

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF  **WHYALLA**

# ANNUAL REPORT

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2018/2019





Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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We acknowledge the lands in our region belonging to the Barngarla people, and acknowledge them as the traditional custodians from the past, for the present and into the future. The Barngarla people are strong, and are continuously connecting to their culture and their country. Whyalla City Council and the Barngala people can work together to build a stronger future.

This document fulfils our obligations under the Local Government Act 1999 which stipulates that all councils must produce an Annual report (relating to the immediately preceding financial year) to be prepared and adopted by council on or before 30 November. Information within this report is as prescribed by the legislation and as per the Annual Report Guidelines provided by the Local Government Association of South Australia.

## DISCLAIMER

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Every effort has been made to ensure the information contained within this Annual Report is accurate. No responsibility or liability can be accepted for any inaccuracies or omissions.



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## CEO'S MESSAGE

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the Whyalla City Council's Annual Report 2018/2019.

I have enjoyed being a part of an enthusiastic and passionate community and thank residents for their contribution and participation in Council events and gatherings held throughout the year.

It has been a very productive period for the City of Whyalla. We have ultimately showcased Whyalla as a vibrant and attractive place for people to live and to visit.

I have great pleasure in reflecting upon our many achievements which have been highlighted in this Annual Report.

Together, we have worked diligently, strategically and resolutely to create outcomes which benefit our community into the future.

In December 2018, Whyalla City Council in conjunction with GFG Alliance, played an integral part in 'Whyalla's Big Reveal'. This event was attended by the Hon Scott Morrison, Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon Bill Shorten, the then Leader of the Opposition, Mr Sanjeev Gupta, Executive Chairman GFG Alliance and many dignitaries and members of the public who received information on major initiatives for the City and its major industry, including the announcement of the Peats Soil and Garden Supplies \$6M green organic recycling enterprise.

Other significant Council operational highlights during the year have included;

- extensive behind-the-scene works on Whyalla's new jetty process, including the award of tender to South Australian company Maritime Constructions and various measures to gain all building approvals to permit the commencement of construction in early 2019/20
- the development of Council's \$14M Three-Year Road Delivery Program to address maintenance and the backlog of work to over 40km of local roads
- organising and supporting various community events in the promotion of Whyalla to residents and visitors; including the very popular 'By the C' event with an audience of 4,000 people, fronted by rock legends Jimmy Barnes and Darryl Braithwaite.

During the year Council has worked diligently in the continued upgrade of facilities and beautification of its surrounds with the completion of over 50 capital and operational projects across a wide range of focus areas. Some of the projects contributing to these upgrades are:

- popular parks and playgrounds including the Whyalla Foreshore, Ada Ryan Gardens, Jim Pollock Wetlands and Wilson Park
- roads and kerbing
- footpaths and bicycle paths
- sporting grounds and facilities including the Recreation Centre
- the Northern coastline

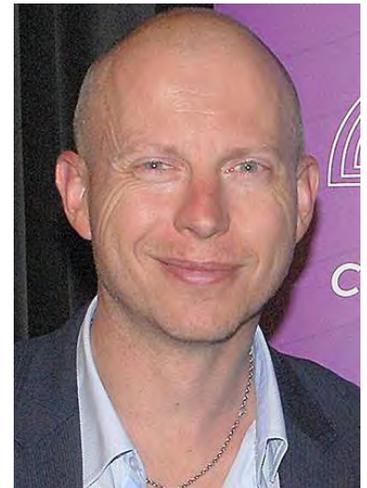
Council will continue to grow and enhance its services by using its Strategic Management Plans which will enable the maintenance and development of both tangible and non-tangible assets unique to our region.

I would like to personally thank staff and Council's volunteers who have worked tirelessly to ensure Council's goal objectives and visions are achieved.

I extend my appreciation to former Mayor Lyn Breuer and previous elected members who represented the community conscientiously during their elected term.

I thank Mayor Clare McLaughlin and current elected members for continuing the hard work, providing a voice and ongoing support to the community ensuring Council achieves its very best.

Chris Cowley  
Chief Executive Officer



## OUR CITY PROFILE

Whyalla is a city of contrasts – from green parks and gardens to massive industrial operations, new housing estates to well established historic neighbourhoods, and from the traditional corner store to multimillion-dollar shopping centres.

On the western shore of Upper Spencer Gulf, approximately 385 kilometres northwest of Adelaide by road and 40 minutes by air, Whyalla averages 300 days of sunshine every year and has an annual rainfall of around 270 millimetres.

Whyalla has an established industry and retail base, strong community spirit and its residents enjoy a comfortable lifestyle with sufficient amenities, events and activities

The Corporation of the City of Whyalla has one of the most diverse operations of any local government.

It operates an airport (serviced by two airlines), state-of-the-art public library, child care centre, cemetery and crematorium, visitor information centre, maritime museum, lighthouse, waste landfill site, marina and boat ramps.

The Council also owns the city's leisure centre and is responsible for all major development including the foreshore, wetlands, water saving and harvesting initiatives, public works, and innovative environmental projects.

Whyalla's major industries include the steelworks, producing a range of products including rail line and steel sleepers; production crude oil and LPG; industrial fabrication companies; national contractors to heavy engineering industries; commercial salt production as well as tourism and major events.

Council's urban boundaries comprise 41.5 square kilometres within a total local government area of approximately 1,000 square kilometres.

The Council area comprises the following suburbs and localities: Backy Point, Cowleds Landing, Douglas Point, Douglas Point South, False Bay, Fitzgerald Bay, Middleback Range, Mullaquana, Murninnie Beach, Point Lowly, Point Lowly North, Port Bonython, Whyalla, Whyalla Barson, Whyalla Jenkins, Whyalla Norrie, Whyalla Playford and Whyalla Stuart.

With a population of 21,828 residents (2016 census), the regional community of Whyalla is a wonderfully diverse mix of cultures and nationalities.

### SNAPSHOT



4.7% of our population are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people



18.4% of our population born overseas.



20% of population volunteer



\$949 million gross regional product

# STRATEGIC PLAN 2017-2022

**Goal**

Unearth a bright future for Whyalla

**Vision**

Whyalla will be a vibrant, attractive city offering the community a diverse range of sustainable economic, social, environmental and cultural opportunities

**Values**

- Integrity
- Transparency
- Accountability
- Respect
- Commitment to community
- Good governance
- Innovation
- Fairness and equity
- Safety

**Outcomes**

- Confident, engaged and proud community
- Integrated education and training opportunities
- Attractive city
- Diverse economy
- Integrated health, disability and aged care services

## OUR 4 KEY THEMES



### Our People

Provide a range of services and facilities which promote a safe and engaged community, which is healthy, culturally and socially rich.



### Our Places

Protect our natural environment and enhance our built environment to ensure the environmental, social, physical and economic needs of the city are met.



### Our Economy

Whyalla has a diverse and sustainable economy.



### Our Image

Whyalla is well-respected and recognised as a community of strength, whose people have a bright, positive and sustainable future.



## What will success look like?

Our residents have a sense of community pride that is seen and felt by our visitors and external stakeholders.

Residents feel safe, healthy and connected in our community through access to services, activities, facilities and information.

Actions in 2018/19	Looking Ahead – 2019/20
<p>Updates to the community via various media platforms e.g. Press Releases, 'Whyalla City Council' social media accounts, newsletters and Council website in accordance with the intended outcomes outlined in 2018/19 Annual Business Plan</p> <p>Articles on relevant and wide range of Council related topics</p> <p>My Local Services app</p> <p>Whyalla Tourism Facebook and Instagram pages</p>	Continue operations on an ongoing basis
<p>Various community events both hosted and supported by Council</p> <p>Community Groups</p> <p>Aging Well in your Community Forum</p> <p>Whyalla Asbestos Support Group</p> <p>Safer Communities Forum</p> <p>Victims of Domestic Violence Support Group</p>	Continue operations on an ongoing basis
<p>Upgrades to access paths around Art Gallery</p> <p>Arts and Culture activities</p>	Continue operations on an ongoing basis
<p>Continue Youth Council, youth week events and ongoing support for youth activities in accordance with the intended outcomes outlined in 2018/19 Annual Business Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)</li> <li>• Youth Parliament and Local Council Election involvement</li> <li>• Young Achievement Award winners</li> <li>• Organisation and involvement in over 12 youth events and programs providing opportunities for Whyalla's youth</li> </ul>	<p>Unearth – expand the event and attractions, align dates</p> <p>Continue operations on an ongoing basis</p>
<p>Whyalla Public Library programs, activities and initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various Children's Programs</li> <li>• School Holiday Activities</li> <li>• Tech Savvy Seniors</li> </ul>	Continue operations on an ongoing basis
<p>Volunteer Involvement at the Whyalla Public Library and the Whyalla Maritime Museum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide various training opportunities and utilise the many skills showcased</li> <li>• regular social gatherings with other volunteers and staff</li> <li>• celebratory events for volunteer milestones such as birthdays and retirements</li> </ul>	Continue operations on an ongoing basis



Actions in 2018/19	Looking Ahead – 2019/20
Community Groups/Programs Aging Well in your Community Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whyalla Asbestos Support Group</li> <li>• Safer Communities Forum</li> <li>• Victims of Domestic Violence Support Group</li> </ul> Smith Family Employment Program Youth involvement in local groups	Continue operations on an ongoing basis
Whyalla Public Library's Homebound Initiative Youth involvement through YAC	Continue operations on an ongoing basis
Establishment of Aged and Disability Advisory Committee Commenced review of plan to align with the intended outcomes outlined in 2018/19 Annual Business Plan Disability ramp installation at Foreshore Playground	Review of all Council Masterplans and appropriate action to be taken Community grants and programs
Colour Run - healthy recreational opportunity Solar lights – Hummock Hill & Civic Park Bennett Oval – Committed to upgrades and minor works Memorial Oval – Committed to upgrades and minor works Whyalla Recreation Centre maintenance – spa leak repair, plant and equipment upgrades Playground upgrades including soft fall installation, Spray seal of dog park walking track Local area strategic Bicycle Plan works on Heurich Tce Jubilee Park basketball facility upgrades including installation of new bollard and railing "Increase the liveability of the city"	Continue operations on an ongoing basis
Safer Communities Forum	Finalise review for Council consideration
Arts and Cultural Officer – part funded/collaboration with a Gov. Agency Starclub Officer – part funded/collaboration with a Gov. Agency	Increase the liveability of the city Upgrades of both Bennett and Memorial Ovals
Continue Youth Council, youth week events and ongoing support for youth activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)</li> <li>• Youth Parliament and Local Council Election involvement</li> <li>• Young Achievement Award winners</li> <li>• Organisation and involvement in over 12 youth events and programs providing opportunities for Whyalla's youth</li> </ul>	Continue operations on an ongoing basis



## What will success look like?

- ▶ Our parks, gardens and open spaces are well used and reflect the needs of our community;
- ▶ Community assets are being renewed and replaced to maintain service levels; and
- ▶ Sustainability and environmental factors are reflected in our programs and decision making processes.

Actions in 2018/19	Looking Ahead – 2019/20
Community Hub – completed upgrades Assist to activate space in the main street	Review of all Council Masterplans including City Plaza and Foreshore. Appropriate action to be taken Place making principles to be undertaken
Designs finalised Relevant local historical materials (stone from old dairy, steel) Public consultation process undertaken Deferred completion as the intended outcome outlined in 2018/19 Annual Business Plan to better align with strategic direction	Complete and Implement
Master Plan Review Process Deferred completion as the intended outcome outlined in 2018/19 Annual Business Plan to better align with strategic direction	Review of all Council Masterplans and appropriate action to be taken
Development of Reconciliation Plan	Implement Reconciliation Plan Continue working with Reconciliation Australia
Keith Street Old Aerodrome Hangar Refurbishment HMAS Whyalla Phase 1 Works Program	
Identify options	
	Review of all Council Masterplans and appropriate action to be taken
	Scoping works – Visitor Economy Plan/Strategy Master Plan Review

Objective		Strategy	
2.2	To protect our natural environment, minimise our ecological footprint and the impact of environmental issues on the city.	2.2.1	In partnership with the Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management (EPNRM), actively promote, protect, rehabilitate and conserve our natural environment and coastal areas.
		2.2.2	Promote environmental sustainability and aim to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce carbon emissions as an organisation and across the city;</li> <li>• Reduce waste levels into landfill; and</li> <li>• Increase the use of recycled water including storm water harvesting</li> </ul>
2.3	To ensure that Whyalla is prepared for the physical changes that climate change may bring.	2.3.1	Develop a Whyalla Climate Change Adaptation Plan that identifies climate change adaptation solutions for our city.
2.4	To ensure that infrastructure is maintained and managed to meet the community's economic, social and physical needs.	2.4.1	Aim to fund Whyalla City Council asset management plan at 100 per cent.
		2.4.2	Continue to look for opportunities to rationalise and dispose of surplus assets in order to reduce long-term operating and capital costs.



Actions in 2018/19	Looking Ahead – 2019/20
<p>Carry out the following in accordance with the intended outcomes outlined in 2018/19 Annual Business Plan; Northern Coastline Master Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installation of toilets and changerooms at Cuttlefish Drive</li> <li>• Partnership with NRM</li> </ul> <p>Seal/re-sheet coastal roads including Cuttlefish Drive and Gulf View Drive Works at Point Lowly including navigational beacon removal and replacement, playground fencing installation Marina Breakwater Strengthening Foreshore Sand Replenishment Murninnie Beach Campsite Shelters</p>	<p>Implement more elements of Northern Coastline Master Plan</p>
<p>Planet Footprint Reports 18/19 – Sam Bourne Whyalla Wetlands Stormwater Management Plan adopted National Tree Day – Free tree giveaway initiative Stormwater – drainage and Management Plan 120 Advanced and Seedling trees planted</p>	<p>Identify opportunities to further reduce impact Introduce internal measures to reduce waste levels (carbon footprint) RE: re-usable plates, reduction of paper, printer settings etc.</p>
	<p>Review of all Council Masterplans and appropriate action to be taken</p>
	<p>Review Asset Management to increase percentage</p>
	<p>Deferred</p>

# MEASURING OUR PERFORMANCE - OUR ECONOMY



Whyalla has a diverse and sustainable economy.

Objective		Strategy	
3.1	Our city will provide integrated education and training options for the community and region.	3.1.1	To advocate for the creation of a new single secondary campus within the city.
		3.1.4	To advocate for the provision of education, learning and training opportunities for disadvantaged youth in Whyalla, to improve access to job opportunities and create aspiration.
		3.1.5	Seek increased funding for apprenticeships, traineeships and nationally accredited training in Whyalla.
3.2	Maintain and build workforce skills within Whyalla.	3.2.1	Assist with targeted workforce development, in potential growth industries for our region.

## What will success look like?

- Diversified economic which is not wholly reliant on steel-making and mining;
- Broader range of post-secondary education options based in the city and higher student numbers;
- Higher retention and success rates at secondary level;
- Evidence of growing business and industry with greater use of vital infrastructure;
- Key areas opened up for development (foreshore, marina, Point Lowly), with access to free WiFi.

Actions in 2018/19	Looking Ahead – 2019/20
Involvement in the State Government consultation process of the new High School – approved Commitment of \$100M	Continue to work with all stakeholders throughout project
Youth activities and spaces such as YAC, youth hub and Headspace Facilitates Smith Family career program with local secondary school students	Continue operations on an ongoing basis Community Grant Funding
Chief Executive Officer chairing the Heavy Industry Cluster committee	Explore options Continue advocacy
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Objective		Strategy	
3.3	To connect and mobilise the community to work collectively to improve the lives of all community members.	3.3.1	Focus on increasing Whyalla City Council participation and collaboration with Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula (RDAWEP) and Spencer Gulf Cities to ensure we generate more outcomes for Whyalla.
		3.3.4	Expand the visitor experience and stimulate investment through the development of new and diverse tourism products, in-line with Tourism Strategic Plan and Northern Coastline Masterplan
		3.3.5	Accelerate plans for a marine interpretive centre to be built in Whyalla.
		3.3.6	Complete stage one of Whyalla Beach Road and Marina Masterplan.
		3.3.7	Seek to grow the economic benefit of increased Defence activity in the region.
		3.3.8	Seek to grow the economic benefit of future Defence infrastructure projects (future subs, future AWD) in the region.
		3.3.9	Assist local business to build capacity to access major contracts.
		3.3.10	Stimulate aquaculture development in Fitzgerald Bay.



Actions in 2018/19	Looking Ahead – 2019/20
RDA Spencer Gulf Cities	Continue advocacy
Development with Tourism Visitor Economy Strategy Virtual 3D cuttlefish experience at Visitor Information Centre Looked for other opportunities	
Virtual 3D cuttlefish at Visitor Information Centre	Continue Virtual 3D cuttlefish experience at Visitor Information Centre
	Review of all Council Masterplans and appropriate action to be taken
Facilitated/hosted Defence training in Whyalla at Jubilee Park and Cultana	Continue with these opportunities where available
Deferred	Review/re-examine Strategic planning
Chief Executive Officer chairing the Heavy Industry Cluster committee	3-year road delivery program implemented
Under discussion	Exploring options



# MEASURING OUR PERFORMANCE - OUR IMAGE



Whyalla is well respected and recognised as a community of strength whose people have a bright, positive and sustainable future.

Objective		Strategy	
4.1	Instil community pride	4.1.1	Continue to promote rebranding of Whyalla.
		4.1.2	Develop a promotional campaign to increase community pride and achievement.
		4.1.3	Encourage the community to 'unearth' pride in Whyalla. 'Our future in our hands'.
		4.1.4	Introduce regular and free clean-up campaigns, empower community to take pride in city's appearance.
4.2	To create an attractive city for the community, visitors and potential investors.	4.2.1	Design and build new entry statements for Whyalla which reflect the history and future of the city.
		4.2.2	Complete Median Strategy.
		4.2.3	Complete City Plaza Landscape Plan.
		4.2.4	Complete Mayor Jim Pollock Wetlands Masterplan.
		4.2.5	Complete Mayor Keith Wilson Park upgrade.
		4.2.6	Develop landscape design plan for Civic Park/Schulz Reserve, Nicolson Avenue frontage and McDouall Stuart Avenue intersection.
		4.2.7	Complete a cultural plan outlining Aboriginal and migration history and the influence industry has had on the community.



## What will success look like?

- Community confidence;
- National media coverage;
- Increased visitor numbers

Actions in 2018/19	Looking Ahead – 2019/20
Unearth Whyalla branding used across organisation to align with the intended outcomes outlined in 2018/19 Annual Business Plan	Development with Tourism Visitor Economy Strategy
	Promotional campaigns
Unearth Festival - expanded the event and attractions	Unearth – expand the event and attractions, align dates
Clean up Australia Day Free dump days	Clean up Australia Day Free dump days
In conjunction with 2.1.2 Designs finalised Relevant local materials (stone from old dairy, steel) Public consultation process undertaken	
Master Plan Review Process Deferred completion as the intended outcome outlined in 2018/19 Annual Business Plan to better align with strategic direction Elliot Street median irrigation works undertaken	Review of all Council Masterplans and appropriate action to be taken
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Wetlands Wharf replacement	Review of all Council Masterplans and appropriate action to be taken
Carry out the following in accordance with the intended outcomes outlined in 2018/19 Annual Business Plan; Reviewed/updated to current community needs Completed and finalised project – delivered to community	
Spray seal of dog park walking track	Review of all Council Masterplans and appropriate action to be taken
Deferred	Arts and Cultural Plan Development

# STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLANS, DOCUMENTS & PROGRAMS

## STRATEGIC PLAN AND OUR LONG TERM OBJECTIVES

In accordance with Chapter 8 Section 122 of the Local Government Act 1999 (Strategic Management Plans), Council has reviewed its Strategic Plan in 2017.

This plan sets out the long-term aspirations of the Council (i.e. where do we want to be in the future) and how Council intends to achieve the vision within the period of the plan.

Key objectives/outcomes are detailed along with those strategies necessary to achieve the outcome of each objective.

## TEN YEAR LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

This document, along with the Strategic Plan, becomes the basis for the preparation of the Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2018/19. The plan has been updated to meet the Local Government Act 1999 and Financial Regulations requirements. A major component of the plan is the current focus on maintaining and delivering services in a financially sustainable way, accrual accounting and the effective management of Councils' assets.

The Long Term Financial Plan is intended to be a guide to predicted results for the next ten years based on a range of assumptions about future performance. Where there is a change between past assumptions and subsequent realities, there will be a degree of variance between results and the output of the plan. Due to the revision of and changes to the Infrastructure Asset Management Plans of the Council, the Long Term Financial Plan has also undergone extensive review to ensure that the output of the plan represents our best estimate of future realities. Each budget year should form the base year for the next ten year cycle.

## ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS

In accordance with Chapter 8 Section 122 of the Local Government Act 1999 (Strategic Management Plans), Council is required to adopt plans for each of its classes of assets. These plans detail Councils' maintenance and renewal requirements for the next ten years.

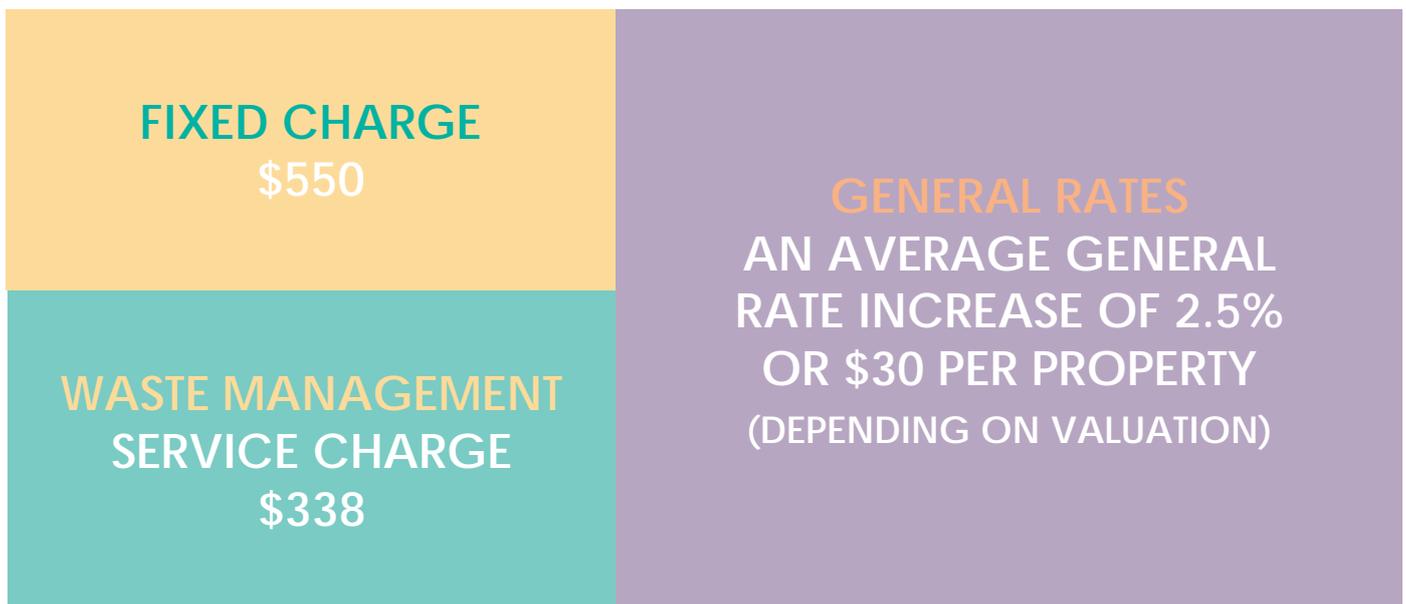


# 2018/2019 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN SUMMARY

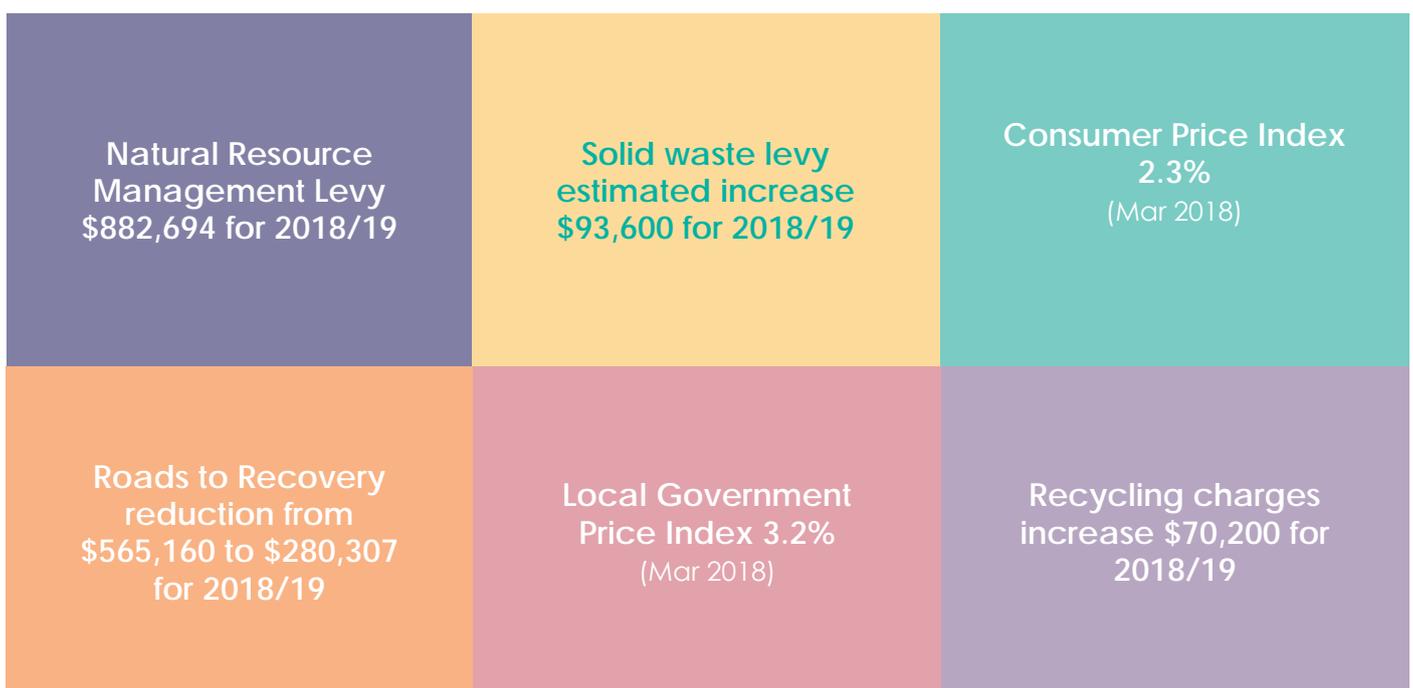
The Annual Business Plan sets out the Councils' proposed services, programs and projects for 2018/19. It aims to maintain efficient services for the community and continue progress towards the longer-term objectives for the City of Whyalla as set out in the Strategic Plan reviewed in 2017.

The Annual Business Plan is Councils' key management document reflecting the work that Council needs to undertake to meet its Strategic Plan goals and objectives within the constraints of the revised Ten Year Financial Plan.

## RATE REVENUE

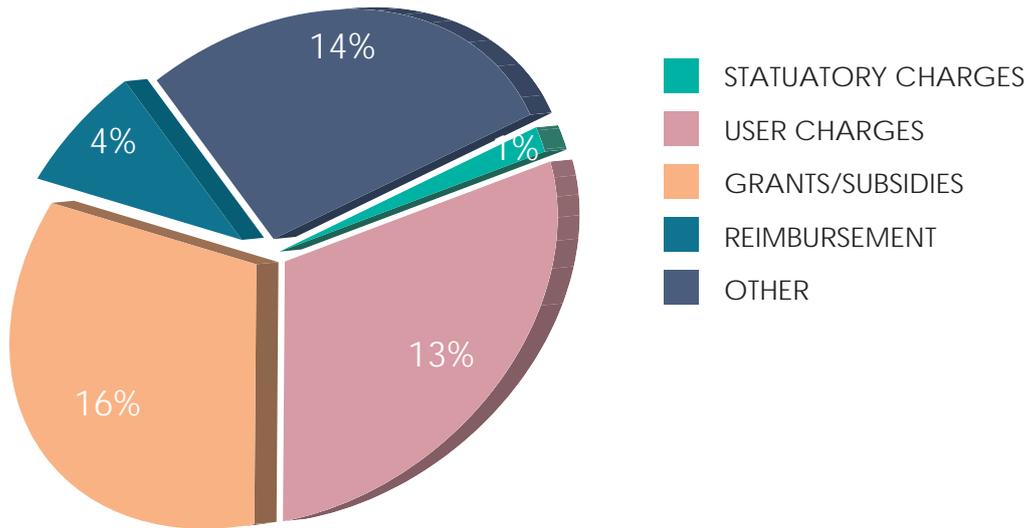


## SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCES & PRIORITIES



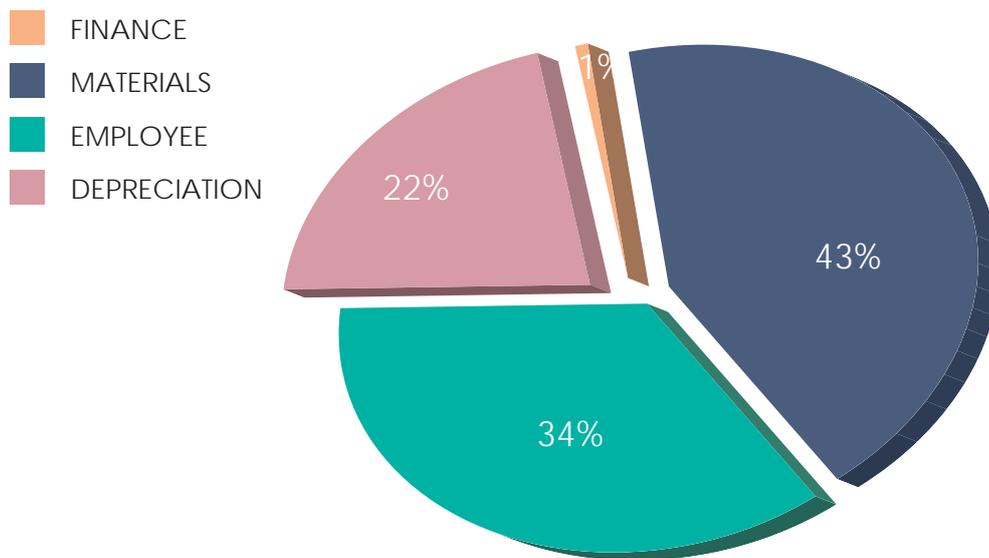
# ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN - BUDGET

## BUDGET INCOME 2018/2019



As a % of income (excluding general rates)

## BUDGET EXPENDITURE 2018/2019





## ELECTED MEMBERS

Collectively Elected Members are responsible for policy-making and decisions that impact on future plans for the district and the lives and livelihoods of individuals, organisations and businesses within it.



The City of Whyalla is represented by ten elected members which includes a Mayor (Chairperson) and nine Councillors

Clare McLaughlin  
Mayor



Rick Santucci  
Deputy Mayor



Irene Adair  
Councillor



David Knox  
Councillor



Joanne Marshall  
Councillor



Tamy Pond  
Councillor



Bill Simpson  
Councillor



Phill Stone  
Councillor



Soto Stuppos  
Councillor



Zia Westerman  
Councillor

as elected Nov 2018

# ELECTED MEMBERS ALLOWANCES & SUPPORT

Elected members receive an annual allowance to assist with expenses incurred undertaking their role. Councillors in charge of chairing a committee are also paid an additional allowance.

The Local Government Act 1999 provides for periodic adjustments to Council Member allowances and for these to be adjusted on each respective anniversary of the periodic election to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. A formula is set out in the relevant Regulations, and the States' Remuneration Tribunal applies the formula and determines the applicable amounts.

In addition, elected Members are issued with an Apple iPad to enable them to access their email calendar, agendas and minutes wherever they are at the time.

The Mayor is provided with a Council vehicle, Apple iPad and a mobile phone. Office space and administrative support is also provided.

Elected Members are able to claim for reimbursement of further costs in accordance with Councils' Elected Members Allowances and Benefits Policy.

Council maintains a register of allowances which details the amounts and benefits paid to Elected Members and is available for viewing at the City of Whyalla Civic Building (also available on Council website).

Description	Allowance	Chair	Reimbursement	Total
Mayor Clare McLaughlin*****	\$ 49,942		\$ 513	\$ 50,456
Mayor Lyn Breuer***	\$ 23,274	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,274
Deputy Mayor Rick Santucci*****	\$ 19,233			\$ 19,233
Cr Irene Adair*	\$ 10,630	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,630
Cr Tom Antonio***	\$ 5,946	\$ -	\$ 101	\$ 6,047
Cr Tim Breuer***	\$ 5,946	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,946
Cr Colin Carter***	\$ 5,946	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,946
Cr David Knox**	\$ 16,591	\$ -	\$ 113	\$ 16,705
Cr Joanne Marshall*	\$ 10,630	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,630
Cr Sarah Minney***	\$ 6,142	\$ 1,306	\$ 113	\$ 7,561
Cr Tamy Pond*	\$ 10,630	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,630
Cr Robert Schmitz***	\$ 5,946	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,946
Cr William Simpson*	\$ 10,630	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,630
Cr Phil Stone*	\$ 10,630	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,630
Cr Soto Stuppos*	\$ 10,630	\$ 2,324	\$ -	\$ 12,954
Cr Zia Westerman*	\$ 10,630	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,630
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 213,376</b>	<b>\$ 3,630</b>	<b>\$ 841</b>	<b>\$ 217,847</b>

\*November 2018 election - new elected members \*\*November 2018 election - re-elected members

\*\*\*November 2018 election – previous elected members \*\*\*\*Re-elected Councillor elected as Deputy Mayor November 2018 \*\*\*\*\*Re-elected Deputy Mayor elected as Mayor November 2018

## ELECTED MEMBER TRAINING

Whyalla City Council seeks to be a learning organisation, and to this end, sets aside a dedicated elected member training and development line of \$9,000.

The following training was undertaken:

- Eyre Peninsula Local Government AGC and associated sessions
- Local Government Annual General Meeting and associated sessions
- Local Government Association Board of Directors Planning Sessions
- Mandatory Local Government training modules
- Regional Development Australia – Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula Sessions
- Spencer Gulf Cities sessions
- Strategic Planning Sessions
- Upper Spencer Gulf Global Maintenance Conference
- Upper Spencer Gulf Mayors and MPs Strategic Planning Sessions

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

Full Council, consisting of the Mayor and nine Councillors is the decision-making body on all policy matters.

Ordinary Council meetings of the full Council are held on the third Monday of each month commencing at 5.30 pm (except public holidays when meetings are held on the following evening) and members of the public are welcome to attend during the general section of the meeting.

## COMMITTEES

Other working parties, groups and committees comprising Councillors, staff and in some cases members of the public which address specific issues are:

- Ageing and Disability Advisory Group
- Airport Advisory and Security Committee
- Audit Committee
- Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Panel
- Child Care Centre Advisory Committee
- City Strategy and Policy Committee
- Council Assessment Panel
- Reconciliation Working Group
- Whyalla Nomenclature Committee

## DECISION MAKING

The Whyalla City Council has adopted a decision-making structure to facilitate good governance and due process comprising of:

- Council
- City Strategy and Policy Committee
- Audit Committee
- Delegations to Employees
- Grievance Procedures

Except for the City Strategy and Policy Committee, which has delegated powers, all other Committees make recommendations for decision by the full Council.

## DELEGATIONS

The Chief Executive Officer and other officers have delegated authority from the Council to make decisions on a number of specified administrative and policy matters.

These delegations are listed in the Council's Governance Manual and in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 are reviewed annually in keeping with legislative requirements.

The Council makes decisions which direct and/or determine its activities and functions. Such decisions include the approval of works and services to be undertaken, and the resources which are to be made available to undertake such works and services.

Decisions are also made to determine whether approvals are to be granted for applications from residents for various forms of development.

## AGENDAS & MINUTES

Agendas of full Council, Section 41 Committees and Informal Gatherings are placed on public display no less than three days prior to those meetings. Minutes from full Council and S41 Committee meetings are placed on display within five (5) days of a meeting being held.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

These are:

**Deputations/presentations:** With the approval of the Committee Chairman or the Mayor, a member of the public or representative from an outside agency can address the Council or a Committee at the time of the meeting.

**Public question time:** The Council will allocate a time during a Council meeting (a maximum of 15 minutes in total) as listed in the Council Agenda. A Public Question Time application form is available for completion for a person who wishes to ask a question of Council at its meeting. Such questions will be accepted by Council up until 12 noon of the day of the Council meeting. All persons submitting a Public Question Time question are required to complete a Public Question Time form (no verbal questions will be permitted at the time of the Council meeting). Persons submitting a Public Question Time question will be afforded the opportunity to read their submitted question to the Council meeting. Forms and Public Question Time protocol are available at the Council office or via Council's website at [www.whyalla.sa.gov.au](http://www.whyalla.sa.gov.au)

**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. Information can also be sourced by emailing the Council via [council@whyalla.sa.gov.au](mailto:council@whyalla.sa.gov.au).

**Elected members:** Members of the public can contact Elected Members of Council to discuss any issue relevant to the Council. Councillors contact email addresses are available via Council's website [www.whyalla.sa.gov.au](http://www.whyalla.sa.gov.au)

## INTERNAL REVIEWS OF COUNCIL DECISIONS & COMPLAINTS HANDLING

Part 2, Section 270 of the Local Government Act 1999 requires Council to establish a complaints and grievance process for the review of decisions of:

- the Council
- employees of Council
- other persons acting on behalf of Council

Section 270(8) of the Act further stipulates that a Council must, on an annual basis, initiate and consider a report that relates to the number of applications for review made under this section and the kinds of matters to which the applications relate. Outcomes of the review must be included in this Annual Report.

The number of complaints received by the Council under the 'Internal Review of Council's Decisions' S270 Local Government Act during 2018-2019:

There have been 11 (eleven) Section 270 complaint received by the Council during the reporting period.

The complaints were relating to:

- 2 x barking dogs
- unreasonable comments during a local government election
- rebates on trained dogs
- unreasonable conduct by staff member
- development advice
- rejection of compensation
- solar lights
- additional fees
- unreasonable process regarding local café
- school carparking

The complaints have been addressed by the relevant parties and resolved.

## ORGANISATIONS WITH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION

- Local Government Association of South Australia
- Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association
- Environmental Consultative Group
- University of Whyalla Campus Advisory Committee
- Upper Spencer Gulf Common Purpose Group (Spencer Gulf Cities Association)
- Whyalla Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Whyalla Hospital and Health Advisory Board

## CONFIDENTIALITY

Under the Local Government and Development Acts, Council and Special Council meetings discussed certain matters of a confidential nature in closed sessions. Council has ensured a commitment to open and transparent decision-making through minimising the number of decisions it has made in confidence.

The table below provides an overview of the number of times the public were excluded from Council or Special Council meetings in accordance with Section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*:

	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15
Council meeting	10	10	8	8	6
Special Council meeting	1	1	15	9	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>

The number of items including reports, minutes and/or attachments kept in confidence for a specific period totalled in accordance with Section 91(7) or the Act:

	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15
Council meeting	34	20	12	13	16
Special Council meeting	1	-	11	9	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>25</b>

The table below indicates the reasons that a matter may be considered under the confidentiality provisions, and the number of occasions during the 2018/19 financial year each of these provisions as enforced:

Section of the Local Government Act	No. of times used in 2018/19
<b>Section 90(3)(a)</b> – information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead)	1
<b>Section 90(3)(b)</b> – information the disclosure of which: (i) could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a [person with whom the council is conducting or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the council, and (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest	16
<b>Section 90(3)(c)</b> – information the disclosure of which would reveal a trade secret	-
<b>Section 90(3)(d)</b> – commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which: (i) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party, and (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest	1
<b>Section 90(3)(e)</b> – matters affecting the security of the council, members or employees of the council, or council property, or the safety of any person.	-
<b>Section 90(3)(f)</b> – information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to prejudice the maintenance of law, including by affecting (or potentially affecting) the prevention, detection or investigation of a criminal offence, or the right to a fair trial.	-
<b>Section 90(3)(g)</b> – matters that must be considered in confidence in order to ensure that the council does not breach any law, order or direction of a court or tribunal constituted by law, any duty of confidence, or other legal obligation or duty.	-
<b>Section 90(3)(h)</b> – legal advice.	-
<b>Section 90(3)(i)</b> – information relating to actual litigation, or litigation that the council or council committee believes on reasonable grounds will take place, involving the council or an employee of the council.	-
<b>Section 90(3)(j)</b> – information the disclosure of which: (i) would divulge information provided on a confidential basis by or to a Minister of the Crown, or another public authority or official; and (ii) (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.	-
<b>Section 90(3)(k)</b> – tenders for the supply of goods, the provision of services or the carrying out of works	-
<b>Section 90(3)(l)</b> – deleted	-
<b>Section 90(3)(m)</b> – information relating to a proposed amendment to a Development Plan under the Development Act 1993 before a Development Plan Amendment relating to the amendment is released for public consultation under the Act.	-
<b>Section 90(3)(n)</b> – information relevant to the review of a determination of a council under the Freedom of Information Act 1991.	-

## ELECTORAL REPRESENTATION

The table below provides a comparison of the electoral representation quota for Councils of a similar size and type to Whyalla with a ratio of elected members to electors.

COUNCIL	ELECTORS	MEMBERS	RATIO
Mount Gambier	19,282	9	1:2,142
Barossa	17,600	12	1:1,466
Gawler	17,659	11	1:1,605
Whyalla	15,248	10	1:1,524
Murray Bridge	14,334	10	1:1,433
Port Pirie	12,790	9	1:1,279

*\*Derived from information provided by the Electoral Commission of SA (28/02/2019)*

## ELECTORAL REPRESENTATION REVIEW

Section 12(4) of the Local Government Act 1999 requires a Council to conduct an elector representation review at least once every eight years.

The Council conducted a full review in accordance with the Act during 2017 at which time it was resolved that the principal member of the elected Council be the Mayor (elected by the whole of the community); the City not be divided into wards, and the elected Council comprise of nine (9) area councillors.

Electors will be advised when the next representation review is to be held and how they can make submissions as part of a community consultation process.

## ELECTORAL ATTENDANCE

### CURRENT COUNCIL (FROM NOV 2018)

ELECTED MEMBER	COUNCIL MEETING	SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING	TOTAL % ATTENDANCE
<b>Total Number of Council Meetings (Nov 2018 - Jun 2019)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	
Mayor C McLaughlin	8	3	100%
Deputy Mayor R Santucci	7	1	72.7%
Cr I Adair	8	1	81.1%
Cr D Knox	8	1	81.1%
Cr J Marshall	7	3	90.9%
Cr T Pond	7	1	72.7%
Cr B Simpson	7	3	90.9%
Cr P Stone	8	3	100%
Cr S Stuppos	8	2	90.9%
Cr Z Westerman	7	3	90.9%

### PREVIOUS COUNCIL (UNTIL OCT 2018)

ELECTED MEMBER	COUNCIL MEETING	SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING	TOTAL % ATTENDANCE
<b>Total Number of Council Meetings (July 2018 - October 2018)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	
Mayor L Breuer	4	1	100%
Deputy Mayor C McLaughlin	3	1	80%
Cr T Antonio	4	1	100%
Cr T Breuer	3	1	80%
Cr C Carter	3	1	80%
Cr D Knox	2	1	60%
Cr S Minney	2	-	40%
Cr R Santucci	3	1	80%
Cr R Schmitz	3	-	60%

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTS, MANDATORY REGISTERS ETC.

The City of Whyalla maintains the following registers and codes of conduct/ practice as required under the appropriate Local Government Acts:

### Registers

Chapter 5, Part 4, Section 68 Members Register of Interests

Chapter 5, Part 5, Section 79 Members Register of Allowances and Benefits

Chapter 5, Part 4, Section 91, Confidential Items

Chapter 7, Part 2, Section 105 Officers Register of Remuneration, Salaries and Benefits

Chapter 7, Part 4, Section 116 Officers Register of Interest

Chapter 11, Part 1, Section 107 Community Land

Chapter 11, Part 1, Section 231 Public Roads

Chapter 12, Part 1, Section 252 By Laws

### Codes

Chapter 5, Part 4, Section 63 Members Code of Conduct (Gazetted)

Chapter 6, Part 5, Section 92 Code of Practice for Council and Council committee meetings

Chapter 7, Part 4, Section 110 Employees Code of Conduct (Gazetted)

### Mandatory Policies

Chapter 4, Part 3, Section 48 Prudential Management

Chapter 4, Part 4, Section 49 Contracts and Tenders Policies

Chapter 4, Part 5, Section 50 Public Consultation Policies

Chapter 5, Part 6, Section 80A Training and Development for Elected Members

Chapter 8, Part 3, Section 125 Internal Control Policies

Chapter 10, Part 1, Section 171 Rating Policy

Chapter 11, Part 2 Section 291 Naming Roads and Places

Chapter 12, Part 2, Section 259 Policy on Order Making

Chapter 13, Part 2, Section 270 Review of Council's Decisions

### Local Government (Elections) Act 1999

Part 14, Section 81 Campaign Donations Returns prepared by candidates

Part 15, Section 91, Local Government (Elections) Act 1999, Caretaker Policy



# GENERAL POLICIES

## Community Relations

- » Letters to the Editor

## Development Control

- » Building and Swimming Pool Inspection
- » Council Reserve Land (freeholding)
- » Development Conditions (standards)
- » Enforcement and compliance
- » Middleback Park Estate development (standards)
- » Soil test, engineering calculations (foundation assessment)

## Economic Development

- » Business Support and Incentive
- » Competition (complaints mechanism)

## Environmental Management

- » Environment

## Financial Management

- » Asset Accounting
- » Budget Management and Review
- » Debt Management
- » Financial Hardship (retail water customers)
- » Lease and Rental Licence Review
- » Rating
- » Retail Water Pricing
- » Treasury Management
- » Water Connection billing
- » Water Retail Customer Service Charter

## Governance

- » Asset Management
- » Code of Conduct for Volunteers
- » Code of Conduct for Councillors

- » Code of Practice – Access to Council and Committee Meeting Documents
- » Complaints
- » Complaints Handling Procedure under Council Member's Code of Conduct
- » Conduct of Practice for Meeting Procedures
- » Council Member Training and Development
- » Election of Deputy mayor
- » Elected Members – Allowances and Benefits
- » Elected Members Recognition
- » Election Caretaker
- » Employee Behaviour Values and Conduct
- » Employees Code of Conduct
- » Dealing with Disruptive Behaviour
- » Delegations
- » Disposal
- » Fraud and Corruption
- » Good Governance and Administrative Practice
- » Informal Gatherings
- » Internal Review of Council Decisions
- » Mayoral Invitation
- » Order Making
- » Personal Interest Disclosure
- » Polices, Procedures and Document Control
- » Privacy
- » Procurement
- » Project Management
- » Prudential Management
- » Public Consultation
- » Risk Management
- » Supplementary Elections
- » Whistle Blower Protection

## Health Management

- » Asbestos receipt and disposal – Mount Laura Waste and Resource Recovery Centre

## Information Management

- » Council photographs

## Infrastructure

- » Bus Shelter
- » Driveway Construction
- » Flag and Banner
- » Footpath
- » Kerbside Collection Service
- » Nature Strips (development by residents)
- » Nomenclature
- » Service Lane Sealing
- » Trees
- » Weeds (removed by residents)

## Legal Provisions

- » Brand Name Usage
- » Council Logo
- » Legal Actions (authority to act)

## Property Management

- » Airport – contractor responsibilities
- » Cemetery Administration
- » Cemetery Operating
- » Parks – Lighting
- » Property Management
- » Wilson Park Flags

## Social, Cultural & Community Services

- » Donations (Community Bodies)
- » Donations (Trophy)
- » Financial Aid (Development of Sporting Grounds)
- » Healthy Catering
- » Maritime Museum (collection management)
- » Mobile Vendors
- » Schools (annual awards)
- » Sponsorship

**Child Care Centre**

- » Accidents, Incidents or Injury
- » Age Range
- » Anaphylaxis
- » Asthma
- » Behaviour and Guidance
- » Biting
- » Cancelling Care
- » Child Access Areas and Supervisory Practices
- » Child and Youth Protection
- » Clothing
- » Collection of Children – Habitual Lateness
- » Collection of Children – Non-collection
- » Collection of Children – Parents in an Unfit State
- » Collection of Children
- » Communicating with Children
- » Confidentiality
- » Dental Hygiene
- » Development and Training
- » Diabetes
- » Disaster Plan and Fire
- » Distressed Children
- » Drug and Alcohol
- » Enrolment of Children
- » Environment and Sustainability
- » Exclusion and Suspension
- » Excursion
- » Family Communication
- » Family Involvement
- » Fees
- » Food Handling and Nutrition
- » Grievance
- » Hourly Care
- » Hygiene
- » Immunisation – Children
- » Items from Home
- » Laundry
- » Maintenance – Facilities and Yard Equipment
- » Medical and Illness
- » Medication
- » Meetings – Committee
- » Multiculturalism, Inclusion and Anti-bias
- » Pest Control

- » Program Policy
- » Progress Records
- » Safe Sleeping
- » Safety
- » Staff Ratio
- » Student
- » Sun Protection
- » Television and DVD
- » Volunteer

**Library**

- » Children’s Program
- » Displays
- » Equipment Use
- » Homebound Service
- » Library Information Services
- » Library Internet
- » Library Patrons
- » Loans
- » Loans to Community Groups (self-supporting)
- » Local History Collection
- » Volunteer program
- » Whyalla Index

**Strategic Management**

- » Demolition and Building Work
- » Privatisation of Services
- » Provision of Safe Environment
- » Quality
- » Safe Environment
- » Use of Recycled Water

**Traffic Management**

- » Outdoor Dining
- » Parking Area (Mayor)
- » Signage



## AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

During the course of the financial year \$16,500 was paid to Councils' auditors for audit fees. No other services were provided by the auditors during this period.

AUDIT COMMITTEE		
Presiding Member	\$	3,300
Committee Member	\$	700
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,000</b>

## TENDERS & CONTRACTS

Council's Procurement Framework ensures that all procurement activities are underpinned by the following key governance principles:

- Encouragement of Open and Effective Competition
- Obtaining Value for Money
- Probity, Ethical Behaviour, Fair Dealing and Confidentiality
- Accountability, Transparency and Reporting
- Ensuring Compliance with all Relevant Legislation
- Encouragement of the development of Competitive Local Business and Industry
- Environmental Sustainability/Protection
- Work Health Safety Management
- Risk Management
- Financial Responsibility

When Council is purchasing goods or services where the estimated level of expenditure is between \$5,000 and \$100,000 formal quotations are obtained. For simple project purchases between \$100,000 and \$200,000 formal quotations are obtained and for complex project purchases an open or select tender process is obtained. For all purchases where the estimated level of expenditure exceeds \$200,000 Council will call for formal tenders (either select or open). The Whyalla City Council have adjusted their evaluation criteria to ensure support for local jobs and the local economy.

In circumstances where Council enters into purchasing contracts other than those resulting from a tender or quotation process, Council will record the reasons for entering those contracts and retain the records as appropriate.

### Significant Tender Business Activities

Tender to Remove Existing Jetty & Construct New Jetty

### Other Tender Business Activities

Marina Floating Walkway Pontoon Replacement

- Concrete Footpath & Kerbing Program 2018/2019
- Bituminous Surfacing & Pavement Reconstruction 2018/2019

In 2018/2019  
a total of 34  
Tenders were  
called

## NATIONAL COMPETITION POLICY

The National Competition Policy applies to Local Government in South Australia. The aims of the policy are to:

- Develop an open and integrated Australian market for goods and services by removing unnecessary barriers to trade and competition
- Ensure no buyer or seller in a market is able to engage in anti-competitive conduct against the public interest
- As far as possible, apply the same rules of market conduct to all market participants, regardless of the form of business ownership – that is, government business activities should not enjoy any net advantages solely as a result of their public ownership
- Ensure that regulation of business activities which restrict competition is subject to an assessment of the likely costs and benefits

### Significant Business Activities

In accordance with the reporting requirements of the Clause 7 Statement on the application of Competition Principles to Local Government under the Competition Principles Agreement, the City of Whyalla operates the Whyalla Child Care Centre, which is classified as a significant business activity.

The Council did not receive any complaints, nor does it have any complaints pending in relation to the implemented complaints procedure in regard to National Competition Policy.

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI)

Whyalla City Council produces an Information Statement annually in accordance with Section 9 (1a) of the FOI Act. Copies of the Information Statement are available at the Council Office, Whyalla Public Library and Council's web site. Included within the statement is a list of all Council Committees and documents which are accessible to the community as required by the relevant legislation. The Information Statement is contained within the appendices of this Annual Report.

Requests for other information not included under the heading of 'Access to Council documents' will be considered in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. A fee of \$36.75 must be forwarded with a completed application in writing, unless the applicant is exempt from payment.

Applications will be responded to as soon as possible within the statutory 30 days of Council receiving the properly completed Freedom of Information request form, together with the application fee and any search fees. Council's Freedom of Information Officer will advise the applicant of any additional charges as defined under Section 53 (Fees and Charges) of the Freedom of Information Act, Regulations.

### Requests under the Freedom of Information Act during 2018/19:

Two requests were received in 2018/19. This compares to five in 2017/18, two in 2016/17 and two in 2015/16.

One request related to infrastructure whilst the other was for general information.

# CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

## MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

The City of Whyalla has expanded its Communications Department with the appointment a Digital Content Officer.

This position was created to increase Council's digital reach with the production of more videos for website, social media and community venues. Video is seen as a "desirable" medium that generates far better reach (than just words and pictures) on most social content platforms.

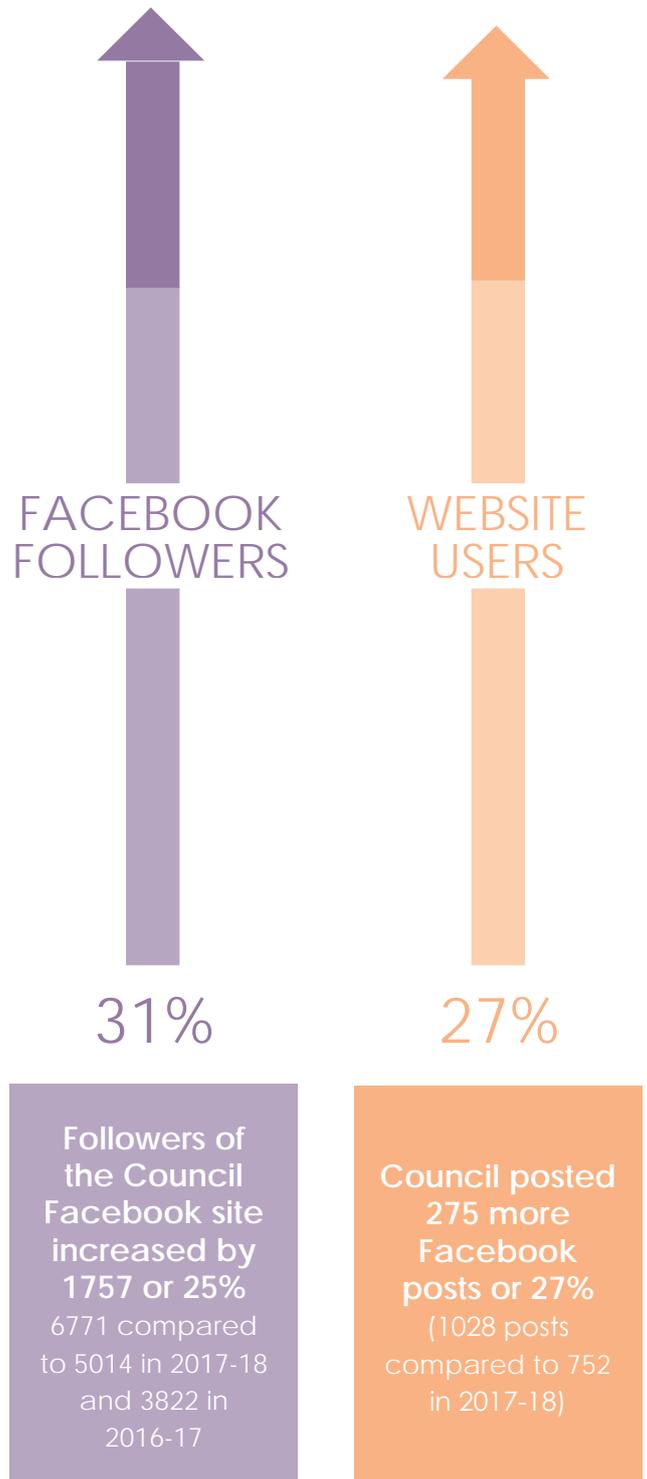
The Digital Content Officer role also provides more scope to produce promotional and marketing videos for major events, happenings and projects.

### STRATEGY

The 2018-19 year saw the continuation of the strategy of building engagement with the community using the concept that "content is king". The Council website ([www.whyalla.sa.gov.au](http://www.whyalla.sa.gov.au)) and its "latest news" platform is used to post a variety of stories from human interest to Council activities, Council news, announcements, general community interest, community activities, events etc.

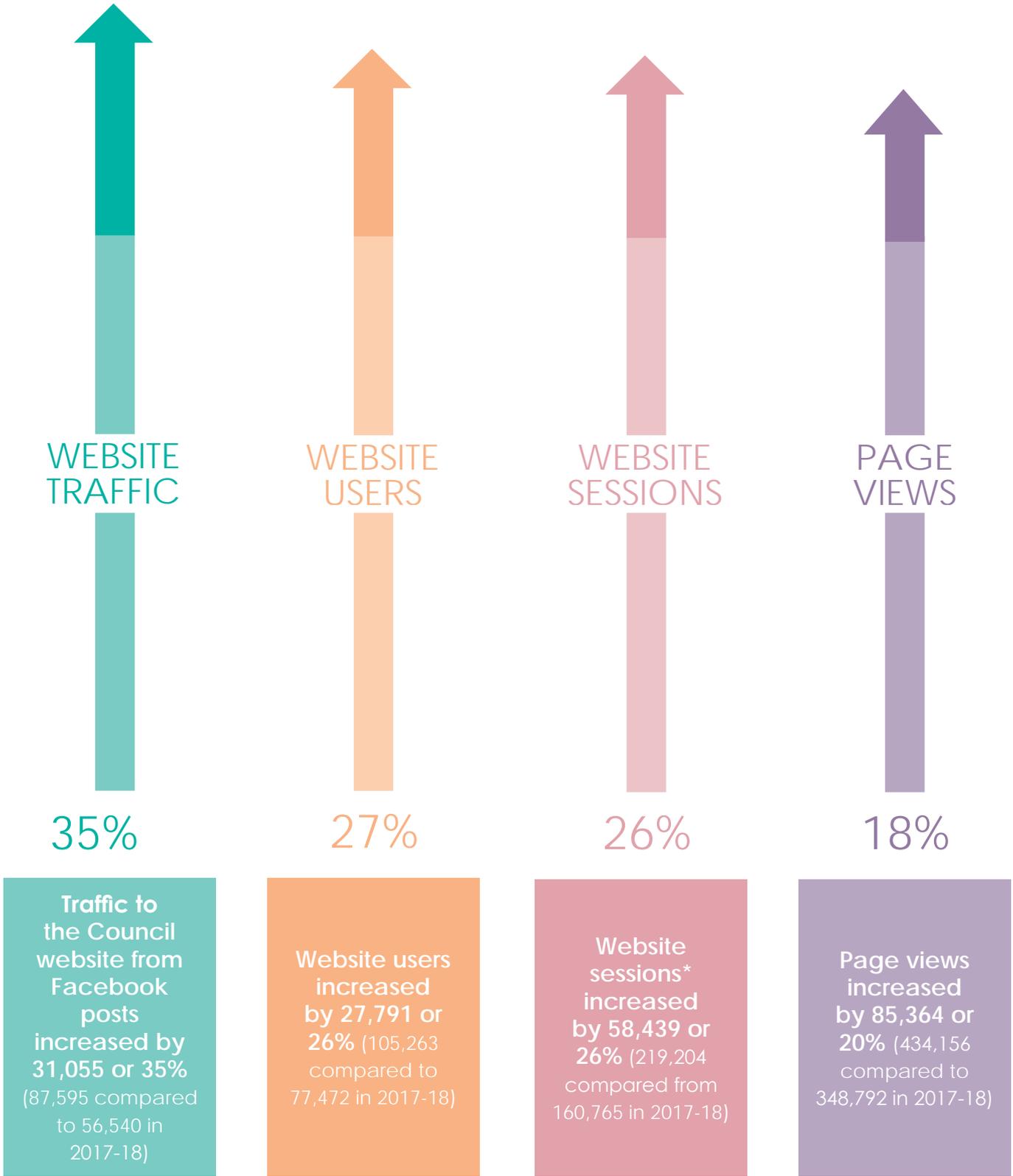
Residents, visitors and other interested persons are directed to these stories from Facebook and the My Local Services app. The aim is to have at least three stories and associated Facebook and app posts each day to build engagement with residents and others.

The ultimate aim is to have more people becoming aware of Council's website to not only obtain news and information about Council activities but also utilise the website for services. This consequently reduces the amount of customer service enquiries made to Council by phone and at the front counter and ensures better utilisation of the website and its resources. This strategy been boosted by the appointment of the Digital Content Officer with more video content producing more content on our website, social media platforms and app, including more video content and consequently leading to more engagement with our community.



# WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYTICS

\* A Session is the activity that a user with a unique IP address spends on a website during a specific period of time. The number of user sessions on a site is used in measuring the amount of traffic a website gets.



# FACEBOOK

## FACEBOOK REFERENCE & TERMS

Facebook has continued to be used as a useful promotional tool and a conduit between social media and Council's website content. Facebook and other social media platforms are not used, or allowed to be used, to do business or discuss business.

An increase in followers had improved the usefulness of the Facebook page while the use of other mediums such as My Local Services app has reduced reliance on Facebook.

Residents commenting on business or making enquiries to Council regarding business are directed to the Council customer enquiry form on the website, Council email, the reporting facility on the My Local Services app, front counter or phone enquiry line.

This ensures the correct procedures, notification and recording of correspondence and actions are followed in line with Council's Customer Charter.

## FACEBOOK AS A PROMOTIONAL & INFORMATIONAL TOOL

With the growth in followers for Council's Facebook page it has been successful in driving traffic to the website but also providing a valuable and free marketing, promotion and advertising tool for Council.

Running Social Media posts during events like the Australia Day festivities, uneARTH Festival, Christmas Pageant, BY THE C concert, has contributed to the success of these events.

Facebook (and My Local Services app) have also proven effective tools to convey information about emergency roadworks, burst water mains etc, and scheduled roadworks that required road closures or traffic measures.

## MY LOCAL SERVICES APP

Downloads of the My Local Services app have grown significantly (44%) to nearly 2000 people using this app on their phone or mobile device.

This has offset the Facebook change in its algorithm that has effectively killed off organic growth and restricts how many of our followers receive our posts.



**PROMOTION**  
Pre-event promotion posts for events such as uneARTH Festival, BY THE C and the Christmas pageant gain good reach through our various media platforms at no cost

It is estimated that less-than 10% of our followers, who are online at the time, received our Facebook posts now compared with 100% regardless of their status under previous algorithms. This is a business decision by Facebook to force Facebook page owners to advertise with them and, therefore, reach more of their followers.

The advantage of the My Local Services app is that we can reach residents, via the spotlighting function which “pings” a message direct to the phone or device of those with the app, directly. Like Facebook, it directs people back to our website for the information. It also has handy functions like pinging people to tell them their bins are due out, has a reporting function button and an events button. By building up users of this app, we will have a direct line to many residents and a reliable carrier of information.

## EVENTS

The communications department has played a significant role in promoting major events in Whyalla.

These include the uneARth Festival, CuttleFest, BY THE C concert, Transforming Whyalla Reveal and the GFG Alliance Christmas Pageant.

Utilising the Council website, the tourism website, social media, My Local Services app and press releases (that results in coverage in other media), it has resulted in a large degree of “free” marketing for these events.

Contained within the Communications budget, some events also have paid advertising and marketing when seen as necessary.

## WHYALLA COUNCIL NEWS

The printed tabloid-size quarterly Whyalla Council news has undergone a review on its reach, effectiveness and cost efficiency.

With an average cost of more than \$3000 to print and arrange letterbox delivery of 10,000 copies, and five days production to produce time, a move to a digital eNewsletter has been decided upon. This eNewsletter (called your CITY) will be launched in August 2019.

Your CITY will be a monthly digital eNewsletter emailed out to those who subscribe. It will cost Council just \$9.90 per month to produce and distribute it on Campaign Monitor software. Printed copies of your CITY will be available for those that don't have a computer, mobile phone or email address.

The advantages of the digital newsletter are:

- Significant reduction in costs, from more than \$12,000 per year to produce four printed newsletters to \$120 per year to produce a monthly digital newsletter
- A more accurate record of how many people are reading the Council newsletter and what parts of it they are reading. Campaign Monitor tells us exactly how many people opened the newsletter, where they are and what they read.
- A saving of 4.5 days labour to produce the new digital newsletter
- More up-to-date news with a monthly publication instead of quarterly
- More environmentally friendly with significantly less paper waste created

## PRESS CONFERENCES & NEWS DISTRIBUTION

A significant press conference was co-ordinated between Council and GFG Alliance called the Big Reveal.

The Big Reveal involved announcements and video productions to reveal GFG Alliance's plans for the steelworks and several Council projects including work towards an organic recycling centre, solar agriculture farm and new resort hotel for the foreshore. Prime Minister Scott Morrison and South Australia Premier Steven Marshall were two of the keynote speakers at the event held in Ada Ryan Gardens.

Consistent news distribution is conducted by co-ordinated interviews with The Advertiser, Spencer Gulf News, Whyalla News, Radio 5AU and Magic FM and ABC radio. Council, and Whyalla has also enjoyed unprecedented statewide and Australia-wide coverage with programs such as Paul Murray's Our Town broadcasting a live show from the Left Hand Club, Channel 9 News broadcasting live from the foreshore and multiple state, national and international film crews visiting Whyalla to see the cuttlefish as part of CuttleFest.

Coverage of Whyalla in The Advertiser has been overwhelmingly in the positive with several double page spreads and positive individual stories. The addition of more video content has seen the introduction of the V-news press release which is a link to the video on Council's own YouTube page.

## THE WAY FORWARD

A significant project will be undertaken in 2018-19 with the construction of the new Jetty commencing.

The media campaign surrounding this project will involve regular updates to the community (press releases, videos, app notifications and now Instagram posts) on the Jetty construction progress.

Two time lapse cameras will be installed (on Hummock Hill and jetty abutment) to track the demolition of the old Jetty and construction of the new Jetty. A drone will be purchased to add to this footage with images and video footage also provided by the construction company Maritime Constructions.

This footage will be combined to produce a comprehensive video record of the Jetty construction once it is completed.

Other major projects include the implementation of a new website operating system to produce a more easy-to-use and better looking website. This is being done in co-operation with the LGA and with a company called Squiz Matrix.

Work is progressing to link the TV screens at the Airport, Library, Civic Building, Visitor Centre and possible private businesses (such as hotels) to screen promotional videos and information services. A promotional video for Whyalla is now in production.

# OUR PEOPLE

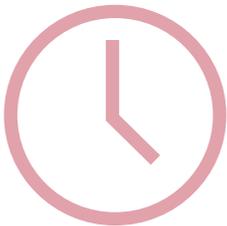
The 2018/19 year allowed for a new Enterprise Agreement to be negotiated with final approval by the South Australian Employment Tribunal on 27 December 2018. The Agreement continues to provide flexibility and multi-skilling provisions continuing to operate to ensure the Council's operational and services capabilities were maintained. Advice to all stakeholders was provided as soon as the Agreement was approved. It is a testament to the progressiveness of this Council by the inclusion of Family and Domestic Violence paid leave as part of the Enterprise Agreement.

The Council's Joint Consultative Committee (JCC – consisting of management, union and workplace representatives) resumed after negotiations concluded and the new Enterprise Agreement was approved. The role of the JCC Committee includes monitoring / assessing the Agreement's implementation and effectiveness. This integrated approach works well for the Council in promoting an environment of trust and mutual respect amongst the workforce.

## MANAGEMENT TEAM

Council has an Executive Management Team (EMT) comprising the CEO, Director City Growth, Director Corporate and Director Infrastructure. The EMT's salary packages include the following:

- Annual salary
- Fully maintained vehicle with private use
- Superannuation contributions
- Mobile phone, laptop/iPad
- Professional development allowance
- No bonuses are payable



### YEARS

The average length of service for employees at the Council (workforce tenure) is

12.60

The City of Whyalla's workforce average age is

47.32



### GENDER BALANCE

Ratio of Male and Female employees (% as at June 30, 2019)

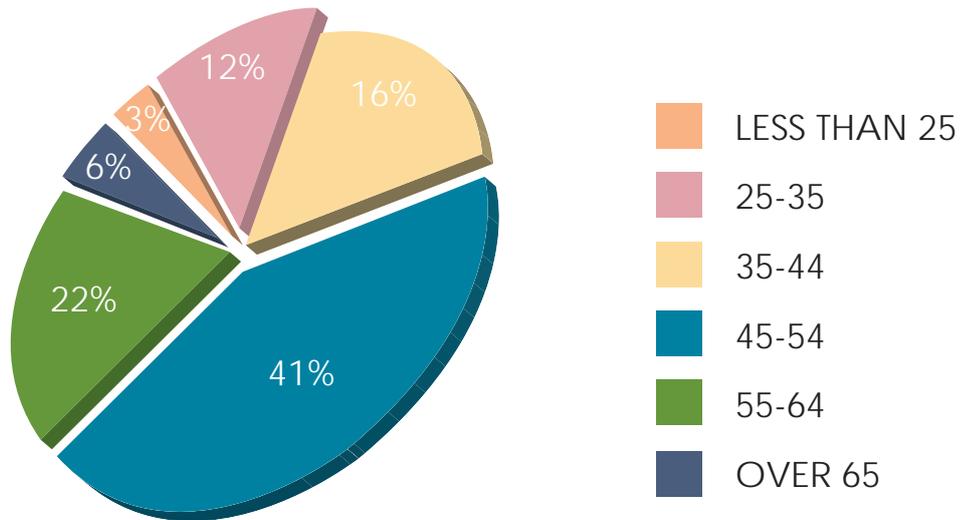
Employees

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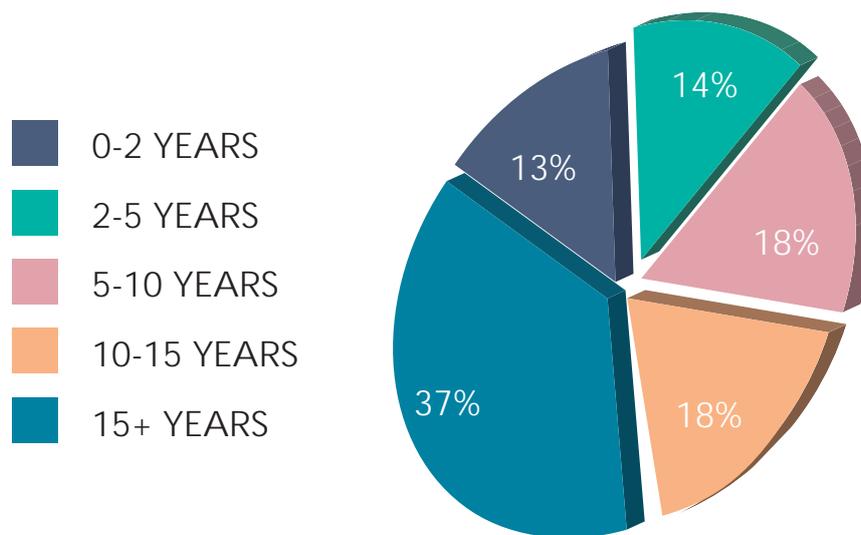
Executive Management

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## AGE OF WORKFORCE (%)



## TENURE - YEARS OF SERVICE (%)



# LABOUR MARKET FLUCTUATION

EMPLOYEE NUMBERS  
for 30 June 2019

# 137

Inclusive of full time, part time, limited tenure  
and approved vacant positions



COMPARED TO

# 138

at 30 June 2018

ANNUAL EMPLOYEE TURNOVER  
RATE FOR 2018/2019

# 10.14%

(Including unplanned and genuine retirement).

# 3

## TRAINEES

as at 30 June 2019 engaged  
through Career Employment  
Group working full time hours.  
(Compared to 1 trainee 30  
June 2018.)



# 117.15

FULL TIME EQUIVALENT  
HOURS AS AT 30 JUNE  
2019

COMPARED TO

# 118.05

FULL TIME EQUIVALENT  
HOURS AS AT 30 JUNE  
2018

# OUR WORKFORCE

## Executive Services

CEO & Support

People & Culture

Media & Communications

Airport

## Finance & Corporate

Management & Finance

Procurement

Information Technology

Records

Customer Service

Child Care Centre

Library

## Infrastructure

Management & Support

Capital Projects

Depot

Waste

## City Growth & Delivery

Management, Building, Planning

Economic Development

Animal Management & Health

Community Development

Visitor Information Centre/Tourism



## EQUAL OPPORTUNITY & FAIR TREATMENT

The Council continues with its awareness of its legislative and ethical responsibilities in regard to its mandate to protect its employees and ensure equitable treatment for the diverse members of its community. The Fair Treatment training program was provided to all employees during 2018/19 and included full consultation regarding the Policy and Procedure documentation required. Council also has trained a Fair Treatment Contact Officer.

Council has engaged the services of two Employee Assistance Program providers for employees and Elected Members, allowing for diversity in the provision of service. One service provider is based locally in Whyalla with the second in Adelaide allowing for appointments to be conducted face to face via teleconference/telephone.

## DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

The City of Whyalla continues to be a learning organisation, and to this end, has continued to commit expenditure for targeted training, development and educational activities. These learning areas of an organisation such as the Council are linked increasingly to the strategic goals, outcomes and business strategies required whilst recognising that professional development is an important tool in retaining talented employees.

The amount spent on training, development and education for the period is targeted at 1.5 percent of the Council's annual payroll as required by the Enterprise Agreement provisions and represents a key investment by the organisation in its people. 0.5 percent of the training budget is allocated to mandatory training such as WHS to ensure Council's legislative compliance.

Formal courses of study leading to tertiary qualifications or to recognition of vocational training undertaken by employees as approved students included:

- Bachelor of Engineering (Civil and Structural)
- Certificate II in Security Operations
- Certificate III in Business Administration
- Certificate III in Horticulture
- Certificate III in Tourism
- Certificate IV in Legal Studies
- CPA
- Diploma of Events
- Professional Certificate in Asset Management Planning

### Employee training to address WHS requirements undertaken during 2018/19 included:

- Ongoing training sessions on Council's suite of WHS policies and procedures
- Various Plant and Machinery competency assessments, inductions and reviews
- Asbestos IID and Awareness
- Business Continuity Plan
- Chain of Responsibility and Load Restraints
- ChemAlert
- Chemical Accreditation
- Contractor Management
- Dealing with Difficult Behaviours
- Fair Treatment
- Fair Treatment Contact Officer
- Forklift
- Hazard Awareness
- Hearing Protection Education and Audiometric Testing
- High Risk Construction Work and Safe Work Method Statements
- Incident Investigation Simulations
- Manual Handling
- MR Licence
- Operate and Maintain Chainsaws
- Playground Safety Inspector
- Provide CPR
- Provide First Aid
- Return to Work for Internal Rehabilitation / Internal Claims Coordinators

- Sharps Handling
- White Card
- WHS Breaches Interactive Court Simulations
- Work Health Safety and Return to Work Expo
- Work Zone Traffic Management

### **Other training and development attended by employees during 2018/19 included:**

- Accredited Native Vegetation Consultant Refresher
- Airport Reporting Officer
- Anaphylaxis Awareness and Emergency Asthma Management
- Business Writing
- Community Land Management Plan Workshop
- Conquest
- Construction Contracts Seminar
- Cultural Awareness
- Effective Communications / Leading with Emotional Intelligence
- Fire Arms Safety
- Human Resources Masterclass
- Immunisation Database
- Indesign
- Industrial Relations Summit
- Infrastructure Masterclass
- Introduction to Project Management
- Irrigations Technician
- IT Vision Workshop
- IT Vision: Creditors online approvals, online timesheets/leave applications and procurement software
- Leadership by Design
- Local Government Legal Update
- Microsoft Word Intermediate
- Nintex and Loftus IT: Solution in a Day
- Planning and Design Code Collaboration
- Pool Operator
- Project Management
- Public Interest Disclosure Act
- Public Interest Disclosure Legislation
- Public Library Services Training Seminar
- Reconciliation Action Plan Starter Workshop
- Residential Neighborhood Code Workshop
- Seeing Systems Masterclass
- Strategic Management Program
- Suicide Connector
- Suicide General Awareness

### **Professional conferences attended during 2018/19 included:**

- AIBS
- Artlands Victoria Conference
- Australian Event Awards and Symposium
- Authorised Persons Association Professional Development Seminar
- Cemeteries and Crematoria Association of SA
- Global and Regional Ecotourism
- Juice IT
- LGA Information Technology
- Netfest – Youth Development
- Risk Management
- SA Local Government Financial Management Group
- SA Visitor Information Centre
- State Planning Institute of Australia

## HEALTH PROGRAMS

Participation in the employee health program in 2017/18 included:



## RISK & WHS MANAGEMENT

The City of Whyalla is strongly committed to and continues on its journey of 'zero harm to people and plant'.

The Council's WHS System continues to align to the Local Government Association Workers' Compensation Scheme 'One System Program', ensuring compliance to the LG Association's Exempt Employer Licence and associated performance standards. Whyalla Council continues its scheduled self validation program and has received notification that it has been selected for a procedure validation for both the Prevention of Falls procedure and the Workplace Return to Work procedure during the 2019/2020 year in line with Return to Work SA requirements. The validation will include an auditor on site for a maximum of three days.

With the support of Local Government Risk Services, Whyalla Council continues to grow its systems and responsibilities in respect to all elements of risk ranging from financial through to risk to employees whilst undertaking their duties. It is important for Council to have a workforce that is resilient and proactive in all areas of risk and WHS. Our utmost priority is for our employees to be able to return safely to their homes and families at the end of their working day.

The above efforts endeavour to align the City of Whyalla's risk management efforts to date with the standard requirements for ISO 31000: Risk Management – Principles and Guidelines.

# OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS - CITY GROWTH

## COMMUNITY LAND AND COUNCIL FACILITIES

Under the Local Government Act, all land either owned or managed by the Council is classified as community land except where it has been specifically excluded from this designation. The Council has management plans in place for each parcel of community land in its area, which is required where the Council wishes to lease land for specific purposes. During 2018/19 no parcels of community land had their community land classification revoked.

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

### Food Safety

Council's authorised officer conducts regular inspections of food premises within the Whyalla area to assess compliance with the Food Act and Food Safety Standards. During the reporting period sixty five routine inspections were conducted in accordance with the risk classification system that considers the types of foods being handled and prepared by the business and their processing methods. A total of fourteen formal written warnings were issued for non-compliance matters.

Council received a total of two complaints relating to issues of cleanliness and personal hygiene. Council continued to partner with TAFE SA to deliver food safety short courses that provide participants with a nationally recognised statement of attainment. During this reporting period two sessions were held. The Environmental Health Officer also delivers basic food handling sessions and ran one session for organisations with volunteers.

### Immunisation

For this reporting period the school based immunisation program was extended to include Year 10 and 11 students in addition to the standard Year 8 program. This was due to the introduction of the Meningococcal B vaccine being offered to students in Year 10 and 11 as part of the meningococcal program introduced by the State Government to provide the vaccine to children.

The program delivered in Whyalla offered the Meningococcal B vaccine to students over 5 high schools and the ACWY vaccine (Meningococcal) to Year 10 students over 4 high schools. A total of 707 Meningococcal B vaccines were administered and 211 ACWY vaccines administered.

The Whyalla City Council continues to provide the Year 8 vaccination program, across the local high schools, with a total of 734 vaccines delivered as part of the 2018/2019 program.

### Public Health

#### DURING THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2018 – 30 JUNE 2019 COUNCIL RECEIVED:

6

high risk  
manufactured  
water system  
registration  
renewals,

33

Health complaints pertaining to matters including asbestos, mould, notifiable diseases, property amenity, smoke and noise. This does not include the general enquiries received relating to matters such as immunisations, food safety, etc.

## ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

### Dog Control

	2018/2019	2017/2018	2016/2017	2015/2016
Dogs Registered	4558	4695	4689	4918
Dogs Impounded	411	370	332	418
Dogs Returned to Owner	275	238	216	296
Dogs Rehomed	116	110	45	73

During the reporting period 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019 the animal management staff received:



### Cat Control

	2018/2019	2017/2018	2016/2017	2015/2016
Cats Registered	1221	1180	1128	1072
Cats Impounded	348	233	296	169
Cats Returned to Owner	26	11	21	22
Cats Rehomed	238	131	89	42

During the reporting period 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019 the animal management staff received 10 official nuisance complaints.

### Proactive Activities

RSPCA commenced a three year animal management services contract from September 2018, the contract includes:

- Collection, Detention and Release of stray dogs and cats within the Council area
- Management of unclaimed animals from the Dog and Cat Centre
- Cleaning and maintenance of the Centre
- Nourishment and care of impounded animals i.e. food/water and exercise
- Provision of statistical information
- Reporting of alleged breaches of the Dog and Cat Management Act for Council authorised officers to follow up
- After hours call service until 9pm daily.

New dog and cat laws came into effect from 1 July 2018 requiring all dogs and cats to be microchipped and all dogs and cats born after 1 July 2018 must be desexed (unless exemption granted).

There was a microchip day held in March 2019 by 'ChipBlitz' – offering the Whyalla community microchipping for \$10.

## LOCAL NUISANCE AND LITTER CONTROL ACT AND REGULATIONS

Section 5 of the Local Nuisance and Litter Control Regulation 2017 details the information that Councils are required to provide pertaining to their operations under the Act.

- Total number of local nuisance or littering complaints received: 240 (72 unsightly complaints and 168 littering/illegal dumping complaints)
- Offences under the Act that were expiated: 3 expiations for litter and 4 expiations for failing to comply with an abatement notice
- Offences under the Act that were prosecuted: 0
- Nuisance abatement notices or litter abatement notices issued; 6 (all for unsightly properties) and
- Civil penalties negotiated under section 34 of the Act: 0
- Applications by the Council to the Court for orders for civil penalties under section 34 of the Act and the number of orders made by the Court on those applications and other functions performed by the council under the Act: 0

There has been an increase in reported illegal dumping and littering across the city. Residents are often leaving items for collection on the verge without arranging a hard waste collection through Council. Illegal dumping regularly occurs in surrounding bushlands.

## COMPLIANCE

During the period 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019 Compliance staff dealt with:



## LAND DIVISIONS

Council received 12 land division applications within the 2018/19 period, this compares with 7 land divisions for the previous financial year.

## RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS

Staff continue to work closely with proponents to secure tenure arrangements and provide assistance navigating the development assessment processes.

## PLANNING

The Department of Planning, Transport & Infrastructure will release the Planning and Design Code for consultation to the regions from the 1 October 2019 until early 2020 ready for implementation in July 2020. The accreditation application process is now underway for Planning Assessment Officers, Building Assessment Officers and Council Assessment Panel Members to ensure that all staff and members are appropriately qualified.

## DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS



A total of 236 applications were processed as Category 1 (no public notification), 7 were a Category 2 (adjoining owner notification) and 2 were a Category 3 (public notification to adjoining owner and by public notice).

The vast majority of of applications for Development Plan Consent are assessed by Council staff under delegated authority; however, the Council Assessment Panel (CAP) made decisions on 4 applications and held 5 meetings during 2018/2019. Council's Assessment Panel consists of 4 Independent Members including the Presiding Member and one Elected Member. Payment is made to the Independent Members at a rate of \$300 per meeting and \$350 per meeting for the Presiding Member. Elected Members are not additionally remunerated for their attendance.

During the reporting period 7 orders were issued to secure compliance with legislative requirements including 4 relating to fire safety.

# TOURISM

Council is committed to delivering excellence in visitor services to support Whyalla's growing visitor economy.



## VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

The Visitor Information Centre (VIC) remains fully accredited under the Australian Tourism Accreditation Program (ATAP) which qualifies it to use the iconic and trusted yellow 'i' through the Tourism Industry Council of South Australia. TiCSA (formally SATIC) supports enforcing the code of conduct amongst accredited Visitor Information Centres and supporting marketing and professional development across its membership including running the annual Tourism & VIC conference.

The Visitor Operations Coordinator represents the Whyalla City Council in several tourism focused committees and memberships:

- Member of the South Australia Accredited Visitor Information Centre Managers Network (SA AVIC)
- EPLGA Tourism Advisory Committee member
- Industry Member of TiCSA
- SATC member
- Whyalla Tourism Focus Group member

The VIC is part of a network of 41 statewide Visitor Centre's that continue to exert a positive influence on visitation in disseminating information, assisting visitors and influencing visitor choices to extend stays and spend within Whyalla and the region. Key staff also successfully completed Certificate III in Tourism Studies as a requirement of their positions.

Visitor data collected through the VIC is highly valued and represents the majority of first-time visitors to Whyalla. Overall total tourism visitation numbers to Whyalla are not captured solely by the Visitor Centre. Returning tourists to Whyalla, contractors, fishing groups, annual dive groups and visiting friends and relatives, may not visit the Visitor Centre after their initial trip into Whyalla.

The use of digital tourism information is increasing and the management of this is an increasing demand on resources. The development of a dedicated tourism website and Facebook page is allowing for increased promotion of the city. It allows for additional data collation, to better measure the effectiveness of marketing and promotional campaigns as they are implemented.

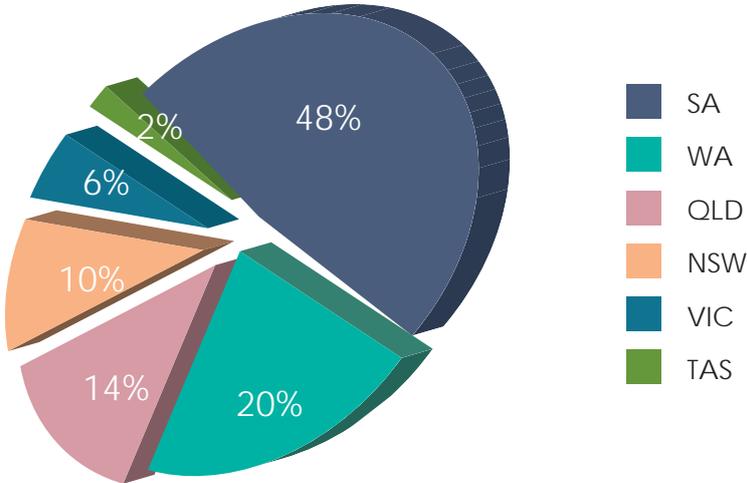
The VIC is instrumental in undertaking surveys of visitors for the Visitor Information Centre Network data and for tourism events. Regular surveys are conducted throughout the year and daily statistical recording is managed to gather customer demographics and opinions. Additional surveys include; South Australia Visitor Information Centre state wide Visitor Survey (Aug 2018 & Feb 2018), Unearth Festival (April 2019), Accommodation Referrals and Point Lowly Camping data.

The VIC is committed to the development of 'Whyalla' branded souvenirs to increase retail sales and sourcing local products, arts and produce to showcase our local talent and regional offerings.



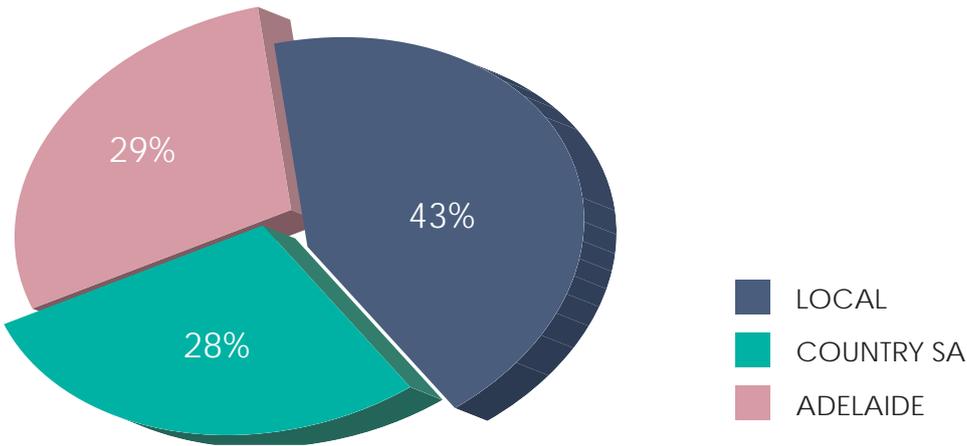
AUSTRALIAN VISITORS

23,868



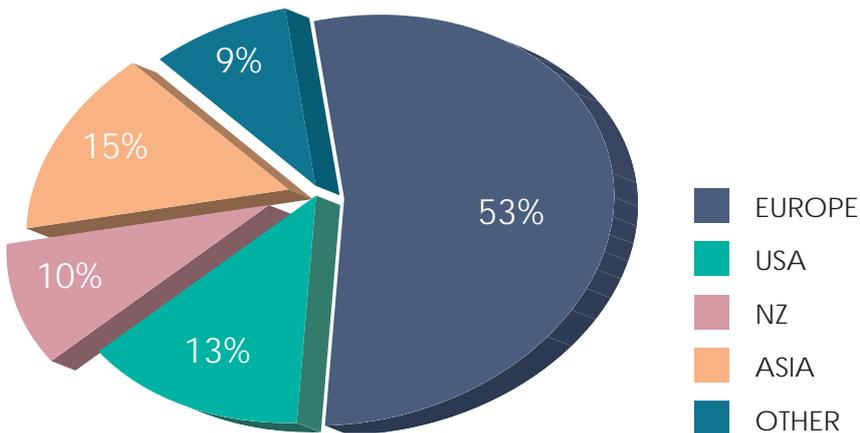
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN VISITORS

13,486



INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

1,014



## ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation referrals the VIC made to travellers

500+

Travelling visitors who made use of the Point Lowly Camping area

1,900+

Nights visitors stayed across our local accommodation venues.

2,000+

Nights travelling visitors stayed at the Point Lowly Camping area

<1,500

## TOURS MANAGED THROUGH THE VIC

3	Tours per week	<b>PUBLIC STEELWORKS TOURS</b>
2	Tours daily	<b>GUIDED TOURS</b>
7	Days a week	of the HMAS Whyalla War Ship

Additional private tours for school groups and coach groups are also provided throughout the year for both the Steelworks and the Maritime Museum.

The VIC is also facilitating the increased VIP tours through the Steelworks in conjunction with GFG staff and executives.

## HMAS WHYALLA SHIP TOURS

### MARITIME MUSEUM & SHIP TOUR

8464



8072



8792

2016/17

2017/18

2018/19

700+	<b>PUBLIC SHIP TOURS</b>
36	<b>PRIVATE COACH &amp; SCHOOL GROUPS</b>
10	<b>SUNSET SHIP TOURS</b> (History Month – May 2019)

# STEELWORKS TOURS

## 2018/19 STEELWORKS TOUR PASSENGERS

2014 ▶ 1937 ▶ 2160

2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
150	PUBLIC STEELWORK TOURS	
22	PRIVATE COACH & SCHOOL GROUPS were conducted throughout 2018/19	
5	TWILIGHT STEELWORKS TOURS (History Month – May 2019)	

# MARITIME MUSEUM GARDENS

The well established and secluded Maritime Museum Gardens are a very popular event venue.

<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>WEDDINGS</b></p> <p>held in the Gardens throughout the 2018/19</p>	<p><b>50%</b></p> <p><b>INCREASE</b></p> <p>On Weddings held in the Maritime Gardens 2018/19 compared to 2017/18</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>CORPORATE EVENTS</b></p>
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## WHYALLA MARITIME MUSEUM

### EVENTS/ACTIVITIES HELD:

#### Maritime Museum 30th Anniversary Celebrations

- Saturday 28th October – Cocktail Reception onboard the HMAS Whyalla
- Sunday 29th October – Open Day, 400+ in attendance

#### Maritime Museum 78th Open Day Celebrating the 78th Anniversary of the Launching of the HMAS Whyalla, Saturday 11th May 2019 –, 400+ in Attendance

#### History Month – May 2019 Month long activities promoting the Steelworks Tours, Maritime Museum & HMAS Whyalla Guided Ship Tours

- Twilight Tours of the Steelworks were extremely popular with sold out tours and many locals taking the opportunity to see the steelworks in a different light.
- Sunset Tours of the HMAS Whyalla were also enjoyed by many with Whyalla's Spectacular sunsets
- Whyalla's History & indigenous story, Lecture Paul Mazourek, Tourism Asset Officer
- Mt Laura Homestead also held their open day and specialised exhibitions throughout History month.

#### Themed School Holiday Programs x 4 held through the Whyalla Maritime Museum Targeting local families and VFR (Children Free in Family Groups): **Cuttlefish Capers (July 2018), X-Marks the Spot (Oct 2018), Aussie Animal Adventure (Dec/Jan 2018), Trains on the Track (April 2019)**

#### Traveling Exhibitions hosted in the Maritime Museum

- Shipwrecks, Australian National Maritime Museum (Nov 2018 – Jan 2019)
- Reluctant Lady, HMAS Whyalla Stan Cartoons, on Board the HMAS Whyalla (May 2019 - 12 months)
- Navigation Exhibition, Whyalla Maritime Museum (May 2019 - 12 months)

## EDUCATION

We are very proud to promote the Whyalla Maritime Museum, HMAS Whyalla and the Whyalla Steelworks Tours as approved 'Learning Destinations' with the Children's University Australia, in-conjunction with The University of Adelaide.

The everyday educational experiences on board HMAS Whyalla and throughout the Museum ensure the Whyalla Maritime Museum is an all year round activity for traveling families and local participants. The School Holiday programs and other events are marketed directly through the Children's University Website and marketing channels and offers another marketing opportunity for the Museum precinct.

*'Learning Destinations provide high quality learning activities and experiences with a 'wow' factor and have passed the Children's University own quality assurance process, Planning for Learning. A Learning Destination can range from a museum to a farm to an airport to a corporate business or anything in between, as long as the activity connects with Children's University learning and has realistic links to a university program.'*  
(History, Tourism, Business, Engineering, Marketing)



## MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

The Whyalla City Council and Whyalla Maritime Museum were pleased to receive the support and sponsorship from Genesee & Wyoming Australia Pty Ltd (G&W) who have sponsored the Whyalla Maritime Museum Model Railway Exhibition for a three year period 2017 – 2019.

This sponsorship led to the current upgrades and focus on the new rolling stock that reflects the current G&W train activity from the Middleback Range mine sites through to the Whyalla Steelworks.

The new model railway work includes G&W rolling stock and an additional line added to represent the G&W activity that is seen daily throughout Whyalla.

The Genesee & Wyoming locomotives and wagons are an iconic part of our city and we believe the G&W sponsorship will greatly enhance the Museum's Model Railway Exhibit and its relevance for our visitors. Work has begun, but there is a long way to go to reach our planned goals, and the sponsorship will go a long way to see improvements over the next three years.

## VOLUNTEERS

A dedicated group of volunteers work with passion throughout the Whyalla Maritime Museum precinct.

## HMAS WHYALLA

There is a 5 year Maintenance Plan for the HMAS Whyalla with project work beginning June 2019. Upgrades and improvements to displays onboard to enhance the visitor experience have been planned for the upcoming financial year.

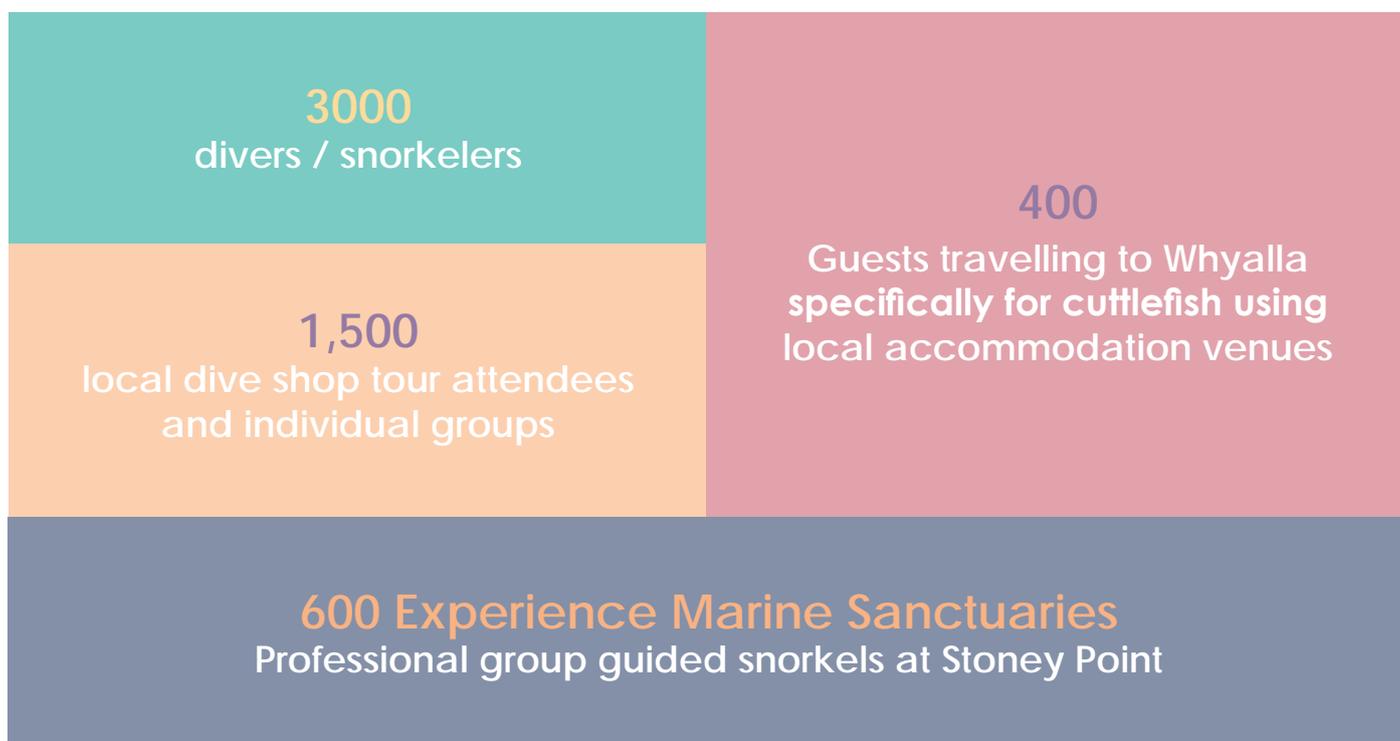
## TOURISM MARKETING ACTIVITY

A renewed focus has been placed on marketing, media and public relations activities including increased activity and targeted plans for Whyalla Tourism Facebook (3,800 followers) Instagram (1,090 followers) with both growing steadily and increasing engagement with our local followers. Council has also renewed signage both at the VIC, highway entrances to the City and billboard signage on the main highways.



## CUTTLEFISH SEASON: 2019

- Ideal conditions for snorkel and dive activities in the 2019 season
- New infrastructure at Cuttlefish Drive was well received by tourists and the local diving community with the new toilet block completed in September 2018 and the new change rooms and water tanks completed June 2019
- Whyalla Diving Services offered small group guided tours throughout the season and has offered packaged wetsuit and equipment hire
- Adelaide based business offered organised tours and group snorkels
- Increased media attention on Whyalla for this unique experience (Paul Murray SkyNews, Totally Wild, ABC's Landline, ABC Radio interviews, local Southern cross TV News segments and Local Radio interviews)



## WHYALLA CUTTLEFEST ACTIVITIES 2019

- Official Opening of the Cuttlefest Festival, 1 June 2019. Opened by the Hon David Ridgway, Minister for Trade, Tourism & Investment
- Cuttlefish Art competition
- Local dive operator running tours and hiring equipment over the entire 3 month season
- EMS offered professional group guided snorkels at Stony Point for two weeks. Online bookings through Eventbrite. School groups and private bookings. 600 participants over the 12 days. Council provided funding support to Experiencing Marine Sanctuaries to assist their program.
- Pop Up Marine Discovery – Whyalla Library
- Curios Cuttles – Info Nights, Hotel Eyre x 2
- Cuttlefish Capers, Maritime Museum School Holiday Program
- Library Cuttlefish School Holiday Program
- Citizen Science programs
- Cuttlefest Quiz Night

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# POINT LOWLY LIGHT HOUSE COTTAGES

The City of Whyalla has been responsible for the operation of the Point Lowly Lighthouse Cottages since mid-January 2015 after 35 years of valued volunteer care by the Uniting Church.

Bookings to stay in the cottages are facilitated through the Visitor Information Centre.

Numerous works have been undertaken to improve the presentation of the cottages. Pest Control measures were also implemented throughout 2018/19 and several key areas for repair and maintenance have been noted for the future.

Management of an accommodation venue is not a core business for the Council however the opportunity to continue to provide for a popular past time in enjoying Point Lowly and the Northern Coastline environs by the Whyalla community allows the Council the chance to manage, assess and progress the asset for the future benefit of Whyalla.

## 2018/19 POINT LOWLY COTTAGES OCCUPANCY



2016/17

2017/18

2018/19

Occupancy Rates at the Point Lowly Lighthouse Cottages have increased 8% from the 2017/18 Financial year to 32.6%, after a 19% increase from the 2016/17 financial year.

Weekend Occupancy rates are sitting at an average of 46% over the past two years.



## EVENTS

Events contribute to Whyalla's culturally vibrant brand and often provide a trigger for visitation and this year has been another record breaking year for the city.

### UNEARTH FESTIVAL

Whyalla supported a number of tourism events including the award winning Uneath Festival, which saw headlining acts such as Thirsty Merc, Ollie English and Abbey Howlett hitting Whyalla during the Easter long week. Adding to the weekend was independent cabaret act Mickey D and Boo showcasing at the local D'faces hall Saturday night as a ticketed event. BIS along with the Whyalla Tourism Focus Group hosted the Lazy Sunday event at the Foreshore for all the community to enjoy. The Adelaide Fringe was again a big contributor to the event along with this year's major sponsors GFG.

### BY THE C

Zaccaria Concerts and Touring brought the By The C concert to Whyalla in February 2019 which saw accommodation booked out throughout the city and surrounding regions as Whyalla hosted Jimmy Barnes, Daryl Braithwaite, Ian Moss, Richard Clapton and Ross Wilson at the Whyalla High School Oval. This was a considerable success with visitors from all over the state attending and soaking up the Whyalla weather and hospitality.

### OTHER COUNCIL SUPPORTED EVENTS

There were numerous sporting events Council supported and liaised with event organisers; Whyalla Speedway, Whyalla Car Enthusiast group, SA Country Basketball Association, Iron Gloves Boxing Show and the SA Squash Open.

Council also ran and supported many community events, including; working closely with GFG and Apex to put together the 2018 Apex Whyalla Pageant; GFG supported 'The Big Reveal' event held in December for the Whyalla community. Whyalla's Australia Day awards and celebrations were held in January.

### LOOKING AHEAD

The City of Whyalla is leading the way in new initiatives and locations of hosting more events around the city. 2019/2020 will see a rise in upcoming events such as the National Rotary Conference, Hidden Music Festival and possibly another By The C. The focus on attracting new Conferences to the city will be the next priority for the Council in the realm of events.



# COMMUNITY

## PROMOTING AN ACTIVE LIFESTYLE (STARCLUB)

The position of STARCLUB field officer is currently funded by the Office for Recreation and Sport for three years to develop the importance and value that sport plays in local communities, while also educating and supporting local sporting organisations to ensure their continued future.

## BENNETT OVAL MASTER PLAN

Council resolved in January to support in the redevelopment of the Bennett Oval, to include refurbishment of the current changerooms, grandstand, canteen, bar and playing surface. The upgraded playing surface will also incorporate a turf cricket wicket so the facility can be utilised for 12 months of the year.

Community consultation was undertaken regarding the design in March 2019 with 526 responses submitted. Out of these responses, 87% supported the redevelopment and 73% liked the preferred design.

External funding was also sourced for this project with Council being successful in Round 1 of the Grassroots Football, Cricket, and Netball Facility Program through the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing, receiving \$890,850 towards both the Bennett and Memorial Oval upgrades. Council was also successful with a \$35,000 grant from Cricket Australia through the Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund toward the installation of the turf wicket at Bennett Oval.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- Continuing to work with local sporting associations and clubs to assist business improvement strategies, supporting applications for grants and supporting facility development
- Meeting with various State Sporting Organisations to discuss sport and recreation in Whyalla
- Liaising with a number of local clubs on their infrastructure and long-term future plans
- Promoting the STARCLUB message and events through local media including radio and television
- Promoting programs such as Good Sports and Play by the Rules to all sporting clubs in Whyalla
- Conducting a number of free training sessions for clubs and associations including: Child Safe Officers', Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing Grant information sessions, Illicit Drugs Forum for Sporting Clubs
- Providing support to clubs and associations with grant information and support letters

### PLANS FOR 2019/2020

- Assist with the Bennett and Memorial Oval upgrades
- Offer support and training opportunities for clubs and associations.
- Promote STARCLUB as an effective community tool
- Promote grants and other programs offered by the Office for Recreation and Sport
- Assess the current status of sporting and recreation organisations and facilities in the City and the future needs as the City continues to grow

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A number of community forums have been held within the last year, addressing key issues within our community.

## A SAFER COMMUNITIES FORUM

A Safer Communities Forum was held in response to community perceptions around safety issues within the city. Discussions at the forum highlighted that generally Whyalla is a safe community, however there were some areas of concern raised by community services agencies, such as:

- After hours services for persons at risk (most of the Local Agencies are open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm)
- Lack of hostel type of emergency accommodation – need for Youth, Men and Women’s Shelters
- Drug related matters (this issue is not isolated to Whyalla, it is a common issue for many communities)
- Groups of children/youth congregating in public spaces/areas

The Forum was well attended by approximately 50 people, representing various agencies across the city. The session consisted of presentations from SAPOL and Mission Australia, open discussion on community safety and general discussion on what programs are currently available in Whyalla to assist in reducing incidences of crime. The presentations from SAPOL and Mission Australia were very insightful and provided an opportunity for those present to ask questions and share experiences in relation to community safety.

As a result of the issues raised during the session, Council has been working on strategies to assist with improving overall community safety. Some of these have included installation of lighting in public places such as Civic Park and Hummock Hill and the trial of Youth Central at Westland’s Shopping Centre.

## AGEING WELL IN YOUR COMMUNITY FORUM

Another major highlight was the Age and Wellbeing Forum which was held to provide the opportunity to bring our senior residents together and to hear about the Waverton Hub model, a community hub for seniors, that has been developed in Sydney.

The forum attracted around 85 people and provided a chance to hear how the hub was developed and to consider if this was something that our senior residents would be interested in setting up at a local level.

The forum also allowed the opportunity for sharing of information amongst the participants and to hear about the great activities that our senior citizens groups are involved with.

## THE WHYALLA ASBESTOS SUPPORT GROUP

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The Whyalla Asbestos Support Group approached Council to assist them in providing a suitable reflection space to honour local residents who have lost their lives due to Asbestosis related illness. Council, in conjunction with the group, chose a space within the grounds of the Mount Laura Homestead. The development of the space included a number of community engagement sessions with Council staff and representatives of the group to workshop a design that would meet their expectations. A diorama was developed, as an initial concept, to show the group what the space would look like and to make any modifications prior to construction.

The final design was based around the 'Tree of Life' concept with the idea of the tree representing positive energy, strength and it's benefits.

An official opening was held to launch the space, with an overwhelming positive response from the community.

## VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP

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Another major community development project included assisting the Victims of Domestic Violence Support group in developing a Memorial Wall at Ada Ryan Gardens. This wall was constructed by Walling Systems, a local company, which came on board to donate all materials and time towards this project.

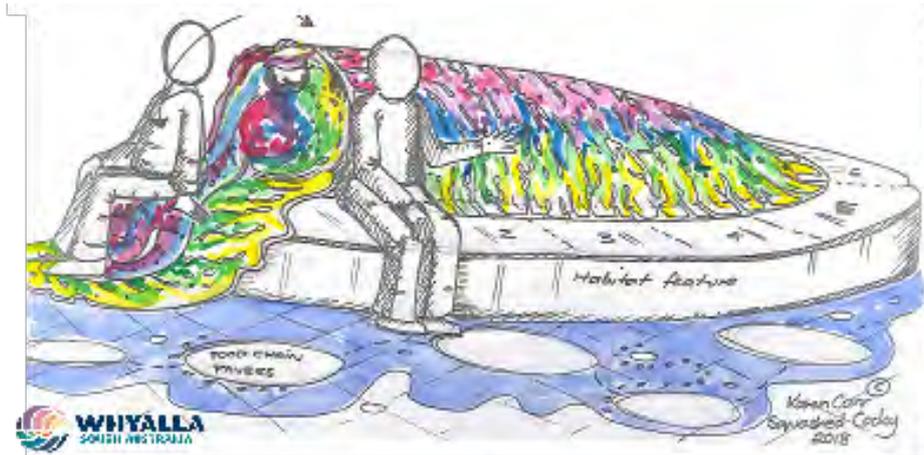
A local Artist Di Turner undertook the Artworks on the wall whilst Council staff developed the area to include paving, installation of a seat and landscaping.

An official opening of the wall was held on White Ribbon Day which was very well attended by the community.

The group now have a reflection space that can be used to hold a Vigil each year on White Ribbon Day to honour those residents that have been victims of domestic violence.







Council partnered with Illuminart in their federally funded 'Port to Port' project. Known well for projections onto buildings on North Terrace, and installations during Fringe, Illuminart's amazing work includes national award winning productions in Sydney, Exmouth and Rockhampton.

In 2016 illuminart began working on their own large scale production, Port to Port... building a series of digital stories with communities all around SA. The stories have featured local artists, history, tall tales, natural riches and colourful themes. We have also been training and mentoring regional creative people to produce stories about their area. In our area we connected Illuminart with former resident Michael Rostig who worked with many classes of Whyalla students to produce the artwork and some animation to tell the quirky tales of Whyalla's past that became 'Whyalla Weirdness', This was projected on and in the Middleback Arts Centre during both Film Festival events and will be toured across SA 'Travelling Light' for SALA 2019.

Illuminart have collected hundreds of stories, which have been lovingly crafted into family friendly animated art, ready for projection. Many of the stories are connected to the theme of Port to Port, and involving people in telling stories about their place.

Council's second large arts project started out as a seat for the foreshore referencing Whyalla's unique marine fauna and has become "Craig the Cuttlefish" an amazing three dimensional, truly giant, mosaic cuttlefish on which you will be able to sit and contemplate the serenity of the beautiful Whyalla foreshore, or at least you will be able to when he installed. Port Lincoln artist Karen Carr has been instrumental in the creation of many delightful public art installations around the wider Eyre Peninsula and is highly skilled within the community arts sphere. Karen hosted nine full days of workshops, sharing her skills and experience in mosaic with more than 50 local participants. Many hours of community artists hard work has gone into Craig's creation, and many more hours for Karen back in her studio to create a cohesive whole out of our many pieces. We are now awaiting the completion of the Whyalla Jetty so that 'Craig the Cuttlefish' can be installed for us all to enjoy.



## COMMUNITY - YOUTH

The Whyalla Youth Advisory Committee comprises of twelve youth representatives aged between 13 and 27 and is now in its fourth year of operation. An election for Youth Mayor and Deputy Mayor was undertaken in January 2019, with the new incumbents being Mayor Emily Rawlings and Deputy Mayor Blake Brougham. Both officials will serve a one-year term in these positions.

### YOUTH PARLIAMENT

The Youth/Junior Parliament Programs are apolitical programs which empower young people to focus on their personal development and leadership skills, 2019 saw one senior YAC member Zoe Ritchie attend Youth Parliament with three YAC members acting in a supporting role.

### LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

YAC members Alex Giumelli, Ethan Klobucar & Zia Westerman ran in the Whyalla Council elections with one YAC member being successful in becoming an Elected Member, congratulations to Zia Westerman ensuring the youth voice is heard at a local council level.

### YOUNG ACHIEVERS

Two Whyalla YAC members were nominated in the prestigious Channel 7 Young Achievers Awards, congratulations to Cyanne & Zia Westerman who were recognised for their contribution to their communities.

Cyanne was the overall winner of the Websters Lawyers Service to the Community Award! This award recognises young people who go the extra mile in their volunteering activities and who promote community spirit, who put the needs of others before their own, and who make important contributions to the communities in which they live.

Zia was the overall winner of the SANTOS: Proudly Australian Regional Service Award. This award aims to recognise our regional and rural young achievers and community contributors, acknowledging those who are helping to reshape and inspire their local communities.



### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

In conjunction with Tutti Arts, members of the Whyalla Youth Advisory Committee curated an event in support of International Day of People with Disability. This event was a showcase of award-winning films, hot off the press from Sit Down Shutup and Watch Film & New Media Festival. A diverse array of short films, in genres from comedy to documentary and animation to biography, represent the best and boldest work by film-makers with a learning disability from around the globe.

## SA YOUTH WEEK EVENT- SKATE, SCOOT & BMX COMPETITION

The YAC held a Skate, Scoot & BMX competition to celebrate SA Youth week. This event was a hit with the local youth. With 450 young people coming along for the day, 150 people registering for the actual competition, crazy stunts and tricks were the order of the day. The professional crew from YMCA Skate Park League acted as judges on the day. In support of Reconciliation the YAC engaged a local Indigenous dance crew called Dusty Feet Mob to open the event with a magical dance piece to the song *My Island Home*. Many other activities were held on the day including 3 x 3 basketball, a photo booth, sausage sizzle, bouncy castle, giant blow up maze, henna tattoos and face painting. It was an amazing day out for all. The weather was just perfect for our premiere event.



## ADVOCACY

The YAC had the opportunity to meet with the Commissioner for Children & Young People, Helen Connolly, while she was on her Hopes and Dreams Regional Tour. They were able to have conversations revolving around the issues affecting young people living regionally and discussed their dreams and hopes for the future.

## YOUTH EVENTS, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- UneARTh Rainbow Run: with 1150 people in attendance
- NAIDOC March & Reconciliation week events
- Music Mentor Program (in conjunction with the Whyalla Music Association)
- Harmony Day Celebrations
- Mental Health Week
- Whyalla Pageant
- Headspace Day
- School Holiday Programs
- Public Speaking Course
- Youth Mental Health First Aid
- Duke of Edinburgh Awards
- Ausmap Microplastic Assessment Program
- School engagement programs including "Love Your Body"
- Pictures in Your Park Movie Program
- Donations to local causes such as Homeless Lives Matter and the Beach Wheelchair Program

# OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS – CORPORATE

## WHYALLA PUBLIC LIBRARY

**38,215**

Items currently in library collection

**15,270**

Sent items to library borrowers throughout the state

**5064**

the number of items donated to the Library from members of the public

**5,458**

Active users of the library within the last 3 years

**14,201**

Received items from other Libraries throughout the state

**5,805**

Children engaged with our children's programs throughout the year

**110,177**

Total of physical items loaned out this year from our Library

ACTIVITY	SESSIONS	CHILDREN ATTENDED
Gigglepots	140	1251
Story Time	115	3058
Class Visits	42	584
School Holidays	21	331
Childcare	10	401
<b>Total</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>5,625</b>

### Children's Programs

We have had another awesome year of fantastic children's programs. Story time had several special visitors, firstly and most importantly Father Christmas attended our final session for 2018. Each child that attends during the year received the gift of a book followed by a Christmas party.

Throughout the year we had visits from the Oral Health students from the SA Dental Service (SADS) conducting hygiene checks and showing us how to look after our teeth. We also had our grandparents and special friends visit to celebrate them in style.

There was also an extra special night time visit from the Easter Bunny, who came to deliver an egg for every child. The Police came to talk about safety and how to call '000'. To help promote a positive interaction with them, some lucky children got a special seat in the front seat of the Police vehicle. Siren's were sounded and lights were flashed much to the children's delight.

Once again, we participated in Simultaneous Story Time with Alpacas with Maracas. We even had a Teddy Bears Picnic on a beautiful Sunday afternoon being attended by more than 100 people, children and adults alike enjoying the day.

### School Holiday Activities

This year's school holiday activities included a whole range of exciting hands on things for the kids to get stuck into, including:

- Amazing Astronomy with the Children's University interactive lecture, finding out all about space, stars and all things gassy
- Sassy Science – extracting DNA, making sherbet and explosive volcano's
- Curious Cuttlefish with the NRM – making rainbow fish and a huge interactive display of all things marine for the month of July
- Pico the Puppet Show – a tale of the sea with environmental themes
- Let's Get Loud – making percussion instruments

### Tech Savvy Seniors

We continued with our sessions until November 2018. In total we held 53 sessions with a total of 144 people attending. Information sessions included basic iPhone and android sessions, digital books and a session about apps. A number of drop in sessions were held this time where attendees were able to have one on one sessions with a staff member to guide them through issues on their own devices.

### General Library Activities

The Library was involved with many things this year including a face lift on one of our biggest internal walls. It is now a beautiful teal colour and has become the new canvas for the Whyalla Art Prize paintings. We will be displaying Council's Artwork for the whole community to enjoy. The Artwork will be rotated on a three-monthly basis. Drop in to see some fantastic work by local winning artists. We have upgraded our plants and garden beds to freshen the area surrounding the library. All new native plants require minimal water and maintenance but look stunning. Our History room has had a make over and our Children's Area is now a bright new lilac colour to help define the area.

## WHYALLA CHILD CARE CENTRE

Whyalla Child Care Centre underwent a Food Safety Audit by an Independent National Food Safety Auditor.

- 2 new relief staff in March 2019
- Held some fundraising events during the year, and participated in community events such as the Whyalla show and the Christmas Pageant
- Staff underwent professional development including CPR training.



Police Visit to Story Time - Thursday  
AM Sen Const Keren reading

## AIRPORT

The passenger numbers for 2018/19 were 77,622. Qantas increased their daily flights from two to three flights per day.

Passenger number comparison from 2017/18 was 69,849 is an 11% increase.

In 2018/19 the Whyalla airport has:

- Installed a new fuel facility
- Constructed a new emergency forward command and storage facility which will be used for more effective command and control in the event of emergency exercises and actual emergency
- Purchased new wildlife deterrent trails which are working well

The Whyalla Airport is currently in the process of looking at a terminal facility and runway upgrade due to new Federal government requirements.





# WHYALLA JETTY UPDATE

The 2018/19 financial year was significant in the advancement of Whyalla's innovative new Jetty development process.

Although there has been a lack of physical movement, the behind-the-scenes progress made in 2018/19 was absolutely vital in order to complete this project diligently. This asset will be available for the community to utilize for the next 80 years. Council has spent considerable time ensuring local labour and materials are being used where possible.

A number of significant milestones were accomplished along, with the adaptive navigation around unforeseen hurdles leading up to the approval of this major project.

The major milestones that were achieved through out this period included;



The project has gone through a rigorous series of administration and approval processes, necessary for a project of this significance, in order to gain approval. Some of these included multiple approvals required from the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI).

To ensure the Jetty meets all legislative requirements it requires approval for the plans, approval for construction methods, environmental approval, Native Title considerations, approval to extend the jetty 25 metres into State waters, and approval for the demolition of the existing structure which could not be obtained until construction of the new Jetty was approved.

The planning has required three independent engineering consultants to oversee every step of the process. Every alteration, deemed necessary by one engineer, requires approval by the other engineers before plans could be changed.

A two-year process to gain approval for the new structure came to a close on Monday 1st July 2019 when the final approval from the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) was received.

## MOVING FORWARD

2019/20 will see the demolition of the old Jetty with steel stripped from the old Jetty to be recycled by the Whyalla Steelworks with owners GFG Alliance donating steel back towards the construction of the new Jetty

Followed by the development in construction of the new Jetty beginning with pile driving and pylon installation

The Jetty project is a partnership between the City of Whyalla, GFG Alliance, the South Australian Government (with a contribution of \$1m towards the construction costs) and the Whyalla community.



# INFRASTRUCTURE

## ROAD RESEAL PROGRAM 2018/19

In the 2018/19 financial year, there were a number of streets either partly or entirely resealed throughout Whyalla as the final steps of a 5-year Roads to Recovery works program.

Council undertook to spray seal 40 residential streets and asphalt 20 major roads in an effort to catch up on a backlog of roads requiring and preserve their condition and operating life.

These include;

- Airport Rd
- Athel St
- Beck St
- Beerworth Av
- Broadbent Tc Service Rd
- Campbell St
- Cartledge Av Side Access Rd
- Charles Av
- Choat St
- Clark Cr
- Clutterbuck St
- Creber St
- Crowhurst St
- Curnow St
- Cyril St
- Darling Tc
- Elliott St
- Essington Lewis Av
- Ferris St
- Field St
- Flavel St
- Garrard St
- Geddes St
- Geoffrey St
- Grevillea St
- Hawdon St
- Heward St
- Hodgson St
- James St
- Jamieson St
- Jubilee Rd
- Knuckey St
- Kurt St
- Laught St
- Lee St
- Lindsay St
- McMahon St
- Moran St
- Morris Cr
- Mortimer St
- Mullaquana Rd
- Murray St
- Newton St
- Noble St
- Norrie Av
- Opie St
- Raws St
- Richards St
- Sharp St
- Stead St
- Sybil St
- Thomas St
- Ward St
- Watts St
- Whittard St
- Wilkinson St
- Williams St

**\$14MIL**

**3 YEAR ROAD DELIVERY PROGRAM**

During 2018/2019 council has developed a three year road delivery plan that ensures road assets are serviceable and maintained to an agreed standard on an ongoing basis. Councils intention is for this to be a rolling three year program that transitions into the longer ten year strategy.



ESSINGTON LEWIS AVENUE BEFORE / AFTER



CREBER STREET BEFORE / AFTER

# STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN – DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION

Council has worked with consultants since 2015 to develop the Stormwater Management Plan. This plan was presented in draft form to Council at the Informal Gathering held Monday 4 March 2019 and was released for public consultation on the 7 March 2019. Public consultation closed 28 March 2019.

The Stormwater Management Plan (SMP) provides a clear understanding of the current stormwater flood risk and stormwater quality throughout the Whyalla community and will enable Council to develop a consistent, sustainable, environmentally aware and integrated approach to stormwater management.

Council will use this plan to identify potential projects that address stormwater management within the community, prioritise these projects and develop a strategic plan to address stormwater issues within the community. This strategic plan will include consultation with the SMA, NRM, Coastal Protection Board, Marine Parks, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), SA Water, SA Health, Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, and the Whyalla community.

# STORMWATER – DRAINAGE

**Tower Hill Reserve stormwater drainage – Elliot Street laneway:** prevent flooding of residential properties along Elliot Street. Work was carried out by a local contractor directed by the Council's Civil Crew.



**Cudmore Terrace Laneway stormwater drainage:** modified to prevent long standing flooding issues associated with residential properties along Cudmore Terrace. Works completed by Council's Civil Crew.

# KERBING WORKS

<h1>11</h1>	<b>STREETS ASSOCIATED WITH ROAD TREATMENTS</b>
<h1>4KM</h1>	<b>OF KERBING WAS REPLACED IN 2018/19</b> Ahead of road resealing in Elliot Street, Essington Lewis Avenue and several other streets.

This work is to continue in a planned way ahead of road treatments with a three-year kerbing contract to be issued for the 2019-2022 years.



## MARINA BREAKWATER STRENGTHENING

Continuation of the strengthening of Whyalla's Marina breakwater was carried out through 2018/19 with 1,000 rocks placed to maintain the breakwater. The largest boulders used were 5 tonne.



## MARINA FLOATING MOORING UPGRADE

This project replaced the existing floating walkway pontoons with a new system, which is constructed of welded aluminium braced frames, FRP mesh decking (machined and grooved to give anti-slip finish), with polyethylene floats.



## SHARED BIKE PATH

540 meters of shared bike path along Heurich Terrace was completed, linking Lincoln Highway to Cartledge Avenue with line marking, signage and access ramps to Australian Standards. These improvements are aimed at providing safe bicycle and pedestrian traffic throughout the community and are the second to last stage in completing Whyallas five year strategic bike plan. The path will be completed in 2019/2020 when Ekblom Street work is due to be completed.





## WETLANDS WHARF

This project involved the partial removal of the existing model boat launching wharf, which was replaced with a new floating wharf. The new floating wharf is constructed of an aluminium frame and composite deck system.



## LEISURE CENTRE UPGRADES

The Whyalla Recreation Centre has had various upgrades as part of Council's extensive program of improvements.

These include the removal of a wall between the spa and main pool to provide lifeguards with a better line of vision to supervise the pool area, upgrade of the chemical control equipment, installation of new lane ropes and holders, and the purchase of a larger, more efficient vacuum to maintain a high standard of water quality.

Council works with the YMCA, which is responsible for the management of the Centre, to maintain health and safety standards through regular maintenance of assets at the facility.

## SAFER CIVIC PARK

The installation of solar lighting and CCTV cameras throughout Civic Park is part of the Government Safer Communities Grants initiative, which was fully supported by our State and Federal Government representatives, as well as SAPOL and various community members.

The main focus areas are the general pathways through Civic Park as well as entrances into the park from neighbouring streets.

A total of 43 solar lights have been installed to light the park at night, and the installation of 13 CCTV cameras enhance the amenity of the area, and allow the community to enjoy the use of Civic Park with increased confidence in their personal safety at any time.





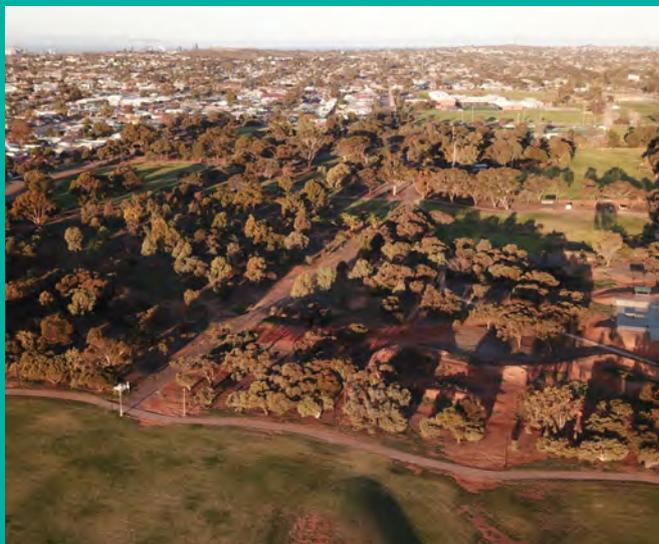
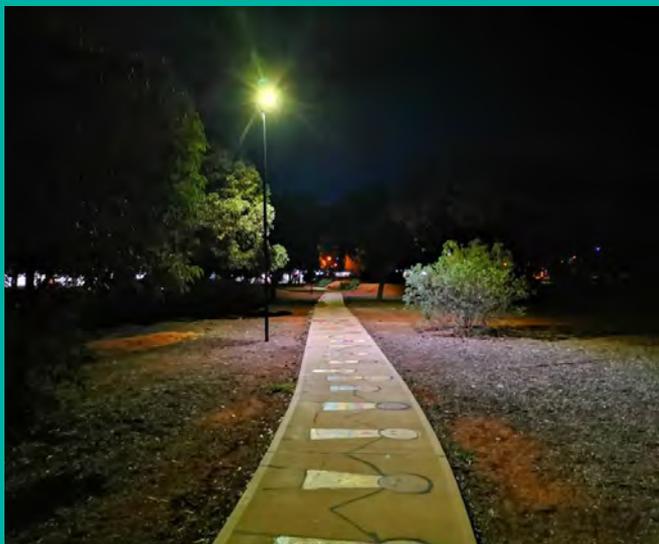
## STREET SIGN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

An additional 300 street signs were installed throughout Whyalla as part of the Street Sign replacement program. This program began in 2018/19 and will be continued in 2019/2020. The new street signs will improve identification of streets for locals and visitors when navigating their way through our City.



## CUTTLEFISH DRIVE TOILETS AND CHANGING ROOMS

This project was part funded by the Northern Coastline Masterplan funding received from DEWNR (now DEW). New DDA Compliant toilets and changerooms were constructed using stone faced tilt-up concrete panels to ensure a robust and good-looking result was realised for the site.



## POINT LOWLY NAVIGATIONAL BEACON REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT

This project involved moving the two existing beacons located on either side of the Marina mouth (in the water and side of the breakwater), that were difficult to service. One of these beacons had developed a severe lean and become a hazard to boats. A contractor reinstalled the navigation beacons on two new light poles, relocated to the top of the breakwaters. This has resulted in the navigation beacons being easier to see and maintain.

Pictured:  
Before - Navigational Beacon located in the water.  
After - Navigational Beacons Installed on Break water



## MURNINNIE BEACH CAMPSITE

This project involved the clean-up of the campsite, fencing repair and the installation of two new sheltered picnic settings.



## OLD AIRPORT HANGAR REFURBISHMENT

Following the identification of termite damage, Council engaged a local consultant to carry out an engineering inspection of the Old Whyalla Hangar, Keith Street.

This inspection identified significant damage and provided details of required repair works leading to Council committing \$117,000 for the project. Although the Hangar is not currently heritage listed, due to its historic significance to the Whyalla community Council is working with the current tenant and local contractors to maintain its original condition.



## FORESHORE ACCESS CANOPIES

Beach Access Canopies were removed and replaced utilising timber beams to provide shade, rather than the iron sheeting which proved difficult to maintain in the sea side environment. These refurbished structures will be much easier and cheaper to maintain in the long-term.



## FORESHORE PLAYGROUND AND BEACH SHADE SAIL REPLACEMENT

This project treated all the framework for rust and replaced the damaged, weather-beaten shade sails with new custom-made Australian shade sails. These new sails are constructed utilising Monotec 370 shade cloth that comes with a 15-year manufacturer's warranty.



## SOFT FALL REPLACEMENT FORESHORE, OCEAN EYRE AND CHILD CARE FACILITY PLAYGROUNDS

Assessments by Council in March 2019 found the wet-pour soft-fall surface at three playgrounds were approaching the end of its safety-rated life. PlayMatta mats were subsequently laid at the Foreshore and Child Care Centre playgrounds, as a safer and more cost-efficient solution to wet-pour rubber. PlayMatta mats provide more flexibility, are more easily replaced than the existing wet-pour surface and meet all safety standards. These mats come with a ten-year guarantee.



## DISABLED ACCESS RAMP – FORESHORE PLAYGROUND CARPARK

The City of Whyalla continues to lead the way when it comes to facilities for those living with a disability.

The re-opening of the foreshore playground with a bright new surface, has been complemented by a new ramp next to the adjacent carpark. The new ramp will allow safer access from the playground car park to the barbecues and shelters.

Together with the recently repaired disability-friendly Liberty swing in the playground, these improvements give wheelchair-bound residents and prams more access points to all the facilities at the foreshore including the gardens, carpark and play area. This new ramp adds to the Council's vision of a disability friendly city.



## PLAYGROUND FENCING

This work was budgeted in the 17/18 financial year to continue with the installation of safety fences at Council playground reserves, where the threat of children running straight out on to the road is seen as a concern.

While these projects don't necessarily enclose the reserves, they do help to prevent young children from running directly out onto main roads.

Projects that were identified for the 2018/19 financial year included the installation of safety fences at Point Lowly Reserve and Trevan Park Reserve.



## HUMMOCK HILL LIGHTING

Installation of 60 lights for pedestrians along the Queen Elizabeth Drive access. This new solar powered asymmetrical lighting system lights up 180 degrees downwards, lighting the path during darkness, for the safety of evening and early morning walkers.

## HMAS WHYALLA – RESEAL

2018/19 saw Phase 1 of vital restoration work begin on the HMAS Whyalla with community contributions going a long way to preserving our iconic vessel.

An ongoing \$100,000 three to five-year maintenance plan is being funded under Council's capital works and donations from the community. Gold-coin entry events at the Visitor and Information Centre have raised important funds towards this project with the work being carried out by a local contractor and community service group.

The Bathurst Class WWII Corvette was the first ship ever built in at the Whyalla Ship Yards in 1941. After four years of WWII activity and almost 40 years as a maintenance vessel, she returned home and has been an iconic Tourist attraction in Whyalla for over 30 years and will be for many years to come.



## GFG SHARED PATH SPRAY SEAL

A number of bike riders working at GFG requested that the bike path from McBryde Terrace to the front gates of GFG be resurfaced. As a result of these requests, Council applied a 5mm spray seal to the bike path, promoting and encouraging a healthy option of getting to work remains available.



## CEMETERY BUTTERFLY MEMORY WALL

The initiative of the cemetery butterfly memory wall provides a location in the cemetery for memorials that are in the shape of butterflies

Each butterfly on the memory wall commemorates someone whose ashes have been scattered elsewhere outside of the Whyalla Cemetery. Each Plaque allows for the persons name, date of birth – date of passing and the location their ashes were scattered.



DDA Compliant toilet

## ADA RYAN GARDENS TOILET BLOCKS

This work involved the installation of a new DDA Compliant toilet for those with accessibility issues. Council also refurbished the existing toilets. This upgrade involved: removing the existing asbestos cement ceiling and eave sheets and replacing with HardieFlex™ sheeting and painting; replacing all existing roofing sheets; cement rendering the toilet walls inside and out to a smooth texture, prime and paint; repair the toilet doors and replace their locks and latch points; repair the partitions between the individual toilets and door supports to a smooth and best match possible standard; replace the existing indoor toilet lighting with new LED lighting inside both toilets; remove all rust from the exterior toilet doors (that are locked at night) and repaint; installed 6 x new LED vandal resistant spot lights on the outside of the toilets, to light up all paths approaching / leaving the toilets; installed skylights in both toilets.

## DOG PARK SPRAY SEAL PATH

At the request of a number of Searle Street Dog Park users, the walking path received a 5mm spray seal. This has allowed walkers, bike riders and scooters to better enjoy this outdoor area.







## TONNAGES

	GENERAL	RECYCLED	ORGANICS	TOTAL
Jul-18	384	117	108	609
Aug-18	383	123	123	629
Sep-18	353	114	130	596
Oct-18	385	128	146	659
Nov-18	381	135	153	668
Dec-18	373	123	159	655
Jan-18	431	144	153	728
Feb-18	360	111	136	606
Mar-18	337	105	139	580
Apr-18	372	113	104	589
May-18	329	93	115	537
Jun-18	290	137	115	542
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,377</b>	<b>1,443</b>	<b>1,579</b>	

# LOOKING AHEAD 2019/2020

In 2019-20 Council will undertake major capital works in line with Council's Infrastructure & Asset Management Plan to ensure the longevity of existing assets as well as providing new assets to cope with the demands of the community as follows:



## 14 MILLION-3 YEAR ROAD DELIVERY PROGRAM

A Three Year Road Delivery Program is being proposed to address maintenance and backlog work including road resurfacing, kerbing, pavement patching, asphalt & spray sealing to 43.8km over 40 roads with 2019/20 being the first year of the program

Major roads to be addressed in 2019/20 include;

- Atkinson St
- Barngarla Rd
- Bean St
- Beerworth Av
- Brealey St
- Dalziel St
- George Av
- Goodman St
- Henderson St
- Hockey St
- Horwood St
- Hughes St
- Hursthouse St
- Kittel St
- Lockhart St
- McDouall Stuart Av
- McLennan Av
- Mildred St
- Millowick St
- Milsom St
- Phillis St
- Searle St
- Shard Cr
- Sharp St
- Stead St
- Wallace St
- Ward St



## MEMORIAL OVAL UPGRADES

Redevelopment of Memorial Oval including new oval lighting to allow for full oval training and night-time activity, upgrading pop-up irrigation system and the scoreboard system. Improving the playing surface to accommodate various sporting groups for local and regional events.



## CONCRETE FOOTPATH PROGRAM

The Concrete Footpath Program has been created to upgrade existing and new concrete footpaths used by pedestrians throughout Whyalla. Once completed this will improve access for all ages and abilities in conjunction with Council's Disability Action Plan.



## FORESHORE UPGRADE

The Whyalla Jetty and foreshore area upgrade of power and water supplies to allow access when required.



## WETLANDS HIGHWAY ACCESS

A redesign of the entry point and carpark of Whyalla's Jim Pollock Wetlands from the Lincoln Highway is proposed to allow easy and safe access for all vehicles, particularly long vehicles with trailers and caravans. A reduction of the speed limit along the Lincoln Highway will reduce risk to motorists at the entry and exit points.



## MARINA LIGHTING UPGRADE

Installation of solar powered lighting at the Whyalla Marina carparks and breakwater walkways for the safety of patrons utilizing the area outside of daylight hours.



## STRATEGIC BICYCLE PLAN – EKBLOM STREET

Continuation of the Local Area Strategic Bicycle Plan (LASBP) with a shared bicycle path along Heurich Tce, along Ekblom Street to link to Nicolson Avenue. These paths have been designed for the safety and ease of cyclists and pedestrians



## NORTHERN COASTLINE ROAD SEALING

The sealing of 1.1km of unsealed road connecting Backy Bay toward Pt Douglas along the Fitzgerald Bay Northern Coastline. This will improve vehicle access to the picturesque sites that our region has to offer.



## ADA RYAN GARDENS UPGRADE

Installation of path lighting throughout the Ada Ryan Gardens between entry points to the gardens and foreshore playground providing a well-lit space for patrons. Including a general power upgrade to comply with current electrical standards and to provide sufficient power for future community events.



## MARINA BREAK WATER STRENGTHENING

Strengthening the Whyalla's marina southern breakwater to improve the structure.



## STREET SIGNAGE

Street Sign replacement program will continue to be rolled out during 2019/20. The new street signs will improve identification of streets for locals and visitors when navigating their way through our City.



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## STREET TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Roll out of the Street Tree Replacement Program through the installation of new trees on a range of nature strips and median strips throughout Whyalla. These will be maintained with high quality fertilizer and soil conditioner, deep watering infrastructure, TerraCottem and irrigation to ensure durability.

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## FOOTPATHS

A program to install new footpaths in the Ocean Eyre subdivisions commenced in March 2019 and will continue for the 2019/2020 year. The program for the progressive upgrade of existing footpaths to concrete footpaths will continue throughout the new year with a three-year program that supports Council's long-term footpath strategy.

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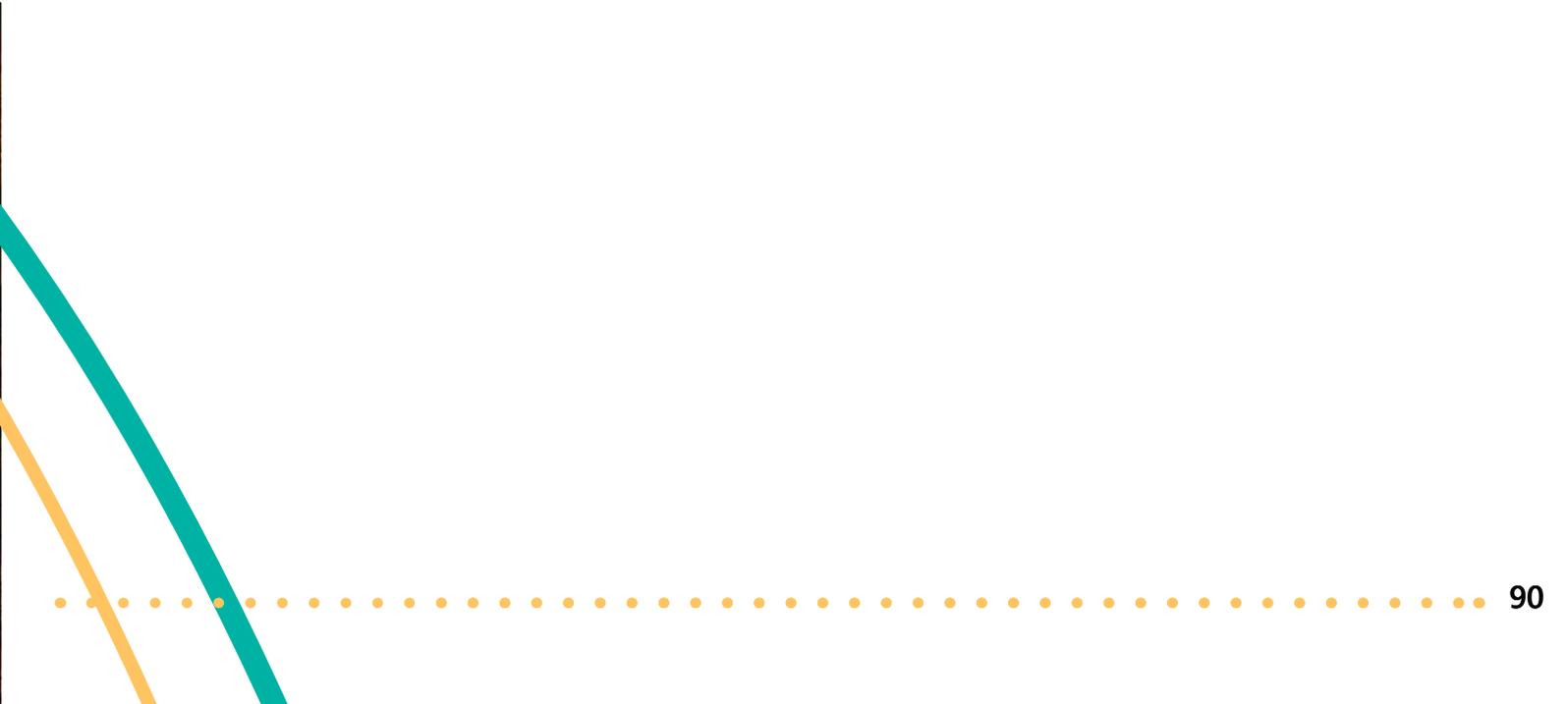


# The Corporation of the City of Whyalla

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended 30 June 2019

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*Whyalla will be a vibrant, attractive city offering the community a diverse range of sustainable economic, social, environmental and cultural opportunities*



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## The Corporation of the City of Whyalla

General Purpose Financial Statements  
for the year ended 30 June 2019

### 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 2019 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.



Christopher Cowley  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



Clare McLaughlin  
**MAYOR**

Date: 6 November 2019

## Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2019

\$ '000	Notes	2019	2018
<b>Income</b>			
Rates Revenues	2a	20,519	19,905
Statutory Charges	2b	332	329
User Charges	2c	3,887	4,042
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	2g	5,737	5,423
Investment Income	2d	129	49
Reimbursements	2e	52	27
Other Income	2f	1,266	1,284
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>31,922</b>	<b>31,059</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Employee Costs	3a	10,706	10,174
Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses	3b	12,968	12,819
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	3c	6,503	6,869
Finance Costs	3d	26	47
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>30,203</b>	<b>29,909</b>
<b>Operating Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>1,719</b>	<b>1,150</b>
Asset Disposal & Fair Value Adjustments	4	(430)	(33)
Amounts Received Specifically for New or Upgraded Assets	2g	1,527	1,681
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit) <sup>1</sup></b>		<b>2,816</b>	<b>2,798</b>
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>			
<i>Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result</i>			
Changes in Revaluation Surplus - I,PP&E	9a	26,383	286
<b>Total Other Comprehensive Income</b>		<b>26,383</b>	<b>286</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>		<b>29,199</b>	<b>3,084</b>

<sup>1</sup> Transferred to Statement of Changes in Equity

## The Corporation of the City of Whyalla

## Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2019

\$ '000	Notes	2019	2018
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	5a	5,827	3,646
Trade & Other Receivables	5b	3,805	3,520
Inventories	5c	100	155
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>9,732</b>	<b>7,321</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	7a	259,895	232,660
Other Non-Current Assets	6	4,530	3,478
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>264,425</b>	<b>236,138</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>274,157</b>	<b>243,459</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade & Other Payables	8a	3,327	1,985
Borrowings	8b	-	125
Provisions	8c	2,679	2,545
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>6,006</b>	<b>4,655</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
Provisions	8c	1,416	1,268
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<b>1,416</b>	<b>1,268</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>7,422</b>	<b>5,923</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>266,735</b>	<b>237,536</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Accumulated Surplus		41,010	37,951
Asset Revaluation Reserves	9a	223,843	197,460
Other Reserves	9b	1,882	2,125
<b>Total Council Equity</b>		<b>266,735</b>	<b>237,536</b>

## Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2019

\$ '000	Notes	Accumulated Surplus	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Other Reserves	Total Equity
<b>2019</b>					
<b>Balance at the end of previous reporting period</b>		37,951	197,460	2,125	<b>237,536</b>
<b>a. Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year</b>		2,816	-	-	<b>2,816</b>
<b>b. Other Comprehensive Income</b>					
- Gain (Loss) on Revaluation of I,PP&E	7a	-	26,383	-	<b>26,383</b>
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>		-	26,383	-	<b>26,383</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>		<b>2,816</b>	<b>26,383</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,199</b>
<b>c. Transfers between Reserves</b>		243	-	(243)	-
<b>Balance at the end of period</b>		<b>41,010</b>	<b>223,843</b>	<b>1,882</b>	<b>266,735</b>
<b>2018</b>					
<b>Balance at the end of previous reporting period</b>		35,982	197,174	1,296	<b>234,452</b>
<b>a. Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year</b>		2,798	-	-	<b>2,798</b>
<b>b. Other Comprehensive Income</b>					
- Gain (Loss) on Revaluation of I,PP&E	7a	-	286	-	<b>286</b>
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>		-	286	-	<b>286</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>		<b>2,798</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,084</b>
<b>c. Transfers between Reserves</b>		(829)	-	829	-
<b>Balance at the end of period</b>		<b>37,951</b>	<b>197,460</b>	<b>2,125</b>	<b>237,536</b>

## The Corporation of the City of Whyalla

## Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2019

\$ '000	Notes	2019	2018
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>			
Rates Receipts		20,284	19,915
Statutory Charges		357	329
User Charges		4,166	4,426
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions (operating purpose)		5,760	5,423
Investment Receipts		129	49
Reimbursements		52	92
Other Receipts		2,629	2,112
<b>Payments</b>			
Payments to Employees		(10,635)	(10,244)
Payments for Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses		(15,239)	(13,955)
Finance Payments		(26)	(47)
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities</b>	11b	<b>7,477</b>	<b>8,100</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>			
Amounts Received Specifically for New/Upgraded Assets		1,527	1,681
Sale of Replaced Assets		144	64
Sale of Surplus Assets		-	96
Repayments of Loans by Community Groups		-	10
<b>Payments</b>			
Expenditure on Renewal/Replacement of Assets		(4,672)	(3,981)
Expenditure on New/Upgraded Assets		(2,191)	(1,106)
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities</b>		<b>(5,192)</b>	<b>(3,236)</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>			
Proceeds from Borrowings		8,200	-
Proceeds from Bonds & Deposits		77	-
<b>Payments</b>			
Repayments of Borrowings		(8,325)	(6,269)
Repayment of Bonds & Deposits		(56)	(22)
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities</b>		<b>(104)</b>	<b>(6,291)</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held</b>		<b>2,181</b>	<b>(1,427)</b>
plus: <b>Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents at beginning of period</b>	11	<b>3,646</b>	<b>5,073</b>
<b>Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents at end of period</b>	11	<b>5,827</b>	<b>3,646</b>

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements  
for the year ended 30 June 2019

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n/a - not applicable

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### Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019

#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### 1 Basis of Preparation

##### 1.1 Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards

This general purpose financial report has been prepared 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* dated 6 November 2019.

##### 1.2 Historical Cost Convention

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

##### 1.3 Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and requires management to exercise its judgement in applying Councils' accounting policies.

Particular areas involving a high degree of judgement or complexity include the estimation of future payments and timing in relation to landfill restoration and jetty demolition. Further information in relation to the estimation of these liabilities are given in the relevant sections of these Notes.

##### 1.4 Rounding

All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$'000).

#### 2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

The Corporation of the City of Whyalla is incorporated under the South Australian *Local Government Act 1999* and has its principal place of business at Darling Terrace, Whyalla. These financial statements include the Councils' direct operations and all entities through which Council controls resources to carry on its functions. In the process of reporting on the Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between activity areas and controlled entities have been eliminated.

#### 3 Income Recognition

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

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

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

\$'000	Cash Payment Received	Annual Allocation	Difference
2016/17	\$6,409	\$4,232	+\$2,177
2017/18	\$4,342	\$4,287	+\$ 55
2018/19	\$5,055	\$4,608	+\$ 447

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

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements  
for the year ended 30 June 2019

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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

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

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

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

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

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

**5 Inventories**

Inventories held in respect of stores have been valued by using the weighted average cost on a continual basis, after adjustment for loss of service potential. Inventories held in respect of business undertakings have been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

**5.1 Real Estate Assets Developments**

Real Estate Assets developments have been classified as Inventory in accordance with AASB 102 and are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Cost includes the costs of acquisition, development, borrowing and other costs incurred on financing of that acquisition and up to the time of sale. Any amount by which cost exceeds the net realisable value has been recognised as an expense. Revenues arising from the sale of property are recognised in the operating statement when settlement is completed.

**5.2 Other Real Estate Held for Resale**

Properties not acquired for development, but which Council has decided to sell as surplus to requirements, are recognised at the carrying value at the time of that decision.

Certain properties, auctioned for non-payment of rates in accordance with the Local Government Act but which failed to meet the reserve set by Council and are available for sale by private treaty, are recorded at the lower of the unpaid rates and charges at the time of auction or the reserve set by Council. Holding costs in relation to these properties are recognised as an expense when incurred.

**6 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment**

**6.1 Initial Recognition**

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

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

**6.2 Materiality**

Assets with an economic life in excess of one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds established by Council for each type of asset. In determining (and in annually reviewing) such thresholds, regard is had to the nature of the asset and its estimated service life. Examples of capitalisation thresholds applied during the year are given below. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

Office Furniture & Equipment	\$2,000
Other Plant & Equipment	\$5,000
Buildings - New Construction/Extensions	\$10,000

## The Corporation of the City of Whyalla

### Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019

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

Park & Playground Furniture & Equipment	\$5,000
Road Construction & Reconstruction	\$10,000
Paving & Footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	\$5,000
Drains & Culverts	\$5,000
Reticulation Extensions	\$5,000
Sidelines & Household Connections	\$5,000
Artworks	\$5,000

#### 6.3 Subsequent Recognition

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

#### 6.4 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

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

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

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

##### *Plant, Furniture & Equipment*

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

##### *Building & Other Structures*

Buildings – Masonry	50 to 100 years
Buildings – Other Construction	20 to 40 years
Buildings – Roofing	40 to 60 years
Park Structures – Masonry	50 to 100 years
Park Structures – Other Construction	20 to 40 years
Playground Equipment	5 to 20 years
Benches, Seats, etc.	10 to 20 years

##### *Infrastructure*

Sealed Roads – Surface	15 to 30 years
Sealed Roads – Pavement	65 to 100 years
Unsealed Roads	10 to 20 years
Paving & Footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	25 to 65 years
Drains	70 to 100 years
Culverts	70 to 100 years
Flood Control Structures	70 to 100 years
Dams and Reservoirs	70 to 100 years
Bores	20 to 40 years
Reticulation Pipes – PVC	70 to 80 years
Reticulation Pipes – Other	25 to 75 years
Pumps & Telemetry	15 to 25 years

##### *Other Assets*

Library Books	10 to 15 years
Artworks	indefinite

#### 6.5 Impairment

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

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

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

#### 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 qualifying assets are disclosed in Note 3, and the amount (if any) of interest revenue offset against borrowing costs in Note 2.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

**7 Payables**

**7.1 Goods & Services**

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

**7.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits**

Amounts 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 initially recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred and are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption amount is recognised in the income statement over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

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 carried at their nominal amounts; interest revenues foregone by the lender effectively being a reduction of interest expense in the period to which it relates.

**9 Employee Benefits**

**9.1 Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences**

Liabilities for employees' entitlements to salaries, wages and compensated absences expected to be paid or settled within 12 months of reporting date are accrued at nominal amounts (including payroll based 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 guaranteed securities rates with similar maturity terms.

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

**9.2 Superannuation**

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

**10 Provisions for Reinstatement, Restoration and Rehabilitation**

Close down and restoration costs include the dismantling and demolition of infrastructure and the removal of residual materials and remediation and rehabilitation of disturbed areas. Estimated close down and restoration costs are provided for in the accounting period when the obligation arising from the related disturbance occurs and are carried at the net present value of estimated future costs.

Although estimated future costs are based on a closure plan, such plans are based on current environmental requirements which may change. Councils' policy to maximise recycling is extending the operational life of these facilities, and significant uncertainty exists in the estimation of the future closure date.

**11 Leases**

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

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### Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019

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

In respect of finance leases, where Council substantially carries all of the risks incident to ownership, the leased items are initially recognised as assets and liabilities equal in amount to the present value of the minimum lease payments. The assets are disclosed within the appropriate asset class and are amortised to expense over the period during which the Council is expected to benefit from the use of the leased assets. Lease payments are allocated between interest expense and reduction of the lease liability, according to the interest rate implicit in the lease.

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

#### 12 Construction Contracts

Construction works undertaken by Council for third parties are generally on an agency basis where the third party reimburses Council for actual costs incurred, and usually do not extend beyond the reporting period. As there is no profit component, such works are treated as 100% completed. Reimbursements not received are recognised as receivables and reimbursements received in advance are recognised as "payments received in advance".

For works undertaken on a fixed price contract basis, revenues and expenses are recognised on a percentage of completion basis. Costs incurred in advance of a future claimed entitlement are classified as work in progress in inventory. When it is probable that total contract costs will exceed total contract revenue, the expected loss is recognised as an expense immediately.

#### 13 Equity Accounted Council Businesses

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

#### 14 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.

#### 15 New accounting standards and UIG interpretations

In the current year, Council 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 Councils' accounting policies.

The Corporation of the City of Whyalla has not applied any Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have been issued but are not yet effective.

***The standards that are expected to have some impact upon Councils' future financial statements are:***

**Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2019**

AASB 1058 clarifies and simplifies the income recognition requirements that apply to not-for-profit (NFP) entities, in conjunction with AASB 15, and AASB 2016-8. These Standards supersede the majority of income recognition requirements relating to public sector NFP entities, previously in AASB 1004 Contributions.

Identifiable impacts at the date of this report are:

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Some grants received by the Council will be recognised as a liability, and subsequently recognised progressively as revenue as the Council satisfies its performance obligations under the grant. At present, such grants are recognised as revenue upfront.

Grants that are not enforceable and/or not sufficiently specific will not qualify for deferral and continue to be recognised as revenue as soon as they are controlled. Council receives several grants from the Federal Government and State Government for which there are no sufficiently specific performance obligations these are expected to continue being recognised as revenue upfront assuming no change to the current grant arrangements.

Depending on the respective contractual terms, the new requirements of AASB 15 may potentially result in a change to the timing of revenue from sales of the Council's goods and services such that some revenue may need to be deferred to a later reporting period to the extent that the Council has received payment but has not met its associated performance obligations (such amounts would be reported as a liability in the meantime).

Prepaid rates will not be recognised as revenue until the relevant rating period starts. Until that time these receipts will be recognised as a liability (unearned revenue). There will be no impact upon the recognition of other fees and charges.

Based on Councils' assessment, if Council had adopted the new standards in the current financial year it would have had the following impacts:

- Operating revenue decrease of \$39,000 and a capital revenue decrease of \$922,000 due to deferral of grant funding, pre-paid rates, and other sales related revenue (based on the facts available to Council at the date of assessment).
- There would be an equal reduction in the reported equity as the reduced revenue will require an increase in recognition of contract liabilities, and statutory receivables.
- Net result would be lower on initial application as a result of decreased revenue. A range of

new disclosures will also be required by the new standards in respect of the council's revenue.

Council will be required to measure and include within its operating result the cost of volunteer services in situations where these services would have been paid for in the absence of volunteers, and if the amount is considered material, an offsetting amount of revenue would also be included to recognise the gifting of these services. For this reason, this change will not have an impact on Councils' reported operating result but may impact on the calculation of some financial ratios.

**Transition method**

The Council intends to apply the practical expedients available for the full retrospective method. Where revenue has been recognised in full under AASB 1004, prior to 1 July 2019, but where AASB 1058 would have required income to be recognised beyond that date, no adjustment is required. Further, Council is not required to restate income for completed contracts that start and complete within a financial year. This means where income under AASB 1004 was recognised in the comparative financial year (i.e. 2018/19), these also do not require restatement.

***The standards not expected to have a material impact upon Council's future financial statements are:***

**Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019**

- AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers
- AASB 16 Leases
- AASB 16 Leases (Appendix D)
- AASB 1059 Service Concession Arrangements: Grantors
- AASB 1059 Service Concession Arrangements: Grantors (Appendix D)

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

- AASB 2016-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Australian Implementation Guidance for Not-for-Profit Entities
- AASB 2017-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Transfers of Investment Property, Annual Improvements 2014-2016 Cycle and Other Amendments
- AASB 2017-4 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments
- AASB 2017-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation
- AASB 2017-7 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Long-term Interests in Associates and Joint Ventures
- AASB 2018-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Annual Improvements 2015–2017 Cycle
- AASB 2018-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Plan Amendment, Curtailment or Settlement
- AASB 2018-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements
- AASB 2018-4 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Australian Implementation Guidance for Not-for-Profit Public Sector Licensors
- AASB 2018-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Deferral of AASB 1059

and amounts may have been reclassified or individually reported for the first time within these financial statements and/or the notes.

#### 17 Disclaimer

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

#### Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021

- AASB 17 Insurance Contracts
- AASB 17 Insurance Contracts (Appendix D)

#### 16 Comparative Figures

To ensure comparability with the current reporting period's figures, some comparative period line items



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## Note 2. Income (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	2019	2018
<b>(d). Investment Income</b>			
Interest on Investments			
- Local Government Finance Authority		120	38
- Banks & Other		9	10
- Loans to Community Groups		-	1
<b>Total Investment Income</b>		<b>129</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>(e). Reimbursements</b>			
Roadworks		6	6
Private Works		41	16
Other		5	5
<b>Total Reimbursements</b>		<b>52</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>(f). Other Income</b>			
Insurance & Other Recoupments - I,PP&E		92	80
Rebates Received		727	717
Sundry		217	251
Management Other Income		91	107
Finance Debt Collection		73	76
Quarry Income		66	53
<b>Total Other Income</b>		<b>1,266</b>	<b>1,284</b>
<b>(g). Grants, Subsidies, Contributions</b>			
Amounts Received Specifically for New or Upgraded Assets		1,527	1,681
<b>Total Amounts Received Specifically for New or Upgraded Assets</b>		<b>1,527</b>	<b>1,681</b>
Untied - Financial Assistance Grant		4,101	4,538
Roads to Recovery		280	565
Library and Communications		149	142
Sundry		1,207	178
<b>Total Other Grants, Subsidies and Contributions</b>		<b>5,737</b>	<b>5,423</b>
<b>Total Grants, Subsidies, Contributions</b>		<b>7,264</b>	<b>7,104</b>
The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 12.			
<b>(i) Sources of grants</b>			
Commonwealth Government		627	8
State Government		6,280	7,024
Other		357	72
<b>Total</b>		<b>7,264</b>	<b>7,104</b>
<b>(ii) Individually Significant Items</b>			
Other		891	-
Grassroots Sporting Facility Program - Upgrade of Bennett and Memorial Ovals			



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## Note 3. Expenses

\$ '000	Notes	2019	2018
<b>(a). Employee Costs</b>			
Salaries and Wages		8,483	8,052
Employee Leave Expense		1,159	1,245
Superannuation - Defined Contribution Plan Contributions	18	641	606
Superannuation - Defined Benefit Plan Contributions	18	210	220
Workers' Compensation Insurance		387	419
Less: Capitalised and Distributed Costs		(174)	(368)
<b>Total Operating Employee Costs</b>		<b>10,706</b>	<b>10,174</b>
Total Number of Employees (full time equivalent at end of reporting period)		117	118
<b>(b). Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses</b>			
<b>(i) Prescribed Expenses</b>			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the Financial Reports		15	15
- Other Services		2	-
Bad and Doubtful Debts		60	1
Elected Members' Expenses		314	279
Election Expenses		95	6
<b>Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses</b>		<b>486</b>	<b>301</b>
<b>(ii) Other Materials, Contracts and Expenses</b>			
Contractors		3,899	3,750
Energy		1,209	1,133
Insurance		325	335
Maintenance		227	203
Legal Expenses		43	151
Levies Paid to Government - NRM levy		883	853
Levies - Other		823	800
Parts, Accessories & Consumables		1,043	1,330
Professional Services		899	887
Sundry		3,131	3,076
<b>Subtotal - Other Material, Contracts &amp; Expenses</b>		<b>12,482</b>	<b>12,518</b>
<b>Total Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses</b>		<b>12,968</b>	<b>12,819</b>



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## Note 5. Current Assets

\$ '000	Notes	2019	2018
<b>(a). Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents</b>			
Cash on Hand at Bank		639	843
Short Term Deposits & Bills, etc.		5,188	2,803
<b>Total Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents</b>		<b>5,827</b>	<b>3,646</b>
<b>(b). Trade &amp; Other Receivables</b>			
Rates - General & Other		1,835	1,602
Council Rates Postponement Scheme		12	10
Accrued Revenues		95	122
Debtors - General		1,690	1,543
GST Recoupment		336	294
Prepayments		21	75
Sundry		21	20
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>4,010</b>	<b>3,666</b>
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts		(205)	(146)
<b>Total Trade &amp; Other Receivables</b>		<b>3,805</b>	<b>3,520</b>
<b>(c). Inventories</b>			
Stores & Materials		77	135
Trading Stock		23	20
<b>Total Inventories</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>155</b>

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## Note 6. Non-Current Assets

\$ '000	Notes	2019	2018
<b>(i) Inventories</b>			
Real Estate Developments		3,154	3,154
<b>Total Inventories</b>		<b>3,154</b>	<b>3,154</b>
<b>(ii) Other</b>			
Capital Works-in-Progress		1,376	324
<b>Total Other</b>		<b>1,376</b>	<b>324</b>
<b>Total Other Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>4,530</b>	<b>3,478</b>
Other disclosures			
<b>Real Estate Developments - Current &amp; Non-Current</b>			
(Valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value)			
Industrial & Commercial		3,154	3,154
<b>Total Real Estate for Resale</b>		<b>3,154</b>	<b>3,154</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Acquisition Costs		562	562
Development Costs		2,414	2,414
Finance Costs		178	178
<b>Total Real Estate of Resale</b>		<b>3,154</b>	<b>3,154</b>
<b>Apportionment of Real Estate Developments</b>			
Non-Current Assets		3,154	3,154
		<b>3,154</b>	<b>3,154</b>

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Note 7a (i). Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

	Fair Value Level	as at 30/6/2018				Asset Movements during the Reporting Period							as at 30/6/2019			
		At Fair Value	At Cost	Accumulated Dep'n	Carrying Value	New / Upgrade	Renewals	WDV of Asset Disposals	Depreciation Expense (Note 3c)	Adjustments & Transfers	Revaluation Decrements to Equity (ARR) (Note 9)	Revaluation Increments to Equity (ARR) (Note 9)	At Fair Value	At Cost	Accumulated Dep'n	Carrying Value
\$ '000																
Land	2	1,034	447	-	1,481	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,034	447	-	1,481
Land	3	29,533	-	-	29,533	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,533	-	-	29,533
Land Improvements	3	11,330	6,022	5,800	11,552	683	896	(527)	-	-	-	-	11,330	7,602	6,328	12,604
Buildings & Other Structures	2	5,901	88	507	5,482	-	113	(97)	-	-	-	-	5,901	200	603	5,498
Buildings & Other Structures	3	54,033	2,475	37,891	18,617	311	347	(861)	-	-	-	-	54,033	3,133	38,752	18,414
Infrastructure																
- Stormwater Drainage		34,755	550	14,645	20,660	-	-	-	-	-	(688)	-	35,250	-	15,663	19,587
- Irrigation Systems		-	8,839	725	8,114	21	-	(91)	-	-	-	-	8,861	817	8,044	
- Playgrounds		1,708	531	1,223	1,016	-	245	(137)	-	-	-	-	776	1,360	1,124	
- Street Furniture		920	1,121	837	1,204	43	107	(65)	-	-	-	-	1,271	902	1,289	
- Roads & Footpaths		214,950	8,049	98,145	124,854	270	3,941	(3,124)	-	(1,683)	29,006	-	4,212	76,614	152,739	
- Runway Assets		9,319	35	4,142	5,212	-	-	(163)	-	(1,007)	755	-	-	5,313	4,797	
Plant & Equipment		-	5,839	3,489	2,350	115	635	(47)	-	-	-	-	6,199	3,660	2,539	
Furniture & Fittings		-	4,247	2,900	1,347	89	-	(212)	-	-	-	-	4,326	3,104	1,222	
Landfill Assets		577	5,066	5,042	601	-	-	(199)	46	-	-	-	5,066	5,241	448	
Other Assets		-	4,026	3,389	637	-	67	(128)	-	-	-	-	4,094	3,518	576	
<b>Total Infrastructure, Property, Plant &amp; Equipment</b>		<b>364,060</b>	<b>47,335</b>	<b>178,735</b>	<b>232,660</b>	<b>1,532</b>	<b>6,351</b>	<b>(574)</b>	<b>(6,503)</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>(3,378)</b>	<b>29,761</b>	<b>375,583</b>	<b>46,187</b>	<b>161,875</b>	<b>259,895</b>
<b>Comparatives</b>		<b>365,641</b>	<b>42,662</b>	<b>173,857</b>	<b>234,446</b>	<b>1,106</b>	<b>3,875</b>	<b>(193)</b>	<b>(6,869)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>364,060</b>	<b>47,335</b>	<b>178,735</b>	<b>232,660</b>

Note 7a (ii). Investment Property

Nil



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### Note 7b. Valuation of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment & Investment Property (continued)

#### Valuation of Assets (continued)

##### Other Information

At 1 July 2004 upon the transition to AIFRS, Council elected pursuant to AASB 1.D5 to retain a previously established deemed cost under GAAP as its deemed cost. With subsequent addition at cost, this remains as the basis of recognition of non-material asset classes.

Upon revaluation, the current new replacement cost and accumulated depreciation are restated 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.

##### Highest and best use

All of Council's non financial assets are considered as being utilised for their highest and best use.

##### 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 shown by the valuation dates by individual asset classes below.

##### Land & Land Improvements

- Basis of valuation: Fair Value / Cost
- Date of valuation: 30 June 2014.
- Valuer: Opteon Pty Ltd and Tonkin Consulting

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

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

An internal desktop revaluation was performed as at 30 June 2016.

Level 3 classified land and land improvements assets relate to properties where there is an inability or restriction on Council to sell this asset in the open market.

All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.



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## Note 8. Liabilities

\$ '000	Notes	2019		2018	
		Current	Non Current	Current	Non Current
<b>(a). Trade and Other Payables</b>					
Goods & Services		2,947	-	1,643	-
Payments Received in Advance		27	-	81	-
Accrued Expenses - Employee Entitlements		147	-	166	-
Accrued Expenses - Other		114	-	24	-
Deposits, Retentions & Bonds		82	-	61	-
Other		10	-	10	-
<b>Total Trade and Other Payables</b>		<b>3,327</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,985</b>	<b>-</b>

**(b). Borrowings**

Loans		-	-	125	-
<b>Total Borrowings</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>-</b>

All interest bearing liabilities are secured over the future revenues of the Council

**(c). Provisions**

Employee Entitlements (including oncosts)		2,127	89	1,993	98
Future Jetty Expense		552	-	552	-
Landfill Capping and Closure		-	1,327	-	1,170
<b>Total Provisions</b>		<b>2,679</b>	<b>1,416</b>	<b>2,545</b>	<b>1,268</b>

## Note 9. Reserves

\$ '000	1/7/2018	Increments (Decrements)	Transfers	Impairments	30/6/2019
Land	16,925	-	-	-	16,925
Land Improvements	1,587	-	-	-	1,587
Buildings & Other Structures	14,918	-	-	-	14,918
- Stormwater Drainage	17,158	(688)	-	-	16,470
- Playgrounds	984	-	-	-	984
- Street Furniture	1,168	-	-	-	1,168
- Roads & Footpaths	134,637	27,323	-	-	161,960
- Runway Assets	10,083	(252)	-	-	9,831
<b>Total Asset Revaluation Reserve</b>	<b>197,460</b>	<b>26,383</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>223,843</b>
<b>Comparatives</b>	<b>197,174</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>197,460</b>

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## Note 9. Reserves (continued)

\$ '000	1/7/2018	Tfrs to Reserve	Tfrs from Reserve	Other Movements	30/6/2019
<b>(b). Other Reserves</b>					
Committed Funds Reserve	2,125	1,126	(1,369)	-	1,882
<b>Total Other Reserves</b>	<b>2,125</b>	<b>1,126</b>	<b>(1,369)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,882</b>
<b>Comparatives</b>	<b>1,296</b>	<b>1,704</b>	<b>(875)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,125</b>

## PURPOSES OF RESERVES

**Asset Revaluation Reserves**

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

**Committed Funds Reserve**

The committed funds reserve is used to record amounts committed for brought forward projects, unexpended grant funds and developer contributions.

## Note 10. Assets Subject to Restrictions

\$ '000	Notes	2019	2018
The uses of the following assets are restricted, wholly or partially, by legislation or other externally imposed requirements. The assets are required to be utilised for the purposes for which control was transferred to Council, or for which the revenues were originally obtained.			
<b>Cash &amp; Financial Assets</b>			
<b>Unexpended amounts received from Federal Government</b>			
Developer Contributions		126	398
Federal Government		101	-
State Government		1,655	1,727
<b>Total Cash &amp; Financial Assets</b>		<b>1,882</b>	<b>2,125</b>
<b>Total Assets Subject to Externally Imposed Restrictions</b>		<b>1,882</b>	<b>2,125</b>

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## Note 11. Reconciliation to Statement of Cash Flows

\$ '000	Notes	2019	2018
<b>(a). Reconciliation of Cash</b>			
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 Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:			
Total Cash & Equivalent Assets	5	5,827	3,646
<b>Balances per Statement of Cash Flows</b>		<b>5,827</b>	<b>3,646</b>

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

<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		<b>2,816</b>	<b>2,798</b>
Non-Cash Items in Income Statements			
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment		6,503	6,869
Grants for Capital Acquisitions (Treated as Investing Activity Receipts)		(1,527)	(1,681)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals		430	33
		<b>8,222</b>	<b>8,019</b>
<b>Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets</b>			
Net (Increase)/Decrease in Receivables		(344)	(88)
Change in Allowances for Under-Recovery of Receivables		(59)	(1)
Net (Increase)/Decrease in Inventories		55	3
Net (Increase)/Decrease in Other Current Assets		118	2
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Trade & Other Payables		(751)	310
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Unpaid Employee Benefits		125	(49)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Other Provisions		111	(96)
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations</b>		<b>7,477</b>	<b>8,100</b>

**(c). Financing Arrangements**

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

Bank Overdrafts	250	250
Corporate Credit Cards	37	37
LGFA Cash Advance Debenture Facility	12,000	12,000

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

Council also has immediate access to a short-term draw-down facility, and variable interest rate borrowings under a cash advance facility, both from the Local Government Finance Authority of SA.

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Note 12a. Functions

Functions/Activities	Income, Expenses and Assets have been directly attributed to the following Functions / Activities. Details of these Functions/Activities are provided in Note 12(b).									
	INCOME		EXPENSES		OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME		TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT & NON-CURRENT)	
	Actual 2019	Actual 2018	Actual 2019	Actual 2018	Actual 2019	Actual 2018	Actual 2019	Actual 2018	Actual 2019	Actual 2018
<b>\$ '000</b>										
Business Undertakings	99	67	83	81	16	(14)	-	-	34,167	34,167
Community Services	1,234	1,146	2,568	2,424	(1,334)	(1,278)	75	123	10,651	10,813
Culture	227	196	1,302	1,168	(1,075)	(972)	194	-	650	680
Economic Affairs	211	259	1,366	1,324	(1,155)	(1,065)	6	-	774	761
Environment	5,741	6,036	7,056	6,896	(1,315)	(860)	127	20	1,360	1,365
Sport & Recreation	238	176	3,420	3,583	(3,182)	(3,407)	-	142	23,425	22,012
Regulatory Services	325	360	1,757	1,580	(1,432)	(1,220)	-	27	130	136
Transport & Communication	2,149	2,154	6,864	7,283	(4,715)	(5,129)	1,234	1,198	181,712	155,075
Council Administration	21,698	20,665	5,787	5,570	15,911	15,095	4,101	3,913	21,288	18,450
<b>Total Functions/Activities</b>	<b>31,922</b>	<b>31,059</b>	<b>30,203</b>	<b>29,909</b>	<b>1,719</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>5,737</b>	<b>5,423</b>	<b>274,157</b>	<b>243,459</b>

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

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#### Note 12b. Components of Functions

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**The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:**

##### **BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS**

Property Portfolio, Private Works, Tourism, and Other Economic Development.

##### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Public Order and Safety, Crime Prevention, Emergency Services, Other Fire Protection, Other Public Order and Safety, Health Services, Pest Control - Health, Immunisation, Preventative Health Services, Other Health Services, Community Support, Home Assistance Scheme, Other Services for the Aged and Disabled, Child Care Centre, Children and Youth Services, Community Assistance, Family and Neighbourhood Support and Other Community Support. Community Amenities, Bus Shelters, Cemeteries/Crematoria, Public Conveniences, Car Parking – Non-Fee-Paying, Telecommunication Networks and Other Community Amenities.

##### **CULTURE**

Library Services, Mobile Libraries and Housebound Services, Other Library Services, Cultural Services and Venues, Heritage, Museums and Art Galleries, Other Cultural Services.

##### **ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

Employment Creation Programs, Regional Development, Support to Local Businesses, Other Economic Development.

##### **ENVIRONMENT**

Waste Management, Domestic Waste, Green Waste, Recycling, Transfer Stations, Waste Disposal Facility, Other Waste Management, Pest Control, Other Environment, Coastal Protection, Stormwater and Drainage, Street Cleaning, Street Lighting, Streetscaping, Natural Resource Management Levy and Other Environment.

##### **SPORT & RECREATION**

Jetties, Marine Facilities, Parks and Gardens, Marinas & Boat Harbours, Sports Facilities – Indoor, Sports Facilities - Outdoor, Swimming Centres - Indoors, Other Recreation and Sporting Facilities.

##### **REGULATORY SERVICES**

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

##### **TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION**

Aerodrome, Footpaths and Kerbing, Roads – Sealed, Roads – Formed, Roads – Natural Formed, Roads – Unformed, Traffic Management, LGGC – Roads (formula funded) and Other Transport.

##### **COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION**

Governance, Administration, N.E.C., Elected Members, Organisational, Support Services, Accounting / Finance, Payroll, Human Resources, Information Technology, Communication, Rates Administration, Records, Occupancy, Contract Management, Customer Service, Other Support Services, Revenues, LGGC – General Purpose, and Separate and Special Rates.

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Note 13. Financial Instruments

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**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.

**Terms & Conditions:**

Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 1.70% and 2.20% (2018: 1.95% and 2.35%). Short term deposits have an average maturity of 89 days and an average interest rate of 2.11% (2018: 91 days and 2.29%).

**Carrying Amount:**

Approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.

**Receivables**

**Rates & Associated Charges**

(including legals & penalties for late payment)

Note: These receivables do not meet the definition of "financial instruments" and have been excluded from the following disclosures.

**Accounting Policy:**

Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.

**Terms & Conditions:**

Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 6.35% (2018: 6.60%). Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Councils' boundaries in the State.

**Carrying Amount:**

Approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

**Receivables**

**Fees & Other Charges**

**Accounting Policy:**

Carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection in full is no longer probable.

**Terms & Conditions:**

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

**Carrying Amount:**

Approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

## The Corporation of the City of Whyalla

### Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019

#### Note 13. Financial Instruments (continued)

#### Recognised Financial Instruments

##### Receivables

##### Other Levels of Government

##### Accounting Policy:

Carried at nominal value.

##### Terms & Conditions:

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

##### Carrying Amount:

Approximates fair value.

##### Liabilities

##### Creditors and Accruals

##### Accounting Policy:

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

##### Terms & Conditions:

Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.

##### Carrying Amount:

Approximates fair value.

##### Liabilities

##### Interest Bearing Borrowings

##### Accounting Policy:

Carried at the principal amounts. Interest is charged as an expense as it accrues.

##### Terms & Conditions:

Secured over future revenues, borrowings are repayable as per repayment schedule: interest is charged at fixed or variable rates between 3.35% and 5.33% (2018: 3.60% and 5.33%).

##### Carrying Amount:

Approximates fair value.

##### Liabilities

##### Finance Leases

##### Accounting Policy:

Accounted for in accordance with AASB 117.



## The Corporation of the City of Whyalla

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements  
for the year ended 30 June 2019

## Note 14. Commitments for Expenditure

\$ '000	Notes	2019	2018
<b>(a). Capital Commitments</b>			
<b>Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:</b>			
Land Improvements		281	406
Buildings		167	230
Infrastructure		3,710	936
Plant & Equipment		-	9
Other		75	-
		<u>4,233</u>	<u>1,581</u>
<b>These expenditures are payable:</b>			
Not later than one year		4,233	1,581
Later than one year and not later than 5 years		-	-
Later than 5 years		-	-
		<u>4,233</u>	<u>1,581</u>
<b>(b). Other Expenditure Commitments</b>			
<b>Other expenditure committed for (excluding inventories) at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:</b>			
Audit Services		25	38
Waste Management Services		1,838	1,915
Other Maintenance Contracts		217	91
Other		618	662
		<u>2,698</u>	<u>2,706</u>
<b>These expenditures are payable:</b>			
Not later than one year		2,690	2,320
Later than one year and not later than 5 years		8	386
Later than 5 years		-	-
		<u>2,698</u>	<u>2,706</u>



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Note 15. Financial Indicators - Graphs (continued)

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Year	Ratio %									
2017	10%									
2018	4%									
2019	5%									
<p><b>2. Net Financial Liabilities Ratio</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Ratio %</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2017</td> <td>11%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2018</td> <td>-4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2019</td> <td>-7%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	Ratio %	2017	11%	2018	-4%	2019	-7%	<p><b>Purpose of Net Financial Liabilities Ratio</b></p> <p>This indicator shows the significance of the net amount owed to others, compared to operating revenue</p>	<p><b>Commentary on 2018/19 Result</b></p> <p><b>2018/19 Ratio -7%</b></p> <p>In accordance with Councils' Treasury Management Policy, loan borrowings are reduced when cash flow is favourable. The reduction in this ratio is due to a decrease in loan borrowings mainly attributed to positive cash flow associated with the advance payment of financial assistance grants and carry forward of capital expenditure.</p>
Year	Ratio %									
2017	11%									
2018	-4%									
2019	-7%									
<p><b>Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Ratio %</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2017</td> <td>3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2018</td> <td>4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2019</td> <td>4%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	Ratio %	2017	3%	2018	4%	2019	4%	<p><b>Purpose of Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio</b></p> <p>This indicator is to determine the percentage the operating revenue (adjusted for timing differences in the Financial Assistance Grant) varies from operating expenditure</p>	<p><b>Commentary on 2018/19 Result</b></p> <p><b>2018/19 Ratio 4%</b></p> <p>Operating revenue has increased in waste management fees and other income. This is offset by increased wages and other expenditure including waste management and energy costs. This ratio also removes the effects of receiving advance financial assistance grant payments.</p>
Year	Ratio %									
2017	3%									
2018	4%									
2019	4%									
<p><b>3. Asset Renewal Funding Ratio</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Ratio %</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2017</td> <td>50%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2018</td> <td>65%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2019</td> <td>85%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	Ratio %	2017	50%	2018	65%	2019	85%	<p><b>Purpose of Asset Renewal Funding Ratio</b></p> <p>This indicator aims to determine if assets are being renewed and replaced in an optimal way</p>	<p><b>Commentary on 2018/19 Result</b></p> <p><b>2018/19 Ratio 85%</b></p> <p>Councils' Asset Renewal Funding Ratio has increased by 5%. A ratio lower than 95% may indicate that Council is not sufficiently maintaining, replacing or renewing existing infrastructure assets which may create a 'renewal backlog', resulting in a reduction in the service levels and/or useful lives previously expected.</p>
Year	Ratio %									
2017	50%									
2018	65%									
2019	85%									

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements  
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## Note 16. Uniform Presentation of Finances

\$ '000	2019	2018
<p>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.</p> <p>All Councils in South Australia have agreed to summarise annual budgets and long-term financial plans on the same basis.</p> <p>The arrangements ensure that all Councils provide a common 'core' of financial information, which enables meaningful comparisons of each Council's finances.</p>		
Income	31,922	31,059
less Expenses	(30,203)	(29,909)
<b>Operating Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>1,719</b>	<b>1,150</b>
<b>Net Outlays on Existing Assets</b>		
Capital Expenditure on Renewal and Replacement of Existing Assets	(4,672)	(3,981)
<i>add back</i> Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	6,503	6,869
<i>add back</i> Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	144	64
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,975</b>	<b>2,952</b>
<b>Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets</b>		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets (including Investment Property & Real Estate Developments)	(2,191)	(1,106)
<i>add back</i> Amounts Received Specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	1,527	1,681
<i>add back</i> Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets (including Investment Property, Real Estate Developments and Non-Current Assets Held for Resale)	-	96
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>(664)</b>	<b>671</b>
<b>Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year</b>	<b>3,030</b>	<b>4,773</b>

## The Corporation of the City of Whyalla

### Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019

#### Note 17. Operating Leases

\$ '000	2019	2018
<b>Leases Providing Revenue to the Council</b>		
<p>Council owns various buildings, plant and other facilities that are available for hire or lease (on a non-cancellable basis wherever practicable) in accordance with the published revenue policy. Rentals received from such leases are disclosed as rent and hire of non-investment property in Note 2.</p>		
<b>(i) Investment Property</b>		
<p>Rentals received, and outgoings reimbursed, in relation to Investment Property are also disclosed in Note 2. These lease agreements, all of which are classified as operating leases, are made on a non-cancellable basis wherever practicable.</p>		
<b>Leases commitments under all non-cancellable lease agreements, including those relating to Investment Property, are as follows:</b>		
Not later than one year	112	230
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	157	143
Later than 5 years	392	129
	<u>661</u>	<u>502</u>

#### Note 18. Superannuation

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

##### Accumulation only Members

Accumulation only members receive both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are based on a fixed percentage of ordinary time earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation (9.50% in 2018/19; 9.50% in 2017/18). No further liability accrues to the Council as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the Fund.

##### Salarylink (Defined Benefit Fund) Members

Salarylink is a defined benefit scheme where the benefit payable is based on a formula determined by the members' contribution rate, number of years and level of contribution and final average salary. Council makes employer contributions to Salarylink as determined by the Fund's Trustee based on advice from the appointed Actuary. The rate is currently 6.3% (6.3% in 2017/18) of "superannuation" salary.



## The Corporation of the City of Whyalla

### Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

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#### Note 21. Contingencies & Assets/Liabilities Not Recognised in the Balance Sheet

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The following assets and liabilities do not qualify for recognition in the Balance Sheet, 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.

At reporting date, Council controlled 350 km of road reserves of average width 20 metres.

##### 2. POTENTIAL INSURANCE LOSSES

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

Council insures against all known insurable risks using a range of insurance policies, each of which is subject to deductible "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 reporting date.

##### 3. BANK GUARANTEES

Council has no bank guarantees.

##### 4. LEGAL MATTERS

Council is the planning consent authority for its area under the Development Act 1993 (as amended). 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 no notice of appeals against planning decisions made prior to reporting date. All known costs have been recognised, but the amount of further costs cannot be known until the appeals are determined.

Council is responsible for the operations of the Mount Laura and, previously, the Newton Street landfill sites. The cost of Councils' obligations in relation to the Mount Laura site has been included in Note 8. The Newton Street site is monitored and costs are expensed on an annual basis. Requirements for future restorations have not been identified as at 30 June 2019. If applicable, once identified, the amount will be included and amortised on an annual basis.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements  
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Note 22. Events after the Balance Sheet Date

Events that occur after the reporting date of 30 June 2019, up to and including the date when the financial statements are "authorised for issue" have been taken into account in preparing these statements.

Council has adopted the date of receipt of the Certification of Financial Statements as the appropriate "authorised for issue" date relating to these General Purpose Financial Statements.

Accordingly, the "authorised for issue" date is 06/11/19.

**Council is unaware of any material or significant "non adjusting events" that should be disclosed.**

Note 23. Related Party Transactions

\$ '000	2019	2018
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**Key Management Personnel**

**Transactions with Key Management Personnel**

The key management personnel of the Council include the Mayor, Councillors, CEO and certain prescribed officers under section 112 of the *Local Government Act 1999*. In all 30 persons were paid the following total compensation:

**The compensation paid to Key Management Personnel comprises:**

Short-Term Employee Benefits	2,035	1,692
Post-Employment Benefits	143	221
Long-Term Benefits	7	9
Termination Benefits	106	349
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,291</b>	<b>2,271</b>

**Receipts from Key Management Personnel comprise:**

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

Planning and Building Application Fees	2	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

Two key management personnel and relatives own retail businesses from which various supplies were purchased as required either for cash or on 30 day account. Purchases from both individual business exceeded \$5,000 during the year.

Three close family members of key management personnel are employed by Council in accordance with the terms of the Award, and as recorded in the public Register of Salaries maintained in accordance with section 105 of the Local Government Act 1999.

Two key management personnel or close family members (including related parties) lodged a total of two Planning and Building applications during the year. In accordance with the Local Government Act 1999, these persons declared conflicts of interest and took no part in the assessment or approval processes for these applications.

Two planning and building approvals, with and without conditions, was granted during the year. Total fees for these applications (all of which are payable on lodgement) amounted to \$635.



# Ian G McDonald FCA

## The Corporation of the City of Whyalla Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the attached financial statements, being a general purpose financial report of The Corporation of the City of Whyalla (Council) for the year ended 30 June 2019.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of the Council are properly drawn up:

- a) to present fairly the financial position of the Council as at the 30 June 2019 and the results of its operations for the period then ended, and;
- b) according to Australian Accounting Standards.

### Basis for Opinion

For the audit of the Council we have maintained our independence in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 Section 290. We believe that the audit evidence that we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Other Information – Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared to assist the council to meet the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 together with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the members.

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Report

The Board of Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial report in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 together with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the schedule is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement in the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation of the financial report 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 association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

Ian G McDonald FCA  
Registered Company Auditor 16458

Signed at Grange this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019

# Ian G McDonald FCA

## Independent Assurance Report on the Internal Controls of The Corporation of the City of Whyalla

We have audited the compliance of The Corporation of the City of Whyalla (Council) with 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 2018 to 30 June 2019 have been conducted properly and in accordance with law.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the Council has complied, in all material respects, with *Section 125* of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation to Internal Controls established by the Council in relation 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 2018 to 30 June 2019.

### Basis for Opinion

For the audit of the Council we have maintained our independence in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 Section 290. We believe that the audit evidence that we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Limitation on Use

This report has been prepared for the members of the Council in accordance with *Section 129* 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.

### Inherent Limitations

Due to the inherent limitations of any compliance procedure, it is possible that fraud, error or non-compliance may occur and not be detected. A reasonable assurance engagement is not designed to detect all instances of non-compliance with *Section 125* of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation to the Internal Controls specified above, as the engagement is not performed continuously throughout the period and the procedures performed in respect of compliance with *Section 125* of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation to the Internal Controls specified above are undertaken on a test basis.

### 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* in relation to Internal Controls 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 Responsibility

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. Our engagement has been conducted in accordance with applicable *Australian Standards on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3100 Compliance Engagements*, issued by the *Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board*, in order to state whether, in all material respects, the Council has complied with *Section 125* of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the Internal Controls specified above for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019. *ASAE 3100* also requires us to comply with the relevant ethical requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

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

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



Ian G McDonald FCA  
Chartered Accountant  
Registered Company Auditor 16458

Signed at Grange this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019

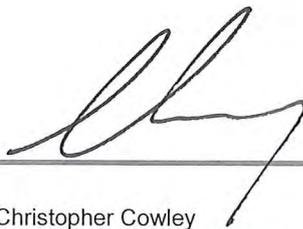
## The Corporation of the City of Whyalla

General Purpose Financial Statements  
for the year ended 30 June 2019

### Certification of Auditor Independence

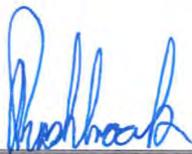
To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of The Corporation of the City of Whyalla for the year ended 30 June 2019, the Council's Auditor, has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

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



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Christopher Cowley  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



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Alan Rushbrook  
**PRESIDING MEMBER, AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Date: 28 October 2019

Ian G McDonald FCA



## The Corporation of the City of Whyalla

### ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 30 June 2019

#### STATEMENT BY AUDITOR

We confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of The Corporation of the City of Whyalla for the year ended 30 June 2019, we have maintained our independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Section 290, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Ian G McDonald'.

**Ian G McDonald FCA**

Date 18 September 2019



EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

# *Annual Report* *2018/19*







## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This annual report details the last 12 months activity undertaken by the EPLGA, its financial accounts, and operative regional collaborative partnerships. There has been much attention Local government in the last twelve months, with both sides of State Parliament challenging councils and communities to look at areas of potential legislative and operational reform.

The Eyre Peninsula councils are also being challenged to look outside their traditional core business range.

Regional health needs will continue to be an area of focus for our communities, especially around attraction and retention of medical professionals such as GPs and nurses. Our councils are being asked by their communities to take a lead role in this area.

A changing freight dynamic has also been prominent for the Eyre Peninsula with the closure of the EP Rail network in May 2019. Along with this, there is also a need for councils to be proactive and aware of potential changes which might happen with a number of different export port proposals.

The continuing financial challenges of regional councils mean that the EPLGA members will continue to look at innovative ways to deliver services and infrastructure to their communities. This will mean the potential for shared or joint services between councils around some of the core business of councils could be more developed.

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

- *Advocacy (and Representation) – the EPLGA being the principal regional advocate for Local Government in the region*
- *Governance – continuing to ensure that our business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards*
- *Member Services – the EPLGA to continuing to provide member support services as they are needed*

The EPLGA is a very important conduit between its member councils and the LGA of SA, with the potential for close collaboration to help deliver outcomes for our communities. The advocacy to both State and Federal governments will also be very important, with the need to maximise funding and partnership opportunities.

The vision and goal of the EPLGA continues to be to **'enable Eyre Peninsula councils to excel, innovate, and thrive'**, and it has never been more important to the region than now. The region has many emerging opportunities to enhance its governance through cooperation, collaboration and strong leadership

The next twelve months is going to see many developing opportunities as well as the need for change, and we need strong leadership throughout that time. Collaboration and partnerships are key to the longevity and strength of the EPLGA and its member councils. Examples of areas for such collaboration are environment, water, planning, transport and infrastructure, health, agriculture, and tourism policies. In addition, it will be important to have strong representation to the State Parliament around the potential local government reforms, and any impacts they may have on our member councils.

As President of the EPLGA I look forward to leading my fellow EPLGA Board members in recognising the opportunities to be innovative and forward-thinking as a region. It will require the EPLGA Board and member Councils to have strong and accountable leadership, driving the opportunities for change while balancing the strengths which we already have as organisations and a region. This leadership and representation throughout our communities and with other levels of government will mean that the Eyre Peninsula will continue to add to its many strengths in the years to come.

**MAYOR SAM TELFER**



## THE REGION - Snapshot

### Regional Population and Local Government

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

The regional Local Government area population of 54,288 (ABS 2006 Census), 55,654 (ABS 2011 Census) and 55,919 (ABS 2016 Census) comprises about 3.5% of the South Australian population. These people reside in the eleven Council districts, which collectively occupy 43,779km<sup>2</sup> or about 19% of the regional land mass. Most of the population (about 64%) live in the regional cities of Whyalla and Port Lincoln.

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

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

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

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

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



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

### Population Ageing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Regional Economic Snapshot

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

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

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



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

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

### *Regional Economic Summary*

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

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

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

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

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

## MEMBER COUNCILS 2018/2019

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



## THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES/ APPOINTMENTS

### *EPLGA Board Executive:*

<b>President</b>	Mayor Sam Telfer	DC Tumby Bay
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	Mayor Travis Barber (In absence of Mayor Bruce Green - did not stand for election)	DC Streaky Bay
<b>Deputy President</b>	Mayor Claire McLaughlin	City of Whyalla
<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>	Mrs Deb Larwood	DC Kimba

The President (LGA Board and SAROC), Deputy President (Proxy LGA Board), Mayor Johnson (Second SAROC Representative due to Mayor McLaughlin being an Upper Spencer Gulf LGA representative on SAROC) were the nominated representatives to the LGA

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

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Council</b>
Manager Corporate Services	George Karzis *	DC Elliston
Mayor	Dean Johnson	DC Kimba
Works Manager	Lyndon Keane	DC Kimba
Councillor	Newton Luscombe	Wudinna DC
CEO	Trevor Smith	DC Tumby Bay
CEO	Chris Cowley	City of Whyalla
Councillor	David Knox	City of Whyalla
CEO	Peter Arnold	DC Cleve
Councillor	Chris Tarran	DC Cleve
Ex-Councillor	Diana Laube	DC Lower Eyre Peninsula
Ex-Councillor	Don Millard	DC Lower Eyre Peninsula
Ex-Councillor	Julie Low	DC Lower Eyre Peninsula
Councillor	Steve Woolley	DC Lower Eyre Peninsula
Councillor	Geoff Bayly **	DC Lower Eyre Peninsula

*George Karzis since resigned due to resignation from DC Elliston  
Geoff Bayly deceased*

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

### **Chief Executive Officers Committee:**

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





### Other Regional Organisations:

#### Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula Inc:

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

#### Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board:

Mr Geoffrey Moffatt	- CEO, DC Ceduna
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(This position was wound during the period up due to the transition to the new Landscapes Board Model)

#### Zone Emergency Management Committee:

Mayor Brad Flaherty (Presiding Member)	- City of Port Lincoln
Tony Irvine, Executive Officer	- EPLGA

One Staff member from each member Council

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

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

#### Eyre Peninsula Integrated Climate Change Sector Agreement Steering Committee:

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

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

Mayor Sam Telfer	- President, EPLGA
Tony Irvine	- Executive Officer, EPLGA

### EPLGA Board Members 2018/19

Under the terms of the EPLGA Charter, the following Board appointments were current as at 30 June 2019.

MEMBER COUNCIL	BOARD MEMBER	DEPUTY BOARD MEMBER
Ceduna	Perry Will (Mayor)	Ian Bergmann (D/Mayor)
Cleve	Phil Cameron (Mayor)	Robert Quinn (D/Mayor)
Elliston	Malcolm Hancock (Mayor)	Peter Hitchcock (D/Mayor)
Franklin Harbour	Robert Walsh (Mayor)	Daven Wagner (D/Mayor)
Kimba	Dean Johnson (Mayor)	Megan Lienert (D/Mayor)
Lower Eyre Peninsula	Jo-Anne Quigley (Mayor)	Peter Mitchell (D/Mayor)
Port Lincoln	Brad Flaherty (Mayor)	Faye Davis (D/Mayor)
Streaky Bay	Travis Barber (Mayor)	Philip Wheaton (D/Mayor)
Tumby Bay	Sam Telfer (Mayor)	Robert Randall (D/Mayor)
Whyalla	Clare McLaughlin (Mayor)	Rick Santucci (D/Mayor)
Wudinna	Eleanor Scholz (Mayor)	Ned Luscombe (D/Mayor)





## REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2018/19

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

- › Natural Resources Management – joint partnership planning, delivery of services.
- › Regional Recognition/Lobbying – ongoing on various matters as they arise.
- › Mining and Impacts – continuation of the taskforce activities – but Taskforce did not meet.
- › Emergency Management – regional planning and Council planning, followed by implementation.
- › Development, Planning and Infrastructure Act Reform.
- › Coastal Access issues, development of a Coastal Alliance – state-wide.
- › Various roads and waste issues – regional road strategy review.
- › Regional Strategy for LGA – decentralisation and election lobbying.
- › Regional Capacity Funding – General funding and Rubble Royalties.
- › Marine Infrastructure Planning – DPTI, jetty leases, etc.
- › SAROC – meetings and regional Executive Officers’ meetings.
- › LGA Governance/Reform – Councils of the Future.
- › Mobile phone black spots - applications.
- › Water planning – state of the resource, etc.
- › Energy planning – resulting from blackouts – renewables, transmission upgrade consultation, hydrogen trial plant, etc.
- › Regional planning – JPB, RDAWEP, EPNRM, DPTI, etc.
- › Financial assistance and supplementary road funding – ongoing issues of South Australia’s injustice.
- › Health – local sub-regional issues, public health planning, doctors shortages etc.
- › Outreach Services (last year of this LGA Contract):
  - Regional Procurement;
  - CEO’s Committee;
  - Engineering & Works Committee;
  - Regional training and seminars delivery;
  - Shared Services – DPTI pilot; and
  - Long term financial planning;
- › Roadside Native Vegetation – regional planning and management issues.
- › Tourism – RDAWEP - restructure to sub-regional groups, Food and Tourism Prospectus, RV, Coastal Access and Caravan Strategy, Eyes on Eyre etc.
- › Aged Care at the local Council level – Council’s role.
- › NHVR impacts on farm machinery movements.
- › Transport Plan and SLRP prioritisation and funding applications.
- › Oil and gas exploration in the Great Australian Bight.
- › Eyre Peninsula railway closure
- › Joint submissions with RDAWEP on various issues.





	Module 1 – Introduction to Local Government	26-Nov-18	25
	Module 2 - Legal Responsibilities	26-Nov-18	25
	Module 3 – Council & Committee Meetings	21-Feb-19	22
	Module 4 - Financial Management and Reporting	21-Feb-19	24
	Project Management for Council Staff	8-Apr-19	19
District Council of Tumby Bay	Chain of Responsibility (CoR) and Load Restraint Training	2-Aug-18	13
Wudinna District Council	Incident Management 3 (IM3)	24-Sep-18	10
	Local Government Liaison Officer Workshop (LGLO)	25-Sep-18	6
	i-Responda Essentials	26-Sep-18	11

A total of 311 participants involved in regional training.

### CORPORATE PLAN 2016 – 19

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

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

To avoid confusion between the Business Plan prepared by respective Councils, the EPLGA uses the term ‘Management Plan or Corporate Plan’. The Management Plan is for the period 2016 – 2019 and reviewed annually, incorporating an updated annual work plan and budget for the current year. It also includes the current strategic directions of the EPLGA for that period. Each year through the Annual Business Plan process the Corporate Plan Strategies and Actions are refined to those still outstanding or ongoing strategies and actions.

### MANAGEMENT PLAN PERFORMANCE FOR 2017 – 18

#### Goal Area 1.1 Advocacy and Representation

##### Core Activities

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

##### Comments:

*Advocacy and representation is demonstrated through lobbying of other levels of government, which occurs as and when needed and often through the SAROC, LGA Board and in collaboration with the other regional organisations. The main issue is representing and strengthening common values of members is getting 11 Councils to be 1 voice. Matters requiring lobbying this financial year included (but not limited to such)*

- *Health – Doctors and professional health shortages and issues*
- *New deep sea port for Eyre Peninsula*
- *Railway Closure*





## Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association

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

### **Comments:**

***All core activities are being met with significant success in these activities such as training at a regional level which brings considerable savings to individual Councils.***

### **Strategic Actions**

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

### **Comments:**

***Mining taskforce did not meet this financial year as it is planned for the RDAWEP to continue this role on behalf of the EPLGA rather than there be duplication of effort.***

***A regional value statement of the EPLGA is produced at this time of the year and distributed.***

***Shared procurement services is difficult in such a large region, however the City of port Lincoln is trailing the use of LG procurement for all their council requirements. This has the potential for further roll out through out the region.***

***With the railway closure and proposed or actual new port developments the roads strategy is under going a serious review with 'what if' scenarios being included.***

***Regional communications with Councils and other groups is mainly carried out through emails, media releases, staff meetings etc.***

***RDAWEP and the EPNRM Board have, over the last 12 months, worked with the EPLGA and member Councils to add value to regional projects like Eyes on Eyre, where all parties benefit.***

***Again the staff regional committees assist in developing and refining regional strategy recommendation to the EPLGA Board.***

## **Goal Area 1.4 Outreach Services**

### **Core Activities**

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

### **Comments:**

***All of the above is compliant but will cease in the current format as at 30 June 2019.***





**USE OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

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





INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF  
EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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To the members of Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association,

*Report on the financial report*

We have audited the accompanying financial reports, being a special purpose financial report, of Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association, for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

*The responsibility of the members of the Board for the financial report*

The members of the Board are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Board's responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

*Auditor's responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian auditing standards. These auditing standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report 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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the members of Board, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Board's financial reporting responsibilities under the Local Government Act 1999. We

*(Liability limited by a scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation)*





**EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
30TH JUNE 2019**

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EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2019

	2019	2018
	NOTE \$	\$
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	227,030	14,282
Extraordinary Items	-	-
<b><u>TOTAL NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</u></b>	<b>227,030</b>	<b>14,282</b>
Surplus Funds at July 1	240,526	226,244
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	467,556	240,526
<b><u>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</u></b> <b><u>AT 30TH JUNE, 2019</u></b>	<b>\$ 467,556</b>	<b>\$ 240,526</b>

*(The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements)*



## EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 30TH JUNE, 2019**

	2019	2018
	NOTE	
	\$	\$
<b><u>EQUITY</u></b>		
Accumulated Surplus	\$ 467,556	\$ 240,526
REPRESENTED BY		
<b><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>		
Cash at Bank	6 513,446	281,322
Income Accrued	1,474	1,669
GST Receivable	826	12,884
Prepayments	455	3,781
<b><u>TOTAL ASSETS</u></b>	<b>516,201</b>	<b>299,656</b>
<b><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>		
Sundry Creditors	7 3,828	3,836
Creditors	2,196	5,403
Unspent Project Funds	8 -	10,801
Provision for Holiday Pay	16,883	16,412
Prov'n for Long Service Leave	9 25,738	22,678
	48,645	59,130
<b><u>NET ASSETS</u></b>	<b>\$ 467,556</b>	<b>\$ 240,526</b>

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.*



## EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2019

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared for use by Board and members of the association. The Board has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.
2. The financial report has been prepared on historical cost basis and does not take into account changing money values or except where stated current valuations of non-current assets. The statements are prepared on an accruals basis.
3. Provision is made in respect of the association's liability for annual and long service leave at balance date. Long service leave is accrued from an employee's start date. Leave provision is based on current wages as at reporting date, and does not include on-costs.

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
<b><u>NOTE 2 - Grants Received</u></b>		
LGA of SA - Outreach Service	25,000	50,000
LGA of SA - Regional Capacity	200,413	120,598
	<u>\$ 225,413</u>	<u>\$ 170,598</u>

<b><u>NOTE 3 - Project Income - EP Councils</u></b>		
Emergency Management Planning	\$ 5,680	\$ 5,680

<b><u>NOTE 4 - Membership Fees</u></b>		
District Council of Ceduna	16,308	15,142
District Council of Cleve	13,738	13,009
District Council of Elliston	12,788	12,045
District Council of Franklin Harbour	12,409	12,209
District Council of Kimba	12,575	12,075
Wudinna District Council	12,764	12,256
District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula	18,469	16,985
District Council of Streaky Bay	14,666	13,704
District Council of Tumby Bay	15,207	14,115
City of Whyalla	36,063	35,304
City of Port Lincoln	28,306	27,184
	<u>\$ 193,293</u>	<u>\$ 184,028</u>



## EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2019

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
<b><u>NOTE 5 - Project Expenditure</u></b>	3,169	-
Unspent Funds at 1 July	(10,801)	(92,210)
Committee & Working Group Mtg	8,247	3,777
Emergency Management Planning	3,781	4,042
EP Integrated Climate Change Agreement Program	-	7,683
Mining Taskforce	495	25,109
CORES EP	2,276	6,828
Coast & Wayfind Assess Project	-	35,000
LIDAR Project	-	90,000
Regional Governance-JPB Pilot	1,779	8,161
Regional HML Signage Project	-	35,250
Regional Roads Strategy	28	8,538
Unspent Funds at 30 June	-	10,801
	<b>\$ 8,974</b>	<b>\$ 142,979</b>
 <b><u>NOTE 6 - Cash at Bank</u></b>		
BankSA Society Cheque Account	16,460	42,782
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	162,198	158,845
LGFA	334,788	79,695
	<b>\$ 513,446</b>	<b>\$ 281,322</b>
 <b><u>NOTE 7 - Sundry Creditors</u></b>		
PAYG Withheld	2,604	2,612
Superannuation	1,224	1,224
	<b>\$ 3,828</b>	<b>\$ 3,836</b>
 <b><u>NOTE 8 - Unspent Project Funds</u></b>		
Cores - EP	-	2,236
CWMS Group	-	8,565
	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 10,801</b>
 <b><u>NOTE 9 - Prov'n for Long Service Leave</u></b>		
District Council of Tumby Bay	6,562	6,562
Eyre Peninsula Local Govt. Association	19,176	16,116
	<b>\$ 25,738</b>	<b>\$ 22,678</b>



EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

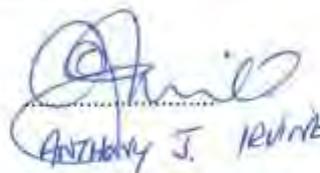
BOARD CERTIFICATE

The Board have determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The Board of the association declares that:

- 1 the financial statements and notes present fairly the association's financial position as at 30th June 2019 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements;
- 2 in the Board's opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board:

signed	 .....	 ..... ANTHONY J. IRVINE
position	PRESIDENT SAM TELFER .....	EXECUTIVE OFFICER .....

Dated this 6th day of SEPTEMBER 2019.







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