



WHYALLA

THE CORPORATION OF
THE CITY OF WHYALLA

ANNUAL REPORT

2017/2018





ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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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CEO'S MESSAGE

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the Whyalla City Council's Annual Report 2017-2018.

I have been a part of the Whyalla Council team for the past one and a half years and have enjoyed this time working with, and surrounded by, experienced, hard-working and community driven colleagues.

When I first arrived the city was experiencing hard economic times. I have been privileged to be a part of a community which has remained positive and confident in its ability to deliver improvements as part of its endeavours to enhance the total quality of life for its residents.

We are now experiencing strong, optimistic and confident changes within the community.

The foremost story of the year was of course the purchase of the Whyalla Steelworks and mining operations by the international conglomerate GFG Alliance.

This announcement has without a doubt given Whyalla the opportunity to continue and grow with assurance into the future.

Council welcomed Becker Helicopters into the city in early 2018. This business is to establish a commercial and flight training operation over the next 12-24 months and Whyalla was viewed as the perfect location for the business to grow and expand.

Solar energy plays a vital part in the regeneration of the city. The

opening of Stage 1 of a 3 Stage SSE Solar Project in January 2018 and the recent launch of SIMEC ZEN Energy US\$1 billion nationwide renewable energy program are signs of Whyalla becoming an industrial powerhouse while being driven by a renewable energy focus.

In July of this year I was a part of a Council delegation to visit China to meet with multiple Chinese companies to discuss potential investment in the city.

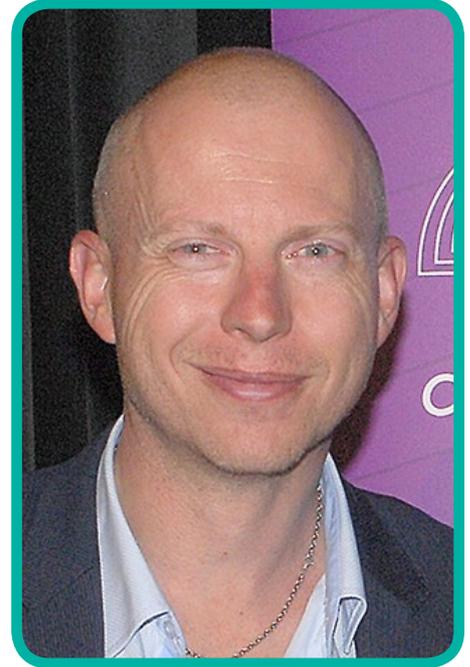
This delegation proved to be very worthwhile and as recently as September 2018 Whyalla has reciprocated by hosting a Chinese delegation of business and government officials to the city to give representatives a first-hand understanding of what the region has to offer.

Locally, Council has been determined to provide its residents with a livable city.

In November 2017 Council commenced the renewal of Wilson Park. This included an upgrade to playground equipment, construction of two tennis courts and one basketball court, laying of turf and finally the construction of a very popular skate park.

This project has been extremely popular with residents and visitors alike and I am enormously proud to have been associated with the Council crew who worked tirelessly on this development.

Whyalla's wishes were granted with Council approval for an



exciting new jetty design. From the outcome of the rigorous public consultation process undertaken and Elected Member's support, there was a resounding vote of confidence for an innovative design which consists of a 145m long 4m wide structure with a large platform at the end and an additional 145m circle in the second half of the jetty.

This exciting new concept jetty is a fantastic result for Whyalla and when completed will become a tourist magnet for the city.

In closing, I would also like to take the opportunity to acknowledge and thank the staff, Mayor and Elected Member body for their ongoing support, without which none of our achievements would have been possible.

Chris Cowley
CEO

OUR CITY

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, Santos producing 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 includes Eight Mile Creek and extends south of the city to Murninnie Beach and north of the Point Lowly shacks to the Army boundary fence.

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

LOOKING BACK 2017/2018

2017/2018 Reflection. Major Capital Works Projects included:

Leisure Centre

\$130,000 upgrade of main swimming pool.

Stormwater

The drain adjacent to the Lincoln Highway and the mouth of the drain were cleaned to ensure that the drain is capable of handling a large amount of stormwater.

1.07 km of kerbing was replaced to improve stormwater drainage \$240,000.

Roads

Road re-seal program \$3,452,000, 21.3km of road re-sealed as per Asset Management Plan. Unsealed roads \$200,000, seal 2km on Fitzgerald Bay Road.

Footpath & Bicycle paths

Footpaths upgrades \$125,000, 1.15 km upgrade of existing bitumen footpaths and bicycle path extension \$106,000. Extension of the existing bicycle path network.

Street directional signage

\$50,000 to improve accessibility to the City of Whyalla.

Parks & Gardens

Ada Ryan Gardens \$174,000 resurfacing of tennis courts and installation of LED lighting system.

Wilson Park \$664,000, resurfacing tennis courts and electrical system, concrete seats and shelter, play park and concrete scooter track, grass complete with irrigation, skate bowl with solar lights and an upgrade of the barbeque hotplates.

Travers Street Reserve \$108,000 new play equipment, furniture, half basketball court and general upgrade of the area.

Field Street reserve \$85,000 new play equipment, furniture, and general upgrade of the area.

Ada Ryan Garden \$165,000 new play equipment,

upgrade of the existing toilet.

Waste Management

Landfill \$100,000 capping of cell.

Marine & Foreshore facilities

Whyalla Jetty expansion \$2.5m (net), the new jetty to have a circular section as per the outcome of public engagement.

Marina breakwater \$150,000 strengthening of the existing breakwater with new 4 tonne boulders.

Foreshore beach sand replacement \$40,000, to maintain a usable beach and to protect the seawall.

Cuttlefish Drive \$160,000, construction of toilet at the cuttlefish diving site.

Council also undertook a number of community projects that supported open space and recreation planning, building improvements and community wellbeing.

Photography by Trentino



MEASURING OUR PERFORMANCE

OUR PLACES

our natural and built environment supports the economic, social and physical need of the city.

Description	Action	Outcome
To create a city that is attractive and showcases our natural and built assets.	Upgrade the entrances to Whyalla to create an inviting, modern, visual impression for visitors arriving in the city.	Completed by 30 June 2019
To create a city that is attractive and showcases our natural and built assets.	Complete Signage Masterplan for Whyalla.	Completed by 30 June 2019
To protect our natural environment, minimise our ecological footprint and the impact of environmental issues on the City.	In partnership with EPNRM, actively promote, rehabilitate and conserve our natural environment and coastal areas.	Ongoing

OUR PEOPLE

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

Description	Action	Outcome
Unearth community pride within the city.	Regularly inform the community of council activities, decisions and actions. Promote positive stories, positive image. Articulate the positive approach the city takes. Social media, real time posts.	Updates via newsletters, Facebook and council website.
To create a vibrant, diverse, actively engaged community with a sense of belonging.	Encourage the participation of our youth in our city by providing opportunities for leadership, social, community and economic participation.	Continue youth council, youth week events and ongoing support for youth activities.
To improve the safety, health & wellbeing of our community.	Focus on the next stage of Living Well Aged and Disability Care Masterplan, with the goal of becoming recognised as the world's first Disability Friendly City.	Implement Aged and Disability Masterplan.



OUR IMAGE

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

Description	Action	Outcome
Instil community pride.	Continue to promote re-branding of Whyalla as per plan.	Ongoing
To create an attractive city for the community, visitors and potential investors.	Complete median strategy	Ongoing
To create an attractive city for the community, visitors and potential investors.	Complete Mayor Keith Wilson Park upgrade.	Completed by 30 June 2018



OUR FUTURE

we celebrate a culture of opportunity with a local and regional focus.

Description	Action	Outcome
To create a diversified, sustainable and economically competitive city that leverages the economic potential of Eyre Peninsula and the Upper Spencer Gulf Region (USG).	Expand the visitor experience through the development of new and diverse tourism products in line with the Northern Coastline Masterplan.	Ongoing
To create a diversified, sustainable and economically competitive city that leverages the economic potential of Eyre Peninsula and the Upper Spencer Gulf Region (USG).	Focus on increasing Whyalla City Council participation and collaboration with Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula (RDAWEP), Spencer Gulf Cities, to ensure we generate more outcomes for Whyalla.	Ongoing
To create a diversified, sustainable and economically competitive city that leverages the economic potential of Eyre Peninsula and the Upper Spencer Gulf Region (USG).	Seek to grow the economic benefit of increased defence activity in the region.	Ongoing



Key Financial Indicators

In accordance with Section 122 of the Local Government (Financial Management and Rating) Amendment Act 2005, Council is required to introduce measures to assess its performance over the financial year. The table below sets out those measures that provide a reliable means of assessing our performance. At a rate increase of 0%, Council was able to meet these sustainability targets in 2017-18. Targets can be largely met in subsequent years at a rate increase level of 2% for the life of the plan, however the reliance on loan funding may increase.

Capital Improvement Program

Council has developed a Capital Improvement Program to ensure that Councils' assets are protected, developed and maintained in a timely fashion and in accordance with the Infrastructure Asset Management Plan.

Annual Business Plan

The Annual Business Plan documents the actions required by each Service area of the Council to ensure that the desired outcomes of the Strategic Plan can be achieved. Our progress toward achievement of the desired outcomes is monitored.

Operating surplus / deficit

At 0% rate increase in year 1 then 2% for the life of the Long Term Financial Plan and maintaining the current service mix and levels, the Council should be able to maintain steady surpluses for the life of the plan.

SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCES & PRIORITIES

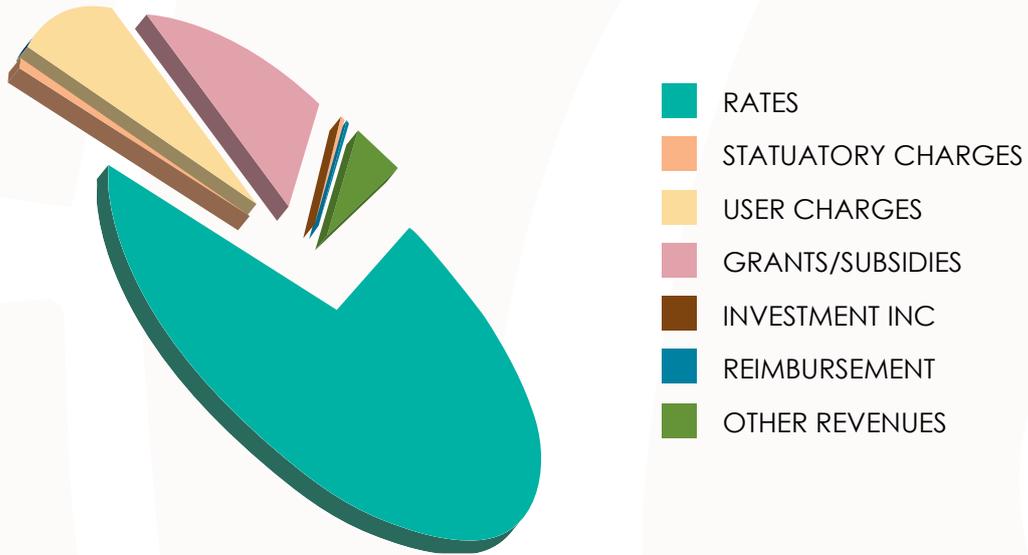
External Factors

- Uncertain economic conditions related to the possible closure or business restructure of Arrium/One Steel, including business closures and rising unemployment; and
- Social issues including ageing population, youth disengagement, withdrawal of government services.

Internal Factors

- Fees and charges levied by other levels of Government but collected by Local Government (NRM Levy);
- Requirements to maintain and renew infrastructure assets to acceptable standards including roads, footpaths, lighting, storm water drainage, recreational open space, street trees and plantings, public facilities and operational properties as highlighted in the reviewed Asset Management Plans;
- Service programs and infrastructure needs for a changing population;
- Maintaining the range and levels of services, including the cost of maintaining recently redeveloped reserves and Councils commitment to developing an Aged Friendly city.

BUDGET INCOME 2017/2018



BUDGET EXPENSES 2017/2018



OUR COUNCIL & GOVERNANCE



Lyn Breuer
Mayor

TERM OF OFFICE

2016 – current



Clare McLaughlin
Deputy Mayor

2014 – current
Deputy Mayor from
April 2018



Tom Antonio
Councillor

2014 – current



Jenny Barnes
Councillor

2014 – resigned
April 2018
Deputy Mayor
November 2017 –
April 2018



Tim Breuer
Councillor

2010 – current



Colin Carter
Councillor

2006 – current



David Knox
Councillor

2014 – current



Sarah Minney
Councillor

2010 – current



Rick Santucci
Councillor

2014 – current
Deputy Mayor
July 2017 to
November 2017



Robert Schmitz
Councillor

2014 – current

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 State's 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 and Apple iPad. 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.

Description	Allowance	Chair	Reimbursement	Total
Mayor Lyn Breuer	\$66,004	-	-	\$66,004
Deputy Mayor Clare McLaughlin*	\$19,264	-	-	\$19,264
Cr Tom Antonio	\$16,501	-	\$49	\$16,550
Cr Jenny Barnes **	\$12,951	-	\$245	\$13,196
Cr Tim Breuer	\$16,501	\$1,017	-	\$17,518
Cr Colin Carter	\$16,501	-	-	\$16,501
Cr David Knox	\$16,501	-	\$1,373	\$17,874
Cr Sarah Minney	\$16,501	\$3,108	\$944	\$20,553
Cr Rick Santucci ***	\$17,518	-	-	\$17,518
Cr Robert Schmitz	\$16,501	-	-	\$16,501
TOTAL	\$214,743	\$4,125	\$2,611	\$221,479

* Clare McLaughlin was appointed Deputy Mayor from April 2018

** Jenny Barnes was appointed Deputy Mayor from November 2017 until she resigned from her position in April 2018

*** Rick Santucci was appointed Deputy Mayor from July 2017 to November 2017

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 budget line of \$15,000.

The following training was undertaken:

- Local Government Association AGM and associated sessions
- Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association AGM and associated sessions
- Strategic Planning sessions
- Elector Representation Review sessions
- Mayor and Chairperson's Forum
- Global Maintenance Upper Spencer Gulf and South Australia Chamber of Mines and Energy conference and trade expo
- Upper Spencer Gulf Planning Reform sessions

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Full council, consisting of the mayor and nine councillors, is the decision making body on all policy matters.

Ordinary meetings of the full council are held on the third Monday of each month commencing at 5.30pm (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 elected members, staff and in some cases members of the public, addressed specific issues. They were:
- City Strategy and Policy Committee
- Audit Committee
- Airport Advisory and Security Committee
- CEO's Performance Review Panel
- Child Care Centre Advisory Committee
- Community Grants Committee
- Whyalla Nomenclature Committee
- Animal Management Sub-Committee
- Whyalla Building Fire Safety Committee

DECISION MAKING

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

- Council
- City Strategy and Policy Committee
- Audit Committee
- Delegations to employees
- Grievance procedures

Except for the City Strategy and Policy Committee, which have 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 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 all full council and all other Section 41 committees are placed on public display no less than three days prior to those meetings.

Minutes are placed on display within five (5) days of a meeting being held.

NUMBER OF RESOLUTIONS

A total of **336 recommendations** were **actioned** by the council compared with 498 the previous year

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Deputations/presentations: With the approval of the committee chairman or the mayor, a member of the public can address a committee or the council personally, or on behalf of a group of residents.

Public question time: The council will allocate a time during a council meeting (of maximum of 15 minutes in total), as listed in the council agenda. A public question time application form is available for completion if a person wishes to ask a question of the council at a council meeting.

Such questions will be accepted 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). Forms and public question time protocol are available at the council office or on the council's website at 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 at council@whyalla.sa.gov.au.

Elected members: Members of the public can contact their elected members of council to discuss any issue relevant to the council.

INTERNAL REVIEWS OF COUNCIL DECISIONS & COMPLAINTS HANDLING

Part 2, Section 270 of the Local Government Act 1999 requires council to establish a Complaint and Grievance Procedure for the review of decisions of:

- The council
- Employees of council
- Other persons acting on behalf of council

Under Section 270(8), 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 Decisions Procedures' (S270 of the Local Government Act during 2017-18:

There was one (1) Section 270 complaint received by the council during the reporting period. This complaint was in regards to tree management and has been resolved.

ORGANISATIONS ON WHICH COUNCIL WAS REPRESENTED

- Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association
- OneSteel 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 Services Health Advisory Board

CONFIDENTIALITY

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

The table below provides an overview of the number of times the public were excluded from council or committee meetings:

	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14
Council meeting	10	8	8	6	5
Special council Meeting	1	15	9	7	6
TOTAL	11	23	17	13	11

The number of items including reports, minutes and/or attachments kept in confidence for a specific period totaled:

	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14
Council meeting	20	12	13	16	6
Special council meeting	-	11	9	9	6
Total	20	23	22	25	12

The table below indicates the reasons that a matter may be considered under the confidentiality provisions, and the number of occasions during the 2017/18 financial year each of these provisions as enforced:

Section of the Local Government Act	Number of times used
Section 90(3)(a) – information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead)	8
Section 90(3)(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	8
Section 90(3)(c) – information the disclosure of which would reveal a trade secret	-
Section 90(3)(d) – 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
Section 90(3)(e) – matters affecting the security of the council, members or employees of the council, or council property, or the safety of any person.	1
Section 90(3)(f) – 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.	-
Section 90(3)(g) – 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.	1
Section 90(3)(h) – legal advice.	1
Section 90(3)(i) – 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.	1
Section 90(3)(j) – 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) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.	-
Section 90(3)(k) – tenders for the supply of goods, the provision of services or the carrying out of works	3
Section 90(3)(l) – deleted	-
Section 90(3)(m) – 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.	-
Section 90(3)(n) – 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	19,420	8	1:2, 428
Barossa	17,416	11	1:1, 586
Gawler	17,258	10	1:1,726
Whyalla	15,230	9	1:1, 692
Murray Bridge	14,276	9	1:1, 586
Port Pirie	12,969	9	1:1, 441

Source Electoral Commission SA (October 2017)

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 commenced 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 that the elected council comprise nine area councillors.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTS; MANDATORY REGISTERS, CODES & POLICIES

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

Registers

- Chapter 4, Part 1, Section 44 (6): Delegations register
- Ch 5, Pt 4, Section 68: Members' register of interests
- Ch 5, Pt 5, Section 79: Members' register of allowances and benefits
- Ch 7, Pt 2, Section 105: Officers' register of remuneration, salaries and benefits
- Ch 7, Pt 4, Section 116: Officers' register of interest
- Ch 11, Pt 1, Section 107: Community land
- Ch 11, Pt 1, Section 231: Public roads
- Ch 12, Pt 1, Section 252: By-laws

Codes

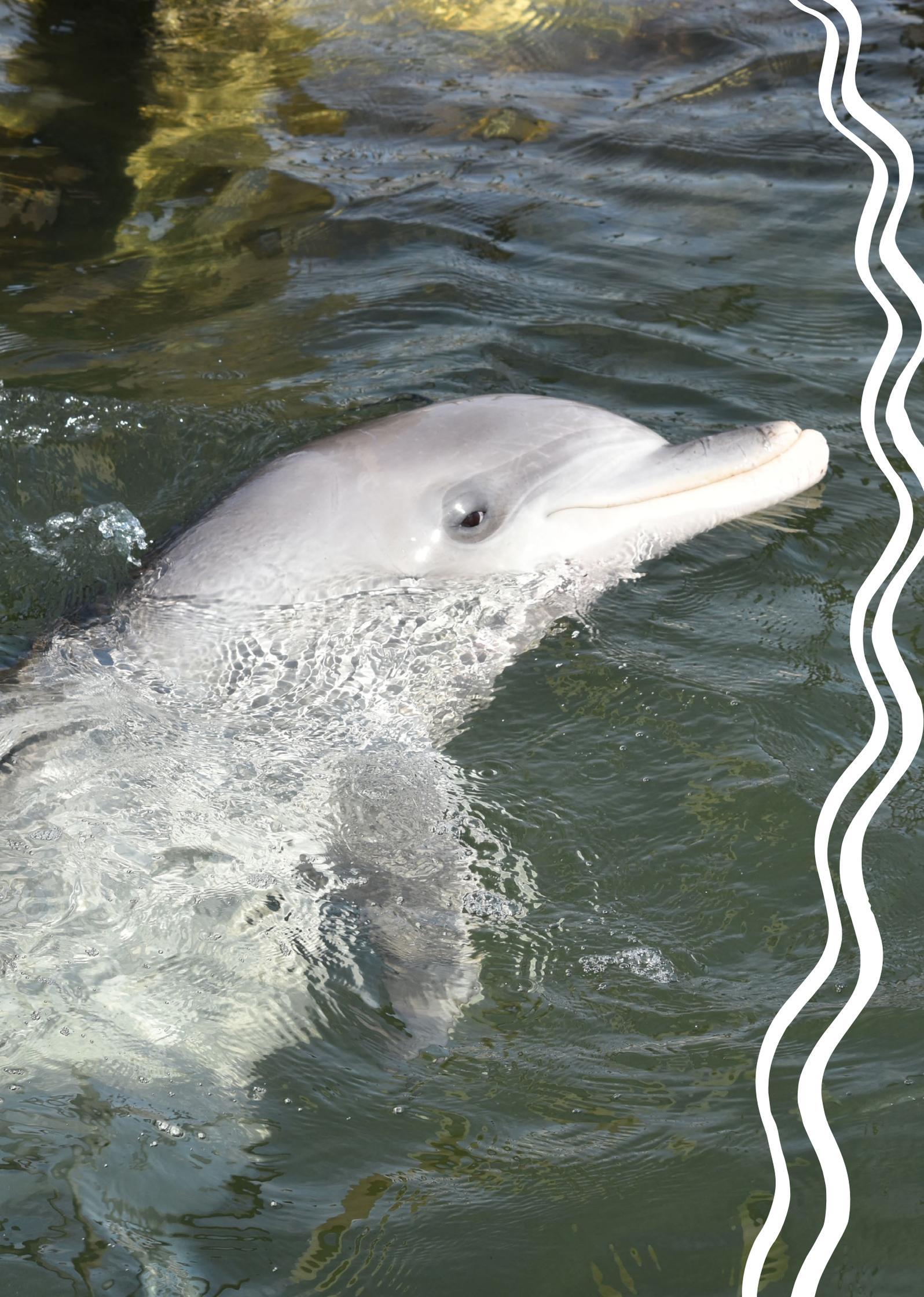
- Ch 5, Pt 4, Section 63: Members' code of conduct (mandatory)
- Ch 6, Pt 5, Section 92: Code of Practice for Council and Council committee meetings
- Ch 7, Pt 4, Section 110: Employees code of conduct

Mandatory Policies

- Ch 4, Part 4, Section 49: Contract and tender policies
- Ch 4, Pt 5, Section 50: Public consultation policies
- Ch 5, Pt 4, Section 63: Members' code of conduct
- Ch 8, Pt 3, Section 125: Internal control policies
- Ch 12, Pt 2, Section 259: Policy on order making

Local Government (Elections) Act 1999

- Part 14, Section 81: Campaign donation returns prepared by candidates
- Part 2, Section 9: Information statement



GENERAL POLICIES

Listed below are policies retained by the City of Whyalla:

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
- » Recycled Products

Financial Management

- » Asset Accounting
- » Budget management and review
- » Debt management
- » Financial Hardship (retail water customers)
- » Financial Internal Control
- » Lease rental and licence review
- » Rating
- » Retail Water Pricing
- » Treasury management
- » Water Connection billing
- » Water Retail Customer Service Charter

Governance

- » Asset Management
- » Complaints handling procedure under Council Member's Code of Conduct
- » Complaints
- » Code of Conduct for Volunteers
- » Code of Conduct for Councillors
- » Code of practice for Council and Council committee meetings
- » Conduct of Council and Council committee meetings
- » Election of Deputy Mayor
- » Elected Members – Allowances and benefits
- » Elected Members (recognition on retirement)
- » Elected Members training and development
- » 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
- » Policies, procedures and document control
- » Privacy
- » Procurement
- » Prudential Management
- » Project 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
- » Footpath
- » Kerbside collection service
- » Nature strips (development by residents)
- » Nomenclature
- » Service lane sealing
- » Signage placement
- » Trees
- » Weeds (removal by residents)

Legal Provisions

- » Brand name usage
- » Council logo
- » Legal actions (authority to act)

Property Management

- » Airport – contractor responsibilities
- » Airport management
- » Cemetery administration
- » Cemetery operating
- » Parks – Lighting
- » Property management
- » Wilson Park flags

Social, Cultural & Community Services

- » Maritime museum (collection management)
- » Schools (annual awards)
- » Volunteers on committees/ working parties - recognition



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 – 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
- » Illness and sick children
- » Immunisation – Children
- » Items from home
- » Laundry
- » Maintenance – Facilities and yard equipment
- » 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
- » Donations (community bodies)
- » Donations (trophy)
- » Financial aid (development of sporting grounds)
- » Healthy Catering

Library

- » Children's program
- » Displays
- » Equipment use
- » Homebound service
- » Library information services
- » Library internet
- » Library patrons
- » Loans
- » Local history collection
- » Volunteer program
- » Whyalla index
- » Loans to community groups (self-supporting)

Strategic Management

- » Demolition and building work
- » Privatisation of services
- » Provision of safe environment
- » Quality
- » Safe environment
- » Use of recycled water

Technology & Communication

- » Network access and acceptable use
- » Network and information security

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		Development Assessment Panel – this is called a Council Assessment Panel	
Presiding Member	\$3,300	Presiding Member	\$700
Committee Member	\$700	Committee Members (x3)	\$1,800
TOTAL	\$4,000	TOTAL	\$2,500

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). If all factors are equal when evaluating quotes and tender bids, preference will be given to local business.

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.

In 2017/18
a total of
41 Requests
for Tenders/
Quotes were
called.

NATIONAL COMPETITION POLICY

Competitive Neutrality

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

Council has a complaints mechanism in place and in 2017/18 no complaints were received with regard to competitive neutrality.

Significant Business Activities

There have been no other changes in the significant business activities controlled by Council, and competitive neutrality principles relevant to each significant business activity continue to apply.

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 is 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 \$35.00 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 2017/2018:

Five requests were received in the last financial year, this compares to two in 2016/17, two in 2015/16, four in 2014/2015 and six in 2013/14.

The requests related to a land issue, animal management, recruitment process, public housing and Infrastructure request.



Photography by John Murray

WEBSITE TRAFFIC



16.2%

Traffic to the Council website from Facebook posts increased by 16.2% (27.5% compared to 11.3% in 2016-17)

WEBSITE USERS



27%

Website users increased by 21,164 or 27% (77,472 compared to 56,308 in 2016-17)

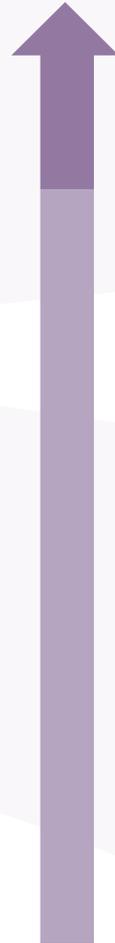
WEBSITE SESSIONS



37%

Website sessions* increased by 59,900 or 37% (160,765 compared from 100,865 in 2016-17)

PAGE VIEWS



18%

Page views increased by 63,211 or 18% (348,792 compared to 285,581 in 2016-17)

* 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 is utilised purely as a 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.

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 & Information 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 posts during events like the Australia Day festivities, burnout competition and



PROMOTION

Pre-event promotional posts for events such as the upcoming BY THE C concert have resulted in enormous reach ... more than 90,000 people reached with the Jimmy Barnes posts for BY THE C concert.

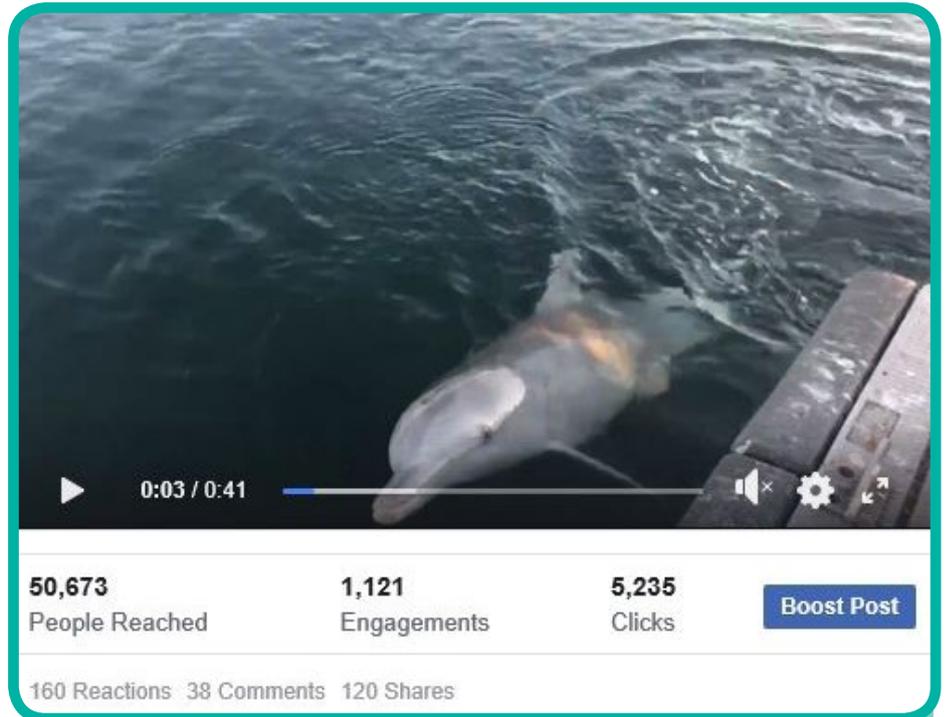


uneARTh Festival reached large audiences and could be considered to increase attendance.

Information & Notifications

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

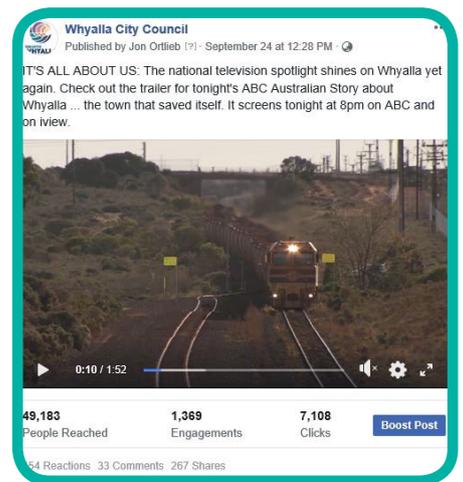
Once again used purely as a call-out and conduit to the website and the information, the public is kept informed of roadworks on Facebook and My Local Services app.



VIDEO

A shift towards more videos has been made as these are favoured by the recently-changed Facebook algorithm and achieve more reach.

CONTENT IS KING!



CAMPAIGNS

Facebook and My Local Services app have been used to roll out campaigns such as the Good To Go push run by Cleanaway in conjunction with Council. Combining letter box drops, stickers for bins, banners on Nicolson Avenue and regular stories and Facebook posts, the message has been getting through to the public.

MY LOCAL SERVICES APP

The My Local Services App was re-launched midway through the year. This was to counter the predicted Facebook change in its algorithm that has effectively killed off organic growth and restricts how many of our followers receive our posts.

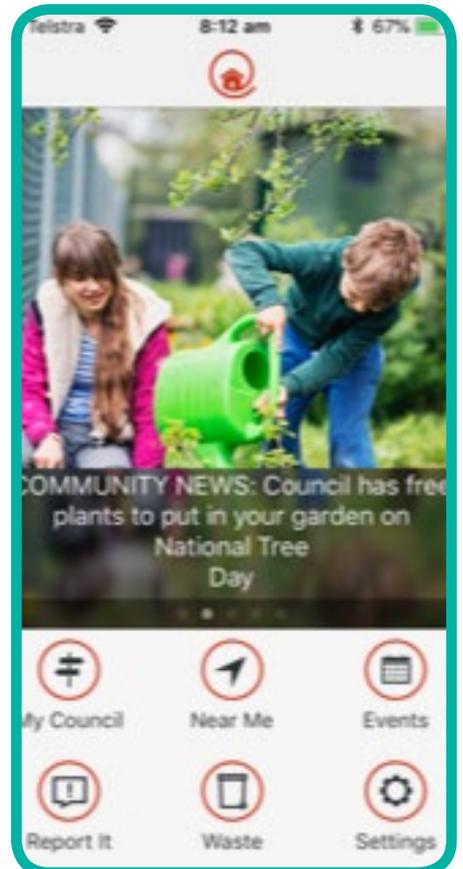
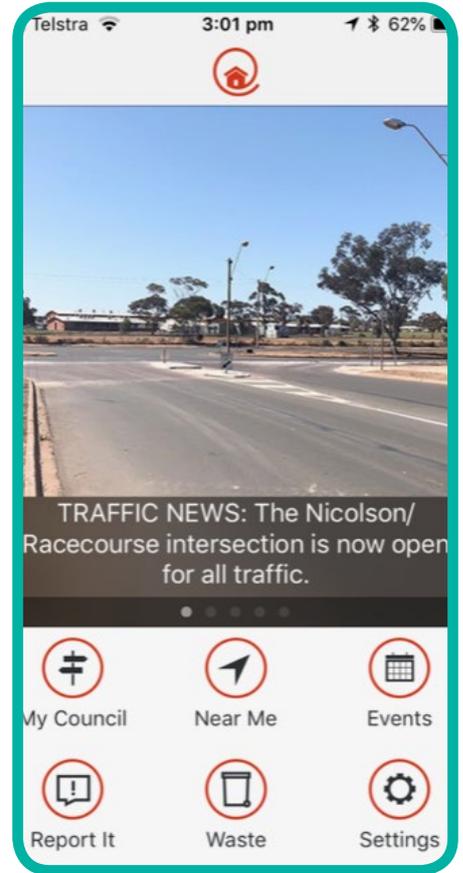
It is estimated that less-than 10% of our followers, who are online at the time, received our Facebook posts now compared with 100% regardless of their status under previous algorithms. This is a business decision by Facebook to force Facebook page owners to advertise with them and, therefore, reach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

With promotion and more active use of the My Local Services App, the number of people downloading the app has increased from just over 600 to more than 1100 in six months.

The advantage of the 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.



WHYALLA COUNCIL NEWS

The Whyalla Council news has been revamped to become a tabloid newspaper style of 16 pages. It was previously a 12-page A5 newsletter.

This has resulted in a substantial cost saving for Council and a more expansive product. The former product cost more than \$5000 to produce. The tabloid newspaper-style product costs just over \$2000 to produce and is being printed by YP Country Times at Kadina.

The newspaper works hand-in-hand with Council's digital platforms to reach those in the community who are still not online or miss online stories or announcements. It is an important part of our communications strategy and is delivered to 10,000 residences.

PRESS CONFERENCES & NEWS DISTRIBUTION

Two significant press conferences have been organised involving the South Australian premier.

A press conference was held, with press releases co-ordinated with the relevant stakeholders, for the Becker Helicopters moving to Whyalla announcement. Another was co-ordinated with GFG Alliance for the announcement of the ZEN Energy solar farm and Council's jetty design and steelworks donation of steel for the jetty.

Press releases are generated on a regular basis resulting in consistent coverage of Whyalla's news and achievements through local and state-wide media. Many of Council's press releases are run "word for word" by the Whyalla News.



THE WAY FORWARD

The Communications and Public Relations arm of the Council has approved funding for a second person.

This person will be employed sometime this year as a Digital Content Producer. This person will be tasked with managing the Council website, producing content for the website, in particular video content, and standing in for the Manager Communications and Public Relations when required.

This extra person will allow Council to broaden its digital footprint with more exciting, edgy and digitally-savvy content.

This fits in with the strategy of providing more and more content on all of our platforms to create more engagement with the community.



Photography by Robert Woodland



OUR PEOPLE

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

The 2017/18 year allowed for the continuation of the existing Enterprise Agreement with flexibility and multi-skilling provisions continuing to operate to ensure the Council's operational and services capabilities were maintained. Negotiations commenced during the beginning of the 2017/18 financial year with agreement reached to roll-over the existing Agreement for the next 12 month period. Advice to all stakeholders was provided during the latter part of the financial year indicating that negotiations would commence for a new Agreement with the current Agreement expiry date being October 2018.

The Council's Joint Consultative Committee (JCC – consisting of management, union and workplace representatives) continued during the remainder of the current Agreement period and ceased its tenure upon notification to commence negotiations was instigated. Resumption of the JCC Committee will commence upon finalisation of the Agreement negotiations including the role of 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 and iPad
- Professional development allowance
- Relocation assistance (negotiated at time of recruitment)
- No bonuses are payable



YEARS

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

11.88

The City of Whyalla's workforce average age is

48.32



GENDER BALANCE

Ratio of Male and Female employees (% as at June 30, 2018)

Employees

38:62

Executive Management

50:50

LABOUR MARKET FLUCTUATION

EMPLOYEE NUMBERS
at June 30, 2018

138

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

COMPARED TO

124

at June 30, 2017

TRAINEE

1

continued to be engaged through Career Employment Group, working full time hours with the Council.

**ANNUAL EMPLOYEE
TURNOVER RATE
FOR 2017/18**

9.6%

(Including unplanned and genuine retirement).



118.05

FULL TIME EQUIVALENT
HOURS AT JUNE 2018

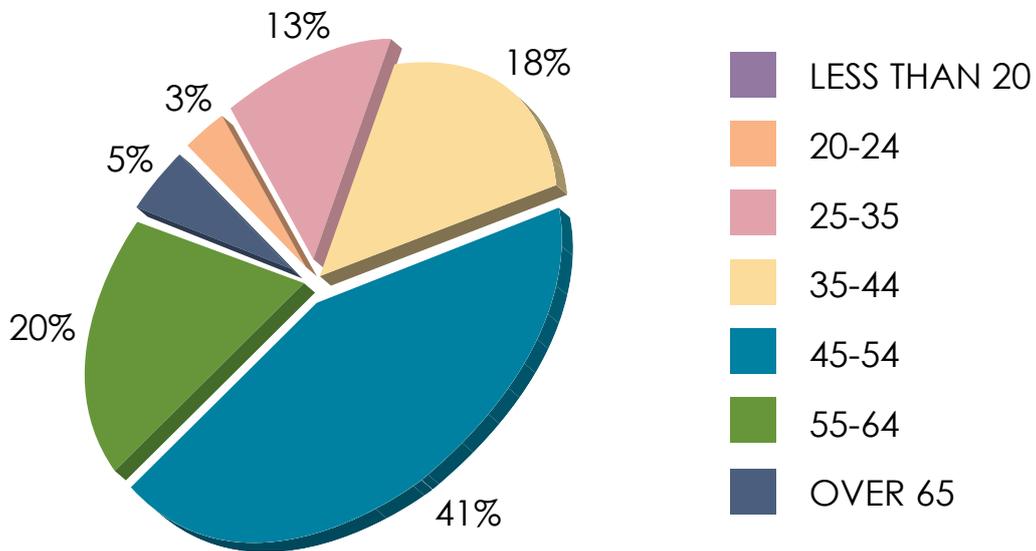
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FULL TIME EQUIVALENT
HOURS AT JUNE 2017

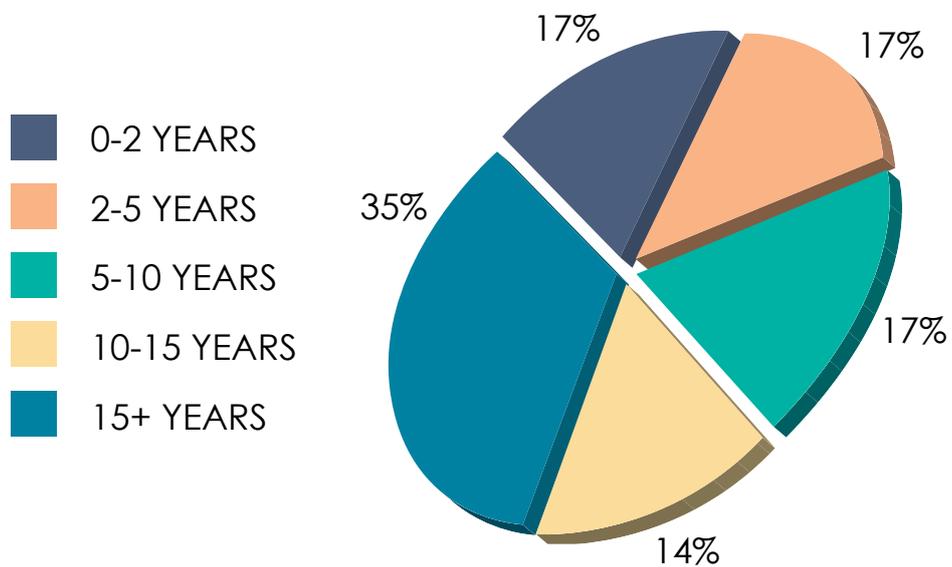
OUR WORKFORCE

Executive Services	7.50
CEO & Support	2.50
People & Culture	4.00
Media & Communications	1.00
Finance & Corporate	15.40
Management & Finance	07.10
Procurement	02.00
IT	03.00
Records	02.80
Cleaning	00.50
Community	28.45
Management & Support	01.45
Customer Service	03.60
Child Care Centre	11.80
Library	05.90
Airport	01.20
Community Development	04.50
Infrastructure	49.50
Management & Support	10.90
Capital Projects	01.50
Depot	35.10
Waste	02.00
City Growth & Delivery	17.20
Management, Building, Planning	06.00
Economic Development	01.50
Animal Management & Health	05.40
Visitor Information Centre/Tourism	04.30

AGE OF WORKFORCE %



TENURE - YEARS OF SERVICE (%)



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.

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 being 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 expended on training, development and education for the period is targeted at 1.5 percent of the Council's annual payroll, and represents a key investment by the organisation in its people.

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

- Certificate III in Business Administration
- Certificate III in Civil Construction
- Certificate III in Horticulture
- Certificate III in Tourism
- Certificate IV in Legal Studies
- CPA
- Diploma in Local Government (Planning)
- Diploma of Events
- Diploma of Library / Information Services

Employee training to address WHS requirements undertaken during 2017/18 included:

- Ongoing training sessions on Council's suite of WHS policies and procedures
- Various Plant and Machinery competency assessments,

- inductions and reviews
- Authorised Persons Association professional development
- Chemical Accreditation
- Contractor management
- Customer service leadership
- Due diligence and performance standards for self-insurers
- Emergency warden
- Fire extinguisher safety
- First aid and CPR refreshers
- First aid risk assessment
- Hazard awareness
- Health and Safety Representative training
- Health and wellbeing in the workplace
- Incident investigations
- Interactive court simulations
- MR truck licence training and assessment
- Preventing and managing work injuries in an ageing workforce and job dictionary
- Return to Work training for Internal Rehabilitation Coordinators/Internal Claim Coordinators
- Roads pavement (visual assessment code)
- Scissor Lift
- Work safe in construction industry (white card)
- Workplace hazard inspections
- Workzone traffic management
- Youth mental health first aid

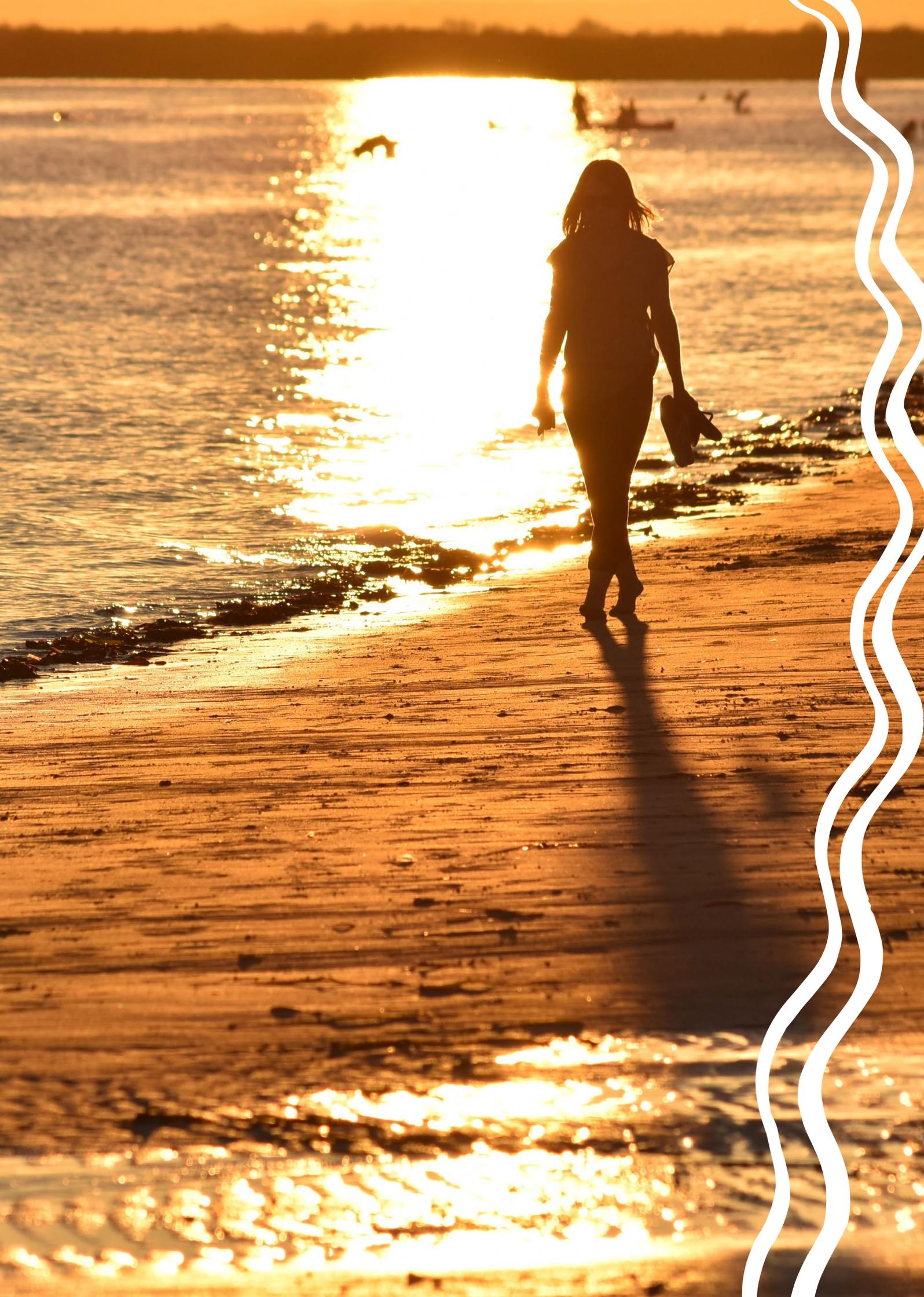
Other training and development attended by employees during 2017/18 included:

- AIBS
- Airport reporting officer
- AutoCAD fundamentals
- Chinese ready – ServicelQ
- Crowd science and risk analysis
- Dogs and Cats online
- Early childhood inclusive

- programs
- Energy Information / Pipeline Information sessions
- External wall systems in focus
- Facebook marketing training
- FBT
- Fire prevention officer accreditation
- How to communicate with credibility and influence for local government professionals
- HR essentials
- Introductions to local government
- iResponda
- Management of Council land and buildings governance masterclass
- Microchipping
- National Heavy Vehicle Regulator road manager essentials
- Playground – level 2 operational inspections
- Principles of investigation and management of evidence
- Supporting and troubleshooting windows 10
- Tech savvy seniors
- The play cycle
- Union training
- Unity / website
- Unsolicited bids and major projects governance masterclass
- Walking the Talk

Professional conferences attended during 2017/18 included:

- AIBS
- Australia Day
- Environmental Health
- Risk Management
- Roads and Works
- South Australian Tourism Industry Council
- State Planning
- Visitor Information Centre



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 17/18 no parcels of community land were revoked of their community land classification.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Food Safety

Council's authorised officers conduct regular inspections of food premises within the Whyalla area to assess compliance with the Food Act and Food Safety Standards. During the reporting period 100 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 6 formal written warnings were issued for non-compliance matters.

Council received a total of 6 complaints relating to issues of cleanliness, personal hygiene and animals in a food premise.

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 three sessions were held. The Environmental Health Officer also delivers basic food handling sessions and ran two sessions for organisations with volunteers.

Immunisation

Whyalla Council has been participating in the Meningococcal B Vaccine Herd Immunity Study since its inception in early 2017. The study is a research project conducted by the University of Adelaide and SA Health. It is seeking to determine if Meningococcal B vaccination of year 10, 11 and 12 school students impacts on carriage of meningococcal bacteria in this group. The Whyalla based portion of the program was completed in May 2018. Over the course of the entire program a total of 575 vaccines were administered and 630 swabs taken from Whyalla school students.

Council continued to deliver the school based immunisation program in Whyalla delivering vaccines to year 8 students across 4 schools, the immunisation team administered 1104 vaccines as part of the 2017/18 program.



Proactive Activities

In an effort to better engage with the community on animal management matters, to promote the new legislative requirements and the move to the online registration database (DACO), staff held a number of pop up information stalls within popular public spaces. During these session staff were not only able to disseminate information but engage with residents about their views on our priority areas pertaining to animal management.

Three heavily discounted microchipping days were held at the Whyalla Dog Park during the reporting period in an effort to assist all members of the public in complying with mandatory requirements. All sessions were well attending by the community and resulted in a total of 476 dogs and cats being microchipped over the three days.

Council will continue to work in a proactive manner moving into the 2018/19 period by enforcing the provisions of the Dog and Cat Management Act including mandatory microchipping, conducting community education sessions, working to eliminate illegal backyard breeding and updating the Animal Management Plan to ensure that it reflects current legislative requirements.

Compliance

During the period 1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018 compliance staff dealt with approximately:



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 – 160

Number of offences expiated – 3

Number of offences prosecuted – 0

Number of abatement notices issued – 0

Civil penalties negotiated under S34 – 0

Applications to the Court for orders for civil penalties and number of orders made by the Court on these applications - 0



ROOPENA

VISITOR SERVICES / TOURISM

Council continues to streamline its tourism operations and is committed to delivering excellence in visitor services. We aim to grow the visitor economy, drive jobs creation, work with tourism operators and stakeholders and support the delivery of economic prosperity and diversity.

Whyalla Visitor Information Centre (VIC)

The Visitor Information Centre (VIC) remains fully accredited under the Australian Tourism Accreditation Program (ATAP) and is part of a network of 42 statewide accredited VIC's. The tourism accreditation program is managed through the South Australian Tourism Industry Council (SATIC). Accreditation assures the consumer that the Centre meets specific quality assurance criteria and the highest standards of business practice.



- Quality
- Reliability
- Professionalism

The VIC plays a key role in influencing visitation and encouraging length of stay (and therefore spend) within the region.

The Whyalla Visitor Centre offers the following tourism experiences:

- Steelworks Tours (3 public tours each week), and
- Guided tours of the HMAS Whyalla (2 tours daily, 7-days a week).

Whyalla Council is represented on the following tourism-focused committees:

- South Australia Accredited Visitor Information Centre Managers Network (SA AVIC)
- Whyalla Tourism Focus Group

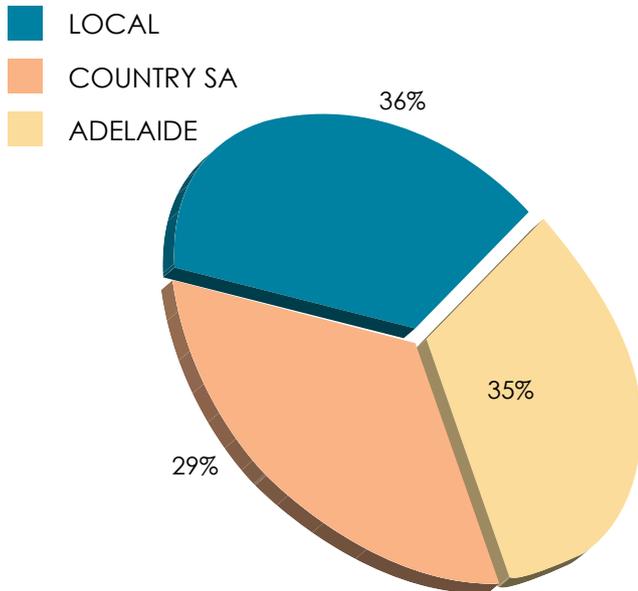
Regular surveys are conducted throughout the year & daily statistical recording is managed to gather customer demographics and opinions. Surveys include; SA AVIC state-wide visitor survey (Aug 2017 & Feb 2018), accommodation referrals and Point Lowly camping data.



2017/2018 VISITOR STATISTICS

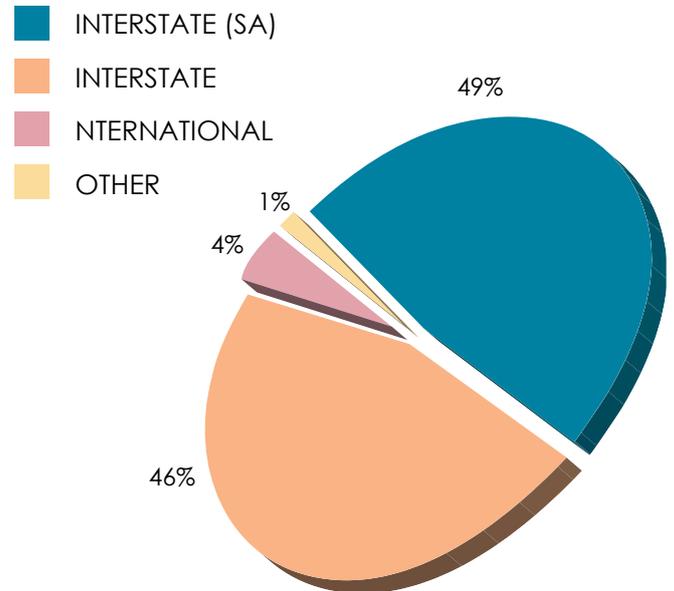
INTRASTATE (SA)

TOTAL VISITORS:
12,554



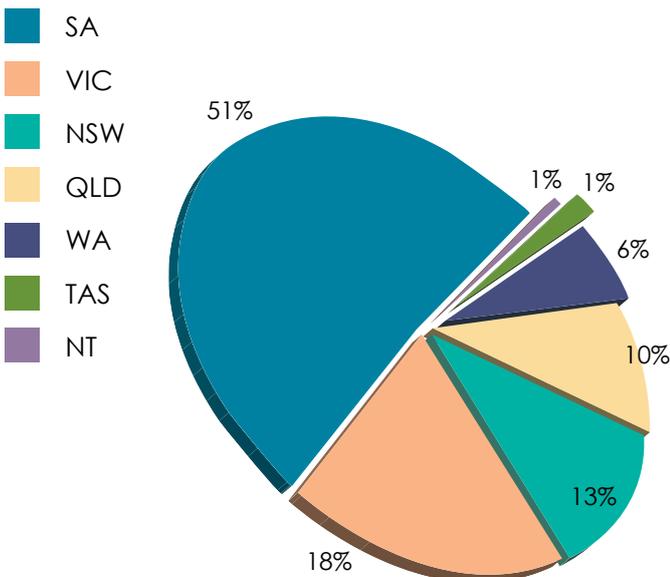
ORIGINS OF ENQUIRY

TOTAL VISITORS:
25,956



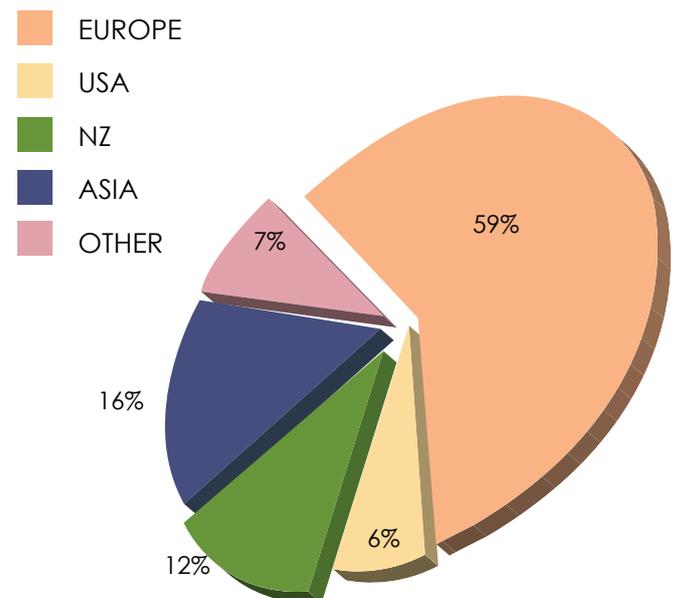
AUSTRALIAN VISITATION

TOTAL VISITORS:
24,588



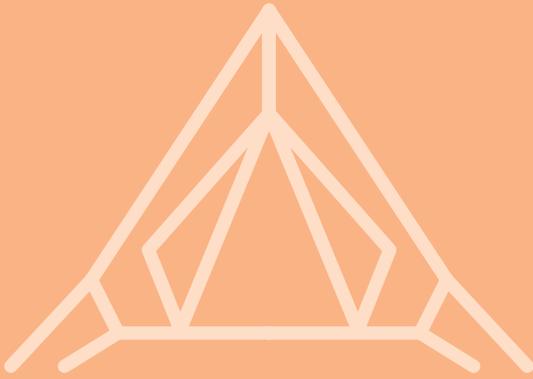
INTERNATIONAL VISITATION

TOTAL VISITORS:
1,014



It is important to note that the statistics collected by the VIC reflect visitors to the Centre only. Therefore overall tourism visitation numbers to Whyalla are likely to be much higher due to return visitation, contractors, fishing groups, annual dive groups and visiting friends and relatives (VFR) etc. These consumers may not attend the VIC after their initial visit.

ACCOMMODATION



Accommodation referrals
the VIC made to travellers

539

Nights visitors stayed across
our local accommodation
venues.

2000+

Travelling visitors who made
use of the Point Lowly
Camping area

2169+

Nights travelling visitors
stayed at the Point Lowly
Camping area

<2000

3%
INCREASE IN
VISITORS AT
THE VIC

4.5
AVERAGE
NO. OF DAYS
VISITORS
STAYED IN THE
LOCAL AREA

1000+
INFORMATION
PACKS
DISTRIBUTED
(ESTIMATED)

HMAS Whyalla public ship
tours

726

HMAS Whyalla private ship
tours

33

Weddings held in the
Maritime Museum Gardens

6

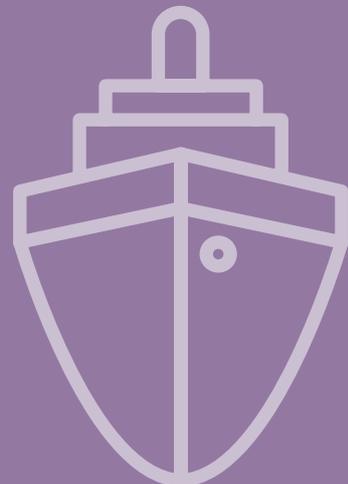
Steelworks public tours

156

Steelworks private tours

21

TOURS



WHYALLA MARITIME MUSEUM



The Whyalla Maritime Museum, HMAS Whyalla and the Whyalla Steelworks Tours have become 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 offer 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.

Development of the Museum Education Program tailored for schools / teachers R-7 & Year 10 (Australian National Maritime Museum funded project).

Resources to be made available for teachers on the Museum website page through www.whyalla.com in 2018/19.

MOSAIC cataloguing project (on hold) due to expertise of historical research required for database inclusion.

25956

PEOPLE
VISITED THE
VISITOR
CENTRE

1937

PEOPLE WENT
ON THE
STEELWORKS
TOUR

8072

PEOPLE
TOURED
THE SHIP

Events/Activities held:

- Maritime Museum Open Day 12 May 2018 – celebrating the 77th Anniversary of the launching of the HMAS Whyalla
- History Month May 2018 – month-long activities promoting the Steelworks Tours, Maritime Museum & HMAS Whyalla Guided Ship Tours
- Themed school holiday programs targeting local families and visiting friends and relatives:
 - ◊ Cuttlefish Capers (July 2017);
 - ◊ X-Marks the Spot (Oct 2017);
 - ◊ Aussie Animal Adventure (Dec/Jan 2018); and
 - ◊ Trains on the Track (April 2018).
- Traveling Exhibitions:
 - ◊ Bravest of the Brave;
 - ◊ History SA (Sept & Oct 2017);
 - ◊ Gallipoli;
 - ◊ History SA (Feb, March & April 2018).



Model Railway Opening

MODEL RAILWAY

Genesee & Wyoming (G&W) Australia Pty Ltd have committed to sponsoring the Whyalla Maritime Museum Model Railway exhibition for the next three years.

This has enabled upgrades and focus on the new rolling stock reflective of 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 are grateful for this support which will greatly enhance the museum's model railway exhibit and relevance.

VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks to our dedicated group of volunteers who work with passion throughout the precinct, we are grateful for their support and commitment.



Volunteers Morning Tea, May 2018



CUTTLEFISH SEASON 2018

- We experienced ideal conditions for snorkel and dive activities in the 2018 season.
- New infrastructure at Cuttlefish Drive was well received by tourists and the local diving community with the new toilet block completed at the end of the season.
- Whyalla Diving Services offered packaged wetsuit and equipment hire and small group guided tours throughout the season. Several Adelaide-based business offered organised tours and group snorkels.
- Increased media attention on Whyalla for this unique experience (Blue Planet, David Attenborough filming, Channel 10's The Living Room, Totally Wild, ABC's Landline, local Southern Cross coverage and radio features).

Whyalla Cuttlefest Activities 2018:

- Experience Marine Sanctuaries (EMS) - professional group guided snorkels at Stony Point with online bookings through Eventbrite. These tours were extremely popular with a high take-up.
- Pop Up Marine Discovery – Whyalla Library.
- Marine Documentary 'Blue the Film' Middleback Arts Centre, free screening.
- Curious Cuttles – information night at Souths Football Club.
- Cuttlefish Capers, Maritime Museum school holiday program.

TOURISM MARKETING ACTIVITY

Marketing, media and public relations activities have included:

- Increased activity and targeted plans for the Whyalla Tourism Facebook page (3,500 followers) and Instagram (800 followers). Both are growing steadily and there is increased engagement by our local followers.
- Increased listings with Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (ATDW).
- Whyalla Visitor Guide 2018 – New update and branding - Nov 2017, 30,000 printed.
- Whyalla Street Map Update – Feb 2018, 2500 printed.
- Whyalla Calendar of Events – monthly publication by the Whyalla VIC.
- Local marketing campaigns through the Museum Open Day and four themed school holiday programs.
- Promotion of the Museum Ambassadors card to locals, encouraging repeat visitation when accompanied by visiting friends and relatives.
- Distribution Network / DL Brochure Adelaide and Region (Maritime Museum & Steelworks Tours).
- Fifty travel auction vouchers – in conjunction with Sundowner Cabin Park.
- Online bookings for the Point Lowly Lighthouse Cottages, marketed through ADTW. With the majority of bookings coming directly from the www.whyalla.com website.
- Extensive marketing to local, regional and Adelaide metropolitan schools with a focus on camp excursions and accommodation options at the council owned Point Lowly Lighthouse Cottages.
- REX in-flight magazine Whyalla feature.
- Regional Visitor Guide advertisements – Eyre Peninsula / Flinders Ranges & Outback / Port Augusta.
- Dive Log – cuttlefish aggregation and promotion of the Point Lowly Lighthouse Cottages as a group accommodation option.
- The Living Room with Dr Chris Brown, TV interview & dive experience. Local Southern Cross News – aired May 2018.
- What's up Down Under – Maritime Museum including guided ship tour – Nov 2017.

TOURISM EVENTS

Events contribute to Whyalla's culturally vibrant brand and often provide a trigger for visitation.

The City of Whyalla supported a number of tourism events including:-

- The Unearth Festival (Easter, March 2018)
- The Hidden Music Festival (April 2018), and
- National drag & speedway events.

Council also supports many local sporting & community events. Some examples are the State Junior Soccer Tournament, Junior Hockey Country Championships, Regional Basketball Competitions, Australia Day Awards and Celebration, Whyalla Christmas Pageant and many more.

Photography by Carlo Passagno



POINT LOWLY LIGHTHOUSE COTTAGES

The City of Whyalla has been responsible for the operation of the Lighthouse Cottages since mid-January 2015 after 35 years of valued volunteer care by the Uniting Church. Management of an accommodation venue is not a core business for the Council, however the Point Lowly Lighthouse Cottages are the oldest buildings in the area and have historical and cultural value.

Bookings are facilitated through the Visitor Information Centre.

Online bookings and an improved pricing structure were implemented from 1 July 2017.

Numerous works have been undertaken to improve the presentation of the exterior and interior of the cottages, including replacement of selected furniture, ceiling fans and ovens in both kitchens.

The exterior heritage stone fences have been restored and painted, floor coverings replaced and interior painting completed.

POINT LOWLY OCCUPANCY

22.9% ▶ 24.2% ▶ 30.0%

2015/16

2016/17

2017/18

Photography by Eric Brokken





Adelaide on Monday, April 16. Law enforcement officers, along with students and staff from the Whyalla Special Education Centre, participated in the run which went through the city streets of Whyalla and finished at Ada Ryan Gardens.

They carried the Flame of Hope which lit a cauldron in the gardens as a symbol of lighting the way forward in an inclusive and supportive community. Stuart High School students sang the national anthem and some backing music and songs for the event.

The torch was handed over to South Australia by the previous hosts Victoria in Mildura before travelling through the Riverland and to Whyalla. It weaved its way around regional SA before arriving at Government House in Adelaide on Monday, April 16 in time for the Games.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2017/2018

- Continuing to work with local sporting associations and clubs to assist business improvement strategies, supporting applications for grants and supporting facility development.
- Met with various State Sporting Organisations to discuss sport 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',
 - ◊ Essentials to Coaching Children,
 - ◊ Volunteering for Sporting Clubs,
 - ◊ Women in Sport Forum,
 - ◊ Governance for Sporting Clubs Training, and
 - ◊ Conflict Resolution Training.
- Providing support to clubs and associations with grant information and support letters.

PLANS FOR 2018/2019

- Continue to investigate a Multi-Use Sporting Facility for Whyalla.
- Along with the Whyalla Football League, investigate the possibility of hosting an SANFL game in Whyalla.
- Continue to offer training opportunities for clubs and associations.
- Continuing to promote STARCLUB as an effective community tool.
- Continue to promote grants and other programs offered by the Office for Recreation and sport.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Whyalla Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)

The YAC comprises twelve youth representatives and is in its third year of operation. An election for Youth Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be undertaken in January 2019 as the current incumbents are coming to the end of their second year.



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Youth Parliament

The Youth/Junior Parliament Programs are apolitical programs which empower young people to focus on their personal development and leadership skills. This year one younger YAC member attended Junior Parliament, with two senior members attending Youth Parliament.

Young Achiever

YAC member Emily Rawlings was the overall winner for the Channel 9 Young Achiever Award. Emily was successful in the category of SANTOS Regional Service Award for her dedication to her community.

International Day of People with Disability

The YAC held an event at the Whyalla Foreshore in recognition of people living with disability, this was deemed a huge success with over 400 people participating. This event was dedicated to people living with or caring for those living with disability. YAC Members Cyanne & Zia Westerman surveyed the community to seek ideas for those attending the event, over 75 people responded with various suggestions, the event was built around these ideas. A demonstration was held on the day to showcase the accessible beach program with roll-out beach mats and beach wheelchairs available for trial.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Seven YAC members are working towards the completion of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards. The Award is a structured (non-formal education) youth development program, empowering young Australians aged 14-24 to explore their full potential regardless of their location or circumstance. To earn an Award, each young person must learn a skill, improve their physical well-being, volunteer in their community and experience a team adventure in a new environment. Achieving an Award recognises individual goal setting and self-improvement through persistence and achievement.

Whyalla ANZAC Eve Vigil

The Anzac Eve Vigil is a youth inspired, adult supported community event. Working together in small teams, youth (aged 9 - 25) take turns to protect the Whyalla War Memorial for the 12-hours directly preceding the Anzac Day Dawn Service. Three YAC members were involved in the 2018 ANZAC Vigil.

YAC Events & Programs 2017/18:

- UneARTh Rainbow Run which 1350 people attended
- National Youth Week-Inflatable World
- Music Mentor Program (in conjunction with the Whyalla Music Association)
- School Holiday Programs
- Movies @ Middleback
- Art in the Park
- Stuart High School Stobie Art Pole Project
- Pictures in Your Park Movie Program
- Assisted Mission Australia in the collection of data for the National Youth Survey
- Advocated for localised youth mental health services

ARTS & CULTURE

The first full year of Whyalla's Arts and Cultural Facilitator resulted in a multitude of projects and arts engagement in varied art-forms encouraging our community to make and participate in the arts.

We re-invigorated our relationship with the Adelaide Film Festival, providing the opportunity for two local film buffs to attend the Festival and select two films for an event in Whyalla.

Whyalla Art Prize

We again held the Whyalla Art Prize with an amazing and sometimes controversial range of contemporary wall based work from around Australia selected as finalists. A video artwork by artist CJ Taylor took out the \$25,000 prize. This is the first time a moving image has won a significant art prize and resulted in national coverage. All artworks were displayed in the Middleback Theatre foyer from 30 September to 2 December 2017.



Grant Submission Support

We have also assisted with writing 14 grant submissions from our area to the Regional Arts Fund.

We have engaged in several national arts forums and professional development that supports the arts in our city.

Art Projects & Community Engagement

This year has also seen the start of some awesome arts projects by the Whyalla City Council.

The first sees community members involved in the creation of mosaics that will be used to create a functional artwork at the Whyalla foreshore in the shape of a giant cuttlefish. Included in the work is education about the habitat and food chain of cuttlefish.

For our second project we are working with South Australian based Illuminart to create a projection event about Whyalla's stories utilizing artworks and animations by our local students. The roll out of these projects has been guided by both formal and informal survey of our community.

This year has also seen us assist in the creation of the program for two community events, the Christmas Pageant Fair and UneARTH. Both of these events require a huge investment of time and energy and utilizing the networks of the Arts and Cultural Facilitator.

We have also been involved in rolling out workshop events and community engagement by touring shows and other companies in circus, theatre, play writing, photography, film and dance as well as several exhibitions that require curation and hanging.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

We have had another fantastic year with our Children's programs. Story time children had a number of special visitors, firstly and most importantly Father Christmas attended our final session for 2017, each child gets the gift of a book and then we have a party. Throughout the year we had visits from the SA dental service, Surf Lifesavers and the Easter Bunny made a secret visit to hide eggs in the library for the children to find. Activities through the year included Simultaneous Storytime (where the same story is read at the same time all over the country,) Super Hero's days (made capes and masks), playdough, the very hungry caterpillar, how to look after a dinosaur, rainbows, pirates (for international speak like a pirate day) and they made display boards to show off the creations they make at the library.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

School holiday activities included mini beasts, get messy (slime, lux slime and playdough), sand art and kaleidoscopes, mother's day pamper packs, cards for kids, making musical instrument, hanging woven totems, yoga, rainbow fish, creative crafts and bright side of life (with blessed to blessed). Barb from Natural Resources Eyre Peninsula ran a few sessions including curious cuttlefish, mini beasts and amazing building Malee fowl.

We also joined forces with the Children's University so children involved in that program can use our programs in their University passports.

TECH SAVVY SENIORS

Our tech savvy seniors program was quite successful, we held 25 sessions and had approximately 90 people attend. Sessions included basic and intermediate iPhone and android, digital books, a session about apps, basic and intermediate tablets and a number of drop in sessions where attendees had one-on-one sessions with a staff member to guide them through their IT problem.

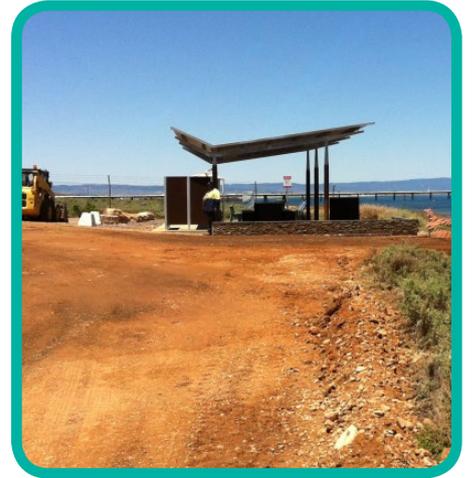


OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS – INFRASTRUCTURE

CUTTLEFISH DIVE SITE SHELTER

Council realigned the road at the cuttlefish dive site to improve access to the area. A shelter and water tank were installed at the site for as part of the Northern Coastline Master Plan with funding assistance from the Department of Primary Industries Resources.

The pictures show the improved surface and the new shelter at the dive site.



Unsealed Roads Cuttlefish Drive

Council re-sheeted a section of Cuttlefish Drive using a mixture including recycled bitumen reclaimed from maintenance work to the City's sealed roads. The use of the recycled product will improve the driving comfort and extend the life of the road.



MOUNT LAURA HOMESTEAD

A spray seal was applied to the entry road Mount Laura Homestead Museum and the skillon lean-to roof structures were replaced. These works along with some minor landscaping have enhanced this Tourism Attraction. The attached pictures show the improvements made to the amenities within the Mount Laura Homestead Museum.



Mount Laura Homestead Museum Entry Road



Skillon Lean-to Roof Structures



MURNNINIE BEACH ROAD CATTLE GRIDS

Council installed four cattle grids along the Murnninie Beach Road, which is situated within Moonabie Station and Mullaquana Station Property boundaries. The grids were installed to reduce the risk of losing livestock through open gates. Council undertook these works, as a portion of the access road is within the station boundaries.



BREAKWATER STRENGTHENING

Stage one was completed in May, with the placement of approximately 200 x 4.5 tonne rocks, these rocks were strategically placed at various locations along the seaside of the breakwater, just above the water line and at the most eroded and vulnerable areas.

LEISURE CENTRE AIR CONDITIONING UPGRADE

Council installed a new air conditioner in the playcafe and gymnasim at the leisure centre.

WILSON PARK UPGRADES

Wilson Park has had a complete transformation, this park is now brimming with people and serves as a gateway into Whyalla, used by both visitors and residents.

New energy efficient barbeque hot plates were installed in the barbeques at the rotunda at Wilson Park. The energy savings gained by installing these new more efficient hot plates has allowed the installation of new upgraded and stronger lighting to the sports courts without the need to upgrade the power supply .



Murals have been painted on the Wilson Park toilet block, new Internal LED lighting installed and a sensor operated exterior flood light installed. These works seem to be appreciated by the public as there have been no incidents of graffiti at the park since completion of the works.

Council used a specialist contractor to construct a new skate bowl with solar powered lighting which has proven to be very popular with the local youths.



A playground was installed adjacent to the Sports courts, which were refurbished with a new playing surface and timer operated LED lighting. A spectator's shelter was installed along side the sports courts, new fencing and tiered concrete steps were also installed along one side of the sports courts. A bike/scooter path was installed close to the playground for young children to ride along. Pram ramps, seating, irrigation and lawn and landscaping were also installed. A later addition to the playground equipment was an "Expression Swing" (Parent and Child Swing).

LOCAL PLAYGROUND UPGRADES



Travers Street Reserve Pre Upgrade



Travers Street Reserve Post Upgrade



Field Street Reserve Pre Upgrade



Wilson Park Post Upgrade



A new Ada Ryan Gardens playground was completed with a novelty mast climbing net.



The Sports courts within Ada Ryan Gardens received a new court surface and timer operated LED lighting.



Ada Ryan Gardens Playground and Sports Courts Upgrade



Ada Ryan Gardens Sports Courts at night

NEW WHYALLA JETTY

The preliminary design and rough order costs for four construction options were presented to Council. The preferred option of steel and concrete construction was selected as it was deemed to be a suitable low maintenance option.

The selected design incorporates shelters in three locations, seating and lighting and DDA compliant fishing areas. The new jetty will be accessible via a ramp and has been designed to allow vehicular access to the full length of the jetty in the event of an emergency.

Current Jetty



New jetty design

ROADS, FOOTPATHS, KERBS AND MORE

Sealed Roads

The City of Whyalla invested more than \$1.036 million in Whyalla's sealed road network in the 2017/18 financial year. The contracted work was for \$1.9 million, however, due to a breakdown in the contractors plant the asphalt component of the contract could not be met, one small section (Cartledge Avenue from McDouall Stuart Avenue to Sam Street) received an asphalt treatment which the contractor transported from Adelaide. This work was necessary, as the contractor had already completed the profile work in preparation for the asphalt seal. Council invested in a total of 21.7 kilometres of seal renewal

Council also concentrated on providing holding seals to local streets with the widespread application of spray seals.

Work will be ongoing in the 2018/19 financial year to finalise the 2017/18 sealing program and continuing to on the backlog of road asset maintenance to improve the quality of Whyalla's road network for all users.

Unsealed Roads

Over \$200,000 was spent on the unsealed roads program in 2017/18. Several unsealed roads within Whyalla's Council district were re-graded this financial year, to allow safer travel to remote areas, these included;

- Cowleds Landing Road
- Cuttlefish Drive
- Gulf View Drive
- Murninnie Road

New Footpaths/Kerbing

More than \$560,000 was spent installing and upgrading 850 metres of Kerbing and nearly 2 kilometres of existing asphalt and concrete footpaths, invert and shared paths throughout Whyalla, in the following streets;

- Milsom Street
- Brealey Street
- Peters Street
- Story Street
- Rudall Avenue
- Delprat Terrace

TONNAGES

	GENERAL	RECYCLED	ORGANICS	TOTAL
Jul-17	370.3	118	118	488.3
Aug-17	405	119	130	654
Sep-17	382.8	122	142	646.8
Oct-17	338	97	131.2	566
Nov-17	393	128	140	661
Dec-17	386.1	142.2	158.3	686.6
Jan-18	412	147	159	718
Feb-18	333.6	118.4	150.8	602.8
Mar-18	394	118	142	654.1
Apr-18	360	116	126	602.1
May-18	412	127	136	674.7
Jun-18	369	114	118	601.2
TOTAL	4556.3	1466.2	1651.1	

Early in 2018 China made the decision to stop accepting Australia's plastic recycling because of high contamination rates. On the 1 April 2018 there was a price increase in the processing cost of recyclables because prior to this Cleanaway could sell this to China, now it is having to pay to stockpile it. Council has not passed this increase on to rate-payers and is investigating ways to increase its use of recycled plastic products as well as following the research being conducted on processing plastics within Australia.

ALL FOOD SCRAPS ARE GOOD TO GO

Don't let your food go to waste. Put it in the green organics bin to be composted.

FRUIT + VEG
Peelings, fruit (including citrus) and vegetable scraps.

EGGSHELLS + DAIRY
Including cheese and yoghurt.

MEAT + BONES
Cooked or raw meat scraps and bones.

SEAFOOD
Including bones and shells.

TISSUES + PAPER TOWELS
Other card and paper products such as pizza boxes with food remains and soggy newspapers can go in the green bin. Pizza boxes with no food scraps can go in the recycling bin.



LOOKING AHEAD 2018/2019

Council has prepared and consulted on the draft 2018 Annual Business Plan and Budget in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 and Council's Public Consultation Policy. The 2018-19 Budget contains a 2.5% rate rise for property owners in Whyalla. This actual figure can vary slightly depending on land valuations. The new business plan and budget was adopted at a special Council meeting on Monday, June 25.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMMUNITY IN THE BUDGET INCLUDES:

\$281,000	to upgrade stormwater drainage in the McLennan Ave, Wall St and Lincoln Hwy precinct.
\$101,000	for the replacement of the electrical system at the showground area.
\$3.9 million	for 31.7km of road works including works on McDouall Stuart Ave, Norrie Ave, Fitzgerald Bay Rd, Hincks Ave, Clutterbuck Street and Broadbent Terrace.
\$35,000	for 4.3km of footpaths. This includes works at Ocean Eyre Estate, Robinson St, Ryan Ave and Hughes St.
\$136,000	to strengthen the marina breakwater.
\$266,000	on land and buildings including foundation repair at the Harp n' Shamrock Club building, upgrade work at the Foreshore Café and lighting at Hummock Hill.
\$117,000	for shared/bicycle path on Heurich Tce to Cartledge Ave connecting with Nicolson Ave to link all schools with a safe bicycle path.
\$435,000	to replace floating moorings at the marina with new water connections and electrical junction boxes.

KEY INITIATIVES

Photography by Ky Blackwell



CITY GROWTH

Development of a strategy to lead, promote and facilitate economic development and support locals through the provision of employment, income and services.

Project cost: \$120,000

This will include:

- economic modelling and forecasting,
- digital strategy and action plan to connect community services, business, industry and people
- promote tourism opportunities, develop content and connectivity with key domestic and international markets. Including digital Wi-Fi hotspots
- tourism strategy with a three year plan to build visitor economy
- creation of public spaces that promote people's health, happiness, and wellbeing that will future-proof our city through diversification of the economy

CEMETERY MEMORY WALL

Provides a location in the cemetery for memorials that are in the shape of butterflies for those whose family/friends ashes are scattered elsewhere.

Project cost: \$20,000

HMAS WHYALLA

Weather proofing of ship.



Project cost: \$91,500

PARKS & RESERVES

Foreshore beach shade sails, canopies and playground, Trevan Reserve & Point Lowly, Wetlands wharf, Hammock Hill lighting, Murninnie campsite upgrade and Northern Coastline master plan.

Project cost: \$342,750

Budget and Financial Reports	
Schedule 4 requires:	83
• A copy of audited financial statements [clause 1(a)]	
• Information about allowances paid to council members and council committee members [clause 1(f)]	14
• A report on competitive tendering or other measures to ensure services are delivered cost-effectively, and the extent (if any) to which council has pursued policies for purchasing local goods and services [clause 2(b)]	25
Community Land and Council Facilities	
Schedule 4, clause 2(e), requires annual reports to include a report on the progress of preparing or finalising management plans for community land. (Cross refer Chapter 11).	41
List of Documents Available to the Public	
Schedule 4 requires the following lists to be included in annual reports:	
• Lists of registers and of codes of conduct or practice which are required to be kept under the Local Government Act 1999 or Local Government (Elections) Act 1999 [clauses 1(b) and (c)].	20
Mandatory registers and codes prescribed in the Local Government Act 1999 are attached as Appendix A.	
Freedom of Information	
Statements	
Section 9(1a) of the Freedom of Information Act 1991 requires councils to annually publish up-to-date information statements [clause 1(gb)].	25&77
Confidentiality	
Schedule 4, clause 1(ga) of the Local Government Act 1999 requires a report to be included in the annual report about the council's and council committee's use of sections 90(2) and 91(7). The content is detailed under regulation 35 of the Local Government (General) Regulations:	16&17
Report on the use of section 90(2) & (3) of the Act:	
• Total number of orders made under section 90(2) of the Act in the financial year	
• The date and subject of each order within the ambit of section 90(2)	
• In relation to section 90(3) paragraphs (a) – (na), the number of times in the financial year that an order was made under section 92	
Report on the use of section 91(7)	
• The total number of orders made under the subsection in the financial year	
• The number of orders made in the financial year that expired, ceased to apply or were revoked during the financial year	
• The number of orders that remained operative at the end of the financial year (not including orders made before 15 November 2010)	
• Date and subject of each order with the ambit of the above under section 91(7).	
Subsidiaries	
The annual report of any subsidiary received by the council under Schedule 2 for the financial year [clause 1(ha)].	132

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

THE WHYALLA CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION STATEMENT

Prepared 11 December 2017

This Information Statement is published by the Whyalla City Council in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 1991, Section 9.

The Whyalla City Council is pleased to comply with the legislation and welcomes enquiries which should be addressed to Council's Freedom of Information Officer.

An updated Information Statement will be published at least every twelve (12) months.

1. STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

1.1 Full Council

Full Council, consisting of the Mayor and 9 Councillors is the decision making body on all policy matters. Ordinary 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.

1.2 Committees

Council has two Section 41 Committees which are:

City Strategy and Policy Committee
Audit Committee

The City Strategy and Policy Committee meets bi-monthly, and the Audit Committee meet at least four times a year. The election of 'Chair' for the City Strategy and Policy Committee is held annually. The election of Chair and membership for the Audit Committee is for the term of the Elected Body.

Members of the public are welcome to attend any of the above meetings. (Refer Council Diary, which is available from the Council Office or at Council's web-site, which is located at www.whyalla.sa.gov.au, for dates.)

1.3 Agenda and Minutes

Agenda of all full Council and all other Section 41 committees are placed on public display no less than three days prior to those meetings. Minutes are placed on display within five (5) days of a meeting being held.

1.4 Working Parties and Groups

A number of Working Parties, and groups comprising Elected Members, staff and in some cases members of the public, have been established to investigate particular issues. These Working Parties are:

- Airport Advisory and Security Committee
- Chief Executive Officer's Review Panel
- Child Care Centre Advisory Committee

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

3.1 Council Meetings

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

- 1) Deputations/Presentations:
With the approval of the Committee Chairman or the Mayor, a member of the public can address a Committee or the Council personally, or on behalf of a group of residents.
- 2) Public Question Time:
Council will allocate a time during a Council Meeting, (a maximum of fifteen minutes in total) as listed in the Council Agenda. Submissions of Public Question Time questions are to be received by the Chief Executive Officer by 12 noon of each Ordinary Council meeting day. All persons submitting a public question is required to complete a Public Question Time template. No verbal questions will be permitted at the time of the Ordinary Council meeting. Forms and Public Question Time Protocol are available at Council office or on the Council internet web site at www.whyalla.sa.gov.au. The questions and responses are included in the relevant Council minutes.
- 3) Petitions:
Written petitions can be addressed to the Council on any issue within the Council's jurisdiction.
- 4) Written Requests:
A member of the public can write to Council on any Council policy, activity or service. Information can also be sourced by emailing Council at council@whyalla.sa.gov.au.
- 5) Elected Members:
Members or the public can contact their Elected Members of Council to discuss any issue relevant to Council.

3.2 Community Consultation

The Whyalla City Council has a Public Consultation Policy which is accessible on Council's web-site. Council consults with local residents where appropriate on particular issues that affect their neighbourhood (some examples of which are):

- 1) Meetings of Electors. All residents and electors are eligible to attend meetings.
- 2) Elected Members Kerb-side meetings held during the year.
- 3) A weekly information show is conducted by Council Officers on

Document	Fee
Building Application Register	\$0.30 per page
Development Application search (initial application)	\$45.00
Development Application Search (subsequent application)	\$20.00
Rates Search fee (5 days)	\$32.50
Rates Search fee (within 24 hours)	\$43.95
Land Agent search (non-urgent within 8 days)	\$55.80
Land Agent search (within 24 hours)	\$67.25
Register of Elected Members' Allowances and Benefits	\$0.30 per page
Register of Employees' Salaries, Wages and Benefits	\$0.30 per page
Assessment Book	\$0.30 per page
Register of Public Streets and Roads	\$0.30 per page
Register of Fees and Charges levied by Council	\$2.10
Individual Council Policies	Free

4.2 Other Information Requests

Requests for other information not included in Clause 4.1 above will be considered in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Fees and Charges) Regulations.

Should the applicant require copies of any documents inspected pursuant to a Freedom of Information request, the charges set out in Clause 4.1 will apply.

Freedom of Information Request Forms should be addressed to:
 The Freedom of Information Officer
 Whyalla City Council
 PO Box 126
 WHYALLA SA 5600

Applications will be responded to as soon as possible within the statutory thirty (30) days of Council receiving the properly completed Freedom of Information Request, together with the application and search fees.

5. AMENDMENT OF COUNCIL RECORDS

A member or the public may gain access to Council documents to make amendments concerning their personal affairs by making a request under the Freedom of Information Act. A member of the public may then request a correction to any information about themselves that is incomplete, incorrect, misleading or out of date.

To gain access to these Council records, a member of the public must complete a Freedom of Information Request Form, as indicated above, outlining the records that he/she wishes to inspect.

6. CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS

No certificates were issued in relation to "confidential documents."

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTS – Mandatory Registers, Codes and Policies

Registers

- Chapter 5, Part 4, Section 68 Members Register of Interests
- Chapter 5, Part 5, Section 79 Members Register of Allowances and Benefits
- 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
- Chapter 6, Part 5, Section 92 Code of Practice for Access to Meetings and Documents
- Chapter 7, Part 4, Section 110 Employees Code of Conduct

Mandatory Policies

- Chapter 4, Part 4, Section 49 Contracts and Tenders Policies
- Chapter 4, Part 5, Section 50 Public Consultation Policies
- Chapter 8, Part 3, Section 125 Internal Control Policies
- Chapter 10, Part 1, Section 171 Rating Policy
- Chapter 12, Part 2, Section 259 Policy on Order Making

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ELECTIONS) ACT 1999

- Part 14, Section 81 Campaign Donations Returns prepared by candidates

The Corporation of the City of Whyalla

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 June 2018

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



The Corporation of the City of Whyalla

General Purpose Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2018

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The Corporation of the City of Whyalla

General Purpose Financial Statements
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Certification of Financial Statements

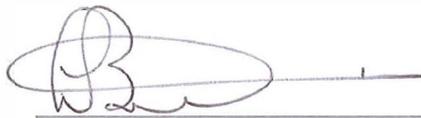
We have been authorised by the Council to certify the financial statements in their final form.

In our opinion:

- the accompanying financial statements comply with the *Local Government Act 1999*, *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* and Australian Accounting Standards,
- the financial statements present a true and fair view of the Council's financial position at 30 June 2018 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year,
- internal controls implemented by the Council provide a reasonable assurance that the Council's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year,
- the financial statements accurately reflect the Council's accounting and other records.



Christopher Cowley
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Lynette Breuer
MAYOR

Date: 6 September 2018

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Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2018

\$ '000	Notes	2018	2017
Income			
Rates Revenues	2a	19,905	19,863
Statutory Charges	2b	329	313
User Charges	2c	4,042	3,700
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	2g	5,423	7,558
Investment Income	2d	49	34
Reimbursements	2e	92	93
Other Income	2f	1,219	1,120
Total Income		31,059	32,681
Expenses			
Employee Costs	3a	10,174	9,757
Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses	3b	12,819	12,649
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	3c	6,869	6,883
Finance Costs	3d	47	219
Total Expenses		29,909	29,508
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)		1,150	3,173
Asset Disposal & Fair Value Adjustments	4	(33)	(625)
Amounts Received Specifically for New or Upgraded Assets	2g	1,681	1,118
Net Surplus / (Deficit) ¹		2,798	3,666
Other Comprehensive Income			
<i>Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result</i>			
Changes in Revaluation Surplus - I,PP&E	9a	286	(1,950)
Total Other Comprehensive Income		286	(1,950)
Total Comprehensive Income		3,084	1,716

¹ Transferred to Statement of Changes in Equity

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Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2018

\$ '000	Notes	2018	2017
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	5a	3,646	5,073
Trade & Other Receivables	5b	3,520	3,438
Inventories	5c	155	158
Total Current Assets		7,321	8,669
Non-Current Assets			
Financial Assets	6a	-	5
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	7a	232,660	234,446
Other Non-Current Assets	6b	3,478	3,381
Total Non-Current Assets		236,138	237,832
TOTAL ASSETS		243,459	246,501
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	8a	1,985	1,697
Borrowings	8b	125	6,269
Provisions	8c	2,545	2,657
Total Current Liabilities		4,655	10,623
Non-Current Liabilities			
Borrowings	8b	-	125
Provisions	8c	1,268	1,301
Total Non-Current Liabilities		1,268	1,426
TOTAL LIABILITIES		5,923	12,049
Net Assets		237,536	234,452
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		37,951	35,982
Asset Revaluation Reserves	9a	197,460	197,174
Other Reserves	9b	2,125	1,296
Total Council Equity		237,536	234,452

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Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2018

\$ '000	Notes	Accumulated Surplus	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Other Reserves	Total Equity
2018					
Balance at the end of previous reporting period		35,982	197,174	1,296	234,452
a. Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		2,798	-	-	2,798
b. Other Comprehensive Income					
- Gain (Loss) on Revaluation of I,PP&E	7a	-	286	-	286
Other Comprehensive Income		-	286	-	286
Total Comprehensive Income		2,798	286	-	3,084
c. Transfers between Reserves		(829)	-	829	-
Balance at the end of period		37,951	197,460	2,125	237,536
2017					
Balance at the end of previous reporting period		32,693	199,124	919	232,736
a. Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		3,666	-	-	3,666
b. Other Comprehensive Income					
- Gain (Loss) on Revaluation of I,PP&E	7a	-	(1,950)	-	(1,950)
Other Comprehensive Income		-	(1,950)	-	(1,950)
Total Comprehensive Income		3,666	(1,950)	-	1,716
c. Transfers between Reserves		(377)	-	377	-
Balance at the end of period		35,982	197,174	1,296	234,452

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Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2018

\$ '000	Notes	2018	2017
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Receipts			
Rates Receipts		19,915	19,584
Statutory Charges		329	338
User Charges		4,426	3,847
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions (operating purpose)		5,423	7,707
Investment Receipts		49	95
Reimbursements		92	102
Other Receipts		2,112	3,205
Payments			
Payments to Employees		(10,244)	(9,909)
Payments for Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses		(13,955)	(14,957)
Finance Payments		(47)	(251)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities	11b	8,100	9,761
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Receipts			
Amounts Received Specifically for New/Upgraded Assets		1,681	1,118
Sale of Replaced Assets		64	12
Sale of Surplus Assets		96	93
Repayments of Loans by Community Groups		10	5
Payments			
Expenditure on Renewal/Replacement of Assets		(3,981)	(3,711)
Expenditure on New/Upgraded Assets		(1,106)	(1,945)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(3,236)	(4,428)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Receipts			
Nil			
Payments			
Repayments of Borrowings		(6,269)	(963)
Repayment of Bonds & Deposits		(22)	-
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		(6,291)	(963)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held		(1,427)	4,370
plus: Cash & Cash Equivalents at beginning of period	11	5,073	703
Cash & Cash Equivalents at end of period	11	3,646	5,073

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n/a - not applicable

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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 September 2018.

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 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:

	Cash Payment Received	Annual Allocation	Difference
2015/16	\$2,119,673	\$4,286,849	-\$2,167,176
2016/17	\$6,408,936	\$4,231,705	+\$2,177,231
2017/18	\$4,341,572	\$4,287,042	+\$ 54,530

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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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

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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 asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount (which is the higher of the present value of future cash inflows or value in use).

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

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.

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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.

Weighted avg. discount rate	2.20% (2017, 2.09%)
Weighted avg. settlement period	7 years (2017, 7 years)

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, but has recognised amounts accrued in the past as part of an enterprise bargaining incentive aimed at reducing work absences.

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 Councils' 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.

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

11 Leases

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

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. Councils' 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.

Some Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations have been issued but are not yet effective. Those standards have not been applied in these financial statements. Council will implement them when they are effective.

The standards that are expected to have a material impact upon Councils' future financial statements are:

Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018

- AASB 9 *Financial Instruments* This replaces AASB 139 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*, and addresses the classification, measurement and disclosure of financial assets and liabilities.

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

The standard introduces a new impairment model that requires impairment provisions to be based on expected credit losses, rather than incurred credit losses. Based on assessments to date, council expects a small increase to impairment losses however the standard is not expected to have a material impact overall.

- AASB 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, AASB 1058 *Income of Not-for-Profit Entities* and AASB 2016-8 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Australian Implementation Guidance for Not-for-Profit Entities*

AASB 15 will replace AASB 118 Revenue, AASB 111 Construction Contracts and a number of Interpretations. AASB 2016-8 provides Australian requirements and guidance for not-for-profit entities in applying AASB 9 and AASB 15, and AASB 1058 will replace AASB 1004 Contributions. Together they contain a comprehensive and robust framework for the recognition, measurement and disclosure of income including revenue from contracts with customers.

Council is still reviewing the way that income is measured and recognised to identify whether there will be any material impact arising from these standards.

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

- AASB 16 *Leases*

Council has some leases that are not in the Statement of Financial Position. These will need to be included when this standard comes into effect. A lease liability will initially be measured at the present value of the lease payments to be made over the lease term. A corresponding right-of-use asset will also be recognised over the lease term. If this requirement had been adopted at 30 June 2018 management estimate that net assets would not have decreased.

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

Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017

- AASB 2014-5 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 15*
- AASB 2015-8 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Effective Date of AASB 15*
- AASB 2016-7 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Deferral of AASB 15 for Not-for-Profit Entities*

Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018

- AASB 9 *Financial Instruments*
- AASB 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*
- AASB 2010-7 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 (December 2010)*
- AASB 2014-1 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards (Part E)*
- AASB 2014-7 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 (December 2014)*
- AASB 2016-3 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Clarifications to AASB 15*
- AASB 2016-5 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification and Measurement of Share-based Payment Transactions*
- AASB 2016-6 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Applying AASB 9 Financial Instruments with AASB 4 Insurance Contracts*
- AASB 2017-3 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Clarifications to AASB 4*

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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

- AASB 16 *Leases*
- AASB 16 *Leases (Appendix D)*
- AASB 1058 *Income of Not-for-Profit Entities*
- AASB 1058 *Income of Not-for-Profit Entities (Appendix D)*
- 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 1059 *Service Concession Arrangements: Grantors*
- AASB 1059 *Service Concession Arrangements: Grantors (Appendix D)*

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

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

16 Full Cost Attribution

In reviewing Councils' allocation of each type of cost and the reliability of that allocation, costs are allocated directly wherever possible. This has resulted in a reduction on the type of costs allocated indirectly to a function.

17 Comparative Figures

To ensure comparability with the current reporting period's figures, some comparative period line items and amounts may have been reclassified or

individually reported for the first time within these financial statements and/or the notes.

18 Disclaimer

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

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Note 2. Income

\$ '000	Notes	2018	2017
(a). Rates Revenues			
General Rates			
General Rates		15,756	15,747
Less: Mandatory Rebates		(168)	(159)
Less: Discretionary Rebates, Remissions & Write Offs		(28)	(91)
Total General Rates		15,560	15,497
Other Rates (Including Service Charges)			
Natural Resource Management Levy		857	915
Waste Collection		3,591	3,594
Total Other Rates		4,448	4,509
Other Charges			
Penalties for Late Payment		151	139
Total Other Charges		151	139
Less: Discretionary Rebates, Remissions & Write Offs		(254)	(282)
Total Rates Revenues		19,905	19,863
(b). Statutory Charges			
Development Act Fees		37	22
Town Planning Fees		34	33
Health & Septic Tank Inspection Fees		1	1
Animal Registration Fees & Fines		206	188
Parking Fines / Expiation Fees		21	29
Other Licences, Fees & Fines		30	40
Total Statutory Charges		329	313
(c). User Charges			
Cemetery/Crematoria Fees		337	295
Hall & Equipment Hire		292	273
Sales - General		187	150
Subsidies Received on Behalf of Users		302	265
Sundry		127	106
Airport Charges		787	719
Marina Fees		69	105
Child Care Centre		390	322
Waste Fees		1,551	1,465
Total User Charges		4,042	3,700

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Note 2. Income (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	2018	2017
(d). Investment Income			
Interest on Investments			
- Local Government Finance Authority		38	19
- Banks & Other		10	14
- Loans to Community Groups		1	1
Total Investment Income		49	34
(e). Reimbursements			
Roadworks		6	6
Private Works		16	1
Joint Undertakings		70	86
Total Reimbursements		92	93
(f). Other Income			
Insurance & Other Recoupments - Infrastructure, IPP&E		80	83
Rebates Received		717	736
Sundry		186	105
Management Other Income		107	70
Finance Debt Collection		76	89
Quarry Income		53	37
Total Other Income		1,219	1,120
(g). Grants, Subsidies, Contributions			
Amounts Received Specifically for New or Upgraded Assets		1,681	1,118
Total Amounts Received Specifically for New or Upgraded Assets		1,681	1,118
Untied - Financial Assistance Grant		4,538	6,409
Roads to Recovery		565	653
Library and Communications		142	151
Sundry		178	345
Total Other Grants, Subsidies and Contributions		5,423	7,558
Total Grants, Subsidies, Contributions		7,104	8,676

The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 12.

(i) Sources of grants

Commonwealth Government		8	228
State Government		7,024	8,366
Other		72	82
Total		7,104	8,676

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Note 2. Income (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	2018	2017
(h). Conditions over Grants & Contributions			
Grants and contributions which were obtained on the condition that they be expended for specified purposes or in a future period, but which are not yet expended in accordance with those conditions, are as follows:			
Unexpended at the close of the previous reporting period		1,297	920
<i>Less:</i>			
<i>Expended during the current period from revenues recognised in previous reporting periods</i>			
Roads Infrastructure		(848)	(362)
Heritage & Cultural Services		(27)	(193)
Subtotal		(875)	(555)
<i>Plus:</i>			
<i>Amounts recognised as revenues in this reporting period but not yet expended in accordance with the conditions</i>			
Roads Infrastructure		1,665	219
Heritage & Cultural Services		39	713
Subtotal		1,704	932
Unexpended at the close of this reporting period		2,126	1,297
Net increase (decrease) in assets subject to conditions in the current reporting period		829	377

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Note 3. Expenses

\$ '000	Notes	2018	2017
(a). Employee Costs			
Salaries and Wages		8,052	7,755
Employee Leave Expense		1,245	1,156
Superannuation - Defined Contribution Plan Contributions	18	487	439
Superannuation - Defined Benefit Plan Contributions	18	339	359
Workers' Compensation Insurance		419	415
Less: Capitalised and Distributed Costs		(368)	(367)
Total Operating Employee Costs		10,174	9,757
Total Number of Employees (full time equivalent at end of reporting period)		118	115
(b). Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses			
(i) Prescribed Expenses			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the Financial Reports		15	15
Bad and Doubtful Debts		1	88
Elected Members' Expenses		279	271
Election Expenses		6	48
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		301	422
(ii) Other Materials, Contracts and Expenses			
Contractors		2,023	2,049
Energy		1,133	934
Insurance		373	352
Maintenance		328	350
Legal Expenses		151	125
Levies Paid to Government - NRM levy		853	915
Parts, Accessories & Consumables		2,833	2,546
Professional Services		3,182	2,953
Sundry		1,694	2,073
Less: Capitalised and Distributed Costs		(52)	(70)
Subtotal - Other Material, Contracts & Expenses		12,518	12,227
Total Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses		12,819	12,649

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Note 3. Expenses (continued)

\$ '000	Notes	2018	2017
(c). Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment			
(i) Depreciation and Amortisation			
Land Improvements		459	447
Buildings & Other Structures		1,019	1,042
Infrastructure			
- Stormwater Drainage		374	374
- Irrigation Systems		87	85
- Playgrounds		127	113
- Street Furniture		71	75
- Roads & Footpaths		3,193	3,094
- Runway Assets		159	159
Plant & Equipment		453	443
Furniture & Fittings		215	212
Landfill Assets		581	677
Other Assets		131	162
Subtotal		6,869	6,883
(ii) Impairment			
Nil			
Total Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment		6,869	6,883
(d). Finance Costs			
Interest on Overdraft and Short-Term Drawdown		36	201
Interest on Loans		11	18
Total Finance Costs		47	219

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Note 4. Asset Disposal & Fair Value Adjustments

\$ '000	Notes	2018	2017
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment			
(i) Assets Renewed or Directly Replaced			
Proceeds from Disposal		64	46
Less: Carrying Amount of Assets Sold		(172)	(19)
Gain (Loss) on Disposal		(108)	27
(ii) Assets Surplus to Requirements			
Proceeds from Disposal		96	92
Less: Carrying Amount of Assets Sold		(21)	(744)
Gain (Loss) on Disposal		75	(652)
Net Gain (Loss) on Disposal or Revaluation of Assets		(33)	(625)

Note 5. Current Assets

(a). Cash & Cash Equivalents

Cash on Hand at Bank	843	4,097
Short Term Deposits & Bills, etc.	2,803	976
Total Cash & Cash Equivalents	3,646	5,073

(b). Trade & Other Receivables

Rates - General & Other	1,602	1,613
Council Rates Postponement Scheme	10	9
Accrued Revenues	122	35
Debtors - General	1,543	1,585
GST Recoupment	294	230
Prepayments	75	94
Loans to Community Organisations	-	5
Sundry	20	12
Subtotal	3,666	3,583
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Debts	(146)	(145)
Total Trade & Other Receivables	3,520	3,438

(c). Inventories

Stores & Materials	135	140
Trading Stock	20	18
Total Inventories	155	158

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Note 6. Non-Current Assets

\$ '000	Notes	2018	2017
(a). Financial Assets			
Receivables			
Loans to Community Organisations		-	5
Total Receivables		-	5
Total Financial Assets		-	5
(b). Other Non-Current Assets			
(i) Inventories			
Real Estate Developments		3,154	3,154
Total Inventories		3,154	3,154
(ii) Other			
Capital Works-in-Progress		324	227
Total Other		324	227
Total Other Non-Current Assets		3,478	3,381
Other disclosures			
Real Estate Developments - Current & Non-Current			
(Valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value)			
Industrial & Commercial		3,154	3,154
Total Real Estate for Resale		3,154	3,154
Represented by:			
Acquisition Costs		562	562
Development Costs		2,414	2,414
Finance Costs		178	178
Total Real Estate of Resale		3,154	3,154
(ii) Apportionment of Real Estate Developments			
Current Assets		-	-
Non-Current Assets		3,154	3,154
		3,154	3,154

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

	Fair Value Level	as at 30/6/2017				Asset Movements during the Reporting Period							as at 30/6/2018			
		At Fair Value	At Cost	Accumulated Dep'n	Carrying Value	Asset Additions		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
						New / Upgrade	Renewals									
\$ '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	4,635	5,341	10,624	544	843	(459)	-	-	-	11,330	6,022	5,800	11,552	
Buildings & Other Structures	2	5,901	83	411	5,573	-	5	(96)	-	-	-	5,901	88	507	5,482	
Buildings & Other Structures	3	54,033	2,063	36,968	19,128	270	142	(923)	-	-	-	54,033	2,475	37,891	18,617	
Infrastructure																
- Stormwater Drainage		34,755	550	14,271	21,034	-	-	(374)	-	-	-	34,755	550	14,645	20,660	
- Irrigation Systems		-	8,755	638	8,117	27	57	(87)	-	-	-	-	8,839	725	8,114	
- Playgrounds		1,708	371	1,096	983	8	152	(127)	-	-	-	1,708	531	1,223	1,016	
- Street Furniture		920	1,117	766	1,271	4	-	(71)	-	-	-	920	1,121	837	1,204	
- Roads & Footpaths		216,531	5,723	96,707	125,547	195	2,130	(3,193)	-	-	286	214,950	8,049	98,145	124,854	
- Runway Assets		9,319	35	3,983	5,371	-	-	(159)	-	-	-	9,319	35	4,142	5,212	
Plant & Equipment		-	5,715	3,268	2,447	-	431	(453)	-	-	-	-	5,839	3,489	2,350	
Furniture & Fittings		-	4,132	2,685	1,447	-	115	(215)	-	-	-	-	4,247	2,900	1,347	
Landfill Assets		577	5,057	4,461	1,173	-	-	(581)	9	-	-	577	5,066	5,042	601	
Other Assets		-	3,979	3,262	717	58	-	(131)	-	-	-	-	4,026	3,389	637	
Total Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment		365,641	42,662	173,857	234,446	1,106	3,875	(6,869)	9	-	286	364,060	47,335	178,735	232,660	
Comparatives		373,894	39,101	174,875	238,120	1,947	4,282	(6,883)	(340)	(2,002)	52	365,641	42,662	173,857	234,446	

Note 7a (ii). Investment Property

Nil

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Note 7b. Valuation of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment & Investment Property

Valuation of Assets

The fair value of assets and liabilities must be estimated in accordance with various Accounting Standards for either recognition and measurement requirements or for disclosure purposes.

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

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

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

Level 3: Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

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

Information on Valuations

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

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

There is no known market for buildings, infrastructure and other assets. These assets are valued at depreciated current replacement cost. This method involves:

- The determination of the cost to construct the asset (or its modern engineering equivalent) using current prices for materials and labour, the quantities of each being estimated based on recent experience of this or similar Councils, or on industry construction guides where these are more appropriate.
- The calculation of the depreciation that would have accumulated since original construction using current estimates of residual value and useful life under the prime cost depreciation method adopted by Council.

This method has significant inherent uncertainties, relying on estimates of quantities of materials and labour, residual values and useful lives, and the possibility of changes in prices for materials and labour, and the potential for development of more efficient construction techniques.

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

Valuation of Assets (continued)

Buildings & Other Structures

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

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

Buildings have been disclosed as either Fair Value hierarchy Level 2 valuations or as Fair Value hierarchy Level 3 valuations, in accordance with AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement.

Building valuations, disclosed as Level 2, are based on prices for similar assets in an active market, with directly or indirectly observable adjustments for specific advantages or disadvantages attaching to the particular asset.

Building valuations, disclosed as Level 3 have been determined to have no known market for these assets and they are valued at depreciated current replacement cost. This method involves the determination of the cost to construct the asset (or its modern engineering equivalent) using current prices for materials and labour, the quantities of each being estimated based on recent experience of this or similar Councils, or on industry construction guides where these are more appropriate. This method has significant inherent uncertainties, relying on estimates of quantities of materials and labour, residual values and useful lives, and the possibility of changes in prices for materials and labour, and the potential for development of more efficient construction techniques.

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

Infrastructure

Roads, Footpaths and Runways

- Written down current replacement cost
- Date of valuation: 30 June 2014.
- Valuer: Tonkin Consulting

A desktop revaluation was performed by Tonkin Consulting within Conquest, Councils' Asset Management System, at as 1 July 2016 to reflect long life assets in pavement, surface, kerb and footpath assets. All acquisitions made after the respective dates of valuation are recorded at cost.

Stormwater Drainage

- Written down current replacement cost
- Date of valuation: 30 June 2017.
- Valuer: Tonkin Consulting

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

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

Valuation of Assets (continued)

Plant, Furniture & Equipment

These assets are recognised on the cost basis.

All other Assets

These assets are recognised on the cost basis. Library books and other lending materials are capitalised in bulk, and written out when fully depreciated.

Note 8. Liabilities

\$ '000	Notes	2018		2017	
		Current	Non Current	Current	Non Current
(a). Trade and Other Payables					
Goods & Services		1,643	-	1,388	-
Payments Received in Advance		81	-	67	-
Accrued Expenses - Employee Entitlements		166	-	145	-
Accrued Expenses - Other		24	-	55	-
Deposits, Retentions & Bonds		9	-	30	-
Other		62	-	12	-
Total Trade and Other Payables		1,985	-	1,697	-

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Note 8. Liabilities

\$ '000	Notes	2018		2017	
		Current	Non Current	Current	Non Current
(b). Borrowings					
Loans		125	-	6,269	125
Total Borrowings		125	-	6,269	125

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

(c). Provisions

Employee Entitlements (including oncosts)	1,993	98	2,091	49
Future Jetty Expense	552	-	566	-
Landfill Capping and Closure	-	1,170	-	1,252
Total Provisions	2,545	1,268	2,657	1,301

Movements in Provisions

\$ '000				
2018 (current & non-current)				
	Future Jetty Expense	Landfill Capping and Closure	Employee Entitlements (including oncosts)	
Opening Balance	566	1,252	2,140	
(Less) Payments	-	(82)	(49)	
(Less) Unused Amounts Reversed	(14)	-	-	
Closing Balance	552	1,170	2,091	

Note 9. Reserves

\$ '000	1/7/2017	Increments (Decrements)		Transfers	Impairments	30/6/2018
(a). Asset Revaluation Reserve						
Land	16,925	-	-	-	-	16,925
Land Improvements	1,587	-	-	-	-	1,587
Buildings & Other Structures	14,918	-	-	-	-	14,918
Infrastructure						
- Stormwater Drainage	17,158	-	-	-	-	17,158
- Playgrounds	984	-	-	-	-	984
- Street Furniture	1,168	-	-	-	-	1,168
- Roads & Footpaths	134,351	286	-	-	-	134,637
- Runway Assets	10,083	-	-	-	-	10,083
Total Asset Revaluation Reserve	197,174	286	-	-	-	197,460
Comparatives	199,124	(1,950)	-	-	-	197,174

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Note 11. Reconciliation to Statement of Cash Flows

\$ '000	Notes	2018	2017
(a). Reconciliation of Cash			
Cash Assets comprise highly liquid investments with short periods to maturity subject to insignificant risk of changes of value. Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:			
Total Cash & Equivalent Assets	5	3,646	5,073
Balances per Statement of Cash Flows		3,646	5,073

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

Net Surplus/(Deficit)		2,798	3,666
Non-Cash Items in Income Statements			
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment		6,869	6,813
Grants for Capital Acquisitions (Treated as Investing Activity Receipts)		(1,681)	(1,118)
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals		33	625
		8,019	9,986
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets			
Net (Increase)/Decrease in Receivables		(88)	(525)
Change in Allowances for Under-Recovery of Receivables		(1)	88
Net (Increase)/Decrease in Inventories		3	140
Net (Increase)/Decrease in Other Current Assets		2	-
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Trade & Other Payables		310	18
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Unpaid Employee Benefits		(49)	(151)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Other Provisions		(96)	205
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations		8,100	9,761

(c). Financing Arrangements

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

Bank Overdrafts	250	250
Corporate Credit Cards	37	36
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 2018	Actual 2017	Actual 2018	Actual 2017	Actual 2018	Actual 2017	Actual 2018	Actual 2017	Actual 2018	Actual 2017
\$ '000										
Economic Affairs	192	153	808	715	(616)	(562)	507	-	-	-
Environment	67	78	535	507	(468)	(429)	20	35	601	1,173
Sport & Recreation	386	398	4,674	4,479	(4,288)	(4,081)	230	1,174	1,653	1,699
Transport & Communication	2,099	2,100	6,592	6,659	(4,493)	(4,559)	2,284	1,355	130,067	130,917
Council Administration	24,968	26,825	5,710	5,678	19,258	21,147	3,913	5,859	41,280	43,404
Public Order & Safety	217	197	281	282	(64)	(85)	-	-	-	-
Health	62	71	277	256	(215)	(185)	27	28	-	-
Social Security & Welfare	867	715	1,842	1,643	(975)	(928)	123	125	-	-
Housing & Community	2,040	1,998	7,268	6,881	(5,228)	(4,883)	-	100	69,858	69,308
Agriculture	-	-	23	65	(23)	(65)	-	-	-	-
Mining & Manufacturing	89	73	524	490	(435)	(417)	-	-	-	-
Other Purposes	72	73	1,375	1,853	(1,303)	(1,780)	-	-	-	-
Total Functions/Activities	31,059	32,681	29,909	29,508	1,150	3,173	7,104	8,676	243,459	246,501

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

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Note 12b. Components of Functions

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

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

ENVIRONMENT

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

SPORT & RECREATION

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

TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION

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

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

Governance, Administration, Elected Members, Organisational, Support Services, Accounting / Finance, Payroll, 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.

PUBLIC ORDER & SAFETY

Public Order and Safety, Crime Prevention, Emergency Services, Other Fire Protection, Other Public Order and Safety, Health Services, Pest Control, Dog and Cat Control, Building Control, Town Planning, Clean Air/Pollution Control, Litter Control, Health Inspection, Parking Control, and Other Regulatory Services.

HEALTH

Health, Immunisation, Preventive Health Services and Other Health Services.

SOCIAL SECURITY & WELFARE

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.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY

Community Amenities, Bus Shelters, Cemeteries/Crematoria, Public Conveniences, Car Parking – non-fee-paying, and Other Community Amenities, Library Services, Mobile Libraries and Housebound Services, Static Libraries, Other Library Services, Cultural Services, Cultural Venues, Heritage, Museums, and Other Cultural Services.

AGRICULTURE

Pest Eradication Services.

MINING & MANUFACTURING

Gravel Pits/Quarries, Development of Land for Resale and Private Works.

OTHER PURPOSES

Infrastructure Support Services.

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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 (describe basis); interest is charged at fixed (or variable - describe) rates between 3.60% and 5.33% (2017: 3.75% and 5.33%).

Carrying Amount:

Approximates fair value.

Liabilities

Finance Leases

Accounting Policy:

Accounted for in accordance with AASB 117.

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Note 13. Financial Instruments (continued)

\$ '000	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year & ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
2018					
<u>Financial Assets</u>					
Cash & Equivalents	3,646	-	-	3,646	3,646
Receivables	2,054	-	-	2,054	2,054
Total Financial Assets	5,700	-	-	5,700	5,700
<u>Financial Liabilities</u>					
Payables	1,795	-	-	1,795	1,795
Current Borrowings	130	-	-	130	125
Total Financial Liabilities	1,925	-	-	1,925	1,920

\$ '000	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year & ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
2017					
<u>Financial Assets</u>					
Cash & Equivalents	5,073	-	-	5,073	5,073
Receivables	1,966	-	-	1,966	1,957
Other Financial Assets	6	6	-	12	10
Total Financial Assets	7,045	6	-	7,051	7,040
<u>Financial Liabilities</u>					
Payables	1,497	-	-	1,497	1,497
Current Borrowings	6,280	-	-	6,280	6,269
Non-Current Borrowings	-	130	-	130	125
Total Financial Liabilities	7,777	130	-	7,907	7,891

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

	30 June 2018		30 June 2017	
	Weighted Avg Interest Rate	Carrying Value	Weighted Avg Interest Rate	Carrying Value
Overdraft	7.12%	-	8.13%	-
Other Variable Rates	3.73%	-	3.77%	6,150
Fixed Interest Rates	5.33%	125	5.33%	244
		125		6,394

Net Fair Value

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

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Note 13. Financial Instruments (continued)

Risk Exposures

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

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

Liquidity Risk is the risk that Council will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations with financial liabilities. In accordance with the model Treasury Management Policy (LGA Information Paper 15), liabilities have a range of maturity dates. Council also has available a range of bank overdraft and standby borrowing facilities that it can access.

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

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Note 14. Commitments for Expenditure

\$ '000	Notes	2018	2017
(a). Capital Commitments			
Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:			
Land Improvements		406	32
Buildings		230	248
Infrastructure		936	-
Plant & Equipment		9	-
		<u>1,581</u>	<u>280</u>
These expenditures are payable:			
Not later than one year		1,581	280
Later than one year and not later than 5 years		-	-
Later than 5 years		-	-
		<u>1,581</u>	<u>280</u>
(b). Other Expenditure Commitments			
Other expenditure committed for (excluding inventories) at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:			
Audit Services		38	54
Waste Management Services		1,915	3,792
Other		753	1,103
		<u>2,706</u>	<u>4,949</u>
These expenditures are payable:			
Not later than one year		2,320	2,422
Later than one year and not later than 5 years		386	2,527
Later than 5 years		-	-
		<u>2,706</u>	<u>4,949</u>

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Note 15. Financial Indicators

\$ '000	Amounts	Indicator	Prior Periods	
	2018	2018	2017	2016

These Financial Indicators have been calculated in accordance with *Information paper 9 - Local Government Financial Indicators* prepared as part of the LGA Financial Sustainability Program for the Local Government Association of South Australia.

1. Operating Surplus Ratio

Operating Surplus	1,150			
Total Operating Income	31,059	4%	10%	(2%)

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

2. Net Financial Liabilities Ratio

Net Financial Liabilities	(1,243)			
Total Operating Income	31,059	(4%)	11%	33%

Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets (excluding equity accounted investments in Council businesses). These are expressed as a percentage of total operating revenue.

Adjustments to Ratios

In recent years the Federal Government has made advance payments prior to 30th June from future year allocations of financial assistance grants, as explained in Note 1. These Adjusted Ratios correct for the resulting distortion in key ratios for each year and provide a more accurate basis for comparison.

Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio		4%	3%	6%
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3. Asset Sustainability Ratio

Net Asset Renewals	3,917			
Infrastructure & Asset Management Plan required expenditure	6,053	65%	50%	59%

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

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for the year ended 30 June 2018

Note 15. Financial Indicators - Graphs (continued)



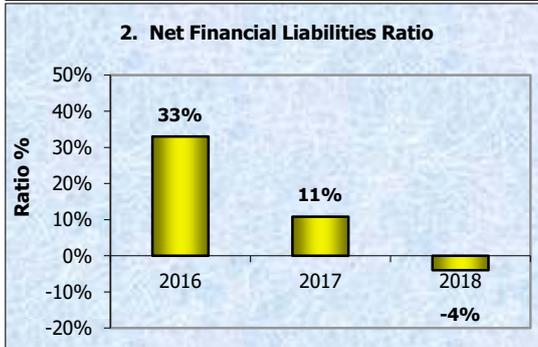
Purpose of Operating Surplus Ratio

This indicator is to determine the percentage the operating revenue varies from operating expenditure

Commentary on 2017/18 Result

2017/18 Ratio 4%

In recent years the Federal Government has made advance payments prior to 30th June from future year allocations of financial assistance grants. The movement in this ratio is attributed to the timing of these payments.



Purpose of Net Financial Liabilities Ratio

This indicator shows the significance of the net amount owed to others, compared to operating revenue

Commentary on 2017/18 Result

2017/18 Ratio -4%

In accordance with Council's Treasury Management Policy, loan borrowings are reduced when cash flow is favourable. The reduction with 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



Purpose of Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio

This indicator is to determine the percentage the operating revenue (adjusted for timing differences in the Financial Assistance Grant) varies from operating expenditure

Commentary on 2017/18 Result

2017/18 Ratio 4%

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.



Purpose of Asset Sustainability Ratio

This indicator aims to determine if assets are being renewed and replaced in an optimal way

Commentary on 2017/18 Result

2017/18 Ratio 65%

Council's Asset Sustainability Ratio has increased by 15%; this ratio will be further evaluated in line with updating Council's long term financial plans and asset management plans. 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.

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Note 16. Uniform Presentation of Finances

\$ '000	2018	2017
<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	31,059	32,681
less Expenses	(29,909)	(29,508)
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	1,150	3,173
Net Outlays on Existing Assets		
Capital Expenditure on Renewal and Replacement of Existing Assets	(3,981)	(3,711)
<i>add back</i> Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	6,869	6,883
<i>add back</i> Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	64	12
Subtotal	2,952	3,184
Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets (including Investment Property & Real Estate Developments)	(1,106)	(1,945)
<i>add back</i> Amounts Received Specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	1,681	1,118
<i>add back</i> Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets (including Investment Property & and Real Estate Developments)	96	93
Subtotal	671	(734)
Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	4,773	5,623

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Note 17. Operating Leases

\$ '000	2018	2017
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Leases Providing Revenue to the Council

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.

Investment Property

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

Leases commitments under all non-cancellable lease agreements, including those relating to Investment Property, are as follows:

Not later than one year	230	154
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	143	157
Later than 5 years	129	-
	<u>502</u>	<u>311</u>

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Note 18. Superannuation

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

Accumulation only Members

Accumulation only members receive both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are based on a fixed percentage of ordinary time earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation (9.50% in 2017/18; 9.50% in 2016/17). No further liability accrues to the Council as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the Fund.

Salarylink (Defined Benefit Fund) Members

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

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

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

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

Contributions to Other Superannuation Schemes

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

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Note 22. Events after the Balance Sheet Date

Events that occur after the reporting date of 30 June 2018, 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 Auditors' Report as the appropriate "authorised for issue" date relating to these General Purpose Financial Statements.

Accordingly, the "authorised for issue" date is 06/09/18.

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

Note 23. Related Party Transactions

\$ '000	2018	2017
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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, 28 persons were paid the following total compensation:

The compensation paid to Key Management Personnel comprises:

Short-Term Employee Benefits	1,692	1,536
Post-Employment Benefits	221	-
Long-Term Benefits	9	33
Termination Benefits	349	-
Total	2,271	1,569

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

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:

Contributions for Fringe Benefits Tax purposes	-	-
Planning and Building Application Fees	1	-
Total	1	-

Three KMP and relatives of KMPs own retail businesses from which various supplies were purchased as required either for cash or on 30 day account. Purchases from two of these individual businesses exceeded \$5,000 during the year.

Two 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 \$927.



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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 2017 to 30 June 2018 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 2017 to 30 June 2018.

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 2017 to 30 June 2018. *ASAE 3100* also requires us to comply with the relevant ethical requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

Our procedures included obtaining an understanding of controls in relation to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property and the incurring of liabilities, evaluating management's assessment of these controls, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design 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 12th day of September 2018

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The Corporation of the City of Whyalla

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 30 June 2018

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 2018, 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*.



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Date 29 August 2018

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Sensational Streaky Bay



THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I commend the annual report to you.

MAYOR SAM TELFER



THE REGION - Snapshot

Regional Population and Local Government

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Regional Economic Summary

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

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

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

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

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

MEMBER COUNCILS 2017/2018

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



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Eyre Peninsula Power Supply Reference Group:

The entire EPLGA Board members

EPLGA Health Working Party

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

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

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

Joint Planning Board Staff Group

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

Chief Executive Officers (1 to Chair):

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

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

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

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

Other Groups

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

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

Other Regional Organisations:

Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula Inc:

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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EPLGA Board Members 2017/18

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

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



REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2017/18

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

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



The project scoping study presents:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The system is currently in use in several overseas locations.

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

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

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

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



A release of update and policy directions has been produced.

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

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

Other Business as discussed by members included:

Chairman:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Presentations included:

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

The CEIP Taskforce reports to the Minister.

Potential economic development opportunities identified by the CEIP Taskforce:

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

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

Dwayne Povey, Chief Geologist, Lincoln Minerals

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

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

Other approvals being progressed include:

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

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

Terry Visser, Senior Project Advisor Statoil Australia

Terry advised the taskforce of the following:

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

Members Reports

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



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

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

Rebecca Knol CEO SACOME

SACOME's focus in lead up to election:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Geoff Dodd

Taskforce Coordinator

REGIONAL TRAINING

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



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

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

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

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

The sessions ran in the last 12 months were:

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

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

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CORPORATE PLAN 2016 – 19

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

**Comments:**

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

Strategic Actions

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

Comments:

As previously mentioned some actions could be met thorough such initiatives as the JPB Pilot. Assistance to Councils in meeting compliance is mainly focussed on assisting Councils to share and assist one another where expertise is not available, etc. The staff committees are useful in this process. The other regional organisations are encouraged to work closely with member Councils and to investigate opportunities for region wide projects to maximise procurement benefits, etc.

Goal Area 1.3 Member Services**Core Activities**

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

Comments:

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

Strategic Actions

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

Comments:

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



KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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

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

EPLGA COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

USE OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

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



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24th August, 2018

Mr Tony Irvine,
Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association
89 Liverpool Street
PORT LINCOLN SA 5606

Dear Tony,

**RE: AUDIT OF EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2018**

We advise that we have now completed our Audit of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association for the year ended 30th June 2018 and enclose a copy of our Audit Opinion for your records.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and therefore may not detect all points of weaknesses in systems and procedures which may exist.

Having completed the Audit we now make the following comments:

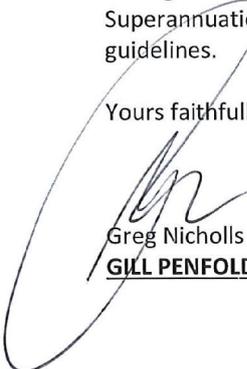
Internal Controls

It is our opinion that the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association has adequate internal controls. During the conduct of our audit we did not make any observations which would contradict this opinion.

Taxation & Superannuation Liabilities

During the conduct of our audit we observed that GST, PAYG Withholding and Superannuation are being paid in a timely manner and in accordance with legislative guidelines.

Yours faithfully,


Greg Nicholls B. Com, CPA, CTA
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EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

**FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30TH JUNE 2018**

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EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2018

	2018	2017
	NOTE	
	\$	\$
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	14,282	16,837
Extraordinary Items	-	-
<u>TOTAL NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</u>	<u>14,282</u>	<u>16,837</u>
Surplus Funds at July 1	226,244	209,408
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	<u>240,526</u>	<u>226,245</u>
<u>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</u> <u>AT 30TH JUNE, 2018</u>	<u>\$ 240,526</u>	<u>\$ 226,245</u>

EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2018

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.

	2018	2017
	\$	\$

NOTE 2 - Grants Received

LGA of SA - Outreach Service	50,000	50,000
LGA of SA - Regional Capacity	120,598	155,847
	\$ 170,598	\$ 205,847

NOTE 3 - Project Income - EP Councils

Emergency Management Planning	\$ 5,680	\$ 6,250
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NOTE 4 - Membership Fees

District Council of Ceduna	15,142	13,355
District Council of Cleve	13,009	11,769
District Council of Elliston	12,045	10,397
District Council of Franklin Harbour	12,209	10,531
District Council of Kimba	12,075	10,425
Wudinna District Council	12,256	10,579
District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula	16,985	16,016
District Council of Streaky Bay	13,704	12,141
District Council of Tumby Bay	14,115	12,469
City of Whyalla	35,304	33,863
City of Port Lincoln	27,184	25,756
	\$ 184,028	\$ 167,301

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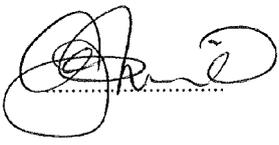
BOARD CERTIFICATE

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 2018 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  
position PRESIDENT EYER OFFICER
Dated this 7th day of Sept 2018.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
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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 30th June 2018.

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



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