

2024 - 2025

# Annual **Report**

District Council of ELLISTON

Presented By :
District Council of Elliston
November 2025

# About

The Annual Report provides an opportunity to reflect upon the previous twelve months and the direction of local government. It outlines the Councils activities and achievements during the past financial year.

In accordance with section 131 of the Local Government Act, the report contains statutory information, including financial statements and details of the work undertaken by the District Council of Elliston.



# Acknowledgement of Country

The District Council of Elliston acknowledges Nauo and Wirangu people as traditional owners and custodians of Country in our District.

We acknowledge the continuing connection Nauo, Wirangu and the surrounding first nations people have to the land and ocean within our district and pay respect to their cultures.

# A Word from the Mayor



As can be seen by the write up below, 2024/25 has been a busy year for our council staff, completing a number of important projects while meeting the challenge of maintaining councils assets throughout a vast district. While late but much needed rain in the season this year was welcomed by us all, other elements of extreme weather caused significant damage to infrastructure, including the Sheringa Beach staircase and the Elliston jetty. After reopening an initial section of the jetty as fast as possible, council staff have worked diligently towards opening the remaining length for the summer holidays.

Reopening of the RSL building at Elliston has been an important achievement that has enabled regular council meetings to now be held there and a place to host important community events such as ANZAC Day. Further upgrades to the Town Centre area are now in the pipeline with the completion of the Elliston Town Centre Revitalisation Plan.

The Venus Bay and Port Kenny Masterplans were commenced and are now finalised after great attendance and input by locals throughout the process. I appreciate and encourage the community to keep participating in consultation, this being the only way we can make sure people have a say in shaping their future.

Many community events successfully took place in the District with the Annual Australian Salmon Fishing Competition finishing with close to 200 entries, proof of the event's growing popularity, while several smaller, family-friendly programs were introduced over the financial year.

I'd like to thank our council staff for a successful year in maintaining and making improvements over the district, doing the best to provide services for our communities within the council's financial limitations.

**Andrew McLeod**
**Mayor**

# Key Highlights

- Renovation of RSL Memorial Building completed
- Installation of Lock Short Term Workers Accommodation at Lock Caravan Park
- Transferred responsibility of Elliston Community and Visitor Information Centre
- Launched weekly Kindagym activities in Elliston
- Facilitated School Holiday activities in Lock and Elliston
- New BBQ Shelter in Venus Bay
- Installation of Elliston Aerodrome Tank Pads for CFS Firefighting Capabilities
- Resheeting of Palkagee, Rocky Valley and Hundred Line Roads
- Resealing of Esplanade Elliston
- Adoption of the Elliston Town Centre Revitalisation Plan
- Developed a new strategic planning framework covering 2024-28
- Commenced consultation on the Venus Bay and Port Kenny Master Plan
- Facilitated Youth Week Laser Tag and Mini Golf event



# We supported

- Australia Day Community Event
- Port Kenny Golf Club
- Christmas events around the District
- Australian Salmon Fishing Championship
- Elliston Camera Club
- ANZAC Day Events
- Port Kenny Speed Shear
- Elliston Area School Wool Show
- The Elliston Men’s Shed
- Lock Men and Women's Health Night
- Elliston Golf Open
- Port Kenny Golf Club
- Tooligie Hall
- Lock Aquatic and Gym Complex
- Elliston Markets
- Elliston Family and Palliative Care Room
- Venus Bay Licenced General Store



# Council

The Council, consisting of the Mayor and seven councilors is the decision making body on all policy matters. Ordinary meetings of Council are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 9:00am in the Elliston Council Chambers. All meetings are open to the public.

# Agenda and Minutes

Agendas of all Council and standing committees are placed on the Council website, no less than three days prior to those meetings. Minutes are placed on display in accordance with the Local Government Act.



# Current Elected Members

The following members of the community were elected in the November 2022 elections to represent the District:



**Andrew McLeod**

Mayor



**Allison Pickford**

Deputy Mayor



**Malcolm Hancock**

Councillor



**Fiona Matthews**

Councillor



**Ashley Traeger**

Councillor



**Tony Custance**

Councillor



**Michael Zerk**

Councillor



**Andrew Polkinghorne**

Councillor




# Who We Are

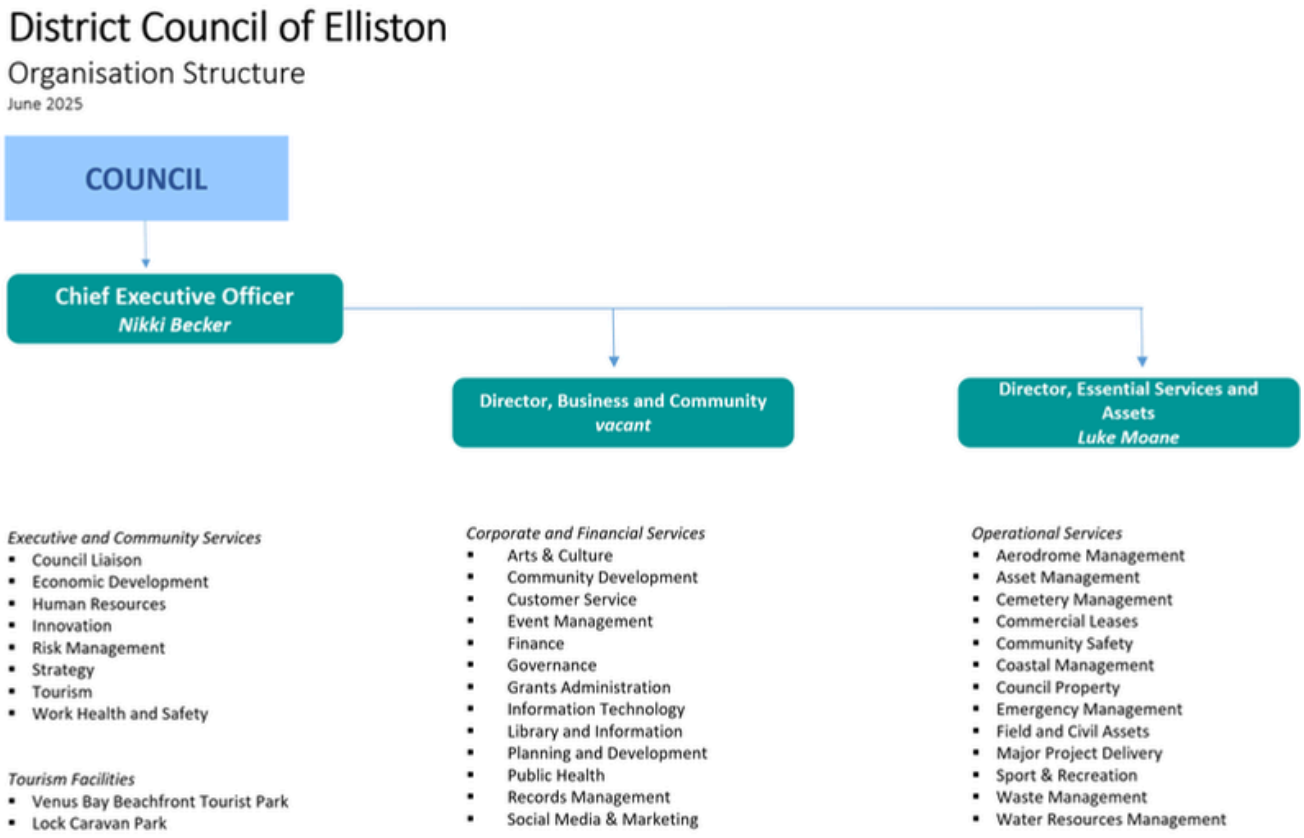
The District Council of Elliston is located on the Eyre Peninsula in South Australia, encompassing an area of approximately 669,300 hectares. The district lies about 700 kilometres west of Adelaide, featuring a picturesque 130-kilometre coastline that stretches from Lake Hamilton in the south to Port Kenny in the north, with its inland boundary extending beyond Lock.

The local economy is supported by three key sectors — primary production, fishing, and tourism.

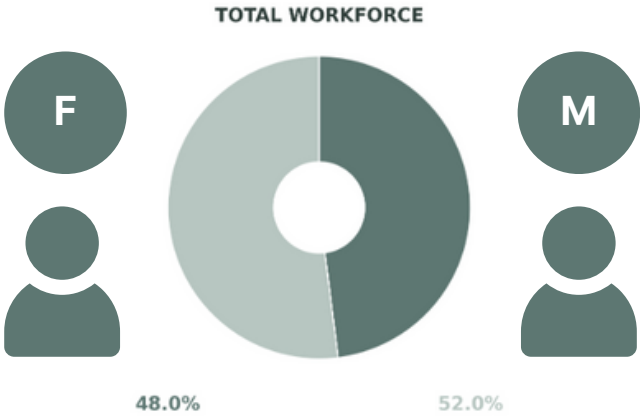
- **Primary production** remains the backbone of the district, with the cultivation of cereal and legume crops, and the raising of sheep for both meat and wool.
- **Fishing** also contributes significantly to the region's economy through commercial and recreational activities, including the harvesting of prawns, crayfish, abalone, salmon, and King George whiting. The aquaculture industry is emerging as a promising area for future economic growth.
- **Tourism** continues to expand as an important industry, attracting visitors who come to experience the district's striking coastline, natural landscapes, and relaxed lifestyle. The Elliston Community and Visitor Information Centre, an accredited facility, provides valuable assistance and resources for visitors to the region.

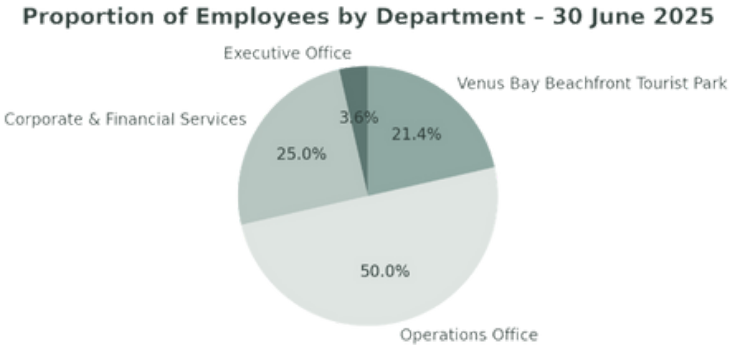
The district is well supported by essential healthcare services, including a doctor and hospital in Elliston and a health clinic in Lock. The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) plays an integral role in delivering medical and emergency support across the district. Accessibility for air services is ensured through a sealed, all-weather registered airstrip located near Elliston and an unsealed aircraft landing area situated near Lock.

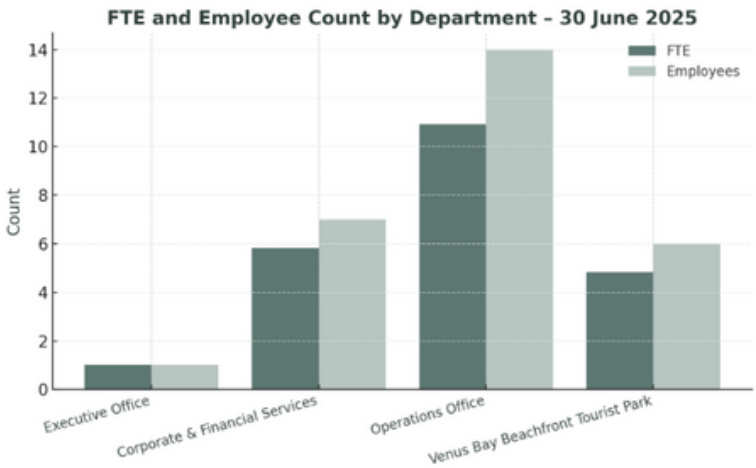
# Organisation and Management



# Information about your Council




**Management and Staffing**
The total number of employees employed by the District Council of Elliston as at 30 June 2025 was 28 staff.

The Executive Office of Council consists of 1 FTE (1 employee)

The Corporate and Financial Services Office of Council consists of 5.82 FTE (7 employees)

The Operations Office of Council consists of 10.92 FTE (14 employees)

The Venus Bay Beachfront Tourist Park consists of 4.84 FTE (6 employees)

# Vision and Core Values

**People**
A healthy, welcoming and inclusive community, with pride in our history and heritage

**Place**
Responsibly planned communities that are attractive, vibrant and well connected

**Planet**
Promoting, protecting and enhancing our natural environment, now and for generations to come

**Prosperity**
A thriving community, with an abundance of opportunities for all

**Leadership**
A well governed Council that uses resources wisely to meet the needs of the community




## VALUES

**Honesty**
We will honour the trust given to us by our residents and staff, by encouraging an inclusive and supportive culture and acting with empathy, integrity and transparency in everything we do

**Courage**
We will make decisions that are bold and confident, but also informed and prudent, and always in the best interest of our entire district

**Creativity**
We will continuously explore ways to improve our services, by being innovative in our thinking, pragmatic in our decisions and professional in how we do things

# Services our Community

Council makes decisions on policy issues relating to services that are provided for members of the public. The range of services includes:

- Roads
- Aerodrome Management
- Coastal Management
- Community Safety
- Stormwater Drainage
- Street Sweeping
- Public Cemeteries
- Seating
- Environmental Health
- Street Lighting
- Car Parks
- Libraries
- Community Wastewater
- Camping Grounds
- Dog and Cat Control
- Recreational/Sporting Facilities
- Footpaths
- Parks and Gardens
- Toilets
- Waste Management
- Planning Controls
- Tourism
- Kerbing
- Playground Equipment
- Parking Controls
- Tree Planting
- Water Supply



**Performance against Annual Business Plan**

Council completed many of the actions from its Annual Business Plan in 2024 - 2025 which supports the Strategic Management Plan noting however that some actions are in progress or were deferred and will occur in the 2025 - 2026 financial year.

| **PEOPLE**<br>*A healthy, welcoming and inclusive community, with pride in our history and heritage* | |
|---|---|
| Advocate for greater access to child care across the District | Complete |
| Facilitate Vacswim Programs in Elliston, Venus Bay and Lock | Complete |
| Facilitate and/or provide affordable social and retirement accommodation across Elliston and Lock | Complete |
| Advocate and partner with organisations to to increase access to aged care programs and support | Complete |
| Provide the Elliston's Men's Shed and partner with other organisations to provide additional seniors' clubs and programs | Complete |
| Facilitate a revised Disability Access and Inclusion Policy | Deferred |
| Provide improved disability access to facilitate and service across the District | Complete |
| Advocate for robust and sound healthcare solutions for the District | Complete |
| Advocate for community wellbeing funding and programs | Complete |
| Provide the Lock Aquatic and Gym Complex | Complete |
| Partner with community groups and stakeholders to provide indoor and outdoor recreation programs that are inclusive and respond to participation barriers | Complete |
| Partner with community groups to deliver well planned and organised community events | Complete |

## Performance against Annual Business Plan (continued)

| **PEOPLE**<br>*A healthy, welcoming and inclusive community, with pride in our history and heritage* | |
|---|---|
| Fund community groups to provide high standard community facilities | Complete |
| Facilitate initiatives to help community groups and services to attract and retain volunteers | Complete |
| Facilitate a *Friends of the Wetlands* volunteer group | Complete |
| Partner with Progress Associations in the District | Complete |
| Provide regular social media updates to raise awareness of crime prevention initiatives | Complete |
| Facilitate a reduction in fire prevention inactivity by landholders through education, improved signage, easier complaint reporting, easier processing of burn off permits, more timely investigation of complaints and fines | Complete |
| Facilitate a reduction in nuisance dogs through education, improved signage, easier complaint reporting, , more timely investigation of complaints and fines | Complete |
| Facilitate a reduction in stray and wandering cats through education, cat registrations, more timely investigation of complaints and fines | Complete |

**Performance against Annual Business Plan (continued)**

| **PLACE**<br>*Responsibly planned communities that are attractive, vibrant and well connected* | |
|---|---|
| Advocate for the State and Federal Government, private sector and non-government organisations to help meet demand for diverse housing needs | Complete |
| Provide an Employee and Land Needs Analysis for Elliston to facilitate ability to rezone land | Complete |
| Facilitate environmental sustainability consideration in land use planning and development | Complete |
| Advocate for improved telecommunications | Complete |
| Provide implementation for the Elliston and Lock Masterplans | Complete |
| Provide the development and implementation of a Master Plan for Port Kenny and Venus Bay | Complete |
| Provide access to local history information and services and facilitate ongoing preservation of physical and digital historical material and collections | Complete |
| Advocate for increased funding for new and upgraded road infrastructure | Complete |
| Provide long-term planning to improve road design and safety | Complete |
| Advocate for funding to upgrade state owned highways and main commodity and tourism routes | Complete |
| Advocate for funding for Port Keny jetty | Complete |
| Advocate for funding to upgrade the Anxious bay boat Ramp, include disability access | Complete |

**Performance against Annual Business Plan (continued)**

| **PLANET**<br>*Promoting, protecting and enhancing our natural environment, now and for generation to come* | |
|---|---|
| Provide protection for Council's natural assets through proactive planning in climate adaption | Complete |
| Advocate for increased investment in coastal and environmental protection within the District | Complete |
| Provide pest management,including pigeons and mosquitos | Complete |
| Advocate with State and Federal Governments for retention and enhancement of essential water | Complete |
| Facilitate a Water Management Plan and Program | Ongoing |
| Provide water to township of Port Kenny | Complete |
| Partner with the Local Government Association on Net Zero Emissions | Complete |
| Partner with the EPLGA to deliver a Waste Strategy with a focus on circular economy activities | Complete |
| Facilitate promotion and adoption of sustainable waste behaviours, including waste avoidance | Complete |
| Partner to deliver fire education and risk mitigation programs to assist businesses and visitors to prepare, withstand and respond to bushfire emergencies | Complete |
| Partner with the Country Fire Service to provide signage for Bushfire Ratings, Bushfire Traveller Safety and Emergency Situations | Deferred |
| Advocate for utililty companies to protect their critical infrastructure at risk during adverse weather | Complete |

**Performance against Annual Business Plan (continued)**

| **PROSPERITY**<br>*A thriving community, with an abundance of opportunities for all* | |
|---|---|
| Partner with the EPLGA and RDAEP on the delivery of a regional plan | Complete |
| Advocate in partnership with key stakeholders for growth and development in agricultural sector | Complete |
| Advocate in partnership with key stakeholders for growth and development in fishing and aquaculture | Complete |
| Partner with future industries interested in establishing work sites in the District | Complete |
| Provide regular assessment and evaluation to the economic climate and business conditions | Complete |
| Partner with training providers to deliver a range of community required courses in the District | Complete |
| Partner with RDAEP on tourism campaigns | Complete |
| Partner with stakeholders to build capacity in the tourism sector | Complete |
| Provide enhanced signage to promote accessibility | Complete |

**Performance against Annual Business Plan (continued)**

| **LEADERSHIP**<br>*A well governed Council that uses resources wisely to meet the needs of the community* | |
|---|---|
| Provide an annual review of the Strategic Plan | Complete |
| Provide an annual review of the Annual Business Plan and associated budget | Complete |
| Provide an annual review of the Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan | Complete |
| Provide business unit reviews to improve internal and external customer experience and identify business | Complete |
| Provide a Cyber Security Management Framework to mitigate risks | Deferred |
| Facilitate an increase in rates notices being delivered via electronic methods | Complete |
| Provide opportunities to encourage and support new and existing businesses through Council regulations | Complete |
| Provide efficiency measures and KPI's for Council performance | Complete |
| Provide an implement a Workforce Plan | Complete |
| Provide an Employer of Choice Program for Council | Deferred |
| Provide an annual employee survey to monitor workplace culture and identify actions for improvements | In Progress |
| Provide a campaign to communicate a clear vision for Council with regular progress reports on major projects | Complete |

## Performance against Annual Business Plan (continued)

| **LEADERSHIP**<br>*A well governed Council that uses resources wisely to meet the needs of the community* | |
|---|---|
| Provide Elected Members and Audit and Risk Committee members appropriate training | Complete |
| Facilitate ESCOSA review and implement finding from audit | Complete |
| Provide a revised Risk Management Framework, incorporating strategic and operational risks | Complete |
| Provide an annual Communications Plan that specifies what needs to be communicated, when, how and to who, in order to meet the community's information needs and the Council's strategic objectives | Complete |
| Facilitate community forums and information sessions | Complete |
| Facilitate an increase in awareness of Council's social media channels as a source of information to the community | Complete |
| Facilitate regular business and community group newsletters | Complete |

# Further Information about your Council

**Public Consultation Policy**
The purpose of this policy is to outline the principles and procedures that the Council will follow to involve the community in planning and decision making in the local area, and to ensure accountability of the Council to the community through affective communication and consultation strategies.

**Community Consultation**
The District Council of Elliston consults with local residents on particular issues that may affect their area.

- Meetings of Electors – All residents and electors are eligible to attend meetings to decide matters where Council seeks the direction of the electors of the area.
- Residents are notified of some Development Applications requiring the approval of Council. A number of applications are exempted from public notification by the Planning Act.

**Budget and Financial Reports**
The Council Auditor for the 2024/25 financial year is Dean Newbery.

Total remuneration that will be payable to the above Auditor for the annual audit of the financial statements, including financial controls is **$15,583**. There was no other remuneration payable or paid.

**Council Meetings**
Members of the public have a number of opportunities to put forward their views on particular issues before Council. These are:

- Deputations – With the permission of the Mayor, a member of the public can address Council personally or on behalf of a group of residents.
- Presentations to Council – with prior notification and arrangement, a member of the public can address the Council for five minutes on any issue relevant to the Council.
- Petitions – Written petitions can be addressed to the Council on any issue within the Council's jurisdiction.
- Written Requests – A member of the public can write to the Council on any Council Policy, activity or service.
- Elected Members – Members of the public can contact their Elected Members of Council to discuss any issue relevant to Council.

**Council Committees**
Council has the following constituted Committees in place:

- Audit and Risk Committee
- Building Fire Safety Committee
- Bramfield Basin and Elliston Water Committee

# Further Information about your Council (continued)

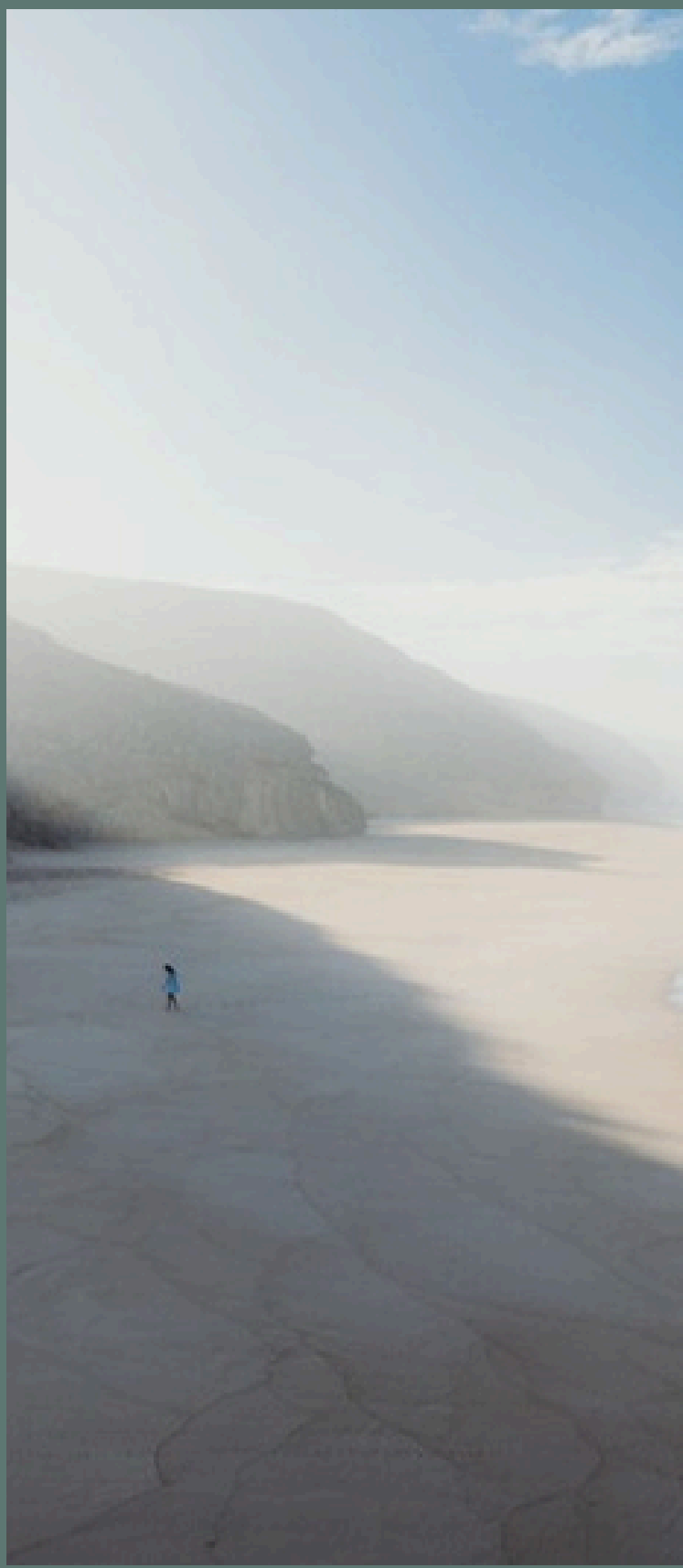
**Regional Subsidiary**
Section 43 Committee – EPLGA

As at 30 June 2025, Council has **1** regional subsidiary that falls within the provisions of Section 43 of the Act. The Regional Subsidiary is known as the EPLGA (Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association).

The regional subsidiary is required to produce its own Annual Reports and the Act provides that each constituent Council must incorporate the annual report of each regional subsidiary into its own annual report. The EPLGA Annual Report is attached as Appendix One.

**Internal Review of Council Actions**
In accordance with Section 270(8) of the Local Government Act relating to the review of decisions made by Council or related parties, not applications were received for review under this section of the Act.

**Internal Review of Council Actions**
In the 2024/25 year, Council did not receive any applications for a review of a Council decision under Section 270(8) of the Act.



# Further Information about your Council (continued)

**Elected Members Travel, Accommodation and Gifts**

Pursuant to Regulation 35(2) Council must ensure a summary of the details, including the cost, of an interstate and international travel (excluding prescribed interstate travel), including cost of travel, and gifts or hospitality above the value of $50 either individually or cumulatively are published in its Annual Report. During the reporting period there was no interstate travel or accommodation and no gifts or hospitality above the value of $50.

**Training and Development for Elected Members**

During 2024-25 the following courses/activities were provided to members of Council:

- Mid-term Council leadership training

**Allowances paid to Elected Members**

The Remuneration Tribunal SA determines council member allowances on a four yearly basis, with an adjustment occurring on the first, second and third anniversaries (November) to reflect changes in CPI.



| Member | Nov 2023 Nov 2024 | Nov 2024 Nov 2025 |
|---|---|---|
| Mayor | $30,464 | $31,440 |
| Deputy Mayor | $9,520 | $9,825 |
| Elected Members | $7,616 | $7,860 |

In addition a Travel Time Allowance of up to **$1,804** per annum is payable to Elected Members, excluding the Mayor, if their usual place of residence is located within certain criteria from the Council's office. These allowances are also indexed annually.

**Employee Travel, Accommodation and Gifts**

No employees received gifts or benefits over the value of $50.

**Management and Staffing**

The total number of employees employed by the District Council of Elliston as at 30 June 2025 is 28, consisting of 6.82 full-time and 1.18 part-time employees in administration, 10.92 full-time and 3.08 part-time employees in the operations department and 2 full-time and 4 casual part-time employees at the Venus Bay Beachfront Tourist Park.

# Further Information about your Council (continued)

**Human Resource Management**
District Council of Elliston's employees are the Council's most valuable assets. Opportunities are provided to staff to attend appropriate training and development to ensure employees have current skills and knowledge to undertake their roles within their field of work. Employees are also provided with opportunities for personal development and growth.

The Performance Management process provides the opportunity for staff and management at all levels to assess work performance, consider professional progress of individual staff members, identify skills or competency gaps and formulate strategies to develop the abilities of staff and general efficiencies in work practices. The process also assists in identifying training requirements to enable staff to competently undertake their role, to consider career development opportunities and expand their abilities and therefore the services they provide.

Within the organisation, an environment of equal opportunity exists that is free of discrimination and reflects the diversity and needs of the community it serves.

In 2024/25 we said farewell to 11 of our staff members, Tim Mills -Works Manager, Karen Quinn - Deputy CEO, Mark Austin - Director Business and Community, Trent Marshall - Director Essential Services and Assets, Umair Saeed - Senior Finance Officer, Kym Tiller - Grader Operator, Hannah Zerk - Works Administration Officer, Taja Pryor - Administration Officer, Anthony Huntingford - Parks and Maintenance Officer, Holly Winkley - Parks and Gardens Officer, Metlita Gaze - Parks and Gardens Officer. We wish them all the best.

**Senior Executive Officer - Allowance as part of Salary Package**

| Chief Executive Oficer | Director, Business and Community | Director Essential Services and Assets |
|---|---|---|
| Motor Vehicle<br>Telephone<br>Housing | Motor Vehicle<br>Telephone | Motor Vehicle<br>Telephone |

# Further Information about your Council (continued)



**Delegations**
The Chief Executive Officer and other officers have the delegated authority from Council to make decisions on a number of specified administrative and policy matters. These delegations are listed in the Delegations Register and are reviewed annually by Council.

**Elected Member Behaviour**
Council has had 0 contraventions of Section 5(4) of the Local Government Act by members of the Council during the 2024-2025 financial year. As such, Council has incurred no cost in relation to these matters.

**Competitive Tendering**
Council has prepared and adopted a Procurement Policy in accordance with Section 49 of the Local Government Act. This Policy is published on Council's website.

Council participated in a number of tenders throughout the year, including:

- **Sealed Roads (in conjunction with District Council of Streaky Bay)**
- **External Auditor Services (on behalf of 9 member Councils)**

# Further Information about your Council (continued)

**National Competition Policy**

The National Competition Policy (NCP) supports economic reform from practices that restrain Australian markets and industries. The NCP identified various principles to enourage competitive markets that will enhance national productivity for the benefit of the community whilst eliminating any unfair advantages.

In relation to Local Government, the principles of competitive neutrality are designed to neutralise any net competitive advantage that a local government engaged in significant business activities would otherwise have, by virtue of its control by the local government, over private business operating in the same market.

Put simply, Council activities, such as operating caravan parks , must adhere to the same rules as private sector businesses. Council's caravan parks follow the same planning and development processes.

**Freedom of Information Statement**

This Information Statement is published by the District Council of Elliston in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act. The District Council of Elliston is pleased to comply with the legislation and welcomes enquiries.

An updated Information Statement is published at least every 12 months.

There were 0 requests received for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 under the Freedom of Information Act.



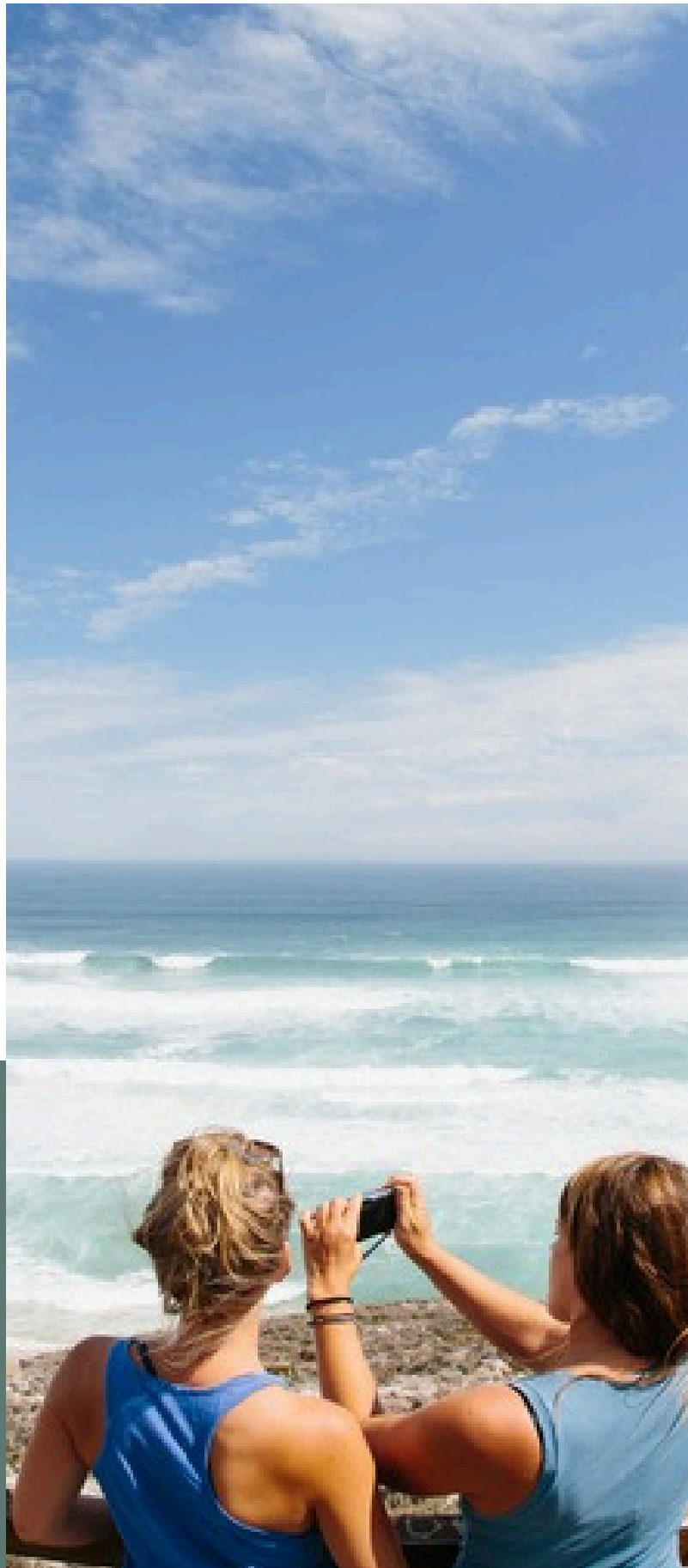
# Further Information about your Council (continued)

**Work Health and Safety**

Regular reviews of the Work Health and Safety Program and associated policies and procedures have continued this year. Council has continued to maintain a good health and safety record, which is reflected in Council's Insurance Premium payments.

Work Health and Safety continues to be and onerous and resource intensive task, with all Councils, regardless of size, having to meet the same requirements.

Risk Management assessment continued along with the identification of hazards. The means of dealing with these hazards continues to be a part of Council's overall focus.



# Further Information about your Council (continued)

**Financial Management**
Council continues to meet the requirements of the Local Government (Financial Management and Rating) Amendment Bill 2005.

**Council's Representation Quota**
Council has eight (8) Elected Members, including the Mayor. The Mayor is elected by the Elected Members at the first meeting of Council following the Council election.

The following table compares the District Council of Elliston's representation quota with comparable councils as at 30 June 2025.

| Council | Electors | Total Members | Representation Quota |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cleve | 1285 | 7 | 183 |
| Elliston | 774 | 8 | 96 |
| Flinders Ranges | 1201 | 9 | 133 |
| Franklin Harbour | 994 | 6 | 165 |
| Karoonda East Murray | 749 | 7 | 107 |
| Kimba | 752 | 7 | 107 |
| Orroroo Carrieton | 666 | 6 | 111 |
| Peterborough | 1293 | 9 | 143 |
| Robe | 1406 | 7 | 200 |
| Wudinna | 830 | 7 | 118 |

# Further Information about your Council (continued)

The last Elector Representation Review was finalised in 2023/2024, with the outcome being:

- The principal member of Council be a Mayor who is elected by the community; and
- that the elected body of Council comprise the Mayor and seven (7) Councillors.

This will take effect from the next ordinary Council elections to be held in November 2026.

**List of Documents**

In accordance with Schedule 4 of the Local Government Act, Council maintains the following documents:

- Elected Members Register of Interests
- Elected Members Register of Allowances and Benefits
- Employees Register of Salaries
- Employees Register of Interests
- Schedule of Fees and Charges
- Community Land Register
- Register of Public Streets and Roads
- By-laws
- Delegations
- Behavioural Standards for Elected Members
- Employee Code of Conduct
- Code of Practice for Access to Meetings and Documents
- Water and Sewerage Retail Services: Customer Charter
- Customer Services Charter



# Further Information about your Council (continued)

**Information Technology**
Information technology plays an integral role in the operations of Council and like many other organisations, when not operating properly, severely impacts on the administration of Council.

Council continues to operate social media pages that demonstrate an increase in engagement with the community.

**Building, Planning and Environmental Services**
Due to lack of skilled staff in the District, Council continues to outsource these arrangements. Planning Services are undertaken by Future Urban, and Building Services by SA Building Approvals and Consultants.

Council has entered into an arrangement with Lower Eyre Council and EH Solutions for the provision of Environmental Health Services.

**Community Land**
Council has met the requirements relating to Community Land Management under Division 3 of the Local Government Act.



# Further Information about your Council (continued)

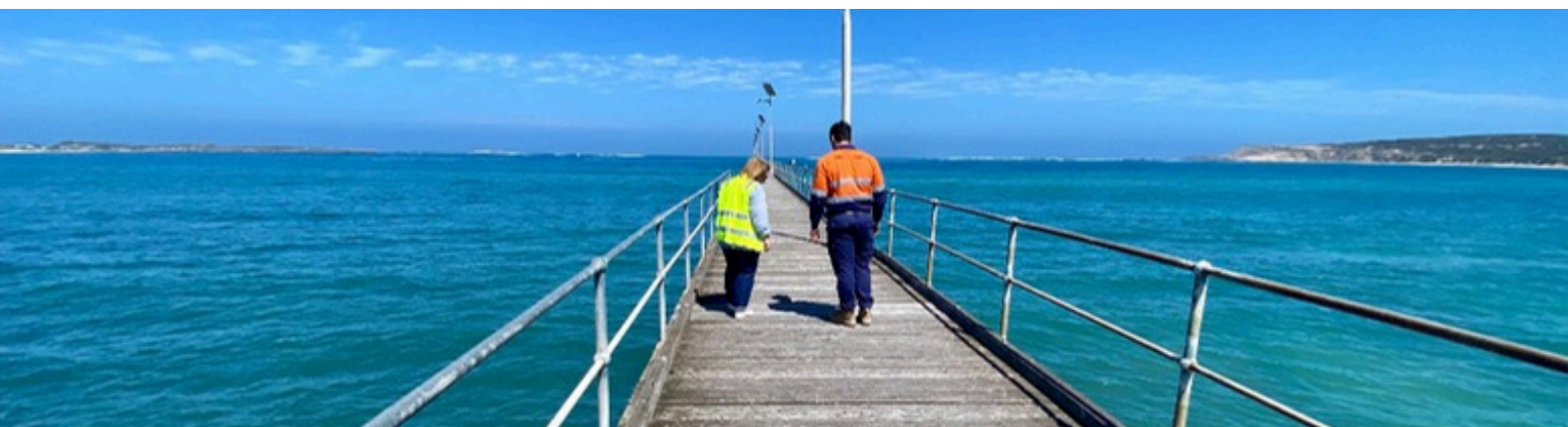
**Payment of Council Rates**
Pursuant to Section 123 of the Local Government Act, the District Council of Elliston continues to produce an Annual Business Plan and Budget. A summary version of the Annual Business Plan is provided to ratepayers with their first quarter rate notices.

**Financial Assistance Grants**
Financial Assistance Grants are a vital part of the revenue base for the Council, with **29.6%** of Council's revenue received through this program.

**Public Access to Council and Committee Meetings**
In accordance with Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act Council and Committee meetings are held in public, except in special circumstances. Confidential meeting orders were made under this subsection during the financial year.

**Legal Costs**
Council are required to report on the amount of legal costs incurred by Council in any financial year. The total expenditure on legal costs for 2024/2025 was **$14,648.**

**Corporate Credit Card Usage**
The District Council of Elliston provides corporate credit cards to senior management for eligible business purchases. The total expenditure incurred on these cards during the 2024-2025 year was **$92,976.82.**



# Further Information about your Council (continued)

**Community Services**
Council continues to support the community in different ways. This is mainly done through the provision of community grants and sponsorships of local events.

**Citizen of the Year**
On 26 January 2025, an Australia Day Community Event was held in the Elliston Parklands. Council was fortunate to have  Mayor, Andrew McLeod to provide an address and present the certificates. This event consisted of live music, markets, food stalls and kids games.

**The award winners were:**
Citizen of the Year - Sharon Sibenaler
Community Event of the Year - Lock Christmas Tree and Street Party

**Infrastructure and Assets**
The works program is Council's major area of expenditure, significant portion of this budget is spent on road maintenance and re-sheeting projects.





# Further Information about your Council (continued)

**Confidential Matters**

Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act specifies that Council and Committee meetings are to be held in a public place, however, this principle is occasionally outweighed by the need to keep information or discussion confidential.

Matters which may be considered in confidence are defined in Section 90(3) of the Act and include, but are not limited to:

- Commercial in confidence matters
- security matters
- staffing matters
- legal advice and litigation
- personal affairs of people who are living or dead

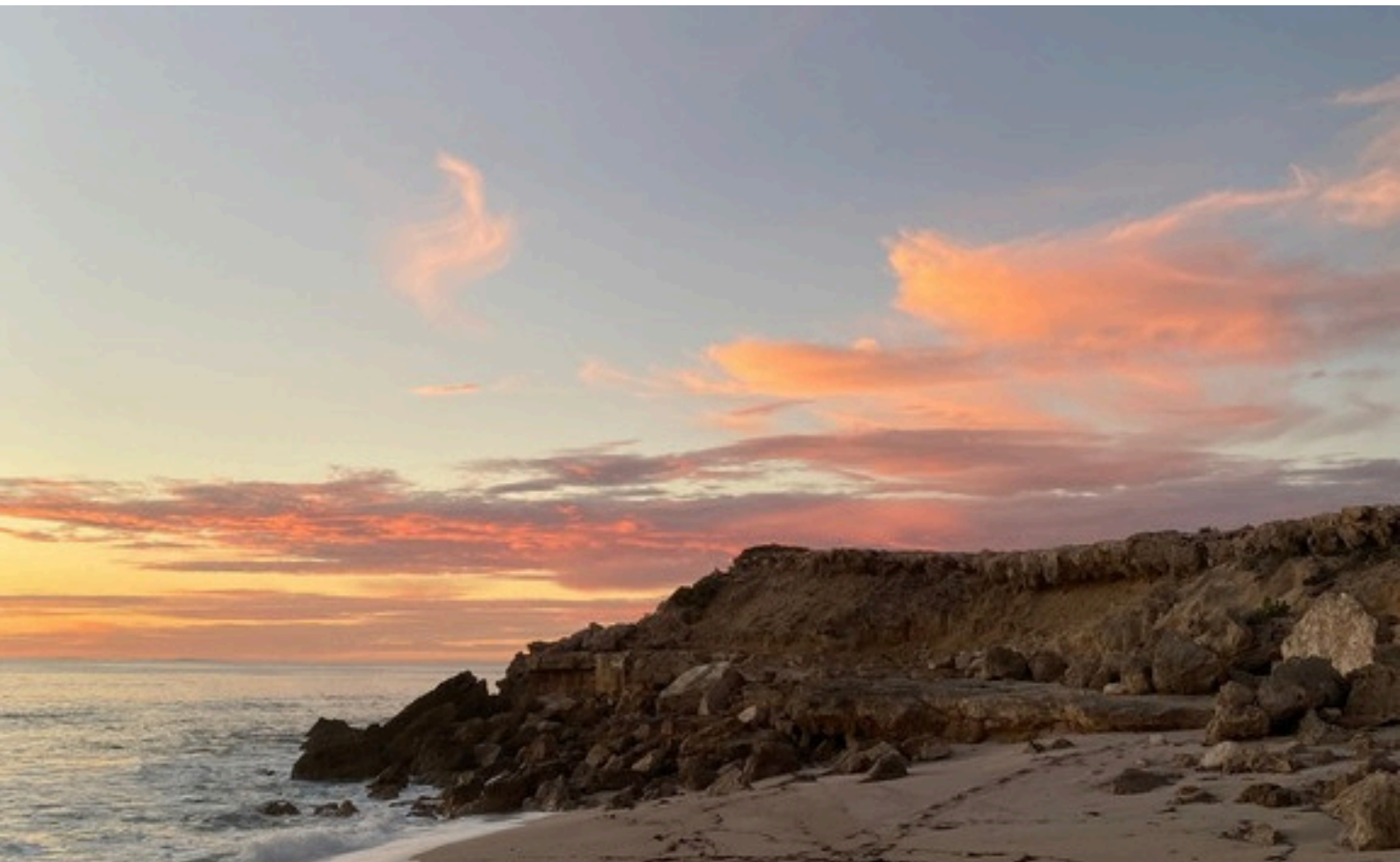
During 2024-2025, of the 195 agenda items, 18 items were considered in confidence in accordance with section 90(3) of the Act. This represents 9.23% of all decisions made by Council.

The table below summarises the nature of the confidential items discussed during the 2024-2025 financial year.

| Meeting Date | Item | Subject | Section 90(3) | Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20/8/2024 | 15.1 | Community Grant Application | (b) | Public |
| | 15.2 | Audit and Risk Committee Appointment | (a) | Public |
| | 15.3 | Section 184 Update | (a) | In Confidence |
| | 15.4 | CEO Update | (a) | In Confidence |
| 17/9/2024 | 15.1 | Foreshadowed Native Title Claim to Preserve Official Records | (i) | In Confidence |
| | 15.2 | Section 184 | (a) | In Confidence |
| | 15.3 | TTEG Settlement Offer Update | (i) | In Confidence |
| | 15.4 | Lock Aquatic and Gym Complex Lease | (i) | Public |

# Further Information about your Council (continued)

| Meeting Date | Item | Subject | Section 90(3) | Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15/10/2024 | 15.1 | LGA President Nomination | (a) | Public |
| 20/11/2024 | 15.1 | Letter of Support | (b) | Public |
| | 15.2 | Port Kenny and Venus Bay Water Update | (b) | In Confidence |
| 17/12/2024 | 15.1 | TTEG Update | (i) | In Confidence |
| | 15.2 | Australia Day Award Recipients | (a) | Public |
| 10/3/2025 | 17.1 | TTEG Update | (i) | In Confidence |
| | 17.2 | Elliston Jetty | (i) | In Confidence |





## FIRE PREVENTION

140 Letters issued
49 Section 105 Notices Issued
13 Fines Issued

## LOCAL NUISANCE AND LITTER CONTROL

18 complaints received:

- 13 Nuisance Animals
- 5 Vermin/Pest

## DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

35 Applications lodged
42 Applications Granted
Value of Applications Granted $7,452,724

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

15 Waste Water Applications Reviewed

# Audit and Risk Committee

The Audit and Risk Committee is designed to assist the Council in the conduct of its responsibilities for the management of risk, related to financial management, reporting and audit initiatives, accounting, governance, the internal control system, and the audit functions, by providing independent assurance and advice to the Council and CEO in relation to these matters.

**The Committee:**
enhances the communication between the external audit and Council; assists with the management of financial and other risks to ensure the protection of Council assets; monitors the effectiveness of audit and review functions; and enhances the integrity of the financial reporting of the Council.

**Membership**

| Member | Meetings Attended | Apology | Allowance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Phil Channon - Chair** | 3(4) | 1 | $2340 |
| **Mick O'Neil** | 4(4) | 0 | $2000 |
| **Cr Michael Zerk** | 4(4) | 0 | $0 |
| **Andrew Hitchcock** | 2(4) | 2 | $1000 |
| **Liz Byrne** Commenced September 2024 | 3(4) | 1 | $1500 |

**Audit and Risk Committee Training**
During 2024-25 financial year, Committee members attended a training on Audit and Risk Committee fundamentals held by LGA Training. All members attending excluding the presiding member.

Members will continue to be given the opportunity to attend training sessions that become available throughout the year and that are relevant to Audit and Risk Committees.

# Audit and Risk Committee

**Principal Issues Examined**

The following table sets out the principal issues addressed by the Committee during the year:

| Meeting Date | Issue | The Audit and Risk Committee |
|---|---|---|
| 25/9/2024 | Long Term Financial Plan 2025-2034 | Recommendations to Council<br>That the Audit and Risk Committee recommend Council adopt the Long Term Financial Plan 2025–2034. |
| | Risk Management Framework & Register review | That the Audit and Risk Committee recommend Council adopt the revised Risk Management Framework and note the Top 5 operational risks as currently identified and the status of the Risk Register. |
| | External Audit Representation Letter | That the Audit and Risk Committee recommend Council endorse and sign the External Audit Representation Letter. |
| | Interim External Audit | That the Audit and Risk Committee note the interim audit report and management responses. |
| | A Prudential Issues | That the Audit and Risk Committee note there were no prudential issues requiring referral. |
| 6/11/2024 | Audit & Risk Committee Work Program 2025 | That the Audit and Risk Committee recommend Council adopt the Audit and Risk Committee Work Program 2025 and confirm the meeting dates. |
| | Risk Report – Top 5 Risks | That the Audit and Risk Committee endorse the Risk Appetite Statements and recommend Council adopt said Risk Appetite Statements. |
| | Annual Report 2023–24 | That the Audit and Risk Committee recommend Council adopt the Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report 2023–24. |
| | Budget Review #1 2024–25 | That the Audit and Risk Committee recommend Council adopt Budget Review #1 2024–25. |
| | Terms of Reference Update | That the Audit and Risk Committee recommend Council adopt the revised Terms of Reference. |
| | Internal Audit Update | That the Audit and Risk Committee note the internal audit update. |
| | Venus Bay Tourist Park Quarterly Report | That the Audit and Risk Committee note the Venus Bay Tourist Park quarterly report. |

# Audit and Risk Committee

| Meeting Date | Issue | The Audit and Risk Committee |
|---|---|---|
| 5/2/2025 | Work Program 2025 | That the Audit and Risk Committee note the Audit and Risk Committee Work Program 2025. |
| | Risk Report & Top 5 Risks | That the Audit and Risk Committee:<br>1. Note the Risk Report as provided.<br>2. Note the Top 5 operational risks as currently identified and the status of the Risk Register.<br>3. Endorse the Risk Appetite Statements and recommend Council adopt said Risk Appetite Statements.<br>4. Endorse the WHS Standards as developed by the Local Government Risk Services and recommend Council adopt said Standards. |
| | External Auditor Tender | That the Audit and Risk Committee note progress of the External Auditor tender process. |
| | Fleet Risk Report | That the Audit and Risk Committee note the Fleet Risk Report. |
| | Annual Business Plan Project Plan | That the Audit and Risk Committee note the Annual Business Plan Project Plan. |
| 30/4/2025 | Work Program 2025 | That the Audit and Risk Committee note the Audit and Risk Committee Work Program 2025. |
| | Risk Report & WHS Action Plan | That the Audit and Risk Committee:<br>1. Note the Risk Report as provided.<br>2. Note the Top 5 operational risks as currently identified and the status of the Risk Register. |
| | Internal Audit – Hazardous Manual Tasks Validation | That the Audit and Risk Committee note the Procedure Validation – Hazardous Manual Tasks findings undertaken by LGA Workers Compensation Scheme, and recommend Council implement the audit findings, including updating the Hazardous Manual Tasks Procedure, improving the Hazard Register, reviewing training, and updating interim risk assessment processes. |
| | Draft Annual Business Plan & Budget 2025–26 | That the Audit and Risk Committee:<br>1. Receive and note the Annual Business Plan and Draft Annual Budget 2025–2026.<br>2. Have reviewed and discussed the documents and provided commentary to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration. |

# Building Fire Safety Committee

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

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

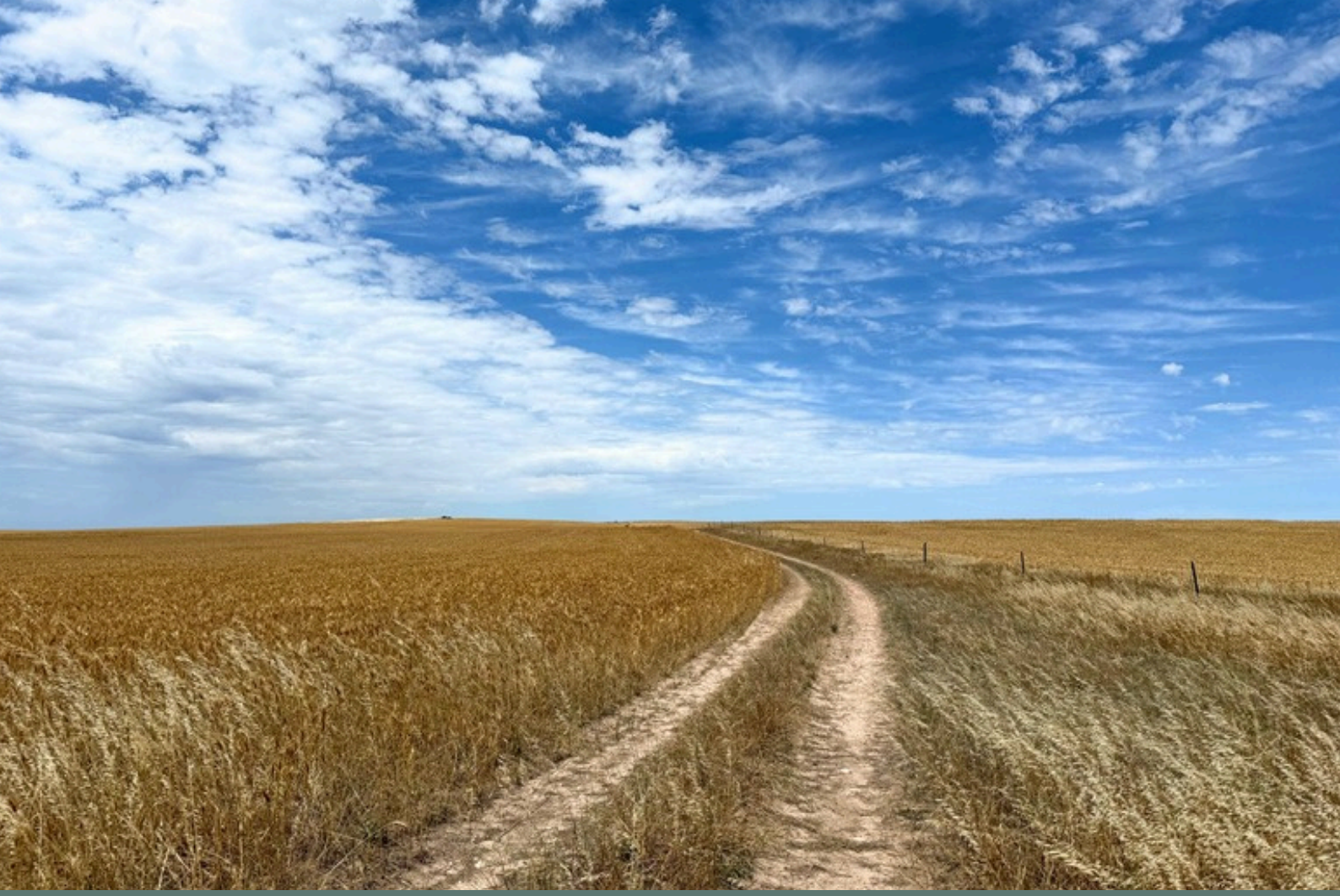
The purpose of the Committee is to maintain proper levels of fire safety in all accommodation buildings within the Council area.

The Committee carried out inspections in May 2024, letters of advice on works to be undertaken were posted to owners and lessees of the premises inspected.

Membership

- Vacant - Presiding Member
- Kevin Churchward
- Nick Heron
- Julian Aggiss





# APPENDIX 1

# Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association

2024-2025 Annual Report

# EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL REPORT





# 2024-25

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

Author: Peter Scott Executive Officer, Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association

Regional Snapshot provided by Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula Inc.

**First nations acknowledgement**

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

# THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with great pride that I present the 2024–25 Annual Report for the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association (EPLGA). This year has been one of innovation, resilience, and collaboration, as our eleven member councils worked together to address the unique challenges of governing in one of the most remote and diverse regions of South Australia.

**Leadership in Waste and Resource Management**

Waste management continued to be a critical priority for the EPLGA. Our region's councils face costs up to 500% higher than metropolitan counterparts, with some councils spending over 20% of their annual budgets on waste. In response, we provided strong advocacy to the EPA during the Waste-to-Resources Policy review, emphasising the need for tailored zoning frameworks, fair funding models, and place-based solutions. We also delivered the **EPLGA Monthly Waste to Resources Newsletter**, ensuring that councils and stakeholders remained informed and engaged with circular economy opportunities.

**Digital Transformation and AI Readiness**

This year saw the successful expansion of **EYREGov**, our AI-powered assistant designed specifically for local government. Trained on the Local Government Act, Regulations, bylaws and meeting procedures, EYREGov has provided councillors, CEOs, and staff with instant access to accurate information, reducing reliance on external consultants and improving internal efficiencies. We also partnered with JABA to introduce the ChatGPT API for councils, offering low-risk, secure digital solutions.

Building on this success, the EPLGA played a leadership role in shaping the **Digital Local Government Academy** in partnership with Telstra and Alyve. This initiative will provide councils with comprehensive digital maturity assessments, targeted training modules, and collaborative forums to embed digital capacity across the sector.

**Civil Tech II – Roads and Works Training**

In November 2024, we hosted our second **Civil Tech training event** in Port Lincoln, co-funded through the LGASA Regional Capacity Building Program. With over 97% of participants rating the program as worthwhile, the training covered drainage design, patrol grading, asset management, and innovative road recycling techniques. This program has proven its value in building practical skills and strengthening the capability of Works Managers, Supervisors, and field staff across the region.

**Advocacy and Collaboration**

Throughout the year, EPLGA continued to strengthen its advocacy voice. Key highlights included:

- Hosting all **five candidates for LGA SA President** at an online forum, ensuring our councils could engage directly with those seeking to represent the sector.
- Partnering with State and Federal Governments to progress the **Eyre Peninsula Grain Export Supply Chain Planning Study**, including exploration of road, port, and potential rail options.
- Supporting a **Country–City partnership** with three metropolitan councils to address the chronic shortage of Environmental Health Officers, Building Surveyors, and Planners, establishing staff exchange and shared service models.
- Advocating for a fairer funding model for regional jetties, shark mitigation strategies, and greater recognition of regional realities in CEO remuneration determinations.

**Strengthening Regional Voice and Networks**

Our 24-hour Board meetings continued to provide safe travel schedules while maximising

regional networking opportunities. These meetings, combined with conferences, workshops, and training, ensured EPLGA remained a vital forum for building collaboration and alignment.

The **Eyes on Eyre Online Camping Project** continued its strong growth, with bookings increasing by over 67% in 2023–24 compared to the previous year. This project has enhanced environmental stewardship while delivering a significant boost to regional tourism.

**Looking Forward**

The year ahead will see further emphasis on strengthening digital capacity, embedding AI tools, and progressing shared service models. Our advocacy will remain firmly focused on securing fair outcomes for regional councils on waste, transport, housing, and professional service delivery.

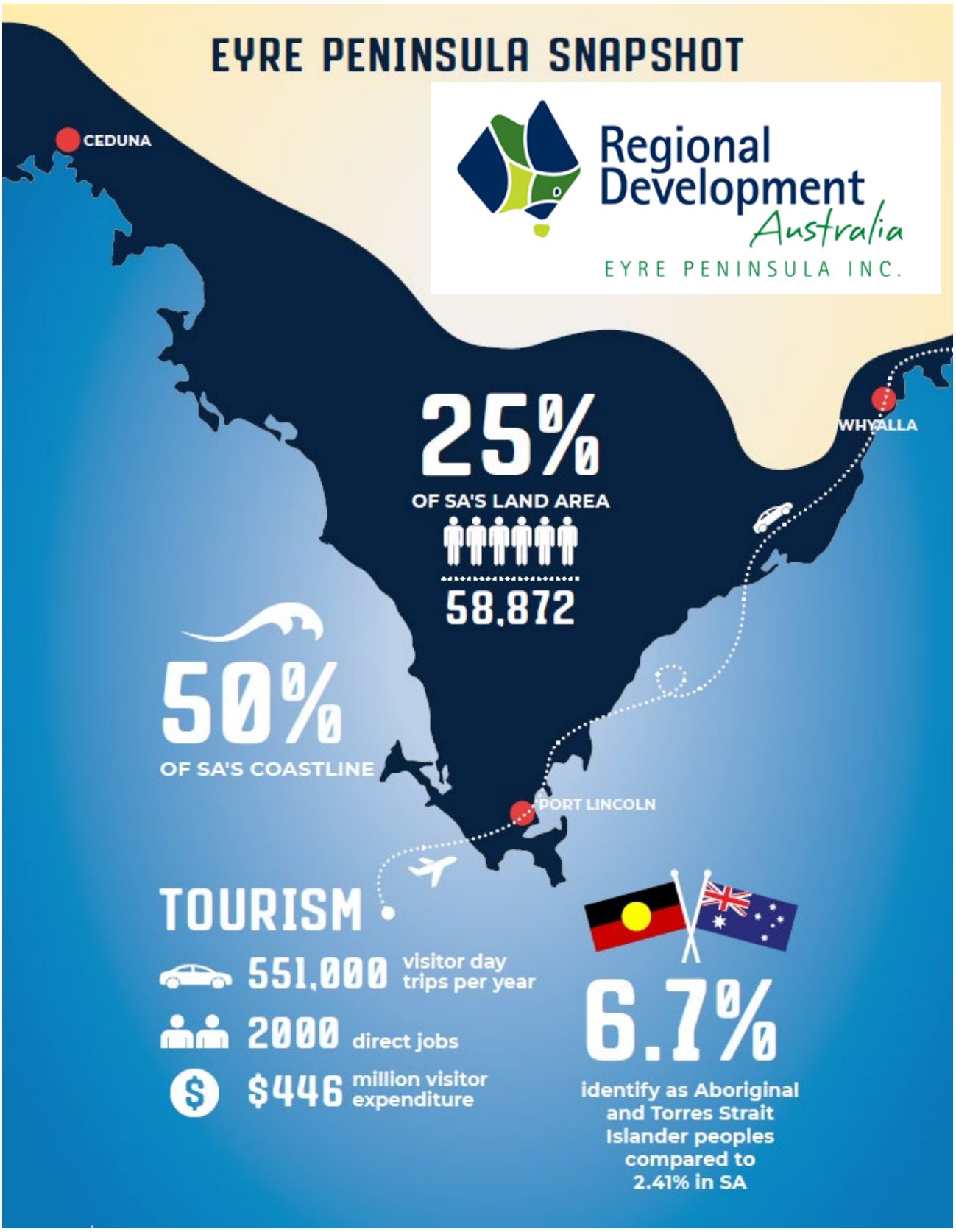
I wish to thank councillors, CEOs, staff, and regional partners for their dedication and collaboration. Together, we have demonstrated that strong regional leadership can overcome challenges and deliver real outcomes for our communities.

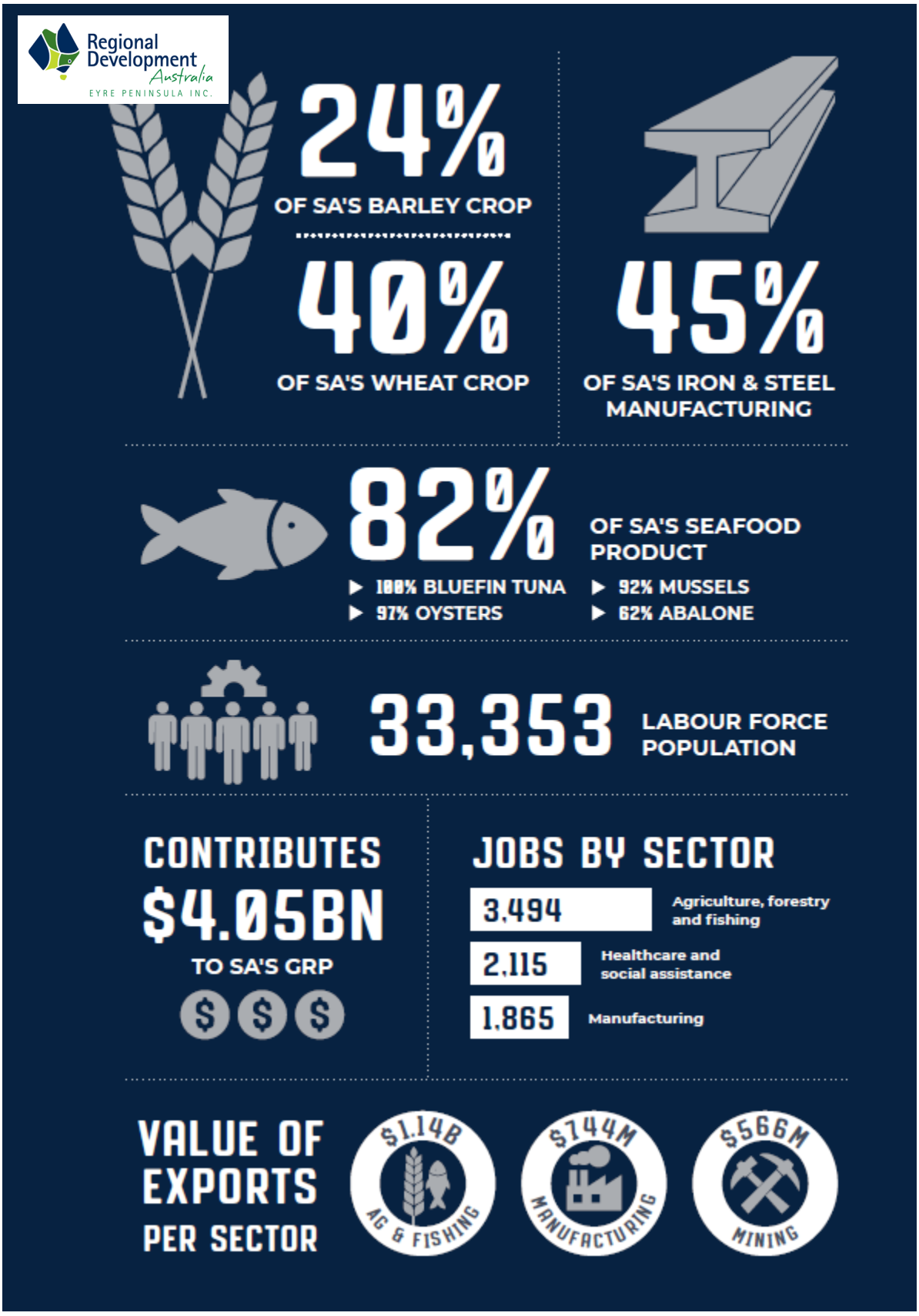


**Mayor Dean Johnson**

President Eyre Peninsula
Local Government Association

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EYRE PENINSULA SNAPSHOT
Regional Development Australia
EYRE PENINSULA INC.
CEDUNA
WHYALLA
PORT LINCOLN
25%
OF SA'S LAND AREA
58,872
50%
OF SA'S COASTLINE
TOURISM
551,000 visitor day trips per year
2000 direct jobs
$446 million visitor expenditure
6.7%
identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples compared to 2.41% in SA


Regional Development Australia
EYRE PENINSULA INC.
24%
OF SA'S BARLEY CROP
40%
OF SA'S WHEAT CROP
45%
OF SA'S IRON & STEEL MANUFACTURING
82%
OF SA'S SEAFOOD PRODUCT
100% BLUEFIN TUNA
97% OYSTERS
92% MUSSELS
62% ABALONE
33,353
LABOUR FORCE POPULATION
CONTRIBUTES
$4.05BN
TO SA'S GRP
JOBS BY SECTOR
3,494
Agriculture, forestry and fishing
2,115
Healthcare and social assistance
1,865
Manufacturing
VALUE OF EXPORTS PER SECTOR
$1.14B
AG & FISHING
$744M
MANUFACTURING
$566M
MINING

| Economic Statistic | Figure |
|---|---|
| **Population – EP** | |
| EP Population | **58,872** |
| % of Males | **50.5%** |
| % of Females | **49.5%** |
| % Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander | **6.7%** |
| % Born overseas | **11.1%** |
| % Eligible Votes | **68.9%** |
| **Income – EP** | |
| Median Weekly Household Income – EP | **$1,245** |
| Median Weekly Household Income – SA | **$1,455** |
| Median Weekly Household Income – AUS | **$1,746** |
| **Age – EP** | |
| % of people aged 60+ in Eyre Peninsula | **15,908 (27.9%)** |
| Median Age Eyre Peninsula | **43** |
| Median Age South Australia | **41** |
| Median Age Australia | **38** |
| **Highest change in local jobs from 2016 to 2021 – EP** | |
| Mining (largest increase) | **+ 580** |
| Public Administration and Safety (2nd largest increase) | **+ 402** |
| Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing (largest decrease) | **- 1,261** |

| Economic Statistic | Figure |
|---|---|
| **Employment – EP** | |
| Labour Force | **33,353** |
| Unemployed | **1,712** |
| Unemployment Rate | **5.1% (5.0% SA) (4.6% AUS)** |
| **Top Employment by Industry – EP** | |
| Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing | **3,494 (16.5%)** |
| Construction | **2,331 (11.0%)** |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | **2,115 (10.0%)** |
| Manufacturing | **1,865 (8.8%)** |
| Education and Training | **1,790 (8.5%)** |
| Mining | **1,689 (8.0%)** |
| **Gross Regional Product – EP** | |
| Total GRP for EP | **$4.05 billion** |
| % of Gross State Product (SA) | **3.44%** |
| Total Exports | **$3.41 billion** |
| **Top Exports by Industry – EP** | |
| Mining | **$1,114,318,000** |
| Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing | **$961,797,000** |
| Manufacturing | **$873,323,000** |
| Construction | **$89,925,000** |

Regional Development Australia
EYRE PENINSULA INC.

| Economic Statistic | Figure | |
|---|---|---|
| **Time Series Analysis (2020 v 2021) – EP – Source: REMPLAN** | **2020** | **2021** |
| Total Exports | **$3.07 billion** | **$3.41 billion** |
| Total Imports | **$1.98 billion** | **$2.16 billion** |
| Average Productivity (value-added per worker) in EP | **$0.14 million** | **$0.15 million** |
| Value of G&S produced in EP (local sales) | **$1.71 billion** | **$1.77 billion** |

## MEMBER COUNCILS

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

### EPLGA BOARD MEMBERS

| MEMBER COUNCIL | BOARD MEMBER | DEPUTY BOARD MEMBER |
|---|---|---|
| **Ceduna** | Ken Maynard (Mayor) | Robert Sleep (D/Mayor) |
| **Cleve** | Phil Cameron (Mayor) | Grant Fennell (D/Mayor) |
| **Elliston** | Andrew McLeod (Mayor) | Allison Pickford (D/Mayor) |
| **Franklin Harbour** | Robert Walsh (Mayor) | Rachel Deer (D/Mayor) |
| **Kimba** | Dean Johnson (Mayor) | Megan Lienert (D/Mayor) |
| **Lower Eyre** | Jo-Anne Quigley (Mayor) | Steve Woolley (D/Mayor) |
| **Port Lincoln** | Diana Mislov (Mayor) | Jack Ritchie (D/Mayor) |
| **Streaky Bay** | Travis Barber (Mayor) | Greg Limbert (D/Mayor) |
| **Tumby Bay** | Geoff Churchett (Mayor) | Julie Elliott (D/Mayor) |
| **Whyalla** | Phill Stone (Mayor) | Tamy Pond (D/Mayor) |
| **Wudinna** | Eleanor Scholz (Mayor) | Naomi Scholz (D/Mayor) |

## EPLGA Election for Officer Bearers - 27th February 2025

**The EPLGA Board elected:**

- **Mayor Dean Johnson as President**
- **Mayor Jo-Anne Quigley as Vice President**
- **Mayor Geoff Churchett to fill the Immediate Past President vacancy for the Executive Committee**
- **Mr Damian Carter, CEO of DC Streaky Bay, as CEO representative on Executive Committee**

## THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES/ APPOINTMENTS

***EPLGA Board Executive:***

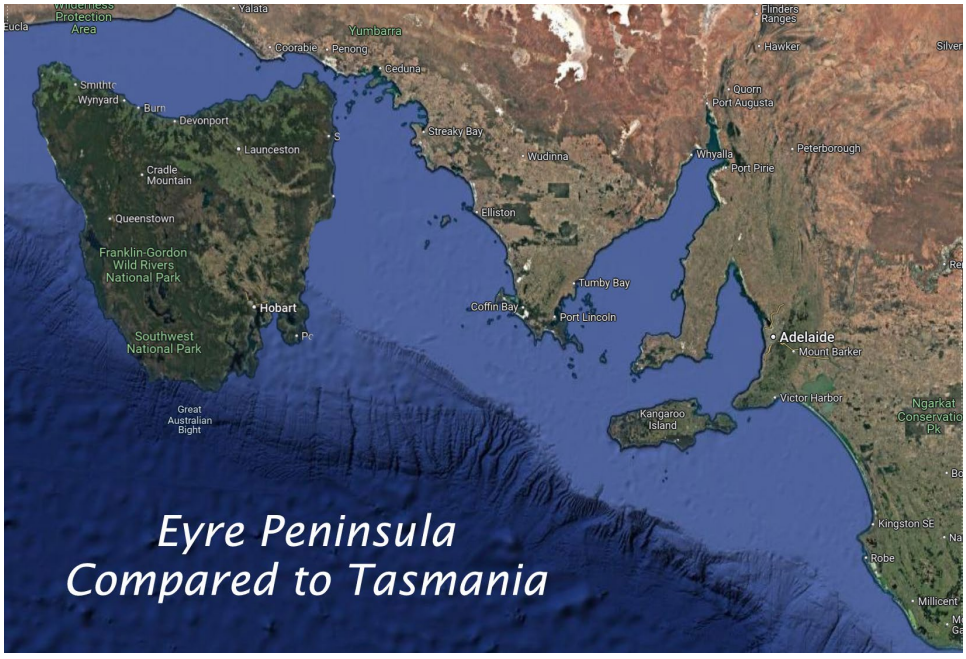
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|---|---|---|
| **President EPLGA**<br>**President LGASA**<br>**SAROC Committee**<br>**LGA Board of Directors** | Mayor Dean Johnson | DC Kimba |
| **Immediate Past President** | Mayor Geoff Churchett (In absence of Sam Telfer MP – did not stand for Mayor election) | DC Tumby Bay |
| **Vice President**<br>**SAROC Committee**<br>**LGA Board of Directors** | Mayor Jo-Anne Quigley | Lower Eyre Council |
| **Chief Executive Officer** | Damian Carter | DC Streaky Bay |
| **Executive Officer** | Peter Scott | EPLGA |

Other Regional Organisations:

**Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula Inc:**
Sue Chase, Chair — Ryan Viney, Chief Executive Officer

**Landscape Board Eyre Peninsula**
Peter Treloar, Chair — Jono Clark, General Manager

**Zone Emergency Management Committee:**
Damian Carter (Presiding Member) - DC Streaky Bay
Peter Scott, Executive Officer - EPLGA
Representatives from each Council



## MEETINGS SCHEDULE

| Date | Event | Host / Venue |
|---|---|---|
| **2 July 2024** | Regional Cooperation & Development Forum (ALGA) | National Convention Centre, Canberra |
| **2–4 July 2024** | National General Assembly of Local Government (ALGA) | National Convention Centre, Canberra |
| **5 July 2024** | Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG) | National Convention Centre, Canberra |
| **18 July 2024** | SAROC Committee Meeting | Local Government House, 148 Frome St, Adelaide |
| **20 September 2024** | EPLGA Board Meeting | Port Lincoln Hotel (City of Port Lincoln) |
| **3 October 2024** | SAROC Committee Meeting | District Council of Grant Chambers, Mount Gambier |
| **21–22 November 2024** | LGA Conference & AGM | National Wine Centre, Adelaide |
| **29 November 2024** | EPLGA Board Meeting | Kimba Gateway Hotel (District Council of Kimba) |
| **5 December 2024** | SAROC Committee Meeting | Local Government House, 148 Frome St, Adelaide |
| **23 January 2025** | SAROC Committee Meeting | Local Government House, 148 Frome St, Adelaide |
| **27 February 2025** | EPLGA Board Meeting | District Council of Streaky Bay |
| **27–28 February 2025** | 88th EPLGA Annual Conference | District Council of Streaky Bay |
| **27 March 2025** | SAROC Committee Meeting | Whyalla City Council, Civic Building, 21 Grundel St, Whyalla Norrie |
| **15 May 2025** | SAROC Committee Meeting | Local Government House, 148 Frome St, Adelaide |
| **22–23 May 2025** | LGA Conference & Ordinary General Meeting (OGM) | Adelaide Oval, North Adelaide |
| **13 June 2025** | EPLGA Board Meeting | District Council of Tumby Bay |
| **24–27 June 2025** | National General Assembly of Local Government (ALGA) | National Convention Centre, Canberra |
| **27 June 2025** | Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG) | National Convention Centre, Canberra |

# Our Partners

## South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC)

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

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

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

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




SAROC updated terms of reference: LGA-SAROC-Terms-of-Reference-effective-18-May-2025.pdf

Agendas, minutes, the Strategic and Business Plans can be viewed here: https://www.lga.sa.gov.au/about/lga-meetings/saroc

SAROC Committee members are appointed for a two-year term. EPLGA representatives:



**Mayor Dean Johnson**
Eyre Peninsula Region
District Council of Kimba



**Mayor Jo-Anne Quigley**
Eyre Peninsula Region
District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula

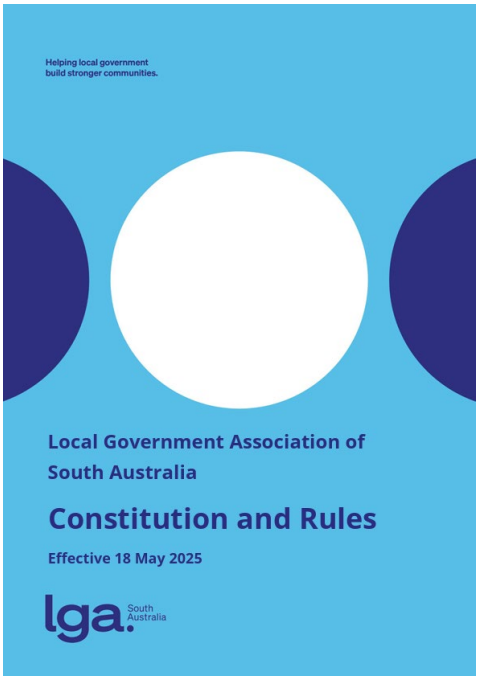
## Local Government Association of South Australia (LGASA)

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

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

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




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

EPLGA representatives on LGA Board or Directors are:



**Mayor Dean Johnson (LGA President)**

Eyre Peninsula Region
District Council of Kimba



**Mayor Jo-Anne Quigley**

Eyre Peninsula Region
District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula

## South Australian Coastal Councils Association (SACCA)

The South Australian Coastal Councils Alliance provides an informed, coordinated advocacy voice for issues impacting on coastal Councils in South Australia. They are there to provide a forum for information sharing and networking on coastal management issues facing Councils across the state, ensuring all SA coastal Councils are regularly updated on the work of the Alliance.

The South Australian Coastal Councils Alliance (SACCA) is governed by an executive committee consisting of elected members from coastal Councils from across the State. The LGA State President also participates as an ex-officio member of the Committee. The SACCA Committee is supported by a part-time Executive Officer – Mr Adam Gray.

The 2023-2025 SA Coastal Councils Alliance Executive Committee consists of the following elected members:

**Southern & Hills LGA**

Mayor Keith Parkes – Member – Chairperson

Mayor Darryl Houston – Proxy

Cr Sharon Bland – Proxy

**Northern and Yorke LGA**

Mayor Darren Braund – Member

Mayor Mark Wasley – Proxy

**Upper Spencer Gulf**

Mayor Phill Stone – Member

CEO John Banks – Proxy

**Eyre Peninsula LGA**

Mayor Rob Walsh – Member – Vice Chair

Mayor Geoff Churchett – Member

Mayor Dianna Mislov – Proxy

Mayor Jo-Anne Quigley – Proxy

**Limestone Coast LGA**

Mayor Kylie Boston - Member

Mayor Lisa Ruffell – Proxy

**LGA President (ex-officio member)**

Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross



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### Mayor Rob Walsh

DC Franklin Harbour

Deputy Chair SACCA

Executive Committee



### Mayor Geoff Churchett

DC Tumby Bay

SACCA Executive Committee

## LGA Conference & AGM, 21–22 November 2024, National Wine Centre, Adelaide

**Local Government Association AGM – Key Outcomes**

The Local Government Association of South Australia held its Annual General Meeting on 22 November 2024 at the National Wine Centre, Adelaide. Eyre Peninsula councils were well represented, with Lower Eyre, Ceduna, Cleve, Elliston, Kimba, Streaky Bay, Tumby Bay, Wudinna, Whyalla and Port Lincoln among the participating member councils.

The meeting received and adopted the 2023/24 Annual Report, Committee Reports, LGA Mutual Update, LGA Procurement Report, and Consolidated Financial Statements. The 2024 Local Government Financial Indicators were also noted.

A significant focus of the meeting was the review of the LGA Constitution and Ancillary Documents, with several proposals considered individually. Key outcomes included:

- Adoption of provisions for casual vacancies for the LGA President and GAROC/SAROC.
- Requirement for leave of absence when contesting State Government elections.
- Clarification of General Meeting agenda and business processes.
- Endorsement of recognition of regional subsidiary/association election processes.
- Approval of strategic planning requirements for GAROC and SAROC.
- Endorsement of a suite of miscellaneous and transitional provisions.

  Proposals for two-year terms and restricting LGA Board membership to mayors only were not carried.

Several advocacy motions were adopted, including:

- Taxation reform and housing affordability.
- Adjustment of council election timing to avoid clashing with State elections.
- Preferential voting for the LGA President.
- Development of a consistent policy framework for Artificial Intelligence in local government, including disclosure requirements.
- Strengthening financial sustainability advocacy.
- Improvements to the Planning and Design Code on garages, open space and ancillary accommodation.
- Advocacy for housing-related infrastructure investment and for delivery of the Greater Adelaide Freight Bypass.
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## 2024 Ordinary General Meeting
## Adelaide Oval 23 May 2025

**Local Government Association – Ordinary General Meeting (23 May 2025)**

The LGA Ordinary General Meeting was held on 23 May 2025 at Adelaide Oval, with the President, Mayor Dr Heather Holmes-Ross, presiding. Member councils across South Australia were represented, including Eyre Peninsula councils, with apologies noted from Ceduna, Elliston, Peterborough, Robe, Streaky Bay and others.

The meeting confirmed the minutes of the November 2024 AGM and received updates on LGA business, including LGA Mutual and LGA Procurement.

Key decisions included:

- First Home Buyers Stamp Duty Exemption – The meeting resolved to request LGA advocacy for the extension of the exemption to include existing homes in regional and rural communities.
- Local Government Elections Act Amendment – Members supported a call to lobby the State Government to remove provisions that unfairly penalise councils for costs incurred where the Electoral Commission is at fault.
- Planning and Development Compliance – A resolution was carried seeking legislative amendment to ensure property purchasers of new dwellings receive certified approval documentation at the time of sale.
- Regional Jetties – Strong advocacy was endorsed for equitable State funding for State-owned, council-leased jetties, recognising the unsustainable financial burden on regional councils. After a division, the motion was overwhelmingly carried.
- Community Centres – The meeting resolved that the LGA should research and build an evidence base to strengthen advocacy for sustainable State funding for community centres across South Australia.

## 2025 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly
## National Convention Centre Canberra
## 24-27 June 2025

**National General Assembly of Local Government 2025**
The 31st National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) brought together more than 1,300 local government leaders from across Australia in Canberra from 24–27 June 2025.
The Assembly was officially opened by Her Excellency the Honourable Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of Australia, who emphasised the importance of civic governance and local leadership in strengthening national resilience. Delegates also heard from a range of Federal Ministers, reflecting the growing recognition of the expanded role councils play in supporting communities under increasing financial pressure.
Key themes across the Assembly included:

- **Financial Sustainability:** Ministers acknowledged the pressing financial challenges facing councils, with local government calling for urgent national action.
- **Climate Change and Adaptation:** ALGA launched its research report *Adapting Together*, highlighting that councils are expected to spend more than $2 billion in the next five years to climate-proof communities, with avoided costs estimated at $4.7 billion. ALGA advocated for a $400 million annual Climate Adaptation Fund.
- **Innovation and Future Challenges:** Delegates considered the impacts of global economic trends, technological change, and artificial intelligence on local government, with practical sessions on leadership and innovation.
- **Concurrent Listening Sessions:** These sessions provided opportunities for engagement on critical issues, including:
    - Housing and community infrastructure
    - Emergency management capacity and disaster resilience
    - Local government jobs and skills
    - Safer roads and infrastructure investment

Almost **190 motions** were debated across policy areas such as financial sustainability, transport, health, housing, climate, and disaster resilience. The outcomes will be referred to Federal Ministers and guide ALGA's national advocacy positions.
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## Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board
## Peter Treloar | Chair
## Jonathan Clark |General Manager

The Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board Chair and General Manager attend and present to all EPLGA Board meetings. The Board works with community, industry, and other government agencies to sustainably manage our region's natural resources, with an emphasis on protection and restoration of our soil, water management, biodiversity, and pest plant and animal control.

There are nine landscape management regions in South Australia, governed by eight landscape boards and a metropolitan board. Landscape boards consist of seven members, including a chair. All members have been appointed by the Minister.

The boards work alongside community members and stakeholders to develop simple and accessible five-year regional landscape plans with five priorities. The plans aim to ensure that there is a balance between the needs of regional communities and the sustainable management of the environment.

Other key functions include development of water allocation plans for prescribed water resources, where applicable, and operating as the relevant authority for a range of water, land protection and animal and plant control activities.

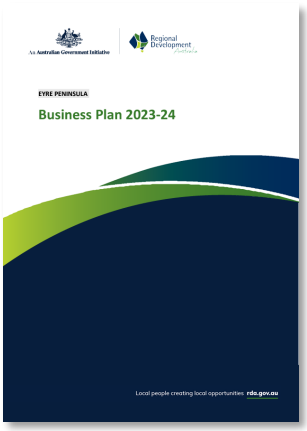
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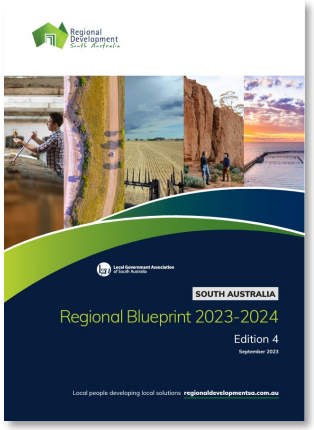



*Jono Clark, General Manager EP Landscape Board*

## Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula
## Sue Chase | Chair
## Ryan Viney |CEO

RDAEP Chair and CEO attend and present to all EPLGA Board meetings.
Regional Development Australia (RDA) is an Australian Government initiative established to encourage partnership between all levels of government and industry to enhance the growth and development of Australia's regional communities.
Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula is the peak body driving the expansion and growth of economic activity across Eyre Peninsula.
[Home - Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula (rdaep.org.au)]










In 2023 RDAEP completed development of a regional tourism brand; positioning 'Eyre' as South Australia's 'Wild Side'. The EYRE brand will be used for tourism marketing of the Eyre Peninsula, in place of the former 'Seafood Frontier' brand. The new brand, in addition to the Eyre Peninsula Destination Marketing Plan, puts Eyre Peninsula in a strong strategic position moving forward.



## Eyre Peninsula Desalination Project Working Group

**SA Water Desalination Plant – Port Lincoln**

**During 2024–25, the South Australian Government advanced plans for a $330 million desalination plant at Billy Lights Point, Port Lincoln, to secure Eyre Peninsula's future water supply. The project responds to critically low groundwater reserves in the Uley South Basin, which are projected to become undrinkable by 2026 without alternative sources.**

**Development approval was granted in November 2024, and early works commenced in 2025 with construction targeted for completion by mid-2026. The plant will produce up to 5.3 gigalitres of potable water annually, with provision to expand to 8 GL. This supply will allow a significant reduction in groundwater extraction and ensure long-term water security for households, industry, and agriculture across the region.**

**Extensive environmental assessments have been undertaken, with the design modified to extend intake and outfall pipes offshore into deeper, high-flow waters to minimise marine impacts. An Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan and on-site monitoring are also being implemented, though concerns remain regarding cultural heritage and the chosen location.**

**The project continues to attract strong community debate. While there is widespread acceptance of the need for desalination, aquaculture operators, traditional owners, and local councils have expressed opposition to the Billy Lights Point site due to environmental and cultural risks. The State Government has maintained the decision based on cost, feasibility, and urgency, and SA Water continues to work with local stakeholders to manage impacts.**

**Despite the ongoing controversy, the desalination plant remains on track to deliver first water in 2026, representing a critical investment in regional resilience and the protection of Eyre Peninsula's future water security.**

**Committee Members**

- **Steve Dangerfield - Facilitator**
- **Aimee Pedler** – Commshake
- **Delfina Lanzilli** – LEC
- **Eric Brown** – CEO, Port Lincoln City Council
- **Bill** Long– Ag Consulting
- **Mayor Dean Johnson** – District Council of Kimba
- **Peter Scott** – EPLGA
- **Jonathan Clark** – LandscapeSA
- **Ryan Viney** – RDAEP
- **Rob Gratton** – Clean Seas
- **Ray Henderson** – Yumbah Aquaculture
- **David Henchliffe** – SA Water
- **Tatiana Martelo** – SA Water

## SA Regional LGAs Executive Officers Management Group

There are five regional LGAs across South Australia:

- Southern & Hills
- Northern and Yorke
- Murraylands & Riverland LGA
- Limestone Coast LGA
- Spencer Gulf Cities
- Eyre Peninsjula LGA

The Regional LGA Executive Officers meet every 2 months to collaborate on projects and strategy across regional South Australia.

## Candidates for LGASA President present to EPLGA Board



**Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross (GAROC Chair)**
South Adelaide Region
City of Mitcham



**Mayor Claire Boan**
West Adelaide Region
City of Port Adelaide Enfield



**Lord Mayor Jane Lomax-Smith AM**
Adelaide Region
City of Adelaide



**Mayor Kris Hanna**
South Adelaide Region
City of Marion



**Mayor Michael Coxon**
West Adelaide Region
City of West Torrens

Nominations for the position of Local Government Association (LGA) President have officially closed, and five eligible candidates are in the running.

The candidates for LGA President, listed in the order of the ballot draw, are as follows:

- Lord Mayor Dr Jane Lomax-Smith (City of Adelaide)
- Mayor Michael COXON (City of West Torrens)
- Mayor Kris HANNA (City of Marion)
- Mayor Heather HOLMES-ROSS (City of Mitcham)
- Mayor Claire BOAN (City of Port Adelaide Enfield)

All Councils are now requested to cast their votes, with the completed ballot forms to be submitted to the LGA by 5:00pm on Monday, 4 November 2024.

**EPLGA Hosts Candidate Presentations**

The EPLGA facilitated an online presentation by all five candidates in November 2024. Each accepted the invitation to present via Teams to the EPLGA Board and CEOs, with councillors joining virtually to observe the session. Each candidate had 10 minutes to present their platform, followed by a question-and-answer session. Moderated by Mayor Dean Johnson, President of the EPLGA, the candidates were asked identical questions from the Board to maintain fairness.

The presentations were highly informative, and each candidate brought forward their unique perspectives and leadership styles. This session provided an excellent opportunity for Eyre Peninsula Councils to engage with the candidates and consider their options for the upcoming election.

The Board extended its gratitude to the candidates for taking the time to participate in the process. The presentations will be instrumental in helping Councils make an informed choice as they cast their votes for LGA President.

## EPLGA Board Meeting, 20th September 2024 – hosted by City of Port Lincoln

EPLGA Board meetings follow a structured rotation system, where the 11 member Councils take turns hosting the event. Given the vast distances across the Eyre Peninsula, this can sometimes require Councils to embark on a round trip of up to 10 hours, making it impractical to complete in a single day. To address this, the meetings are designed as "24-hour" events to maximise both productivity and networking.

The event typically kicks off at 12:30pm with a welcome lunch provided by the host Council, followed by various activities such as workshops, site tours, or training sessions. These are tailored to showcase regional projects or innovations relevant to the participating councils. Following the day's formalities, a networking dinner is held in the evening, providing an invaluable opportunity for Mayors and CEOs to strengthen relationships and exchange ideas in a more informal setting.

After staying overnight, participants are treated to an early working breakfast, which serves as a lead-up to the formal Board meeting that starts at 8:30am. The meeting concludes by lunchtime, giving attendees ample time to safely travel back to their respective councils.

The extended format of these meetings offers more than just operational value; the real benefit lies in the enhanced opportunities for collaboration, discussion, and relationship-building among regional leaders. Representatives from key regional bodies such as Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula, the Eyre Peninsula Landscapes Board, and the South Australian Coastal Councils Alliance are regular attendees, further enriching the sessions with their insights. Special guests are often invited to contribute, making the meetings a dynamic platform for addressing regional challenges and opportunities.

This unique structure not only supports effective governance but also fosters a stronger sense of regional unity and strategic alignment among the various stakeholders involved.

Showcasing Port Lincoln, the City of Port Lincoln hosted all Councils and guest at a Welcome Lunch at Fumo. Fumo 28 Oyster Bar & Seafood is a boutique restaurant located on the picturesque Port Lincoln foreshore. The restaurant specialises in fresh, local seafood, particularly oysters, and showcases the best of Eyre Peninsula's produce through a seasonal menu. It provides both dine-in and takeaway options, and even offers home delivery via the Orderoo app.

Fumo 28 also features live entertainment, adding to the vibrant dining experience. The menu includes a variety of seafood dishes, small plates, and a hand-picked wine list, with a focus on fresh, locally sourced ingredients. The restaurant is popular for its al fresco dining and intimate indoor setting, making it a great spot to enjoy the views of the foreshore

Michael Patterson, Telstra Regional Manager, spoke at the lunch about Telstra's investment in the Eyre Peninsula Regional Connectivity Plan. Telstra's Regional Connectivity Plan on the Eyre Peninsula is part of a broader national effort to improve telecommunications infrastructure in regional areas. As part of the Federal Government's Regional Connectivity Program (RCP), Telstra is working on several projects aimed at enhancing mobile and broadband services in remote and rural communities. For the Eyre Peninsula, this includes investments in mobile towers and fibre backhaul to improve high-speed broadband and mobile coverage.

Communities like Wirrulla on the Eyre Peninsula will benefit from new macro mobile sites, funded through a mix of federal and state contributions, including the deployment of improved 4G mobile coverage along key stretches like the Eyre Highway. The aim is to support local businesses, tourism, and essential services like health care by providing more reliable mobile and internet services.

Additionally, Telstra is contributing to a broader initiative under the Mobile Black Spot Program, which targets areas with poor mobile reception. Over the next few years, the plan aims to close gaps in connectivity across Eyre Peninsula and other regional areas, helping residents and businesses better participate in the digital economy

Local media was invited to the lunch to meet Mayors and CEOS and continue with positive relationship building.

After lunch a walking tour of Port Lincoln's foreshore project was followed by a visit and presentation to the growing Unihub facility. UniHub Spencer Gulf is a not-for-profit, community-driven tertiary education facility that aims to make higher education more accessible to people in regional South Australia. The hub operates study centres in several locations including Port Pirie, Port Augusta, Kadina, and Port Lincoln, with an outreach service to Roxby Downs. These centres provide students with the technology, space, and support to pursue university degrees without needing to relocate to metropolitan areas.

UniHub partners with major Australian universities such as CQUniversity, Flinders University, and the University of Adelaide to offer a range of degrees that address regional skill shortages in areas like nursing, engineering, business, and education. Students studying through these partners receive additional support, including local tutorials, mentoring, and industry placements to help them succeed academically and professionally. However,

the study centres are also available to students enrolled at any Australian university, providing access to essential resources like high-speed internet, computer labs, and study areas.

The initiative focuses on addressing local workforce needs, fostering a self-reliant and vibrant community by providing pathways to education in the Spencer Gulf region

A visit was undertaken to Boston Bean , not only sample their award winning coffee, but to listen to their journey from home business to thriving small business. Boston Bean Coffee Company, based in Port Lincoln, is a well-known specialty coffee roaster started by Richard and Sue Scott in 2014. The couple, inspired by Melbourne's coffee culture, set out to bring high-quality coffee to the Eyre Peninsula. They roast beans from regions like Ethiopia, Brazil, and Papua New Guinea, ensuring each blend is carefully crafted.

Boston Bean has earned national recognition for its excellence, including a Gold Medal at the 2017 Golden Bean Coffee Roasters Awards for their Ethiopia Yirgacheffe Konga in the Single Origin Espresso category. The company also garnered multiple awards at the Hobart Fine Food Awards and the Australian International Coffee Awards.

Their Port Lincoln café is a community favourite, offering a range of coffee blends, single-origin varieties, and a welcoming atmosphere. Boston Bean also provides wholesale services and ships coffee across Australia via their online platform.




The Networking Dinner was held at the L'Anse French Café. L'Anse French Café is a charming French-inspired café located in Port Lincoln. Founded in 2018 by Marvin and Grace Lattrez, it was originally opened in Tumby Bay before moving to its current location on Liverpool Street in Port Lincoln in 2022. The café offers a variety of French pastries made fresh daily, alongside breakfast, brunch, and lunch options. Popular menu items include pulled pork eggs Benedict and croissants, with a focus on using locally sourced ingredients from South Australia.




Marvin, a former fine dining chef from France, brings his expertise to the café's offerings, ensuring high-quality dishes with a French flair. The café partners with Boston Bean Coffee Company to create a unique coffee blend, adding a local touch to their beverage offerings. With a glass-fronted bakery, customers can watch the intricate process of pastry-making while enjoying the relaxed and stylish atmosphere.

L'Anse has become a favourite dining destination on the Eyre Peninsula, known for its emphasis on fresh, local ingredients and its commitment to supporting regional producers

Dinner guests included Enerven and the Australian Border Force.

ENERVEN™

Enerven is working with RDAEP and EPLGA on an EOI with ARENA for funding for microgrids across Eyre Peninsula. $1 million has already been funded by ARENA on Australia's first microgrid feasibility study in Eyre Peninsula. Enerven is a South Australian company specialising in the design, construction, and maintenance of electrical, telecommunications, and renewable energy infrastructure. As a subsidiary of SA Power Networks, Enerven plays a vital role in building and maintaining energy infrastructure that connects power and communications to communities across the country. The company works on large-scale projects such as solar farms, battery energy storage systems, and microgrids, and also delivers transmission and distribution networks for utilities and industrial clients.

Enerven has been involved in notable projects like SA Water's Zero Cost Energy Future, where they helped install over 500,000 solar panels and energy storage systems across South Australia. This effort earned them the prestigious 2021 Australian Construction Achievement Award. They also collaborate with CEP. Energy to develop commercial and industrial solar and storage solutions, further expanding their influence in renewable energy across Australia.

In addition to their technical expertise, Enerven places a strong emphasis on sustainability, safety, and community involvement, supporting local initiatives and providing employment opportunities, including apprenticeships and graduate programs

Australian BORDER FORCE

The Australian Border Force (ABF) is a law enforcement agency that operates under the Department of Home

Affairs. It was established on 1 July 2015 through the merging of the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service with the immigration detention and compliance functions of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection. ABF is responsible for enforcing customs and immigration laws, securing Australia's borders, and managing the flow of goods and people in and out of the country.

ABF officers are stationed at key locations like international airports, seaports, and land borders across the country, including South Australia. They are tasked with protecting Australia's borders by preventing illegal drugs, weapons, and other contraband from entering the country, while also ensuring lawful immigration and trade practices.

In South Australia, ABF plays a significant role in port operations, particularly in Adelaide, where it monitors shipping activities to prevent smuggling. ABF also works in collaboration with South Australian Police (SAPOL) and other federal agencies, such as the Australian Federal Police (AFP), to tackle issues like human trafficking, drug importation, and the infiltration of supply chains by criminal syndicates.

One of the major South Australian operations involving the ABF was **Operation Eggshell**, which targeted the illicit trafficking of drugs and other contraband through seaports.

In addition to enforcement, ABF has a strong focus on community engagement, working to educate the public about border security issues and ensuring that trade and travel are conducted lawfully and efficiently across the region.

## EPLGA Meeting in Kimba 28/29 November 2024



**Thursday, 28th November 2024**
Venue: Kimba Gateway Hotel
Afternoon Workshops/Training:

1. Media Training – Presented by LGASA.
2. AI Transformation – Delivered by David O'Keefe, Aurora.
3. Community Engagement (IAP2) – Facilitated by Jono Clark.

Dinner: All attendees are invited to dinner at the Kimba Gateway Hotel.

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**Friday, 29th November 2024**
**Venue: Kimba Gateway Hotel**

EPLGA Board Meeting Agenda Highlights

- *AMP energy will present an update on the Cape Hardy Green Hydrogen Project.*
- Grain Supply Chain Study: Update on background and next steps for discussion.
- EPA Waste to Resources Policy Review: Ongoing meetings with EPA and the Council Waste Consultative Group. A regional response is in development and will be shared for council input by 20th December.

- GISA Funding: EPLGA will apply for funding to establish a Regional Waste Officer position for two years. Submission due 13th December.
- LGA NSW AI Bootcamp: Summary and learnings.
- EYREGov Update: Full access to EYREGov Assistant (integrating ChatGPT4 and Claude 3.5) now available. Instructions provided for mobile installation and voice mode activation.
- Civil Tech II – EPLGA Roads Training: Overview of the training held 20-21 November in Port Lincoln, with 37 registrations.
- Bookeasy Update: Implementation of CBAS monthly reconciliation training to mitigate single-person dependency.

## EPLGA Board Meeting, Thursday 27th February, DC Streaky Bay

The Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association (EPLGA) Board gathered on Thursday, the 27th of February 2025, in Streaky Bay to address crucial regional strategic matters and advance motions influencing the future of local communities.

One of the significant achievements of the meeting was the decision to collaborate with the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board and the Department of Primary Industries and Regions South Australia (PIRSA) on a coordinated plan to manage the invasive starling population. These birds significantly threatened agricultural productivity, and a united regional effort was essential to restrain their impact. The EPLGA Board formally appealed to the State Government to declare starlings a pest species to facilitate stronger eradication measures.

Additionally, the EPLGA supported the transition of Whyalla Steelworks to cleaner steel production, following a substantial $2.4 billion investment by the Federal and State Governments. With the facility playing a crucial role in Australia's national manufacturing capability, the Board emphasised the need for engagement with both government levels to advocate for regional employment, infrastructure investment, and supply chain opportunities for Eyre Peninsula businesses.

The issue of shark attacks also came under consideration, with the Board recognising the concerns raised by coastal communities. They strongly urged the South Australian Government to develop a more comprehensive regional shark mitigation strategy. They called for risk assessments at Eyre Peninsula beaches, enhanced safety measures, and funding on par with other Australian states to ensure public safety.

The EPLGA also voiced its concern over the Remuneration Tribunal's draft determination regarding Local Government CEO salaries, particularly the lack of distinction between metropolitan and regional councils. The Board planned to submit a formal response advocating for the recognition of regional challenges, including the necessity for additional incentives, such as housing and vehicle allowances, to attract and retain skilled CEOs.

Moreover, the Board endorsed a motion from the District Council of Tumby Bay, urging the Local Government Association of South Australia (LGASA) to promote a fair and sustainable funding model for regional jetties. Given that many councils struggle to maintain these state-owned assets, the EPLGA emphasised the need for continuous State Government financial support to alleviate financial pressure on regional ratepayers.

The possibility of electronic participation in council meetings was also discussed, with a motion from the District Council of Wudinna proposing legislative amendments to permit electronic participation and voting. The EPLGA decided to continue evaluating the benefits of increased flexibility for regional councils.

Looking ahead, the EPLGA Board remained steadfast in its commitment to strong advocacy for Eyre Peninsula communities. The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, the 13th of June 2025, in Tumby Bay, where further discussions on regional priorities were set to take place.

## 88th EPLGA Conference 2025 – Streaky Bay: A Resounding Success




The 2025 EPLGA Conference, hosted in Streaky Bay on 27–28 February, marked the 88th consecutive year of what is recognised as the longest-running local government conference in Australia. This enduring event once again reinforced its value as the premier gathering for mayors, councillors, chief executives, and stakeholders across the Eyre Peninsula.

With over 150 delegates in attendance, the conference provided a vital forum for regional leaders to collaborate, share insights, and chart a course for the future of local government. The theme, *Innovation in Local Government*, guided a dynamic program with keynote addresses, panel sessions, and workshops addressing priority issues for Eyre Peninsula councils.

Key areas of discussion included:

- **Housing:** Practical approaches to tackling regional housing shortages, including modular and prefabricated builds, sustainable materials, and energy-efficient design.
- **Waste Management:** Emerging opportunities in autonomous recycling, biochar production, and circular economy models adapted for regional settings.
- **Technology and Digital Transformation:** Harnessing smart tools and digital platforms to overcome distance and resource limitations, and improve service delivery.
- **Healthcare and Workforce Pressures:** Recognising the challenges of service provision in remote communities and examining new models of regional collaboration.

The program was strongly supported by local businesses, with delegates able to sample Eyre Peninsula's renowned food and hospitality. Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive, noting both the quality of discussion and the professional networking opportunities provided.

Mayor Travis Barber, District Council of Streaky Bay, reflected:

"The overwhelmingly positive feedback from attendees speaks to the quality of discussions, the engagement of our speakers, and the incredible local food and hospitality that made this event truly special."

The EPLGA conference continues to be more than an annual meeting—it is an essential part of regional capacity building, equipping councils with innovative strategies and reinforcing the collective strength of local government on the Eyre Peninsula.



*EPLGA Conference hosted by DC Streaky Bay*

## EPLGA Meeting in Tumby Bay 13th June 2025



Thursday June 12th, Half day conference hosted by DC Tumby Bay

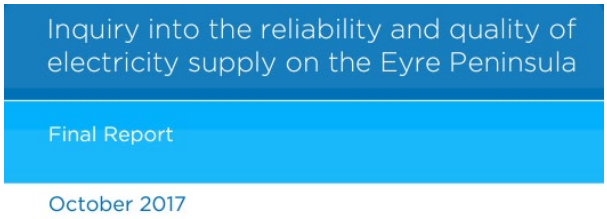
- Coastal issues – erosion of foreshore, masterplanning for solutions and developments regarding the Tumby Bay Jetty
- Colour Tumby – why international artists are queuing up to be involved.
- City of West Torrens – presentation on AI and how West Torrens have trained staff and integrated AI into daily tasks.
- Department of Infrastructure and Transport – Update on Grain Supply Study for Eyre Peninsula – a investigation into existing infrastructure including critical port, road and rail.

Friday morning June 13 2025 – EPLGA Board meeting.

- President's Report
- Regional Strategic Issues
- City of Whyalla Motion – hosting of EPLGA Conference in 2026
- DC Streaky Bay Motion – State Government's response to ongoing drought crisis
- EPLGA to provide accounting support for South Australian Coastal Council Alliance
- Individual Council Reports
- City Country Council Alliance – more than shared services
- Green Industries SA Grant Agreement
- CEO Committee
- Executive Officer General Report
- Finance Report
- EPLGA Business Plan 2026
- Health – Northern Eyre Peninsula Health Alliance (NEPHA)
- Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula Inc (RDAEP)
- Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board

## Microgrids on Eyre Peninsula

Following the 4 day blackout across Eyre Peninsula in 2016, and an ESCOSA enquiry in 2017, RDAEP were successful in obtaining a $1 million dollar grant for a Microgrid feasibility study headed by ITP renewables and South Australian Power networks.







The feasibility study considered three case studies across Eyre Peninsula, Koonibba, Sceale bay and Kimba.

A further in-depth analysis was conducted for a Konnibba microgrid including a cost/benefit analysis.

All these studies have built a solid foundation for South Australia's first microgrid.

Rob Seymour (previously OPTUS) in his new role with SAPN and Peter Scott met with Enerven COO (energy and telecommunications specialist) Matthew Park to demonstrate support for, and soundness of, the microgrid work done to date. Enverven subsequently gave the go ahead to progress to the EOI stage for a multi million dollar grant from Australian Renwable Energy Agency (ARENA) under the Regional microgrids program.

The Regional Microgrids Program (the Program) seeks to support the development and deployment of renewable energy microgrids across regional Australia that contribute to the Program Outcomes.ARENA has allocated funding across two Streams under the Program, and each Stream has its own Outcomes.

Australian Government
Australian Renewable Energy Agency

ARENA

## Eyre Peninsula Digital Local Government Initiative

Council CEOs across the Eyre Peninsula are engaged in ongoing talks with Telstra and Alyve regarding their "Digital Academy for Local Government" program.

### Overview

The Digital Academy represents a collaborative effort between Telstra and Alyve to provide councils with comprehensive resources designed to enhance digital capabilities. This always-available platform combines assessment tools, targeted learning modules, practical case studies, and collaborative forums that enable both leadership and staff to effectively plan, implement, and refine digital services.

#### Strategic Importance

Rural councils increasingly face digital inclusion challenges, outdated technology systems, and growing cybersecurity vulnerabilities. The Academy addresses these issues through a human-centered approach that integrates digital thinking into everyday operations rather than viewing technology as merely periodic investments.

### Implementation Framework

The program follows a structured six-phase approach:

1. **Assessment** – Initial diagnostic evaluation benchmarking current capabilities in data management, security practices, AI readiness, and privacy compliance
2. **Strategy Development** – Collaborative creation of a technical roadmap aligned with council objectives
3. **Early Adoption** – Implementation of targeted pilot projects to validate concepts and deliver immediate benefits
4. **Expansion** – Broader implementation of successful initiatives with comprehensive change management
5. **Cultural Integration** – Development of ethical frameworks, governance structures, and leadership capacity for sustainable practices
6. **Ongoing Support** – Continuous access to Academy resources for regular evaluation, knowledge sharing, and peer collaboration

#### Key Components

- Customised learning pathways for different roles (executives, coordinators, elected officials)
- Digital maturity tracking with comparative analysis against similar councils
- Resource library offering practical frameworks and expert guidance
- Collaborative network for sharing implementation experiences

### Advantages for EPLGA Members

- Specific recommendations to reduce operational costs while improving service quality
- Enhanced data-driven decision processes and stronger funding proposals
- Opportunities for shared digital infrastructure supporting broader regional collaboration
- Clear progress indicators for reporting to elected officials and community stakeholders

#### Partnership Credentials

Telstra maintains relationships with all 537 Australian councils and funds the national Digital Inclusion Index, while Alyve specialises in integrating strategy, people, and technology solutions.

Together, they provide the necessary scale, regional expertise, and independent guidance to deliver a consistent and forward-looking program for local government.

### Proposed Actions

1. Indicate interest to Telstra/Alyve to arrange diagnostic assessments for participating councils
2. Select appropriate representatives (CEOs or digital specialists) for strategy workshops
3. Select initial demonstration projects (such as AI-enhanced customer service or IoT-based asset monitoring) to demonstrate value to the broader SA Regional Organisation of Councils

## Country-City Partnership to Address Professional Staff Shortages

### Comprehensive Collaborative Solution on the Horizon

The Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association (EPLGA) is progressing an innovative council-led initiative to address the chronic shortage of specialist professional staff across our region, including Environmental Health Officers (EHOs), Building Surveyors, Planners and Landscape Architects.

After extensive groundwork since 2021, including detailed business cases and legal frameworks, we're now moving forward with a practical, phased approach to ensure our communities receive essential regulatory and planning services. We are pleased to report that discussions are well underway with three metropolitan councils who have committed to working together on this important initiative.

### The Collaborative Model

The initiative will establish formal partnerships between Eyre Peninsula councils and three metropolitan council partners through a Memorandum of Understanding. This collaborative approach will enable metropolitan professional staff to provide regular support to our region through:

1. **Initial Pilot Visits**: Metropolitan specialists (EHOs, Building Surveyors, Planners and Landscape Architects) will make scheduled visits to Eyre Peninsula councils on a rotating basis, providing immediate relief for critical services and regulatory functions.
2. **Staff Exchange Programme**: Building on the pilot's success, we'll establish longer secondments (1-2 months) for metropolitan officers to work in our region, with opportunities for our staff to gain valuable experience at the metro councils.
3. **Long-Term Partnership**: Eventually, this will evolve into an ongoing shared service arrangement across all professional disciplines, creating a sustainable model for regional service delivery.

### Benefits for Our Communities

This comprehensive collaboration will deliver numerous benefits:

- **Improved regulatory and planning services** through regular on-the-ground professional presence
- **Enhanced public health oversight** with consistent EHO coverage across the region
- **Streamlined building approval processes** with qualified Building Surveyors available to all councils
- **Better strategic and statutory planning outcomes** through access to experienced Planners
- **High-quality public spaces** guided by professional Landscape Architects
- **Cost-effective solution** compared to each council trying to recruit independently
- **Knowledge transfer** between metropolitan and regional staff
- **Greater resilience** against staff turnover and service disruptions

- **Professional development opportunities** for all councils involved

## Alignment with Sector Priorities

The initiative aligns perfectly with the LGA SA Draft Strategic Plan 2025-2029, particularly:

- **Pillar 2: Magnify Member Value** - Creating shared services that reduce administrative burdens
- **Pillar 3: Build Capacity and Leadership** - Developing talent pipelines for critical roles, especially in regional areas

## Next Steps

The EPLGA CEO Committee continues on developing operational details including:

1. Formalising agreements with our three metropolitan partner councils
2. Completing the comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding
3. Implementing the first pilot visits within 3-4 months
4. Regular monitoring and reporting on outcomes
5. Developing a tailored approach for each professional discipline

This council-led approach demonstrates our region's commitment to innovative problem-solving and collaboration. Together, we're ensuring our communities receive the high-quality professional services they deserve while building a more resilient local government sector across South Australia.

The initiative will help address the specific needs identified in our councils' service requirements, with varying levels of support required across different professional disciplines—from approximately 240 EHO hours per annum in some councils to 385 hours of Building Services support in others.

## Eyre Western Plan Regional Plan

The Eyre and Western Regional Plan was a critical long-term strategic planning instrument under the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016, shaping the region's development over the next 15 to 30 years. The State Government, through the Department for Housing and Urban Development and the State Planning Commission, led this process in close collaboration with local councils, government agencies, industry stakeholders, and communities.
As part of this process, Visioning Workshops were held in Port Lincoln and Ceduna in March 2023, engaging 45 key regional stakeholders. These sessions provided an opportunity to outline priorities, challenges, and future aspirations for the region. The feedback gathered directly influenced the drafting of the Eyre and Western Regional Plan, with public consultation scheduled for early 2025.



*Eyre Western Regional Planning Area*

**Key Themes Identified**

Workshop participants highlighted several priority themes, reflecting the region's unique strengths and opportunities:

- **Innovative and Creative Economy** – Building capacity to become a powerhouse for renewable energy, hydrogen production, and circular economies.

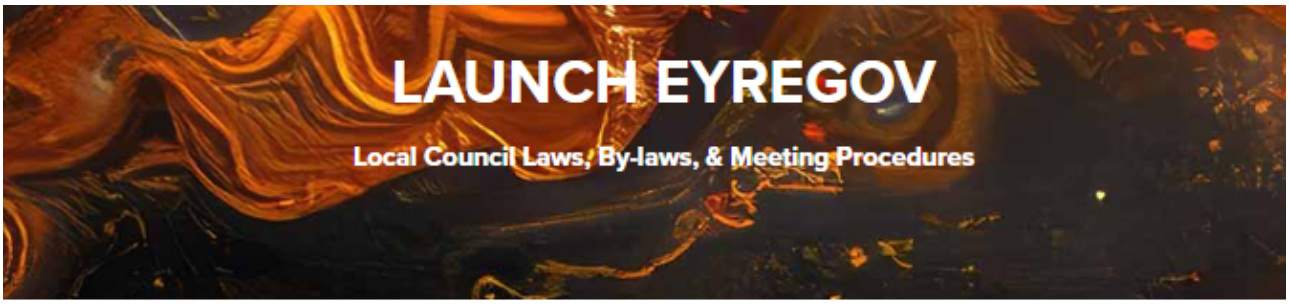
- **Community-Led Energy Independence** – Supporting the transition to self-sufficient, locally produced renewable energy.
- **Advanced Food Bowl and Food Security** – Strengthening sustainable agriculture and aquaculture industries.
- **Population Growth and New Communities** – Attracting new residents and skilled professionals.
- **Expansion of the Space Industry** – Positioning Southern Eyre Peninsula as Australia's space industry hub.
- **Efficient Transport and Connectivity** – Exploring high-speed travel links, including rail and aviation.
- **Education and Skills Development** – Expanding training and education infrastructure across the region.




Eyre Western Regional Plan – download the whole plan or customise to download just the parts you are interested in here: [Digital Regional Plans]

Dean Fisher, Strategic Planner – Planning and Land Use Services, Department of Housing and Urban Development led several presentations to the EPLGA and provided further insights into these priorities and the next steps in the planning process. It was essential that EPLGA and its member councils remained actively involved to ensure that local government voices were reflected in the final plan.
This work represented a significant opportunity for regional leaders to align advocacy, projects, and policies with the State's vision—ensuring that Eyre Peninsula's growth was sustainable, innovative, and locally driven.

## EYREGov: Transforming Local Government through AI




# EYREGov

### Welcome to EYREGov, your friendly AI Assistant for navigating the intricacies of local council laws, by-laws, and meeting procedures in the Eyre Peninsula area of South Australia!

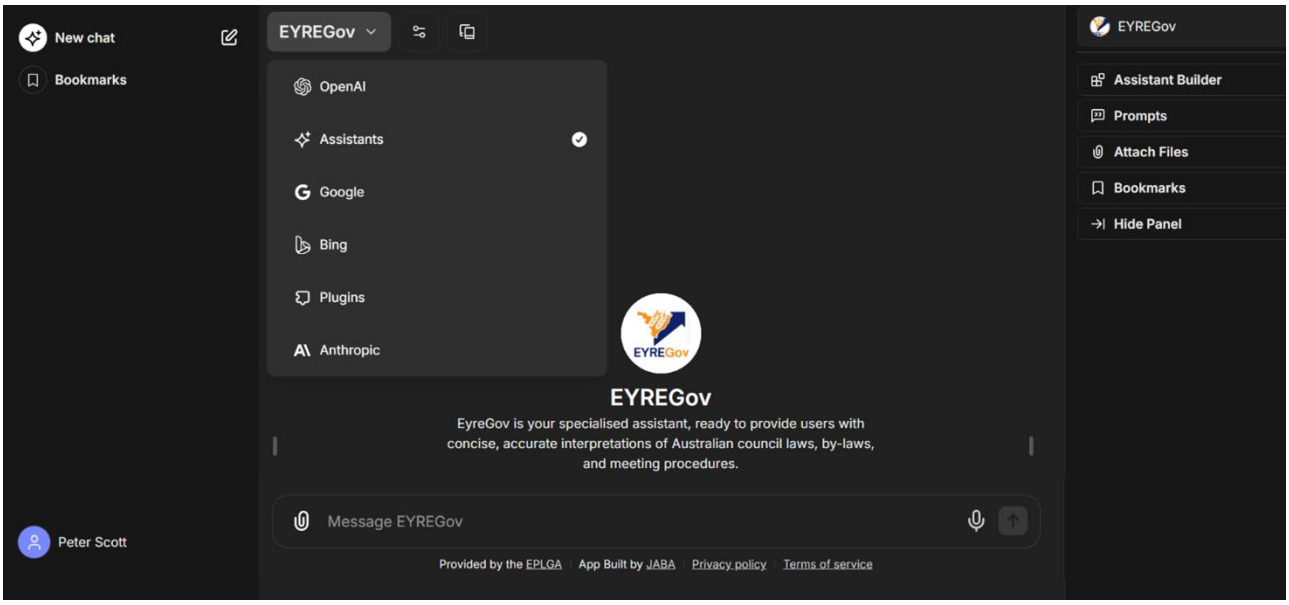
I'm here to provide you with concise and accurate information regarding the relevant council regulations, helping you interpret and understand local government practices. I reference three key documents to guide you:

- **LGA Meeting Procedures** – This document outlines the rules and protocols for conducting council meetings.
- **SA Local Government Act 1999** – This provides the legislative framework for local government operations in South Australia.
- **SA Local Government Regulations 2013** – This contains detailed regulatory requirements relevant to local councils.

**Feel free to ask any questions related to these documents, and I'll do my best to assist you!**

**LAUNCH EYREGOV**

*EYREGov, is a service exclusively available for EPLGA Member Councils. To ensure smooth access, please use your official council email. For those using non-council emails, please be aware that access is only temporary. Thank you for understanding!*




**Overwhelmed with AI? – Start with EYREGov!**

The **EyreGov** project introduces a web-based chatbot AI using ChatGPT-4, tailored specifically for the 11 councils on Eyre Peninsula. Designed to simplify local government processes, the chatbot is trained in the **South Australian Local Government Act**, **Regulations**, and **council bylaws**. This means it can answer complex queries, generate documents, and assist with various council procedures—without the need for external searches. EyreGov is a powerful tool that helps Mayors, CEOs, and council staff get quick, reliable answers to critical questions. If you need more than the EYREGov assistant – full access to ChatGPT 4.0 is also provided as well as options for other AI models.

**How Does EYREGov Work?**

EYREGov uses a **Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG)** pipeline, a sophisticated method in machine learning that makes the chatbot smarter and more useful by blending two key functions:

1. **Retrieval:** The system retrieves relevant documents (e.g., Acts, Regulations) from its knowledge base when a user poses a question.
2. **Generation:** It then uses that retrieved information to craft accurate, contextually appropriate answers, making sure the response is both relevant and comprehensive.

This method ensures that users receive precise answers, directly referencing the appropriate documents, unlike manual searches, which can be time-consuming.

**The Difference Between Manual Document Upload and RAG Systems**

Uploading a document using a “paperclip” in other apps is manual allowing you to view or reference files but requiring you to search the document yourself. **RAG systems**, like EYREGov, automatically retrieve information from documents and generate responses dynamically, making it far more efficient and user-friendly.

**Customised for Local Government**

EYREGov is tailored to the specific needs of local councils and will soon be trained on more than just the Local Government Act. It will incorporate **bylaws**, **policies**, and other procedures to become a one-stop solution for any regulatory or administrative query. This positions EYREGov as a digital advisor, streamlining decision-making and helping councils operate more efficiently.

**Why EYREGov is a Game Changer**

AI is evolving rapidly, and tools like EYREGov allow councils to take advantage of this technological shift. AI provides instantaneous access to vast amounts of knowledge, making tasks faster and easier to accomplish. Councils can reduce the reliance on external consultants and enhance internal decision-making processes with this tool.

With EYREGov:

1. **Immediate Access to Information:** Get answers to legal, regulatory, and procedural questions in seconds.
2. **Increased Collaboration:** Councils across Eyre Peninsula will have consistent, accurate information, reducing misinterpretation and fostering collaboration.
3. **Improved Service Delivery:** Policy implementation and compliance will become more efficient, ensuring higher quality service for the community.
4. **Future-Proofing Local Government:** Adopting AI like EYREGov will prepare councils for future challenges and make them digital pioneers in the sector.

**The Future of AI for Councils**

EYREGov is more than just a chatbot—it's a virtual colleague designed to enhance productivity, free up time, and allow local government leaders to focus on strategic, high-level work. Adopting this AI tool will future-proof councils, ensuring they remain agile and innovative in a rapidly changing world.

## Eyre Peninsula Grain Export Supply Chain Planning Study

The Eyre Peninsula Grain Export Supply Chain Planning Study is an initiative that will significantly shape the future of grain export infrastructure and freight networks across our region.

**About the Project**

This planning study, jointly funded by the South Australian Government (75%) and the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association (25%), aims to i

dentify and deliver an optimal and viable export grain supply chain solution for the Eyre Peninsula. The outcomes will guide investment in both road freight and rail infrastructure, including assessing the potential to reopen the Eyre Peninsula rail network, either fully or partially.

The study will also develop a business case to consider the broader impacts on growers, local communities, and infrastructure, including State and Local Government roads.

**Background**

Grain exports are the backbone of the Eyre Peninsula's economy, but recent shifts in infrastructure have presented challenges:

- Since the cessation of rail-based grain haulage in 2019, the region has relied solely on road freight, increasing pressure on local road networks and Port Lincoln's infrastructure.
- While new port facilities such as Lucky Bay have emerged, proposals for other direct loading facilities at Cape Hardy and Port Spencer have stalled due to investment challenges.

In 2023, Aurizon and Viterra developed a business case for rail network redevelopment. Their proposal, presented to Australian and South Australian Governments, focuses on increasing rail capacity to Port Lincoln. Our study, while complementary, takes a broader view of infrastructure needs and supply chain optimisation.

**Planning Study Focus**

The study will:

1. Define an optimal and viable export grain supply chain solution for Eyre Peninsula.
2. Develop a business case aligned with Infrastructure SA requirements to guide future investments.

It will prioritise:

- Grower requirements, including harvest logistics, market access, and commodity-specific challenges.
- Infrastructure impacts, including road and rail networks and future demands.

- Stakeholder engagement to ensure local and industry perspectives shape outcomes.




Key stakeholders include Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula (RDAEP), Eyre Peninsula Cooperative Bulk Handling (EPCBH), and HDS Australia, which provides vital freight route data. We are also forming a working group with representation from Councils across the Eyre Peninsula to support the study.

**Project Timing**

The planning study will conclude in late 2024, with the business case anticipated by late 2025.

**Next Steps**

The outcomes of this study will have profound implications for our region's economic resilience and sustainability. I encourage you to remain engaged and share this information with your communities. Together, we can ensure that this process delivers benefits for growers, councils, and our broader community.

## Environment Protection (Waste to Resources) Policy 2010 Review

The EPA is reviewing the *Environment Protection (Waste to Resources) Policy 2010* (W2R EPP) to modernise South Australia's approach to the regulation of resources and wastes and enable the development of a more circular economy.

The EPLGA livestreamed the EPA's community consultation session in Port Lincoln to all 11 Councils across the Eyre Peninsula. An eight-hour return drive from Ceduna to Port Lincoln makes these sort of events unviable. After the session the EPLGA Waste Consultative Group met to discuss prior to another follow up meeting with the EPA. The EPLGA will lead and share the response from the region with each Council providing there own response as well.

The EPLGA highlighted the critical need for a zoned approach in the Waste to Resources Policy (EPP) document. This zoning principle would recognise the distinct challenges faced by metro, regional, and remote areas, particularly in terms of kerbside requirements and associated costs. Such an approach would enable more tailored support and facilitate more effective grant allocation, especially for our green industries.

A significant concern raised was the financial unviability of waste management in remote areas like the Eyre Peninsula. The costs associated with transporting materials such as e-waste and implementing recycling programmes are substantially higher in these regions, often making any service beyond landfilling economically challenging. This underscores the urgent need for place-based solutions and additional state funding.

We discussed the concept of producer responsibility, where companies would bear end-to-end responsibility for their products, including recycling and disposal costs. This could potentially alleviate some of the financial burden currently placed on councils.

Other key points included the need for more accessible collection points for specific waste types, better infrastructure, and support for processing commercial and industrial waste. We also addressed concerns about waste incineration on private land and the need for clearer regulations and enforcement to mitigate potential environmental impacts.

Moving forward, we are committed to exploring cost-reduction models and seeking increased state support to address funding gaps. We will be making a regional submission to the EPP review and encourage individual councils to submit responses tailored to their specific needs.

Summary of EPLGA feedback

The Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association (EPLGA), representing 11 member councils across Eyre Peninsula, appreciates the opportunity to contribute to the Environment Protection Authority's (EPA) Waste-to-Resources Policy Review.

Eyre Peninsula accounts for 3.2% of South Australia's population and faces unique challenges in waste management. With significant distances to facilities and limited economies of scale, our councils spend approximately 300% more of their budgets on waste management compared to metropolitan councils. For example, while Alexandrina and Prospect Councils allocate 4% and 6% of their budgets respectively to waste management, Port Lincoln and Whyalla spend 12% and 22%. These costs place a heavy burden on Eyre Peninsula ratepayers.

The EPLGA has provided detailed feedback on the proposed policy reforms, focusing on key areas:

**1. Zoning and Flexibility**

We strongly support a zoning framework that differentiates between metropolitan, regional, and remote areas. Regional and remote councils face high transport costs, limited processing facilities, and logistical hurdles, making metro-standard solutions impractical. Zoning policies must account for these realities to ensure fairness and effectiveness.

**2. Recycling and the Three-Bin System**

While the three-bin kerbside system is encouraged, high contamination rates and a lack of processing infrastructure in regional areas reduce its viability. Mandating uniform three-bin systems without funding and tailored support is unrealistic. Regional councils need flexible, fit-for-purpose solutions.

**3. Funding and Operational Challenges**

Grants for capital projects are welcomed, but ongoing operational costs remain underfunded. Long-term support for staffing, maintenance, and improvement initiatives is essential to help rural councils close resource gaps and sustain waste diversion programs.

**4. Waste Transport and Processing**

Transporting recyclables to Adelaide often costs more than the returns, particularly for bulky items like mattresses. Local or regional waste-to-energy initiatives could help but require stable waste volumes. Policies must address financial and logistical constraints for rural councils.

**5. Circular Economy Development**

While councils support the circular economy, limited local recycling markets and infrastructure present challenges. Targeted subsidies and procurement incentives are needed to strengthen recycling markets and supply chains in rural areas.

**6. Additional Challenges**

Councils face pressures from private waste disposal, standardised bin colour requirements, and increased reporting obligations. Expanding responsibilities without resources will further strain capacity.

The EPLGA's submission emphasises the need for tailored, place-based solutions to address regional waste management challenges. We advocate for extended producer responsibility programs and policies that shift some financial burden from local government to producers.

We look forward to collaborating further with the EPA to develop effective, equitable solutions that benefit the Eyre Peninsula and South Australia as a whole. Together, we can advance sustainable waste and resource management practices across the state.

## 2025-26 Special Local Roads Program – $2.62 million

The projects submitted by councils within the Eyre Peninsula region for the 2025-26 Special Local Roads Program (SLRP) are listed below. This approval marks a significant step forward for infrastructure development across the region, aimed at improving road safety, freight efficiency, and connectivity. The EPLGA Regional Transport Plan is a key element in obtaining funding and satisfying LGTAP requirements for all funding.

**Approved Projects**

The following projects, recommended by the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel (LGTAP), have been officially approved and are set to proceed:

**Eyre Peninsula LGA**

| Council | Project Title | SLRP Funding | Councils contribution | Total Project Cost |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **District Council of Franklin Harbour** | **Cowell Kimba and Lucky Bay Roads Cowell (ongoing)** | **$960,581** | **$280,218** | **$1,440,799** |
| **District Council of Cleve** | **Balumbah/Kinnard Reseal** | **$360,000** | **$180,000** | **$540,000** |
| **Lower Eyre Council** | **Bratten Way, Hundred of Cummins, Mitchell and Kiana** | **$1,306,094** | **$655,008** | **$1,961,102** |
| | | $2,626,675 | $1,115,226 | |

**Next Steps and Financial Management**

With formal approval now granted, councils are encouraged to proceed with the implementation of these projects as per the approved plans. Adherence to project timelines and standards is critical to ensuring maximum benefit from this funding.

The final expenditure of both SLRP funds and council contributions will be monitored, and any underspend will be recovered. Transparency and accurate reporting are essential throughout the project's duration, culminating in financial reconciliation upon completion.

**Impact and Regional Benefits**

These approved projects will bring long-term benefits to the Eyre Peninsula region, including:

- Enhanced road safety for both local residents and freight operators,
- Improved freight route efficiency, supporting regional economic growth,
- Reduced congestion and better traffic flow, particularly in areas affected by heavy vehicle traffic,

- Strengthened regional connectivity, promoting further investment and tourism.

The combination of heavy vehicle bypasses and road rehabilitation demonstrates a forward-thinking approach to infrastructure, ensuring that the Eyre Peninsula continues to be a critical part of South Australia's economic and transport framework.

**Conclusion**

Sincere thanks are extended to all councils involved in the preparation and submission of these projects. The formal approval of these road upgrades highlights the importance of regional collaboration and the commitment to improving road networks for the benefit of the entire community.

Moving forward, all councils are encouraged to continue with the same level of coordination and transparency that has been demonstrated throughout the SLRP process. The successful outcomes from this grant round will undoubtedly contribute to the future resilience and prosperity of the Eyre Peninsula region.

On June 13th 2025 in Tumby Bay the EPLGA Board endorsed a cost recovery model for Special Local Roads Program costs association with Transport Planning.

In 2024-25 the EPLGA spent $11,000 with HDS consulting to ensure the compliance of Council applications to the SLRP Guidelines, update the Transport Plan and maintain the Priority Roads list. This is an essential part of a successful funding program. Funding outcomes due to this work are likely to be $2.5 million in 2025. It is proposed that the $11,000 cost be charged back to the 3 Councils successful in obtaining funding – with the split proportional to the funding obtained. This will be similar to the online booking system provided by EPLGA, where costs are born by participating Councils only.

To date, the EPGLA has funded the yearly SLRP/Transport Plan updates from general revenue.

## Roads and Works Conference




Several EP Councils attended the 2024 LGA Roads and Works Conference in Hahndorf, the premier event of the year for council professionals dedicated to improving roads.

The LGA Roads and Works Conference was more than just a gathering. It was a time to come together and share passion, experience, and knowledge. It celebrated the tireless work of maintaining roads and keeping them safe for our communities.

Attendees connected with industry experts, learned about the latest advancements, and joined interactive workshops to enhance their skills.

The event was hosted by the Mount Barker District Council and took place from Wednesday, 28 August to Friday, 30 August 2024, at the Adelaide Hills Convention Centre in Hahndorf.

This key networking and professional development event brought together CEOs, senior council engineers, works managers and staff, Mayors, and Elected Members from all 68 metropolitan and regional councils.

Presentations from those speakers who have consented to sharing them are linked below:

**Dr Lila Landowski**

The neuroscience of the two big challenges we face in the workplace

**Felicity Furey**

Engineering the Unexpected

**Carmine D'Amico**

Delivering Low Carbon Roads and Footpaths

**Russell Troup**

Department for Infrastructure and Transport Update

**Damien Edwards – HIWAY subsequently agreed to present at the EPLGA Roads Training in Port Lincoln, November 2024**

Pavement Builds on the 4Rs - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle for Resilience

**Chris Lawry and Phil Burton**

The Challenges and Opportunities of Rapid Community Growth

**Stephen Yarwood**

Understanding the Future: Navigating Tomorrow's Infrastructure and Communities




*Ian Lambon, Territory sales manager Cavpower, has agreed to provide advanced patrol grading training to EP Field staff at November's EPLGA Roads Training*

## EPLGA Roads Training (CivilTech)

CIVILTECH II – Roads training for Works Managers, Supervisors and Field Staff
(co-funded by LGASA Regional Capacity Building Program)

**Date:** Wednesday 20th - Thursday 21st November 2024
**Venue:** Hilton Motel, Port Lincoln
**Networking Dinner**: Hotel Boston 6pm Wednesday 20th November 2024
The event drew participation from 37 local government representatives across nine Eyre Peninsula Council areas, marking a slight increase in attendance compared to last year's inaugural session. Attendees included a diverse range of roles, such as administrators, plant operators, team leaders, supervisors, engineers, and managers.

The two-day event was structured to deliver comprehensive training in both theoretical and practical aspects of road management and maintenance. On Day 1, all participants engaged in classroom sessions covering essential topics like road management fundamentals, drainage design, GIS software application for patrol grading, pavement structures, material recycling, and stabilisation works.

Day 2 offered a split program to tailor the experience according to specific roles. Field-based staff participated in machinery-focused sessions with a hands-on component, while managers and supervisors attended interactive workshops to explore proactive asset maintenance strategies for road-related assets. The day concluded with an informal discussion addressing the implementation of the nationally harmonised framework for work zone traffic management training, as well as dialogue on equipment and road construction approaches.

Despite initial concerns about the relevance of content for the varied roles present, feedback indicated that participants found the sessions highly pertinent and beneficial. The event also successfully facilitated networking and engagement among Council staff.

We extend our gratitude to Damian Windsor (DC Tumby Bay), Rod Ellis (Tonkin Consulting), Dean Nobbs (DIT Drainage Consultant), Damian Edwards and Troy Carrigan (Hiway), and Dan Bennet (Cavpower) for their invaluable contributions to the program's success.

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**Day 1: Road Maintenance, Drainage Design, and Material Recycling**
**7:00 AM:**

- Beach Bakery on King Street opens for breakfast.

**8:00 AM - 10:00 AM: Session 1 – Road Management Fundamentals**
**Facilitator:** Rod Ellis, Tonkin

- Service Levels for unsealed roads and remembering why we build and maintain them
- Tips and Tricks on patrol grading and resheeting - group session
- When a road is due for resealing what should we consider before getting the seal contractor is on site
- Proactive Maintenance – what is the journey to shift from reactive to proactive maintenance and why consider it.
- Field mobile tools for systemising works management for field operations

**10:00 AM - 10:30 AM:**

- Morning Tea Break.

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**10:30 AM - 11:30 AM: Session 2 – Drainage Design**

**Facilitator:** Dean Nobbs, Drainage Contractor, Technical Services, Transport Strategy and Planning Divisions.

- Principles of effective drainage design for road infrastructure.
- Techniques for managing surface water and preventing road damage.
- Practical session on designing drainage systems for unsealed and sealed roads.

**11:30 AM - 1:00 PM: Session 3 – Using GIS Software to record and report on patrol grading**

**Facilitator:** Rod Ellis, Tonkin – using the Goyder Regional Council trials in 2024/25 grading season

- Information that grader operators can gathered and why.
- What field tools are used to store data and its ease of use
- Reporting and understanding efficiency in grading tasks.
- Integrating data into Asset system
- Other information on defects that can be managed and scheduled for repair
- Application to EPLGA Councils.

**1:00 PM - 1:45 PM:**

- Lunch.

Session 4 – Pavement structure fundamentals **1:45 -3.00**

- Pavement structure and subgrade – addressing deficiency unseal and seal 1 hour
- Granular material understand them and don't through away reuse
- Why subgrade is important
- Proof rolling – treatment options – equipment
- DCP testing – practical – what it means garden bed clay recording – estimate CBR

Panel – Session Q&A 45min

**3:45 PM - 4:00 PM:**

- Afternoon Break.

**4:00 PM - 5:30 PM: Session 5 – Recycling Road Materials and Stabilisers**

HIWAY

- Facilitator: Troy Carrigan, HIWAY.
- Sustainable road construction practices through material recycling and stabilisers.
- Case studies on improving road durability using recycled materials.

- Practical demonstration on application techniques.

**6:00 PM:**

- Networking Dinner at Hotel Boston.

**Day 2: Specialised Streams for Works Managers and Field Staff**

**7:00 AM:**

- Beach Bakery on King Street opens for breakfast.

**8:00 AM - 9:00 AM: Joint Session – Cav Power Classroom session**

**9am - Steam 2- Cavpower practical session at Airport - Field staff**

**Stream 1 – Works Managers and Supervisors stay for program below**

**9:00 AM – 10 am - Overview of Road and Facility Asset Management**

**Facilitator Rod Ellis Tonkin**

- Introduction to asset management principles for roads and facilities.
- Importance of maintaining infrastructure to extend lifecycle and reduce costs.
- Discussion on barriers and opportunities to systemise works management to help drive effective asset management

**10:00 AM - 10:30 AM:** Smoko Break.

**10:30 AM - 11:15 AM: Stream 1 – Road Proactive Maintenance (Works Managers and Supervisors) Principles**

**Facilitator Rod Ellis Tonkin**

- The role of inspections
- Logging defects and actions
- Prioritising and risk
- Scheduling work
- Completing work and closeout

**11.15 PM 1 PM: Stream 1 – Workshop fit for purpose road management solution for EPLGA (Works Managers and Supervisors) Part 1**

Workshop to establish to basis of a system framework to suit budgets and resources for road management

- **.1:00 PM - 1:45 PM:**
- Lunch.

**1:45 PM - 3:15 PM: Stream 1 – Continued Asset Management (Works Managers)**

**Stream 1 – Workshop fit for purpose road management solution for EPLGA (Works Managers and Supervisors) Part 2**

- Continue Workshop to establish the basis of a system framework to suit budgets and resources for road management
- .Close of Training.

## EPLGA Monthly Waste to Resources Newsletter

(part funded by the LGASA Regional Capacity Building Grant)

Each month the EPLGA collates waste to resources news from Eyre Peninsula, South Australia and Australia into an easy to read newsletter with hyperlinks. This is one of the recommendations of the Waste to Resources Committee – increasing awareness and knowledge of waste to resources issues.

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## Online booking of Council Campsites – a service provision by the EPLGA

The EPLGA provides an online portal for guests and boaties to book and pay for campsites and boat ramps using credit cards. Each month the payments are reconciled, sorted, deposited into Councils bank accounts and a corresponding recipient created tax invoice emailed. There has been a significant growth comparing 2022-23 and 2023-24:

| **Bookings:** | **Visitors:** | **Nights stayed:** |
|---|---|---|
| 2022-23: 14,000 | 2022-23: 35,000 | 2022-23: 29,000 |
| 2023-24: 23,035 | 2023-24: 55,231 | 2023-24: 48,485 |
| **% Increase:** 64.5% | **% Increase:** 57.8% | **% Increase:** 67.2% |



In 2021, a significant challenge emerged on the Eyre Peninsula: campgrounds started to suffer from over-visitation, leading to negative environmental impacts. In response, the Eyes on Eyre Online Camping Project, a comprehensive and sustainable approach to campground management, was born. This initiative was made possible through a collaborative partnership between RDAEP, Landscapes SA, local councils, and the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association.

The main aim of the project was to upgrade the camping grounds to a minimum and consistent quality standard of facilities and signage, while also tackling the environmental issues at each location. We wanted to create better infrastructure to cater to drive visitors and increase their length of stay within the region. By leveraging technology, we aimed to establish WiFi nodes and create an online booking system, inspired by the success of other camping grounds, particularly those in National Parks. Our online system served not just as a booking platform but also as an

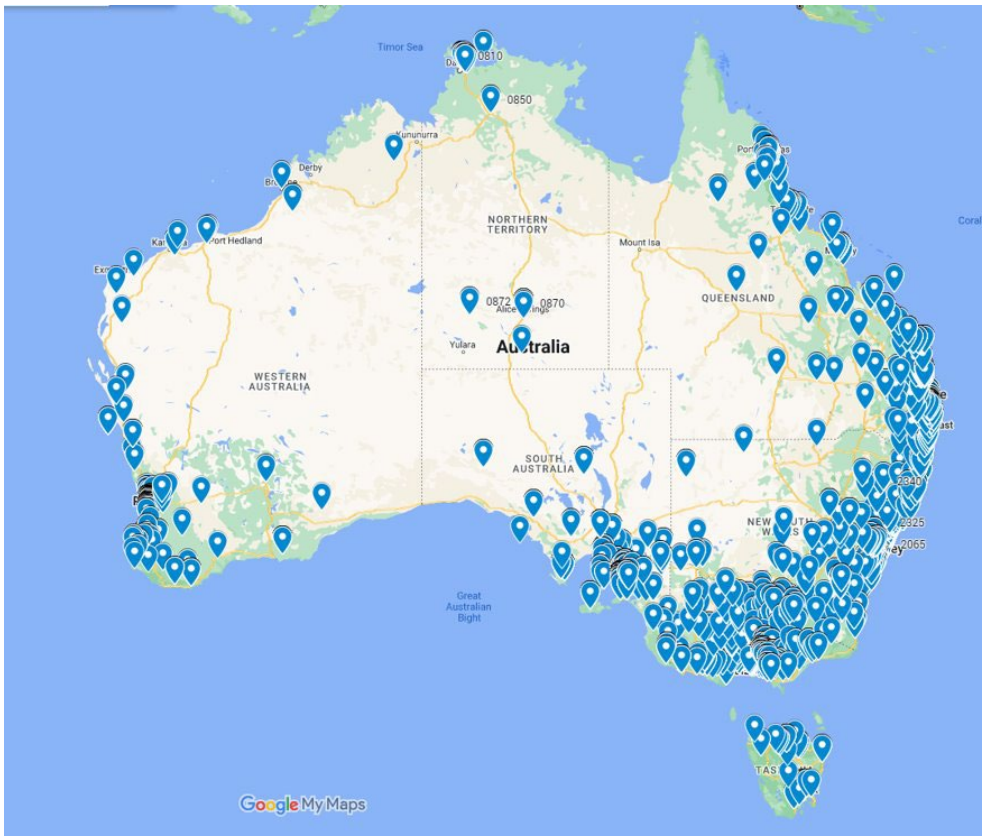
educational tool, fostering respect for the environment, promoting good camping practices, and sharing seasonal highlights.

In 2022, RDAEP utilised a $500,000 grant from the Department of Environment and Water to support infrastructure upgrades to improve campground management on the Eyre Peninsula and fund an online booking system now managed by the EPLGA.

During 2022, in partnership with Landscapes SA and Councils, RDAEP delivered remarkable results with several Councils coming on-board with the booking system in conjunction with campsite upgrades and clear, consistent signage. The platform for online bookings is promoted via www.eyrepeninsula.com.

Some of the notable outcomes include:

1. Consistent booking process for a better visitor experience.
2. Increased length of stay from visitors traveling both within and outside of the state.
3. Effective use of digital technology and cashless payments.
4. Creation of value-adding opportunities for new service businesses.
5. Better protection for Eyre Peninsula's unique environment through the establishment of capacity limits and zoning for campgrounds.
6. A replicable camping node model that delivers best practice for councils and regional stakeholders.
7. Successful adoption of an online booking system, mirroring the success of other campgrounds in National Parks.




*Campers come from postcodes all over Australia (and the world!). RDAEP promotes online booking across Australia, high-value visitors have the confidence, and the knowledge, to travel to Eyre Peninsula. Google map link click here.*

**Visitor Feedback**

Feedback from visitors and the community has been overwhelmingly positive. They appreciate the ability to plan and book in advance, as well as the improved management of campgrounds. One camper from the Gold Coast even adjusted their travel plans to spend three weeks in the region after using the online system.

The project caught the attention of the media and was featured in several articles such as

Eyre Peninsula campsite bookings go online – Landscape SA,

Camping changes to protect environment – Eyre Peninsula Advocate

Point gibbon campground invites travellers to explore Eyre Peninsula



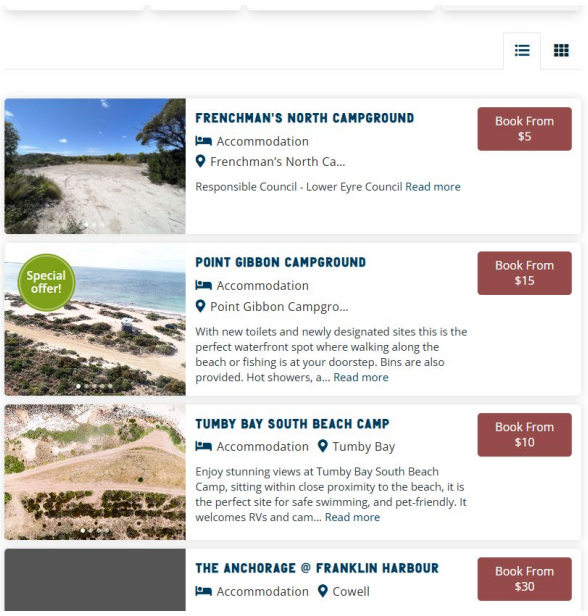

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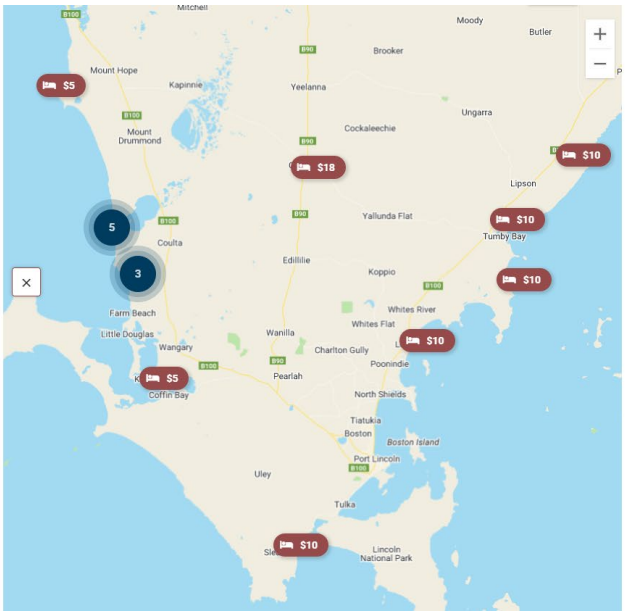
The Eyes on Eyre project has proven to be an enormous success. The council-managed campgrounds have reported improvements in environmental health and visitor satisfaction. Travellers, particularly those from interstate, are staying longer and exploring more of the Eyre Peninsula. The online system has improved visitor behaviour and minimised environmental impacts. We are proud of our progress, and are excited about the prospects of expanding this program to additional campgrounds. We thank all our stakeholders for their unwavering support and look forward to another fruitful year ahead.

The EPLGA online booking system for member councils collected and returned $760,000 to member councils in 2024/25. The system was part of a funding package from DEW through EP Landscape Board and RDA Eyre Peninsula as part of Eyes on Eyre.

The system allows councils to simply upload pictues of RV Parks, campsites and boat ramps to the same software used by National Parks for a seamless customer experience. Working together saves licence fees and councils support each other with a knowledge base.

The online map of Eyre Peninsula with assests clearly labeled and priced means customers can plan their trip across EP in stages easily and in advance knowing their spot is reserved.




*Snapshot from EPLGA online booking system*

## Case study – Boat ramps



*Coffin Bay changed to a fee structure for Rec users in 2023*

In 2023 Lower Eyre Council moved to fee structure for recreational users (commercial users already were charged a fee). The process involved uploading pictures and fee structure online and installing signage with QR codes to the online payment site.

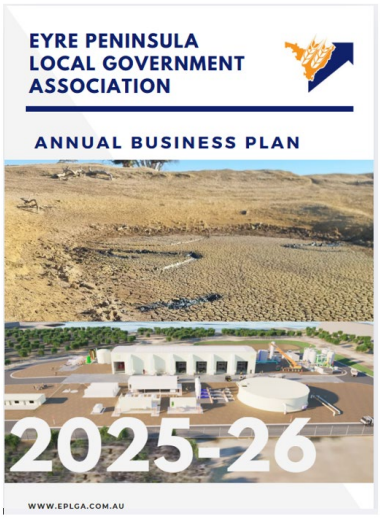
Users are directed to the EPLGA booking site to enter name, registration details and payment by credit card. Reports are easily available to staff on their mobile device to check who has a valid permit on any given day, no need for any paper of old-fashioned slips on the dashboard and no expensive equipment needs to be installed on site - just a sign with a QR Code.

The system provides Lower Eyre Council with reports allowing trends and visitor numbers to be mapped over the year helping programming of budgeting of maintenance services.

| Use Type | Non-Concession | Concession |
|---|---|---|
| ***Recreational Use*** | | |
| Yearly | $100.00 | $80.00 |
| Monthly | $55.00 | $44.00 |
| Weekly | $28.00 | $22.00 |
| Daily | $7.00 | $5.60 |
| ***Commercial*** | | |
| Yearly - 1 Boat | $500.00 | N/A |
| Yearly - Per Additional Boat | $160.00 | N/A |

*N.B. The concession rate is calculated at 80% of the non-concession rate.

## Eyre Peninsula LGA Annual Business Plan 2025-26




As a regional subsidiary under the Local Government Act 1999, the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association is required to have a Business Plan and Budget each financial year. Under Clause 24 of Schedule 2, the Business Plan continues in force for the period specified in the plan or until a new Plan is adopted. It must be reviewed annually. This draft is a result of a review undertaken by the Executive Officer.

The Association is a separate legal entity that operates in accordance with a Charter agreed by all 11 Constituent Councils. Our purpose is set out in clause 3 of the Charter and can be summarised as:

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

This EPLGA Business Plan has been developed by the EPLGA Board to guide its activities and priority actions, The structure of the Business Plan builds from PURPOSE to consideration of KEY INFLUENCES on the Association's activities, the STRATEGIC PLAN to be followed, to our OBJECTIVES grouped under three THEMES which will be achieved through progressing our 12 PRIORITY ACTIONS. This draft Business Plan reflects the Strategic Plan.

The EPLGA Purpose is to:

- Provide a forum for Constituent Councils to consider and respond to matters of common interest (including through advocacy).
- Provide a structure for Constituent Councils to work together to:
    - develop and/or contribute to the development, updating, and implementation of Regional Plans that address key regional issues; and
    - assist operational efficiency and effectiveness.
    - Build and maintain positive relationships with the other levels of government to ensure our regional views are heard; and
- Our communities have fit for purpose infrastructure and access to services they require.
- The ongoing health of our local and regional economies; and
- we can access 'region only' programs.

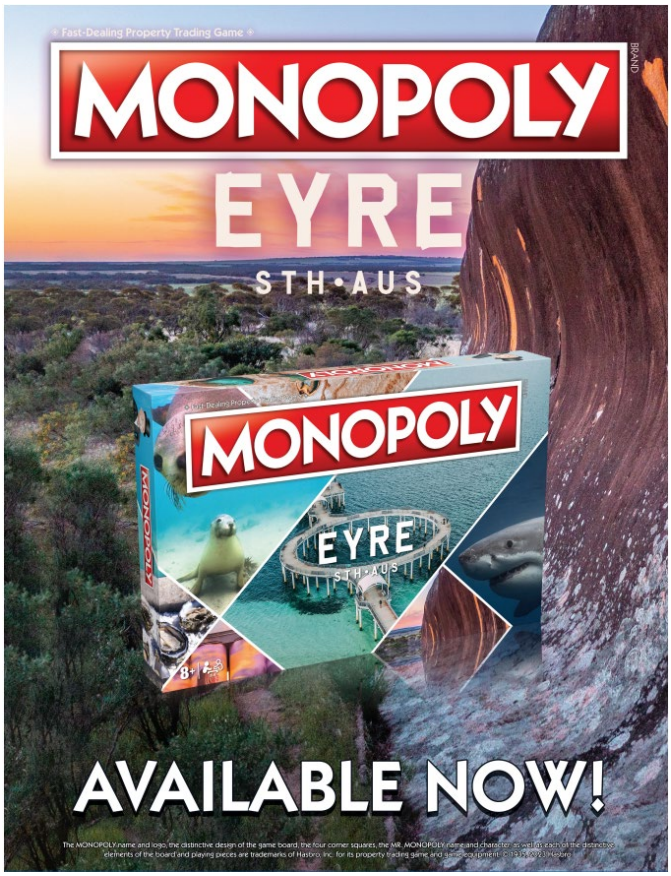
### PREAMBLE – Annual Business Plan.

When determining matters to address, the EPLGA Board will apply the following 6-point test:

1. What benefits can be achieved by EPLGA addressing this matter rather than Councils individually? Are there disadvantages?
2. How well does taking on this matter align with our current Purpose?
3. What type and level of responsibility does LG have for the matter?
4. What role/s might a member Council and/or the EPLGA have in relation to the matter?
5. What do we know/not know about the matter? What does success look like? How likely is that to be achieved? Consider a (low cost) scoping paper if we need to know more before committing.
6. What are the implications of deciding to address the matter or not?

**Download EPLGA Business Plan 2025-26**

## Eyre Peninsula Monopoly Boards







SECOND PRINT RUN ORDERED AS THE EP MONOPOLY BOARDGAME PROVES POPULAR

The Eyre Peninsula edition of the Monopoly board game has proved popular with locals and visitors with Visitor Information Centres across Eyre Peninsula selling out! A second print run has been ordered, just four weeks since the board game hit the shelves. EPLGA was proud to sponsor the Graphic Design elements of the project. EPLGA still have stock available that are stored at the City of Port Lincoln Depot.

# REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

EPLGA's core activities have always included lobbying to State and Federal Government about legislation and policy changes that may have an impact on our region. This year ongoing concerns and/or participation have been with the following matters:

## SUMMARY OF OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Natural Resources Management – joint partnership planning, delivery of services.
- Regional Recognition/Lobbying – ongoing on various matters as they arise.
- Emergency Management – regional planning and Council planning, followed by implementation.
- Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act Implementation.
- Coastal Access issues, development of a Coastal Alliance – state-wide.
- Various roads and waste issues – regional road strategy review.
- Regional Capacity Funding – General funding.
- Marine Infrastructure Planning – DIT, jetty leases, etc.
- SAROC – meetings and regional Executive Officers' meetings.
- Energy planning – resulting from blackouts – renewables, transmission upgrade consultation, hydrogen trial plant, etc.
- Regional planning –RDAEP, EP Landscape Board, DIT, etc.
- Financial assistance and supplementary road funding – ongoing issues of South Australia's injustice.
- Health – local sub-regional issues, public health planning, doctors shortages etc.
- Roadside Native Vegetation – regional planning and management issues.
- Tourism – RDAEP and Landscape Board on Eyes on Eyre project.
- Transport Plan and SLRP prioritisation and funding applications.
- Joint submissions with RDAEP on various issues.

## PLANS, PROGRAMS AND REPORTS – CURRENT STATUS

### CORPORATE Plan 2020 – 24

The Council Mayors and Chief Executive Officers of the EPLGA have contributed to the development of the EPLGA Corporate Plan. It was clear from responses to our 2015 survey that the member Councils placed great importance on the following:

- *advocacy (and representation) – the EPLGA being the principal regional advocate for Local Government in the region;*
- *governance – continuing to ensure that our business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards;*
- *member services – the EPLGA to continue to provide member support services as they are needed; and*
- *outreach services – connecting Councils with desirable services offered by the LGA of SA.*

To avoid confusion between the Business Plan prepared by respective Councils, the EPLGA uses the term 'Management Plan or Corporate Plan'. The Management Plan is for the period 2020-2024 and reviewed annually, incorporating an updated annual work plan and budget for the current year. It also includes the current strategic directions of the EPLGA for that period. Each year through the Annual Business Plan process the Corporate Plan Strategies and Actions are refined to those still outstanding or ongoing strategies and actions.

## MANAGEMENT PLAN PERFORMANCE

### Goal Area 1.1 Advocacy and Representation

***Core Activities***

1.1.1 Represent and strengthen the common values of members
1.1.2 Represent members and regional objectives in engagement and liaison with key stakeholder agencies – e.g., LGA, DIT, PIRSA, AGP Plus
1.1.3 Provide a lobbying platform to promote the interests and issues of member Councils to other levels of government

***Advocacy and representation are demonstrated through lobbying other levels of government, which occurs as and when needed and often through the SAROC, LGA Board and in collaboration with the other regional organisations. Matters requiring lobbying this financial year included:***

- ***Regional Strategic Plan***
- ***Local Government Transport Advisory Panel - Special Local Roads Funding***
- ***Community Advisory Board – South Australian Power Networks***
- ***Public Lighting Working Group***

***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

### 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 based on the principle that recurrent operational expenses must be funded by recurrent operational revenue

***Comments:***
***Compliance met.***

***Strategic Actions***

1.2.4 Investigate and identify options to improve local government and regional governance, including alternative governance models, strategic planning, and land use planning for the region
1.2.5 Assist member Councils in meeting legislative compliance
1.2.6 Develop and manage formal alliance and partnership arrangements with partner agencies and entities– e.g. RDAEP and EP Landscape Board.
1.2.7 Pursue collaborative initiatives with partner agencies – e.g. joint submissions on strategic issues with RDAEP and EP Landscape Board.

***Comments:***
***Shared Services for building services and environmental health are continuing and expected to be implemented in 2024. The other regional organisations are encouraged to work closely with member Councils and to investigate opportunities for region wide projects to maximise procurement benefits, etc.***

**Goal Area 1.3 Member Services**

***Core Activities***

1.3.1 Maintain the cycle of quarterly meetings to enable collective decision-making and enhance member networking
1.3.2 Maintain and support members with the coordination of the annual conference
1.3.3 Identify resourcing gaps and needs, and pursue resolutions to key issues in liaison with members
1.3.4 Facilitate initiatives to attract funding and investment
1.3.5 Provide advisory and support services to Elected Members
1.3.6 Coordinate strategic meetings and presentations on key issues; including the provision of key speakers to provide information, contact and support services
1.3.7 Coordinate delivery of Council-supported training and development initiatives in the region

***Comments:***
***All core activities are being met at a regional level which brings considerable savings to individual Councils.***

***Strategic Actions***

1.3.8 Develop value-added services for member Councils, based on collective or regional value and cost-benefit
1.3.9 Facilitate and promote the development of shared procurement initiatives
1.3.10 Facilitate the development of a regional transport strategy, including the identification of road priorities and road funding proposals
1.3.11 Establish and facilitate specialised interest groups, such as Council works managers and compliance staff
1.3.12 Maintain communications with member Councils and the regional community through media releases, website, newsletter and formal means of communication
1.3.13 Establish an annual business (work) plan for the Executive Officer to manage and report against

***Comments:***
***Regional networking amongst Councils has increased with the Councils hosting the EPLGA Board meeting also putting on a Council Showcase and networking dinner.***
***RDAEP and the EPNRM Board have, over the last 12 months, worked with the EPLGA and member Councils to add value to regional projects like Eyes on Eyre, where all parties benefit.***

## EPLGA COMMITTEE REPORTS

All Committee minutes are on the EPLGA website for viewing via the following link: - http://eplga.com.au/

## USE OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The following audited statement reflects another year of prudent financial management and strong fiscal performance.

# Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association
# ABN 90 992 364 300
# For the year ended 30 June 2025

Prepared by Complete Business & Accounting Services

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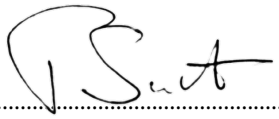
# Certification of Financial Statements

## Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association
## For the year ended 30 June 2025

We have been authorised by Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association to certify the financial statements in their final form.

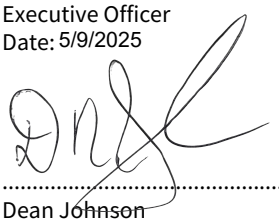
In our opinion:

- 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 Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association's financial position at 30 June 2025 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.
- Internal controls implemented by the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association provide a reasonable assurance that the financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year.
- the financial statements accurately reflect the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association's accounting and other records



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Peter Scott
Executive Officer
Date: 5/9/2025



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Dean Johnson
President
Date: 5/9/2025

# Statement of Comprehensive Income

## Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association
## For the year ended 30 June 2025

| | NOTES | 2025 ($) | 2024 ($) |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Income** | | | |
| Grants, subsidies & contributions - Operating | 2 | 40,000 | 49,626 |
| Membership income | 2 | 242,068 | 229,863 |
| Project Income | 2 | 19,100 | 22,182 |
| Investment Income | 2 | 20,932 | 18,109 |
| Camp Booking Income | 2 | 650,631 | 520,973 |
| Other Income | 2 | 26,591 | 982 |
| **Total Income** | | **999,322** | **841,735** |
| **Expenditure** | | | |
| Depreciation, amortisation & other expenses | 3 | 490 | 816 |
| Employee Costs | 3 | 184,741 | 178,736 |
| Materials, contracts & other expenses | 3 | 145,782 | 137,353 |
| Camp Booking expenses | 3 | 643,464 | 512,743 |
| Project Expenditure | 3 | 77,389 | 55,183 |
| **Total Expenditure** | | **1,051,865** | **884,831** |
| **Operating Surplus/(Deficit)** | | **(52,543)** | **(43,096)** |
| **Total Comprehensive Income** | | **(52,543)** | **(43,096)** |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached notes

# Statement of Financial Position

## Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association
## As at 30 June 2025

| | NOTES | 2025 ($) | 2024 ($) |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Assets** | | | |
| **Current Assets** | | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | 4 | 528,557 | 579,334 |
| Trade and Other Receivables | 4 | - | 1,299 |
| Inventories | 4 | 4,471 | 8,283 |
| Other Current Assets | 4 | 3,052 | 4,103 |
| **Total Current Assets** | | **536,081** | **593,019** |
| **Non-Current Assets** | | | |
| Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment | 5 | 734 | 1,224 |
| **Total Non-Current Assets** | | **734** | **1,224** |
| **Total Assets** | | **536,815** | **594,243** |
| **Liabilities** | | | |
| **Current Liabilities** | | | |
| Bank Overdraft/Credit Card | 6 | 3,064 | 2,595 |
| Trade and Other Payables | 6 | 39,462 | 68,947 |
| Employee Entitlements | 6 | 2,173 | - |
| Provisions | 6 | 14,599 | 15,832 |
| Other Current Liabilities | 6 | 89,166 | 69,423 |
| **Total Current Liabilities** | | **148,464** | **156,797** |
| **Non-Current Liabilities** | | | |
| Provisions | 6 | 9,872 | 6,423 |
| **Total Non-Current Liabilities** | | **9,872** | **6,423** |
| **Total Liabilities** | | **158,335** | **163,220** |
| **Net Assets** | | **378,480** | **431,023** |
| **EQUITY** | | | |
| Accumulated Surplus | | 378,480 | 431,023 |
| **Total EQUITY** | | **378,480** | **431,023** |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached notes.

# Statement of Changes in Equity

## Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association
## For the year ended 30 June 2025

| | 2025 ($) | 2024 ($) |
|---|---|---|
| **Equity** | | |
| Opening Balance | 431,023 | 474,119 |
| **Increases** | | |
| Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year | (52,543) | (43,096) |
| **Total Increases** | **(52,543)** | **(43,096)** |
| **Total Equity** | **378,480** | **431,023** |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached notes

# Statement of Cash Flows

## Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association
## For the year ended 30 June 2025

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| **Operating Activities** | | |
| **Receipts** | | |
| Grants utilised for Operating Purposes | 44,000 | 69,300 |
| Receipts from customers | 1,025,906 | 926,419 |
| Interest received | 20,932 | 18,109 |
| Cash receipts from other operating activities | 1,711 | - |
| **Total Receipts** | **1,092,549** | **1,013,828** |
| **Payments** | | |
| Employee Costs | (180,137) | (181,929) |
| Finance costs | (74) | (135) |
| Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses | (935,590) | (834,184) |
| GST & PAYG | (27,543) | 4,421 |
| **Total Payments** | **(1,143,344)** | **(1,011,827)** |
| **Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities** | **(50,796)** | **2,001** |
| **Investing Activities** | | |
| **Payments** | | |
| Loans to related parties | 19 | (19) |
| **Total Payments** | **19** | **(19)** |
| **Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities** | **19** | **(19)** |
| **Net Cash Flows** | **(50,776)** | **1,981** |
| **Cash and Cash Equivalents** | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 579,334 | 577,352 |
| Net change in cash for period | (50,776) | 1,981 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | 528,557 | 579,334 |

# Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements

## Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association
## For the year ended 30 June 2025

### 1. 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**

This general purpose financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis using the historical cost convention 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.*

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 the Group'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 these Notes.

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

**1.2 The Local Government Reporting Entity**

The Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association ("the Group") is a regional subsidiary under Section 43 and Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1999, and has it's principle place of business at 20 Nancy Road, Coffin Bay SA.

The Constituent Councils are:

1. The District Council of Ceduna

2. The District Council of Cleve

3. The District Council of Elliston

4. The District Council of Franklin Harbour

5. The District Council of Kimba

6. The District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula

7. The City of Port Lincoln

8. The District Council of Streaky Bay

9. The District Council of Tumby Bay

10. The Corporation of the City of Whyalla

11. Wudinna District Council

**1.3 Income recognition**

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

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

In other cases, AASB 1058 applies when Council enters into transactions where the consideration to acquire an asset is significantly less than the fair value of the asset principally to enable the entity to further its objectives.

**1.4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments**

Cash Assets include all amounts readily convertible to cash on hand at the Group'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 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 10.

**1.5 Plant & Equipment**

All non-current assets purchased are capitalised as the expenditure is incurred and depreciated as soon as the asset is held "ready for use". All assets are recognised at cost. Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition.

Assets with an economic life in excess of one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds established by the Group 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.

All material asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. Plant and equipment assets recognised are systematically depreciated over their useful lives on a straight-line basis which, in the opinion of the Group, 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 below.

| | |
|---|---|
| Plant & Equipment | 1 to 5 years |

**1.6 Payables**

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.

Amounts received from external parties in advance of service delivery are recognised as liabilities until the service is delivered or damage reinstated, or the amount is refunded as the case may be.

**1.7 Employee Benefits**

Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences The Group has 1 FTE employees as at the 30 June 2025, a Chief Executive Officer.

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 oncosts) 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 oncosts) to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Present values are calculated using government 10 year bond rates.

No accrual is made for sick leave as the Group's 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.

The Group does not make payment for untaken sick leave.

**1.8 Superannuation**

The Group contributes the statutory SGC superannuation to the nominated superannuation funds for all staff.

The Group 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 Group.

**1.9 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.

**1.10 Leases**

There were no leases for the 2025 Financial Year.

**1.11 New Accounting Standards**

In the current year, the Group adopted all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) that are relevant to its operations and effective for the current reporting period. The adoption of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations has not resulted in any material changes to the Group's accounting policies. The Group has not applied any Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have been issued but are not yet effective.

**1.12 Economic Dependencies**

The Group is aware of its current dependence on Grants Revenue received from the Commonwealth Government, State Government and the Local Government Association for the ongoing operations of the Group.

Should the Group not secure funding or a significantly reduced level of funding in future years, it may impact on the ability of the Group to continue operating as a going concern.

In the event of the insolvency of the EPLGA each Constituent Council shall be responsible for the liabilities of the EPLGA in proportion to the financial contributions payable in the financial year prior to its insolvency.

**1.13 Comparative Information**

During the financial year, the Group has reviewed the allocation and classification of some transactions which have been updated in the comparative information presented. Changes in classification has resulted in no change to the previously reported financial performance and position of the Group.

## 2. Note 2 - Income

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| **Grants, Subsidies & Contributions** | | |
| LGA of SA - Regional Capacity Grant | 40,000 | 40,000 |
| Carried Forward Unspent Project Funds | - | 9,626 |
| **Total Grants, Subsidies & Contributions** | **40,000** | **49,626** |
| **Membership Income** | | |
| Membership Fee Income - DC of Ceduna | 18,463 | 17,821 |
| Membership Fee Income - DC of Cleve | 15,736 | 15,189 |
| Membership Fee Income - DC of Elliston | 14,648 | 14,139 |
| Membership Fee Income - DC of Franklin Harbour | 14,257 | 13,762 |
| Membership Fee Income - DC of Kimba | 14,356 | 13,857 |
| Membership Fee Income - DC of Wudinna | 14,635 | 14,126 |
| Membership Fee Income - DC of Lower Eyre Peninsula | 21,487 | 20,740 |
| Membership Fee Income - DC of Streaky Bay | 16,672 | 16,093 |
| Membership Fee Income - DC of Tumby Bay | 17,412 | 16,807 |
| Membership Fee Income - DC of Whyalla | 40,298 | 38,898 |
| Membership Fee Income - DC of Port Lincoln | 34,104 | 32,919 |
| Membership Fee Income - SACCA | 20,000 | 15,512 |
| **Total Membership Income** | **242,068** | **229,863** |
| **Project Income** | | |
| Project Income - EP Councils | 19,100 | 22,182 |
| **Total Project Income** | **19,100** | **22,182** |
| **Investment Income** | | |
| Interest Income | 20,932 | 18,109 |
| **Total Investment Income** | **20,932** | **18,109** |
| **Camp Booking Income** | | |
| Camp Booking Income | 668,837 | 590,396 |
| Less: Advanced Camp Bookings | (19,743) | (69,423) |
| Camp Booking Income - Commissions | 1,537 | - |
| **Total Camp Booking Income** | **650,631** | **520,973** |
| **Other Income** | | |
| Sales - EP Merchandise | 1,573 | 982 |
| Income - Regional Economic Development Showcase & Conference Sponsors | 18 | - |
| RDAEP Grain Export Supply Chain | 25,000 | - |
| **Total Other Income** | **26,591** | **982** |
| **Total Note 2 - Income** | **999,322** | **841,735** |

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| **3. Note 3 - Expenses** | | |
| **Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment** | | |
| Depreciation | 490 | 816 |
| **Total Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment** | **490** | **816** |
| **Employee Costs** | | |
| Wages and Salaries | 162,000 | 162,000 |
| Leave Provisions - Annual Leave | (1,233) | 2,128 |
| Leave Provisions - Long Service Leave | 3,448 | (5,130) |
| Superannuation | 18,630 | 17,820 |
| Workcover | 1,896 | 1,917 |
| **Total Employee Costs** | **184,741** | **178,736** |
| **Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses** | | |
| **Trading Stock** | | |
| Opening Trading Stock on Hand | 8,283 | - |
| Purchases - Project Expenditure - EP Merchandise | - | 9,163 |
| Closing Trading Stock on Hand | (4,471) | (8,283) |
| **Total Trading Stock** | **3,812** | **880** |
| Audit Fees | 4,152 | 7,721 |
| Accounting | 21,902 | 16,920 |
| Bank Fees | 74 | 135 |
| Consultancy | 25,715 | 14,302 |
| Computer/Information Technology Expenses | 4,038 | 4,722 |
| Gifts & Donations | - | 109 |
| Human Resources | 3,000 | - |
| Insurance | 7,511 | 7,154 |
| Legal expenses | - | 3,630 |
| Meeting Expenses | 21,015 | 14,549 |
| Meeting Expense - External | 657 | - |
| Memberships - SACCA Committee | 20,000 | 17,720 |
| President Expenses - Honorariums | 15,381 | 15,381 |
| Printing & Stationery | - | 114 |
| Subscriptions | 3,135 | 2,087 |
| Telephone & Internet | 704 | 984 |
| Training & Development | 227 | 17,894 |
| Travel & Accommodation | 14,459 | 13,052 |
| **Total Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses** | **145,782** | **137,353** |
| **Camp Booking Expenses** | | |
| Bank Fees - Merchant Fees | 6,399 | 5,797 |
| Camp Booking Outgoings | 593,446 | 469,038 |
| EPLGA Website Development & Hosting | 2,618 | 11,280 |

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| Online Booking System Expense - Campsites | 41,001 | 26,628 |
| **Total Camp Booking Expenses** | **643,464** | **512,743** |
| **Project Expenditure** | | |
| Project Expenditure - AI Capacity Building | 14,992 | - |
| Project Expenditure - Governance & Planning Reform | - | 3,600 |
| Project Expenditure - Regional Planning - General | - | 1,840 |
| Project Expenditure - Regional Waste Strategy | 8,745 | 31,844 |
| Project Expenditure - Forums and Conferences | 3,652 | 17,899 |
| Region Capacity Building: Grain Export Supply Chain | 50,000 | - |
| **Total Project Expenditure** | **77,389** | **55,183** |
| **Total Note 3 - Expenses** | **1,051,865** | **884,831** |

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| **4. Note 4 - Current Assets** | | |
| **Cash & Cash Equivalents** | | |
| ANZ Business Account | 1,691 | - |
| EPLGA Bank SA 066728540 | 44,442 | 118,935 |
| Bendigo Bank Term Deposit | 179,006 | 172,052 |
| Local Government Finance Authority - General 59811 | 247,188 | 235,599 |
| Local Government Finance Authority - HR Project 59810 | 54,115 | 51,727 |
| Windcave Clearing Account | 2,115 | 1,021 |
| **Total Cash & Cash Equivalents** | **528,557** | **579,334** |
| **Trade & Other Receivables** | | |
| Loan - Peter Scott | - | 19 |
| Accounts Receivable | - | 1,280 |
| **Total Trade & Other Receivables** | **-** | **1,299** |
| **Other Current Assets** | | |
| Prepayments | 3,052 | 4,103 |
| **Total Other Current Assets** | **3,052** | **4,103** |
| **Inventories** | | |
| Trading Stock - EP Merchandise | 4,471 | 8,283 |
| **Total Inventories** | **4,471** | **8,283** |
| **Total Note 4 - Current Assets** | **536,081** | **593,019** |

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| **5. Note 5 - Non-Current Assets** | | |
| **Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment** | | |
| **Plant & Equipment** | | |
| Plant & Equipment | 3,808 | 3,808 |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation on Plant & Equipment | (3,074) | (2,584) |
| **Total Plant & Equipment** | **734** | **1,224** |
| **Total Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment** | **734** | **1,224** |
| **Total Note 5 - Non-Current Assets** | **734** | **1,224** |

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| **6. Note 6 - Liabilities** | | |
| **Current Liabilities** | | |
| **Bank Overdraft/Credit Card** | | |
| BankSA Credit Card #0207 | 3,064 | 2,595 |
| **Total Bank Overdraft/Credit Card** | **3,064** | **2,595** |
| **Trade & Other Payables** | | |
| Accounts Payable | 33,641 | 47,737 |
| Accrued Expenses | 10,952 | 13,468 |
| BAS Clearing | (4,888) | 2,612 |
| GST Adjustment | (243) | (5) |
| ATO Integrated Client Account | - | 5,136 |
| **Total Trade & Other Payables** | **39,462** | **68,947** |
| **Provisions** | | |
| Provisions - Annual Leave | 14,599 | 15,832 |
| **Total Provisions** | **14,599** | **15,832** |
| **Employee Entitlements** | | |
| Superannuation Payable | 2,173 | - |
| **Total Employee Entitlements** | **2,173** | **-** |
| **Other Current Liabilities** | | |
| Advanced Camp Bookings | 89,166 | 69,423 |
| **Total Other Current Liabilities** | **89,166** | **69,423** |
| **Total Current Liabilities** | **148,464** | **156,797** |
| **Non-Current Liabilities** | | |
| **Provisions** | | |
| Provisions - Long Service Leave | 9,872 | 6,423 |
| **Total Provisions** | **9,872** | **6,423** |
| **Total Non-Current Liabilities** | **9,872** | **6,423** |
| **Total Note 6 - Liabilities** | **158,335** | **163,220** |

## 7. Note 7 - General Reserves

There are no reserves to be recognised for the year ended 30 June 2025.

## 8. Note 8 - Financial Instruments

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

**Accounting Policies - Recognised Financial Instruments**

| | |
|---|---|
| **Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits** | **Accounting Policy:** Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned.<br>**Terms & conditions:** Short term deposits are available on 24 hour call with the LGFA and have an interest rate of 4.15% as at<br>30 June 2025.<br>**Carrying amount:** Approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity. |
| **Receivables - Trade & Other Debtors** | **Accounting Policy:** Carried at nominal value<br>**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.<br>**Carrying amount:** approximates fair value. |
| **Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals** | **Accounting Policy:** Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Group.<br>**Terms & conditions:** Liabilities are normally settled on 30-day terms.<br>**Carrying amount:** approximate fair value. |

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| **Liquidity Analysis** | | |
| **Financial Assets Due < 1 Year** | | |
| ANZ Business Account | 1,691 | - |
| EPLGA Bank SA 066728540 | 44,442 | 118,935 |
| Bendigo Bank Term Deposit | 179,006 | 172,052 |
| Loan - Peter Scott | - | 19 |
| Accounts Receivable | - | 1,280 |
| Local Government Finance Authority - HR Project 59810 | 54,115 | 51,727 |
| Local Government Finance Authority - General 59811 | 247,188 | 235,599 |
| Windcave Clearing Account | 2,115 | 1,021 |
| **Total Financial Assets Due < 1 Year** | **528,557** | **580,633** |
| **Financial Liabilities Due < 1 Year** | | |
| BankSA Credit Card #0207 | 3,064 | 2,595 |
| Accounts Payable | 33,641 | 47,737 |
| Accrued Expenses | 10,952 | 13,468 |
| BAS Clearing | (4,888) | 2,612 |
| GST Adjustment | (243) | (5) |
| ATO Integrated Client Account | - | 5,136 |
| Superannuation Payable | 2,173 | - |
| **Total Financial Liabilities Due < 1 Year** | **44,699** | **71,542** |
| Net Liquidity | 483,858 | 509,091 |

**Net Fair Value**

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

**Risk Exposures**

**Credit Risk** represent the loss that would be recognised if counterparties fail to perform as contracted. The maximum credit risk on financial assets of the Group is the carrying amount, net of any allowance for doubtful debts. All group investments are made with the SA Local Government Finance Authority and are guaranteed by the SA Government. Except as detailed in Notes 4 & 5 in relation to individual classes of receivables, exposure is concentrated within the Group's boundaries, and there is no material exposure to any individual debtor.

**Market Risk** is the risk that fair values of financial assets will fluctuate as a result of changes in Market prices. All of the Group's financial assets are denominated in Australian dollars and are not traded on any market, and hence neither market risk no currency risk apply.

**Liquidity Risk** is the risk that the Group will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations with Financial liabilities. In accordance with the model Treasury Management Policy (LGA Information Paper 15), liabilities have a range of maturity dates.

**Interest Rate Risk** is the risk that future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Cash flow fluctuations are managed holistically in seeking to minimise interest costs over the longer term in a risk adverse manner.

## 9. Note 9 - Uniform Presentation of Finances

The following is a high level summary of both operating and capital investment activities of the Group prepared on a modified Uniform Presentation Framework basis, adjusted for timing differences associated with prepaid Federal assistance Grants required to be recognised as revenue on receipt in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

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

The arrangement ensures that all Councils and Authorities provide a common 'core' of financial information, which enables meaningful comparisons of each Authorities' finances.

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| **Annual Net Impact to Financing Activities** | | |
| **Operating Income** | | |
| Grants, subsidies & contributions - Operating | 40,000 | 49,626 |
| Membership Income | 242,068 | 229,863 |
| Project Income | 19,100 | 22,182 |
| Investment Income | 20,932 | 18,109 |
| Camp Booking Income | 650,631 | 520,973 |
| Other Income | 26,591 | 982 |
| **Total Operating Income** | **999,322** | **841,735** |
| **Operating Expenses** | | |
| Depreciation, amortisation & other expenses | (490) | (816) |
| Employee Costs | (184,741) | (178,736) |
| Materials, contracts & other expenses | (145,782) | (137,353) |
| Camp Booking Expenses | (643,464) | (512,743) |
| Project Expenditure | (77,389) | (55,183) |
| **Total Operating Expenses** | **(1,051,865)** | **(884,831)** |
| Operating Surplus/(Deficit) | (52,543) | (43,096) |
| **Net Outlays on Existing Assets** | | |
| Capital Expenditure on Renewal & Replacement of Existing Assets | - | - |
| Depreciation | 490 | 816 |
| Proceeds from the Sale of Replaced Assets | - | - |
| **Total Net Outlays on Existing Assets** | **490** | **816** |
| **Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets** | | |
| Capital Expenditure on New & Upgraded Assets | - | - |
| Amounts received spec. for New & Upgraded Assets | - | - |
| Proceeds from sale of Surplus Assets | - | - |
| **Total Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets** | **-** | **-** |
| Annual Net Impact to Financing Activities (Surplus/(Deficit)) | (52,054) | (42,280) |

## 10. Note 10 - Related Party Disclosures

### Key Management Personnel

The Key Management Personnel of the Association include the Chief Executive Officer, President, Board Members. In all Key Management Personnel were paid the following total compensation:

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| **Key Personnel Remuneration** | | |
| **CEO** | | |
| Wages and Salaries | 162,000 | 162,000 |
| Superannuation | 18,630 | 17,820 |
| **Total CEO** | **180,630** | **179,820** |
| **President** | | |
| Honorariums | 15,381 | 15,381 |
| **Total President** | **15,381** | **15,381** |
| **Total Key Personnel Remuneration** | **196,011** | **195,201** |

During the reporting period, no key management personnel, or parties related to them had any transaction on more favourable terms than those available to the general public.

We disclose that, on occasion in the reporting period, the Executive Office has unintentionally utilised organisation funds for personal costs. On all occasions, these amounts have been promptly identified and repaid.

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| **Other Related Parties - Funds Invoiced in Reporting Period (Excl GST)** | | |
| Membership Fee Income - DC of Ceduna | 18,463 | 17,821 |
| Membership Fee Income - DC of Cleve | 15,736 | 15,189 |
| Membership Fee Income - DC of Elliston | 14,648 | 14,139 |
| Membership Fee Income - DC of Franklin Harbour | 14,257 | 13,762 |
| Membership Fee Income - DC of Kimba | 14,356 | 13,857 |
| Membership Fee Income - DC of Wudinna | 14,635 | 14,126 |
| Membership Fee Income - DC of Lower Eyre Peninsula | 21,487 | 20,740 |
| Membership Fee Income - DC of Streaky Bay | 16,672 | 16,093 |
| Membership Fee Income - DC of Tumby Bay | 17,412 | 16,807 |
| Membership Fee Income - DC of Whyalla | 40,298 | 38,898 |
| Membership Fee Income - DC of Port Lincoln | 34,104 | 32,919 |
| Membership Fee Income - SACCA | 20,000 | 15,512 |
| Memberships - SACCA Committee | (20,000) | (17,720) |
| **Total Other Related Parties - Funds Invoiced in Reporting Period (Excl GST)** | **222,068** | **212,143** |

### Description of Services Provided to all related Parties above

The EPLGA is the regional local government organisation that is focused on the interests of its communities. The EPLGA primary purpose is to develop further cooperation between its constituent councils to make the best use of available resources for the benefit of the communities in the region.

The ELGA has 8 primary purposes - these are outlined in the EPLGA Charter.

## 11. Note 11 - Contingencies & Assets & Liabilities Not Recognised in the Statement of Financial Position

There are no contingencies, assets or liabilities not recognised in the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.

## 12. Note 12 - Events Occurring After Reporting Date

There are no events subsequent to 30 June 2025 that need to be disclosed in the financial statements

## 13. Note 13 - 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 Statement of Financial Position as follows:

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| **(a) Reconciliation of Cash** | | |
| Total cash & cash equivalent assets | 528,557 | 579,334 |
| Balances as per Cash Flow Statements | 528,557 | 579,334 |

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| **(b) Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Cash from Operating Activities** | | |
| Net Surplus (Deficit) | (52,543) | (43,096) |
| **Non-cash items in Income Statement** | | |
| Depreciation, amortisation & impairment | 490 | 816 |
| Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits | 2,215 | (3,002) |
| **Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets** | | |
| Net (increase) decrease in receivables | 1,299 | 24,056 |
| Net (increase) decrease in other current assets | 4,863 | (1,883) |
| Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables | (14,095) | (56,482) |
| Net increase (decrease) in other provisions | - | - |
| Net increase (decrease) in other liabilities | 6,996 | 81,591 |
| **Total Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets** | **(937)** | **47,282** |
| Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations | (50,776) | 2,001 |

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| **(c) Non-Cash Financing and Investing Activities** | | |
| **Acquisition of assets by means of:** | | |
| Corporate Credit Cards | - | - |
| **Total Acquisition of assets by means of:** | **-** | **-** |
| **Total (c) Non-Cash Financing and Investing Activities** | **-** | **-** |

# Independent Audit Report

## Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association
## For the year ended 30 June 2025

Auditor has advised that audit opinion will be provided once financial report signed by Board. Statement of independence attached.

Tammy Atkins

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# EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
# ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

## CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association for the year ended 30 June 2025, the EPLGA's Auditor, Tammy Atkins, 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.

CEO of City of Whyalla:

Signature:
Date: 20/08/2025

CEO of DC Ceduna:

Signature:
Date: 20/08/2025

CEO of DC Elliston:

Signature:
Date: 28 August 2025

CEO of DC Kimba:

Signature:
Date: 20/08/2025

CEO of DC Streaky Bay:

Signature:
Date: 28/05/2025

CEO of Wudinna DC:

Signature:
Date: 28/08/2025

CEO of City of Port Lincoln:

Signature:
Date: 25/08/2025

CEO of DC Cleve:

Signature:
Date: 21/08/2025

CEO of DC Franklin Harbour:

Signature:
Date: 28/08/25

CEO of Lower Eyre Council:

Signature:
Date: 20/08/2025

CEO of DC Tumby Bay:

Signature:
Date: 21/08/2025

Executive Officer, Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association:

Signature:
Date: 20 August 2025



# APPENDIX 2

# District Council of Elliston

2024-2025 Audited Financial Statements

# District Council of Elliston

## GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30 June 2025

# District Council of Elliston

## General Purpose Financial Statements
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# District Council of Elliston

## General Purpose Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2025

## 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 2025 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.

Nikki Becker
**Chief Executive Officer**

Date: 18 November 2025

Andrew McLeod
**Mayor**

# District Council of Elliston

## Statement of Comprehensive Income
for the year ended 30 June 2025

| $ | Notes | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Income** | | | |
| Rates | 2a | 3,291,696 | 3,133,785 |
| Statutory charges | 2b | 57,886 | 41,095 |
| User charges | 2c | 1,552,024 | 434,123 |
| Grants, subsidies and contributions - capital | 2g | 521,000 | 410,834 |
| Grants, subsidies and contributions - operating | 2g | 2,581,018 | 1,379,145 |
| Investment income | 2d | 12,351 | 34,408 |
| Reimbursements | 2e | 71,371 | 42,662 |
| Otherincome | 2f | 278,686 | 53,336 |
| **Total income** | | 8,366,032 | 5,529,388 |
| **Expenses** | | | |
| Employee costs | 3a | 2,037,906 | 1,580,181 |
| Materials, contracts and other expenses | 3b | 3,340,072 | 3,060,314 |
| Depreciation, amortisation and impairment | 3c | 1,678,538 | 1,257,636 |
| Finance costs | 3d | 48,027 | 19,215 |
| **Total expenses** | | 7,104,543 | 5,917,346 |
| Operating surplus / (deficit) | | 1,261,489 | (387,958) |
| Physical resources received free of charge | | 18,154 | – |
| Asset disposal and fair value adjustments | | 33,286 | (283,980) |
| Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets | 2h | 769,855 | 481,761 |
| Net surplus / (deficit) | 4<br>2g | 2,082,784 | (190,177) |
| **Other comprehensive income** | | | |
| ***Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result*** | | | |
| Changesin revaluation surplus - I,PP&E | 9a | 29,649,403 | – |
| Impairment (expense) / recoupmentsoffsettoassetrevaluationreserve | 9a | – | (248,621) |
| ***Total amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result*** | | 29,649,403 | (248,621) |
| **Total other comprehensive income** | | 29,649,403 | (248,621) |
| Total comprehensive income | | 31,732,187 | (438,798) |

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# District Council of Elliston

## Statement of Financial Position
as at 30 June 2025

| $ | Notes | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **ASSETS** | | | |
| **Current assets** | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalent assets | 5a | 291,550 | 247,155 |
| Trade and other receivables | 5b | 406,670 | 300,435 |
| Inventories | 5c | 102,933 | 85,197 |
| **Total current assets** | | 801,153 | 632,787 |
| **Non-current assets** | | | |
| Othernon-current assets | 6 | 66,529 | 160,066 |
| Infrastructure,property,plantand equipment | 7 | 76,242,306 | 45,187,922 |
| **Total non-current assets** | | 76,308,835 | 45,347,988 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 77,109,988 | 45,980,775 |
| **LIABILITIES** | | | |
| **Current liabilities** | | | |
| Trade and otherpayables | 8a | 1,078,068 | 635,822 |
| Borrowings | 8b | 89,576 | 946,238 |
| Provisions | 8c | 94,908 | 202,785 |
| **Total current liabilities** | | 1,262,552 | 1,784,845 |
| **Non-current liabilities** | | | |
| Borrowings | 8b | 525,414 | 614,989 |
| Provisions | 8c | 62,967 | 54,073 |
| **Total non-current liabilities** | | 588,381 | 669,062 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | 1,850,933 | 2,453,907 |
| Net assets | | 75,259,055 | 43,526,868 |
| **EQUITY** | | | |
| Accumulated surplus | | 14,179,705 | 12,086,345 |
| Asset revaluation reserves | 9a | 60,650,510 | 31,001,107 |
| Other reserves | 9b | 428,840 | 439,416 |
| Total equity | | 75,259,055 | 43,526,868 |

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# District Council of Elliston

## Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 30 June 2025

| $ | Notes | Accumulated surplus | Asset revaluation reserve | Other reserves | Total equity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ***2025*** | | | | | |
| Balance as at 1 July | | 12,086,345 | 31,001,107 | 439,416 | 43,526,868 |
| Net surplus / (deficit) for year | | 2,082,784 | – | – | 2,082,784 |
| ***Other comprehensive income*** | | | | | |
| Gain (loss) on revaluation of IPPandE | 7a | – | 29,649,403 | – | 29,649,403 |
| IPPandE Impairment (Expense) / Recoupments Offset to ARR | 7a | – | – | – | – |
| ***Other comprehensive income*** | | – | 29,649,403 | – | 29,649,403 |
| Total comprehensive income | | 2,082,784 | 29,649,403 | – | 31,732,187 |
| Transfers between reserves | | 10,576 | – | (10,576) | – |
| Balance at the end of period | | 14,179,705 | 60,650,510 | 428,840 | 75,259,055 |
| ***2024*** | | | | | |
| Balance as at 1 July | | 12,282,258 | 31,249,728 | 433,680 | 43,965,666 |
| Restated opening balance | | 12,282,258 | 31,249,728 | 433,680 | 43,965,666 |
| Net surplus / (deficit) for year | | (190,177) | – | – | (190,177) |
| ***Other comprehensive income*** | | | | | |
| IPPandE Impairment (Expense) / Recoupments Offset to ARR | 7a | – | (248,621) | – | (248,621) |
| ***Other comprehensive income*** | | – | (248,621) | – | (248,621) |
| Total comprehensive income | | (190,177) | (248,621) | – | (438,798) |
| Transfers between reserves | | (5,736) | – | 5,736 | – |
| Balance at the end of period | | 12,086,345 | 31,001,107 | 439,416 | 43,526,868 |

The above Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# District Council of Elliston

## Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2025

| $ | Notes | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Cash flows from operating activities** | | | |
| Receipts | | | |
| Rates receipts | | 3,238,761 | 3,115,982 |
| Statutory charges | | 57,886 | 41,095 |
| User charges | | 1,552,024 | 434,123 |
| Grants, subsidies and contributions | | 2,581,018 | 1,789,979 |
| Investment receipts | | 12,351 | 34,408 |
| Reimbursements | | 71,371 | 42,662 |
| Other receipts | | 447,343 | 120,321 |
| Payments | | | |
| Payments to employees | | (2,047,022) | (1,560,185) |
| Payments for materials, contracts and other expenses | | (3,184,419) | (2,863,470) |
| Finance payments | | (55,822) | – |
| **Net cash provided by (or used in) operating activities** | 11b | 2,673,491 | 1,154,915 |
| **Cash flows from investing activities** | | | |
| Receipts | | | |
| Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets | | 769,855 | 481,761 |
| Sale of replaced assets | | 57,928 | 149,636 |
| Grants utilised for capital purposes | | 521,000 | – |
| Payments | | | |
| Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets | | (1,884,070) | (1,066,261) |
| Expenditure on new/upgradedassets | | (1,112,400) | (3,586,605) |
| **Net cash provided (or used in) investing activities** | | (1,647,687) | (4,021,469) |
| **Cash flows from financing activities** | | | |
| Receipts | | | |
| Proceeds from loans | | – | 1,561,227 |
| Payments | | | |
| Repayments of loans | | (946,237) | – |
| Repayment of bondsanddeposits | | (35,172) | (8,423) |
| **Net cash provided by (or used in) financing activities** | | (981,409) | 1,552,804 |
| **Net increase (decrease) in cash held** | | 44,395 | (1,313,750) |
| plus: cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period | | 247,155 | 1,560,905 |
| Cash and cash equivalents held at end of period | 11a | 291,550 | 247,155 |
| Additional information: | | | |
| Total cash, cash equivalents and investments | | 291,550 | 247,155 |

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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## Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

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# District Council of Elliston

## Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
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## Note 1.Summary of Material Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by Council in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are set outbelow.

Thesepolicieshavebeenconsistentlyappliedtoalltheyearspresented,unlessotherwisestated.

### *(1) Basis of preparation*

#### *1.1 Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards*

This general purpose financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis using the historical cost convention in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards as they apply to not-for-profit entities, other authoritative pronouncements oftheAustralianAccountingStandardsBoard,InterpretationsandrelevantSouthAustralianlegislation.

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*

Exceptasstatedbelow,thesefinancialstatementshavebeenpreparedinaccordancewiththehistoricalcostconvention.

#### *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 these Notes.

#### *1.4 Rounding*

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

### *(2) The local government reporting entity*

TheDistrictCouncilofEllistonisincorporatedunderthe ***SA Local Government Act 1999*** andhasitsprincipalplaceofbusiness at 21 Beach Terrace, Elliston.

### *(3) Income recognition*

TheCouncilrecognisesrevenueunderAASB1058IncomeofNot-for-ProfitEntities(AASB1058)orAASB15Revenuefrom Contracts with Customers (AASB 15) when appropriate.

In cases where there is an 'enforceable' contract with a customer with 'sufficiently specific' performance obligations, the transactionisaccountedforunderAASB15whereincomeisrecognisedwhen(oras)theperformanceobligationsaresatisfied (i.e.whenittransferscontrolofaproductorservicetoacustomer).Revenueismeasuredbasedontheconsiderationtowhich theCouncilexpectstobeentitledinacontractwithacustomer.

In other cases, AASB 1058 applies when Council enters into transactions where the consideration to acquire an asset is significantly less than the fair value of the asset principally to enable the entity to further its objectives. The excess of the asset recognised(atfairvalue)overany'relatedamounts'isrecognisedasincomeimmediately,exceptinthecasewhereafinancial assethasbeenreceivedtoenablethecouncilto acquireorconstructarecognisablenon-financialassetthatistobecontrolled by the council. In this case, the council recognises the excess as a liability that is recognised over time in profit and loss when (oras)theentitysatisfiesitsobligationsunderthetransfer.

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## Note 1.Summary of Material Accounting Policies (continued)

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

| | Cash Payment Received | Annual Allocation | Difference |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2021/22 | $1,559,703 | $1,182,131 | +$377,572 |
| 2022/23 | $1,928,142 | $1,768,310 | +$159,832 |
| 2023/24 | $283,966 | $1,707,488 | -$1,423,482 |
| 2024/25 | $2,475,827 | $1,701,848 | +$773,979 |

Because these grants are untied, the Australian Accounting Standards require that payments be recognised upon receipt. Accordingly,theoperatingresultsoftheseperiodshavebeendistortedcomparedtothosethatwouldhavebeenreportedhad thegrantsbeenpaidintheyeartowhichtheywereallocated.

The Operating Surplus Ratio disclosed in Note 14 has also been calculated after adjusting for the distortions resulting from thedifferencesbetweentheactualgrantsreceivedandthegrantentitlementsallocated.

### *(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 invaluewithamaturityofthreemonthsorlessfromthedateofacquisition.

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 considereddoubtful.

Allfinancialinstrumentsarerecognisedatfairvalueatthedateofrecognition,exceptfortradereceivablesfromacontractwith a customer, which are measured at the transaction price. A detailed statement of the accounting policies applied to financial instruments forms part of Note 12.

### *(5) Inventories*

Inventoriesheldinrespectofstoreshavebeenvaluedbyusingtheweightedaveragecostonacontinualbasis,afteradjustment forlossofservicepotential.
TradingstockincludesstockattheVenusBayBeachfrontTouristParkandEllistonCommunityandVisitorInformationCentre held at 30 June 2025.

### *(6) Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment*

#### *6.1 Initial recognition*

All assets are initially recognised at cost. For assets acquired at no cost or for nominal consideration, cost is determined as fairvalueatthedateofacquisition.

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 assetsconstructedbytheCouncilincludesthecostofallmaterialsusedinconstruction,directlabourontheprojectandother overheadcostdirectlyattributabletobringingtheassettothelocationandconditionnecessaryforittobecapableofoperating inthemannerbymanagement.

#### *6.2 Materiality*

Assets with an economic life in excess of one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds established by Council for each type of asset. In determining (and in annually reviewing) such thresholds, regard

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is had to the nature of the asset and its estimated service life. Examples of capitalisation thresholds applied during the year aregiveninNote7.Nocapitalisationthresholdisappliedtotheacquisitionoflandorinterestsinland.

### *6.3 Subsequent recognition*

All material asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. Significant uncertainties exist in the estimation of fair value of a number of asset classes including land, buildings and associatedstructuresandinfrastructure.Furtherdetailoftheseuncertainties,andofexistingvaluations,methodsandvaluers areprovidedatNote7.

### *6.4 Depreciation of non-current assets*

Other than land, all infrastructure, property, plant and equipment assets recognised are systematically depreciated over their useful lives on a straight-line basis which, in the opinion of Council, best reflects the consumption of the service potential embodiedinthoseassets.Forcertaininfrastructureassets,theusefullifeisdeterminedbasedontheexpectedtimingofmajor interventions (e.g., renewal, replacement, or significant upgrade), rather than the full technical life of the asset.

Depreciationmethods,usefullivesandresidualvaluesofclassesofassetsarereviewedannually.

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 theseassetsarenotavailable,andextremecareshouldbeusedininterpretingfinancialinformationbasedontheseestimates.

### *6.5 Impairment*

Assetswhosefutureeconomicbenefitsarenotdependentontheabilitytogeneratecashflows,andwherethefutureeconomic benefits would be replaced if Council were deprived thereof, are not subject to impairment testing.

Other assets that are subject to depreciation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carryingamountexceedsitsrecoverableamount(whichisthehigherofthepresentvalueoffuturecashinflowsorvalueinuse).

Whereanassetthathasbeenrevaluedissubsequentlyimpaired,theimpairmentisfirstoffsetagainstsuchamountasstands to the credit of that class of assets in Asset Revaluation Reserve, any excess being recognised as an expense.

### *6.6 Borrowing costs*

Borrowing costs in relation to qualifying assets (net of offsetting investment revenue) have been capitalised in accordance with ***AASB 123 Borrowing Costs***. The amounts of borrowing costs recognised as an expense or as part of the carrying amount of qualifyingassetsaredisclosedinNote3,andtheamount(ifany)ofinterestrevenueoffsetagainstborrowingcostsinNote2.

## *(7) Payables*

### *7.1 Goods and 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 theseamounts.

### *7.2 Payments received in advance and deposits*

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

## *(8) Borrowings*

Borrowings are carried at their principal amounts which represent the present value of future cash flows associated with servicing the debt. Interest is accrued over the period to which it relates, and is recorded as part of "Payables". Interest free loans are initially recognised at fair value with any difference between fair value and proceeds recognised in the profit and loss. The loan is subsequently measured at amortised cost with interest being recognised using the effective interest rate method.

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## Note 1.Summary of Material Accounting Policies (continued)

### *(9) Employee benefits*

#### *9.1Salaries,wagesandcompensated 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 oncosts) measured in accordance with ***AASB 119 Employee Benefits.***

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 oncosts) to be made in respect of services provided by employees up tothereportingdate.Presentvaluesarecalculatedusinggovernmentguaranteedsecuritiesrateswithsimilarmaturityterms.

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 doesnotmakepaymentforuntakensickleave.

#### *9.2 Superannuation*

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to Hostplus and also makes contributions to other schemes based on "choice of funds" legislation. Details of the accounting policies applied and Council's involvementwiththeschemesarereportedinNote16.

### *(10) Leases*

TheCouncilassessesatcontractinceptionwhetheracontractis,orcontains,alease.Thatis,ifthecontractconveystheright tocontroltheuseofanidentifiedassetforaperiodoftimeinexchangeforconsideration.

#### *11.1Councilasalessee*

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

#### *i) Right-of-Use-Assets*

TheCouncilrecognisesright-of-useassetsatthecommencementdateofthelease.Right-of-useassetsaremeasuredatcost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost ofright-of-useassetsincludestheamountofleaseliabilitiesrecognised,initialdirectcostsincurred,leasepaymentsmadeat or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received and the estimate of costs to be incurred to restore the leased asset. Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and the estimated usefullivesoftheassets,asfollows:

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

#### *ii)LeaseLiabilities*

At the commencement date of the lease, the Council recognises lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease paymentstobemadeovertheleaseterm.Incalculatingthepresentvalueofleasepayments,theCouncilusesitsincremental borrowingrateortheinterestrateimplicitinthelease.

#### *iii) Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets*

The Council applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases of machinery and equipment (i.e., those leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date). It also applies the low-value assets recognitionexemptiontoleasesofofficeequipmentthatareconsideredtobelowvalue.Leasepaymentsonshort-termleases andleasesoflow-valueassetsarerecognisedasanexpenseonastraight-linebasisovertheleaseterm.

Asat30thJune2025Councildidnotholdanyleasesasalesseeorholdrightofuseassts.

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## Note 1.Summary of Material Accounting Policies (continued)

### *(11)GST implications*

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

- ReceivablesandcreditorsincludeGSTreceivableandpayable.
- Exceptinrelationtoinputtaxedactivities,revenuesandoperatingexpendituresexcludeGSTreceivableandpayable.
- Non-currentassetsandcapitalexpendituresincludeGSTnetofanyrecoupment.
- AmountsincludedintheStatementofCashFlowsaredisclosedonagrossbasis.

### *(12) New accounting standards and UIG interpretations*

Council adopted all standards which became mandatory for annual reporting periods beginning on 1 July 2024, none of the standardshadanimpactonthereportedposition,performanceandcashflows.

The AASB has issued Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations which are not required to be implemented as at 30 June 2025, these standards have not been adopted by Council and will be included in the financial statements on their effectivedate.

The following list identifies all the new and amended Australian Accounting Standards, and Interpretation, that were issued butnotyeteffectiveatthetimeofcompilingthesestatementsthatcouldbeapplicabletoCouncils.

***EffectiveforNFPannualreportingperiodsbeginningonorafter1January2026***

- AASB 2024-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments

***EffectiveforNFPannualreportingperiodsbeginningonorafter1January2028***

- AASB 2014-10 Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture (amended by AASB2015-10,AASB2017-5,AASB2023-7andAASB2024-4)
- AASB 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements

### *(13)Comparative figures*

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

### *(14) Disclaimer*

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

# District Council of Elliston

## Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2025

## Note 2.Income

| $ | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| **(a)Rates** | | |
| ***General rates*** | | |
| Generalrates | 2,854,125 | 2,725,915 |
| Less: mandatory rebates | (15,952) | (14,671) |
| Less: discretionaryrebates,remissionsandwrite offs | (30,288) | (27,253) |
| ***Total general rates*** | 2,807,885 | 2,683,991 |
| ***Other rates (including service charges)*** | | |
| Waste collection | 271,098 | 254,034 |
| Water supply | 17,220 | 16,275 |
| Community wastewater management systems | 50,286 | 46,965 |
| Landscape levy | 126,626 | 117,984 |
| ***Total other rates (including service charges)*** | 465,230 | 435,258 |
| ***Other charges*** | | |
| Penalties for late payment | 18,581 | 14,536 |
| ***Total other charges*** | 18,581 | 14,536 |
| Total rates | 3,291,696 | 3,133,785 |
| **(b)Statutory charges** | | |
| Town planning fees | | |
| Health and septic tank inspection fees | 38,430 | 20,439 |
| Animal registration fees and fines | 2,968 | 2,100 |
| Other licences, fees and fines | 10,604 | 11,420 |
| Search fees | 1,672 | 2,855 |
| Total statutory charges | 4,212 | 4,281 |
| | 57,886 | 41,095 |
| **(c)User charges** | | |
| Cemetery fees | | |
| Caravan park income | 2,955 | 13,078 |
| Camping fees | 1,370,140 | 286,560 |
| Water | 123,677 | 101,342 |
| Waste | 26,077 | 15,691 |
| Licence income | 8,462 | 6,048 |
| House rental income | 13,990 | 4,300 |
| Dogs and cats microchipping | 6,128 | 6,240 |
| | 145 | 864 |
| Hall and equipmenthire | 450 | – |
| Total user charges | 1,552,024 | 434,123 |

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## Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
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## Note 2.Income (continued)

| $ | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| **(d)Investment income** | | |
| Interest on investments | | |
| - Local Government Finance Authority | 9,862 | 34,126 |
| - Banks and other | 2,489 | 282 |
| Total investment income | 12,351 | 34,408 |
| **(e) Reimbursements** | | |
| Private works | 4,218 | 2,242 |
| Other | 67,153 | 40,420 |
| Total reimbursements | 71,371 | 42,662 |
| **(f)Other income** | | |
| Insurance and other recoupments - infrastructure, property, plant and equipment | | |
| Rebates received | 3,055 | – |
| Sundry | 17,308 | 22,241 |
| Other | 159,135 | 31,095 |
| Total other income | 99,188 | – |
| | 278,686 | 53,336 |

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# District Council of Elliston

## Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
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## Note 2.Income (continued)

| $ | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| **(g)Grants, subsidies and contributions** | | |
| ***Capital grants, subsidies and contributions*** | | |
| Amountsreceived specificallyforneworupgraded assets | 769,855 | 481,761 |
| ***Total amounts received for new or upgraded assets*** | 769,855 | 481,761 |
| ***Other grants, subsidies and contributions - capital*** | | |
| Roads to Recovery | 521,000 | 410,834 |
| ***Total Other grants, subsidies and contributions - capital*** | 521,000 | 410,834 |
| ***Operating grants, subsidies and contributions*** | | |
| Untied - Financial AssistanceGrant | 2,475,827 | 283,966 |
| Eyes on Eyre | – | 83,500 |
| Local Roads and Infrastructure Grant | – | 235,880 |
| Pest Control | 15,000 | – |
| Lock Aquatic and Fitness Centre | 1,000 | 750,000 |
| Library and communications | 1,412 | 1,412 |
| Green Industries | 8,812 | 4,787 |
| Australia Day | 9,949 | 10,000 |
| Airstrip Lighting | – | 7,782 |
| Dog and Cat Desexing Program | – | 1,818 |
| Elliston Community & Visitors Information Centre Grant | 45,528 | – |
| Sundry | 23,490 | – |
| ***Total other grants, subsidies and contributions - operating*** | 2,581,018 | 1,379,145 |
| **Total grants, subsidies and contributions** | 3,871,873 | 2,271,740 |
| ***(i) Sources of grants*** | | |
| Commonwealth Government | 710,304 | 1,138,475 |
| State Government | 3,116,050 | 1,133,265 |
| Other | 45,519 | – |
| ***Total*** | 3,871,873 | 2,271,740 |
| ***(ii) Individually significant items*** | | |
| GrantCommission(FinancialAssistance Grant) recognised as income | 773,979 | – |

Council received the Financial Assistance Grant of $773,979 allocated to the 2025/26 financial year on the 24th June 2025, thereby overstating grant income in the 2024/25 financial year.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **(h)Physical resources received free of charge** | | |
| Other | 18,154 | – |
| **Total physical resources received free of charge** | 18,154 | – |

# District Council of Elliston

## Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2025

## Note 3.Expenses

| $ | Notes | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **(a)Employee costs** | | | |
| Salaries and wages | | 2,183,401 | 1,410,278 |
| Employee leave expense | | (38,298) | 216,707 |
| Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions | | 111,473 | 173,168 |
| Workers' compensation insurance | | 63,670 | 53,255 |
| Other employee related costs | 16 | 2,634 | – |
| | | (284,974) | (273,227) |
| Less: capitalised anddistributedcosts | | 2,037,906 | 1,580,181 |
| Total operating employee costs | | 17 | 24 |
| Total number of employees (full time equivalent at end of reporting period) | | | |
| **(b)Materials, contracts and other expenses** | | | |
| ***(i) Prescribed expenses*** | | | |
| Auditor's remuneration | | | |
| - Auditing the financial reports | | 15,583 | 16,895 |
| Elected members' expenses | | 98,868 | 100,022 |
| Election expenses | | 363 | – |
| Other | | 691 | – |
| ***Subtotal - prescribed expenses*** | | 115,505 | 116,917 |
| ***(ii) Other materials, contracts and expenses*** | | | |
| Contractors | | | |
| Contractors - waste and recycling | | 855,603 | 1,046,606 |
| Contractors - plant repairs and maintenance | | 454,252 | 478,860 |
| Contractors - professional services | | 33,447 | 41,224 |
| Contractors - IT services | | 119,113 | 72,385 |
| Contractors - projects | | 188,816 | 180,154 |
| Electricity | | 2,358,623 | 4,228,116 |
| Maintenance | | 176,105 | 78,819 |
| Legal expenses | | 421 | – |
| Levies paid to Government - Landscape levy | | 14,648 | 31,795 |
| Levies - other | | 129,107 | 116,365 |
| Registration and insurance | | 19,940 | 6,998 |
| Travel | | 282,787 | 209,673 |
| Telephone | | 13,732 | 18,763 |
| Materials - operating | | 25,923 | 22,006 |
| Materials - projects | | 673,891 | 422,857 |
| Other expenses | | 417,288 | 423,445 |
| Water | | 170,022 | 119,962 |
| Water - projects | | 36,662 | 52,595 |
| Advertising | | 2,988 | 9,846 |
| Tourism | | 23,603 | 5,981 |
| Less: capitalised and distributed Costs | | 6,495 | 38,354 |
| ***Subtotal - Other material, contracts and expenses*** | | (2,778,899) | (4,661,407) |
| Total materials, contracts and other expenses | | 3,224,567 | 2,943,397 |
| | | 3,340,072 | 3,060,314 |

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## Note 3.Expenses (continued)

| $ | Notes | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **(c)Depreciation, amortisation and impairment** | | | |
| ***(i) Depreciation and amortisation*** | | | |
| Buildingsand otherstructures | | 294,069 | 207,567 |
| Road infrastructure | | 734,826 | 762,540 |
| Stormwater | | 49,720 | 49,720 |
| CWMS | | 14,560 | 14,559 |
| Other infrastructure | | 23,735 | 24,805 |
| Plant and equipment | | 226,283 | 181,381 |
| Furniture and fittings | | 19,289 | 17,064 |
| ***Subtotal*** | | 1,362,482 | 1,257,636 |
| ***(ii) Impairment*** | | | |
| Road infrastructure | | – | 248,621 |
| Stormwater | | 316,056 | – |
| ***Subtotal*** | | 316,056 | 248,621 |
| Less: impairment expense offset to asset revaluation reserve | 9 | – | (248,621) |
| Total depreciation, amortisation and impairment | | 1,678,538 | 1,257,636 |
| **(d)Finance costs** | | | |
| Interest on loans | | 48,027 | 19,215 |
| Total finance costs | | 48,027 | 19,215 |

## Note 4.Asset disposal and fair value adjustments

| $ | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| **Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment** | | |
| ***(i)Assets renewed ordirectly replaced*** | | |
| Proceeds from disposal | 57,928 | 149,636 |
| Less: carrying amount of assets sold | (24,642) | (433,616) |
| ***Gain (loss) on disposal*** | 33,286 | (283,980) |
| Net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets | 33,286 | (283,980) |

# District Council of Elliston

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## Note 5.Current assets

| $ | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| **(a)Cash and cash equivalent assets** | | |
| Cash on hand at bank | 99,738 | 247,155 |
| Deposits atcall | 191,812 | – |
| **Total cash and cash equivalent assets** | **291,550** | **247,155** |
| **(b)Trade and other receivables** | | |
| Rates - general and other | 238,902 | 185,967 |
| Accrued revenues | 353 | 10 |
| Debtors - general | 105,912 | 60,797 |
| GST recoupment | 59,366 | 53,661 |
| Prepayments | 1,068 | – |
| Sundry | 1,069 | – |
| **Total trade and other receivables** | **406,670** | **300,435** |
| **(c) Inventories** | | |
| Stores and materials | 34,650 | 24,036 |
| Trading stock | 68,283 | 61,161 |
| **Total inventories** | **102,933** | **85,197** |

## Note 6.Non-current assets

| $ | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| **Other non-current assets** | | |
| Capital works-in-progress | 66,529 | 160,066 |
| **Total other non-current assets** | **66,529** | **160,066** |

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## Note 7.Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment and investment property

### Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

| | | as at 30/06/24 | | | | Asset movements during the reporting period | | | | | | | as at 30/06/25 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $ | Fair Value Level | At Fair Value | At Cost | Accumulated Depreciation | Carrying amount | Asset Additions New / Upgrade | Asset Additions Renewals | WDV of Asset Disposals | Depreciation Expense (Note 3c) | Impairment Loss (recognised in P/L) (Note 3c) | Impairment Loss (recognised in Equity) (Note 9) | Revaluation Increments to Equity (ARR) (Note 9) | At Fair Value | At Cost | Accumulated Depreciation | Carrying amount |
| Land Buildings and other structures | 2 | 11,673,610 | – | – | 11,673,610 | 34,601 | – | – | – | – | – | – | 11,673,609 | 34,601 | – | 11,708,210 |
| Road infrastructure Stormwater | 3 | 8,213,085 | 4,475,671 | (4,239,497) | 8,449,259 | 1,145,152 | 454,817 | – | (294,069) | – | – | – | 8,213,083 | 6,075,640 | (4,532,242) | 9,756,481 |
| drainage CWMS Other infrastructure | 3 | 26,873,114 | 3,116,491 | (9,756,230) | 20,233,375 | – | 1,290,308 | – | (734,826) | – | – | 29,649,403 | 63,130,107 | – | (12,691,846) | 50,438,261 |
| Plant and equipment Furniture and | 3 | 420,172 | 2,034,326 | (164,103) | 2,290,395 | – | – | – | (49,720) | (316,056) | – | – | 2,247,002 | – | (322,383) | 1,924,619 |
| fittings | 3 | 1,435,614 | – | (703,215) | 732,399 | – | – | – | (14,560) | – | – | – | 1,435,614 | – | (717,775) | 717,839 |
| ***Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment*** | | – | 758,569 | (128,801) | 629,768 | – | – | – | (23,735) | – | – | – | – | 758,568 | (153,856) | 604,712 |
| | | – | 2,114,031 | (1,051,171) | 1,062,860 | 26,917 | 173,596 | (24,642) | (226,283) | – | – | – | – | 2,209,564 | (1,214,347) | 995,217 |
| | | – | 325,206 | (208,950) | 116,256 | – | – | – | (19,289) | – | – | – | – | 325,206 | (228,239) | 96,967 |
| | | 48,615,595 | 12,824,294 | (16,251,967) | 45,187,922 | 1,206,670 | 1,918,721 | (24,642) | (1,362,482) | (316,056) | | – 29,649,403 | 86,699,415 | 9,403,579 | (19,860,688) | 76,242,306 |
| Comparatives | | 49,742,090 | 8,236,848 | (15,816,114) | 42,162,824 | 3,586,605 | 1,378,329 | (433,616) | (1,257,636) | – | (248,621) | – | 48,615,595 | 12,824,294 | (16,251,967) | 45,187,922 |

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## Note 7.Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment and investment property (continued)

### Valuation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment and investment property

***Valuation of assets***
ThefairvalueofassetsandliabilitiesmustbeestimatedinaccordancewithvariousAccountingStandardsforeitherrecognition andmeasurementrequirementsorfordisclosurepurposes.

***AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement*** requires all assets and liabilities measured at fair value to be assigned to a "level" in the fair value hierarchy as follows:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurementdate.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level3:Inputsfortheassetorliabilitythatarenotbasedonobservablemarketdata(unobservableinputs).

Refer to Note 7(a) for the disclosure of the Fair Value Levels of Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment Assets.

***Information on valuations***

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.

Fairvaluehierarchylevel3valuationsofland-ValuationsofCrownland,communitylandandlandsubjecttootherrestrictions 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 thatarenotdirectlyorindirectlyobservableinthatmarket,orthenumberand/oramountofobservableadjustmentsofwhich 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 buildings, infrastructureandotherassets.Theseassetsarevaluedatdepreciatedcurrentreplacementcost.Thismethodinvolves:

- 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 residualvalueandusefullifeundertheprimecostdepreciationmethodadoptedbyCouncil.

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

***Other information***

At 1 July 2004 upon the transition to AIFRS, Council elected pursuant to ***AASB 1.D5*** to retain a previously established deemed costunderGAAPasitsdeemedcost.Withsubsequentadditionatcost,thisremainsasthebasisofrecognitionofnon-material asset classes.

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, current replacement cost is taken to be the fair value.

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## Note 7.Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment and investment property (continued)

### *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 orsubstantialmodificationofsomeoralloftheexistingbuildingsandstructuresaffixedtotheland.

MuchofthelandunderCouncil’scareandcontrolisCrownlandorhasbeendeclaredascommunitylandundertheprovisions 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 servicestothecommunity,ratherthantheuseofthoseassetsforthegenerationofrevenue.

### *Transition to AASB 13 - Fair Value Measurement*
The requirements of ***AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement*** have been applied to all valuations undertaken since 1 July 2013 as shownbythevaluationdatesbyindividualassetclassesbelow.

### *Capitalisationthresholds*
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.

| | $ |
|---|---|
| Furniture and Fittings | 10,000 |
| Plant and Equipment | 10,000 |
| BuildingsandOtherStructures | 10,000 |
| OtherInfrastructure | 10,000 |
| CWMS | 10,000 |
| RoadsInfrastructure | 10,000 |

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

| | |
|---|---|
| ***Building & Other Structures*** | |
| Buildings - Complete | 50to110years |
| Buildings - Preliminary | 55to90years |
| Buildings-SuperStructure | 60to80years |
| Buildings-Substructure | 60to100years |
| Buildings-Services | 40to60years |
| Buildings - Internal Fitout | 35to85years |
| Sculptures / Memorials | 60to100years |
| GatesandFences | 45to90years |
| Parks & Playground Structures | 15to50years |
| OtherStructures | 18to100years |
| ***Infrastructure*** | |
| SealedRoads-UpperSeal(upperlayerseals) | 20years |
| SealedRoads-LowerSeal(pavementbase) | 60to80years |
| UnsealedRoads-Surface | 24to44years |
| Footpaths | 12to40years |
| Spoon Drains | 100 years |
| KerbingandWatertable | 100 years |
| Basins(Retention) | 100 years |
| Pipework - PE100 PN10 | 25years |
| Pipework - RRJ classes | 80years |
| Pump Stations (equipment) | 20years |
| Valves / Junction Boxes / Headwalls / SEP | 50years |
| WetlandsandReserves | 100 years |

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## Note 7.Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment and investment property (continued)

***Plant & Equipment***

| | |
|---|---|
| VehiclesandRoad-makingEquipment | 3to8years |
| OtherPlantandEquipment | 5 to 15 years |
| ***Furniture & Fittings*** | |
| OfficeEquipment | 5 to 10 years |
| OfficeFurniture | 10to20years |

***Land & Land Improvements***
Council being of the opinion that it is not possible to attribute a value sufficiently reliably to qualify for recognition, land under roadshasnotbeenrecognisedinthesereports.Landacquiredforroadpurposesduringtheyearisinitiallyrecognisedatcost, but transferred to fair value at reporting date, effectively writing off the expenditure. Landwasrevaluedasat1July2020byanindependentvaluer,GaylerProfessionalServices. Nextrevaluationisduein2025/26.

***Buildings & Other Structures***
Buildings and other structures were revalued as at 1 July 2020 by independent valuer, Gayler Professional Services. All additionsrecognisedafterthedateofvaluationhavebeenrecognisedatcost.
Nextrevaluationisduein2025/26.

***Road Infrastructure***
Roads, footpaths and kerb assets were condition assessed and valued at current depreciated replacement cost as at 30 June 2025 by independent valuer, Methuen Holdings Pty Ltd. Impact on Depreciation - the net effect of the revaluation on the Road, footpath and kerb asset class in June 2025 was an increase in depreciation of 49% from $734,826 in 2024/25 to $1,091,668 in 2025/26. This adjustment has resulted from the increaseincostsofreplacementofassets. Nextrevaluationisduein2029/30.

***Plant & Equipment***
Theseassetsarerecognisedonthecostbasis.

***Furniture & Fittings***
Theseassetsarerecognisedonthecostbasis.

***Other Infrastructure***
All other Assets are recognised on the cost basis.

***Community Wastewater Management Systems (CWMS)***
CWMS assets were revalued as at 1 July 2021 by an independent valuer, Gayler Professional Services. All acquisitions made aftertherespectivedatesofvaluationarerecordedatcost.
Nextrevaluationisduein2025/26.

***Stormwater Drainage***
Stormwaterdrainageinfrastructurewasvaluedbyindependentconsultants,MethuenHoldingsPtyLtdasat30June2025 theoutcomeofwhichwasadecrementtothecarryingamountoftheassetclassandaresultantrevaluationimpairment expense.
ImpactonDepreciation-theneteffectoftherevaluationontheStormwaterdrainageassetclassinJune2025wasan increaseindepreciationof18%from$49,720in2024/25to$58,865in2025/26.Thisadjustmenthasresultedfromthe reductionofdecreaseincostsofreplacementofassets.
Nextrevaluationisduein2029/30.

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## Note 8.Liabilities

| $ | 2025 Current | 2025 Non Current | 2024 Current | 2024 Non Current |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **(a)Trade and other payables** | | | | |
| Goods and services | 611,646 | – | 322,054 | – |
| Payments received in advance | 329,651 | – | 110,121 | – |
| PAYG payable | 38,895 | – | 37,536 | – |
| Accrued expenses - employee entitlements | | | | |
| Accrued expenses - finance costs | 28,336 | – | 37,452 | – |
| Accrued expenses - other | 11,420 | – | 19,215 | – |
| Deposits, retentions and bonds | 16,479 | – | 58,040 | – |
| GST payable | – | – | 35,172 | – |
| Sundry | 15,155 | – | 16,232 | – |
| Total trade and other payables | 26,486 | – | – | – |
| | 1,078,068 | – | 635,822 | – |
| **(b) Borrowings** | | | | |
| Loans | | | | |
| Total Borrowings | 89,576 | 525,414 | 946,238 | 614,989 |
| All interest bearing liabilities are secured over the future revenues of the Council | 89,576 | 525,414 | 946,238 | 614,989 |
| **(c) Provisions** | | | | |
| Annual Leave employee entitlements (including oncosts) | 66,142 | – | 94,937 | – |
| Long Service Leave employee entitlements (includingoncosts) | 28,766 | 62,967 | 107,848 | 54,073 |
| Total provisions | 94,908 | 62,967 | 202,785 | 54,073 |

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## Note 9.Reserves

| $ | as at 30/06/24 Opening Balance | Increments (Decrements) | Transfers | Impairments | as at 30/06/25 Closing Balance |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **(a)Asset revaluation reserve** | | | | | |
| Land | 10,856,211 | – | – | – | 10,856,211 |
| Buildings and other structures | 1,257,163 | – | – | – | 1,257,163 |
| Infrastructure | | | | | |
| - Road infrastructure | 17,965,387 | 29,649,403 | – | – | 47,614,790 |
| - CWMS | 849,735 | – | – | – | 849,735 |
| Other infrastructure | 72,611 | – | – | – | 72,611 |
| ***Total asset revaluation reserve*** | 31,001,107 | 29,649,403 | – | – | 60,650,510 |
| | 31,249,728 | – | – | (248,621) | 31,001,107 |
| Comparatives | | | | | |

| $ | as at 30/06/24 Opening Balance | Tfrs to Reserve | Tfrs from Reserve | Other Movements | as at 30/06/25 Closing Balance |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **(b)Other reserves** | | | | | |
| Waste management reserve | | | | | |
| CWMS reserve | 122,887 | 271,098 | (303,487) | – | 90,498 |
| Port Kenny water supply reserve | 316,529 | 50,286 | (28,473) | – | 338,342 |
| ***Total other reserves*** | – | – | – | – | – |
| | 439,416 | 321,384 | (331,960) | – | 428,840 |
| Comparatives | 433,680 | 300,999 | (295,263) | – | 439,416 |

### *Purposes of reserves*

***Asset revaluation reserves***
Theassetrevaluationreserve 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***
***WasteManagementReserve***
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***
IdentifiesPortKennyWaterSupplyservicechargesthathavenotasyetbeenspentonPKWSactivities.

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## Note 10.Assets subject to restrictions

| $ | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|

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 purposesforwhichcontrolwastransferredtoCouncil,orforwhichtherevenueswere originallyobtained.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ***Cash and financial assets*** | | |
| Waste management | 90,498 | 122,887 |
| CWMS | 338,342 | 316,529 |
| Total cash and financial assets | 428,840 | 439,416 |
| Total assets subject to externally imposed restrictions | 428,840 | 439,416 |

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## Note 11.Reconciliation to Statement of Cash Flows

| $ | Notes | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **(a)Reconciliation of cash** | | | |
| Cash assets comprise highly liquid investments with short periods to maturitysubjecttoinsignificantriskofchangesofvalue.Cashattheendof thereportingperiodasshownintheStatementofCashFlowsisreconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows: | | | |
| Total cash and equivalent assets | 5 | 291,550 | 247,155 |
| ***Balances per Statement of Cash Flows*** | | 291,550 | 247,155 |
| **(b)Reconciliation of Operating Result** | | | |
| ***Net surplus/(deficit)*** | | 2,082,784 | (190,177) |
| ***Non-cash items in income statements*** | | | |
| Depreciation,amortisationand impairment | | 1,678,538 | 1,257,636 |
| Non-cash asset acquisitions | | (18,154) | – |
| Grants for capital acquisitions treated as investing activity | | (1,290,855) | (481,761) |
| Net (gain)/loss on disposals | | (33,286) | 283,980 |
| | | 2,419,027 | 869,678 |
| ***Add (less): changes in net current assets*** | | | |
| Net (increase)/decrease in receivables | | (106,235) | 745,095 |
| Net (increase)/decrease in inventories | | (17,736) | (58,060) |
| Net increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables | | 477,418 | (428,409) |
| Net increase/(decrease) in other provisions | | (98,983) | 26,611 |
| ***Net cash provided by (or used in) operations*** | | 2,673,491 | 1,154,915 |
| **(c)Financing arrangements** | | | |
| ***Unrestricted access was available at balance date to the following lines of credit:*** | | | |
| Corporate creditcards | | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| LGFA cash advance debenture facility | | 1,361,227 | 1,361,227 |

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## Note 12.Financial instruments

***Recognised financial instruments***

### *Bank, deposits at call, short term deposits*

***Accountingpolicy:***
Initiallyrecognisedatfairvalueandsubsequentlymeasuredatamortisedcost;interestisrecognisedwhenearned.

***Termsandconditions:***
Deposits are returning variable interest rates between 3.80% and 4.55% (2024: 4.30% and 4.55%).

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

### *Receivables - rates and associated charges (including legals and penalties for late payment)*

***Accountingpolicy:***
Initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using theexpectedcreditlossmethod.

***Termsandconditions:***
Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 0.7625% (2024: 0.7542%). Council is not materially exposed to any individualdebtor,creditriskexposureisconcentratedwithintheCouncil'sboundariesintheState.

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

### *Receivables - fees and other charges*

***Accountingpolicy:***
Initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using theexpectedcreditlossmethod.

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

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

### *Receivables - other levels of government*

***Accountingpolicy:***
Initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using theexpectedcreditlossmethod.

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

***Carrying amount:***
Approximates fair value.

### *Liabilities - creditors and accruals*

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

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## Note 12.Financial instruments (continued)

***Termsandconditions:***
Liabilitiesarenormallysettledon30dayterms.

***Carrying amount:***
Approximates fair value.

### *Liabilities - interest bearing borrowings*

***Accountingpolicy:***
Initially recognised at fair value and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest rate.

***Termsandconditions:***
Secured over future revenues, fixed interest rate borrowings are repayable 6 monthly at an interest rate of $5.30% (2024: 5.30%). Variable interest rate borrowings have interest charged between 5.00% and 6.15% (2024: 5.40% and 6.15%).

***Carrying amount:***
Approximates fair value.

| $ | Due < 1 year | Due > 1 year and ≤ 5 years | Due > 5 years | Total Contractual Cash Flows | Carrying Values |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Financial assets and liabilities** | | | | | |
| ***2025*** | | | | | |
| ***Financial assets*** | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 291,550 | – | – | 291,550 | 291,550 |
| Receivables | 405,602 | – | – | 405,602 | 405,602 |
| Total financial assets | 697,152 | – | – | 697,152 | 697,152 |
| ***Financial liabilities*** | | | | | |
| Current borrowings | 120,999 | – | – | 120,999 | 89,576 |
| Payables | 1,016,624 | – | – | 1,016,624 | 1,010,837 |
| Non-current borrowings | – | 483,995 | 120,999 | 604,994 | 525,414 |
| Total financial liabilities | 1,137,623 | 483,995 | 120,999 | 1,742,617 | 1,625,827 |
| Total financial assets and liabilities | 1,834,775 | 483,995 | 120,999 | 2,439,769 | 2,322,979 |
| ***2024*** | | | | | |
| ***Financial assets*** | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 247,155 | – | – | 247,155 | 247,155 |
| Receivables | 300,435 | – | – | 300,435 | 300,435 |
| Total financial assets | 547,590 | – | – | 547,590 | 547,590 |
| ***Financial liabilities*** | | | | | |
| Current borrowings | 993,695 | – | – | 993,695 | 946,238 |
| Payables | 467,661 | – | – | 467,661 | 488,165 |
| Non-current borrowings | – | 604,994 | 120,999 | 725,993 | 614,989 |
| Total financial liabilities | 1,461,356 | 604,994 | 120,999 | 2,187,349 | 2,049,392 |
| Total financial assets and liabilities | 2,008,946 | 604,994 | 120,999 | 2,734,939 | 2,596,982 |

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## Note 12.Financial instruments (continued)

The following interest rates were applicable to Council's borrowings at balance date:

| | 2025 | | 2024 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| $ | Weighted Avg Interest Rate | Carrying Value | Weighted Avg Interest Rate | Carrying Value |
| Fixed interest rates | 5.30% | 614,990 | 5.30% | 1,561,227 |
| | | 614,990 | | 1,561,227 |

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

### Risk exposures

***CreditRisk***representsthelossthatwouldberecognisedifcounterpartiesfailtoperformascontracted.Themaximumcredit risk on financial assets of the Council is the carrying amount, net of any impairment. All Council investments are made with the SA Local Government Finance Authority and are guaranteed by the SA Government. Except as detailed in Notes 5 and 6 in relation to individual classes of receivables, exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries, and there is no materialexposuretoanyindividualdebtor.

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

***Liquidity Risk*** is the risk that Council will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations with financial liabilities. In accordance with the model Treasury Management Policy (LGA Information Paper 15), liabilities have a range of maturity dates. Council also hasavailablearangeofbankoverdraftandstandbyborrowingfacilitiesthatitcanaccess.

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

## Note 13.Capital expenditure and investment property commitments

| $ | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| **Capital commitments** | | |
| ***Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:*** | | |
| Retention Payments | – | 35,172 |
| | – | 35,172 |
| ***Theseexpendituresare payable:*** | | |
| Not later than one year | – | 35,172 |
| | – | 35,172 |

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## Note 14.Financial indicators

| $ | Amounts 2025 | Indicator 2025 | Indicators 2024 | Indicators 2023 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FinancialIndicatorsoverview | | | | |
| ***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.*** | | | | |
| ***1. Operating Surplus Ratio*** | | | | |
| Operating surplus | ***1,261,489*** | ***15.1%*** | (7.0)% | 12.9% |
| Total operating income | ***8,366,032*** | | | |
| ***This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of total operating revenue.*** | | | | |
| ***2. Net Financial Liabilities Ratio*** | | | | |
| Net financialliabilities | ***1,152,713*** | ***14%*** | 34% | (21)% |
| Total operating income | ***8,366,032*** | | | |
| ***Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets (excluding equity accounted investments in Council businesses). 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.*** | | | | |
| ***Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio*** | | | | |
| Operating surplus | ***487,510*** | ***6.4%*** | 14.9% | 14.0% |
| Total operating income | ***7,592,053*** | | | |
| ***Adjusted Net Financial Liabilities Ratio*** | | | | |
| Net financialliabilities | ***1,152,713*** | ***15%*** | 27% | 2% |
| Total operating income | ***7,592,053*** | | | |
| ***3. Asset Renewal Funding Ratio*** | | | | |
| Asset renewals | ***1,884,070*** | ***89%*** | 60% | 111% |
| Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan required expenditure | ***2,126,000*** | | | |
| ***Asset renewals expenditure is defined as capital expenditure on the renewal and replacement of existing assets relative to the optimal level planned, and excludes new capital expenditure on the acquisition of additional assets.*** | | | | |

# District Council of Elliston

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## Note 15.Uniform presentation of finances

| $ | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|

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.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Income | | |
| Rates | 3,291,696 | 3,133,785 |
| Statutory charges | 57,886 | 41,095 |
| User charges | 1,552,024 | 434,123 |
| Grants, subsidies and contributions - capital | 521,000 | 410,834 |
| Grants, subsidies and contributions - operating | 2,581,018 | 1,379,145 |
| Investment income | 12,351 | 34,408 |
| Reimbursements | 71,371 | 42,662 |
| Other income | 278,686 | 53,336 |
| ***Total Income*** | 8,366,032 | 5,529,388 |
| Expenses | | |
| Employee costs | (2,037,906) | (1,580,181) |
| Materials, contracts and other expenses | (3,340,072) | (3,060,314) |
| Depreciation, amortisation and impairment | (1,678,538) | (1,257,636) |
| Finance costs | (48,027) | (19,215) |
| ***Total Expenses*** | (7,104,543) | (5,917,346) |
| ***Operating surplus / (deficit)*** | 1,261,489 | (387,958) |
| Net timing adjustment for general purpose grant funding | (773,979) | 1,423,482 |
| Less: grants, subsidies and contributions - capital | (521,000) | (410,834) |
| ***Adjusted Operating surplus / (deficit)*** | (33,490) | 624,690 |
| ***Net outlays on existing assets*** | | |
| Capitalexpenditure on renewal and replacement of existing assets | (1,884,070) | (1,066,261) |
| Add back depreciation, amortisation and impairment | 1,678,538 | 1,257,636 |
| Add back proceeds from sale of replaced assets | 57,928 | 149,636 |
| | (147,604) | 341,011 |
| ***Net outlays on new and upgraded assets*** | | |
| Capital expenditureonnew and upgradedassets (including investment property and real estate developments) | (1,112,400) | (3,586,605) |
| Add back grants, subsidies and contributions - capital new/upgraded | 521,000 | 410,834 |
| Add back amounts received specifically for new and upgraded assets | 769,855 | 481,761 |
| | 178,455 | (2,694,010) |
| Annual net impact to financing activities (surplus/(deficit)) | (2,639) | (1,728,309) |

# District Council of Elliston

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## Note 16.Superannuation

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to Hostplus (formerly Local Government Superannuation Scheme and Statewide Super). 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 arebasedonafixedpercentageofordinarytimeearningsinaccordancewithsuperannuationguaranteelegislation(11.50%in 2024/25; 11.00% in 2023/24). No further liability accrues to the Council as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees arerepresentedbytheirshareofthenetassetsoftheFund.

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

## Note 17.Contingencies and assets/liabilities not recognised in the balance sheet

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

### *1. Land under roads*

As reported in the Financial Statements, Council is of the opinion that it is not possible to attribute a value sufficiently reliably for these assets to qualify for recognition, and accordingly land under roads has not been recognised in the 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.

Atreportingdate,Councilcontrolled2,485kmofroadreservesofaveragewidth20metres.

### *2. Potential insurance losses*

Councilisamulti-purposeorganisationprovidingalargerangeofbuilding,parksinfrastructure,playgroundsandotherfacilities 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 deductable "insurance excesses", 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 reportingdate.

### *3. Legal expenses*

Council is the Planning consent authority for its area under the ***Planning and Design Code and Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016***. Pursuant to that Act, certain persons aggrieved by a planning decision of the Council may appeal. It is normal practice that parties bear their own legal costs. At the date of these reports, Council had notice of 1 appeal against planning decisions made prior to reporting date. All known costs have been recognised, but the amount of further costs cannot be known until the appeals are determined.

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## Note 18.Events after the balance sheet date

Events that occur after the reporting date of 30 June 2025, up to and including the date when the financial statements are "authorisedforissue"havebeentakenintoaccountinpreparingthesestatements.

Councilhasadoptedthedateofreceiptoftheauditors'Reportastheappropriate"authorisedforissue"daterelatingtothese GeneralPurposeFinancialStatements.

## Note 19.Related party transactions

### Key management personnel

***Transactions with key management personnel***

The Key Management Personnel of the Council include the Mayor, Elected Members, CEO and certain prescribed officers under section 112 of the ***Local Government Act 1999***. In all, 14 persons were paid the following total compensation:

| ***$*** | ***2025*** | ***2024*** |
|---|---|---|
| ***The compensation paid to key management personnel comprises:*** | | |
| Salaries, allowances and other short-term benefits | 523,241 | 516,716 |
| Long-term benefits | – | 53,661 |
| Termination benefits | 140,836 | – |
| Total | 664,077 | 570,377 |

Allowances/benefitsincurredintheordinarycourseofperformingtheKMPsrole,andamountspaidasdirectreimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of Council have not been included above.

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 $2,743 during the year.

Noclosefamilymemberofkeymanagementpersonnelisemployedbycouncil.

No development applications were lodged by key management personnel during this financial year.

ThefollowingnumberofKeyManagementPersonnelarepartofthefollowingcommitteesorboards:

Vongole Fishers Association - 1 Key Management Personnel

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

## Note 20.Community Assets

Elliston Community and Visitor Information Centre

On 1st July 2024, the District Council of Elliston acquired the Elliston Community and Visitor Information Centre. The Elliston CommunityandVisitorInformationCentreCommitteedecidedtohandthecentretotheCouncil.Councilapprovedthetransfer in the May 2024 Council meeting. It is now operating under the Council's Australian Business Number.

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**Independent Auditor's Report**

**To the members of the District Council of Elliston**

**Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the District Council of Elliston (the Council), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Certification of the Financial Statements.

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Council as at 30 June 2025, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 2011* and the Australian Accounting Standards.

**Basis for Opinion**

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

**Council's Responsibility for the Financial Report**

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

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

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Council's financial reporting process.



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**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

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

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

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

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

**DEAN NEWBERY**



**JIM KEOGH**

**27 November 2025**

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

**Opinion**

In our opinion, the District Council of Elliston (the Council) has complied, in all material respects, with Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation to the Internal Controls established by the Council relating to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities so as to provide reasonable assurance that the financial transactions of the Council have been conducted properly and in accordance with law for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

**Basis for opinion**

We have audited the Internal Controls of the Council under the requirements of *Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the Internal Controls established by the Council to ensure that financial transactions relating to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 have been conducted properly and in accordance with law.

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

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

**The Council's Responsibility for the Internal Controls**

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

**Our Independence and Quality Control**

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



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**Assurance Practitioner's Responsibilities**

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

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

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

**Limitation on Use**

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

**Limitations of Controls**

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

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

**DEAN NEWBERY**



**JIM KEOGH**

**27 November 2025**

District Council of Elliston

# General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2025

## 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 2025, the Council's Auditor, Dean Newbery has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

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

Nikki Becker
**Chief Executive Officer**

Phil Channon
**Presiding Member, Audit and Risk Committee**

**Date:** 18 November 2025

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**Certification of Auditor's Independence**

Iconfirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of the District Council of Elliston for the year ended 30June 2025, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code ofEthics for Professional Accountants, Part 4A, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

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



**JIM KEOGH**

**DEAN NEWBERY**

**27 November 2025**