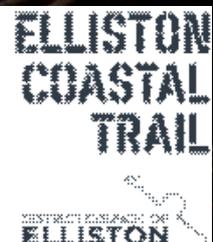


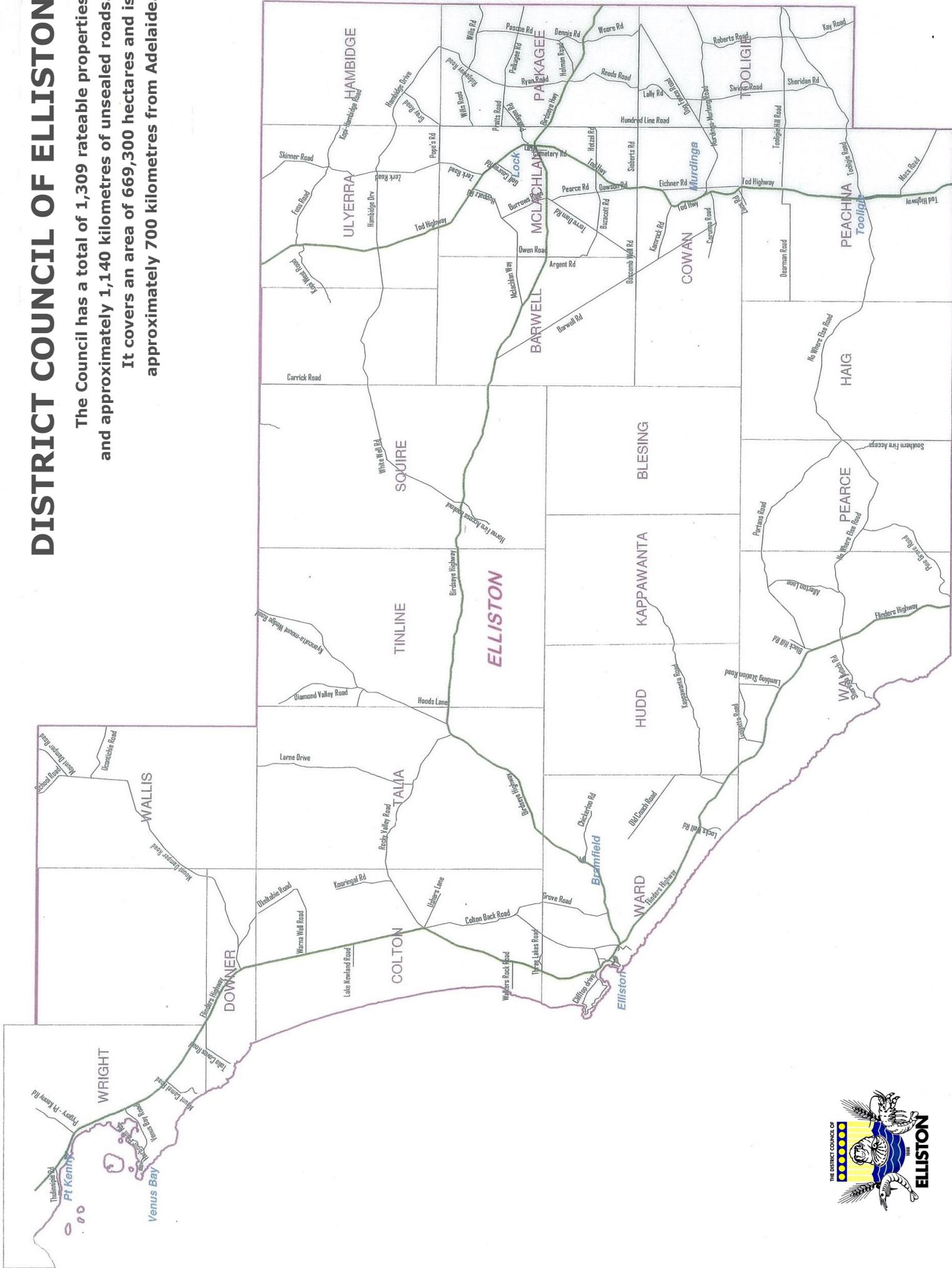
DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON

Annual Report 2017-2018



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON

The Council has a total of 1,309 rateable properties and approximately 1,140 kilometres of unsealed roads. It covers an area of 669,300 hectares and is approximately 700 kilometres from Adelaide.



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Our Key Strategic Objectives*

1. OUR ECONOMY

To actively encourage, support and promote opportunities to increase the prosperity and sustainable growth of the community

2. OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

To effectively and efficiently manage and improve our community infrastructure

3. OUR ENVIRONMENT

To promote the enjoyment of our natural resources in a prudent and environmentally sustainable manner and ensure that our built environment effectively provides for the long term needs of our communities

4. OUR COMMUNITY SERVICES

To deliver a high standard of essential community services and show leadership in developing positive community spirit.

5. OUR LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

To provide progressive leadership and good governance which encourages confidence of the community in the Council, and conduct our business in a financially responsible manner.

** From the District Council of Elliston Strategic Plan 2016/17—2021/22*



Report from the Chief Executive Officer

The 2018 Local Government elections will be held in November this year and Elliston is fortunate to have received 12 nominations for the new Council. The Caretaker period commenced on 18 September and in accordance with Council's Caretaker Policy, as Chief Executive Officer, I offer the following report on the 2017-2018 year.

The sealing of the Kyancutta to Mount Wedge Road is a major endeavour which has been undertaken in the main by the Council outdoor staff. All but 5.2 kilometres of the Elliston component has now been sealed with planned completion in 2018-2019. We look forward to the increase in visitors to Elliston District and improving access for locals travelling on the Eyre Peninsula.

Other projects carried out by the outdoor staff during the year, include work at the Port Elliston and Bramfield cemeteries, upgrading the Elliston transfer station, paving on Memorial Drive and general remedial maintenance throughout the District.

The Elliston to Wudinna fibre radio communications project between the Commonwealth Government, Telstra and the Council was formally launched in October 2017 with completion scheduled in the 2018-2019 financial year. Faster and more reliable internet services and the upgrade of the mobile base station to be 4GX compatible

are included in this major upgrade. Rowan Ramsey MP and Mark Bolton, General Manager of Telstra will officiate at the Elliston Mobile Base Station Community Launch Event being held on 4 October 2018.

During 2017-2018 Council has supported a number of community events, including the annual Salmon Championships in Elliston, Elliston Speed Shear, Elliston Area School Woolshow, Australia Day and ANZAC Day events, Lock races and town Christmas functions. Financial and in-kind support was also provided to the Elliston Community and Visitor Information Centre as Council recognises that this facility is a major community asset.

The new Shopfront Improvement Grants Program introduced this year, has been extremely successful with 9 businesses applying for grant assistance. The Program aims to assist those businesses in the commercial areas wanting to improve their building facades. The grant is offered on a \$1:1 basis up to the value of \$2000 from Council. The improvement to the streetscapes has already been noted.

Following a Council resolution to gauge interest in the formation of an Elliston history group, the newly formed Group held its inaugural event as part of the SA History Festival's "Open Doors" event in April 2018. Peter Treloar, Member for Flinders opened the event and the Group maintained the historical display throughout May. The response to this display was excellent and has encouraged the Group to continue researching and promoting our local history.

In conjunction with Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula, the eleven Eyre Peninsula Councils and the Natural Resource Management an Eyes on Eyre wayfinding, camping and coastal access stocktake was conducted in December 2017. The audit revealed we have important investments to make if the visitor economy is to be tapped to its full potential. This initiative is progressing well and Council is currently researching potential entrance statements for Elliston township.

A major highlight of the 2017-2018 year was that in May 2018, I travelled to Canberra with Chairman Kym Callaghan, Manager Corporate and Community George Karzis and Wirangu Elder Jack Johncock to receive a "National Awards for Local Government" Category Award for Promoting Indigenous Recognition: Elliston Reconciliation Monument Wording. What an honour for our small Council to be recognised on the national stage.

Congratulations must go to Jamie Siviour who was presented with the Order of Australia Medal as part of the Queen's Birthday Honours for generous service to his community.

Also, congratulations to the Elliston Football Club, 2018 Mid West Football League Premiers! Go the Roosters!



Phil Cameron
Chief Executive Officer
28 September 2018

Our Economy

ELLISTON DISTRICT

The District Council of Elliston is located on the western coast of Eyre Peninsula. The area is known for its rugged coastline and dramatic diversity and is enjoyed by many for recreational fishing, camping, surfing and walking.

The economy of the District is based upon primary production, fishing and tourism. Primary production comprises mainly cereal grain (wheat, barley, canola, pulses and oats), meat and wool.

The extensive coastline provides a productive fishing ground, supporting commercial and recreational fishing of whiting, garfish, snapper, abalone, prawns and lobster.

The Elliston Coastal Trail offers both residents and visitors to the area a fantastic opportunity to view the spectacular scenery from many vantage points, and the view from the lookout is magic!

Our District's greatest source of potential growth is from an already established tourism industry focussed on the coastal townships of Elliston, Port Kenny and Venus Bay, along with other significant recreational locations including Sheringa Beach, Locks Well, Talia, Walkers Rock and Mount Camel Beach.

Bramfield

Elliston

Lock

Murdinga

Port Kenny

Sheringa

Tooligie

Venus Bay



***"Continuing to foster our community
in a financially sustainable manner"***

Our Economy

TOURISM

We are committed to supporting tourism throughout our Region.

Council has been working closely with Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula, Eyre Peninsula Natural Resource Management and the Environmental Protection Authority to create camping nodes throughout the peninsula while improving services available to the visitor.



2017-2018 saw a further 10kms of the Mount Wedge to Kyancutta Road constructed and sealed. When this project is completed it will considerably reduce travelling time across the Peninsula.

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY

We are committed to supporting the success of local industries and businesses and other initiatives with a positive impact on our local economy.

Council's Shopfront Improvement Program was extremely well supported in 2017-2018 with 8 businesses taking the opportunity offered to improve the façade of their business.

The Program will again be offered in 2018-2019.



GOOD GOVERNANCE

We are committed to maintaining the highest standards of good governance and to participate in reviews and benchmark projects for the purposes of the continual monitoring of Council's own financial and operational performance.



Our Infrastructure

Operations

The Operations Department is responsible for managing and maintaining existing civil assets and planning for new infrastructure.

Assets include:

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

There are eight (8) cemeteries in the district which are maintained by the outdoor staff with plant and machinery based at the Elliston and Lock Council depots.

The development of new residential and commercial subdivisions and applications for the proposed development of current properties are overseen by the Operations Department.

Council complements its internal construction staff with contractors for required works such as: road construction, storm water drainage, rubble crushing contracts, installation of kerbing, materials supply and specialist activities including paving and concrete work.

All outdoor staff have an understanding of the District Council of Elliston Work Health and Safety Management System, complete all mandatory training throughout the year and attend further training sessions to improve their knowledge base and skills.

Council Depots

The Elliston Depot is the principal of the two Council depots, housing the workshop, primary plant storage and areas for materials storage.

The Lock Depot has a workshop for town maintenance, signs and small plant and a storage area for materials.

Waste Management

Council operates one landfill site at Venus Bay for hardfill.

Waste transfer stations are located in Elliston, Venus Bay and Lock, as well as a binbank at Bramfield that receives recyclable material, green waste and hard waste.

DrumMuster

The District Council of Elliston also provides an ongoing DrumMuster service.

DrumMuster stations are located at Elliston and Lock Waste Transfer Stations.

Bookings can be made by contacting the Council office.

Kerbside Collection

Kerbside waste is managed under a contract for the collection of putrescibles waste, collected weekly and recyclables collected fortnightly in the townships of Elliston, Lock, Venus Bay and Port Kenny and also at designated binbanks.

This is all transported out of the District and not to our landfill at Venus Bay.



Our Infrastructure 2017-2018

Economy

Elliston Communications Project: *Project commenced due for completion by October 2018. Secured funding from Commonwealth, State and Telstra for upgraded telecommunications infrastructure*

Provided financial and in-kind support to the Elliston Community and Visitor Information Centre *Continuing*

Shopfront Improvement Program *Implemented new program*

Support regional economic initiatives provided by Regional Development Australia (Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula) *Continuing with an emphasis on tourism developments*



Infrastructure

Construct and seal 10kms Mt Wedge—Kyancutta Rd **Completed**

Re-sheet 39.64km unsealed roads **Completed**

Spray seal 32,213m² of sealed roads **Completed**

Memorial Drive paving *Completed section opposite Elliston Community and Visitor Information Centre*

Re-sheet Lock Airport runway **Completed**

Venus Bay Caravan Park soakage pit **Completed**

Replace Elliston depot office/toilet/shower *Project deferred*

Continue to upgrade the Council houses in Elliston *Solar panels installed, replaced rain water tank*

Bobcat attachments *Purchased back hoe, mulching/slasher and rock breaker attachments*

Replace three Council vehicles **Completed**



Environment

Finalise the Better Development Plan process **Completed**

Port Elliston and Bramfield Cemeteries *Fencing installed at both cemeteries*

Upgrade the Elliston Transfer Station *Project due to be completed by June 2018*



Community Services

Provided grants to local community organisations *2 rounds grant funding provided*

Provided on-going support to District library services *Continuing support*

Support and co-ordinate community events and civic functions *2018 Australia Day and ANZAC Day events, Speed Shear, Lock races, town Christmas functions, Wool Show, Salmon Competition supported*

Leadership and Governance

Finalise the review and updating of all Council policies and related procedures *Commenced*

Review Council's leases and licenses *Commenced*

Continue to update the work health safety (WHS) and injury management (IM) programs *On-going*

Facilitate plans for Council area emergency management and business continuity *Emergency Management Plan Finalised Business Continuity Plan Commenced*

Continue to upgrade skills of elected Members and staff through targeted training *On-going*

Publish quarterly Council Newsletter *On-going*

Maintain regular updates on website and Facebook page *On-going*



Our Infrastructure 2018-2019

Project	Budget 2018-19 \$	Comment
Replaced Assets:		
Council Houses / Buildings		
Sheringa Beach Public Toilets	83,000	Replace & will include disabled access
Port Kenny Public Toilets	90,000	Replace & will include disabled access
ECVIC Public Toilets	144,000	
Walkers Rocks Public Toilets	83,000	
	400,000	
Roads / Transport Assets:		
Unsealed		
Hambidge Dr Hambidge to Gray's Rd 4,300m	132,793	Feeder Road
Holman Rd Birdseye to Pascoe Rd 3,600m	111,175	Feeder Road
Subtotal	243,968	
Kyancutta Road (Renewal Component)	437,830	Complete remaining 5.2kms of road seal
	681,798	
Reseals		
Venus Bay Rd 2,000m	93,600	Reseal section of the road that is in poor condition
	93,600	
Footpaths, Kerb, Guttering & Drainage		
Venus Bay Kerbing	11,405	Replace broken kerbing around many of the streets to reduce potential public hazard
Port Kenny Stormwater	42,000	Finalise works to reduce flooding to houses
	53,405	
Plant & Machinery		
JD Loader (Elliston)	220,000	Replace existing with a versatile machine that can be adapted to attach other implements
Water Tanker	15,000	Upgrade current water tanker, remove rust, replace water pumps & spray bar if required
	235,000	
Other		
Port Kenny Playground	30,000	Replace playground due to safety issues
Locks Well Staircase	6,500	Carry out major maintenance including oiling of steps
Sheringa Beach Staircase	6,500	Carry out major maintenance including oiling of steps
Talia Cave Staircase	6,500	Carry out major maintenance including oiling of steps
Elliston Welcome Walls	30,000	
	79,500	
Total Replacement Capital Expenditure	1,543,303	
New Assets:		
Clementina & Spindrift Extension 700m	44,000	Fire Access
Unmade Government Rd Bramfield 600m	6,300	Category 4
Subtotal	50,300	
Kyancutta Road (New Component)	250,000	
Total New Asset Capital Expenditure	300,300	
Total Capital Expenditure	1,843,603	

Our Environment

Number of Applications Received

Development Applications: 2017-2018

- 27 Lodged Development Applications
- 12 Lodged Waste Water Application

Development Applications Status

- 31 Development Applications (Granted Full Approval)
- 3 Development Application (Granted Planning Approval Only)
- 1 Development Applications Refused
- 1 Development Applications Lapsed
- 1 Development Application assessed as not requiring Development Approval.

Classification of the Approved Applications

- 6 Class 1a Developments (Dwellings)
- 2 Class 1a & 10a Development (Demolition of Existing Residence and New Dwelling)
- 20 Class 10a Developments (Verandas, Garages and Domestic Sheds)
- 2 Class 10b Development
- 0 Class 7 Developments (Farm building and a Store Shed)
- 3 Class 7b & 8 Development
- 1 Development was deemed as to not require a Building Classification (Grain Storage Bunkers)

Value of Approved Applications in Whole Dollars

Approved Applications	
Class 1a	\$581,410
Class 1a & 10a	\$470,000
Class 10a	\$571,800
Class 10b	\$38,000
Class 7b & 8	\$245,000
Class N/C	\$5,000,000

Refused Applications	
Class 1a & 10a	\$194,410

Lapsed Applications	
Class 10a	\$20,000

Classification of Applications Approved for Planning only

- 1 Class 1a and 10a
- 2 Class 1a

Value of the Approved Application in Whole Dollars

Approved Applications	
Class 1a & 10a	\$350,000
Class 1a	\$320,000

Land Division Applications:

- 0 Lodged Land Divisions

Land Division Applications Approved/Refused:

- 0 Approved
- 0 Refused

Our Environment

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Waste Water Systems

Wastewater Applications:

12 Lodged Wastewater Applications

Wastewater Applications Approved/Refused:

14 Approved

0 Refused

Fire Prevention

There were a total of 159 Fire Prevention Letters sent to Residents:

7 Bramfield Township

99 Elliston Township

7 Lock Township

34 Sheringa Township

9 Venus Bay

3 Port Kenny Township

Waste and Recycling Depots and Landfill

Council currently operates two Waste and Recycling Depots at Elliston and Lock and one Landfill site at Venus Bay, which also operates as a Waste and Recycling Depot.

Rubble has been laid to reduce the chance of leachates being introduced into the groundwater and eliminate excess dust caused by traffic entering the area.

Food Inspections

Council carried out 23 food business inspections – most kitchens/food handling/receiving areas were in good condition with several of a very high standard.

There were some minor concerns at some businesses and Council is following up with the owners/lessees to resolve these issues.



Our Community Services

AUSTRALIA DAY 2018

Congratulations to:

Citizen of the Year:

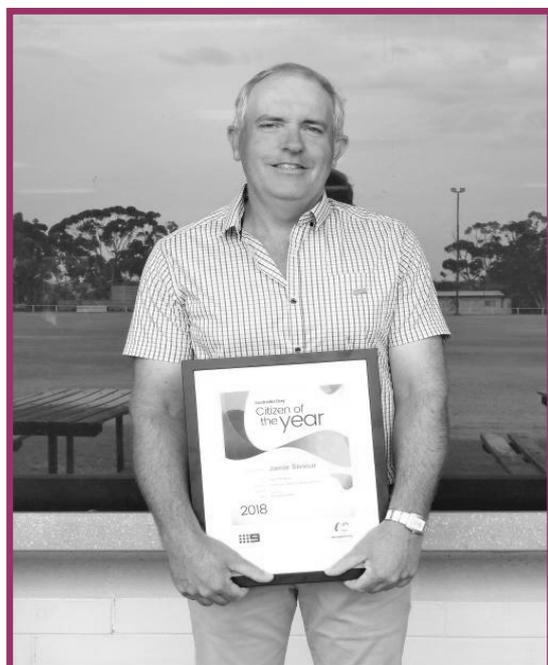
Jamie Siviour

Young Citizen of the Year:

Hannah Zerk

Community Event of the Year:

Lock and Districts Health Advisory Committee
Men's and Women's Health Night



JAMIE SIVIOUR

Australia Day 2018 was celebrated in Lock on 26 January. A breakfast was provided at the Lock Sports Centre before the official ceremony began. Award winning recipients were presented certificates by Ambassador David Malinda, Agricultural Scientist and Educator.



HANNAH ZERK

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S HEALTH NIGHT



Our Community Services

National Local Government Award

Chairman Kym Callaghan,
 Chief Executive Officer Phil Cameron,
 Manager Corporate and Community George Karzis
 and Wirangu Elder Jack Johncock in Canberra
 in June 2018 to accept the
 National Awards for Local Government
 Category Award for Promoting Indigenous Recognition
 "Elliston Reconciliation Monument Wording:

The Award was sponsored by Woodside Energy Ltd and presented
 by Michael Abbott, Vice President of Woodside Energy Ltd.



Left to right:
 George Karzis, Manager Corporate and Community
 Kym Callaghan, Chairman District Council of Elliston
 Jack Johncock, Wirangu Elder
 Phil Cameron, Chief Executive Officer



Left to right
 Jack Johncock, Wirangu Elder
 Michael Abbott VP Woodside Energy Ltd
 Kym Callaghan Chairman District Council of Elliston



KESAB Sustainability Award

Arthur Johnstone, Operations Manager attended the presentation in Adelaide to accept the 2017 KESAB Sustainability Award for Outstanding Council Project "Elliston Coastal Trail"



Our Community Services

Community Support Fund

During the 2017-2018 Financial Year, Council allocated funds totalling \$18,367, as detailed below.

Recipient Name	Funds Provision/ Purpose	Running Total (\$)
Elliston Men's Shed	Purchase of Power Tools	\$989
Lock Community Health and Welfare Centre	Sponsorship of Lock Men's and Women's Health Night	\$2,000
Eyre Peninsula Community Foundation Inc		\$2,000
Elliston Sports Centre	Grant toward new kitchen	\$6,000
Lock and District	Lock Information Bay	\$4,878
Kenny Venus Bay Progress Association	Contribution toward purchase of defibrillators for Port Kenny and Venus Bay	\$2,500
TOTAL		\$18,367



Council/ Community Events

Council has been involved and contributed to a number of community events during the 2017-2018 year.

- Elliston Salmon Fishing Competition
- Elliston Speed Shear
- Elliston Wool Show
- Christmas functions: Tooligie, Elliston, Sheringa, Port Kenny/Venus Bay
- Lock Races
- Australia Day: Elliston, Lock
- Anzac Day

Our Leadership & Governance



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Elected Member Meetings Attendance

Elected Member	Ordinary Council Meetings (12)	Special Council meetings (1)	Total Meetings (13)	No. of meetings where Leave of Absence was sought and granted	No. of meetings as an apology
Chairman Kym Callaghan	12	1	13		0
Deputy Chairman Dave Allchurch	10	1	11	2	0
Cr Creagh McGlasson	12	1	13		0
Cr Grant Rumbelow	12	1	13		0
Cr Peter Hitchcock	11	1	12		1
Cr John Sheridan	8	1	9		4
Cr Malcolm Hancock	10	1	11		2
Cr Michael Werchiwski	10	1	11		2

Our Leadership & Governance

Making Decisions

Council is responsible for the administration of many Acts of Parliament (or parts of Acts) including the *Local Government Act*, *South Australian Public Health Act*, *Environmental Health Act*, *Development Act*, *Fire and Emergency Services Act*, *Foot Act*, *Real Property Act* and *Dog and Cat Management Act* which all impact on local residents and their properties. Council's Development Plan has legal force in determining types of development and how land is used.

Council's Works Program also impacts on local residents in terms of stormwater drainage, flood mitigation, construction and maintenance of roads and footpaths and common effluent drainage systems.

The Council decision making structure comprises:

- ◆ Council
- ◆ Audit Committee established under the *Local Government Act 1999*
- ◆ Council Assessment Panel: established under the provisions of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*
- ◆ Committees and subsidiaries as appointed under Sections 41,42 & 43 of the *Local Government Act 1999*
- ◆ Council staff and authorised persons in accordance with Council's Delegations, Sub Delegations and Authorisation processes.

The Chief Executive Officer has been given Delegated Authority from Council to make decisions in relation to those matters that fall within the scope of the delegations.

The Chief Executive Officer has in turn sub delegated certain powers and functions to qualified Council staff to make decisions. Council has made direct delegations to the Council Assessment Panel to make decisions under the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*.

The delegations and sub delegations are listed in Council's Delegation Register and are reviewed at least annually by Council, as required under Section 44 of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

Section 270—Internal Review of Council Decisions

The District Council of Elliston is committed to transparent decision making processes and to providing access to a fair and objective process for the internal review of its decisions.

Complaints may arise as a result of dissatisfaction with a decision about a policy, process, service or fee. All attempts will be made to resolve complaints quickly and efficiently without the need for formal applications for review to be lodged. The processes provide guidance for dealing with formal requests for internal review of decisions of Council, its employees and other people acting on behalf of Council.

There were no Section 270 Reviews requested for this reporting period.



Our Leadership & Governance

Elected Member Accountability to the Community

Every year Council prepares an Annual Report for two reasons:

- It is a legal requirement prescribed by Section 131 of the *Local Government Act 1999 (the Act)*; and, more importantly
- It gives Council the chance to comprehensively inform the community, other governments and our partner organisations of our operations, activities and achievements for the financial year under review.

The Annual Report offers the reader the opportunity to step back and see the 'big picture' view of how Council is responding to the challenges of providing essential services to a remote rural area.

The Annual Report also reflects our strong commitment to maintain the highest standards of good governance and to participate in reviews and benchmark projects for the purposes of the continual monitoring of Council's own financial and operational performance.

Between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018, a total of twelve (12) ordinary Council meetings and one (1) special Council meeting were held.

Member Allowances

Council has processes in place to ensure that the reimbursement of expenses and the provision of allowances, facilities and support to the Elected Members are accountable,

transparent and in accordance with relevant legislation.

Section 76 of the *Local Government Act 1999* ("the Act") and Regulation 4 of the Local Government (Members Allowances and Benefits) Regulations 2010 provides that Elected Members are entitled to receive annual allowances to help cover the cost of performing and discharging their official functions and duties.

Elected Member allowances for the District Council of Elliston are determined by the Remuneration Tribunal of South Australia with allowances adjusted annually on the first, second and third anniversary of the 2014 Local Government Election to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index as is defined at Section 76(15) of the Act.

The per annum allowances for the District Council of Elliston as set by the Remuneration Tribunal of South Australia are from November 2017– November 2018:

Elected Members	\$5,906
Deputy Chairman	\$7,380
Chairman	\$23,621

Elected Member Training

Elected Members are provided with options for training through the Local Government Association and other bodies, which they undertake on an as needs basis.

Council maintains a register of training and development activities attended by Elected Members.

Register of Councillor Allowances and Benefits 2017/2018 Financial Year (as at 30 June 2018)

	Allowances \$	Vehicle Mileage \$	Telephone / Data \$	Other \$	Total \$
Chairman Kym Callaghan	23,621	5009	277		28,907
Cr Dave Allchurch	7,380				7,380
Cr Grant Rumbelow	5,906				5,906
Cr Michael Werchiwski	5,906				5,906
Cr Creagh McGlasson	7,070				7,070
Cr Malcolm Hancock	6,488				6,488
Cr Peter Hitchcock	7,070				7,070
Cr John Sheridan	5,906				5,906

Our Leadership & Governance

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 their Elected Members of Council to discuss any issue relevant to Council
- Attend community consultation processes
- At the discretion of the Chairman, a member of the public can address Council on any issue within the Council's jurisdiction. (Refer Council's "Public Question Time Procedure" located on Council website.)
- Written petitions addressed to the Council on any issue within the Council's jurisdiction
- Engaging on Councils Facebook page [DistrictCouncilofElliston](#)
- Providing feedback on specific Council engagements and consultations via Council's website [www.elliston.sa.gov.au](#)

Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (ICAC) Act

In December 2012, *the ICAC Act* was proclaimed with the purpose of investigating corruption, misconduct and maladministration in public administration which includes local government. Outcomes of the *ICAC Act* which affect local government commenced on 1 September 2013 and included uniform and mandated Codes of Conduct and mandated reporting for Council Members and Council Employees.

Matters of corruption, misconduct and maladministration must be reported by Public Officers to the Office of Public Integrity for investigation.

Public Consultation

Public consultation is undertaken and promoted in accordance with Council's Public Consultation Policy and Section 50 of the *Local Government Act 1999*. Section 50 requires the Policy to identify steps Council intends to take where the Act requires consultation and provides for the steps to vary according to the class of decisions to be made by Council.

During the past 12 months, Council has consulted with the community and sought feedback over the following matters:

- Annual Business Plan & Budget
- Animal Management
- Reconciliation Monument
- Elliston—Town Entry Statements

Audit Committee

Council maintains an Audit Committee to monitor the participation of management and the external auditors in the financial reporting process, oversee and make recommendations on the approach used by management to address business risks, review and make recommendations on how Council's corporate, financial governance and legal responsibilities are addressed.

The Committee has the following structure:

Independent Members:

Chair
Mr Phil Channon
Mr Mick O'Neil

Elected Members:

Cr Dave Allchurch
Cr Creagh McGlasson
Cr Peter Hitchcock

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Our Leadership & Governance

Council's Audit Committee members

Receive a sitting fee for each meeting attended. Fees remitted for the 2017-2018 financial year are listed below.

Audit Committee Member	Total Fees & Expenses paid for financial year
Phil Channon	\$2,650
Cr Peter Hitchcock	-
Cr Creagh McGlasson	-
Cr Dave Allchurch	-
Mick O'Neil	\$900

Council Assessment Panel

Members receive a sitting fee for each meeting attended. Fees remitted for the 2017-2018 financial year are listed below.

CDAP Member	Total Fees & Expenses paid for financial year
Fred Benes	\$1,050
Ryan Donovan	\$500
Rosa Gagetti	\$500
Kingsley Holman	\$993
Tim Kierse	\$750

Auditor Independence

Payment to the external auditors, Dean Newbery & Partners during the 2017-2018 financial year was \$18,670.

Procurement Arrangements

Council procurement process ensure services are delivered cost effectively.

The Procurement Policy establishes an holistic approach for end to end management of the procurement lifecycle. At the head of the framework, Council's Procurement Policy provides overarching principle based guidance on Council's procurement activity in accordance with Section 49 of the *Local Government Act 1999* and best practice principles in procurement. The policy sets out principles aimed at ensuring probity, accountability, responsibility, fairness, equity, consistency of approach and effective outcomes for Council. The policy is available for inspection at the Council office or on the website: www.elliston.sa.gov.au

Community Land Management Plans

Under Section 193 of the *Local Government Act 1999* all local government land that is owned by Council or under Council's care and control (excluding roads) is classified as Community Land. Section 207 of the Act requires Council to develop and maintain a Community Land Register.

Section 106 of the Act requires Council to develop management plans for all Community Land. Categories of Community Land are not specifically defined in the Act but for the purposes of management plans include areas that are set aside for community use or conservation purposes.

All enquiries about Council's Community Land can be referred to the Chief Executive Officer.

Insurance Claims

Effective reporting and claims management has resulted in the close out of:

10

Motor vehicle claims

0

Asset claims

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Open Government & Transparency Initiatives

Ordinary meetings of the full Council are held in the Council Chambers, 21 Beach Terrace Elliston on the third Tuesday of every month at 9.30am.

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

Section 90(1) of the *Local Government Act* specifies that Council meetings be held in a public place but on occasions this principle is outweighed by the need to keep the information or discussion confidential. Questions regarding the use of confidentiality in Council matters can be directed to the Director Corporate and Community Services during normal office hours.

Exclusion of the Public from Meetings

Matters which the Council may resolve to consider in confidence include, for example, commercial information, legal advice, tenders etc.

Council chose to invoke Section 90(2) eight times during the year to consider legal advice or actual or potential litigations (Sections 90(3) (h) and (i) of the *Local Government Act 1999* respectively). Also to consider matters of a nature that would have disclosed information that could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business or to prejudice the commercial position of the Council (Section 90(3)(b); or, commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party (Section 90(3)(c) and would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

Confidential Documents

Section 91(1)-(6) of the Act generally provides that minutes of meeting proceedings must be kept and made available for public inspection. However, Section 91(7) provides that a Council or its committees may order that confidential documents may be excluded from general public accessibility. Council chose to invoke section 91(7) in regard to the minutes and other materials in the instances and for the reasons set out in the section below.

Confidential Documents

Date	Meeting	Subject	Relevant Section Local Government Act	Release date or event	Recommendation re release: — Full Release — Partial Release — Retain
16 August 2016	COUNCIL	General & Coastal DPA Summary of Submissions Received	90(2), 90(3)(m)	15 August 2017	RELEASED
15 November 2016	COUNCIL	Section 270 Review	90(2), 90(3)(a)	14 November 2017	RELEASED
20 December 2016	COUNCIL	Lock Council houses for sale	90(2), 90(3)(b)	22 August 2017	RELEASED
20 December 2016	COUNCIL	Public Lighting Business Case	90(2), 90(3)(d) 91(7) & (9)	19 December 2018	
17 January 2017	COUNCIL	Section 270 Review	90(2), 90(3)(a) 91(7) & (9)	16 January 2018	RELEASED
17 January 2017	COUNCIL	Lock Council houses for sale	90(2), 90(3)(b)	22 August 2017	RELEASED
21 March 2017	COUNCIL	General and Coastal DPA	90(2), 90(3)(m)	24 August	RELEASED
21 March 2017	COUNCIL	Lock Council house: 23 West Terrace	90(2), 90(3)(b) 91(7) & (9)	22 August 2017	RELEASED
20 February 2018	COUNCIL	Complaint Against Council Staff	90(2), 90(3)(a) 91(7) & (9)	19 February 2019	RELEASED

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Strategic Plan 2017-2018 to 2021-2022

Council must review its suite of Strategic Plans under Section 122(4) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, ensuring that our key directions and strategies are aligned with the needs of our communities, capable of being achieved with our resources and ensuring we are legally compliant.

Council's plans ensure Council demonstrates it is committed to providing services to the community that are responsive to current and future needs and that the projections and predictions are based on accurate information.

Council commenced a review of its previous Strategic Plan 2012-2017 "Moving Toward 2017" in late 2015. The development of the new Plan was conducted in association with reviews of Council's Long Term Financial Plan and Asset Management Plan and informed by two other reviews; a Rating Review and a Waste Management Service Level Review.

High regard was given to Council's commitment to achieve a financially sustainable position in the medium to longer term (as described in the Long Term Financial Plan) and the challenge of maintaining Council's assets as set out in the Asset Management Plan.

The Strategic Plan also took into account the results of a Community Survey, consultation with key regional stakeholders and public consultation on a Draft Plan.

The purpose of the community survey, which received 72 responses (about 10%) was to seek our community's views about the work Council was doing and your views about what we should be doing and what we could do better. The results informed the review and development of Council's Strategic Plan which focuses on:

- Improving Council's financial position
- Stronger commitment to improved asset management
- Aligning Council's efforts to provide more efficient and effective core services
- Continuing to seek opportunities to work more closely with its community, the neighbouring and the other regional Councils and organisations

- Adopting a more regional perspective to its business

In tackling these strategic priorities it must be recognised that the Council has limited financial and human resources. Therefore, Council needs to be innovative and at the same time, patient as it takes on the various challenges.

Business Plan

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

Council's Annual Business Plan links the key strategies to action statements with targets and outcomes for each financial year.

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

Founded on the vision Council sees for the District, the Strategic Plan highlights our commitment, desire and capacity to deliver major projects, capital works and services to maintain and enhance the council area over the period 2017-2018 to 2021-2022.



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EXTRACT OF THE ELECTED MEMBERS REGISTER OF INTERESTS: 18 JULY 2018

For the purposes of Section 70(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, a register comprising information from Elected Members' Register of Interests must be published on Council's website and updated at regular intervals.

Council Member Name	Employer/Income Source	Name of Political Party/Body/Association formed for Political purposes or any trade or professional organisation of which the person is a member	Gifts Received worth \$750 or more (as per Schedule 3, s2(2)(d))
Chairman Kym Callaghan	District Council of Elliston Chairman Allowance Mid-West Health Presiding Member Allowance Rental properties	Callaghan Family Trust	Return airfares to Canberra to accept Federal Government award 17-20 June 2018
Deputy Chairman Dave Allchurch	District Council of Elliston Deputy Chairman Allowance	Nil	Nil
Cr Creagh McGlasson	District Council of Elliston Elected Member Allowance C & HM McGlasson Creagh McGlasson ATF Rural Systems Trust Eyrenet.com Pty Ltd	Free Eyre Creagh McGlasson P/L / Rural Systems Trust	Nil
Cr Grant Rumbelow	District Council of Elliston Elected Member Allowance Elliston Hotel (Mest Pty Ltd) Rental properties	GB and KR Rumbelow Trust	Nil
Cr John Sheridan	District Council of Elliston Elected Member Allowance Arthur J Gallagher Insurance Brokers	Gallaghers Insurance Brokers J&M Super Fund Wesfarmers Shares Thorney Opp	Motor vehicle allowance from employer
Cr Malcolm Hancock	District Council of Elliston Elected Member Allowance Hancock Farming Enterprises	Hancock Farming Enterprises Hancock Family trust	Nil
Cr Michael Werchiwski	District Council of Elliston Elected Member Allowance Newstart	Nil	Nil
Cr Peter Hitchcock	District Council of Elliston Elected Member Allowance Hitchcock Family Trust (Farming)	South Australian No-Till Farmers Association Minnipa Agricultural Centre Australian Grain Growers Aussie Farmers Free Eyre Pty Ltd Koloch Pty Ltd ATF Hitchcock Family Trust	Nil

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Register of Interests

To be as transparent as possible to the community in Council's decision making processes, Elected Members must lodge with the Council a complete and accurate primary return of their interests at the commencement of their term in office and then annually via an ordinary return.

An "interest" is a stake or involvement in an undertaking, especially a financial one, that each Elected Member or a person related to them, may have.

Elected members must update their returns within a month of any changes to their interests.

In addition to registering these interests with Council, the following extract of those interests must be published on Council's website in accordance with Section 70(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*:

- Elected Members' income sources or employer
- The name of any political party, any body or association formed for political purposes or any trade or professional organisation of which the Elected Member is a member, and
- Any gifts of \$750 or above received by the Elected Member, or a person related to them, during the return period (other than from a person related by blood or marriage).

A copy of the Register is available for inspection (without charge) at the Council office during ordinary office hours.

There are penalties for the publishing or commenting on the above information, unless:

- The information derived from the Register constitutes a fair and accurate summary and is published in the public interest; and
- The comment is fair and published in the public interest and without malice.

[Current extract of the Elected Members Register of Interests \(17 kb\)](#)

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Senior Management Team

At the beginning of the financial year, the District Council's organisational structure provided the following salary packages:

Chief Executive Officer:	Remuneration package of approximately	\$174,825
Operations Manager:	Remuneration package of approximately	\$124,153
Manager Corporate & Community:	Remuneration package of approximately	\$109,503
Manager Financial Services:	Remuneration package of approximately	\$99,136

Packages may include salary, superannuation, the use of a fully maintained vehicle and subsidised accommodation.

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

Staffing

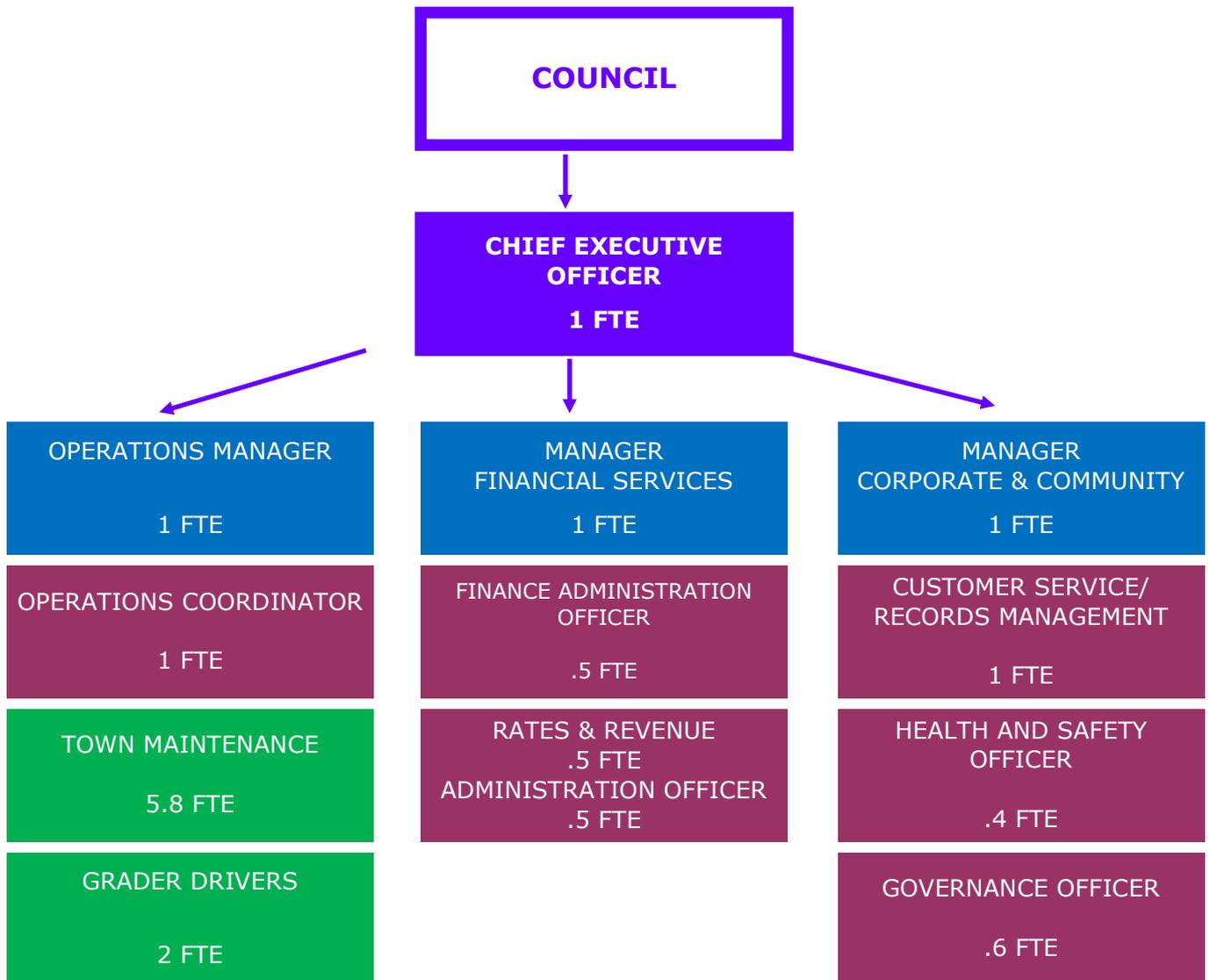
As at 30 June 2018 the District Council had a total of 16.3 full time equivalent (FTE) positions.

The breakdown of staff numbers by gender, employment type and department is shown in the following table.

District Council of Elliston Employees	Male	Female
Senior Executives	3	1
Administrative Services—General		2.5
Operations Coordinator	1	
Finance		1
Total Office Employees	4	4.5
Operations Outdoor Staff	7.8	
Total Depot Employees	7.8	
TOTAL EMPLOYEES	11.8	4.5

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Organisation Structure



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Human Resource Management

Council's Human Resource Management program ensures compliance with Section 107 of the *Local Government Act 1999* by providing a system which facilitates the sound administration and management of Council's human resources including: recruitment and selection, induction, probation, performance appraisal, training and development, performance management, employee conduct, employee assistance and general workplace relations.

The program also ensures compliance with Council's obligations in regards to equal opportunity ensuring all employees are treated fairly and consistently.

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.

During the 2017-2018 financial year Council focussed on updating individual position descriptions and rolling out a new and improved performance appraisal system to enhanced staff performance and engagement.

Council has finalised enterprise bargaining agreements with new agreements due to expire in 2020.

George Karzis, Manager Corporate and Community through LG Professionals is undertaking the Professional Leaders Program at the University of Adelaide.

Lucy Patton is continuing her Advanced Diploma in Governance, Risk and Compliance studies now she has returned from maternity leave.

Training

Training and Licences undertaken by staff during the 2017-2018 financial year.

- Fire Prevention Authorised Officer
- Statement Taking and Interviewing
- Principles of investigation and Management
- Handling Conflict Situations for Council Officers
- First Aid Training
- Chemical Accreditation
- HR, HC & MC Licence
- Dogging Licence
- Excavator Licence
- Front End Loader Licence
- Skid Steer Training
- Backhoe Training
- Drummuster Accreditation
- Chainsaw Licence
- I-Resonda & Bushfire Management
- Child Safe Environments – Responding to Children Module
- Unity (Website) Training
- Dog Microchipping Training

Charlie Ashman, Lock Depot (Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations) and Jazmyn Weiland, Elliston Council office (Certificate III in Business) completed their traineeships throughout the year.



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Corporate & Community Department

The Department comprises Manager Corporate and Community, Records/Customer Services Officer with assistance from a casual customer service pool and Administration Officer.

The combination of a corporate services with a community services section of the District Council of Elliston is a matter of necessity.

Corporate services traditionally describes the "back office" functions of Council operations: finance, risk, administration and governance.

However, at the Elliston Council, the finance and human resources departments report directly to the Chief Executive Officer.

The Corporate and Community Department provides supports with administrative services, Elected Member (including Chairman) support, media liaison and policy services.

The Department also supports the Senior Management Team (which comprises Chief Executive Officer, Operations Manager, Manager Financial Services and Manager Corporate and Community), community member and community group liaison, event management, marketing and tourism, business and economic development and regional and business relations.

Information and Communication Technology Services

Information and Communication Technology Services' focus is on developing future direction for the technology requirements of Council.

A strong focus has been on improving mobility solutions to facilitate connectivity and enable business on the move, and identifying opportunities to record Council's overall technology costs.

In addition to increasing the usage of Council's Electronic Document and Records Management system to preserve our vital community records, significant resources have been

directed towards improving and streamlining processes.

Customer Service Standards

Council is committed to providing fair, efficient and quality services to its customers. Customer feedback is welcomed as a way of improving overall service and fulfilling customer needs.

Requests are received by phone, email, letter, website and via the council office and Facebook.

Council has reviewed its customer services processes and implemented the Council's inhouse IT customer services module. This has enhanced the capture of communications in an efficient electronic format.

Many customers are utilising electronic payment methods and the customer service team process receipts via face to face, phone and mail payments.



The leaflet provides contact details for Elliston Council. It includes the council's name, slogan, and logo. Contact information is listed for telephone, website, Facebook, email, and in-writing. It also specifies the council's opening hours and provides a note about Christmas and Easter arrangements. The leaflet concludes with a commitment to service and a quote about the local area.

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Contact Details
Telephone: (08) 8687 9177 (including after hour emergency service)
Website: www.elliston.sa.gov.au
Facebook: facebook.com/elliston.sa.gov.au
Email: dce@elliston.sa.gov.au
In Writing: District Council of Elliston
PO Box 46
ELLISTON SA 5670
For Christmas and Easter opening arrangements, please check our website
www.elliston.sa.gov.au

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(Council's main office)

We are open from
8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday
(Public Holidays excluded)

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ELLISTON
Our Customer Service Commitment

The District Council of Elliston's purpose is to serve its community. Our staff are committed to providing a quality, responsive, caring and professional service, delivered fairly to all.

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Risk Management

Risk is defined in the Australian Standard as the effect of uncertainty on objectives—either positive or negative.

Risk is commonly viewed as a threat to an organisation – a focus on what can go wrong. However, Council recognises that a risk averse culture creates inflexibility, inefficiency and barriers in achieving its objectives. As such, the upcoming year will see a focus on enterprise risk with the development and implementation of the risk management framework, enabling Council to be more proactive in its approach to risk management. This will support elected members and staff to plan and manage our work better to ultimately improve efficiency and produce better outcomes.

Over the past four years, Council has made excellent progress in improving upon two key areas of operational risk, both of which are essential to our good governance and our duties as an employer—the finance system which governs our financial planning, rating, dog registrations and expenditures; and our Work Health and Safety management system. WHS is essential for a safe working environment for all workers—whether they be Council employees, contractors or volunteers and a safe community for residents and visitors.

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, enabling them to proactively manage risks to their health and safety. Examples of programs available to employees include regular health assessments (which include heart health, healthy lifestyle options and skin cancer screening), flu vaccinations and audiometric testing.

This year, Council has implemented an electronic reporting system for reporting hazards, near misses, accidents and incidents, which is aimed at minimising or preferably—eliminating work place hazards.

Key achievements for the past year include:

- the development and implementation of the Business Continuity Plan
- the development and implementation of the Emergency Management Plan
- The development and implementation of Skytrust—a cloud based risk management system

- Voluntary participation in the LGA Workers Compensation Scheme's Procedure Validation (internal audit) Process
- Targeted programs to improve the way Council manages high risk work and chemicals

Objectives for the coming year include:

- Full implementation and roll out of the Skytrust system, in line with the upgrade to our telecommunications. This system will provide employees with better online access to Council's safety management systems, which in turn will reduce paperwork and improve efficiency
- Further improvement to Council's contractor management systems, including establishment of a prequalified contractor list

Training of employees continues to be an integral part of Council's Work Health & 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.

Council is committed to maintaining high standards in the areas of Work Health and Safety and Risk Management. 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.

Public Safety

The District Council of Elliston is committed to providing for its residents and visitors to the Elliston area a safe environment. This is done via consultation with the community, feedback provided to Council via Customer Requests, Feedback and Complaints forms from the public.

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Finance Section

The Finance Department comprises Manager Financial Services Karen Quinn, Finance Officer Renee Lihou and Rates & Revenue Officer Jill Leonard 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 Manager Financial Services coordinates the strategic financial activities of Council, including the Long Term Financial Plan, 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 2017, pursuant to Section 131 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, is included on page 38.

Council returned an operating surplus for the 2017-18 financial year of \$1,505,879.

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 includes \$3,334,040 in grants, subsidies and contributions.

Operating Expenditure

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

Capital Expenditure

Along with operating expenditure, the Council is committed to maintaining its fixed assets base. Council spent \$3,033,957 on replacement and new/upgrading assets.

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 \$33,480,498.

Financial Sustainability

Note 15 of the General Purpose Financial Report for the financial year ending 30 June 2018 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 June 2016.

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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Audit Committee Annual Report for 2017-18

This report presents a summary of the District Council of Elliston Audit Committee's activities undertaken and recommendations made during the 2017-18 financial year.

The Audit Committee's Terms of Reference is reviewed every two years. The last review was conducted in May 2018.

Conduct of Meetings

The Committee met on five occasions during the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 with the following attendance:

Committee Members	Meeting Dates			
	11/10/17	28/11/17	15/3/18	29/5/18
Phil Channon (Chairperson & Independent Member)	✓	✓	✓	x
Mick O'Neil ** (Independent Member)	✓	✓	x	✓
Cr Peter Hitchcock	✓	x	✓	x
Cr Creagh McGlasson	✓	✓	✓	✓
Deputy Chairman Dave Allchurch	✓	✓	✓	✓

Audit Committee Training

During 2016/2017 Committee members attended the following training courses/sessions:

Training Course/ Session	Date(s)	Provider	Members Attending
Audit Committees	28 March 2018	Local Government Association	Phil Channon

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.

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Principal Issues Examined

The following table sets out the principal issues addressed by the Committee during 2017-18:

Meeting Date	Principal Issues Examined	Recommendations to Council
11 October 2017	Revaluation of Road Infrastructure	That the Audit Committee advises Council that it has reviewed and discussed the revaluation of the road infrastructure network and is satisfied that the requirements of Australian Accounting Standard AASB 116 and the District Council of Elliston Asset Revaluation Policy have been met.
11 October 2017	Draft Annual Financial Statements 2016-17	That the Audit Committee advises Council that they have reviewed the Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017 and believe that these accounts represent a true and fair reflection of Council's financial situation and activities undertaken during this year.
11 October 2017	Internal Controls Update	That the Audit Committee receives and notes the report and notes the further developments that have been undertaken in improving the internal financial controls.
11 October 2017	Internal Audit August 2017	That the Audit Committee receive and note the Internal Audit Report dated 16 August 2017 provided by Creative Auditing.
11 October 2017	Audit Committee Annual Report 2016-17	The Audit Committee authorizes the Committee's Presiding Member to sign off on the Audit Committee Annual Report and submit to Council for their information.
11 October 2017	Updated Long Term Financial Plan 2018-27	That the Audit Committee note the draft Long Term Financial Plan 2018-27 and advise Council that the plan will allow Council to operate in a financially sustainable manner over the next 10 years.
28 November 2017	Financial Performance Report 2016-17	That the Audit Committee receive and note the Financial Performance Report 2016-17 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.
28 November 2017	Budget Update #1 2017-18	That the Audit Committee having considered the 2017-18 1 st Budget Update date 20 November 2017 recommend to Council to approve the operating and capital budget revisions as contained in Appendix 4.

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Meeting Date	Principal Issues Examined	Recommendations to Council
28 November 2017	Balance Date Audit	That the Audit Committee receive the correspondence from the External Auditors and confirm compliance with regulation 22 of the LG (Financial Managements) Regulations 2011.
28 November 2017	Annual Performance of Cash, Investments and Borrowings Report	That the Audit Committee receive and note the Annual Performance of Cash, Investments and Borrowings Report.
28 November 2017	Update Asset Management Plans – Project Plan	That the Audit Committee note the Update Asset Management Plans – Project plan.
28 November 2017	Risk Register, Disaster Recovery Plan and Business Continuity Plan	That the Audit Committee note the report.
15 March 2018	Budget Review #2 2017-18	That the Audit Committee having considered the 2017-18 Budget Review #2, advise Council that it recommends the report at Appendix 3 for their consideration and adoption.
15 March 2018	Internal Audit March 2018 (Verbal Report)	That the Audit Committee notes the verbal update presented by Ian McDonald of Creative Auditing on Council's internal audit program.
15 March 2018	Draft Annual Budget 2018-19	That the Audit Committee receive and note the Draft Annual Budget 2018-19 as presented and discussed at the meeting.
15 March 2018	Updated Asset Management Plan and Updated Long Term Financial Plan	That the Audit Committee advise Council it has reviewed the updated draft Long Term Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan and believe them to be consistent with Council's strategic direction as identified in its Strategic Management Plan. Council will be operating in a sustainable manner if these plans are followed.
29 May 2018	Budget Review #3 2018-19	<p>That the Audit Committee having considered Budget Review #3 recommend to Council that satisfactory explanations for the variances to the Budget Review #2 are contained in this report and have been discussed by the Audit Committee with senior management.</p> <p>The Audit Committee advise Council to request management to prepare a summary report detailing Training Courses and Conferences attended year to date with the associated costs.</p> <p>A similar report be included as part of the year end process and be included on an ongoing basis in the Audit Committee work program for review.</p>

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Meeting Date	Principal Issues Examined	Recommendations to Council
29 May 2018	Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget 2018-19	That the Audit Committee advises Council that it has reviewed and discussed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget 2018-19 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 financially sustainable manner for the twelve months that this plan relates to.
29 May 2018	Internal Audit March 2018 (Written Report)	That the Audit Committee notes the summary report and internal controls update on the internal audit undertaken.
29 May 2018	External Interim Audit	That the Audit Committee has reviewed the report titled 'External Audit Management Report – Financial Year Ended 30 June 2018', and advise Council that the Audit Committee are satisfied with management's response to the report.

Chairperson's Comments

The Committee met the prescribed number of times throughout the 2017-18 financial year.

All meetings had the necessary quorum & were conducted in an orderly manner in line with our Terms of Reference.

As Chairman I am comfortable that all members were afforded the opportunity to ask questions & seek explanations on any aspect of the information put forward.

A thorough review of the external auditors report was also conducted & the committee were comfortable with the management response.

I am satisfied with the diligence applied by all members.

Phil Channon

Chairperson

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ANNUAL INFORMATION STATEMENT

Access to Council documents is broadened by 'freedom of information' provisions in the "Freedom of Information Act."

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

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

General Documents

Agendas and Minutes *
Annual Business Plan *
Annual Financial Reports *
Annual Report *
Assessment Record
Auditor's Report
Campaign Donation Returns prepared by Candidates
Council ByLaws *
Strategic Management Plans *

Registers

Register of Members Allowances and Benefits
Register of ByLaws
Register of Community Land
Register of Delegations
Register of Members' Interests
Register of Public Roads
Register of Staff Interests
Register of Remuneration, Salaries and Benefits
Voters Roll

Codes

Code of Conduct for Council Members *
Code of Conduct for Employees *
Code of Practice for Access to Council and Committee Meetings and Information Policy *

Policies / Procedures

Annual Business Plan and Budget Policy *
Asbestos Policy *
Asset Accounting and Asset Capitalisation Policy *
Asset Impairment Policy *
Asset Revaluation Policy *
Australia Day Policy *
Authorisation for Weed Control on Road Reserves Policy *
Building and Swimming Pool Inspection Policy
Caretaker Policy *
CAP Policy *
Code of Conduct for Employees Policy
Code of Conduct for Council Members Policy
Code of Practice for Access to Council and Community Grants Policy *
Community Group Loan Policy *
Complaints Policy *
Contractor Management Policy *
Control of Election Signs Policy *
Council Cars and Light Commercial Vehicles Policy *
Council Representatives on Outside Bodies Policy *
Credit Card Policy *
Debt Recovery Policy *
Development of Roads on Reserves Policy *
Disposal of Land and Assets Policy
Elected Member Allowances and Support Policy *
Elected Member Training and Development Policy *
Emergency Management Policy *
Equal Opportunity Policy and Procedure
Event Safety Risk Assessment and Event Management Plan Policy *
External Grant Funding Policy *
Fire Prevention Policy *
Flag Flying Policy *
Footpath Policy *
Freedom of Information Policy *
General Ledger Policy *
Hardship Policy for Residential customers of Minor and Intermediate Water Retailers *
Hazard Management Policy *
Hazardous Work Policy *
Induction for new Council Policy

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Policies / Procedures (cont)

Informal Gatherings Policy *

Internal Financial Controls Policy *

Internal Review of Council Decisions

Kangaroo Field Processing Policy *

Leases Licences Permits Policy *

Native Vegetation Plan for Roadworks Policy *

Order Making *

Outdoor Dining Policy *

Petty Cash Policy and Procedure *

Port Kenny Venus Water Supply Policy *

Private Works & Plant Hire Policy *

Procurement Policy *

Prudential Management Policy *

Public Consultation Policy *

Rate Rebate Policy *

Rating Policy *

Records Management Policy *

Request for Services Policy *

Road Infrastructure Policy *

Stormwater Policy (Port Kenny/Venus Bay) *

Street Naming Policy *

Street Planting Policy *

Treasury Management Policy *

Use of Council Resources During

Emergencies Policy*

Vehicles Left on a Public Road Policy *

Volunteer Policy *

Waste Collection Policy *

Whistleblower Protection Policy *

WHS Administration Policy *

WHS and Injury Management Policy *



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Freedom of Information

Subject to certain restrictions, the *Freedom of Information Act* ("the FOI Act") gives members of the public a legally enforceable right to access information held by South Australian Local Government agencies such as councils. The purpose of this Freedom of Information Statement is to assist members of the public to identify the functions and decision making processes of the District Council of Elliston, detail the type of information held by Council and how it can be accessed by the public.

Many Council documents are available to the public and do not require a Freedom of Information application. These documents include public copies of minutes and agendas (including reports), policies and processes adopted by the Council, strategic management plans, registers and returns, codes of conduct, codes of practice, by-laws, annual report and development applications available for viewing during the public consultation period in accordance with the *Development Act 1993*.

An updated Information Statement will be published on Council's website each financial year. This Information Statement is reflective of Council's Administration.

Council is pleased to comply with the FOI Act and welcomes enquiries. If you wish to make an application for access to a Council document, which is not available publicly, then it will be necessary to complete a Freedom of Information Application and provide the necessary fee as indicated on the application (no fee is required for concession card holders or pensioners but proof of this status is required).

Once a valid application is received, the Freedom of Information officer is required, usually within 30 days, to:

- Search Council's Records Management systems to establish location of the relevant document(s)
- Physically locate and extract documents from place held

- Examine the document and consult with any person or body who/which has an interest in the document and consider their views for it to be released
- Make a determination as to whether the document can be released
- Notify the applicant of the determination and explain the rights of review and appeal.

Applications should be addressed to the accredited Freedom of Information Officer as follows:

Chief Executive Officer
PO Box 46
ELLISTON SA 5670

We respond to applications as soon as possible, within the statutory thirty (30) days of receipt of a request and application fee or proof of exemption.

FOI Applications

There were no freedom of Information applications in this reporting period.

In accordance with Section 38(1) of the FOI Act, a person who is aggrieved by a determination made by Council is entitled to a review of the determination.

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Electoral Representation Reviews

In accordance with Regulation 4(A) of the *Local Government (General) Variation Regulations 2012* Council has conducted a periodic review of their composition and wards as determined by notice published in the SA Government Gazette by the Minister for Local Government relations.

On 31 May 2012 the Minister for Local Government Relations published a notice in the SA Government Gazette requiring the District Council of Elliston to undertake a review of the structure during the period of October 2012 and October 2013 pursuant to section 12 of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

At its Ordinary Meeting on 20 April 2013, Council resolved to amend the Council name from The District Council of Elliston to District Council of Elliston. It made no other changes to Council's composition.

Elections

Elections are held at four 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 2018.

Boundary Review

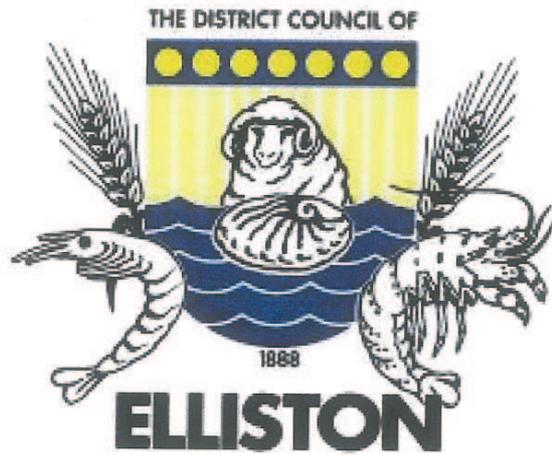
Electors may initiate submissions to the Minister for Local Government for changes to Council Boundaries under Section 28 of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

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

Source: Electoral Commission SA, House of Assembly & Council Supplementary Roll (Feb 2017)

REPRESENTATION QUOTA

Council	Elected Members	Electors	Ratio
District Council of Elliston	8	722	1:90
District Council of Cleve	8	1265	1:158
District Council of Kimba	7	796	1:113
District Council of Streaky Bay	8	1552	1:194
Wudinna	7	847	1:121
Franklin Harbour	6	911	1:151



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON

General Purpose Financial Reports For the year ended 30 June 2018



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON
General Purpose Financial Reports
for the year ended 30 June 2018

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**DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 June 2018**

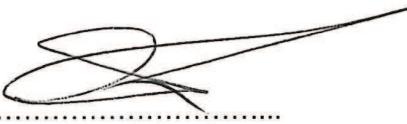
CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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 2018 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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Phil Cameron
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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Kym Callaghan
CHAIRMAN

Date: 16 October 2018

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the year ended 30 June 2018

	Notes	2018 \$	2017 \$
INCOME			
Rates	2	2,221,675	2,115,018
Statutory charges	2	28,025	23,599
User charges	2	66,298	61,632
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	3,334,040	2,864,107
Investment income	2	29,821	25,769
Reimbursements	2	78,597	107,479
Other income	2	148,878	218,068
Total Income		<u>5,907,334</u>	<u>5,415,672</u>
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	3	1,347,488	1,371,373
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	1,946,064	1,838,509
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	1,107,903	1,112,602
Total Expenses		<u>4,401,455</u>	<u>4,322,485</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		1,505,879	1,093,187
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	(454,089)	(1,519,159)
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2	-	382,044
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		<u>1,051,790</u>	<u>(43,928)</u>
transferred to Equity Statement			
Other Comprehensive Income			
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	9	-	(6,712,958)
Total Other Comprehensive Income		<u>-</u>	<u>(6,712,958)</u>
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		<u>1,051,790</u>	<u>(6,756,886)</u>

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

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
as at 30 June 2018

	Notes	2018 \$	2017 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	1,801,357	2,024,808
Trade & other receivables	5	292,022	197,841
Inventories	5	1,301	4,617
Total Current Assets		<u>2,094,680</u>	<u>2,227,266</u>
Non-current Assets			
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	7	33,480,498	32,063,478
Total Non-current Assets		<u>33,480,498</u>	<u>32,063,478</u>
Total Assets		<u>35,575,178</u>	<u>34,290,744</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & other payables	8	323,135	126,457
Provisions	8	116,481	96,375
Total Current Liabilities		<u>439,616</u>	<u>222,832</u>
Non-current Liabilities			
Provisions	8	36,492	20,632
Total Non-current Liabilities		<u>36,492</u>	<u>20,632</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>476,108</u>	<u>243,464</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>35,099,070</u>	<u>34,047,280</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		9,325,303	8,284,774
Asset Revaluation Reserves	9	25,324,205	25,324,205
Other Reserves	9	449,562	438,301
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>35,099,070</u>	<u>34,047,280</u>

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 2018

	Accumulated Surplus	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Other Reserves	TOTAL EQUITY
2018	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at end of previous reporting period	8,284,774	25,324,205	438,301	34,047,280
Restated opening balance	8,284,774	25,324,205	438,301	34,047,280
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year	1,051,790	-	-	1,051,790
Other Comprehensive Income				
Transfers between reserves	(11,261)	-	11,261	-
Balance at end of period	9,325,303	25,324,205	449,562	35,099,070
2017				
Balance at end of previous reporting period	8,353,277	32,037,163	413,726	40,804,166
Restated opening balance	8,353,277	32,037,163	413,726	40,804,166
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year	(43,928)	-	-	(43,928)
Other Comprehensive Income				
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	-	(6,712,958)	-	(6,712,958)
Transfers between reserves	(24,575)	-	24,575	-
Balance at end of period	8,284,774	25,324,205	438,301	34,047,280

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 2018

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	Notes	2018 \$	2017 \$
<u>Receipts</u>			
Rates - general & other		2,237,942	2,134,064
Fees & other charges		30,251	25,474
User charges		62,221	101,337
Investment receipts		28,618	32,094
Grants utilised for operating purposes		3,619,170	3,294,824
Reimbursements		61,402	118,227
Other revenues		453,769	824,661
<u>Payments</u>			
Employee costs		(1,303,060)	(1,396,768)
Materials, contracts & other expenses		<u>(2,438,127)</u>	<u>(3,899,631)</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities	11	2,752,186	1,234,281
 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		-	382,044
Sale of replaced assets		54,945	43,570
Sale of surplus assets		-	78,697
Repayments of loans by community groups		3,375	6,963
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(2,889,573)	(1,247,450)
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		<u>(144,384)</u>	<u>(794,922)</u>
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(2,975,637)	(1,531,098)
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		(223,451)	(296,817)
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	11	<u>2,024,808</u>	<u>2,321,625</u>
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	11	<u>1,801,357</u>	<u>2,024,808</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 2018

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 thousand dollars (\$'000).

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

Income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Income is recognised when the Council obtains control over the assets comprising the income, or when the amount due constitutes an enforceable debt, whichever first occurs.

Where grants, contributions and donations recognised as incomes during the reporting period were obtained on the condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period, and those conditions were undischarged as at the reporting date, the amounts subject to those undischarged conditions are disclosed in these notes. Also disclosed is the amount of grants, contributions and receivables recognised as incomes in a previous reporting period which were obtained in respect of the Council's operations for the current reporting period.

In recent years the payment of untied financial assistance grants has varied from the annual allocation as shown in the table below:

	Cash Payment Received	Annual Allocation		Difference
2014/15	\$1,748,648	\$1,146,061	+	\$602,587
2015/16	\$531,583	\$1,134,170	-	\$602,587
2016/17	\$1,851,840	\$1,126,700	+	\$725,140
2017/18	\$1,224,366	\$1,126,214	-	\$98,152

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 June 2018

Note 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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.

The actual amounts of untied grants received during the reporting periods (including the advance allocations) are disclosed in Note 2.

4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

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.

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 forms part of Note 13.

5 Inventories

Inventories held in respect of stores have been valued by using the first in first out costing method.

6 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

6.1 Land under roads

Council has elected not to recognise land under roads acquired prior to 1 July 2008 as an asset in accordance with AASB 1051 Land under Roads. Land under roads acquired after 30 June 2008 has not been recognised as in the opinion of Council it is not possible to reliably attribute a fair value, and further that such value if determined would be immaterial.

6.2 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.

6.3 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. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 June 2018

Note 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

6.4 Subsequent Recognition

All material asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. For infrastructure and other asset classes where no active market exists, fair value is determined to be the current replacement cost of an asset less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation calculated on the basis of such cost to reflect the already consumed or expired future economic benefits of the asset. Further detail of existing valuations, methods and valuers are provided at Note 7.

6.5 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.

6.6 Impairment

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to depreciation and are reviewed annually for impairment. 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 outflows or value in use).

For 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, the value in use is the depreciated replacement cost. In assessing impairment for these assets, a rebuttable assumption is made that the current replacement cost exceeds the original cost of acquisition.

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.

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.

8 Employee Benefits

8.1 Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences

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.

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 June 2018

Note 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

8.2 Superannuation

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to Statewide Superannuation Scheme. The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. No changes in accounting policy have occurred during either the current or previous reporting periods. Details of the accounting policies applied and Council's involvement with the schemes are reported in Note 18.

9 Leases

Lease arrangements have been accounted for in accordance with AASB 117.

In respect of operating leases, where the lessor substantially retains all of the risks and benefits incident to ownership of the leased items, lease payments are charged to expense over the lease term.

10 Joint Ventures and Associated Entities

Council participates in cooperative arrangements with other Councils for the provision of services and facilities. Council's interests in cooperative arrangements, which are only recognised if material, are accounted for in accordance with AASB 128 and set out in detail in Note 19.

11 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.

12 Pending Accounting Standards

Certain new accounting standards and UIG interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2018 reporting period and have not been used in preparing these reports.

AASB 7	Financial Instruments – Disclosures
AASB 9	Financial Instruments
AASB 15	Revenue from Contracts with Customers
AASB 17	Leases
AASB 1058	Income of Not-for-Profit Entities

Standards containing consequential amendments to other Standards and Interpretations arising from the above - AASB 2010-7, AASB 2014-1, AASB 2014-3, AASB 2014-4, AASB 2014-5, AASB 2014-6, AASB 2014-7, AASB 2014-8, AASB 2014-9, AASB 2014-10, AASB 2015-1, AASB 2015-2, AASB 2015-3, AASB 2015-4, AASB 2015-5, AASB 2015-6 and AASB 2015-7.

(Standards not affecting local government have been excluded from the above list.)

Council is of the view that other than AASB 16 and AASB 1058, none of the above new standards or interpretations will affect any of the amounts recognised in the financial statements, but that they may impact certain information otherwise disclosed.

Accounting Standard AASB 16 *Leases* may have a material effect on the amounts disclosed in these reports, particularly in relation to Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment, but does not commence until the 2019/20 financial period, and it is not Council's intention to adopt this Standard early.

Accounting Standard AASB 1058 *Income of Not-for-Profit Entities* may have a material effect on the amounts disclosed in these reports, particularly in revenues from grants & subsidies, but does not commence until the 2019/20 financial period, and it is not Council's intention to adopt this Standard early.

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 June 2018

Note 2 - INCOME

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
RATES REVENUES		
<u>General Rates</u>	1,969,256	1,884,256
Less: Mandatory rebates	(17,778)	(17,741)
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs	(20,950)	(20,136)
	<u>1,930,528</u>	<u>1,846,379</u>
<u>Other Rates (including service charges)</u>		
Natural Resource Management levy	94,145	79,178
Waste collection	138,854	132,685
Water supply	8,736	8,632
Community wastewater management systems	37,067	35,931
	<u>278,802</u>	<u>256,426</u>
<u>Other Charges</u>		
Penalties for late payment	12,345	12,213
	<u>2,221,675</u>	<u>2,115,018</u>
 STATUTORY CHARGES		
Development Act fees	3,349	6,704
Town planning fees	13,066	8,525
Health & Septic Tank Inspection fees	1,688	654
Animal registration fees & fines	5,135	5,255
Search fees	2,505	2,212
Food inspection fees	2,124	-
Other licences, fees, & fines	158	249
	<u>28,025</u>	<u>23,599</u>
 USER CHARGES		
Cemetery/crematoria fees	-	9,013
Caravan park income	33,410	30,186
Camping fees	17,607	13,189
Water	5,087	6,009
Waste	6,244	2,739
Licence income	3,950	496
	<u>66,298</u>	<u>61,632</u>
 INVESTMENT INCOME		
Interest on investments		
Local Government Finance Authority	29,821	25,272
Banks & other	-	260
Loans to community groups	-	237
	<u>29,821</u>	<u>25,769</u>

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 June 2018

NOTE 2 - INCOME (continued)

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
REIMBURSEMENTS		
- for private works	19,139	9,292
- other	59,458	98,187
	<u>78,597</u>	<u>107,479</u>
 OTHER INCOME		
Insurance & other recouplements - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	92,007	-
Rebates received	40,311	16,214
Sundry	16,560	201,854
	<u>148,878</u>	<u>218,068</u>
 GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS		
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	-	382,044
Other grants, subsidies and contributions		
Untied - Financial Assistance Grant	1,224,366	1,851,840
Roads to Recovery	1,468,159	992,161
Telecommunications Grant	573,106	-
Green Industries SA Grant	66,500	-
Library	1,909	1,606
Recreation	-	18,500
	<u>3,334,040</u>	<u>2,864,107</u>
	<u>3,334,040</u>	<u>3,246,151</u>
 <i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 12.</i>		
 Sources of grants		
Commonwealth government	2,041,265	1,374,205
State government	1,292,775	1,871,946
	<u>3,334,040</u>	<u>3,246,151</u>

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 June 2018

Note 3 - EXPENSES

	Notes	2018 \$	2017 \$
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Salaries and Wages		1,219,780	1,130,738
Employee leave expense		120,236	127,872
Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions	18	110,203	102,815
Superannuation - defined benefit plan contributions	18	8,566	8,832
Workers' Compensation Insurance		46,843	48,824
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		<u>(158,140)</u>	<u>(47,708)</u>
Total Operating Employee Costs		<u>1,347,488</u>	<u>1,371,373</u>
 Total Number of Employees		16	14
<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		19,490	18,700
Bad and Doubtful Debts		-	114
Elected members' expenses		91,143	84,181
- minimum lease payments	17	17,784	17,611
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		<u>128,417</u>	<u>120,606</u>
 <u>Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses</u>			
Contractors		477,993	220,911
Contractors - waste and recycling		216,378	204,277
Contractors - plant repairs and maintenance		99,205	90,291
Contractors - professional services		79,198	85,417
Contractors - IT services		110,990	101,792
Contractors - Storm Damage		-	204,739
Contractors - Telecommunications		653,215	-
Contractors - Projects		1,716,851	1,414,176
Registration and insurance		159,469	178,116
Electricity		52,221	47,823
Travel		38,047	28,561
Telephone		23,908	23,460
Legal Expenses		29,668	15,636
Levies paid to government - NRM levy		92,006	82,103
- Other Levies		26,565	12,971
Materials - Operating		203,634	252,567
Materials - Projects		322,513	552,620
Other Expenses		174,433	27,867
Water		36,143	33,026
Advertising		5,629	8,132
Tourism		66,787	49,545
Sundry		108,611	78,536
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		<u>(2,875,817)</u>	<u>(1,994,663)</u>
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		<u>1,817,647</u>	<u>1,717,903</u>
		<u>1,946,064</u>	<u>1,838,509</u>

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Note 3 - EXPENSES (cont)

	Notes	2018 \$	2017 \$
DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION & IMPAIRMENT			
Depreciation			
Buildings & Other Structures		89,376	103,660
Road Infrastructure		666,335	635,192
Plant & Equipment		165,850	215,219
Furniture & Fittings		46,520	44,895
Other Infrastructure		127,548	101,362
CWMS		12,274	12,274
		<u>1,107,903</u>	<u>1,112,602</u>

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Note 4 - ASSET DISPOSAL & FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
<i>Assets renewed or directly replaced</i>		
Proceeds from disposal	54,945	43,570
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold	<u>509,034</u>	<u>1,590,493</u>
Gain (Loss) on disposal	<u>(454,089)</u>	<u>(1,546,923)</u>
<i>Assets surplus to requirements</i>		
Proceeds from disposal	-	78,697
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold	<u>-</u>	<u>50,933</u>
Gain (Loss) on disposal	<u>-</u>	<u>27,764</u>
NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION OF ASSETS	<u>(454,089)</u>	<u>(1,519,159)</u>

Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS		
Cash on Hand and at Bank	170,975	229,467
Deposits at Call	<u>1,630,382</u>	<u>1,795,341</u>
	<u>1,801,357</u>	<u>2,024,808</u>
TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Rates - General & Other	129,929	146,196
Rates postponed for State Seniors	-	-
Accrued Revenues	5,424	4,221
Debtors - general	155,533	41,176
Debtors Tax	<u>1,136</u>	<u>2,873</u>
	<u>292,022</u>	<u>197,841</u>
INVENTORIES		
Stores & Materials	<u>1,301</u>	<u>4,617</u>
	<u>1,301</u>	<u>4,617</u>

Note 6 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
<i>Receivables</i>		
Council Rates Postponement Scheme	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	Fair Value Level	2017				2018			
		AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEPN	CARRYING AMOUNT
Land	2	10,340,707	-	-	10,340,707	10,340,707	-	-	10,340,707
Buildings & Other Structures	2	4,903,247	122,542	(3,169,293)	1,856,496	4,903,247	(3,258,669)	1,892,488	
Road Infrastructure	3	21,385,261	1,049,379	(7,558,299)	14,876,341	21,385,478	(7,643,404)	16,052,008	
Plant & Equipment		-	2,013,665	(1,257,984)	755,681	-	(1,265,629)	739,159	
Furniture & Fittings		-	397,122	(261,174)	135,948	-	(307,694)	89,428	
Other Infrastructure		-	4,277,454	(892,805)	3,384,649	-	(1,020,353)	3,665,326	
CWMS	3	1,232,615	-	(518,959)	713,656	1,232,615	(531,233)	701,382	
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		37,861,830	7,860,162	(13,658,514)	32,063,478	37,862,047	(14,026,982)	33,480,498	
Comparatives		49,933,055	6,029,175	(16,474,138)	39,488,092	37,861,830	(13,658,514)	32,063,478	

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Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR										2018
	\$										\$
	2017	Additions		Disposals	Depreciation	Impairment	Transfers		Net Revaluation	CARRYING AMOUNT	2018
\$	New/Upgrade	Renewals	In				Out	CARRYING AMOUNT			
Land	10,340,707	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,340,707	
Buildings & Other Structures	1,856,496	18,587	106,781	(89,376)	-	-	-	-	-	1,892,488	
Road Infrastructure	14,876,341	-	2,309,934	(666,335)	-	-	-	-	-	16,052,008	
Plant & Equipment	755,681	81,163	109,267	(165,850)	-	-	-	-	-	739,159	
Furniture & Fittings	135,948	-	-	(46,520)	-	-	-	-	-	89,428	
Other Infrastructure	3,384,649	44,634	363,592	(127,548)	-	-	-	-	-	3,665,326	
CWMS	713,656	-	-	(12,274)	-	-	-	-	-	701,382	
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	32,063,478	144,384	2,889,574	(1,107,903)	-	(509,034)	-	-	-	33,480,498	
<i>Comparatives</i>	<i>39,488,092</i>	<i>794,922</i>	<i>1,247,449</i>	<i>(1,112,602)</i>		<i>(1,641,427)</i>			<i>(6,712,958)</i>	<i>32,063,478</i>	

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Note 7 – INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT (continued)

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.

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:

Buildings & Other Structures	
Buildings – masonry	50 to 100 years
Buildings – other construction	20 to 40 years

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Park Structures – masonry	50 to 100 years
Park Structures – other construction	20 to 40 years
Playground equipment	5 to 15 years
Benches, seats, etc.	10 to 20 years
Infrastructure	
Sealed Roads – surface	15 to 25 years
Sealed Roads – structure	20 to 50 years
Unsealed Roads	10 to 20 years
Paving & Footpaths, Kerb & Gutters	80 to 100 years
Drains	80 to 100 years
Culverts	50 to 75 years
Flood Control Structures	80 to 100 years
Dams & 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
Plant & Equipment	
Vehicles & 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

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.

Freehold land and land over which Council has control, but does not have title, is recognised on the cost basis. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

Land was revalued as at 1 July 2015 by an independent valuer, Liquid Pacific.

Buildings & Other Structures

Buildings and other structures were revalued as at 1 July 2015 by an independent valuer, Liquid Pacific.

Road Infrastructure

Transportation assets were valued by Council at fair value based on a revaluation of Council's sealed, unsealed, pavement, footpath and kerb assets at 1 July 2016 by an independent valuer, Tonkin Consulting. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

The most recent condition assessment was undertaken in 2015 and applied to the financial statements on 1 July 2016.

Plant & Equipment

These assets are recognised on the cost basis.

Furniture & Fittings

These assets are recognised on the cost basis.

Other Infrastructure

Stormwater drainage infrastructure was valued by an independent consultant, Christopher Brideson from Water & Waste Innovations at 30 June 2018. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Community Wastewater Management Systems (CWMS)

CWMS assets were componentised during 2015-16 with current day values applied to these components as well as estimates of remaining useful life being made. This data collection and revaluation exercise was undertaken by Rick Gayler from Gayler Professional Services on 1 July 2016.

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Note 8 - LIABILITIES

	2018		2017	
	\$		\$	
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Goods & Services	294,872	-	108,607	-
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements	8,462	-	-	-
Accrued expenses - other	18,670	-	17,850	-
Other	1,131	-	-	-
	<u>323,135</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126,457</u>	<u>-</u>
PROVISIONS				
Employee entitlements (including oncosts)	116,481	36,492	96,375	20,632
	<u>116,481</u>	<u>36,492</u>	<u>96,375</u>	<u>20,632</u>

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Note 9 - RESERVES

ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	1/07/2017	Net Increments (Decrements)	Transfers, Impairments	30/06/2018
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land	9,523,308	-	-	9,523,308
Buildings & Other Structures	2,388,350	-	-	2,388,350
Road Infrastructure	12,601,732	-	-	12,601,732
Other Infrastructure	72,611	-	-	72,611
CWMS	738,204	-	-	738,204
TOTAL	25,324,205	-	-	25,324,205
<i>Comparatives</i>	<i>32,037,163</i>	<i>(6,712,958)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>25,324,205</i>

OTHER RESERVES	1/07/2017	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/06/2018
Waste Management Reserve	232,952	3,318	-	236,270
CWMS Reserve	205,349	7,943	-	213,292
Port Kenny Water Supply Reserve	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER RESERVES	438,301	11,261	-	449,562
<i>Comparatives</i>	<i>413,726</i>	<i>24,575</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>438,301</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 Waste 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.

	2018	2017
CASH & FINANCIAL ASSETS	\$	\$
Waste Management	232,952	222,540
CWMS	205,349	191,186
TOTAL ASSETS SUBJECT TO EXTERNALLY IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS	<u>438,301</u>	<u>413,726</u>

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:

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Total cash & equivalent assets	1,801,357	2,024,808
Balances per Cash Flow Statement	<u>1,801,357</u>	<u>2,024,808</u>

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

Net Surplus (Deficit)	1,051,790	(43,928)
Non-cash items in Income Statement		
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	1,107,903	1,112,602
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits	44,428	(25,395)
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity	-	(382,044)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals	454,089	1,519,159
	<u>2,658,210</u>	<u>2,180,394</u>
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets		
Net (increase) decrease in receivables	(97,556)	231,860
Net (increase) decrease in inventories	3,316	68,650
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables	188,216	(1,246,623)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations	<u>2,752,186</u>	<u>1,234,281</u>

(d) Financing Arrangements

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

Corporate Credit Cards	10,000	10,000
LGFA Cash Advance Debenture facility	500,000	-

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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 2018	ACTUAL 2017	ACTUAL 2018	ACTUAL 2017	ACTUAL 2018	ACTUAL 2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
Business Undertakings	130,027	119,205	26,709	26,230	103,318	92,974	-	-	-	296,070	285,380	
Community Services	6,567	6,020	127,556	125,267	(120,989)	(119,247)	573,106	1,606	-	335,321	323,214	
Culture	2,102	1,927	29,034	28,513	(26,932)	(26,586)	1,909	-	-	-	-	
Economic Development	-	-	53,903	52,936	(53,903)	(52,936)	-	-	-	16,003	15,425	
Environment	441,290	404,562	468,652	460,244	(27,362)	(55,682)	66,500	-	-	22,889	22,063	
Recreation	50,657	46,441	118,169	116,049	(67,512)	(69,609)	-	18,500	-	424,433	409,109	
Regulatory Services	20,231	18,547	40,652	39,923	(20,422)	(21,377)	-	-	-	-	-	
Transport & Communication	2,022,430	1,854,105	1,419,252	1,393,788	603,178	460,317	1,983,355	1,739,903	-	19,158,201	18,466,498	
Unclassified Activities	634,175	581,393	454,186	446,037	179,989	135,356	-	9,667	-	468,697	451,775	
Council Administration	2,599,856	2,383,472	1,663,341	1,633,496	936,514	749,976	709,170	1,094,431	-	14,853,564	14,317,280	
TOTALS	5,907,334	5,415,672	4,401,455	4,322,485	1,505,879	1,093,187	3,334,040	2,864,107	35,575,178	34,290,744		

Revenues and expenses exclude net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets, net gain (loss) from joint ventures & associated entities, amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets and physical resources received free of charge.

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Note 12 - COMPONENTS OF FUNCTIONS (continued)

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

Business Undertakings

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

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/Crematoria, Car Parking – non-fee-paying, 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, Streetscaping, Natural Resource Management 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 & Communication

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, and Separate and Special Rates.

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Note 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

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

Accounting Policies - Recognised Financial Instruments

Bank & Deposits at Call	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rates at 1.5% (2017: 1.5%).</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.</p>
<p>Receivables - Rates & Associated Charges (including legals & penalties for late payment) Note: These receivables do not meet the definition of "financial instruments" and have been excluded from the following disclosures.</p>	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 2% (2017: 2%) Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the State.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
Receivables - Fees & other charges	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).</p>
Receivables - other levels of government	<p>Accounting Policy: Carried at nominal value.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>
Liabilities - Creditors & Accruals	<p>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.</p> <p>Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.</p> <p>Carrying amount: approximates fair value.</p>

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Note 13 (cont) - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Liquidity Analysis

2018	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
Financial Assets					
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 1,801,357	\$	\$	\$ 1,801,357	\$ 1,801,357
Receivables	162,093			162,093	162,093
Total	1,963,450	-	-	1,963,450	1,963,450
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	294,872			294,872	294,872
Total	294,872	-	-	294,872	294,872
2017	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
Financial Assets					
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 2,024,808	\$	\$	\$ 2,024,808	\$ 2,024,808
Receivables	51,645			51,645	51,645
Total	2,076,453	-	-	2,076,453	2,076,453
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	108,607			108,607	108,607
Total	108,607	-	-	108,607	108,607

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Note 14 - COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Other Expenditure Commitments		
Other non-capital expenditure commitments in relation to investment properties:		
Audit services	35,700	53,550
Remuneration contracts	809,645	904,055
	845,345	957,605

Note 15 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

2018 2017 2016

These Financial Indicators have been calculated in accordance with *Information Paper 9 - Local Government Financial Indicators* prepared as part of the LGA Financial Sustainability Program for the Local Government Association of South Australia. Detailed methods of calculation are set out in the SA Model Statements.

The Information Paper was revised in May 2015 and the financial indicators for previous years have been re-calculated in accordance with the revised formulas.

Operating Surplus Ratio

<u>Operating Surplus</u>	26%	20%	3%
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>	(27%)	(37%)	(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. These **Adjusted Ratios** correct for the resulting distortion in key ratios for each year and provide a more accurate basis for comparison.

<i>Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio</i>	26%	7%	18%
<i>Adjusted Net Financial Liabilities Ratio</i>	(27%)	(42%)	(27%)

Asset Renewal Funding Ratio

<u>Net Asset Renewals</u>	130%	66%	133%
Infrastructure & Asset Management Plan required expenditure			

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

	2018		2017
	\$		\$
Income	5,907,334		5,415,672
Expenses	<u>(4,401,455)</u>		<u>(4,322,485)</u>
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	1,505,879		1,093,187
Net Outlays on Existing Assets			
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	(2,889,573)		(1,247,450)
Add back Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	1,107,903		1,112,602
Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	<u>54,945</u>		<u>43,570</u>
	(1,726,725)		(91,278)
Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets			
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets <i>(including investment property & real estate developments)</i>	(144,384)		(794,922)
Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	-		382,044
Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets <i>(including investment property and real estate developments)</i>	-		78,697
	<u>(144,384)</u>		<u>(334,181)</u>
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	<u>(365,230)</u>		<u>667,728</u>

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Note 17 - OPERATING LEASES

Lease payment commitments of Council

Council has entered into non-cancellable operating leases for various items of computer equipment.

No lease imposes any additional restrictions on Council in relation to additional debt or further leasing.

Leases in relation to computer and office equipment permit Council, at expiry of the lease, to elect to re-lease, return or acquire the equipment leased.

No lease contains any escalation clause.

Commitments under non-cancellable operating leases that have not been recognised in the financial statements are as follows:

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Not later than one year	18,050	17,611
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	-	7,338
	<u>18,050</u>	<u>24,949</u>

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Note 18 – SUPERANNUATION

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to Statewide Super (formerly Local Government Superannuation Scheme). There are two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. Permanent and contract employees of the South Australian Local Government sector with Salarylink benefits prior to 24 November 2009 have the option to contribute to the Accumulation section and/or Salarylink. All other employees (including casuals) have all contributions allocated to the Accumulation section.

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 2017/18; 9.50% in 2016/17). 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.

Salarylink (Defined Benefit Fund) Members

Salarylink is a defined benefit scheme where the benefit payable is based on a formula determined by the member's contribution rate, number of years and level of contribution and final average salary. Council makes employer contributions to Salarylink as determined by the Fund's Trustee based on advice from the appointed Actuary. The rate is currently 6.3% (6.3% in 2016/17) of "superannuation" salary.

In addition, Council makes a separate contribution of 3% of ordinary time earnings for Salarylink members to their Accumulation account. Employees also make member contributions to the Salarylink section of the Fund. As such, assets accumulate in the Salarylink section of the Fund to meet the member's benefits, as defined in the Trust Deed, as they accrue.

The Salarylink section is a multi-employer sponsored plan. As the Salarylink section's assets and liabilities are pooled and are not allocated by each employer, and employees may transfer to another employer within the local government sector and retain membership of the Fund, the Actuary is unable to allocate benefit liabilities, assets and costs between employers. As provided by AASB 119.32(b), Council does not use defined benefit accounting for these contributions.

The most recent actuarial investigation was conducted by the Fund's actuary, Louise Campbell, FIAA, of Willie Towers Watson as at 30 June 2017. The Trustee has determined that the current funding arrangements are adequate for the expected Salarylink liabilities. However, future financial and economic circumstances may require changes to Council's contribution rates at some future time.

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.

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Note 19 - CONTINGENCIES & ASSETS & LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED IN THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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

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 reporting date, Council controlled 2,485 km of road reserves of average width 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.

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Note 20 - RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The Key Management Personnel of the Council include the Chairman, Councillors, CEO and certain prescribed officers under section 112 of the *Local Government Act 1999*. In all, 12 persons were paid the following total compensation:

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Salaries, allowances & other short term benefits	534,321	528,550
Long term benefits	11,986	7,705
TOTAL	546,307	536,255

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 \$1,030 during the year.

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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 2018, the Council's Auditor, Dean Newbery & Partners, 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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Phil Cameron
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



.....
Phil Channon
PRESIDING MEMBER
AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: 16 October 2018

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 2018, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Section 290, 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*.



SAMANTHA CRETEN

Partner

DEAN NEWBERY & PARTNERS

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Dated this 23rd day of October 2018

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of the District Council of Elliston

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a general purpose financial report, of the District Council of Elliston (the Council), which comprises the Certification of Financial Statements on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance, the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statements of Changes in Equity, the Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended 30 June 2018 and the notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Council is in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 2011*, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Council's financial position as at 30 June 2018 and of its performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
- (ii) that the financial records kept by the Council are such as to enable financial statements to be prepared in accordance with 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* (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.

Responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer for the Financial Report

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations), the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*. This responsibility includes determining that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the need of the members. The Chief Executive Officer's responsibility also includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant 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, the Chief Executive Officer 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 management either intends to liquidate the Council or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Council is 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 management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management'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 & PARTNERS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**



**SAMANTHA CRETEN
PARTNER**

Signed on the 23rd day of October 2018,
at 214 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide

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

We have audited the Internal Controls of the District Council of Elliston (Council) under the requirements of *Section 129(1)(b) 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 2017 to 30 June 2018 have been conducted properly and in accordance with law.

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.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Council's compliance with *Section 129(1)(b) 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. Our engagement has been conducted in accordance with applicable Australian Standards on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3100 *Compliance Engagements*, issued by the Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, in order to state whether, in all material respects, the Council has complied with *Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the Internal Controls specified above for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018. ASAE 3100 also requires us to comply with the relevant ethical requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

Our procedures included obtaining an understanding of controls in relation to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property and the incurring of liabilities, evaluating management's assessment of these controls, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design of controls on a sample basis based on the assessed risks.

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 internal 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.

Independence

In conducting our engagement, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

Opinion

In our opinion, the Council has complied, in all material respects, with *Section 129(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1999* in relation to 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 2017 to 30 June 2018.

**DEAN NEWBERY & PARTNERS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Creten', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**SAMANTHA CRETEN
PARTNER**

Signed on the 23rd day of October 2018
at 214 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide, South Australia, 5006



EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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*Cover photo:
Sensational Streaky Bay*



THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This annual report details the last 12 months activity undertaken by the EPLGA, its financial accounts, and operative regional collaborative partnerships.

There has been much change within Local Government during this period, especially with a change of government at the State level challenging Councils to look at potential reform and development.

The ongoing challenge for the EPLGA Board in this changing environment is to continue and improve its:

- *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; and*
- *member services – the EPLGA to continuing to provide member support services as they are needed.*

The EPLGA is also a very important conduit between its member Councils and the Local Government Association of South Australia.

The vision and goal of the EPLGA continues to be to '**enable Eyre Peninsula councils to excel, innovate, and thrive**', and it has never been more important to the region than now. The region has many emerging opportunities to enhance its governance through cooperation, collaboration and strong leadership. The way that Councils can truly excel, innovate and thrive is by working together to achieve the best outcomes for their communities.

The next 12 months is going to see many developing opportunities as well as the need for change, requiring strong leadership throughout that time. Our region and the EPLGA looks forward to working closely and collaboratively with the new State Government. There are many areas which will need strong collaboration, such as environment, water, planning, transport and infrastructure, agriculture, and tourism policies. In addition to this there are great opportunities for reform in Local Government with a strong relationship between the State and councils.

As President of the EPLGA I look forward to leading my fellow EPLGA Board members in recognising the opportunities to be innovative and forward-thinking as a region. It will require the EPLGA Board and member Councils to have strong and accountable leadership, driving the opportunities for change, while balancing the strengths which we already have as organisations and a region. 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.

I commend the annual report to you.

MAYOR SAM TELFER



THE REGION - Snapshot

Regional Population and Local Government

The region has 11 Local Government Authorities (LGAs). The LGAs are: the City of Whyalla and City of Port Lincoln; and the District Councils of Ceduna, Cleve, Elliston, Franklin Harbour, Kimba, Lower Eyre Peninsula, Streaky Bay, Tumby Bay, and Wudinna.

The regional Local Government area population of 54,288 (ABS 2006 Census), 55,654 (ABS 2011 Census) and 55,919 (ABS 2016 Census) comprises about 3.5% of the South Australian population. These people reside in the eleven Council districts, which collectively occupy 43,779km² or about 19% of the regional land mass. Most of the population (about 64%) live in the regional cities of Whyalla and Port Lincoln.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	LAND AREA		POPULATION		
	Km ²	% of Region	ABS Census 2006	ABS Census 2011	ABS Census 2016
Whyalla	1,032.5	0.44	21,417	22,089	21,828
Port Lincoln	30.4	0.01	13,604	14,086	14,064
Ceduna	5,427.1	2.33	3,574	3,480	3,408
Cleve	4,506.7	1.94	1,899	1,790	1,771
Elliston	6,500.0	2.79	1,132	1,048	1,045
Franklin Harbour	3,283.0	1.41	1,273	1,213	1,298
Kimba	3,986.2	1.71	1,114	1,089	1,061
Lower Eyre Peninsula	4,771.0	2.05	4,404	4,916	5,510
Streaky Bay	6,232.0	2.68	2,021	2,102	2,074
Tumby Bay	2,615.9	1.12	2,538	2,588	2,610
Wudinna	5,393.8	2.32	1,253	1,253	1,250
Collective Local Government (11 LGA's)	43,778.6	18.8	54,288	55,654	55,919

Table 1: (ABS 2016 Census Local Government Areas data)

In 2016, the region had 2,860 Aboriginal people comprising 5.1% of the regional LGA population. This was notably above the proportions in South Australia (2.3%). 87% of the region's Aboriginal people (2,497) live in the LGAs of Whyalla, Port Lincoln and Ceduna. The greatest concentration is in Ceduna, where Aboriginal people comprise 21.8% of the Council population.

The regional population grew by 3% from 2006, but this was not consistent across the region as a whole. The District Councils of Ceduna, Cleve, Elliston, Kimba and Wudinna experienced population decline. Population growth was also experienced in the coastal Councils of Franklin Harbour, Streaky Bay, Tumby Bay, Lower Eyre Peninsula, Whyalla and Port Lincoln.

The demographic change is caused by several factors, with the desire for a sea change lifestyle being a key reason. Streaky Bay and Tumby Bay are very desirable coastal locations and new estate developments have been established to cater for growing housing demand, notably by retirees from the agricultural sector.



The higher population growth in the District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula stems from several locational and lifestyle advantages, including proximity to numerous coastal townships, Port Lincoln and Port Lincoln Airport.

Population Ageing

The regional population is ageing. People aged 65 years and over comprised 18.2% of the regional population, which is above the 15.7% rate for Australia, but below the rate of 18.3% for South Australia.

PEOPLE 65 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER	Region	%	South Australia	%	Australia	%
2006 ABS Census		14.3		15.4		13.3
2006 Median Age		38		39		37
2011 ABS Census		15.5		16.2		14.0
2011 Median Age		39		39		37
2016 ABS Census		18.2		18.3		15.7
2016 Median Age		42		40		38

Table 2: (ABS Census 2006, 2011 and 2016).

The population 65 years and over grew by 3.9% from 2006, exceeding the growth rate of 2.9% for South Australia and 2.4% for Australia.

The District Council of Tumby Bay has the oldest population profile with a mean age of 50 whilst Kimba has the youngest population (0 -14 years) – 23.2% of the population.

Projections indicate that South Australia’s population aged 65 and over will increase to 22.6% in 2020 and to 25.7% by 2030. It is also known that approximately 30% of young people leave the region each year for employment and study in metropolitan Adelaide. The combination of a growing aged sector and diminishing numbers of young people is not sustainable, and has serious implications for future workforce provision.

Pending Baby Boomer retirements will diminish the labour force of skilled and experienced labour and create employment openings for young people.

Regional Economic Snapshot

The key industries include manufacturing, agriculture, fishing, and aquaculture; however tourism and mining are fast emerging industries with substantial potential for future growth. Industrial diversity is one of the region’s greatest attributes, and underpins its comparative advantage and business competitiveness. Diversity is important for economic growth and sustainability, because it provides resilience through not being reliant on a single industry or product for prosperity.

However, industrial diversity is not evenly spread across the region. Manufacturing and steel processing is focused in Whyalla. Agriculture is the key industry in lower Eyre Peninsula, Tumby Bay, Cleve, Elliston, Kimba, Streaky Bay, Franklin Harbour and Wudinna. Nearly all (96%) of the region’s aquaculture jobs are provided in Port Lincoln, Lower Eyre Peninsula, Cleve, Ceduna and Franklin Harbour. Most of the region’s fishing jobs (76%) are based in Port Lincoln. Tourism activity is predominantly focussed in coastal areas. The region’s industries and economy have also changed since 2001. Agriculture has been the primary economic driver in many Council districts. However, larger farming properties, smarter management practices, and new technologies have reduced employment opportunities in agri-businesses, which saw agricultural employment decline between 2001 and 2016.

In the same period, employment in the health care and social assistance industry has grown largely due to the ageing of the regional population and increased demand for aged care services.



These following industries produced almost three-quarters of the region's total exports.

- **mining:** iron and non-ferrous ore, and exploration and mining support services,
- **agriculture:** grains and sheep, and
- **manufacturing:** iron and steel production and processed seafood products.

Regional Economic Summary

The Eyre Peninsula is a highly productive region, generating exports worth over \$4 billion per annum and GRP of approximately \$4.2 billion. With regional GRP of approximately \$4.2 billion, the Eyre Peninsula provided over 4% of the State economy.

On a per capita basis, as the Eyre Peninsula population is approximately 3.5% of the State population, the region is exceeding its fair contribution to the State economy. However a per capita analysis undersells the importance of the region to the State economy, which needs to be put into context.

- **Agriculture Industry:** The region is renowned for its high quality grains and, on average, produces 40% of the State's wheat crop, approximately 25% of the barley crop and 22% of canola. Approximately 97% of the region's grain crop is exported.
- **Fishing and Aquaculture:** The region is reputed internationally for its premium seafood. On average, the region produces 100% of South Australia's Southern Bluefin Tuna (with approximately 99% of tuna exported to Japan); along with 100% of the State's farmed marine finfish; 97% of oysters, 92% of mussels, and about 62% of the State's abalone production. In total, an estimated 82% of South Australia's seafood product is exported from the Eyre Peninsula. (Regions SA, *Regions in Focus: Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula*, July 2015).

Other State Government economic priorities are to *unlock the full potential of South Australia's resources*, and to enhance State prosperity by *promoting international connections and engagement* to increase exports. The region produces in the vicinity of 45% of GSP for iron and steel manufacturing, which highlights the importance of Whyalla to the State economy.

The region might only contribute approximately 4% of GSP, however the growth and sustainability of the Eyre Peninsula is vital to the achievement of key State Government economic priorities. As an overview, the regional economy is extremely diverse due to the broad range of industries generating exports and GRP. This is a great strength, which underpins the region's comparative advantages and economic resilience.

MEMBER COUNCILS 2017/2018

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



THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES/ APPOINTMENTS

EPLGA Board Executive:

President	Mayor Sam Telfer	DC Tumby Bay
Immediate Past President	Mayor Bruce Green	City of Port Lincoln
Deputy President	Mayor Dean Johnson	DC Kimba
Chief Executive Officer	Mrs Deb Larwood	DC Kimba

The President (LGA Board and SAROC) and Deputy President (Proxy LGA Board and Proxy SAROC) were our nominated representatives to the LGA Board, SA Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC) and other forums. The Executive Officer was also a SAROC voting delegate.

Regional Governance Panel for Review of Decisions (Pursuant to the Ombudsman's Right to Review report):

Position	Name	Council
Manager Corporate Services	George Karzis	DC Elliston
Mayor	Dean Johnson	DC Kimba
Councillor	Newton Luscombe	Wudinna DC
Chief Executive Officer	Trevor Smith	DC Tumby Bay
Chief Executive Officer	Chris Cowley	City of Whyalla
Councillor	David Knox	City of Whyalla
Chief Executive Officer	Peter Arnold	DC Cleve
Councillor	Chris Tarrant	DC Cleve

The Ombudsman's Right to Review Report - Recommendation 5 requires Councils to respond, through the auspices of regional Local Government to establish a regional panel of independent reviewers to assist member Councils in reviewing decisions when required.

There was 1 review of decision investigation commenced/ conducted by the Regional Governance Panel in the 2017/18 year.

Chief Executive Officers Committee:

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

Engineering & Works Committee:

The committee is comprised of all Engineers, Operations or Works Managers from member Councils or nominee in their absence.

EP Mineral & Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce (EPLGA Taskforce):

- Chair – Rob Kerin.
- State Government representatives from Deputy Premier/Treasurer or nominee; Minister for Regional Development or nominee; Member for Giles; Member for Flinders; senior officers from the Department of State Development (non-voting) and the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (non-voting).
- SACOME – Chief Executive Officer.
- LGA of SA – CEO, Matt Pinnegar or nominee.
- EPLGA – President Mayor Green and Executive Officer, Tony Irvine (non-voting).
- Local Councils – a Mayor and CEO from a Council directly affected by mineral and energy resources or exploration – Mayor Eleanor Scholz (Wudinna); CEO Trevor Smith (Tumby Bay).
- EPNRM – Presiding Member and Regional Manager (non-voting).
- RDAWEP – Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer (non-voting).
- Coordinator Geoff Dodd (non-voting).
- Other members as required for specific purposes (non-voting).



Eyre Peninsula Power Supply Reference Group:

The entire EPLGA Board members

EPLGA Health Working Party

The EPLGA Board at its 1 December 2017 meeting established a Health Working Party to develop strategies for the recruitment of health professionals for long term careers in the region.

Membership of the Working Party will comprise the President and representatives (Elected Members) from member Councils. Member Councils may seek to be members of the Working Party at any time by applying to the EPLGA Board for inclusion. They may also withdraw as they wish but advise the EPLGA Board of such. Members of the Health Working Party will nominate a proxy to attend a meeting if the member is unable to participate. The EPLGA Executive Officer will be a non-voting member.

The Working Party may invite other relevant parties/State agencies/regional organisations to the meetings as required, but are non-voting, e.g. Minister or nominee, SA Country Health, relevant unions, relevant associations, regional businesses, regional health professionals, local MP's, etc.)

Joint Planning Board Staff Group

The EPLGA Board nominated the following persons to the JPB Staff Group:

Chief Executive Officers (1 to Chair):

1. Geoffrey Moffatt (DC Ceduna)
2. Deb Larwood (Chair - DC Kimba)
3. Trevor Smith (DC Tumby Bay)

Plus current participating Council planning staff and or local contractors working with them in this function:

1. Jen Brewis (DC Streaky Bay)
2. Laurie Collins (DC Kimba, Cleve and Franklin Harbour)
3. Leith Blacker (DC Lower Eyre Peninsula)

The group met to discuss the new Development, Planning and Infrastructure legislation in relation to joint planning boards and also provided input into the development of the business case to allow individual Councils to make a decision of whether they wish to be a party to a regional joint planning board or not.

Other Groups

The Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board also has the following groups, which did not meet in 20217/18:-

- Coastal Councils Group
- CWMS Users Group
- Internal Controls Group
- Procurement Group
- Roads Working Group
- Waste Group
- Public Health Plans Group

Other Regional Organisations:

Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula Inc:

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| Deputy Mayor Bryan Trigg , Chair/Executive | - DC Cleve |
| Cr Colin Carter | - City of Whyalla |
| Mayor Allan Suter, Executive Member | - DC Ceduna |
| Cr Clare McLaughlin | - City of Whyalla |

Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board:

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| Mr Geoffrey Moffatt | - CEO, DC Ceduna |
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Zone Emergency Management Committee:

Mayor Julie Low (Presiding Member)	- DC Lower Eyre Peninsula
Tony Irvine, Executive Officer	- EPLGA
Rod Pearson, Chief Executive Officer	- DC Lower Eyre Peninsula
Grant Drummond, General Manager Operations	- DC Ceduna
Ivan Noble, Works Manager	- DC Cleve

Membership as from 1 December 2017:

Deputy Mayor Bryan Trigg (Presiding Member)	- DC Cleve
Mr Andrew Buckham	- Wudinna DC
Mr Arthur Johnstone	- DC Elliston
Mr Phil Cameron	- DC Elliston
Cr. Newton Luscombe	- DC Wudinna
Vacant	- City of Port Lincoln
Tony Irvine	- EPLGA

Eyre Peninsula Integrated Climate Change Adaptation Committee (now in recess):

Mayor Sam Telfer	- DC Tumby Bay
Tony Irvine, Executive Officer	- EPLGA

Eyre Peninsula Integrated Climate Change Sector Agreement Steering Committee:

Tony Irvine, Executive Officer	- EPLGA
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South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC) Executive Officers Committee:

Tony Irvine, Executive Officer	- EPLGA
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Eyre Peninsula Water Taskforce:

All member Councils – Mayors and CEO’s	
Tony Irvine	- EPLGA

Eyre Peninsula Demand and Supply Statement Reference Group

Tony Irvine, Executive Officer	- EPLGA
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EPLGA Board Members 2017/18

Under the terms of the EPLGA Charter, the following Board appointments were current as at 30 June 2018.

MEMBER COUNCIL	BOARD MEMBER	DEPUTY BOARD MEMBER
Ceduna	Allan Suter (Mayor)	Lynton Brown (D/Mayor)
Cleve	Roger Nield (Mayor)	Bryan Trigg (D/Mayor)
Elliston	Kym Callaghan (Chair)	Dave Allchurch (D/Chair)
Franklin Harbour	Robert Starr (Mayor)	Michael Williams (D/Mayor)
Kimba	Dean Johnson (Mayor)	Graeme Baldock (D/Mayor)
Lower Eyre Peninsula	Julie Low (Mayor)	Don Millard (D/Mayor)
Port Lincoln	Bruce Green (Mayor)	Neville Starke (D/Mayor)
Streaky Bay	Travis Barber (Mayor)	Philip Wheaton (D/Mayor)
Tumby Bay	Sam Telfer (Mayor)	Geoff Stewart (D/Mayor)
Whyalla	Lyn Breuer (Mayor)	Clare McLaughlin (Councillor)
Wudinna	Eleanor Scholz (Mayor)	Ned Luscombe (D/Mayor)



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.

Meetings Held in 2017/18

Friday, 1 September 2017	Tumby Bay	
Friday, 1 December 2017	Wudinna	
26 - 28 February 2018	Port Lincoln	Conference
Friday, 29 June 2018	Whyalla	

Future Meeting Dates and Locations

Wednesday, 27 September 2018	Wudinna	
Thursday, 7 December 2018	Wudinna	
February/March 2019 (TBD by host)	Kimba	Conference
Friday, 28 June 2019	Wudinna	
Friday, 6 September 2019	Ceduna	
Friday, 6 December 2019	Wudinna	
February/March 2020 (TBD by host)	Wudinna	Conference
Friday, 26 June 2020	Wudinna	
Friday, 4 September 2020	Lower EP	
Friday, 4 December 2020	Wudinna	
February/March 2021 (TBD by host)	Cowell	Conference
Friday, 25 June 2021	Wudinna	
Friday, 10 September 2021	Port Lincoln	
Friday, 10 December 2021	Wudinna	
February/March 2022 (TBD by host)	Cleve	Conference
Friday, 24 June 2022	Wudinna	
Friday, 2 September 2022	Kimba	
Friday, 2 December 2022	Wudinna	
February/March 2023 (TBD by host)	Streaky Bay	Conference
Friday, 30 June 2023	Wudinna	
Friday, 1 September 2023	Cowell	
Thursday, 1 December 2022	Wudinna	
February/March 2024 (TBD by host)	Elliston	Conference
Friday, 28 June 2024	Wudinna	
Friday, 6 September 2024	Cleve	
Friday, 6 December 2024	Wudinna	
February/March 2025 (TBD by host)	Tumby Bay	Conference
Friday, 27 June 2025	Wudinna	
Friday, 5 September 2025	Elliston	
Friday, 5 December 2025	Wudinna	
February/March 2026 (TBD by host)	Whyalla	Conference
Friday, 26 June 2026	Wudinna	



REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2017/18

EPLGA core activities always include reacting to legislation and policy changes that may have a negative impact on our region. This year ongoing concerns and/or participation have been with the following matters:

- › Natural Resources Management – joint partnership planning, delivery of services.
- › Regional Recognition/Lobbying – ongoing on various matters as they arise.
- › Mining and Impacts – continuation of the taskforce.
- › Emergency Management – regional planning and Council planning, followed by implementation.
- › Development, Planning and Infrastructure Act Reform.
- › Coastal Access issues, development of a Coastal Alliance – state-wide.
- › Various roads and waste issues – regional road strategy review.
- › Regional Strategy for LGA – decentralisation and election lobbying.
- › Regional Capacity Funding – General funding and Rubble Royalties.
- › Marine Infrastructure Planning – DPTI, jetty leases, etc.
- › SAROC – meetings and regional Executive Officers’ meetings.
- › LGA Governance/Organisational Review – Councils of the Future.
- › Mobile phone hotspots – Elliston and other developments.
- › Water planning – state of the resource, etc.
- › Energy planning – resulting from blackouts – renewables, transmission upgrade consultation, hydrogen trial plant, etc.
- › Regional planning – JPB, RDAWEP, 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.
- › Outreach Services:
 - Regional Procurement;
 - CEO’s Committee;
 - Engineering & Works Committee;
 - Regional training and seminars delivery;
 - Shared Services – DPTI pilot; and
 - Long term financial planning;
- › Roadside Native Vegetation – regional planning and management issues.
- › Regional Climate Change Adaptation Plan finalisation of the Eyre Peninsula Integrated Climate Change Agreement [EPICCA].
- › Tourism – RDAWEP - restructure to sub-regional groups, Food and Tourism Prospectus, RV, Coastal Access and Caravan Strategy.
- › Aged Care at the local Council level – Council’s role.
- › NHVR impacts on farm machinery movements.
- › Transport Plan and SLRP prioritisation and funding applications.
- › Oil and gas exploration in the Great Australian Bight.
- › Joint submissions with RDAWEP on various issues.



PROGRAMS AND TASKFORCE REPORTS – CURRENT STATUS

OUTREACH SERVICES PROGRAM (LGA)

The LGA has reviewed the program and whilst in 2018/19 the funding has been halved, it will cease as from 2019/20 due to changes to the LGA governance arrangements.

EP INTEGRATED CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION (EPICCA)

The future of EPICCA was discussed in November 2017, at the Steering Group meeting and again in March 2018 at the Working Group meeting. The key partner organisations all chose not to enter in to another sector agreement and therefore the EPICCA Committee went into recess. This was mainly due to Climate Change considerations being now fully integrated into normal operations of each of the partner organisations. The level of awareness within industry sectors is substantially raised from work undertaken over the past 8 years and other pressures. In conclusion it was recognised that the 'need' for EPICCA was no longer there.

Regional collaboration on projects, such as the LiDAR project will continue, and if anything, EPICCA is just placing an additional layer of work on the partner organisations that are already operating with limited resources.

EP MINERAL & ENERGY RESOURCES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TASKFORCE

As required under the terms of reference for the taskforce as adopted by the EPLGA, the following report is presented to the EPLGA on the activities of the EP Minerals & Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce (taskforce) over the past 12 months.

The taskforce conducted 2 meetings during the financial year, which enabled the membership to hear presentations on current mining, industrial and energy issues from various industry and community groups and provided the opportunity to ask questions and participate in active discussion with presenters and government representatives on the various issues.

The 9th meeting held on August 29th with 25 members, associates and guests attending received deputations and presentations from the following speakers.

Jeanine Carruthers, Stakeholder Engagement Manager, Resources Engineering Skills Alliance who spoke on the Resources Ready Online Program, where a structured series of workshops and mentoring is provided to businesses.

Phase 1 workshops being streamed to 2 nodes:

- Upper Spencer Gulf and Gladstone and Central Queensland.

Program outcomes for businesses include:

- Develop and refine their resources strategy.
- Strengthened resources industry knowledge.
- Creating industry networks.
- Accessing mentoring, coaching and consultancy resources.

Phase 2 of the program will encompass a greater area such as Port Hedland, Darwin, Northern Queensland, Hunter Valley and Newcastle.

David Christensen, Managing Director and Evelyn Poole Renascor Resources: Siviour Graphite Deposit Project.

David presented an overview of the Siviour Graphite Project, a high quality, large graphite deposit discovered in the vicinity of Arno Bay.

The project is relatively unique in regard to its long life and high quality and accessibility.



The project scoping study presents:

- High NPV
- Low cost production
- Flat laying orientation
- Largest graphite deposit in Australia
- Potential to produce concentrates competitive with largest graphite deposits in world.
- Downstream processing potential
- Ultra high purity of product

As with many mineral projects, significant time and investment is required to progress from discovery to production.

With an energy market and new energy storage systems continuing to evolve, the Renascor Resources Graphite project could be a significant future business on the Eyre Peninsula.

Jacques-Entienne Michael, Country Manager Statoil: Great Australian Bight Exploratory Drilling Program.

Jac Michael presented an overview of Statoil's world oil and gas exploration and discovery history, inclusive of 40 years of successful drilling in the North Sea with over 6,000 wells, 40 fields and inclusive of 60 deep water wells.

Statoil is seeking to build on the history of activity in the GAB and is preparing to drill 1 well.

Statoil representatives have met with a broad range of stakeholders inclusive of fisheries, aquaculture, tourism, conservation, local and state governments, MP's and Aboriginal groups. Key messages to date:

- Need for transparency
- All risk, no benefit (some see local benefits)
- Seismic noise effects
- Compensation mechanism (local business continuity during any incident)
- Emergency response planning
- Most are not anti-oil and gas exploration.

Terry Visser, Statoil representative also added that the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science is undertaking a road show in early 2018, incorporating information on the pre-release phase, more input from stakeholders, fishing and aquaculture sectors and possible release of more pre-award information.

Geoff Rogers, Technical Director, Enlighten Power Systems: Alternative energy generation plan-Karpowership.

Geoff Rogers outlined alternative power generation outcomes to the historical stationary power generation systems utilized around the world.

Karpowership offers the ability to have a vessel carrying a power generation system moored at a port facility and 'plugged into' a distribution network.

The beauty of such a portable system is to be able to move the generator to the required location and utilise existing power network for distribution in a short period of time.

The system is currently in use in several overseas locations.

Dan Woodyatt, Director Resources Land Access Strategy, DSD: Mining Act Review status update

Dan presented an overview of the Leading Practice Mining Act review. Current stages are:

- Discussion November 2016 – January 2017
- Engagement March 2017
- Decision June 2017
- Draft for approval August 2017.

To date 103 written submissions received (including a submission from the EP Mineral & Energy Community Development Taskforce)



A release of update and policy directions has been produced.

It is hoped that the new Mining Act will have benefits for all, inclusive of miners, landowners, community and industry.

The draft amendments are still to be tabled with the State Government.

Other Business as discussed by members included:

Chairman:

- Local employment in mining industries important and region needs to put work in to ensure maximum benefits are achieved by community.
- Power grid preplanning required by Government for future economic development, issue raised with Premier through Economic Development Board.
- Attendance as rep of oyster industry at a briefing with Chevron in Perth. Statoil spoken highly of by Chevron. Chevron need to continue with consultation and address issues with Fishing Industry, particularly the matter of Capping Stack.

Eleanor Scholz spoke on the community consultation session conducted by Iron Road and provided an update on the development of a village within Wudinna by Council to encourage the workforce to stay in the town.

Jeanine Carruthers encouraged members and the mining companies to support students that undertake the Mining and Civil Engineering skills training program.

Dion Dorward stated that the training courses are an ongoing problem and have been raised with the Training and Skills Commission, with funding being a major concern.

Rebecca Knol updated the taskforce on the Group Electricity Buying project and provided an overview of activities within the mining industry.

Taskforce Coordinator – Geoff Dodd updated the taskforce on the following items:

- Statoil GAB exploration program.
- Mining Act review.
- ESCOSA enquiry – Reliability and Quality of Electricity Supply on the Eyre Peninsula as commissioned by the State Treasurer. A draft report was presented to the Treasurer on the 31 May 2017. The Commission identified various technical options that would improve the reliability and quality of supply on the Eyre Peninsula.
- Electranet Consultation Report and Workshop-attended a consultation workshop seeking community input on Electranet's future options for transmission line replacement on Eyre Peninsula.
- SA Power Networks Strategic Planning Workshop-attended a workshop with approximately 25 community members.
- Taskforce Work Plan and Questionnaire- a questionnaire on Local Government's preparedness and strategic planning for impacts on their communities should significant mining activities commence on the Eyre Peninsula was distributed to all EP Councils.

The 10th Meeting of the Taskforce held March 27 2018 was attended by 22 members and guests.

Presentations included:

Peter Scott, Economic Development Manager RDAWEP: "Green Hydrogen and Ammonia Demonstrator for Port Lincoln".

Peter outlined the process associated with the development of hydrogen energy, benefits and future prospects.

Companies involved with the Port Lincoln Hydrogen Energy demonstrator plant include, The Hydrogen Utility (H2U), Thyssenkrupp and State Government.

Next phase of the project will be the development of a business case followed by construction.

Timeframe is 2 – 5 years pending demonstration of viability by the business case.



Terry Burgess, Chair Central Eyre Iron Project (CEIP) Taskforce Steering Group.

Terry spoke of the benefits associated with infrastructure development and the need for an all of government approach to the initiative.

The purpose of the CEIP Taskforce is to get all government agencies together that are working on the project. It is a cross agency taskforce to work with Iron Road to capture economic opportunities from a complex high value project.

The CEIP Taskforce reports to the Minister.

Potential economic development opportunities identified by the CEIP Taskforce:

- Local industry participation program.
- Workforce and skills development in regional businesses.
- TAFE training scale and scope.
- Increased water supply, mining desalination infrastructure and distribution.
- Grain export facilities through Cape Hardy.
- Residential development for population growth.
- Industrial planning and development (Cape Hardy).
- Wudinna airstrip upgrade.
- Native vegetation offset.
- Improved telecommunications infrastructure.

Dion Dorward spoke on the grain transport savings for farmers associated with the development of Cape Hardy Port.

Dwayne Povey, Chief Geologist, Lincoln Minerals

Dwayne updated the Taskforce on Lincoln Mineral's Kookaburra Gully graphite Project and associated organizational changes.

Current financial pressure on company has determined that the Kookaburra Gully Graphite project cannot progress. Lincoln Minerals has submitted a draft PEPR to the DPC and received a request for additional information to complete the studies.

Other approvals being progressed include:

- Preliminary design
- Road maintenance agreements with DC Tumby Bay
- EPA licence.

Community consultation with key stakeholders has been undertaken to obtain feedback while pausing the project.

Terry Visser, Senior Project Advisor Statoil Australia

Terry advised the taskforce of the following:

- Statoil is continuing to work closely with NOPSEMA.
- The next phase of the project will be continuing consultation.
- Financially Statoil is a very transparent company.
- Expected start date of drilling has changed to late 2019.
- Hoping for support from incoming Government.

Members Reports

Phil de Courcey CEO RESA – provided an update on the METS Ignited project funds round 2 for businesses in Port Lincoln, Whyalla and Port Augusta with Ceduna participating as part of the supply chain development.



Alexandra Blood Executive Director Mineral Resources DSD provided an update on the following issues:

- 100 day plan before and during election.
- Petroleum, first meeting in the southeast regarding the moratorium.
- Mining Act review.
- Restructure of departments following change of government.
- Department of treasury and finance to include an industry investment department.
- Business as usual with current activities.
- Royalties for regions included in the plan.

Rebecca Knol CEO SACOME

SACOME's focus in lead up to election:

- State Economic Development.
- Energy.
- Infrastructure.
- Legislation and Regulation.
- Priority to better understand the drilling moratoria in the South East of the State.
- Members discussed the impact of the moratoria.

In general business the results of the questionnaire, distributed to Eyre Peninsula Councils in August 2017 was discussed.

Rob Kerin and Terry Burgess stated that they were prepared to provide a presentation to all Mayors, Chairpersons and CEO's.

The taskforce resolved that the investigation, design, development and sustainability of a Special Economic Zone encompassing the Eyre Peninsula region be pursued by the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association and that a report on the outcomes of the investigation be forwarded to the Taskforce.

Minutes of all taskforce meetings, together with some of the presentations have been made available on the EPLGA website.

It has been acknowledged by the taskforce members that the meetings have been an important and relevant forum for presenting regional issues to high level Government Department representatives, providing access to Ministers and keeping members informed of mining and energy developments and potential impacts on the region.

The Minister for Mining and Energy, the Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan has indicated his support for the EP Mineral & Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce and has expressed a desire to attend a future meeting when possible.

Feedback on the meetings from members and guests has been very positive. The taskforce has developed into a high level Eyre Peninsula regional, industry and State Government network.

Geoff Dodd

Taskforce Coordinator

REGIONAL TRAINING

The Executive Officer of the EPLGA encourages Councils to participate in LGA sponsored training programs and other training sessions/seminars. The Executive Officer provides advice to the LGA on locations and timing of training to avoid clashes with regional seasonal events such as harvest, as well as other scheduled events. As part of the independently conducted Outreach Services Pilot Program survey, the following statement was made with regard to training:



“Regional Training has been very successful and continues to be supported and valued by officers and elected members:

Details	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Sessions Conducted	22	12	18	10	4	10
Participants	236	176	365	202	55	118
Estimated Savings	\$264,320	\$197,120	\$408,800	\$226,240	\$61,600	\$132,160

Expense Line	\$ Approx.
Travel	350
Accommodation	150
Meals	100
Lost time	520
Total	1120

There are also the non-dollar benefits through increased participation and therefore increased skills, experience and networking within the region.”

The sessions ran in the last 12 months were:

Date	Training	Location	Attendees
25 August 2017	Microsoft Word: Advanced	TAFE SA - Port Lincoln	7
31 August 2017	Report Writing	Port Lincoln Council	7
19 - 20 March 2018	Records Management Fundamentals	Port Lincoln	19
26 March 2018	Introduction to Community Engagement - Elected Members	Port Lincoln	3
26 March 2018	Introduction to Community Engagement - Council Officers	Port Lincoln	19
29 May 2018	Voters Roll Compilation - 2 sessions	Wudinna and Port Lincoln	16
29 May 2018	Caretaker Policy Information Session	Wudinna	18
21 June 2018	Handling Conflict Situations for Council Officers	Port Lincoln	20
28 March 2018	Early Induction Planning (NEW)	Wudinna	9
			118

Regional Training: - Summary savings to Councils over the years:

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CORPORATE PLAN 2016 – 19

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 2016 – 2019 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 FOR 2017 – 18

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, DPTI, PIRSA
- 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 is 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. Strong efforts have been made to engage the State Agencies like DPTI through shared service opportunities. The main issue is representing and strengthening common values of members is getting 11 Councils to be 1 voice.

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:

Effective working relationships can be challenging through differing opinions. The Regional Joint Planning Board espoused through the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 is one such framework that could assist with the above strategic actions. The JPB Pilot has concluded as at 30 June 2018, with participating individual Councils required to assess the Business Case early in the 2018/19 year for decision of involvement or not in a regional JPB.

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:

1.2.8 and 1.2.10 are compliant. 1.2.9 has, to date, been met through such programs as the Outreach Service but this concludes in the current format as at 30 June 2018. Serious consideration needs to be directed around 1.2.9 and the identification by member Councils of their future needs.

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. RDAWEP, EPNRM, EPICCA
- 1.2.7 Pursue collaborative initiatives with partner agencies - e.g. joint submissions on strategic issues with RDAWEP, EPNRM, and EPICCA

Comments:

As previously mentioned some actions could be met thorough such initiatives as the JPB Pilot. Assistance to Councils in meeting compliance is mainly focussed on assisting Councils to share and assist one another where expertise is not available, etc. 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 with significant success in these activities such as training 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:

Please refer to the EP Mineral & Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce annual report included in this document.



RDAWEP 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, the Lidar project, etc. where all parties benefit. The regional transport strategy will continue to be refined as priorities change on an annual basis. This strategy attempts to align to individual Council 1 to 5 year priorities. Again the staff regional committees assist in developing and refining regional strategy recommendation to the EPLGA Board. The Executive Officer maintains communications with member Councils through various means and reports against his Annual Work Plan to the EPLGA Board on a quarterly basis.

Goal Area 1.4 Outreach Services

Core Activities

- 1.4.1 Participate in the development of an annual outreach engagement program that aligns with Council and LGA priorities
- 1.4.2 Facilitate the delivery of outreach programs and services being provided by the LGA and its entities
- 1.4.3 Liaise with and report to LGA representatives as required about the provision and delivery of the outreach program

Comments:

All of the above is compliant but will cease in the current format as at 30 June 2019. The EPLGA Board will then be required to decide on how it wishes to continue the work in this area. During the early part of the 2019 calendar year the EPLGA Board will be required to undertake a strategic planning exercise as the current one concludes.

Strategic Actions

- 1.4.4 Advocate long-term continuity of the Outreach Services model for optimal effectiveness and efficiency in meeting LGA and EPLGA program objectives, i.e. 3-days per week funded by members and 2-days funded by the LGA
- 1.4.5 Identify key issues impacting on Councils and LGA services desired by Councils, and the support and services required from the LGA to resolve these matters

Comments:

This service will cease at 30 June 2019 – refer comments above.



KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

While the measurement of performance is a key component of planning, the nature of the workload for the Executive Officer has typically made KPI setting and measurement difficult. Much of the day-to-day operational activity remains reactive and in response to legislated and policy changes that routinely emerge. However, the following measurement may be an indication of performance for each year.

KPI	MEASURED BY	TARGET SCORE
Member General Satisfaction	Number of formal complaints	Zero complaints from members Actual: Zero complaints received.
Member attendance at meetings, workshops, training	Number of members who are represented	All members Actual: Usually all 11 Councils represented.
Competitive funding secured	Dollars secured	Equal to membership (\$184K) Actual External Funding: (\$171k) Target not met.
Achieved annual work plan		All items either achieved or timeframes for completion, and process, in place. Some subject to external funding. Actual: On target
EPLGA is represented at LGA regions meetings	Number of meetings attended	100% Actual: 100%
Co-ordinate regional training activities on EP	Number of days training sessions per year	At least 6 Actual: 10
Annual review of Executive Officer	Final achievement score	Actual: Report of satisfactory performance by President and executive Committee after surveying all member councils.
Greater media activity	Number of interviews and media releases	At least 1 interview per month. Media releases at least every 2 months. Actual: Meeting target

EPLGA COMMITTEE REPORTS

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USE OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The following audited statement indicates another year of solid financial performance.