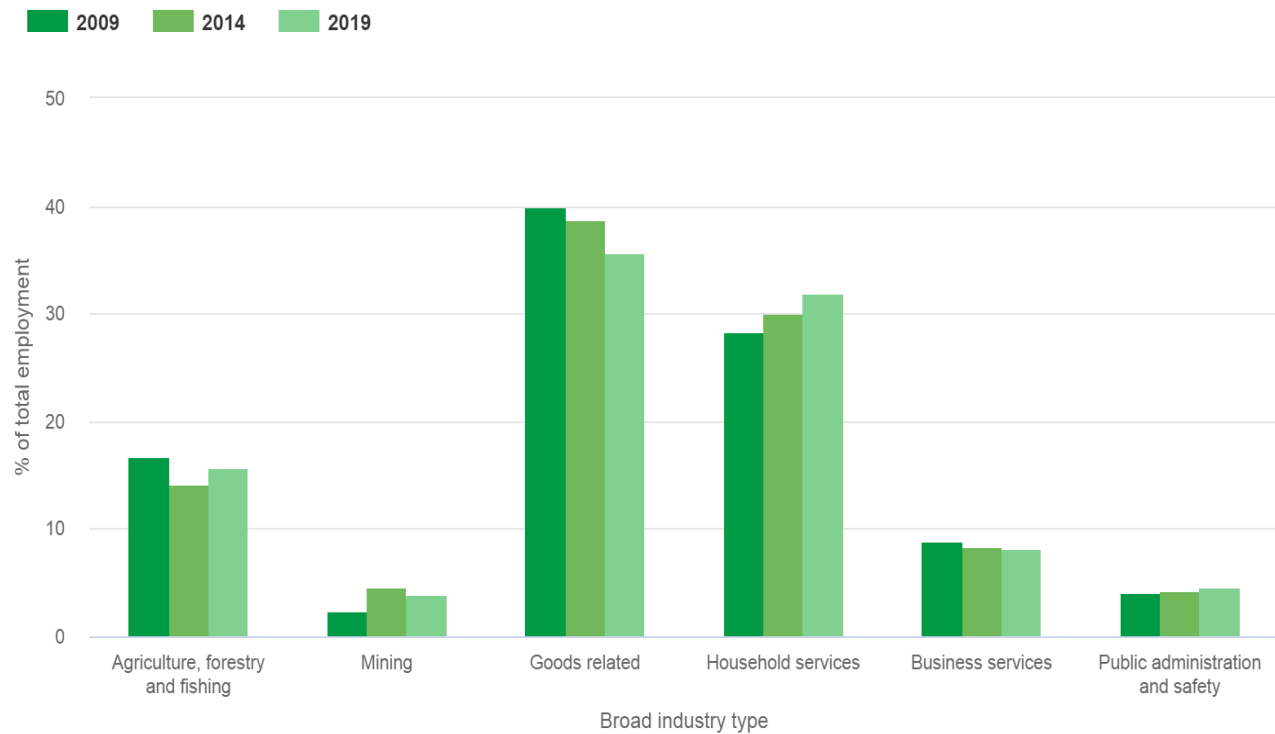
Manufacturing –\$1 billion.

Agriculture –\$770.7 million.

Mining –\$454.7 million.



Employment Composition



In 2019 the Goods related sector (Manufacturing; Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services; Construction; Wholesale Trade; Retail Trade; and Transport, Postal and Warehousing) accounted for 35.6% of employment in the RDAEP region. The importance of this sector has declined over the last 10 years (39.9% in 2009).

Small and medium size business enterprises (SMEs) are the backbone of the regional economy. Small business sustainability is directly related to the success of the region's major industries – i.e. manufacturing, agriculture, mining, aquaculture, health care, and tourism.

In 2019, the region had 5,134 registered businesses. The Agriculture, Fishing and Forestry had the largest number, comprising 1,836 (35.8%) followed by Construction with 625 registered businesses (12.2%) and Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services 448 (8.7%).

From 2018 – 2019, the total number of registered businesses declined by 114 with the biggest declines in the Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services (-23%) and, Financial and Insurance Services industries (-20%). Increases in businesses services were mostly in the Mining (+12%), Manufacturing (+7%), and Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services and Education and Training industries (both +3%).

MEMBER COUNCILS

- City of Whyalla
- City of Port Lincoln
- DC Ceduna
- DC Cleve
- DC Elliston
- DC Franklin Harbour
- DC Kimba
- Lower Eyre Council
- DC Streaky Bay
- DC Tumby Bay
- Wudinna DC

EPLGA BOARD MEMBERS 2020/21

Under the terms of the EPLGA Charter, the following Board appointments were current as at 30 June 2022.

MEMBER COUNCIL	BOARD MEMBER	DEPUTY BOARD MEMBER
Ceduna	Perry Will (Mayor)	Ian Bergmann (D/Mayor)
Cleve	Phil Cameron (Mayor)	Robert Quinn (D/Mayor)
Elliston	Malcolm Hancock (Mayor)	Peter Hitchcock (D/Mayor)
Franklin Harbour	Robert Walsh (Mayor)	Daven Wagner (D/Mayor)
Kimba	Dean Johnson (Mayor)	Megan Lienert (D/Mayor)
Lower Eyre	Jo-Anne Quigley (Mayor)	Peter Mitchell (D/Mayor)
Port Lincoln	Brad Flaherty (Mayor)	Jack Ritchie (D/Mayor)
Streaky Bay	Travis Barber (Mayor)	Graham Gunn (D/Mayor)
Tumby Bay	Hannah Allen-Jordan (Mayor)	Julie Elliott (D/Mayor)
Whyalla	Clare McLaughlin (Mayor)	Phil Stone (D/Mayor)
Wudinna	Eleanor Scholz (Mayor)	Ned Luscombe (D/Mayor)

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES/ APPOINTMENTS

EPLGA Board Executive:

President	Mayor Clare McLaughlin	City of Whyalla
Immediate Past President	Mayor Travis Barber (In absence of Mayor Bruce Green – did not stand for election)	DC Streaky Bay
Deputy President	Mayor Dean Johnson	DC Kimba
Chief Executive Officer	Deb Larwood	DC Kimba

The President (LGA Board and SAROC), Deputy President (Proxy LGA Board), Mayor Jo-Anne Quigley (second SAROC Representative due to Mayor McLaughlin being an Upper Spencer Gulf LGA representative on SAROC) were the nominated representatives to the LGA.

Chief Executive Officers Committee:

All Chief Executive Officers of member Councils or nominee in their absence.

Other Regional Organisations:

Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula Inc:

Bryan Trigg AFSM, Chair

Ryan Viney, Chief Executive Officer

Zone Emergency Management Committee:

Mathew Morgan (Presiding Member)

- City of Port Lincoln

Peter Scott, Executive Officer

- EPLGA

Representatives from each Council

South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC) Executive Officers Committee:

Peter Scott, Executive Officer

- EPLGA

ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND BOARD MEETINGS SCHEDULE

A highlight on the EPLGA calendar is the Annual Conference, hosted each year by a member Council. To assist in host Council planning, the following conference and Board meeting schedule is included (including the past 12 months meeting and conference locations).

Friday, 2 July 2021	Wudinna
Friday, 3 September 2021	Port Lincoln
Friday, 3 December 2021	Kimba
Monday, 28 February 2021	online
Friday, 3 June 2022	Elliston
Friday, 2 September 2022	Tumby Bay
Conference, 22-23 September 2022 (delayed due to COVID)	Cleve
Friday, 2 December 2022	Whyalla
Conference Feb/ March 2023 (either last week of Feb & first week of March)	Franklin Harbour
Friday, 2 June 2023	Ceduna
Friday, 1 September 2023	DCLEP
Friday, 1 December 2023	Port Lincoln
Conference Feb/March 2024 (either last week of Feb & first week of March)	Streaky Bay
Friday, 7 June 2024	Wudinna
Friday, 6 September 2024	Kimba
Friday, 6 December 2024	Cleve
Conference Feb/March 2025 (either last week of Feb & first week of March)	Elliston
Friday, 6 June 2025	Whyalla
Friday, 5 September 2025	Franklin Harbour
Friday, 5 December 2025	Ceduna
Conference Feb/March 2026 (either last week of Feb & first week of March)	Tumby Bay
Friday, 5 June 2026	DCLEP
Friday, 4 September 2026	Streaky Bay
Friday, 4 December 2026	Wudinna
Conference Feb/March 2027 (either last week of Feb & first week of March)	Whyalla
Friday, 4 June 2027	Port Lincoln
Friday, 3 September 2027	Kimba
Friday, 3 December 2027	Cleve
Conference Feb/March 2028 (either last week of Feb & first week of March)	Ceduna
Friday, 2 June 2028	Elliston
Friday, 1 September 2028	Tumby Bay
Friday, 1 December 2028	Franklin Harbour

Our Partners

South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils

SA Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC) Committee is formally established through the LGA Constitution. Its role is regional advocacy, policy initiation and review, leadership engagement and capacity building in the regions.

South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC) Committee was formally established through the LGA Constitution in October 2018. Its Terms of Reference is an ancillary document to the LGA Constitution. SAROC Regional Groupings of Members are:

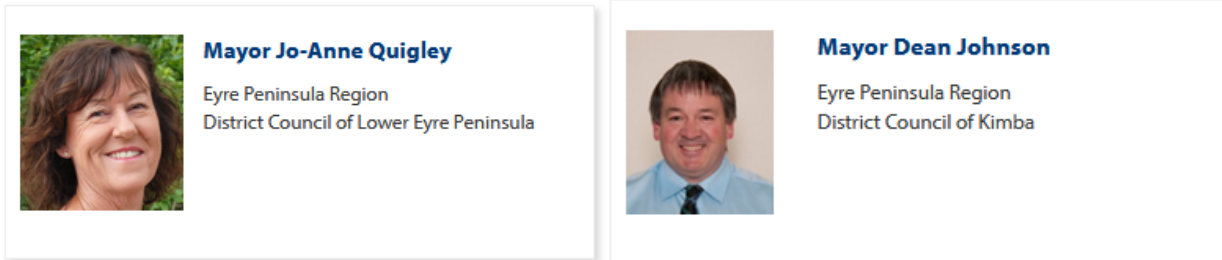
- Southern and Hills Councils
- Legatus Councils
- Eyre Peninsula
- Limestone Coast
- Murraylands and Riverland
- Spencer Gulf Cities

Each Regional Group can elect 2 Council elected members to SAROC biennially.



SAROC met nine times in 2021-2022 and agendas, minutes, the Strategic and Business Plans can be viewed here: <https://www.lga.sa.gov.au/about/lga-meetings/saroc>

EPLGA SAROC representatives:



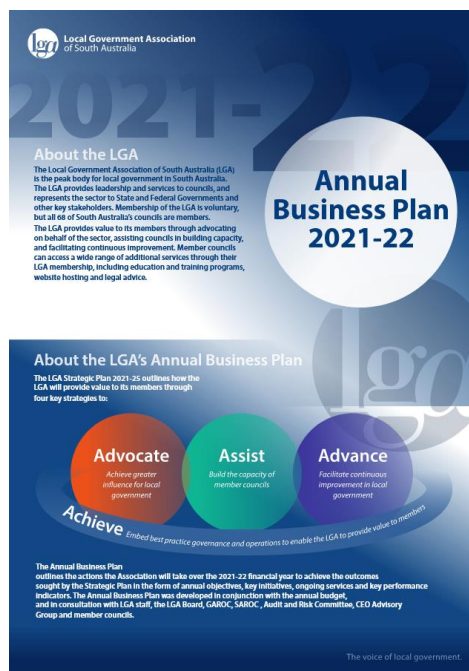
Local Government Association of South Australia

The Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA) is the peak body for local government in South Australia. The LGA provides leadership and services to councils and represents the sector to State and Federal Governments and other key stakeholders. Membership of the LGA is voluntary, but all 68 of South Australia's councils are members. The LGA provides value to its members through advocating on behalf of the sector, assisting councils in building capacity, and facilitating continuous improvement. Member councils can access a wide range of additional services through their LGA membership, including education and training programs, website hosting and legal advice.

The role of the Board of Directors is to manage the activities of the LGA in between General Meetings in accordance with policy and other decisions taken at Ordinary and Annual General Meetings and to report annually on those activities.

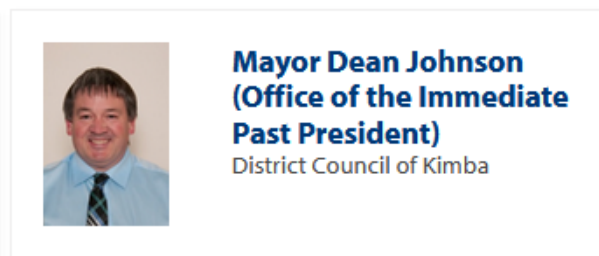
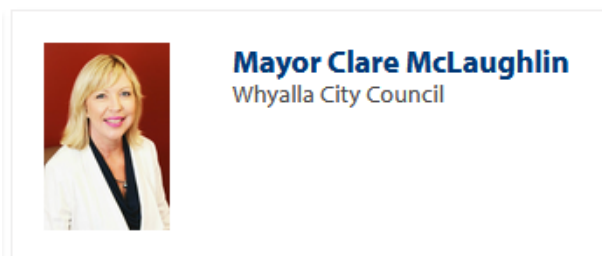
Members of the LGA Board of Directors include:

- President (elected by all Councils);
- Office of the Immediate Past President;
- SAROC Chair
- GAROC Chair
- 3 Board Directors (elected by SAROC); and
- 3 Board Directors (elected by GAROC).



LGA of SA minutes, agenda, Business and Strategic Plans can be downloaded <https://www.lga.sa.gov.au/>

EPLGA representatives on LGA Board or Directors are:





City of Whyalla Mayor Clare McLaughlin, EPLGA President, has been recognised for outstanding service to the local government sector in South Australia during the 2022 LGA’s Council Best Practice Showcase dinner.

Whyalla Mayor Clare McLaughlin was named the 2022 recipient of the prestigious Joy Baluch Award for her ability to build constructive relationships and develop trust and cohesion.

LGA President Mayor Angela Evans said the award, named after Mayor Joy Baluch AM, was presented

to honour the contribution of women serving as elected members in SA and Mayor McLaughlin was a worthy recipient.

“The assessment panel was impressed, not only by Mayor McLaughlin’s long list of achievements, but also by the empathetic and considered approach

she has taken to representing her community through challenging periods,” Mayor Evans said.

“As well as supporting her community through recent uncertainty surrounding the Whyalla steelworks and the impacts of COVID-19, Mayor McLaughlin has been instrumental in many projects to move Whyalla forward, including the foreshore masterplan, redevelopment of the airport and plans for a Regional Hydrogen Hub.

“The Joy Baluch award is unique in that it recognises an elected member who has not only made a significant contribution in her own right but has also actively encouraged and supported other women to get involved in the sector.

“Mayor McLaughlin has supported other women through her work with the Whyalla business network ‘Enterprising Women’ for over 20 years and has mentored many women to step into leadership positions.”

Youth Led Recovery project presentation at LGASA Showcase

The Department of Human Services (DHS) has partnered with the Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA SA) and provided South Australian councils with the opportunity to apply for a one-off competitive small grant.

Recognising the role of young people as innovators in their communities and their ability to be pioneers in addressing a range of local

community needs; the Youth-led Recovery Grants has enabled councils to undertake activities and initiatives, led by young people aged 12-24 years, that respond to the impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Young people are identified as one of the cohorts most impacted by the short and long-term effects of the global COVID-19 pandemic and through the Youth-led Recovery Grants, they are provided with the opportunity to be leaders in the recovery effort by addressing emerging community needs and improving resilience, for themselves and their local communities.

The EPLGA applied for and won a \$36,000 grant. The project was developed in partnership with Regional Development Australia EP and West Coast Youth and Community Support (WCYCS).

The EPLGA were invited to present at LGASA Council Best Practice Showcase at the Entertainment Centre on Thursday 7 April 2022 as part of the Youth Led Grants Showcase. The project identified and developed leadership skills in a traditional classroom setting graduating to camps with Indigenous Elders. The presentation was well received by the audience – especially the heart-warming stories by Alan “CJ” Dodd (WCYCS). The success of the project was reflected in DHS awarding a further 50% of the funding enabling the identified leaders to travel to Maralinga later in the year

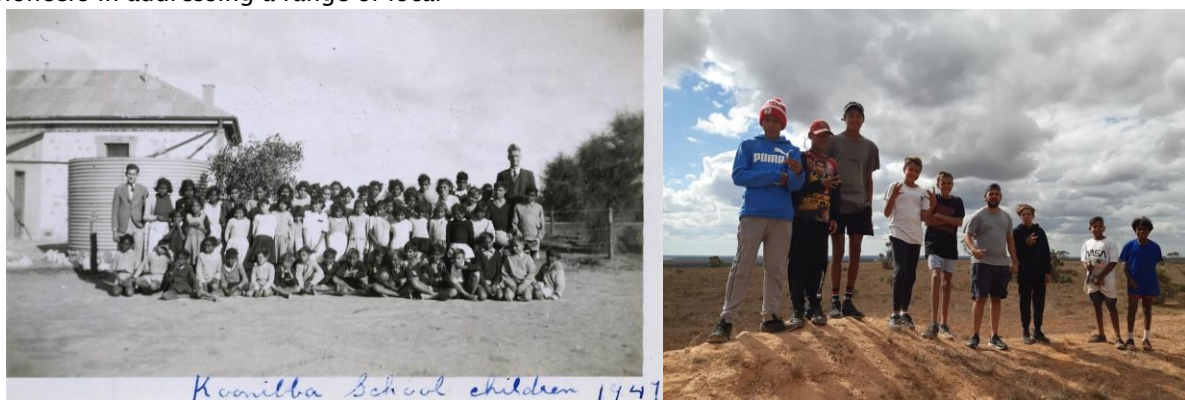


Figure 1 Who do you think you are? - Aboriginal Youth Leaders trace back their history

Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board
Mark Whitfield | Chair
Jonathan Clark | General Manager

In alignment with feedback from the EPLGA, the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board carried out a simplified engagement process in the development of the new Landscape plan for Eyre Peninsula over February and March 2021. Only minor amendments were required as a result of feedback. Further information, including the completed plans, can be found at <https://www.landscape.sa.gov.au/ep/about-us/landscape-plan>.



The Landscape Priorities Fund is an initiative of the South Australian Government and is established under the Landscape South Australia Act 2019. The fund provides the opportunity for landscape boards, working in partnership with other organisations, groups and individuals, to invest in large-scale integrated landscape management projects that address sub-regional, cross-regional and state-wide priorities. It is funded from Landscape levies collected by Green Adelaide in the Adelaide metropolitan area and redistributed to South Australia’s regional landscape boards. The EPLGA were provided with updates on the Landscape Priority fund in the reports previous four meetings, including that our application submitted in the first round for the Eyes on Eyre project was unsuccessful. In late 2021 the Board submitted EOIs including:

Project	Funding sought	Total Value
Eyes on Eyre – restoring the health of Eyre Peninsula’s coastal environment	\$710,000	\$1,910,000

In early March 2022 the Board were advised that the Eyes on Eyre application titled “Eyes on Eyre – restoring the health of Eyre Peninsula’s coastal environment” requesting \$710,000 had been successful.

The existing Eyes on Eyre Working Group will provide high level oversight of the project, with a smaller steering group established to support day to day decision making. The Board have appointed a project manager, Andrew Freeman, to manage the project.

The project commenced in early April, with Expression of Interest guidelines and application forms sent to all coastal councils, for them to apply for funding at identified priority sites. Councils have been given five weeks to lodge their applications.

The Board have commissioned Mark Thomas Productions to produce a short video to raise the profile of the EoE initiative, demonstrate the need for the project, highlight the issues experienced during recent high visitation experiences and demonstrate the benefits of an online booking platform. The video can be found at <https://youtu.be/O3cOYye8kCE>

Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula
Byran Trigg | Chair
Ryan Viney | CEO

Ryan Viney took over as CEO of RDAEP from Dion Doward in December 2021.



RDAEP's Key Theme for 2022-23 is **“Regional Liveability”** with the top 6 key priority areas focused on addressing workforce shortages:

1. **Healthcare** – attracting Doctors, and other healthcare professionals to the region to facilitate a quality healthcare service, thus attracting and retaining the workforce needed to support business growth.
2. **Housing and Accommodation** – development of strategies for the supply of “shovel ready” residential land; adaptive reuse of buildings; accessing finance and reducing the cost of

delivering infrastructure will be critical in providing a mix of housing choice across the region to meet demand.

3. **Population Attraction, Retention and Training** – attract, retain and train workers to facilitate greater workforce participation to meet workforce needs. Improved healthcare services, education/training, childcare and telecommunication connectivity will be vital in gaining and retaining workforce.
4. **Economic Diversification** - support the establishment of new and emerging industries

with a particular focus on “green” production to decarbonise the economy and to facilitate sustainable career opportunities (circular economies, renewable energy, mining, sustainable tourism, hydrogen production and Space Industry).

5. Infrastructure Provision - continue to advocate for nationally significant infrastructure including placemaking initiatives to improve regional amenity, as well as new and upgraded infrastructure to drive down costs of production and facilitate value adding opportunities.

6. Visitor Economy – improved visitor experience by increasing product offerings, promotion/marketing/branding and improved infrastructure.

Bookeasy Project:

The Eyes on Eyre Bookeasy Pilot launched 11 December with the DC of Elliston. The Department for Environment and Water (DEW) contract and funding has still not been received, so rather than miss an opportunity to run the pilot over summer, a pool of funding was secured between RDAEP, Landscapes SA and EPLGA. This allowed the project to proceed with two campgrounds: Walkers Rocks and Sheringa Beach. A third site at Port Gibbon in DC of Franklin Harbour was also selected for inclusion in the Pilot via the EOI process, however due to delays with the DEW funds and the amount of work required at that site we expect to bring them onboard in February 2022. EOI’s for the broader roll out is due to close 26 November, however this may be extended, as it won’t be possible to award funding for Phase 2 until the contract and funds are received from DEW.

Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (ATDW) - Workshops

In November the SATC digital team hosted two ATDW training sessions in Port Lincoln in collaboration with RDAEP. The first session attended by 17 tourism businesses centred around digital marketing, domestic and international travel and a trade workshop. The session outlined current campaign activity and trends in travel, as well as discussing the opportunities involved with being commissionable and 'trade ready' Having a well written, high quality ATDW listing is the gateway to working with SATC, helping promote business far and wide via a distribution network of over 250 websites.

As distance is an obstacle to attending workshops on the Eyre Peninsula a second workshop was held for local council representatives and tourism organisations. The Train the Trainer style workshop was attended by 16 people and focused on creating an in depth understanding of ATDW and empowering replication of the training by attendees across the region.

Tourism Australia -National Experience Content Initiative (NECI)

As part of its continued COVID-19 recovery efforts, Tourism Australia (TA) is launching a new visual content creation program aimed at supporting tourism operators, driving a product-led recovery, and attracting travellers back to Australia once borders re-open. TA is working with SATC and RDAEP to create a suite of new, contemporary, and relevant marketing assets (still imagery and video footage) for a variety of Tourism Operators. Nine EP tour operators were selected by TA for the initiative including Gawler Ranges Wilderness Safaris, Oyster Farm Tours, Australian Coastal Safaris, Rodney Fox Shark Expeditions, Untamed Escapes, Chinta Air Safaris, Swagabout Tours, Kata & Belle and Experience Coffin Bay. Two photo shoots took place in October with the remainder scheduled for December. The imagery from the photoshoot was published on the TA and SATC image and video galleries for all to access, including media and trade, enhancing the marketability of Eyre Peninsula experiences.

Regional Trails Strategy

The Regional Trails Strategy which is now completed has been developed. It provides an overarching framework for consistent and coordinated planning, development, management and marketing of quality trail experiences across the Eyre Peninsula.

Trails have been an important and valued feature of the Eyre Peninsula landscape for more than 60,000 years. Some of the region’s most-loved trails follow traditional pathways through country that have been used by Aboriginal people for generations. More recently, planning and development of recreational trails has been a significant pillar of strategic government and community thinking.

The project has been undertaken by trail planning specialists Tredwell Management with guidance from the project working group, as well as input

from a project reference group (local government representatives) and the broader community. The Strategy is aimed at achieving improved and sustainable outcomes for trail provision, experiences, community development, health and well-being, and the local, regional and state economies. It relates to recreational trails associated with walking, off-road cycling, horse riding, paddling and snorkelling/scuba diving. The Strategy provides a strategic framework for the region's trail network, with a focus on actionable items for Council managed trails, which have been identified for the potential to become trails of regional, state or national significance. The Strategy recognises the rapidly evolving recreation and tourism sectors, and the trends and benefits that impact trail development, management and usage into the future. It also builds upon a range of strategic planning that has been undertaken for South Australia, the Eyre Peninsula and each of the eleven local government areas across the region.

Eyre Peninsula Visitor Guide

RDAEP has been working with publisher HWR Media, in cooperation with Councils to revamp the Eyre Peninsula Visitor Guide. The revamp included an overhaul of the layout and content of the guide by respected travel journalist, Max Anderson, to improve readability and appeal to visitors. The suggestions were implemented by RDAEP in collaboration with Max Anderson to produce new content, with the intention of influencing travel behaviour, enjoyment, safety and spending. The guide is updated on an annual basis by RDAEP and provides advertising opportunities for local businesses and councils. With a circulation of 50,000 copies that are distributed via VIC/VIO outlets and participating businesses across SA and interstate, it is one of the key marketing materials for the region.

Eyre Peninsula exceeds 2025 Visitor Economy Target

As per the State Government's Regional Visitor Strategy, the Eyre Peninsula had a target of generating \$397 million by 2025, with the Region recently surpassing this target by \$91 million in 2021. The region's tourism industry is considered to now support over 600 tourism businesses employing 2,700 people. The regional South Australia visitor expenditure was \$3.6 billion in

2021, just shy of the State Government Target of \$4 billion by 2025. [More info.](#)

The Eyre Peninsula Destination Management Plan prepared by RDAEP mirrors the regional priorities of the SA RVS, with an overlaid framework of sustainable management of the tourism sector. The vision for the Eyre Peninsula is to facilitate sustainable development of the visitor economy, which is achieved via application of the following guiding principles:

- Adopt a sustainable approach across all tourism planning and management
- Attract high yield low impact visitors
- Drive balanced demand across the region
- Provide visitors with a quality and safe experience
- Strengthen the region's competitive advantage
- Provide equitable opportunities for participation in tourism
- Use data and insights to inform action.

Eyre Peninsula Regional Brand Review

Over the next 12 months RDAEP will be undertaking a review of the "*Seafood frontier*" Regional Brand, which was developed in 2006. The Eyre Peninsula food industry launched "Eyre Peninsula, Australia's Seafood Frontier", is a co-operative marketing brand designed to position Eyre Peninsula's food industry as a premium region showcasing its world-class strengths: environmental sustainability, innovation, pioneering spirit and premium food products.

The Eyre Peninsula Regional Brand Review Project aims to improve profitability and ensure Eyre Peninsula is at the forefront. The Eyre Peninsula Australia's Seafood Frontier brand and tagline was adopted by SA Tourism in 2013 and has been utilised for destination marketing purposes since including digital, signage and naming conventions on touring routes. While much of the Eyre Peninsula is located along the coast, not all districts and industries relate to the Seafood Frontier branding, particularly inland councils.

15 years since its inception, a review is required to assess the relevance of the Eyre Peninsula Australia's Seafood Frontier brand to ensure it encompasses the region's competitive strengths, supports regional priorities, resonates with past and prospective visitors, while also providing a holistic and inclusive regional identity.

To progress this initiative, RDAEP is in the process of establishing a Regional Brand Review Working Group to provide strategic oversight and to assist in the overall management of the project. It is proposed that the Regional Brand Review Working Group will comprise of Annabelle Hender (RDAEP - Regional Tourism Manager) as Chair, Karen Hollamby (PIRSA), 2 x Local Government Representatives (nominated by EPLGA CEO's Group) and a Tourism Industry Representative to be appointed by the Working Group following a call for expressions of interest.

Along with providing strategic oversight throughout the review process, brand development and stakeholder consultation processes, a key function of the working group will be to assess all tender proposals against an assessment-criteria (methodology, experience, cost, etc) to recommend a preferred brand agency.

Eyes on Eyre - Online Camping Project

Eyes on Eyre is a mechanism to facilitate a consistent and collaborative approach to tourism on the Eyre Peninsula. An online booking system (Bookeasy) was identified as an opportunity to improve visitor management of campgrounds, and \$500,000 in funding was subsequently obtained by RDAEP from the Department of Environment and Water (DEW) to develop campgrounds in line with the [Final Concept Design Report](#).

Phase 1: Pilot

The pilot phase engaged with the District Council of Elliston to facilitate online bookings across two campsites, Sheringa Beach and Walkers Rock. The pilot was scheduled to run across the peak summer season from December 2021 to 31 January 2022.

Phase 2: DEW Parks 2025 Funds

- Agreement signed with Ellison Council. The specified works were renegotiated to facilitate major ground works during this phase at Walkers Rock in April 2022. Elliston will apply for the EOI for the Landscapes Priority Fund for the next phase of works at Walkers Rock and Sheringa Beach, which will include campsite delineation.

- Agreement signed with DC Franklin Harbour for Point Gibbon. Work commenced May 2022.

Agreement signed with DC Lower Eyre Peninsula for Fishery Bay. Work included campsite delineation and signage for 3 of 8 campsites, with works for campsites 4 to 8 fulfilled via PIRSA fishing and recreation grant funding.

Phase 3: Landscape Priority Fund

Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board was successful in receiving \$710,000 of funding to help with conservation management at priority coastal campgrounds around the region as part of the Eyes on Eyre project. The EOI process has been shared with Councils, the due date is 26th of May 2022.

SATC Marketing Co-op

RDAEP has allocated \$20,000 and further secured \$30,000 from SATC Marketing Co-op (\$50,000 in total) for a regional tourism promotion.

Approved activity includes:

- Regional Marketing Audit & Plan – Submissions received from 2 agencies with an agency to be appointed shortly, to begin work in June.
 - Content creation for Eyre Peninsula website and Visitor Guide – near completion.
 - Social Media Marketing & Management – ongoing throughout the **Responsible Travel Project**

RDAEP has entered into a project partnership agreement with Tourism Australia for the Responsible Travel Project. The project involves a nation-wide survey assessing key regional stakeholder issues with tourism. The project undertakes to distil the key issues residents, businesses and visitors face with tourism in their region. The results of the survey were consolidated into a report, distributed to participating Regional Tourism Organisations (RDAEP) by 30 June 2022. The report provided valuable insight which can inform action and communication of the region's own initiative and choosing. For Eyre Peninsula it is the report informed Eyes on Eyre projects, marketing strategies and education of travellers to be responsible. The survey has been shared extensively by RDAEP and stakeholders across the region, with strong participation level expected.

Joint Projects

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Flood disaster recovery

Between 21 and 24 January 2022, a significant rainfall associated with ex-tropical cyclone Tiffany caused significant localised flooding across Eyre Peninsula, with the Kimba, Cleve and Franklin Harbour Districts being impacted most severely. Damage to road infrastructure and the secondary impacts on farm logistics are the greatest issues however a number of landholders have had localised flood damage including erosion, sediment deposition and pooling water. Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board staff are working with landholders, local government, industry groups and PIRSA to better understand the agricultural and landscape issues, identify recovery needs and provide support where appropriate. The Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board have undertaken the following actions to date:

- Appointment of a recovery coordinator for landscape board activities related to recovery efforts (Tim Breuer based in Whyalla). Tim was based in Kimba two days a week and subject to demand spent a day every alternating week in Cowell and Cleve.
- Making our Water Resources Assessment officer available to provide advice and fast track approvals for recovery related water affecting activities
- Subject to Board approval, allocation of \$100,000 for recovery initiatives.
- Seeking to leverage additional funding from Australian and State Governments and other industry groups.

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The Board have committed \$100,000 for recovery initiatives as well as appointing a recovery coordinator for landscape board activities related to recovery efforts (Tim Breuer based in Whyalla). Tim is based in Kimba two days a week and subject to demand spent time in Cowell and Cleve.

Landholder's priorities for the past few months have been focused around the more immediate on-

ground works needed and addressing farm infrastructure issues (e.g. repairing washed out roads etc.) to enable crops to be sown this season, however once the crops are in the ground, that focus changed to deal with the longer-term recovery efforts.

Over the next 12 months, many of these landholders will need soils and land management support, to assist them assess and plan the most suitable course of action for their individual properties. Some damage may be repairable, whilst others may, where the scale of degradation is too severe, need to be stabilised and alternative landscape options considered.

To address this, the Board and PIRSA are looking to provide a significant grant to a local farming group to provide community led soil and land management support to severe weather affected areas of eastern Eyre Peninsula. This will include extension activities, soil testing, provision of technical support and seeking additional partnerships and funding for trials.

The Board is looking to enter into a grant agreement for the delivery of the above works through to June 2023 and will be using this commitment to try and leverage additional funding from Australian Government and other industry groups

To support local businesses across the Eyre Peninsula impacted by the recent storm events, RDAEP conducted a survey, with businesses that suffered direct damage asked to complete a short questionnaire.

It is intended that all information obtained will be used to work with the SA Government to determine appropriate strategies to support businesses in our region as they recover from this natural disaster.

In addition, RDAEP has written to the Hon Rob Lucas MP suggesting that given the scale of the disaster and the size and capacity of impacted councils, they should be considered for extraordinary assistance. Noting that within the Local Government Disaster Recovery Assistance Arrangements, which is the major funding mechanism under which impacted councils can claim financial support from the State Government, a co-contribution payment by councils is required and that councils are not generally able

to claim ordinary staff or plant hours deployed in restoring or repairing damaged assets.

It is understood the under the provisions of the Local Government Disaster Recovery Assistance Arrangements, and in the event of a catastrophic natural disaster event and/or where council has limited financial capacity, the Treasurer can grant extraordinary assistance.

The control agency for the emergency was the State Emergency Services (SES). SES did not establish a recovery committee following the emergency. Regional Coordinator Eyre & Western, Karen Hollamby, has been appointed as PIRSA's Recovery Facilitator for South Australia.

Current work includes establishment of a local, representative, community lead group to enable appropriate recovery, in conjunction with the EP Landscape Board. Close working arrangements are in place with a number of representative organisations already.

PIRSA staff undertook several site assessments on the EP to understand the full extent of the damage, including a site visit undertaken (3 February) and a proposed aerial inspection. Technical experts are available, including soil scientist (soil health, erosion issues, management/future planning).

The Department of Treasury and Finance administers Disaster Recovery Assistance for local governments and agencies after an eligible natural disaster.

Housing and Accommodation Needs Analysis Project

A program has been developed to progress this Place Based Project due for completion in August 2022. Most work on this project will commence after SAROC and the Yorke and Mid North and Far North RDAs complete local government surveys and provide RDAEP with the results.

RDAEP will be using these survey results and will also be liaising with real estate agents and builders to complete a supply picture and liaising with employers and industry sectors to create a demand picture.

Coupled with land supply information it is hoped to develop some regional solutions for the Eyre Peninsula that satisfy demand for accommodation within the timeframes of the various industries during construction and operational phases of development.

SA Water Desal Plant

Following significant community concern the Eyre Peninsula Desalination Plant proposed at Billy Lights Point was put on hold by the State Government to enable SA Water to undertake further investigations.

Since this announcement the SA Water have now engaged an independent third-party organisation, TSA Management, to lead a stakeholder and community engagement process that will see a preferred site recommended to SA Water and the State Government.

Gary Neave has been appointed as the Project Director, and he will lead the SA Water project team with the support of Steve Dangerfield, as the independent engagement facilitator, to identify a suitable location for the desalination plant on the Eyre Peninsula.

Central to the engagement process envisaged by TSA is the formation of an Eyre Peninsula Desalination Project Site Selection Committee that will ultimately make recommendation to SA Water and the SA Government regarding a preferred site. This committee will initially shortlist sites for assessment, and then consider further information provided by SA Water, and data and studies from other third parties, in guiding their overall assessment and recommendation.

The Minister has appointed Peter Treloar as Independent Chair for this committee, who will guide the committee through the process. The committee comprises senior representatives from key industries and the Mayors and Chief Executives of a range of community-based organisations such as the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association (EPLGA), Councils and the Landscape Board and RDAEP.

Eyre and Western Recovery Exercise

The Zone Emergency Management Committee has identified the need to undertake a recovery exercise to be organised for have considered planning in place should an actual emergency response be required.

This exercise is the first of its kind to be run across South Australia, and was held Thursday 21 October 2021 at the Port Lincoln Hotel.

EPLGA Report of Activities

Eyre Peninsula Strategic Planning Day - Thursday July 1 2021, Wudinna.

EPLGA, RDAEP and Landscape South Australia Eyre Peninsula met in Wudinna for a Strategic Planning Day on Thursday July 1. Facilitated by Tony Wright, Executive Officer Limestone Coast LGA, the day will provide a spring board for shared projects for 2021/22.

Regional LGA Executive Officer Meetings

Regional LGA Executive Officers meet 6 times per year.

The 8 July 2021 meeting included Stephen Smith (Planning Reform Partner) and Lea Bacon at the Limestone Coast LGA Offices.

The following matters were discussed/considered:

1. The Regional Capacity Grant review and the aggregation of Rubble Royalty Payment refunds from our members in carryover were discussed. It was noted the importance of the Regional Capacity funding, which enabled meetings and connections with the LGASA.
2. There was a discussion on Joint Planning Boards and the lack of clarity on the benefits that can be derived from forming a Board. There appears there is more clarity emerging on the potential to run code amendment processes with the development of a Regional Plan. There was discussion regarding the opportunity to develop a Regional Plan under delegation from the department. This would alleviate the need to form a JPB and address the risk of the arbitrary delegation of state functions from the Minister to a JPB.
3. There was discussion around some of the teething issues with the new SLRP process and the lack of cross-checking regional priorities with actual submissions received.
4. Presentations from ESCOSA and the Energy and Water Ombudsman SA to Regional Councils were discussed, particularly in light of requiring Councils with CWWMS to join the Ombudsman and the regulatory attention they may attract. However, not all regions have been presented to yet.
5. Paul Chapman joined the meeting to discuss a proposed study into a northern regional MRF.

6. Legatus provided an update on the Rating Equity advocacy.
7. The fracturing of mental health services in regions was also discussed.

Following the meeting, there was a tour of Bio Gro's composting business with their Operations Manager and CFO on the opportunities of recycling organic waste into high-value compost.

This included the approach and success of Bio Gro in bringing organic waste from Victoria into SA for processing with VIC EPA approvals.



Figure 2 Regional LGA EOs standing on huge compost mound, BioGro Mt Gambier

The Regional Executive Officers met again on the 6th of September at the Murraylands & Riverland Local

Government Association. Lea Bacon, Michael Arman, Hannah Ellyard (DEW), Adam Gray (SACCA) and Paul Chapman (Legatus) attended the meeting via zoom at various stages.

The following matters were considered:

Regional Capacity Building Grants

We had several concerns with the report, particularly the impact and nature of Rubble Royalty Refunds to members through the capacity building grants process; and the lack of consideration of the value of programs (ongoing) versus projects (contained and limited duration).

Joint Planning Board

JPB's were discussed extensively with each region providing an update on their current position and future steps for the establishment (or not) of a Joint Planning Board. In particular, the following issues were discussed:

- Still uncertainty on the value proposition.
- A number of regions want to be actively involved in forming the Regional Plan but

- are not as keen to create a Joint Planning Board.
- There was a discussion on how a partnership model could operate.
- Noting there is no money on offer to assist in the development of the plan.
- The insurance issue remains unresolved.
- The Department and Minister have rejected a delegation model.

There was a presentation from DEW on the “Setting Our Future Urban Water Directions” strategy and consultation process. The consultation is looking to develop a strategy for urban water in SA which will also provide directions for SA Water as they head into their next regulatory pricing process. Issues around drought resilience, stormwater assets, and how to use various sources of water and recycling was discussed.

Community Wastewater Management Schemes

The Auditor General’s report in CWMS was discussed, and the future funding arrangements, asset management, and economics to replace and expand systems to cater for growth.

It was noted that Legatus has been undertaking research to support Councils in their operations of CWMS and is seeking an opportunity to present to the CWMS Committee.

Special Local Roads Program

For some regions, it was noted that there was a disconnect between the way that projects were prioritised for funding by LGTAP compared to the regional priorities submitted by the Regional LGA, as supported by their regional plans. There is a meeting being planned with LGTAP and Legatus to explore these inconsistencies further. The EPLGA process for SLRP was commended by the LGASA.

On the 27th of November 2021, there was a workshop with the Executive Officers and UniSA to explore research opportunities to leverage the Legatus (MoU) and take advantage of the UniSA campuses in Whyalla and Mount Gambier.

The workshop explored areas where there could be opportunities for regional collaboration in research (with a Local Government perspective), these include:

- liveability,
- water sensitive design,
- regional roads,
- waste management,
- CWMS,

- regional branding/image to attract workers,
- workforce (especially in areas like planning and engineering),
- housing and
- sources of research funding.

From the last meeting, there has been continued engagement in a range of issues, including:

- Rating Equity (In 1999, the State Government passed the *Electricity Corporations (Restructuring and Disposal) Act 1999* (ECD Act), which amongst other things, limited the ability of councils to set council rates based on capital improvements to land or to increase rates on land used for electricity generation (the ‘rate cap’).
- Joint Planning Boards. There has been continued engagement with the LGASA, State Government and between the regions sharing information on the range of approaches to developing a Regional Plan.
- Roads Hierarchy – Legatus is working up a project to develop a state-wide perspective on road
- priority setting.
- Special Local Roads funding, the new process needs some improvement in linking to regional priorities and feedback mechanisms as raised by a couple of regions.

Special Local Roads Program 2021-22

Region	Council name	Road	Primary Purpose	Project Details	Continuing project	Scope	Estimated project costs 2021-22	LGAP Recommendation	Councils contribution
Eyre Peninsula LGA	District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula	Bratten Way Upgrade	Freight	This application is for stage three of a proposed 10-year project that will ensure the ongoing fit-for-purpose capability of Bratten Way to operate as a gazetted GML Freight Route. Stage two of the works is currently being carried out.	Yes	Project is currently at stage three of a proposed 10-year project.	\$1,260,000.00	\$840,000.00	\$420,000.00
Eyre Peninsula LGA	District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula	Bratten Way Upgrade	Freight	This application is for stage four of a proposed 10-year project that will ensure the ongoing fit-for-purpose capability of Bratten Way to operate as a gazetted GML Freight Route.	Yes	Stage 4 of 10	\$2,966,000.00	\$1,136,950.00	\$988,000.00
Eyre Peninsula LGA	District Council of Franklin Harbour	Cowell Kimba	Freight	Shoulder construction with stabilized sub-grade and compacted 150mm thick PM1/20 pavement with 14/7 C130 spray seal to increase lane width to 3.6m with 400mm sealed shoulder.	Yes	Stage 1 of 3	\$926,000.00	\$617,000.00	\$309,000.00
Eyre Peninsula LGA	District Council of Franklin Harbour	Beach Road in the Hundred of Hawker, Franklin Harbour Council District SA	Tourism	Upgrading Beach Road from and unsealed road by construction of an 8 meter sealed pavement with 1m unsealed shoulder to Austroads standards, Installation of drainage culverts where required and application of a 14/7 C130 sprayed seal.	Yes	The Project is at Stage 3 of 3.	\$700,000.00	\$466,000.00	\$234,000.00
Eyre Peninsula LGA Recommendations							Recommended:	\$3,059,950.00	

Special Local Roads Program – 2021 Recommendations

The EPLGA has been successful in securing a large amount of funding for local roads for 2021-22. The LGASA are considering recommendations from the recent SLRP review by Hudson Howells. This October to December 2021 will be the time to update the action plan and road database from the Regional Strategic Plan and identify projects for 2022/23. This will be done with CEOs, works managers and SMEC in time for EPLGA Board approval in February 2022. By the time the Regional Transport Strategy is updated, new guidelines will be available to guide Councils on the process to apply for funds. We saw this begin in early 2021 with the move to an online system for funding applications.

Terms of Reference for Committees

The CEOs' committee is being consulted on TORs for EPLGA committees. A literature review of TORs from across regional South Australia has been completed. The Tourism Advisory Committee TOR review is well advanced. Updates will be provided by CEO Committee Chair at the Board meeting.

Eyre Peninsula Regional Strategic Waste Management Plan funding success

Conversations with Greening Industries SA are continuing with possible grant funding for a stage 1 of a Regional Waste Strategy – data collection. This would include things such as audits, volumes of food and organics available for diversion, mapping of resources and current contracts. Stage 2 would move towards procurement and actions.

Program applied for:

COUNCIL MODERNISATION GRANTS PROGRAM 2021-2022

Waste and Resource Recovery Modernisation and Council Transition Package

Greening Industries South Australia

Green Industries SA is an enabler and driver of change, supporting the development of the circular economy through diverse collaborations which improve productivity, resilience, resource efficiency and the environment.

The Council Modernisation Grants Program supports South Australia's Waste Strategy 2020-2025 which outlines actions that can contribute to the development of a circular economy – that is, an economy that realises the best of full value from products and materials produced, consumed and recovered in South Australia through:

- a clearly articulated policy and legislative framework that gives a solid platform for investment decisions and a stable and efficient market
- supporting innovation and commercialisation
- education, advocacy and awareness to support behavioural change in the way waste and resources are managed
- applying the waste management hierarchy consistently with the principles of ecologically sustainable development.

The South Australian Government's 2019-20 Budget provided \$10 million of new funding over four years to assist councils and the waste management industry transition and modernise following changes to international market conditions. This will lead to improved competitiveness, increased employment opportunities in the sector, reduction in waste to landfill and help maintain South Australia's leading position in resource recovery.

The purpose of the Council Modernisation Grants Program is to encourage South Australia's councils to improve waste management and recycling services through the introduction of innovative measures.

The modernisation measures should result in operational efficiencies, improved customer service and economic development benefits for the community.

EPLGA was successful in obtaining matching funding for a Regional Strategic Waste Management Plan. Total budget is \$26 000 with GISA contributing half of the total cost.

Relevant Eyre Peninsula waste documents considered:

- 2004 Eyre Peninsula Waste strategy
- 2006 Waste Forum proceedings
- 2008 Whyalla Kerbside audit
- 2017 Port Lincoln Kerbside audit
- 2020 rawtec Regional SA Waste and Resource Recovery Background Report.

The 2022 Eyre Peninsula Waste Strategy objectives:

- Audit of waste contracts and waste management
- Identify opportunities for industry cooperation in organic waste circular economy
- Identify opportunities for Councils work together
- Identify pathway for compliance with EPA regulations
- 2-year action list and recommendations (as part of a 10 year plan)

Marina Wagner has been engaged to do the work and will begin with a stocktake and Council interviews.

Sustainable Solutions have been engaged to develop an EP Regional Strategic Waste and Resources Strategy. A progress report has been submitted for consideration by the CEO Committee. In summary, 42 site visits and meetings have been undertaken and works in progress include:

- A summary of EP council data in waste & resources management
- Waste and recycling services matrix EP councils, including contracts
- Review and cross-reference Council's strategic plans, objectives and goals for service delivery, sustainability, and circular economy
- Comparison to best practice waste and recycling service options
- Progress on EPA compliance matters

- Cross-reference above with relevant EPA and GISA documents

Initial findings, collaborative opportunities, and key opportunities for improvements, resource recovery and market developments on the EP, including business cases were discussed with Council CEOs on 2 June 2022.

EPLGA Submission to the Inquiry into the Review of the Native Vegetation Act 1991

The EPLGA has provided a submission to the Natural Resources Committee (membership Ms Paula Luethen, Presiding Member, Dr Susan Close, Hon John Darley, Hon Russell Wortley, Mr Nick McBride, Hon Nicola Centofanti and Mr Adrian Pederick). The 6-page submission provided details of previous collaboration success (EP Roadside Vegetation Management Plan and Eyes on Eyre Camping Nodes) before making the following recommendations:

1. Townships, as defined by a Council by notice in the SA Government Gazette, are granted exemption from the Native Vegetation Act (the Act) to bring them into line with metropolitan Adelaide councils.
2. Native Vegetation Council considers making the Native Vegetation Assessment Clearance Approvals valid for a period of 5 years.
3. The Australian Road Research Board (ARRB) is commissioned to review the NVC Guidelines for the Management of Roadside Native Vegetation and Regrowth Vegetation (Under Native Vegetation Regulation 11(23).
4. Establish and resource an expert group that Council Works Managers can access on an on-going basis to achieve best practice for management of roadside native vegetation.
5. Undertake trials for cost-effective management of roadside vegetation using wheeled machinery owned by Councils.
6. Update and endorse a specific Eyre Peninsula Roadside Vegetation Management Plan that includes practices tested through the trials, results of the regional risk assessment and mechanisms for targeting non-traditional sources of funding to manage high-risk areas.



The **2021-221 Annual Business Plan and Budget** has been consulted with Local Councils and was adopted by the EPLGA Board. The EPLGA Business Plan 22/23 has been updated to reflect the EPLGA Strategic Plan.

Joint Planning Board (JPB) – Response to the Minister

In 2017 to 2019, six groups of Councils participated in a pilot led by the Department to explore how Planning Agreements and Joint Planning Boards will work, and to prepare guidelines to assist Councils that are seeking to form a JPB.

Councils were invited to participate in the pilot and 40 Councils in eight groups initially participated. This reduced to 29 Councils in 6 groups early in 2018 when the project moved into stage two – preparation of a business case.

The 6 groups were Eyre Peninsula, Yorke Peninsula, Limestone Coast, Riverland, Barossa and neighbours and the Spencer Gulf Cities (the Murraylands and Eastern Region Alliance maintained a watching brief). The LGA and Office of Local Government were also involved, and Jeff Tate Consulting played a lead role.

In parallel with the pilot, Jeff Tate Consulting was also engaged to prepare a set of guidelines for the

preparation of Regional Plans by JPBs and a Regional Plan template.

The pilot has concluded, and the guideline documents have been prepared. It is worth noting that establishing JPBs is an entirely new approach in South Australia, essentially creating a new form of regional governance. As such the project was quite exploratory and required creation of new templates for undertaking a business case exercise and for a model Planning Agreement.

Outputs from the JPB pilot are:

- *Initiating and Establishing a Planning Agreement and Joint Planning Board Guidelines* – a local government ‘tool-kit’ based on the learnings and challenges faced during the pilot
- *Business Case Template for Joint Planning Boards* – developed to lead potential Council JPB groups through a process to understand what they seek to achieve and to set up the right governance framework
- *Planning Agreement Template* – developed with significant input legal input to ensure it satisfies legal considerations

Outputs from the Regional Plans project are:

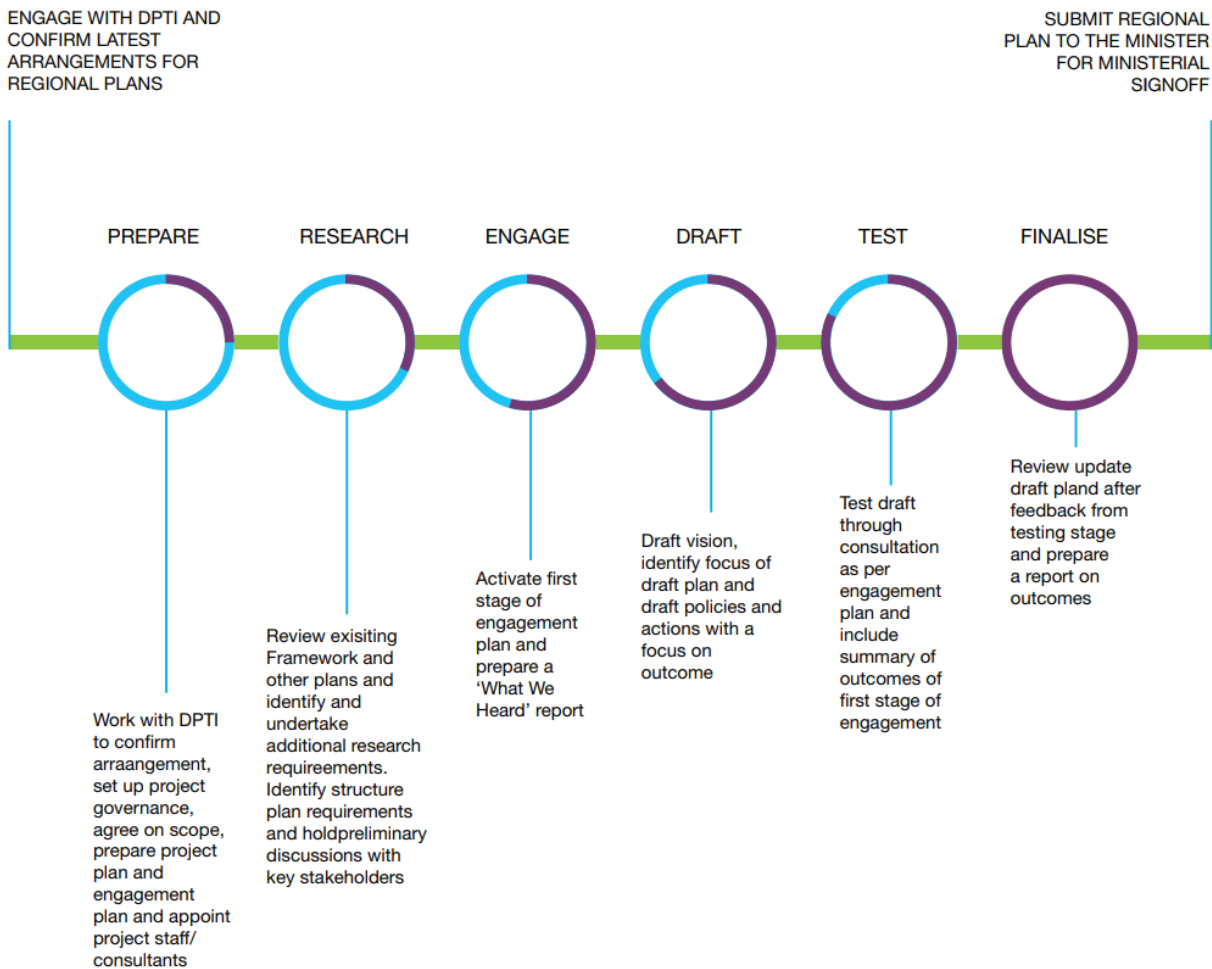
- *Regional Plans Guidelines* – to assist JPBs to prepare a Regional Plan
- *Regional Plan Template* – to allow regional policies and actions to be specified and to ensure consistency between Regional Plans prepared by various JPBs

In 2019 the EPLGA led the preparation of a business case (using the template) for the Eyre Peninsula Councils and in late 2019 ten Councils formally resolved to establish an Eyre Peninsula JPB (Whyalla resolved to form a JPB with Port Augusta and Port Pirie Councils). Since that time the focus of the Councils was on transition to the Planning and Development Code and establishment of a (now established) Eyre Peninsula Regional Assessment Panel.

Under the Planning, Development and Infrastructure (Planning Agreements) Regulations 2020, a group of Councils can enter into an agreement with the Minister for Planning and Local Government (the Minister) to form a Joint Planning Board (JPB).

Once formed, the Directors of a Joint Planning Board are subject to specific Codes of Conduct under the PDI Act (2016). However, these do not appear to be any more demanding than what would be expected of a Director of any Board.

REGIONAL PLAN PROCESS



The maximum life of a JPB is ten years. The only mandated activity a JPB can undertake is developing a Regional Plan, which the Department and the Minister must approve. The process to develop a Regional Plan recommended by the Department is shown in the figure below. In promoting the value of a Joint Planning Board, the Minister and Department have focused on a range of other things a JPB can do, such as developing a Regional Health Plan or undertaking shared services, all of which can be achieved without a JPB. The other benefit cited is the opportunity for the Minister to delegate state government functions to a JPB, although it is unclear how this delegation process would work and if a JPB could refuse to accept such a delegation. In a workshop with the EPLGA and Department, it was suggested a JPB would develop a Regional Plan which would have more weight when seeking funding for infrastructure projects as it would be

more attuned and aligned to the region's needs. It was also stated that parallel processes could be undertaken to process code amendments while developing the Regional Plan.

If a region decides not to form a Joint Planning Board, the Department must then develop the Regional Plan, and Councils become a stakeholder in that process.

The EPLGA Board have approved the formation of a JPB. However, this has not progressed to presenting the Minister with an agreement due to the uncertainty of the value proposition. To clarify each region's position, the Minister wrote to each Council requesting that a Planning Agreement be submitted for the Minister's consideration by the 4th of October 2021. Following on from the EPLGA workshop with Anita Allan, Director of Planning and Development on Joint Planning Boards in Wudinna on July 1st, 2021,

the LGASA conducted a similar information session on the 12th of August 2021.

Some key questions:

1. What is the additional value a JPB can achieve in developing a Regional Plan when compared to the Department and participating as a key stakeholder?
2. Is the process to develop a Regional Plan by the Department different from that recommended to a JPB?
3. Can a Regional Plan be developed without forming a JPB, for example, under delegation from the Department?
4. What process would be used to delegate other State Gov functions to a JPB, can this process be agreed to in the JPB agreement.
5. Can Code Amendments be simultaneously processed with the development of the Regional Plan?
6. Is there any funding available to support a JPB in developing a Regional Plan?
7. What scope is there for innovation in the development and structure of a Regional Plan, given it is still subject to State Government Approval.

KEY ISSUES:

There is an opportunity to form a JPB to develop a Regional Plan for the Eyre Peninsula.

The value proposition of forming a JPB is unclear.

No other region has agreed to form a JPB to date.

The Minister has written to each Council seeking planning agreements to form a JPB by the 4th of October 2021 to allow the Department to develop Regional Plans if required.

Governance and cost sharing arrangements need clarification.

There is an opportunity to consult with Upper Spencer Gulf Cities, Limestone Coast LGA and Murraylands and Riverland LGA towards a consistent professional approach to regional planning.

With a change in State Government the JPB process has been formally dropped. In the meantime the EPLGA have appointed two senior officers to the Local Government Regional Planning Committee (LGRPC). The LGRPC has been established by the Planning and Land Use Services Department of the Attorney General's Department (AGD-PLUS).

Resourcing, Governance and an EPLGA Strategic Plan.

Feedback from the consultation on the EPLGA annual Business Plan was overwhelmingly in favour of developing a four-year EPLGA strategic plan. After consulting the EPLGA Board and CEOs, a select group of consultants were sent a Request for Quote (RFQ).

EPLGA Strategic Plan - Appointment of Consultant

That the EPLGA Board noted that Jeff Tate Consulting was the successful quote selected by a CEO sub-committee to complete the proposed EPLGA Strategic Plan 2022-2026.

A Request for Quote was sent to a select group of three consultants to complete the proposed EPLGA Strategic Plan 2022-2026. A CEO sub-committee of Deb Larwood, Rob Donaldson and EPLGA EO Peter Scott assessed the quotes (approx. \$15k) received and deemed that Jeff Tate Consulting was successful in securing the work.

The proposed methodology has five elements:

- **Project governance - the project brief states that the consultant will:**

- work directly with LGA Mayors (the EPLGA Board), other elected members and CEOs through a facilitated workshop(s) to develop a strategic narrative for the organisation.
- report directly to the Executive Officer of the EPLGA.
- obtain advice on overall strategic direction from the CEO Network Group (Constituent LGA CEOs), which will also monitor progress.

- **Familiarisation - to include:**

- review of key EPLGA documents.
- discussions with the Executive Officer.

- **Information gathering - to include:**

- desktop research on matters affecting regions in general and Eyre Peninsula in particular.
- scan of key Council documents and those of other organisations such as Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula.
- survey of the Constituent Council CEOs.
- structured interview with each Mayor of the Constituent Councils.
- workshop and ongoing communication with the CEO Network Group.
- workshop with Mayors, other Elected Members and CEOs of the Constituent Councils.

- **Framing of the Strategic Plan** which would happen progressively during the project, with an early focus being on the style of document that will be most fit for purpose. A framework we have found useful for organisations such as EPLGA is shown below.

Purpose – Key Influences – Strategic Direction- Themes and Objectives – Priority Actions

- **Plan and covering report preparation – to include:**
 - **draft Strategic Plan at a point in the project to be determined.**
 - **final Plan after feedback on the draft.**

A draft plan was presented to the EPLGA Board in February 2022 which will be subsequently consulted with constituent Councils. The Final plan was adopted at the June 2022 EPLGA Board meeting.

The Strategic Plan project is funded by LGASA Regional Capacity fund and had extensive input from Eyre Peninsula Mayors and Council CEOs.

The Strategic Plan project has four elements:

- 1) Familiarisation – review of key EPLGA documents, discussions with the Executive Officer
- 2) Information gathering
- 3) Progressive framing of the Plan
- 4) Presentation of a draft Plan and, after feedback, the final version.

PROGRESS

All four elements will continue throughout the project as additional information and views come to hand. It has been helpful to also be considering the concept of a Joint Planning Board (under a Planning Agreement with the Minister for Planning) and shared services for the Eyre Peninsula Councils. The processes and information gathered from those other projects have informed aspects of the framing and draft content for the Strategic Plan.

The starting point is the Purpose of the EPLGA which has been summarised down to five points from the eight (lengthy) statements in the Charter:

1. Working with the South Australian Local Government Association (SA LGA) to achieve its objectives.
2. Acting as a forum for the Eyre Peninsula Councils to consider matters of common interest.
3. A structure for the Eyre Peninsula Councils to work together.
4. Working with other levels of government for the benefit of the Region.
5. Seeking to ensure the wellbeing of the Region and making best use of the Region's resources.

Surveys of the Mayors and CEOs of the Constituent Councils provided clarity about commonalities and differences in views about particular matters. Some of the key points from the surveys were discussed at separate workshops with the Mayors and CEOs on 26 and 27 October 2021. Those discussions helped shape the themes and priority actions.

The 'work in progress' themes for drafting are:

- Refine governance arrangements
- Assist collaboration between Constituent Councils
- Develop and evolve key relationships.

The intention is to include objectives and performance measures for each theme and also priority actions that include, for each action, the role (Initiator, Advocate, Facilitator), why, how, when and who. Given the small size of the organisation and the amount of work in some of the priority actions it will be important to (a) ensure they can all be achieved in the three-year period of the Plan and (b) schedule them for implementation over the life of the Plan rather than loading up year 1.

A small reference group of the Executive Officer and three Council CEOs was formed to assist with the later stages of the project.

The final Strategic Plan was considered at the February 2022 Board meeting and put to local councils for consultation.



Eyre Peninsula Campsites – Online Booking System using Bookeasy

The EPLGA Board have approved that the EPLGA be the single merchant point for an online booking system for Eyre Peninsula Councils.

BACKGROUND:

The \$10 honesty box for campsites has a chequered history and it has long been talked about that a better way would be to move to an online booking system for campsites on Eyre Peninsula.

The EPLGA has a quote from Bookeasy, who do the online booking for National Parks and Wildlife in South Australia, to set up a similar system for Eyre Peninsula Councils. Bookeasy take a commission of 25 cents for a \$10 fee, the rest goes to Council. The setup cost and 2 years of commissions are covered by a grant from **Parks 2025 (stage 2): Improvements to parks on the Eyre Peninsula: \$2 million investment to diversify the nature-based experiences on offer for visitors to the region.** \$500,000 of this is a grant to **Eyes on Eyre** (from Minister for Environment and Water and administered by RDAEP).

There is no cost to Councils to use the online booking system and opting in is voluntary. Training is included on how to upload campsite pictures, descriptions, do refunds, amendments, administration, and running returns. Councils will

be able to keep their listings up to date and manage their rates and availability as needed. For simplicity the EPLGA will be the single merchant in the first instance to take credit card payments or PayPal payments. Transparent reporting is available to Councils with the click of a button and funds will be transferred to Council quarterly or as the need arises. Reports including resourcing to manage the system will be reported to the CEO Committee and EPLGA Board quarterly.

DETAIL:

Setup costs (covered by grant funding for 2 years):
Bookeasy Licence & Implementation: \$8,500 (ex-GST)

The upfront Licence and Implementation Fee covers training, implementation, and system configuration. This would cover training LGA staff in Bookeasy Finance and Booking Administration, as well as training for Councils (webinar format) on how to update their own campsite listings.

Monthly Service Fees: \$500 or 2.5% of bookings (ex-GST) - whichever is greater between the two. The monthly service fees cover ongoing support, system optimisation, and continual reinvestment into the system architecture.

(Purely Optional) Hosted Engine: \$5,000 & Yearly Hosting Fee of \$600 (ex GST)

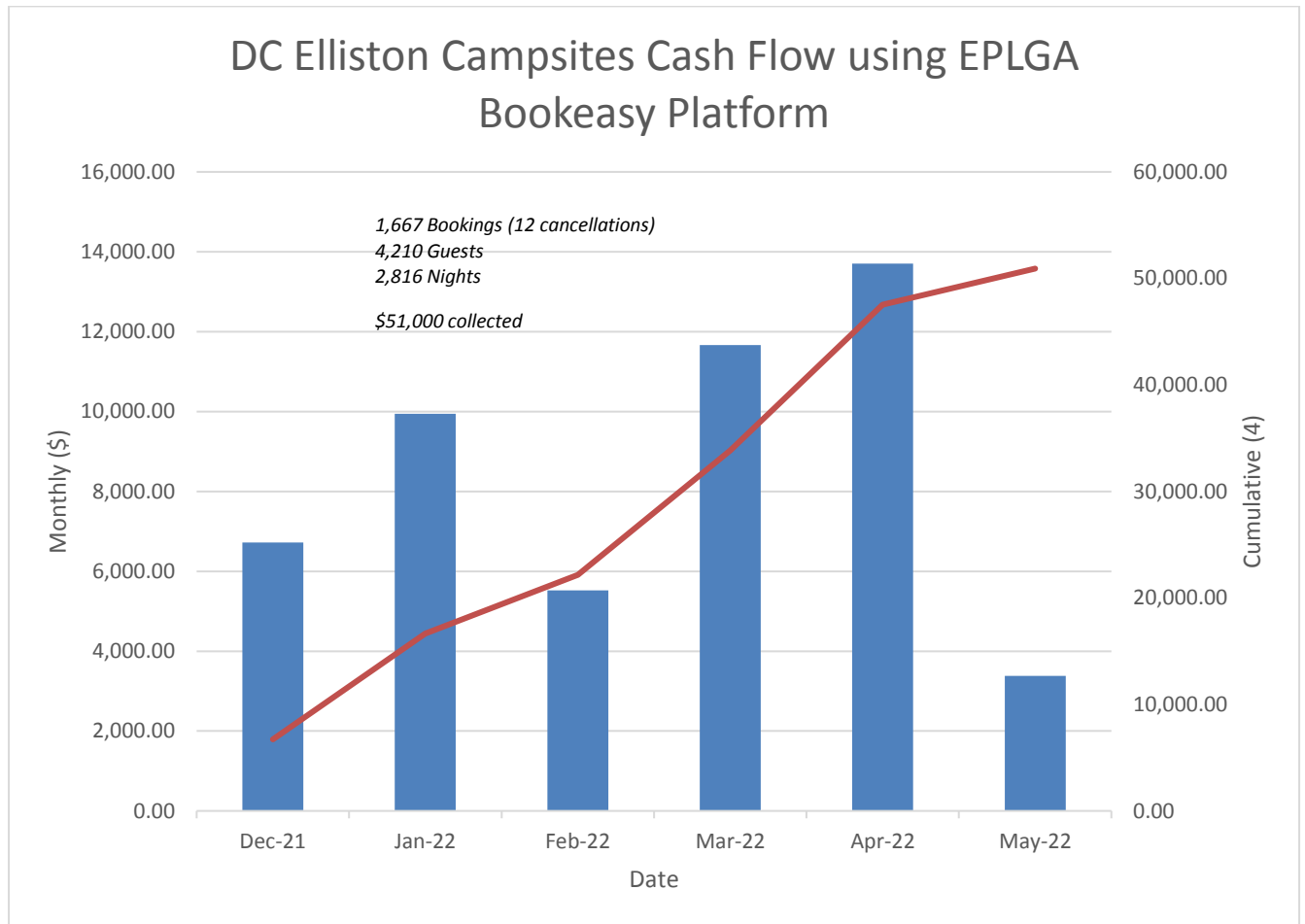
A hosted engine is a standalone web-page with the online booking gadgets, that would be styled according to the theme of one of your existing sites. A great solution to have one central booking page that could be linked from the Council sites.

The proposal has positive support from the Tourism Advisory Committee and the CEO Committee will be updated and consulted regularly.

DC Elliston, RDAEP, EP Landscape Board and EPLGA with the support of Department of Environment and Water (DEW) have completed the pilot online booking system of two campsites, Sheringa Beach and Walker's Rock. The booking system used for DC Elliston is the same used for the State's National Parks providing a consistent look and feel for campers. Included in this agenda are updates from RDAEP and EP Landscapes that include an overview of the work undertaken to make the project a success. DC Elliston will also be providing an update. EPLGA receive all monies from campers and transfer the total amount to DC Elliston each month. There have been challenges learning new finance and booking systems and reconciling hundreds of small transactions.

The Bookeasy online booking platform is owned and operated by the EPLGA on behalf of member Councils. 100% of the funds collected are returned to Council minus credit card fees (25 cents per booking) and Bookeasy fees (2.5% - deferred for pilot). The Bookeasy platform setup costs and pilot fees (approx. \$10k) were paid for by Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula (RDAEP). DC Council of Elliston are participating in the online booking pilot as part of the Eyes on Eyre Project managed by RDAEP.

Bookings start at www.eyrepeninsula.com/camping



Shared Services

Shared Services is a LGASA Regional Capacity funded project. The Project Sponsor is Justin Commons, CEO of the City of Whyalla, and the project is delivered collectively by the EPLGA CEO Committee led by consultant Jeff Tate. The Shared Services Project has five stages:

- 1) Building a shared understanding and identifying what may work.
- 2) Agreeing on and establishing a small number of pilot services for analysis.
- 3) Undertaking Business Case Analyses (BCAs) for the pilot services.
- 4) Considering the BCAs and determining a path forward.
- 5) Draft, then final Report.

PROGRESS

Stages 1 and 2 have been completed. From these stages the services selected to be considered through a BCA template of Jeff Tate Consulting, adapted for the specific circumstances for the Eyre Peninsula Councils are Environmental Health, Building, Planning, and Strategic procurement.

The BCA template has three parts:

Part A - SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS (prepared by the consultants in conjunction with Working Groups of representatives of each Council)

- current services for each Council, what the services involve for each Council, documented or implied service standards, how the services are currently provided, plant and equipment used, expenditure and income, strengths, and weaknesses of current service delivery arrangements
- objectives and weightings of each Council for a potential service
- identification and assessment of the shared service or other collaborative opportunities
- selection of the preferred option.

Part B – SHARED SERVICE DESIGN (prepared by the consultants in conjunction with Working Groups of representatives of each Council)

- description of the proposed shared service/s or other forms of collaboration
- how legacy issues are to be managed
- structure and working arrangements
- resourcing
- plant and equipment
- start-up costs
- risks and opportunities
- implementation plan.
- annual budget

Part C – ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS (prepared by the consultants in conjunction with the CEOs of the Councils)

- assessment against objectives
- preparedness assessment
- recommendations.

The first three services have progressed to the most resource intensive part of the project which is the gathering and documentation of detailed data and information from the 11 Councils to include in Part A. Workshops are to be held at Wudinna on 23 and 24 November 2021 to review and validate the data and information gathered and work through the remaining aspects of Part A and some early work on Part B.

At the end of Part A, the CEOs reviewed the findings before Part B commences. Part B will involve further workshops which are likely to be online.

A different approach will be taken for strategic procurement given the detailed work on procurement by ArcBlue in 2014 for ten of the 11 Councils. The intention is that a workshop be held with the CEOs to review the findings of the ArcBlue report and identify opportunities to progress the recommendations (or variations of them) through a procurement working group with a life expected to be about 12 months.

In consultation with member Councils, Jeff Tate has written a draft EP shared services business case analyses (Part A) for Environment Health, Building and Planning. These drafts have been forwarded to Council staff in advance of a workshop with EP CEOs on Friday 18 February 2022 in Port Lincoln. Consideration of which shared service opportunities will be taken to the next stage (Part B Design of the BCA) was decided and the working groups involved to complete Part B. Paul Sutton, CEO of the City of Charles Sturt, shared his experiences with the delivery of shared services at the CEO workshop. Jeff Tate will provide and update at the Board meeting on February 28, 2022.

Jeff Tate subsequently completed the following documents for consultation with EP CEOs:

1. REPORT: COLLABORATION AND SHARED SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES - ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
2. EYRE PENINSULA COUNCILS SHARED SERVICES PROJECT WORKING PAPERS
3. EYRE PENINSULA COUNCILS SHARED SERVICES PROJECT: WORKING DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITY GUIDELINES

The report is in 'CEO consultation draft' form with the final version to be issued after a workshop with the CEOs on 2 June 2022. The other two documents are in their final form, with some room to still adjust if necessary. The Working Draft Environmental Health Activity Guidelines document is largely complete and requires validation and possibly further detail from the EHOs in the region.

Jeff reports that: *there are definite opportunities for the EP Councils in further collaboration (including shared services for Environmental Health and Building). In relation to shared services, it will be helpful to look at things from the perspectives of both the potential host Councils as well as the potential recipient Councils. Some compromises and adjustments may be required along the way, but the options modelled in the report would have an underpinning of robust and sustainable models of service provision based on a partnering relationship rather than a transactional one.*

Regional Road Action Plan for SLRP Funding

Fit-for-Purpose Assessments

For each road identified as Regionally significant (Level 1) or Locally significant (Level 2), Councils were asked to advise on whether or not the road was considered to be 'Compliant' with the 'Fit-for-Purpose' guidelines provided by the Local Roads Advisory Panel in each of the four key categories:

- Speed Environment
- Dimensions
- Geometry
- Strength/Durability

Where, the road (or a section of the road) was considered non-compliant in a category, Councils were asked to advise whether they believed the deficiency was 'Minor' or 'Major' according to the definitions below:

- A "Minor Deficiency" is defined as failing to meet the fit-for-purpose standard, but not in such a way as to affect the functional performance of the road or its inherent safety for the road user or its economic value to council and the community.
- A "Major Deficiency" is defined as failing to meet the fit-for-purpose standard to such a degree that the road is unable to safely and/or economically perform its purpose(s), requiring constant intervention by the responsible Council using a suitable risk mitigation strategy. Such intervention may include a

recognised need for more major works in the short term to maintain a fit-for-purpose level.

Information was also sought on the nature of the deficiency. The template used is provided as Appendix B (<http://eplga.com.au/publications-2/>)

Following the fit-for-purpose assessments, each regional route (or section of route) is listed on one of the following three action plans. These Action Plans will support the ongoing process of prioritising road upgrade projects and funding submissions, such as for the Special Local Roads Program (SLRP), on a Region wide basis.

Action Plan 1 - Immediate Priority (0 to 3 Years)

Roads on this list are level 1 regional routes, and the following criteria must be met to be eligible for entry into Action Plan 1:

- exhibiting one or more deficiencies in fit-for-purpose standards,
- Upgrade of the roads must be included in the council's three-year capital works programs,
- Actual traffic count data for the route must be available, and
- Equivalent standard axles (ESA's) must be accurately calculated for freight routes.

Methodology for determining ESA's is described in AUSTRROADS Guide to pavement Technology Part 2. If roads on this list extend across more than one Council area, there must be a written agreement between the subject Councils on the regional priority of the road, the need for the upgrade and the proposed standard/extent of the upgrade.

In order to prepare for the 2022 SLRP road funding submissions from the EPLGA member Councils, the following process has been undertaken;

- Email distribution to Council representatives in September 2021 providing a reminder of the Regional Road prioritisation process set out within the Eyre Peninsula Regional Roads Strategy (last updated May 2021), and setting out the process and timeline for preparation of 2022 submissions for funding applications.
- Follow-up meeting to run-through the above process and discuss any aspects with Council representatives - 18 November 2021.

The first step in the overall process is for each Council to review the current Action Plans within the Regional Transport Strategy and identify changes appropriate to their Council area. Changes might be triggered by;

- Material change in use or volumes on roads (eg; due to a development etc);
- Council now able to include a road upgrade within its 3 year capital works program;
- Additional data now available (eg; Traffic data now collected).

These changes are to be advised to SMEC by late February 2022 in order for SMEC to update the Regional Action Plans accordingly, ahead of the 28 February EPLGA Board Meeting .

To date, limited updates have been received. The current status of Action Plan 1, which sets out the high priority roads ready for funding consideration, is as follows;

Table 1 Road Action Plan 1

<i>Council</i>	<i>Road</i>	<i>Comment</i>
<i>DC Franklin Harbour</i>	<i>Cowell – Kimba Road</i>	<i>Stage 1 funded in 2021</i>
<i>DC Franklin Harbour</i>	<i>Lucky Bay Road</i>	
<i>DC Streaky Bay</i>	<i>Poochera – port Kenny Road</i>	
<i>DC Lower Eyre Peninsula</i>	<i>Bratten Way</i>	<i>Stages 1,2,3 and 4 funded over 2019, 2020, 2021</i>
<i>DC Lower Eyre Peninsula</i>	<i>Farm Beach Road</i>	
<i>DC Lower Eyre Peninsula</i>	<i>Airport Lane</i>	

Accordingly, approval is sought to seek initial submissions from relevant member Councils for all Action Plan 1 road projects by no later than 31 March 2022.

These submissions will be forwarded to SMEC for independent review and assessment in accordance with Section 6.4.1 of the Eyre Peninsula Regional Transport Strategy. This process will further prioritise the Action Plan 1 roads on a regional basis, in the event that sufficient SLRP funding for all applicant projects is not available / allocated. Following completion of this prioritisation process by mid-April, Councils were able to provide final submissions to the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel by the end of April.

Applications for SLRP have moved to an online smartygrants portal with applications closing 20 May 2022 with the following 3 Councils submitting applications:

- 1) DC Franklin Harbour – Cowell Kimba and Lucky Roads upgrade
- 2) DC Lower Eyre Peninsula – Bratten Way
- 3) DC Cleve - Ballumbah/Kinnaid Road

Timothy Warren, SMEC, Manager – Roads and Highways, is the EPLGA independent consultant who has been guiding Councils and will be providing an assessment of the applications to the EPLGA. The assessments will also be uploaded to the smartygrants portal.

Strategic Regional Plan (SRP) for Eyre Peninsula

The SRP is a living document which provides a wide range of stakeholders, potential investors and policymakers with a better understanding of the region - including strengths, challenges, needs - and strategic priorities that outline the region's future ambitions. The audience for the SRP includes communities, community organisations, private enterprise and all levels of government. An SRP should be complementary to the Eyre and Western Region Plan (soon to be updated by Planning SA) which guides development and fulfils the vision of the State Planning Policies.

Meetings have been held with the CEOs of RDAEP and Landscapes EP to discuss and plan for an updated SRP for Eyre Peninsula. The existing Regional Strategic Plan 2019, badged by RDAEP and EPLGA, will be reset and updated reflecting:

- Landscape South Australia Eyre Peninsula have released their Regional Landscape Plan 2021-2026 which builds on the participatory approach used to develop the region's previous plan which including extensive engagement with local communities, organisations and businesses about the places and issues of importance
- Regional Development Australia's new Charter requires RDAs to 'co-ordinate the development of a strategic regional plan, or work with suitable existing regional plans that will align with the Commonwealth's regional priorities'. As facilitators of economic development, RDAs have an important role to play in bringing stakeholders together under a common strategic plan for their region.

The SRP will demonstrate that the three Boards, all made up of local people from across Eyre Peninsula,

makes up the regional voice that is universally recognised as the best approach to regional improvement. Working together the three Boards are stronger.

Electric Vehicle charging

RAA has won a State Government grant worth more than \$12 million to create a statewide network of electric vehicle (EV) charging points along highways, regional cities, tourist destinations and Adelaide suburbs. Over the next two years, with partner Chargefox, 536 EV charging points at 140 new locations will be installed to create the state's first EV charging network. More than three-quarters of the new charge points will be in regional SA with 18 across Eyre Peninsula.

RDAEP and EPLGA have had two meetings with RAA about the program, charging locations and specifications. RAA will be undertaken further consultation with business and local government in the next few months.

HDS Regional Roads Report

The SAROC 2021/2022 Annual Business Plan included the Regional Local Road – Mapping and Priorities project. This was to continue to facilitate coordination between regional LGAs to prepare a SAROC SA Regional Local Road Priorities report that will enable a cross regional approach to support funding applications to State and Federal Government based on an agreed priority list.

HDS were contracted to develop a state-wide, regional mapping activity and priority report based on the current developed local road plans that identify local road priorities. This is to be designed to assist with developing funding proposals via the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program, the Better Regions Fund, the Regional Black Spot Fund and/or a specific infrastructure approach to State and Federal Governments. It will also be used to assist with lobbying for equity in funding to Regional Councils.

All the maps have been uploaded to QGIS Cloud - similar to the "Location SA Viewer" online database maintained by the state government as a publicly accessible resource. The login has been forwarded to all CEOs, Mayors and Works Managers enabling wholistic viewing of the state's regional road network. The draft report has been circulated and the updated report with draft watermark removed will be circulated when available.

Jetties Working Group Update

The issue of jetties funding around the State was a key issue in the LGA State election platform and the LGA is continuing to advocate on that basis: <https://www.lga.sa.gov.au/local-voices>

On 26 April 2022, the LGA President, Angela Evans, wrote to the new Treasurer, Stephen Mullighan MP, highlighting the urgent need for an immediate injection of funding into jetties around the State, and the need for the draft Jetties Strategic Plan to be released. No response has yet been received. The LGA Secretariat has also made application through the Local Government Research and Development Scheme (LGR&DS) to fund a research project to provide a sound evidence base about the historic and unique value of South Australian jetties, as well as a cost benefit analysis. This research would support the LGA's advocacy on this issue. The LGA is planning to bring together the Working Group, seeking some new members as part of the process, to provide guidance on the LGR&DS project (if successful), as well as on the advocacy issue generally.

Letter to Environment, Resources and Development Committee

The EPLGA has written to the ERD Committee regarding: Coastal Planning – Interaction between land tenure and Relevant Authority. The letter and associated documents are attached under separate cover. The ERD Committee terms of reference is to: *Investigate matters relating to the environment, land use conservation and transport. [a] to inquire into, consider and report on such of the following matters as are referred to it under this Act: i.any matter concerned with the environment or how the quality of the environment might be protected or improved; ii.any matter concerned with the resources of the State or how they might be better conserved or utilised; iii.any matter concerned with planning, land use or transportation; iv.any matter concerned with the general development of the State; [b] to perform such other functions as are imposed on the Committee under this or any other Act or by resolution of both Houses.*

Reformed on 3 May 2022 for the 55th Parliament, the new Presiding Member is Ms Jayne Stinson.

Public Lighting Working Group

The EPLGA EO is a member of the Public Lighting Working Group (PLWG).

Recent street lighting audits undertaken by various councils identified that there are approximately 7,000 council-owned lights located on main roads under the control of the Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT). Discussions between councils, DIT and SA Power Networks, convened through the LGA's Public Lighting Working Group, have confirmed that a number of Councils have lighting assets located on DIT roads. It is thought that these lights are the result of decisions made many years ago, before responsibilities for street lighting were clearly defined. The operating and maintenance costs of

these lights are currently being borne entirely by each Council.

The majority of council-owned lights on DIT roads are approaching their end of asset life and require replacement. The LGA is therefore seeking to reach agreement with DIT, as the responsible authority, on a plan for managing the replacement of these lights so as to not compromise road safety and so that Councils do not continue to incur unreasonable charges for managing these assets. DIT's position is that transfer of ownership would depend on the relevant lights meeting the appropriate lighting standards prior to transfer and that DIT does not have funding available to undertake any necessary upgrades for those lights that do not comply with the standards.

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

EPLGA core activities have always included lobbying to State and Federal Government about legislation and policy changes that may have an impact on our region. This year ongoing concerns and/or participation have been with the following matters:

SUMMARY OF OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Natural Resources Management – joint partnership planning, delivery of services.
- Regional Recognition/Lobbying – ongoing on various matters as they arise.
- Emergency Management – regional planning and Council planning, followed by implementation.
- Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act Implementation.
- Coastal Access issues, development of a Coastal Alliance – state-wide.
- Various roads and waste issues – regional road strategy review.
- Regional Capacity Funding – General funding.
- Marine Infrastructure Planning – DPTI, jetty leases, etc.
- SAROC – meetings and regional Executive Officers’ meetings.
- Mobile phone black spots - applications.
- Water planning – state of the resource, etc.
- Energy planning – resulting from blackouts – renewables, transmission upgrade consultation, hydrogen trial plant, etc.
- Regional planning – JPB, RDAEP, EPNRM, DPTI, etc.
- Financial assistance and supplementary road funding – ongoing issues of South Australia’s injustice.
- Health – local sub-regional issues, public health planning, doctors shortages etc.
- Roadside Native Vegetation – regional planning and management issues.
- Tourism – RDAEP - restructure to sub-regional groups, Food and Tourism Prospectus, RV, Coastal Access and Caravan Strategy, Eyes on Eyre etc.
- Aged Care at the local Council level – Council’s role.
- NHVR impacts on farm machinery movements.
- Transport Plan and SLRP prioritisation and funding applications.
- Joint submissions with RDAEP on various issues.

PLANS, PROGRAMS AND REPORTS – CURRENT STATUS

CORPORATE Plan 2020 – 24

The Council Mayors and Chief Executive Officers of the EPLGA have contributed to the development of the EPLGA Corporate Plan. It was clear from responses to our 2015 survey that the member Councils placed great importance on the following:

- *advocacy (and representation) – the EPLGA being the principal regional advocate for Local Government in the region;*
- *governance – continuing to ensure that our business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards;*
- *member services – the EPLGA to continue to provide member support services as they are needed; and*
- *outreach services – connecting Councils with desirable services offered by the LGA of SA.*

To avoid confusion between the Business Plan prepared by respective Councils, the EPLGA uses the term ‘Management Plan or Corporate Plan’.

The Management Plan is for the period 2020-2024 and reviewed annually, incorporating an updated annual work plan and budget for the current year. It also includes the current strategic directions of the EPLGA for that period. Each year through the Annual Business Plan process the Corporate Plan Strategies and Actions are refined to those still outstanding or ongoing strategies and actions.

MANAGEMENT PLAN PERFORMANCE

Goal Area 1.1 Advocacy and Representation

Core Activities

- 1.1.1 Represent and strengthen the common values of members
- 1.1.2 Represent members and regional objectives in engagement and liaison with key stakeholder agencies – e.g., LGA, DIT, PIRSA, AGP Plus
- 1.1.3 Provide a lobbying platform to promote the interests and issues of member Councils to other levels of government

Comments:

Advocacy and representation are demonstrated through lobbying of other levels of government, which occurs as and when needed and often through the SAROC, LGA Board and in collaboration with the other regional organisations. Matters requiring lobbying this financial year included:

- **Regional Landscape Plan**
- **Marine Scale Fish Fishery Reform**
- **Eyes on Eyre Stage 2**
- **Local Government Transport Advisory Panel - Special Local Roads Funding**

Strategic Actions

- 1.1.4 Develop effective working relationships between the EPLGA and member Councils and external stakeholder agencies and organisations
- 1.1.5 Develop key EPLGA messages to demonstrate maximum alignment to the State Strategic Plan and Economic Priorities,

in particular economic reform and jobs, climate change and renewable energy

- 1.1.6 Develop the understanding of, and commitment to, mutuality of interests to optimise benefit for member Councils across the region from advocacy and partnerships
- 1.1.7 Lead the completion of the Economic Development Strategy and Regional Strategic Plan and identify and lead the development of regional strategic responses to key issues as and when required.

Comments: EPLGA have entered into a unique shared services agreement with Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula for the services of the EO. Reducing costs for both organisations, the shared service is working well and reinforces the cooperation across economic development and local government issues.

Goal Area 1.2 Governance

Core Activities

- 1.2.1 Comply with legislative requirements
- 1.2.2 Identify and pursue the resourcing needs of members
- 1.2.3 Manage EPLGA financial and other resources for maximum member benefit, and based on the principle that recurrent operational expenses must be funded by recurrent operational revenue

Comments:

Compliance met.

Strategic Actions

- 1.2.4 Investigate and identify options to improve local government and regional governance, including alternative governance models, strategic planning, and land use planning for the region

- 1.2.5 Assist member Councils in meeting legislative compliance
- 1.2.6 Develop and manage formal alliance and partnership arrangements with partner agencies and entities– e.g. RDAEP and EP Landscape Board.
- 1.2.7 Pursue collaborative initiatives with partner agencies – e.g. joint submissions on strategic issues with RDAEP and EP Landscape Board.

Comments:

Shared Services project led by City of Whyalla has progressed. The staff committees are useful in this process. The other regional organisations are encouraged to work closely with member Councils and to investigate opportunities for region wide projects to maximise procurement benefits, etc.

Goal Area 1.3 Member Services

Core Activities

- 1.3.1 Maintain the cycle of quarterly meetings to enable collective decision-making and enhance member networking
- 1.3.2 Maintain and support members with the coordination of the annual conference
- 1.3.3 Identify resourcing gaps and needs, and pursue resolutions to key issues in liaison with members
- 1.3.4 Facilitate initiatives to attract funding and investment
- 1.3.5 Provide advisory and support services to Elected Members
- 1.3.6 Coordinate strategic meetings and presentations on key issues; including the provision of key speakers to provide information, contact and support services
- 1.3.7 Coordinate delivery of Council-supported training and development initiatives in the region

Comments:

All core activities are being met at a regional level which brings considerable savings to individual Councils.

Strategic Actions

- 1.3.8 Continue to facilitate the activities of the EP Mineral & Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce.
- 1.3.9 Develop value-added services for member Councils, based on collective or regional value and cost-benefit
- 1.3.10 Facilitate and promote the development of shared procurement initiatives.
- 1.3.11 Facilitate the development of a regional transport strategy, including the identification of road priorities and road funding proposals.
- 1.3.12 Establish and facilitate specialised interest groups, such as Council works managers and compliance staff.
- 1.3.13 Maintain communications with member Councils and the regional community through media releases, website, newsletter and formal means of communication.
- 1.3.14 Establish an annual business (work) plan for the Executive Officer to manage and report against.

Comments:

Shared procurement services is difficult in such a large region, however the CEOs continue to work together on LG procurement council requirements and shared services in planning to complement the implementation of the updated Planning and Development Act.

Regional communications with Councils and other groups is mainly carried out through emails, media releases, staff meetings etc.

RDAEP and the EPNRM Board have, over the last 12 months, worked with the EPLGA and member Councils to add value to regional projects like Eyes on Eyre, where all parties benefit.

Staff regional committees assist in developing and refining regional strategy recommendation to the EPLGA Board.

EPLGA COMMITTEE REPORTS

All Committee minutes are on the EPLGA website for viewing via the following link: -

<http://eplga.com.au/>

USE OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The following audited statement indicates another year of sound financial performance.

ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022

EYRE PENINSULA

REGIONAL ASSESSMENT PANEL



**THE CITY OF PORT LINCOLN, DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CEDUNA, DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CLEVE,
DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON, DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FRANKLIN HARBOUR, DISTRICT
COUNCIL OF KIMBA, DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOWER EYRE PENINSULA, DISTRICT COUNCIL OF
STREAKY BAY, DISTRICT COUNCIL OF TUMBY BAY AND WUDINNA DISTRICT COUNCIL**

ANNUAL REPORT

The Eyre Peninsula Regional Assessment Panel (EPRAP) Terms of Reference requires the Assessment Manager to present an annual report detailing the EPRAP's activities to each of the member Councils, before 30 September each year.

This report provides details of the activities of the EPRAP for the preceding financial year, being from 1 July 2021 until 30 June 2022. The member Councils have been operational under the new planning system (under the Planning Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 [**PDI Act**]) for approximately two years. Phase 2 Councils commenced on 31 July 2020, whilst Port Lincoln as a Phase 3 Council became operational on 19 March 2021.

Governance matters

Throughout the reporting period the following governance matters were addressed:

- Annual report requirements
- Delegation limitations for Powers of an Assessment Panel
- Site Inspection for panel members (as needs basis)
- Time elapsing for decisions and delegations to Assessment Manager
- Updates for amendments to delegations Instrument C – Powers of An Assessment Panel
- Consideration to the appointment of a deputy panel member
- Amendment to Meeting Procedures

EPRAP Membership

The EPRAP membership is comprised of five panel members as per the below:

- Rob Donaldson – Presiding Member
- Alex Mackenzie – Independent Member
- Cheryle Pedler – Independent Member
- Darren Starr – Independent Member
- Jodie Isle – Independent Member

Meeting Attendance

The EPRAP held its first meeting for this reporting period on 9 August 2021 and discussed and resolved administrative matters relating to the ongoing operation of the Panel. Eight subsequent meetings (9 in total) were held by the Panel during the reporting period, with a total of 8 development applications considered, ie, two development applications lodged under the Development Act 1993, with the remaining six development applications lodged under the PDI Act.

All panel meetings have been and will continue to be held in a hybrid format with attendance by Panel members, Council staff, consultants, applicants and representors either in the City of Port Lincoln Council Chamber or electronically via Zoom teleconference. To ensure continuity of meetings in this format, the Panel, at its meeting held on 14 June 2022 adopted an amendment to its Meeting Procedures to include the option of attendance via electronic means.

Panel members' attendance at meetings throughout the reporting period is summarised in the following table:

Member	Meetings Eligible to Attend	Meetings Attended
Rob Donaldson	9	9
Alex Mackenzie	9	8
Cheryle Pedler	9	9
Darren Starr	9	8
Jodie Isle	9	9

Appeals

No appeals were lodged against determinations made by the EPRAP during the reporting period.

Statistical Snapshot

Attachment 1 of this report provides a statistical snapshot of development applications lodged across then ten Council areas during the reporting period. Not all of the data is specifically relevant to the operations of the Panel and it is provided for information purposes only.

The EPRAP is the relevant authority for performance assessed forms of development predominantly where public notification is required (or due to other mitigating circumstances where the EPRAP is requested to make the decision). Where no representations are received or where no representors wish to be heard in support of their submission, delegations and sub-delegations are in place that allow the Regional Assessment Manager [RAM and/or consultants to make determinations on these applications under delegated authority (subject to any other conditions/limitations applying to the Instrument of Delegation).

There were a total of 57 applications across the ten member Councils for which the EPRAP was determined as the relevant authority (or 7.75% of the total applications), and almost 50 of those were determined by the RAM or sub-delegate exercising authority delegated by the Panel. The remaining applications – over 90% of all DAs - were determined by the RAM (or delegate) or Private Certifier (two only).

The following key points from the data are noted:

- No development applications lodged for Restricted forms of development
- Only 2 (0.27%) approvals were granted by privately certifier
- DC Lower Eyre Peninsula and City of Port Lincoln accounted for 50% of DA's and 52% of development value
- DC Ceduna only had 87 DA's lodged but with a value of \$27.59 million dollars. When added to DCLEP and CoPL, these three councils accounted for 60% of the DA volume and 82% of regional development value.

Assessment Manager

The Regional Assessment Manager continues to be responsible for the ongoing governance and operations of the Panel. In addition, the Assessment Manager provided support, advice and guidance to Council staff and consultants engaged by each of the member Councils throughout the reporting period. The Assessment Manager is the relevant authority for Deemed to Satisfy and Performance Assessed (where no public notification is required) forms of development, with delegations established to enable qualified staff or contracted consultant/s at each Council to assess and determine planning consent applications lodged within their respective Council areas.

On 10 June 2022 Jess Burns resigned her position as Regional Assessment Manager (being an employee of the City of Port Lincoln). The Panel acknowledged and thanked Ms Burns for her work and support in establishing the Panel, the regional assessment arrangements and related governance frameworks and facilitating the delivery of all of those functions.

By formal agreement the 10 member Councils appointed Ben Green as Regional Assessment Manager effective as of 10 June 2022 for a period of 5 years.

Closure

The EPRAP had a productive second year of operation, considering and determining a number of diverse development applications on the Eyre Peninsula. I thank the Panel members for their knowledge and expertise across both development assessment matters and related administrative/governance arrangements.

Thanks is also extended to the relevant staff and consultants at the member Councils for their cooperation and participation that enabled the EPRAP to continue the success of its function and operation.

A final thank you is also extended to Rachel McGuire for her diligent service preparing our Agendas and Minutes for the EPRAP meetings and assisting with my role as the Regional Assessment Manager, which I am already enjoying.



Ben Green
Regional Assessment Manager
Eyre Peninsula Regional Assessment Panel

08 September 2022

ATTACHMENT 1: EPRAP STATISTICS 01 JULY 2021 – 30 JUNE 2022

Applications Lodged per Council and Development Value

Council	DAs Lodged	Total Development Cost (millions)
DC Ceduna	87	\$27.59
DC Cleve	29	\$1.10
DC Elliston	34	\$5.13
DC Franklin Harbour	34	\$4.05
DC Kimba	21	\$0.50
DCLEP	203	\$33.31
DC Tumby Bay	122	\$12.75
DC Streaky Bay	85	\$12.26
Wudinna DC	19	\$0.64
City of Port Lincoln	228	\$35.96
Total	862	\$133.29

Total Planning Consents Across all Councils by Development Category

Development Category	No.	%
Accepted	18	2.45%
Deemed to Satisfy	48	6.53%
Performance Assessed	668	90.88%
Exempt	1	0.14%
Restricted	0	0.00%
Total	735	100%

Total Planning Consents Across all Councils by Relevant Authority

Relevant Authority	No.	%
Assessment Manager	677	91.98%
Regional Assessment Panel	57	7.75%
Accredited Professional	2	0.27%
State Planning Commission	0	0.00%
Total	735	100%